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The first full soccer international played between non-British sides took place in 1902 at Vienna when Austria beat Hungary 5-1



### Talk Turkey



### Malcolm Speed


(ICC chief executive)  
"Over recent years cricket has come a long way in tackling the evils of corruption but it can never relax and become complacent."



### What to Watch

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India vs Zimbabwe  
Tri-Series, Sixth ODI  
Live at 9:15 am  
Football Focus  
Live at 6:30 pm  
Sportscentre Hindi  
Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
STAR Sports  
Australian Open  
Men's/ Women's First Rd  
Live at 6:00 am  
South Africa vs West Indies  
Fourth Test, Day Five  
Live at 2:27 pm  
Sportsline Tonight  
Sport News  
Live at 9:30 pm



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1. Who won the 25th National Championship title?	C h i e s
2. Who lifted the Hopman Cup tennis title?	A u s t r a l i a
3. Steve Waugh has played how many Test matches?	132 168 200
4. David Seaman quit football at the age of?	38 40 42
5. Who will lead Bangladesh's ICC Under-19 World Cup team?	

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### StanChart school cricket starts today

UNB, Dhaka

The Standard Chartered 22nd National School Cricket Championship for Dhaka Metropolis begins today at four different city venues.

Some 112 schools of Dhaka Metropolis, split into eight groups, will take part in the knockout basis meet.

State Minister for Youth and Sports M Fazlur Rahman will inaugurate the match between Loretto School and Motijheel Ideal School and College, one of the four opening day's matches, at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

Meanwhile, a total of 1016 schools of 56 districts are participating in the division basis knockout meet.

# Board open to captaincy

**SPORTS REPORTER**

The ongoing speculations about who would lead Bangladesh during their coming away series against Zimbabwe was given a fresh twist when the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) decided to come out of its usual policy of selecting a captain.

The Board also dismissed the two-captain suggestion terming it a 'luxury' for a country like Bangladesh.

Chairman of the BCB media committee Reazuddin Al Mamun told reporters after coming out of an advisory committee meeting yesterday, that the Board would wait until the four-member selection panel had named the final squad before choosing a captain. In the past, the captain had been picked much ahead of the selection of the rest of the team.

"We will announce the captain's name on Friday after the selectors have submitted their list to the Board on Thursday," said Mamun.

Chief selector Faruque Ahmed, who is now in Pakistan observing the performance of the Bangladesh A team, is scheduled to return home today. He is expected to meet his fellow selectors Athar Ali Khan, Golam Nowsheer and Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore over the next couple of days to finalise the side for Zimbabwe.

Whatmore is a staunch believer in selecting the skipper from a final list of players and the Board also thought that it was about time that it shed the method of making the captain an automatic choice.

"We decided to break the convention as a show of respect to the selectors' desire," Mamun explained.

Mamun also ruled out any possibility of selecting separate captains for Tests and One-dayers.

There have been heated debates in the media and elsewhere regarding the possibility after news leaked out that the selection committee had suggested likewise to the board.

"The question was raised in the board meeting but not for discussion because we don't believe we have options for such luxury. I can assure you that only one person will lead the team in the coming series," said Mamun who is also an advisor of the BCB.

Some leading dailies carried out reports speculating that country's top batsman Habibul Bashar was destined to take over the Test captaincy while present skipper Khaled Mahmud will be in charge of the one-day side.

"It was unfortunate that such reports came out in newspapers at a time when the national cricketers were preparing for a major tour," added Mamun.

# Hookes' violent death

**REUTERS/AFP, Melbourne**

Former Australia batsman David Hookes died in hospital on Monday after suffering serious head injuries in an assault outside a Melbourne hotel, Hookes' family said.

"We the family of cricketer David Hookes wish to inform David's many friends, family members and fans that he passed away today at the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne," Hookes' brother Terry Cranagh said.

"David had been celebrating Victoria's cricketing win over South Australia with friends at the Beaconsfield Hotel before the incident occurred," a visibly upset Cranagh said.

"We trust that the police will conduct a full investigation into the cause of the incident and that the justice process will provide us with some insight into what occurred," he read from a statement at the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne.

Hookes was the coach of the Victoria state side.

