



## Did U Know?

Saeed Anwar of Pakistan holds the record for the highest score by any batsman in a one-day match. He scored 194 against India in the Independence Cup at Chennai in 1997.



**Ricky Ponting**  
(Australia one-day captain)  
"The opponent doesn't matter for us in the final and we are not bothered about it. It is important we keep on playing well."  
About the TVS Cup final.



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## Selection chess

**SPORTS REPORTER**  
Fifteen players jointly led the table with maximum three points each after the end of the third round games in the Metropolis Selection Chess tournament at the NSC yesterday. They are: Alam, Kajol, Russell, Sumon, Aamir, Afjal, Ali, Siddique, Mithu, Hanif, Emam, Zia, Dostagir, Shahid and Kamal. In this round Alam beat Shahjada, Kazal beat Ratan, Rashel beat Uten, Sumon beat Kamrul, Amir beat Sumon, Afjal beat Sazzad, Ali beat Tarif, Siddique beat Sanatan, Mithu beat Alamgir, Hanif beat Ajmal, Imam beat Pintu, Zia beat Tarun, Dostagir beat Murad, Shahid beat Masud and Kamal beat Younus.

# Same old story

**SPORTS REPORTER**



After another obnoxious batting display, Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore conceded that there could be a communication problem between him and his charges.

The Tigers had promised to put their shoddy show in Chittagong behind them but ended up doing even worse at the Bangabandhu National Stadium as they were shot out for 135, something which even the usually impassive Whatmore found hard to swallow.

"May be some people did not really understand what I meant," said the 49-year old coach during the post match briefing.

To the question whether anything changed between Chittagong and Dhaka, Whatmore's answer was blunt and witty.

"In Chittagong we lost five wickets in between 10 to 20 overs but in Dhaka, we lost the wickets in the first ten overs. May be it was the only

difference." Bangladesh skipper Khaled Mahmud was searching for words to explain the horrendous top-order collapse which saw four wickets going down for seven runs.

"It's really difficult to explain such a situation, but again that can not be an excuse for another poor show.

"Definitely I'm upset. We need to sit again and discuss what's wrong with us," said Mahmud who for the second match running, bore the brunt of the home fans' wrath.

"There will always be pressure when you play at home. The crowd was shouting even when I was going for the toss. That kind of reaction from the supporters is very painful. It hurts a lot," said a pensive Mahmud.

Mahmud said it was all over for his team with those fall of wickets inside ten overs.

"Cricket is a game of runs and once we failed to put on a decent total we knew the match was lost. It's tough because when you lose that many wickets in no time, it becomes very

difficult to post a fighting total." But the Bangladesh captain believed that all the gloom could be cleared with one confident performance.

"This streak of bad form won't last if we can perform to our potential. That's the main target. We got to put some runs on the board," said Mahmud.

Mahmud felt that the physical presence of England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff was something that his side was finding difficult to counter.

"Flintoff hits the ball very hard. He is a very good striker of the ball and he has taken the game away from us both here and in Chittagong."

Mahmud justified the omission of veteran batsman Habibul Bashar.

"He (Bashar) is not performing in the one-day game. That's why we thought of introducing Moniruzzaman while giving him a rest. But Monir also didn't click today."

# Nakib bails MSC out

**Football**

**SPORTS REPORTER**

An 82nd minute goal by aging warrior Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib gave defending champions Moha-mmedan Sporting Club a less than impressive 1-0 victory over Dhaka Wanderers Club in the Tibet Federation Cup Football Tournament final round at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Wanderers bravely held out their Motijheel neighbours before Nakib salvaged the black and whites with a deft finish with eight minutes to go.

The victory was a boost for an all-local Mohammedan, who are awaiting the arrival of the International Transfer Certificate (ITC) of their five Cameroon booters to recover the losses they suffered in the transfer market.

Coming on as a second-half substitute Nakib showed that he had not lost any of his scoring ability at the fag end of

his career. He was in the right place at the right time when a mistimed volley by Khokon Das flew to his feet and he did not waste a second to slam it into the net.

The game also saw the return of a fit Amin Rana. The talented forward from BKSP whose has been dodged by injuries throughout his career looked comfortable in his first game for his new club.

But despite the solid performance by Rana it hardly reassured the fans ahead of what promises to be tough battle ahead. Moha-mmedan is understandably feeling like a mediocre team in the aftermath of Brothers Union's sensational swoop in the inter-club footballer's transfer.

Wanderers set out to play for a draw against their mighty opponents. The strategy was to attack on the break through the striking pair of Hanif and Yousuf. But the Mohammedan defence led by experienced campaigner Jewel Rana made sure no damage done like what happened to Brothers against

Bangladesh Army in the first round. Wanderers got their only scoring chance 10 minutes after the break when Hanif drove a fierce right-footer that was brilliantly saved by Mohammedan custodian Milton.

