



Did U Know?

The Daily Mirror reported on May 25, 1964 that the all-male team of Martin Walter Ltd, a firm of vehicle-builders in Folkestone, Kent, had been skittled out for 0 after 23 mins, eight maiden overs and two balls. So, 28-year-old Mrs Jean de Were, at various times scorer, secretary and umpire to the scoreless XI, said that she would take over as coach if her husband would baby-sit while she supervised net practice.



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Harsha Online
Cricket Talk Show
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Sportsline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm



Viv Richards
(West Indies cricket legend)
"The last time I saw them was in the 1999 World Cup in Ireland when they played against the West Indies. They didn't look as fit as they are today, they weren't as enthusiastic and athletic. I think that is a positive improvement. It means that you've taken steps forward from Ireland. I believe that this is what improvement is all about."
On Bangladesh's performance in the one-day series against the

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African ODI washed out

INTERNET, Harare
The opening one-day international between Zimbabwe and Kenya was abandoned on Sunday because of rain.
No result was possible with Zimbabwe 18 for one after 5.1 overs when the weather forced the players off the Harare pitch.
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PHOTO: STAR

West Indies batsman Marlon Samuels watches the ball travel during his 91 against Bangladesh on the second day of the first Test yesterday.

Series Snippets

HASAN MASOOD

All is well with West Indies fast bowler Vasbert Drakes of late. The Barbadian right-arm seamer, who is having a great time with the ball after being recalled at an age of 33, also received good news yesterday from back home.
The West Indies Cricket Board relieved Drakes of fine after reviewing a disciplinary action against him.
Drakes, left out of the Windies team for more than seven years, was fined half of his match fee early this year for showing dissent during a Red Stripe Bowl match against Jamaica at Sabina Park.
The review found that the hearing was improperly conducted because the Barbados captain Courtney Browne was not invited to the hearing by match referee, as outlined in the tournament's Code of Conduct.

ALL BECAUSE OF BLAZERS

The medical sub-committee of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) for the West Indies tour of Bangladesh set an ominous trend by publishing a colourful brochure on Sunday.
It was a novel idea in a sense that no other tournament sub-committees ever thought of bringing out such a publication only to let people know about the committee's who's who.
But there were wheels within wheels!

The hyperactive sub-committee is learnt to have taken such step to raise fund for making blazers for each of its members. And, understandably, that revelation did not amuse the members of other sub-committees.
"If that is the case, why do not we also cash in on the opportunity? We should have also taken such steps in order to make blazers and others," an angry member of another sub-committee was heard saying.
Some on the other hand criticised the Board for allowing one particular sub-committee to publish brochure and collect money for blazers. "It's the job of the tournament's Media (Print) Publication, Souvenir and Gift Committee. And the souvenir it brought out on behalf of the Board today (Monday) also carries the name of each and every member of 11 sub-committees. So, what's the point of publishing so many souvenirs?" asked a former Board director.

SARWAN'S SWEET DATE WITH DHAKA

The Bangabandhu National Stadium has been a lucky venue for many cricketers around the globe. But Ramnaresh Sarwan will probably cherish the memory of playing on the ground more than others.
Having been a 'fifty man' for over two years, the middle-order batsman finally scored both his elusive one-day and Test hundreds here within a week's time.

The Guyanese right-hander, who notched his maiden one-day century (102 not out) in the second match against Bangladesh on December 2, also reached the magical three figure mark in his 28th Test match yesterday.
"It's the happiest moment of my life, getting both the elusive hundreds here in Dhaka. I always wanted this moment to come and finally it came within a week. It's brilliant!" said the 23-year-old after scoring 119 on the second day of the first Test.
"I was always under pressure for not scoring a hundred in Test matches so long. I scored 14 fifties but failed to convert any one of those into hundred. Maybe it was my lack of concentration," said Sarwan.
He added that he could have scored a hundred 18 months back at his home ground in Bourda when he was unfortunately given run out on 91.

RICHARDS LEAVES DHAKA

Legendary West Indies batsman Vivian Richards left the capital for home yesterday.
Richards, who is now the chief selector of West Indies, came to Bangladesh on November 27 and witnessed the one-day series and the first day of the first Test match. And 'King Richards' had always been at the centre of attraction off the field.

