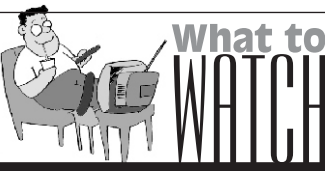




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New Zealand were all out for just 26 runs against England at Auckland in 1954-55 which is the lowest ever total in Tests.



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Talk Turkey



Harry Kewell

(Liverpool's Australian superstar) "I was offered a lot more money to go to different clubs so money wasn't a main factor. The main factor for me was my family and obviously the coach. You can have all the money in the world but you want to look back on your own career and see the medals in the box and say 'yeah, I was in that final.'" After joining Liverpool.



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DAY OF DOWNS & UPS! (1) A section of the Bangladesh community in Darwin catch a rare glimpse of the Tigers. (2) Tail-ender Tapas Baisya shows much needed resistance. (3) Tigers' pace spearhead Masrafe-bin-Mortuza making life difficult for the Chief Minister's XI. These photos were taken at the Marrara Oval in Darwin yesterday.



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Paceman revive hopes

Cricket

CHIPS MACKINOLTY from Darwin

Disappointment and defiance summed up the second day's play between Bangladesh and the Northern Territory's Chief Minister's XI yesterday. Disappointment for poor batting. Defiance for brilliant bowling and fielding.

Despite a batting collapse, Bangladesh's superb bowling and fielding means that there is still a game to be had over the next two days of the match.

There was a good start especially from Hannan Sarkar's strong opening innings of 34 and then the Bangladesh batsmen collapsed in the face of the Australian attack, to be dismissed just after the tea break for 139 still 60 runs short of the Chief Minister's total.

Fast bowler Masrafe-bin-Mortuza with 20 runs, was the only player other than all-rounder Alok Kapali who made 21, to achieve anything solid against the game's host side.

The looming disaster, however, was averted by Bangladesh pacemen Manjul Islam and Mortaza who ripped through the Australians in the last hour of play which finished at 32-3, which

means they lead by 82 runs.

Indeed, at one stage both bowlers had the hosts reeling 0-2 and 5-3.

It was a dramatic comeback for the Tigers, who now have a real game on their hands.

Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud was not alone in his disappointment with his side's batting display. Australian national player and right-arm spin bowler Nathan Hauritz echoed Mahmud's dissatisfaction.

"The 13 wickets down in a single day was due to poor batting from both sides," he said.

Mahmud criticised both himself and the rest of the side for "Playing our shots too early."

"We'll learn from our mistakes in the first innings. We should stay in the wicket and look for runs," he said.

But make no mistake about it. Mahmud and his side are determined to make the most of their opportunity to face the world's best cricketers.

The dramatic turnaround in the last hour of the Chief Minister's second innings clearly shocked the Australians.

Captain Michael Clarke, at 22 years of age and a predicted major future player for Australia, was

dismissed for a single, clean bowled by Manjul, despite top-scoring in the first innings.

Both of the Northern Territory's openers had already been dismissed for ducks.

The key to the match will clearly lie with the first hour of play.

Hauritz said the Chief Minister's XI need a lead of at least 200 early wickets for Bangladesh will leave this strategy in peril. Both Mahmud and coach Whatmore know that the first hour is critical.

Whatmore has only been in charge of Bangladesh's fate for five weeks. His only strategy has been to work his charges into a team. He has clearly achieved this in the area of fielding. It is this team of fast running fielders that will protect his side from complete disaster.

He has limited their opponents to 32 runs over 16 wickets with three scalps. He has created a team, but not a team of winners. The real challenge for him and the national side is to make huge improvements on the batting front.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the four-day tour match between Northern Territory Chief Minister's (NTCM) XI and Bangladesh in Darwin on Friday:

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Inter-School football Rayerbazar run riot

SPORTS REPORTER

Rayerbazar High School went on a rampage on the opening day of the Dhaka Metropolitan Inter-School Football Tournament.

Rayerbazar bulldozed past Junior Laboratory School 10-0 at the Dhanmondi Club ground to record the day's biggest win.

There were nine other matches held at different venues of the city.

At the Dhaka University ground, Rahmatullah Model High School crushed Segunbagicha High School 6-0.

