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The most wickets taken by one bowler in a single day of Test cricket is 15 by Johnny Briggs for England against South Africa at Cape Town on March 26, 1889.



ESPN

West Indies vs Sri Lanka Second Test, Day Three Taped Version at 4:00 pm Sportscentre Hindi Sport News Live at 8:30 pm

STAR Sports

Soccer Soap Dream Team Repeat at 8:30 am **Futbol Mundial** Taped Version at 3:30 pm Sportsline Tonight Sport News Live at 6:30 pm Soccer Soap

Taped Version at 11:00 pm





Steve Waugh

(Australia Test captain) "The West Indies teams of the 1980s almost made administrators change the rules so other nations could compete. That's been one of our goals -- for us to make rules change so others can compete.



Win attractive prizes Competition closes at 8 pm July 25, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who clinched the Premier Division Hockey League title? BDR Wari Eskator

2. Who became Confederation

Cup champions? Cameroon 3. Who won the Wimbledon women's sigles crown?

Serena Venus 4. Which country will host the Asia Youth Cup cricket tournament?

Class...... Roll No......

Chess team leaves for **London Friday**

BSS, Dhaka

A six-member Bangladesh chess team leaves for London on Friday to participate in the Smith and Williamson British Chess Championship which will start from

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman International Masters Reefat-bin-Sattar, Abdullah-al-Rakib, Enamul Hossain, Fide Master Sheikh Nasir Ahmed and Showkat Hossain Pallab are the members of the



A goal-mouth action during the Green Delta First Division Hockey League match between Azad Sporting and Farashganj Sporting at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Dholaipar win big

Schools soccer

SPORTS REPORTER

The walkover episode continued in the Dhaka Metropolis inter-school football competition as Armanitola High School failed to turn up for their match against Dhaka Collegiate School at the Dhaka University ground yesterday.

But elsewhere there were plenty of actions. Ahmed Bawani Academy

recorded a 3-2 win over Wari Higȟ at the same venue At the Dhanmondi Club ground, Dhaka Residential Model

High crushed East End High 6-0

while Bengali Medium High

defeated South Breeze 3-1. Dolaipar High outplayed AK High 8-0 and Titas Gas Adarsha High School beat Jatrabari Ideal High 1-0 at the East End Club

At the Basabo Club ground, Motijheel Govt. Boys' High blanked Haider Ali High 3-0 and Dakhhin Banashri Model High School overpowered Sher-e-Bangla High 4-0

At the Uttara Police Lines ground, Blue Bird Academy beat Kachkura High 3-1, Kamarpara High School smashed Badda Alatunnesa High School 7-1 while Emarat Hossain Adarsha High defeated Uttara High School 3-1 in their return match.

Justin justifies playing B'desh

Cricket

BBC ONLINE, London

Australian Test batsman Justin Langer has vowed there will be no hiding place for minnows Bangladesh.

The opening batsman told the BBC Sport website Australia would not take the Test against minnows

Australia play the newest Test nation in the first of Two matches, starting in Darwin on Friday.

But there has been hefty criticism by many former Australian cricket greats because of the totally mismatched sides.

However Langer defended the decision to pitch the World Cup champions against Bangladesh, who have yet to win a Test match in 19 outings.

Writing in his column for this website, Langer said: "There must be many good reasons why the ICC introduced Bangladesh into international cricket. "Therefore they should be

encouraged to make their way through the ranks. Bookmakers are offering odds on Australia winning the Test match in one day. Langer said Australia would go into the match in the same mind-

set as any other to win the Test. He added: "Bangladesh can be assured we will be going about our business professionally and meticulously to ensure our status in world cricket remains in tact.



JUSTIN LANGER

"Opportunities to wear the baggy green cap are limited, so any suggestion that we will enter the next two Test matches in a complacent frame of mind will be viewed as an insult by the players in this

Wanderers abash Mukta Bihanga

SPORTS REPORTER

Dhaka Wanderers celebrated their passage to the Super League with a 11-0 thrashing of Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha in the Green Delta First Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

It was the biggest margin of ictory by any team in the league so

Mohammad Javed led the Vanderers goal-feast in a complete nismatch. The prolific scorer hit the board four times that included Wanderers were enjoying an

entual unassailable 5-0 lead in Javed apart, Mustak struck three goals for the winners while Navid,

Yousuf, Fazlul Islam and Haider scored one each In the second match, Azad Sporting Club also blanked Farashganj Sporting Club 5-0.

Premier hockey begins July 21

SPORTS REPORTER

The Premier Division Hockey League will begin on July 21.

But unlike last year it would be a short-lived meet as the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) plans to call the national camp a month before the Asia Cup, which will be held in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur over September 20-

Last year the prestigious competition was played on double league basis. But this time it would be a five-team Super League phase after the first round, so that the competition could be over by August 30.