No ICC deadline yet

Gray rules out 'ambush marketing'



AFP, Lahore

The International Cricket Council (ICC) Monday said no immediate deadline has been set for cricketers' contracts and brushed aside fears of a deadlock ahead of next year's World Cup.
"There is no immediate deadline for players' contracts and we hope that in the next seven to 10 days this would be solved," visiting ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed told reporters.
"The ICC remains committed to ensuring that the best players play in the ICC Cricket World Cup and to finding a pragmatic solution to this issue to allow this to happen."
The eighth World Cup, to be held in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Kenya next February and March, is under threat over profit-sharing between administrators and individual sponsorship of players.
A controversial clause in ICC player contracts bars players from endorsing non-official sponsors for 30 days before and after the tournament.
The ICC had to show flexibility in the contract after top Indian players, whose individual sponsorship contracts conflicted with official sponsors, refused to sign ahead of the ICC Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka in September.
"We wrote to the Indian board

about the concessions we are ready to make and hope the matter is solved," Speed said.
A delegation led by ICC general manager Dave Richardson and ICC contract committee member Justice Ahmed Ebrahim was due to meet the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and player representative Anil Kumble on Monday.
"Hopefully during the meeting the BCCI will be able to indicate that it is now more confident of being able to meet its commitments to the ICC and to the other cricketing nations," said Speed.
ICC President Malcolm Gray also visited Pakistan, and said last week: "I think the contract row thing is blown up and ICC hopes nothing untoward will happen."
Meanwhile, the world cricket body said violence-wracked Pakistan's claim for compensation due to lost revenues will be reviewed at its dispute committee meeting next January.
Cricket in Pakistan was dealt a serious blow after September 11 last year, as foreign teams pulled out of tours and opted to play Pakistan at neutral venues due to security concerns.
"There are no reasons to doubt that Pakistan suffered badly, incurring losses of around 20 million dollars, and their request for compensation will be discussed in the dispute committee meeting in January," ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed said.
Despite the assurances of a

review, Speed appeared helpless in terms of ordering monetary compensation to Pakistan.
"ICC does not have a pool of money to give to any country over and above other countries and it was left to other countries to contribute, which they did not," Speed said.
He added that PCB refused a loan offer as a short-term solution.
Pakistan are next scheduled to host Bangladesh and South Africa for two Test series and a tri-series from August next year. Both teams have confirmed they will tour.
Hussain to miss PM XI's game
REUTERS, Canberra
England captain Nasser Hussain will miss his team's practice match against the Australian Prime Minister's XI on Tuesday.
The Essex batsman has a slight thigh injury but team officials told reporters he would be fine to play in Friday's limited-overs international against Australia in Sydney.
Marcus Trescothick will captain the English in Hussain's absence and said he was hoping to lead the tourists to their first victory since arriving in Australia.
"We're looking very closely into winning our first game," Trescothick said.
"We would hope it would be tomorrow. I think we're okay. I don't think there's a major problem with team spirit."
"The wheels aren't off yet."

Aiming at Caribbean renaissance

Ramnaresh Sarwan will remember Dhaka for all the right reasons. It is here that he scored his maiden one-day international hundred and yesterday the young right-hander hammered his first-ever three-figure knock in the longer-version.
Although the milestone came in his 28th Test match, the 22-year-old Sarwan is already destined for greatness. He approaches every game with consummate ease armed with an abundance of youth. And wherever Sarwan has gone he has earned rave reviews from his peers all over the world.
The young man from Guyana represents the new generation West Indies players who are committed to facing any challenge no matter how difficult the circumstance is. And like his cricket, which has been compared to a great player of the past Rohan Kanhai, Sarwan also knows the role he must play as well as how to achieve his goals.
He spoke to **LENIN GANI** of **THE DAILY STAR SPORT** the day before the first Test against Bangladesh at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Daily Star Sports (DSS): Did the one-day century in Dhaka make up for the regret of missing out in India?
Ramnaresh Sarwan (RS): I wouldn't say it was a regret in India. I just wanted to be happy for what I achieved. I admit I was a little disappointed not getting the hundred but having done so here in Dhaka I am pretty pleased.
DSS: Did you ever think that your own performance in India would be so good in the one-dayers after losing the Test series?
RS: I would have to say yes. I never had doubts in my ability. I always believed in myself and I thought eventually I would do well in the one-day series. So, at one point I started to believe in myself. That, I think, was the key to my success.
DSS: How do you manage to thrive under pressure?
RS: I basically try to maintain my cool and I think once you do that and can think straight in those situations, then you most likely to come out on top 95 per cent of the time. Fortunately, when I was young I had to experience pressure situation a few times. It happened when I was playing under-12, under-16 and even when I was an under-19 player

for Guyana. So, playing under pressure at an early age certainly helped my development.
DSS: West Indies have been going through a lean patch for many years. Do you think the victory in India will help to jump-start a revival?
RS: Well, we have been trying out a couple of things over the last few years. We have made improvements in one-day cricket but yet to be that consistent in Test cricket. But now that we are playing good one-day cricket we hope to enjoy success in Tests soon.
DSS: Was the absence of Brian Lara the main reason that inspired you to play so well on India's spin-friendly tracks?
RS: (Laughs). Of course nobody can fill Brian's shoes. With him not there India became a bit more confident. They even said not having Lara was going to be a big blow, and at times we really felt badly that he was not there in the Tests and one-dayers. Having said that I think even he was fit we would have given our best anyway.
DSS: How does it feel to be recognised as a key member of the West Indies team? What advice do you try to pass on to the younger players?