In another match at the same venue, Nabakumar Institute defeated Millat High School 2-0.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, Saint Joseph's High School earned a solitary goal victory over Loreto.

At the Basabo Club ground, Khilgaon High School thrashed Ali Ahmed High School 6-0 while Willes Little Flower School beat Shahmuri High School 1-0.

At the Uttara Police Line ground, IAS School defeated Moni Kanan 3-1 and Uttara High School blanked Shahid Ramizuddin High School 2-0.

Rajdhani High School overcame National Bangla High School 2-0 at the East End Club ground. In another game played at the same field, Mirpur Bangla High School outplayed Islami Adarsha High School 4-0.

First Div Hockey Azad down Wanderers

SPORTS REPORTER

Azad Sporting Club secured full points in the Green Delta First Division Hockey League with a 3-1 victory over Dhaka Wanderers Club at the Moulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Zahid and Russel scored one goal each in the first half while Asaduzzaman got the last for the winners after the breather. Nabid Shafi netted the lone goal for Wanderers just before the long whistle.

"And you couldn't ask for a better stage for it to turn," said Pollock, who also played English county cricket for Warwickshire.

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Selection calling Athar, Faruque?

Cricket

BISHWAJIT KUMAR ROY

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is reportedly planning to form a new selection committee with past players who have an understanding of modern day cricket.

It is believed that former national skipper Faruque Ahmed, who is now in Sri Lanka as manager of the touring Bangladesh Under-23 team, and ex-national opener Athar Ali Khan are the two names at the top of the preference list.

Sources close to the Board say that the majority of the 11-member advisors' panel want the two stars of yesteryears included in the three-man selection committee along with national coach Dav Whatmore.

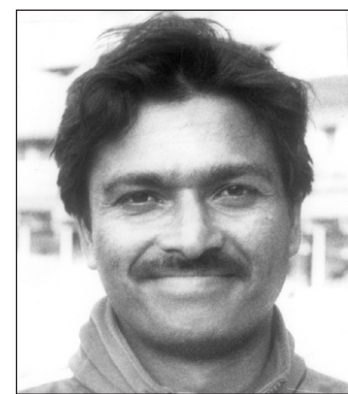
However, any decision regarding the matter is not expected before the next Board meeting, which is likely to be held at the end of this month.

BCB president Ali Asghar,

accompanied by two influential advisors, is due to fly off to Darwin on July 15 to watch Bangladesh's first Test against Australia. On their

his two deputies Golam Nowsheer Prince and Omar Khaled Rumi on June 29.

According to a source, the Board



FARUQUE AHMED



ATHAR ALI

return, the advisors will meet to name the next selection committee.

There is no selection body at the moment following the BCB's acceptance of the resignation letters of former chief selector Aliul Islam and

is determined to pick the right people for the job this time around. Too often in the past, ex-cricketers with little or no connection left with domestic cricket, were made select

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Tri-series final today

Cricket

AFP, London

South Africa captain Graeme Smith admitted that Lord's, where the Proteas face England in Saturday's NatWest triangular series final, was a "little bit intimidating".

Smith, 22, South Africa's youngest ever captain, told reporters at the historic ground here Friday: "It's fantastic. It's a little bit intimidating. I didn't expect it to be as big as it is."

"A lot of guys, myself included, haven't been to Lord's before," left-handed opening batsman Smith added.

The actual playing surface is famous for a slope across the ground which can affect bowlers' run-ups and choice of ends.

But Smith said: "We've done a little bit of research. There are slopes everywhere in England. The one at Hove was the worst I've seen

in my life."

And Smith added that South Africa's practice session at Lord's on Friday would help calm any nerves.

"The guys will see the ground today and that will help them deal with these emotions and help them come to terms with it and maybe even inspire them."

South Africa have lost two of their three previous series matches against England and Smith said: "We always said England were favourites because they knew the conditions."

"But that's gone now, that's in the past. We're not out for revenge."

Shaun Pollock, the man Smith replaced as captain after South Africa's first round World Cup exit on home soil, has been economical with the new ball.

But he has so far failed to take the wickets his accuracy has deserved.

"It's been a bit frustrating. Every time you go out you want wickets," said Pollock, 29, one of a handful of

South African tourists with previous experience of English conditions.

