



Did U Know?

Vivian Richards is the only player to have taken five wickets in a one day innings and score a hundred. He did it against New Zealand at Dunedin in 1986/87 when he made 119 and took 5/41.



Wasim Akram

(Pakistan cricket legend)
"I have played cricket with passion, so I think it will be easy for me to talk about the game."

On his new role as a commentator.



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1. What was Nafis Iqbal's score against England in the first innings of the second practice match?
120 118 122

2. What was Matthew Hayden's world record score in Test cricket?
379 380 381

3. Who won the Women's World Cup football title?
USA Germany Sweden

4. Who became nat'l kabaddi champions?
Army BDR Navy

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Batting Tigers' concern

BISHWAJIT ROY from Chittagong

Even though they are set to take the field without their two main bowlers
Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza and Mohammad Rafique, the Bangladesh team management is more concerned about a brittle batting line-up ahead of the first one-day international against England here today.

It has been repeatedly the case in recent past with the bowlers doing commendably for the Tigers only for the batsmen to surrender the initiative in both versions of the game.

"We are desperately looking for a good effort from the top order because we have to score in the region of 240 to 250 to be competitive," said Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud yesterday.

"Our first target would be to bat the first 40 overs without losing too many wickets while not scoring less than 160. Then we will have the foundation to go for slogging in the last ten overs and reach our desired total," added Mahmud.

Coach Dav Whatmore was also thinking in the same line but believes the openers have an important role to play if the Tigers are to put up a good score.

"It's possible to get 250 if two or three batsmen contribute. But opening is the one area where Bangladesh have to improve on."

Whatmore however thinks that an all-round effort is crucial for success. "It helps to get a big total but I think that is not the major criteria. The more flexibility we have in bowling, batting and fielding, the more chances we will have of being competitive in international cricket," said the coach.

Whatmore was excited with the uncapped players in the side and said they can only increase the strength of the team.

"There have been changes in the team with boys who are able to bowl, field and bat, strengthening the side in the process. They (newcomers) are a bit down in experience but that's to be expected when you infuse new blood. But ultimately that will give you some flexibility."

"New boys are coming and they have every right to be part of this group as is the captain. They are picked on merit and all the seniors are helping the juniors which is a very nice culture," said Whatmore.

Three of those fresh faces are likely to make their Bangladesh debut today.

But the team management

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PHOTO: AFP

LET US ALL SMILE TOO: Bangladesh batting mainstay Habibul Bashar (L) and paceman Mashfiqur Rahim take a break from the rigours of training at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

India U-19s Asian kings

AFP, Lahore

India were crowned Asian Under-19 champions Thursday after overwhelming Sri Lanka by eight wickets in the final at the eastern city of Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium.

India beat Sri Lanka 225 all out in 49.4 overs for the loss of only two wickets in 44.4 overs.

Captain Ambati Rayudu received a trophy from Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief executive Rameez Raja and Asian Cricket Council chief executive Syed Ashraf Huj.

"It's a great team effort to become Asian junior champions," said Rayudu.

"We are pleased to have won the tournament in Pakistan and would tell people back home that it's a fantastic place where we were looked after well."

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SERIES SALAD

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Officials of Chhattogram Jela Krira Sangsata (CJKS) are expecting nothing less than a full house crowd for the first of one-day international against England at the MA Aziz Stadium today.

CJKS opened the stadium ticket counters on Wednesday to sell around 16,000 tickets and general secretary Shahed Asgar Chowdhury was very pleased at the rush.

But the local organisers are hopeful that the holiday crowd would give a boost to the sales.

AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST

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They are also expecting to earn around Taka 12 lakh from ticket receipts.

The CJKS announced a fresh rate of tickets for the one-dayer. Tickets for pavilion have been fixed at Tk.1000. A Western gallery ticket will cost Tk.200 and it will be Tk.100 for the Eastern gallery.

The strong Barmy Army contingent have to pay in their own currency to watch the match. Each English supporter will have to pay 30 pounds to have a seat in the pavilion and 10 pounds to the western gallery.

THE DRIVERS

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Golf green for Harare Test!

AFP, Harare

A freak accident has delayed the start of the third day of play in the first of two cricket Test matches here between Zimbabwe and the West Indies.

While Zimbabwe were practising their fielding close to the batting strip, a jetlag after making a troublesome journey from Lahore.

The driver of a heavy roller could not stop in time and the ball was rammed into the wicket, up to half its circumference, or about three centimetres.

As bad luck would have it, the ball became embedded on a good length on one end.

The umpires, match referee, the two captains, Heath Streak and Brian Lara together with ground staff spent half an hour discussing what to do about it.

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Showtime for local boy

SHAHIDUL ISLAM, Chittagong

Nafees Iqbal was a late arrival here yesterday. But the local boy showed little signs of jetlag after making a troublesome journey from Lahore.

Nafees, who led Bangladesh Under-19 team in the unsuccessful quadrangular tournament in Pakistan, was summoned by the selectors to feature in the series against England.

Arriving at noon the 19-year-old exciting opener joined the team and was relishing the prospect of making his one-day international debut in his backyard today.

If Nafees plays then it will mean the poor city dwellers will have plenty to cheer about since he will be the first player from the region to represent the national team after his

uncle and former Bangladesh captain Akram Khan played here seven months ago.

Chittagong, which boasts a rich

heritage of producing some of the finest players, is ready to greet the talented cricketer amid warmth, rejoice and cheers.

The youngster, who was bullish in his estimation of the England spin attack during a recent practice match in which he scored a brilliant hundred, is raring to repeat his heroics at the MA Aziz Stadium.

"I don't know whether I will be in the final eleven. Yet, being in the list of 14, I am obviously feeling very good," he said after landing at the Shah Amanat International Airport yesterday noon.

The right-handed opener said that attack was his greatest strength and given the chance he would definitely play his natural game.

"I love stroking the ball fluently

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PHOTO: AFP



PHOTO: AFP

Arambagh, Wanderers through to 2nd round

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Arambagh Krira Sangha and Dhaka Wanderers Club moved into the second round of the Tibet 19th Federation Cup Football Tournament after winning their respective Group A semifinals through tiebreakers at different city venues yesterday.

Arambagh, who lifted the recently held one-day football title, overcame a big hurdle by defeating Bangladesh Army (4-2) in the shoot out after the regulation 90 minutes failed to separate the two teams at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium in Mirpur.

The army men, who stunned local soccer arena by eliminating big-spending pre-tournament favourites

Brothers Union Club from the tournament with a 1-0 win on Tuesday, played better football than the Arambagh outfit.

Although they missed the services of inform striker Riton Biswas, who went off the field in the 20th minute with a knee injury, the soldiers gave the Arambagh players a tough time by creating couple of scoring chances before eventually losing in the shoot out.

Midfielder Rashid spoiled the first opportunity when he got the ball inside the danger area with only Arambagh custodian Tareq to beat. But he failed to keep his cool and shot the ball over the crosspiece.

Nasir of Army got yet another close chance at the stroke of the breather, but he hit the near post

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