The 48-year-old Hookes, a swashbuckling batsman who played 23 Tests for Australia from 1976-77 to 1985-86, had been taken to hospital after the assault late on Sunday.

Paramedics gave Hookes cardiopulmonary resuscitation for about 30 minutes at the scene of the assault, outside a hotel in the bayside suburb of St Kilda. He never regained consciousness.

He was rushed to intensive care. He was in a coma for a while but eventually his family took the agonising decision to switch off the machine at 7pm local time (0800 GMT).

Witnesses alleged Hookes was struck by one of a group of security staff who had followed him after he left the hotel at the corner of Beaconsfield Parade and Cowderoy Street about 11.30pm. He fell heavily on the bitumen, suffering massive head injuries and cardiac arrest.

DAVID HOOKES

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# Aussies mourn

**AFP, Melbourne**

Waugh's successor Ricky Ponting said it was "terribly sad news".

"Sitting with the guys at the airport this morning everyone was in a state of shock and no one could believe what happened," Ponting said at Sydney Airport after Sunday's loss to India in an international one-dayer in Brisbane.

"It's hit everyone pretty hard, all we can do as a team is say our hearts go out to David, his family and his friends and everyone involved with cricket in Victoria and South Australia, let them know we are thinking of them and that our best wishes go out to them."

Test selector and former captain Allan Border described his friend as a "larger-than-life character".

The group remained at Cricket

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# Int'l junior tennis Roy salvages local hopes

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Amol Roy stole the limelight on the second day of the Sheltech Group 3 Bangladesh International Junior Tennis Championship at the Ramna National Tennis Complex yesterday.

Amol, one of the four wild card entrants for the hosts in the boys' section, crossed the first round barrier with a 2-1 set victory over Indian Anshuman Dutta. While Amol advanced, the other three local boys predictably crashed out with putting up little or no resistance.

Amol came from behind to win the exciting three-setter 4-6, 7-6, 6-1. He will take on another Indian Navdeep Singh in the next round.

Great Britain's Farris Khatib, who won the Rajshahi leg boys' singles title last week, got off to a sound start in his pursuit for a double with a 6-0, 7-5 victory against Peerapanch Tupwan of Thailand.

Australian youngster Myles Blake also scored a straight 6-0, 6-2 win over Baygulov Tagat of Uzbekistan. He will take on Andrei Poltynye of Russia in the next round.

Chris Eaton of Great Britain set up a second round clash with India Rupesh Roy after defeating Bangladesh's Murad Hossain 6-1, 6-1. Rupesh scored a convincing 6-1, 6-2 win against South Korea's Yun HyungSeol.

Australian Myles Blake plays backhand against Baygulov Tagat of Uzbekistan on the second day of the Sheltech Group 3 Bangladesh International Junior Tennis Championship at the Ramna National Tennis Complex yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

# One-game ban for Jewel Mohammedan penalised

**SPORTS REPORTER**

The Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC) yesterday awarded Muktiyoddha Sangsad Kriira Chakra full three points and declared them 2-0 winners from the unfinished Western Union Premier Division Football League match against Mohammedan Sporting Club on January 15.

The organizers of Dhaka football also deducted one point from Mohammedan's account after the Black and Whites refused to play the last six minutes demanding cancellation of Muktiyoddha's equaliser at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

Mohammedan captain Jewel Rana was also received a one-match ban for pushing and shoving the match officials while leading the protest. The veteran defender will now miss the crucial final first leg match encounter with bitter rivals Abahani tomorrow.

The bold decision of DMFLC was in keeping with the recommendation made by the league's disciplinary committee on Saturday.

It was learnt that representatives from 26 Dhaka clubs attended the league committee meeting yesterday and 24 of them supported the disciplinary action against the Motijheel giants. Representatives of Mohammedan and Mohakhali Prodig Sangha walked out of the meeting.

Although the ruling was always on the cards, it still came as a big blow for Mohammedan. They are now lying behind Arambagh in the fifth position in the ten-team championship with 12 points from eight games.

Muktiyoddha on the other hand joined Brothers Union at the top on 18 points at the end of their first phase campaign. Brothers however played one match less.