"I want five for (five wickets in an innings) every time. Makhaya Ntini has got most of the wickets. But as long as I'm doing a job for the side and we're taking wickets as a strike partnership, that's important."

"At some stage it will turn. I've been around long enough to know it will turn."

"The important thing is not to get too frustrated," Pollock added. His four series wickets come at an average of 43.75 but his economy rate has seen his 54 tournament overs cost just over three runs apiece.

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PHOTO: STAR

Action from yesterday's inter-school football tournament encounter between Rahmatullah Model School and Segunbagicha High School at the Dhaka University ground.

The timeless great

Cricket

AFP/REUTERS, Sydney

Australian Test greats Arthur Morris, Steve Waugh and Bill Brown claim Don Bradman would still be averaging around 100 runs per innings if he was playing Test cricket today.

As 150 of Australia's 197 living Test players attended a gala function here on Friday to receive commemorative baggy green caps, the incomparable deeds of the 'The Don' remained the subject of widespread discussion and disbelief.

"He'd be averaging 99 these days, believe me, and he might even get himself up over the 100 because Sir Donald Bradman was a unique batsman," said Morris, who was a member of Bradman's 1948 invincibles touring team to England.

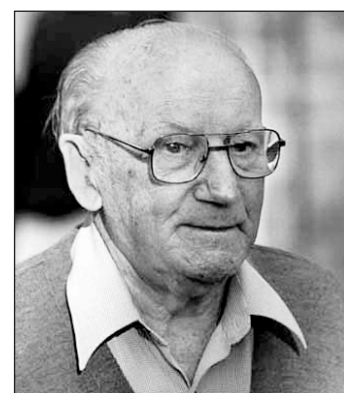
"He was a great, great player. He had tremendous determination and concentration and he had all the shots. He was amazing. We really can't compare anyone with. Nobody comes close."

"There have been very good fast bowlers over the years but there were very good fast bowlers in his day, too. Bodyline (England's 1932-33 tour to Australia) was impossible to bat against."

"If you had all the fast bowlers of today, bowling straight at the head with six fellas on the leg side, how would they go?"

"Bradman had to play against that, and he didn't have a helmet."

The question of how Bradman, who averaged 99.94 in 52 Tests



DON BRADMAN

between 1928 and 1948, would fare against the finest bowlers of recent times such as Curtly Ambrose, Malcolm Marshall, Joel Garner, Wasim Akram, Richard Hadlee and Muttiah Muralitharan is one that fascinates contemporary cricket followers.

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Kanchan, Farhad sink Jagarani

Football

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cig

Hattricks from ace strikers Kanchan and Farhad helped reigning champions Mohammedan Sporting Club register a comprehensive 6-0 win against minnows Jamalpur Jagarani Club in the opening encounter of the Nitol-Tata third National Football League here at the slippery ground of the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.

The scoreline could have been bigger if a heavy shower had not spoiled the 90-minute encounter. And even though conditions rendered a flowing game virtually impossible Jagarani found the Mohammedan pair too hot to handle.

Time and again they showed excellent understanding to dumbfound their opponents. By the end of the first half the Dhaka giants led 3-0.

It took only until the 15th for Kanchan to open the floodgates for the black and whites. The diminutive striker headed the ball home from an intelligent cross by midfielder Monwar, who also had an outstanding game.

Five minutes later Farhad, after receiving a pass from Iraqi recruit Turabikov, placed the ball beyond the reach of Jagarani keeper Ujjal.

With the rain steadily increasing Mohammedan added a third goal in the 42nd minute when Farhad found the net from a neat cross from the left flank by his partner Kanchan. Farhad should have completed his hattrick in the fourth minute of injury time but somehow the ball got stuck in the sweater.

After the interval Kanchan headed in second goal thanks to skipper Masud Rana who delivered a good cross from the left flank.

It was Kanchan who was first to slam a treble. He capitalised on a mistake by the Jagarani keeper failed to stop an effort by Farhad in the 66th minute.

Farhad however did not have to wait long to join him after scorer Kanchan turned provider in the 68th minute.

Earlier, Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan inaugurated the round. The simple ceremony was attended by Bangladesh Football Federation president SA Sultan a

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