But despite the change of format

Mohammedan Sporting Club, fresh from their Club Cup triumph, Nader scored two goals while will play the league opener against Wari Club at the Moulana Bhasani Russel, Noor and Sultan shared the

Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra will also appear on the opening day. But the popular Dhanmondi outfit will be without their captain Mahbub Ehsan Rana when they take on promotees Sadharan Bima in the second match of the day.

Rana was banned for life by the BHF for his involvement in beating up of umpire Golam Kibria in the troubled Club Cup final last month.

The ten teams taking part in the League are, Abahani, Mohammedan, Usha, Mariners, Ajax, Railway, Bangladesh Sporting, Śonali Bank, Wari and Bima.

Five top finishers in the first phase will proceed to the Super League while the rest will fight for survival in the Relegation League.

Teams will carry their first round points to the Super League.

Ctg's initiative

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

To hunt and groom talent from grass-root level, Chattagram Jela Krira Sangstha (CJKS) is organising an inter-upazila junior football tournament which begins today.

Hosts Patiya will take on Boalkhali at 3.00pm in the opening match of the first its kind meet.

13 upazila teams, split into four groups, are to take part in the 15-day meet at four different venues Patiya, Hathazar, Satkania and Chittagong MAAziz Stadium.

Only offshore upazila Sandwip did not register for the tournament.

The participating teams are: Pativa Żone Pativa, Anwara, Chandanaish and Boalkhali; Hathazari Zone Hathazari, Rauzan and Fatikchhari; Satkania Zone Satkania, Lohagara and Banshkhali and Sitakunda Zone Mirersarai, Rangunia and Sitakunda.

Two top teams from each group will qualify for the quarterfinals starting from July 27.

The semifinals will be held on July 30 and the final is scheduled to be held on August 1.

BCB names 20 for U-15 trial

SPORTS REPORTER

The Development Committee of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) called up 20 players to attend the first phase training programme and selection trials to form an under-15 squad.

The selected players are, Myshukur Rahman, Mizanur Rahman, Sovik Sarker, Wasiur Rahman, Rafiqul Hasan, Rumman Islam, Mithun Hossain and Saiful Islam (Rajshahi Division); Azhar Uddin Babu, Tamim Iqbal Khan and Saidul Bashar (Chittagong Division); Ruhul Amin, Kaiser Hossain, Choyon Rajbonshi, Mahmudul Hossain, Sajid Khan and Anwar Hossain (Dhaka Metro Blues) and Mohammad Salim, Mashud Rana and Amit Majumdar (Khulna Division).

The players have been asked to report at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on July 22 at 4pm.

Ganguly admits it

Ricky doesn't like

Cricket

AFP, Calcutta

India skipper Saurav Ganguly conceded Tuesday his team faced a tough task against formidable Australia in an away Test cricket series later this year.

"To be honest, it's going to be a tough series for us," Ganguly said of the four-Test series starting in Australia in December.

India will then take part in a triangular one-day series, also featuring Zimbabwe. India lost to Australia in the one-day World Cup final in March. "Australia are a very good side and they're ahead of us. It's going to be a real test of our ability and

skill in Australia," said the Indian captain. India had a disastrous toui Australia three years ago when they were blanked 3-0 in a three-Test

series under Sachin Tendulkar's

Ganguly said he was hopeful his team would be able to raise the level of their performance against

"The Australian players are in great form, but I'm hopeful we'll be



able to lift our game against them. It's important not only for me, but also for the country, that we play and compete well against them,

India are ranked sixth out of 10 nations in the International Cricket

Council (ICC) Test Championship table, but Ganguly said he regarded India as next best to Australia. "It will be a huge thing, not only for me but also for Indian cricket and the boys," Ganguly said of the

"But I am pretty confident with this side, the boys have travelled all around the world."

India ended Australia's record

streak of 16 Test wins with a 2-1 home series upset in 2001, but they have not won a Test series outside south Asia since 1986, when Kapil Devled them to victory in England. Ganguly said his team were

upbeat about the new season after a string of good efforts leading up to the World Cup.

Ganguly said he was confident display in Australia, especially after having performed remarkably well in recent times.

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The game of firsts!

Cricket

REUTERS, Darwin

Australia take on Bangladesh in the first of a two-match Test series starting on Friday morning in what is a game of 'firsts'.

It will be the first time the teams have met in a Test match and the first time Darwin has hosted a Test. while a Bangladesh win would be their first in the longer form of the

A Bangladesh win would also be one of the biggest upsets in sporting history.

Nineteen previous Test matches have brought them one draw against Zimbabwe, when rain wiped out the last two days of play,

And of those 18 defeats, 13 have been an innings and more, one by seven wickets, two by eight wickets and one by nine wickets.

You could argue that their best performance in losing was 'only' going down by 288 runs to Sri Lanka, in a game that lasted three days and saw Bangladesh post scores of 164 and 184.

The latest Test rankings show the Aussies as the best team in the world with 129 points while Bangladesh are 10th, and last, with just four points.

