



Did U Know?

Zairian Muampa Kazadi was the first goalkeeper to be replaced for any other reason than injury in the World Cup football history when Zaire were 0-3 down versus Yugoslavia after just 22 minutes in 1974. However, his replacement Dimbi Tubilandu couldn't stop the goal rush and his country eventually lost the game 9-0! Only one other time has a goalkeeper been replaced for any other reason than injury. That was in the bronze-deciding match in USA in 1994. Bulgarian keeper Mihailov was substituted at half time when Sweden were leading 4-0. Nikolov came in for him and kept a clean sheet in the second half as the result stayed that way.



Ricardo Powell

(West Indies batsman)
"I think Bangladesh has a cricketing programme here. There are lovely grounds and wickets are very good here. They have a lot of young players coming up too. The future is bright."



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CONTRASTING DAY IN CHITTAGONG: While the Bangladesh cricketers (L) had a busy day's workout at the MA Aziz Stadium, (R) West Indies' (L-R) Ridley Jacobs, Ricardo Powell and an unknown player went shopping in Chittagong yesterday. The two teams reached the port city yesterday to play the second and final Test from tomorrow.

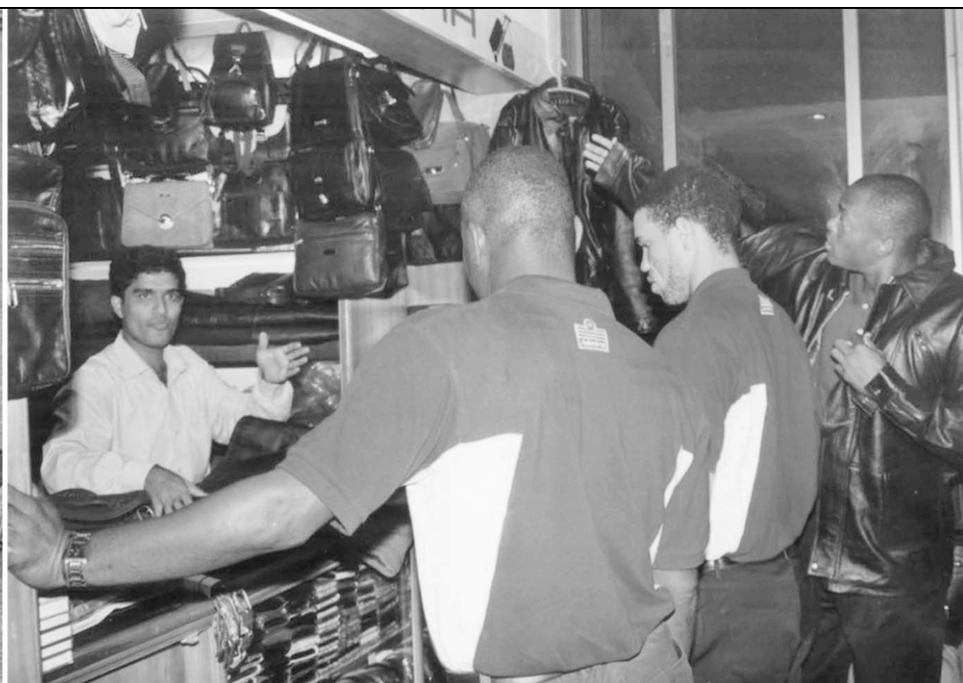


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Dhaka drub Barisal

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Defending champions Dhaka cruised to a five-wicket win over Barisal in their opening limited-overs match of the Ispahani Tea 4th National League at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

Set to score 191, Dhaka rattled up 192-5 in 40.1 overs with opener Rashedul Huq scoring a scintillating 55 off 51 balls.

The attacking right-hander struck eight fours and a couple of sixes to give Dhaka a flying start after Khaled Mahmud destroyed the Barisal batting with a five-wicket haul.

Surprisingly left out of the national team for the home series against West Indies, Mahmud finished with fantastic figures of 8-3-3-17-5 as Barisal, sent into bat, were bowled out for 190 in 47.5 overs.

Nahidul Huq was the lone Barisal batsman who attacked the opponents with an aggressive 71 off 82 balls. The young left-hander with the ability to hit the ball cleanly clubbed four fours and two sixes.

It was a good start for Dhaka in defence of their title.

When Dhaka guaranteed maxi-

mum points from their first outing after their three-wicket victory in the four-day competition against Barisal, former champions Chittagong stumbled to a four-wicket defeat against a spirited Khulna at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

The port city team was bowled out for 143 in 37.4 overs in the face of some controlled bowling from left-arm spinner Manjarul Islam. He captured four wickets for 21 runs as Chittagong capitulated from a strong 106-3.