RAMNARESH SARWAN

RS: Most of the players are young and new like me. I have played with quite a number of them like Ricardo Powell, Wavell Hinds, Samuels and Gayles. Most of us came through the under-19s so we have a good understanding. We always try to help one another whenever possible. Good communications is the key. Also Similarity in our age is helpful too.
DSS: Do you think the West

Indies stand a chance of winning a record third World Cup with the current crop of players like yourself or does more need to be done?
RS: I guess any team that takes part in the World Cup will say it stands a chance to win the World Cup. Of course I think we have a chance because we continue to play hard and we have been playing pretty well so far. Those are very good signs especially with the World Cup coming up.
DSS: Nowadays more and more cricketers tend to be superstitious. Are you one of them, if so, then tell us something about it.
RS: I'm not very superstitious. However there are things I tend to do in the mornings. For instance I like to listen to music. I guess it's just a routine I never thought of it as a superstition. It is usually a bit of Hindi or Arabic. Although I don't understand the words when it comes to Hindi music, but I just enjoy it anyway. There are quite a few songs I know but if you ask me to name any particular one then maybe it would be *Dil to pagal hai*.
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BD-WI SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the first Test between Bangladesh and West Indies at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Monday:
BANGLADESH: First innings 139 all out in 54.1 overs (Kapali 52; Collins 5/26, Drakes 4/58)
WEST INDIES: First innings (overnight 118 for no loss) R B 4 6
Gayle c Naimur b Taposh 51 134 8 0
Hinds c Naimur b Taposh 75 107 12 0
Sarwan c Naimur b Talha 119 228 19 0
Chanderpaul c K Mashud b Enamul 4 8 0 0
Samuels lbw b Talha 91 175 15 0
Ganga not out 34 72 5 0
Jacobs not out 14 22 2 0
Extras: (lb-2, w-2, nb-8) 12
Total: (For 5 wickets in 123 overs) 400
To bat: D Powell, V Drakes, J Lawson, P Collins.
Fall of wickets: 1-131, 2-132, 3-150, 4-326, 5-377.
Bowler
Taposh 27 3 92 2
Talha 23 3 101 2
Naimur 27 4 75 0
Enamul 8 7 95 1
Ashrafu 8 0 35 0
Toss: West Indies.
Umpires: D Orchard (SA) and D Shepherd (Eng).
TV Umpire: AFM Akhtaruddin (BD).
Match Referee: R Madugalle (SL).

Easy go for BD

Football
SPORTS REPORTER
Bangladesh have been placed in the Group D along with Hong Kong and Laos for the preliminary round of the 2004 Asian Cup football to be held in China.
The draw was held in Beijing on Saturday.
A total of 20 teams, split into seven groups, will take part in the preliminary round which will be played on home and away basis from March.
Seven group champions will then join 21 top Asian football playing countries in the qualifying round for the 14 final round berths.
Hosts China and defending champions Japan will automatically qualify for the 16-team final round.
Besides, the draw of the Asian

preliminary round for 2004 Olympic Games in Athens was also held at the AFC headquarters in Malaysia yesterday.
Bangladesh will meet Myanmar in the first round, which will also be held on home and away basis on April 5 and 19 next year.
The winners will face Japan in the next round on May 3 and June 7.
Following is the draw for the preliminary round and the qualifying round of the 2004 Asia Cup:
PRELIMINARY ROUND
Group A: Myanmar, Brunei, and Maldives
Group B: Chinese Taipei, East Timor, and Sri Lanka
Group C: Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan, Nepal
Group D: Hong Kong, Laos, Bangladesh
Group E: Pakistan, Singapore, and Macao
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NCL starts today

BSS, Dhaka
The Ispahani Mirzapur 4th National Cricket League begins simultaneously at three different venues today.
Rajshahi Division take on Sylhet at the Fatullah Stadium in the opening match.
Chittagong Division play Khulna at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium and Dhaka Division meet Barisal at the Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protishthan (BKSP) in the other opening matches.