The Aussies are certainly saying the right things skipper Steve Waugh told CricInfo, "We haven't played much cricket in the past four or five weeks, so it should be a good contest." And Adam Gilchrist said: "[The match] could be very

difficult for us for a few reasons." Those not playing in the game though, aren't expecting such

Former Australian batsman David Hookes, now an outspoken TV commentator, says the Aussies should aim to win inside a day: Steve Waugh should send them (Bangladesh) in to bat, bowl them out before lunch, bat until tea and declare, then send them back in and roll them again before stumps.

And while you hope the majority of the public or those who even know this game is on, given most sporting attention at the moment is on the various football codes aren't quite so condescending, the Aussie bookmakers are offering 14/1 that the home team will win inside the first day!

That's the price offered by Centrebet and the Northern

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Aussie behaviour

captaincy.

Cricket

REUTERS, DARWIN

way later this week.

Australia's behaviour is tarnishing cricket and needs to improve, Test vice-captain Ricky Ponting said on Wednesday ahead of the series with Bangladesh that gets under-

World Cup-winning skipper Ponting said the game's top-ranked team would be anxious to avoid any heated verbal exchanges during the two-Test series that starts in Darwin on Friday.

Cricket Australia chief executive James Sutherland and team coach

John Buchanan were both critical of Australia's behaviour in the fourth Test against West Indies in Antigua in May.

Fast bowler Glenn McGrath was involved in a fiery finger-pointing exchange with batsman Ramnaresh Sarwan and West Indies captain Brian Lara had angry verbal exchanges with several Australia players during the fourth Test.

"There are things that happen on the field that we are not happy with all the time," Ponting told reporters on Wednesday.

"Obviously, the last tour was tarnished by one of those incidents. But we've spoken about it

and we speak about it before every series and every tour that we go on.

> things don't pop up again this Sutherland telephoned Australia captain Steve Waugh during the Antigua Test to tell him of the team's responsibilities as

"Let's just hope that those

ambassadors for world cricket. "I'm disappointed in what I saw on television this morning,

Buchanan added last week: The players concerned let their team down and they let themselves down. They lose respect and team mates are distracted.'

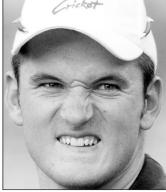
Captain's knock

charge on the opening day of their three-day match against Somerset

However, after winning the toss, Smith saw opening partner Herschelle Gibbs' post another low

double-figure innings in South Africa's six one-day matches, was bowled for four by Somerset quick Neil McKenzie, another included in just the Test squad, made his mark with 66 not out.

Africa's youngest-ever captain,



GRAEME SMITH ... 152

attack lacking England duo Andrew Caddick and Richard Iohnson as well as West Indies

Smith and fellow left-hander Kirsten accumulated steadily in a partnership of 163. But Kirsten, whose fifty came off 92 balls including one six and seven fours, was out when a sweep off left-arm spinner Ian Blackwell was

Boeta Dippenaar (17) then fell to Durston's off-spin before McKenzie injected some impetus during a 97-ball knock featuring

reaching 150, was dismissed when pull off medium-pacer Keith Parsons to square leg was held by Gareth Andrew. The declaration was not long in

coming and before the close there

was time for 14 overs, quicks

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Ahmed Bawani Academy custodian makes a save against Wari High during their Dhaka Metropolis inter-school football competition fixture at the Dhaka University ground yesterday.

Sutherland said at the time.

Latif keeps captaincy

BBC ONLINE, London Pakistan have re-appointed Rashid Latif as captain for the forthcoming

Wicketkeeper Latif has been in charge since Waqar Younis was sacked following the team's disappointing World Čup campaign. He led a new-look team to victory in a four-nation tournament in

home series against Bangladesh.

Sharjah, but they were recently beaten 2-1 by England in a three match challenge series. "He has done a good job as captain so far. We see no reason to

replace him," said Pakistan Cricket

Board chairman Taquir Zia.

Latif was recently in hot water with the PCB after writing to the International Cricket Council (ICC) about match-fixing. He claims fielding restrictions for

the first 15 overs of an innings in one-

day internationals provide an opportunity for "fancy fixing" The 34-year-old said: "It provides a chance for the bookies to approach top-order batsmen to achieve unusual scores and affect the com-

plexion of competitive matches. He subsequently apologised for breaking the PCB's code of conduct

by sending an unauthorised letter.

Cricket At stumps, Somerset were 38 AFP. Taunton South Africa captain Graeme Smith

Smith's innings was the centrepiece of South Africa's 326 for four declared as they looked to put last weekend's triangular series final defeat by England behind them and focus on next week's first Test at Edgbaston.

Gibbs, who managed just one

But experienced batsman Gary Kirsten, in his first match following his post World Cup one-day international retirement, found his form quickly with 66.

Left-hander Smith, at 22 South

took advantage of a Somerset

Nixon McLean.

He faced 214 balls and hit 27 fours before calling a halt to the innings.

caught by Wes Durston at square

two sixes and nine fours. Meanwhile Smith, shortly after

Dewald Pretorious and Charl Willoughby bowling seven apiece. After this match, South Africa