Khulna, who thrived on a double century by Hasanuzzaman to enforce a draw in the four-day match on Friday, reached the victory mark (146-6) in 33.4 overs with Tushar Imran and Uzzal making 32 each.

Tushar, the aggressive middle-order batsman, hammered six boundaries in his 19-ball cameo.

Earlier, Chittagong failed to put up a decent total despite a fine half-century by opener Nafis Iqbal.

The young right-hander stood dominated the attack with 64 off 72 balls that included ten boundaries. Former national captain Akram Khan was the other Chittagong batsman who could score 20 plus against the disciplined Khulna bowling.

It was a disappointing start for Chittagong, the winners of the inaugural edition. They could man-

age only two points from the four-day event and conceded same points in the abridged version.

Chittagong will try to do something better when they face Barisal in their second match, starting at the Fatullah Stadium on December 17. Dhaka on the other hand will stay at the BKSP to meet Sylhet. The spirited Khulna will take on Rajshahi at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium in their next game.

BRIEF SCORES

Dhaka vs Barisal

Venue: BKSP

BARISAL: 190 all out in 47.5 overs (Nahidul 71, Prosenjit 31; K Mahmud 5-17, Neeyamur 3-41)
DHAKA: 192 for five in 40.1 overs (Rashedul 55, Javed 36, Mehrah 48, Sajjad Shipon 33; Nadif 2-25, Pijush 3-43)
Result: Dhaka won by 5 wickets.

Man-of-the-match: K Mahmud (Dhaka)

Khulna vs Chittagong

Venue: DCS

CHITTAGONG: 143 all out in 37.2 overs (Nafis 64, Akram 23; Manjarul 4-21, Russel 2-36, Al-Amin 2-30)
KHULNA: 146 for 6 in 33.4 overs (Tushar 32, Uzzal 32, Selim 17 not out; Alamgir 3-39)
Result: Khulna won by 4 wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Manjarul Islam (Khulna)

Some effort to save pitches

SPORTS REPORTER

The wickets at the Bangabandhu National Stadium is going to come under an unscheduled sufferings when the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship begins at the all-purpose venue on January 10.

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), who shifted the 11-day spectacle involving eight South Asian nations from Mirpur National Stadium on grounds of poor flood-light facilities, has however decided to lay grass on the pitches in a bid to minimise the damage. But the decision to play the matches in middle of the ground meant the two wickets that survived the pounding of boots during the domestic league last year would also be affected.

"We will give a grass covering on the pitches so that no further damage can be done. But, I'm afraid, we need all the pitches covered since the sponsors want the matches to be played on the centre of the stadium", said joint-secretary of grounds committee Moshir Rahman.

He however said that this time the National Sports Council would take over the responsibility of laying the grass on the pitches. The NSC that never had spent more than Taka 34 lakh to repair the damages to the ground after the football season this year.

Meanwhile, the State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman in an inter-ministerial meeting yesterday said that his government is keen to hold the meet successfully. This is for the first time Bangladesh will stage the football carnival of the region that involves India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bhutan and Afghanistan. Afghanistan is the new entrant in the event this year. They have been pencilled in to the Group A with holders India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Hosts Bangladesh, who finished runners-up in the second edition, will lead the other group that includes Nepal, Maldives and Bhutan.

HSBC's WC

PRESS RELEASE

HSBC has organised two raffle draws to promote next year's Cricket World Cup, to be held in South Africa, among fans in Bangladesh. There will be six winning packages each including a ticket to the final at the Wanderers. The campaign starts today and will run until February 15.

Pakistan blind world champs

INTERNET, Madras

Pakistan clinched the blind cricket World Cup after cruising to a five-wicket win over holders South Africa in the final with 16 balls to spare.

Chasing 256 for victory, Pakistan looked in trouble early on at 74 for three, before Muhammad Ashraf Bhatti steered them home with an unbeaten 87 off 96 balls.

He was helped along the way by useful knocks from Muhammad Shahbaz, skipper Abdul Razzaq and Muhammad Fayaz.

Pakistan's gamble on asking the 1998 champions to bat first in Madras was rewarded when South Africa were reduced to 86 for five by the 15th over.

Nathan Meyer and Riann Liebenberg added 96 runs for the sixth wicket, both men making half-centuries.

And a quickfire 34 balls from Pieta Le Roux got South Africa to 255 for eight in their 40 overs, but it was not enough for South Africa to hold on to their crown.