Asia Cup cricket Faruque named U-15 manager

UNB, Dhaka
A 14-member Bangladesh team was announced for the Under-15 Asia Cup to be held in Dubai from December 15-22.
Former national skipper Faruque Ahmed has been named team manager while Waheedul Ghani will accompany the side as coach.
SQUAD
Mazhar Uddin (captain), Marshal Ayub (vice-captain), Mushfiq Rahim, Chayan Raj Bhanishi, Shaifi Moazzem, Serajullah Khadem, Mohammed Ahad, Sohwarthy Shuvo, Abu Sayed Rajib, Rezaul Islam, Mehdi Hasan Siddiqi, Shirhan Sharif, Zishan Abedin and Sumon Kumar Shaha.

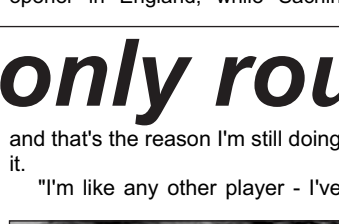
Cricket culture spreading

AFP, Lahore
Cricket, once considered a Commonwealth domain, is spreading rapidly across the globe, the CEO of the International Cricket Council said Sunday.
As evidence Malcolm Speed pointed out that four countries - Canada, Kenya, Namibia and The Netherlands - will be playing as associates at next year's World Cup in South Africa along with the 10 full members.
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India hardly worried

AFP, Wellington
India skipper Saurav Ganguly said Monday his team was well-equipped to deal with New Zealand's pace attack on fast pitches in the upcoming two-Test series.
"We always expect pacy pitches when we go abroad, so there's nothing to worry about," said Ganguly after his team's indoor training session at the Westpac Stadium.
New Zealand have picked a pace-oriented attack for the opening Test, starting at Basin Reserve on Thursday. Daniel Vettori is the only spinner as the pitch is expected to favour pacemen.
The Indian captain said he was not concerned about the track as his team had played and performed well in similar conditions in the past.
"It's good for both the teams. It's good for bowlers, but we are not

worried about the pitch as we have batsmen to deliver. We did well in England in same conditions," he said.
India drew a tough four-Test series 1-1 in England this year after



SAURAV GANGULY

losing the opening match at Lord's.
"Our top six batsmen have been among runs this year. Virender Sehwag has got a hundred as an opener in England, while Sachin

(Tendulkar) and Rahul (Dravid) both are experienced batsmen," said Ganguly.
The Indian skipper said his team would try to seize the initiative early in the series and the first Test would be crucial.
"It's a short series, so there's little chance of a fightback if we slip in the first Test. We have to make sure we do well here," he said.
Ganguly said he did not believe the Test series was only a side-show to the seven one-dayers on the current tour because of next year's World Cup in South Africa.
"I think Tests are more important than one-dayers," said Ganguly, who has yet to lead his team to an overseas Test series win since taking over the captaincy from Tendulkar in 2000.
"That has been a big worry. We came close of winning an away Test series in Zimbabwe, England and the West Indies, but just could not pull it off. We have to be more consistent in both batting and bowling."
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Steve's only route

AFP, Sydney
Test captain Steve Waugh on Monday said he was still dedicated to forcing his way into Australia's World Cup squad on the eve of a 40-overs-a-side match against a full-strength Australian team here.
Waugh was left out of the preliminary 30-man squad for next February-March's World Cup in southern Africa but can still play his way into the final 15-man squad depending on performances.
Waugh knows he needs to bowl to strengthen his case for inclusion as an all-rounder to the selection panel, headed by chairman Trevor Hohns.
"I'm certainly not putting myself through all this for a bit of fun," Waugh told Channel Ten on Monday.
"I believe I'm still good enough

and that's the reason I'm still doing it."
"I'm like any other player - I've got to get out there and perform. I've said I'm available so that means I'm still a chance of selection."
"I'm not in the 30 at the moment but there are other very good players not in the 30 as well."

"There's no point giving up - you never know what's around the corner."
NSW coach Steve Rixon revealed the rib complaint that prevented Waugh from bowling against England last Friday continued to be a concern.
Asked if he would order a fit Waugh to bowl in the national cricketing interest, Rixon said: "No, I certainly wouldn't do that. He will do as he sees fit."
"I'm not going to tell him to bowl for his own gain and he wouldn't bowl just for that reason."
"If his ribs feel okay and the situation is there for him to have a bowl, I'd say there's a good chance you'll see him have a few overs. We'll have to see how he feels in the morning."
Waugh's rib problem does not hinder his batting and he is certain to lead New South Wales against Australia in the warm-up match ahead of the triangular one-day series with England and Sri Lanka.



STEVE WAUGH