Yellow cards: Manju and Bakhtiar (Mohammedan), Selim and Williams (Wanderers).

**TEAMS**  
MOHAMMEDAN: Milton, Shuvro, Jewel, Faisal, Bakhtiar (Nakib), Manju, Farhad, Parvez (Raju), Amin Rana, Anwar and Pappu.  
Wanderers Club: Himu, Shipon (Jamal), Shaheen, Dulal, Yousuf Khan, Jahangir, Hanif, Selim, Yousuf (Dalim), Monir and Williams (Ashraf).  
Referee: Ramkrishna Goshi.

**SAMBA SILVA SHINES FOR SK. RUSSEL**  
In the other match of the day at the  
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Mushfiqur Rahman follows through on a sweep on way to scoring a patient 22 against England in the day-night second one-day international at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

# Biman fly into last four

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Defending champions Bangladesh Biman moved into the semifinals of the Emirates 27th National Cricket Championship with a comfortable seven-wicket victory over Bogra at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

A 67-run knock by national opener Javed Omar steered the star-studded national flag carrier reach 177 runs for three wickets in 44.3 overs in reply to Bogra's 171 all out in stipulated 50 overs.

Batting at number three, Javed played 125 balls and smashed eight boundaries.

National discard Mohammad Ashraf was the other notable scorer making 37 runs off 63 balls with three fours and a six while Sanwar Hossain added an unbeaten 34 off 49 deliveries hitting three boundaries.

Earlier, Bogra managed 171 before being all out after they were  
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# SERIES SALAD

**HASAN MASOOD**



It is difficult to understand what goes through the crowd's mind. Why is that? Well, when the team does well it is one story and quite another thing when the team goes through a rough patch. The loyal fans supporting the Bangladesh Tigers are definitely at their wit's end seeing the state of the team.

It was amazing to see a full house even after the bashing they received in Chittagong. The atmosphere was electrifying inside the big bowl. People of all ages thronged the Bangabandhu National Stadium from morning and only half managed to get in. But the lucky few were stunned as wickets tumbled before they could even take their seats.

The devastated home fans instead of cheering started jeering when the top four batsmen returned to the dressing room. It was a case of shat-

tered dreams for players and fans alike as the scoreboard read 4-7.

But the cricket-mad supporters never abandoned their heroes because they continued to beat drums, waved flags and enjoyed every run even after the carnage.

They were full of life after half an hour when Rajin Saleh and Mushfiqur Rahman picked up the pieces. Believe it or not the whole stadium exploded even the home team reached the 50 mark in 25.3 overs.

**SHAHIM STAKES CLAIM**  
Bangladesh's first cricket captain Shahim Kabir was shocked at the top order's submission that prompted him to say that he should pad up and show how to deal with the new ball.

The disgruntled 62-year-old claimed that he was still good enough then the current Bangladesh top order. "Look man, you need to remain standing in the first ten overs. Don't play shots unless you have to. But to me it seems they are too hungry to play

shots. That's ridiculous," said Kabir before storming out of the stadium half way through first session.

Kabir led Bangladesh in their first international match against MCC in 1977. Talking to a group of reporters at the hospitality box a visibly dejected former opening batsman said that he was still keeping fit playing tennis at his age. And jokingly said that with a little practice with the willow he could still bat better than what the current Bangladesh batsmen were doing these days.

**THIRD TIME LUCKY!**  
Channel-i, a private TV channel, sponsored the gold coin that was used for the toss in the second one-day international between Bangladesh and England at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. The leading satellite channel purchased the commemorative gold  
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# Mani in city

**Cricket**

**SPORTS REPORTER**

International Cricket Council (ICC) president Ehsan Mani arrived in the capital yesterday morning on a five-day official visit to Bangladesh.

Accompanied by ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed, Mani was received by Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Ali Asghar and other senior officials at the Zia International Airport.

Speaking on arrival at the airport, the ICC boss said that he was quite pleased with the progress Bangladesh were making in the international cricket.

"People play cricket here in the streets and every corner. So, there is no reason why Bangladesh would not come up," he said.

The bearded England-based chartered accountant, who took over the hot seat last June, will unveil the logo of the

ICC Under-19 World Cup at a city hotel this evening. The 16-nation tournament will be held in Bangladesh from February-March next year.

The 58-year-old is remembered for casting a very critical eye on the Test newcomers after taking over from Australian Malcolm Gray. He went on record saying that Test status was given to Bangladesh a bit too early. But now he wants to forget that.