Bond disbands India

Cricket

AFP, Wellington

Shane Bond led a trio of disciplined pacemen to make a mockery of Indian batting line-up as New Zealand raced to a 10-wicket win in the opening Test with more than two days to spare here on Saturday.

Bond triggered a dramatic collapse with three big wickets in his incisive opening spell to help his team bundle India out for a meagre 121 on a lively Basin Reserve track on the third day.

New Zealand, leading by 86, knocked off the 36 runs required to win the match for a 1-0 lead in the two-Test series. The second and last Test begins at Hamilton on December 19.

Opens Lou Vincent (21) and Mark Richardson (14) remained unbeaten as New Zealand celebrated their 300th Test with an emphatic victory.

Bond (4-33) was splendidly supported by debutant Jacob Oram (3-28) and Daryl Tuffey (3-35) as India lasted just 38.1 overs in one of their worst overseas batting performances in recent years.

India lived up to their reputation of 'lions at home and lambs abroad' and would have to wait longer for winning their first Test series outside the sub-continent since 1986.

Master batsman Sachin Tendulkar top-scored with 51 in a feeble Indian batting display for the second time in the match, but without looking at his best during his two-hour stay at the crease.

Tendulkar inside-edged a Bond no-ball on to his stumps when on three, survived a difficult chance on seven and then an easy one on 36 before becoming the last man to be dismissed.

Luck finally deserted Tendulkar as he once again inside-edged a Bond delivery on to his wickets to become the bowler's fourth victim.

The fast bowlers were backed by agile fielders as three outstanding catches were taken, with skipper Stephen Fleming showing the way with a low catch to his right at first slip to account for Parthiv Patel.

Craig McMillan then timed his jump perfectly at deep point to hold an Ajit Agarkar cut and Scott Styris capped it with a one-handed catch to dismiss Zaheer Khan.

The hosts' brilliant bowling and fielding show eventually overshadowed left-arm fast bowler Zaheer's maiden five-wicket haul (5-53) in 23 Tests.

Zaheer gave his team a chance to fight back, but the batsmen squandered it with a poor shot-selection against a disciplined, though not hostile, New Zealand pace attack.

Bond, 27, wrecked the Indian top order in his sharp opening 8-5-8-3 spell, troubling the batsmen with pace and bounce.

He produced the 'Delivery of the Day' in his seventh over when he bowled reliable Rahul Dravid, who had no clue to the in-swinging yorker. Dravid was the man in form, having scored a gutsy 76 in the first innings.

Opener Virender Sehwag failed for the second successive time when he was trapped leg-before on the backfoot in Bond's fourth over.

Then came Bond's two-wicket over in which he accounted for Dravid and skipper Saurav Ganguly in the space of four balls. The Indian captain was caught behind after
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ODI: Viv & Wasim

Cricket

REUTERS, London

Viv Richards and Wasim Akram have been named as the top one-day players in history by cricket bible Wisden.

The rankings of the 50 best batsmen and bowlers in limited overs cricket was published on Saturday, a day after the release of a list of the best 100 of each in Tests -- Australian Don Bradman and Sri Lankan Muttiah Muralitharan taking the honours there.

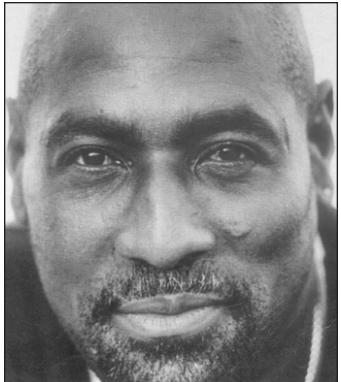
Richards, who accumulated 6,721 runs in 167 one-day innings, was third behind Bradman and Sachin Tendulkar in Wisden's Test rankings but leapfrogs the Indian into first place with his fellow West Indian Brian Lara in third.

Bradman does not appear in the list because the shorter version of the game was not played in his day, but Muralitharan is rated as the seventh best bowler.

Fast bowler Wasim's 488 wickets in limited overs matches gives him 220 more than South African Allan Donald in second place, while his fellow Pakistani Waqar Younis is third in the list ahead of Australia's

intends to retire after the World Cup in southern Africa early next year.

The ratings were based on a thorough analysis of one-day internationals since their inception in the 1970s, with runs scored and wickets



VIV RICHARDS

Glenn McGrath.

Wasim, who was ranked 15th in the Test list, became the first man to play in 350 one-day internationals earlier this month and has said he



WASIM AKRAM

taken accorded greater or lesser weight depending on the quality of opposition and the importance of the match.
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READERS' ZONE

Food for thought

Do you have any observation regarding sports and its management in Bangladesh? Do you feel certain issues need to be addressed before time runs out? Then, hurry up and send us your burning questions, critical views and thoughtful suggestions not in excess of 400 words. Let your thought buzz at your corner, the Readers' zone.
---Sports Editor

First of all, I would like the Bangladesh selectors to remember that they are selecting an international Test match team. They cannot only pick players whom they feel are good enough or on the basis of a single domestic tournament. Past records, experience and consistent form for at least one season are imperative and should be considered.

They picked young Anwar Hossain for the first Test in place of Al Shahrir who was the highest run scorer in South Africa because of Anwar Hossain's good batting form in the recent Challenge Trophy.
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Chief selector Allui Islam also told that they wanted to see whether anybody else could also play in the opening position. So, they should have given chance to Ehsanul or Javed Omar who are specialised opening batsmen rather than Anwar who has negligible experience of opening the batting, and if I do remember he batted at number ten below Mashrafe Bin Murtaza in the A team's tour of India.

Also the batting order was criticised by experts. Everyone felt that No. 3 position, which is the most responsible position, should hold on to their crown.

Teams in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Both the Bangladesh and West Indies cricket teams arrived in the port city yesterday to play in the second and final Test of the Coca-Cola Series, which begins tomorrow at the MA Aziz Stadium.

After landing at the Shah Amanat International Airport in the morning, Khaled Mashud's men went to the Hotel Agrabad. In the afternoon it was the turn of the 15-member West Indies squad led by Ridley Jacobs, to fly in from the capital. The visitors will also be staying at the same hotel.

In the evening players of both Test nations attended a reception at the poolside of Chittagong Club. The reception was hosted by the Chittagong Jila Kirira Sangstha (CJKS).

According to the Met office, the sky will be bright and sunny for the five-day contest.

Earlier, inclement weather forced match referee Ranjan Madugalle to abandon the first one-day international here on November 29.

The teams are scheduled to have nets at the venue today.



PHOTO: AFP

JAMES BOND: New Zealand fast bowler Shane Bond appeals successfully for an lbw decision against India's Virender Sehwag on the third day of the first Test in Wellington yesterday.

Alan Live on Star Sport

Regular viewers of ESPN STAR Sports have seen Alan Wilkins either as a commentator or presenter but there's more to 'Wilko' than meets the eye.

Before injury cut short a promising career, the former left-arm medium fast bowler was playing county cricket for Glamorgan in 1977. He enjoyed a good spell at the club before moving to Gloucester 1979.

A year later after joining Wilkins, who was a right-hand batsman, took eight wickets on debut against Lancashire at Old Trafford.

He returned to Glamorgan but was hampered by injury and eventually moved to South Africa to play for Northern Transvaal for a couple of seasons.

After calling it a day in 1983, Wilkins, 49, stayed to pursue a broadcast career in Southern Africa. Then he came back to England in 1989 to spend the next ten years working for BBC television presenting a variety of sports programmes.

LENIN GANI of THE DAILY STAR SPORT caught up with the amiable Welshman after lunch on the first day of the first Test between Bangladesh and West Indies.

Daily Star Sport (DSS): Are you enjoying your stay in Bangladesh? What have you seen and done here?

ALAN WILKINS (AW): I haven't seen or done much here other than coming from the hotel and to the cricket to be honest. After the one-day matches in Chittagong I flew back to Singapore because I needed to finish some work.

DSS: How did you get involved in commentating?

AW: Well it was because of an injury to my shoulder when I was 28 that forced me to give up playing professional cricket at the age of 29. So I wanted to stay within the game and I thought that cricket commentating would be a nice way to do so.

DSS: What do you think are the qualities needed to become a good commentator?



ALAN WILKINS

AW: (Smiles). It is probably the most asked question of all. All commentators are different. When you talk about qualities then you have to get the basics right; embellish

the television picture as far as radio is concerned you must be able to create an image with a good use of words. A decent voice helps but also I think knowledge of the game and a feel for it helps.

But everybody's taste is different you can't please the people always. However if you can tell them what is happening as accurately as possible then you have the basics of being a commentator.

DSS: As an aspiring commentator who was your favourite voice?

AW: I think Richie Benaud has always been the man in my life who I enjoyed listening to. He's still regarded as the doyen of cricket commentators.

DSS: Give an assessment of Bangladesh based on what you have seen and heard.
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