"It was said in the past. We should now talk about how Bangladesh is doing and to me they doing pretty well," he said.

Mani said that the ICC is keen to raise the profile of Bangladesh cricket and so he would discuss with BCB officials on Tuesday how the world body can help.

Mani met State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman and visited the Bangabandhu National Stadium to watch the second one-day international between Bangladesh and England.

# PCB props up preps

**Ganguly relishing the prospect**

**Cricket**

**AFP/BBC, undated**

Pakistani cricket authorities have accelerated preparations for a dead-lock-breaking home series against rival India early next year, an official said Monday.

"We have sped up our preparations and hopefully all the things will start to shape up by next month," Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief executive Rameez Raja told AFP.

Rameez was speaking a day after Indian cricket chief Jagmohan Dalmiya announced the first full tour to Pakistan in nearly 15 years would take place in March/April.

"We ... hope that in the coming spring we erase our losses in the last two years due to less cricket on home

grounds," said Raja, who captained a Pakistani tour of India in 1997. India and Pakistan have pledged to revive sporting links under confidence-building measures in a bid to normalise their relationship after coming close to war last year.

Pakistan has already proposed three Tests and seven one-day internationals with India, and is awaiting final approval from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

"Since it's a very high profile series we need immaculate planning and have already received letters of intents from four Indian companies for title and co-sponsorship of the series," said the PCB official.

"We need to strike a balance of Pakistan and Indian companies and hope that the series proves a financial bonanza for both the countries."  
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# BD-ENG SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the day-night second one-day international between Bangladesh and England at Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday:

BANGLADESH	R	B	4	6
Hannan Sarker c Paul Collingwood b James Anderson	0	7	0	0
Nafees Iqbal c Chris Read b Richard Johnson	4	20	0	0
Moniruzzaman c Chris Read b James Anderson	0	6	0	0
Rajin Saleh c Ashley Giles b Rikki Clarke	37	77	5	0
Alok Kapali c Chris Read b Richard Johnson	2	3	0	0
Mushfiqur Rahman b Richard Johnson	22	93	1	0
Khaled Mahmud lbw b Ashley Giles	4	15	0	0
Khaled Mashud c Chris Read b Andrew Flintoff	4	9	0	0
Manjarul Islam run out (Solanki/Anderson)	8	25	1	0
Mohammad Rafique not out	27	33	4	0
Tapash Baisya not out	12	13	2	0
Extras: (b-5, lb-1, w-7, nb-1)	14			
Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs)	134			

Fall of wickets: 1-1 (Hannan), 2-3 (Monir), 3-5 (Nafees), 4-7 (Kapali), 5-60 (Saleh), 6-69 (Mahmud), 7-77 (Mashud), 8-80 (Mushfiq), 9-112 (Manjarul)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
James Anderson	10	4	17	2
Richard Johnson	10	0	22	3
Andrew Flintoff	10	2	17	1
Rikki Clarke	10	3	35	1
Ashley Giles	9	2	32	1
Ian Blackwell	1	0	5	0
<b>ENGLAND (target: 135 runs from 50 overs)</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>

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# India closer to realising pay contracts

**CRICINFO, undated**

The player contracts that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has been working on for so long now might finally get implemented.

One of the clauses, that cut 50 per cent of the players' match fees if they lost to a weaker side, has been removed, and they will now get bonuses for victory, but no pay cuts for defeat.

Ratnakar Shetty, the joint secretary of the BCCI, told that the contracts have already been sent to the senior players who were leading the negotiations Sachin Tendulkar, Saurav Ganguly, Rahul Dravid and Anil Kumble.

"The players' lawyer will evaluate the clauses and get back to the board soon," Shetty said. "We are on target for implementing the contracts before the team leaves for Australia."  
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ICC president Ehsan Mani (3rd from R) and chief executive officer Malcolm Speed (4th from R), who came here on a five-day visit, on their arrival at the Sheraton Hotel yesterday.

# Moin back in Pak fold

**REUTERS, Karachi**

Former captain and wicketkeeper Moin Khan has been added to Pakistan's squad for the one-day series against New Zealand later this month, officials said Monday.

Moin was added to the list of 22 players for the five-match series after the chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board, Tauqir Zia, stepped in to defuse a row between coach Javed Miandad and chief selector Aamir Sohail.

The dispute flared up after Sohail announced the pool of players last Friday without consulting the Pakistan captain Inzamamul Haq or coach and even some of his fellow selectors.

The squad did not include wicketkeeper Moin, and equally experienced Rashid Latif, who played in the two Tests against South Africa, or former skipper Rashid Latif and had just one keeper, Kamran Akmal, for the series.  
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