# Kaba comforts Arambagh

**SPORTS REPORTER**

A 30th-minute goal from Liberian striker Mustafa Kaba gave Arambagh Kriira Sangha a 1-nil victory over Victoria Sporting Club in the Western Union Premier Division Football League at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

The win also put Arambagh in the third position along with giants Abahani Kriira Chakra with 14 points on completion of their ninth first-leg match. Abahani however have one match in hand.

Kaba scored the all-important goal heading home a beautiful cross from compatriot Dominic Tetteh.

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## A team lose their way


**SPORTS REPORTER**

The touring Bangladesh A suffered a dramatic middle-order collapse on day one of their four-day Patron's Trophy match against Khan Research Laboratory (KRL) at the UBL ground in Karachi yesterday.

The visitors, playing their last match in the Pakistani first-class competition, were bowled out for 198 despite a fighting unbeaten half-century from Nasiruddin Farooq and two forty-plus contributions by opener Moniruzzaman (45) and Mazharul Haq (42).

19-year-old Nasiruddin scored 64 off 221 balls that included five boundaries. But the rest of second-string national side failed to carry on the good work of the top-order with the loss of 10 wickets.

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### ISPAHANI Mirzapore Tea

5th National Cricket League

**SPORTS REPORTER**

League leaders Dhaka and Sylhet took handsome first-innings' leads on the third day of their Ispahani Mirzapore Tea Fifth National Cricket League matches.

A brilliant century by Anisul Hakim also enabled Chittagong, who scored 358, to claim a valuable 73-run lead against holders Khulna.

Mehrab Hossain ended on 169 and wicketkeeper Sajjad Kadir hammered 67 runs as Dhaka amassed 374 in reply to Rajshahi's 249.

Sylhet earned a 158-run first innings' lead after bundling out Barisal for 217. However in the second innings they collapsed to 99-5.

When Rajshahi come out to bat on the final day they will require another 36 runs to wipe out the deficit at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

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### DAY'S EVENT

#### Western Union Premier Division Football League

Badda Jagarani vs Sheikh Russell KC (2:30 pm)  
Brothers Union vs Dhanmondi (4:30 pm)  
Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Mirpur

#### Nat'l Cricket League (Day-4)

Sylhet vs Barisal  
Venue: Barisal Stadium  
Khulna vs Chittagong  
Venue: Shamsul Huda Stadium, Jessore  
Dhaka vs Rajshahi  
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

#### Patron's Trophy (Day-2)

# McInnes questions coaches' standards

**Cricket**

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Bangladesh Under-19 coach Richard McInnes hit back at his critics hard by stating that the country has only three qualified coaches.

"There are only three qualified coaches in your country and they are Shahidul Alam Ratan, Nazmul Abedin Fahim and Sarwar Imran," said the Australian after the practice match between his charges and the national team at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

McInnes made the incredible remark while reacting to a group of journalists who wanted to know why the youth team performing poorly since he took over in October last year.

He also looked visibly disappointed as his boys suffered a seven-wicket defeat against the national team. It was the third consecutive defeat for the youth team and more worryingly shows that the batsmen are finding runs hard to come by.

They were bowled out for 97, seven better than what they did at the BKSP in the second practice match on Saturday.

But McInnes was quick to blame poor umpiring.

"How can you score a challenging total if umpires gave five bad decisions against you?" he said adding that his boys only had the benefit of doubt twice.

Known as a hard task master, McInnes was hired by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) in an effort to shape up the Under-19 team ahead of the ICC Under-19 World Cup to be staged here from February 15 to March 5.

But so far it has been a rough ride for the highly rated coach from the Commonwealth Bank Australian Cricket Academy.

He led the youth team to a disastrous tour of Pakistan in October where his side was outplayed in all three games that included being dismissed for only 34 runs against India.

However McInnes was least concerned about the poor of form of his boys before the mega event.

"Our main target is to play good cricket and if my boys can do so then the rest will follow."

RICHARD MCINNES

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Sajjad Kadir of Dhaka pulls during his knock of 67 against Rajshahi on the third day of their National Cricket League fixture at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

# Dhaka, Sylhet take control

**ISPAHANI Mirzapore Tea**  
5th National Cricket League

**SPORTS REPORTER**

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in their second innings.

Resuming on 254-5, the Dhaka grabbed a 125-run first-innings' lead after Mehrab took his overnight score of 122 to 169.

He hammered 13 fours and two sixes.

Number seven Sajjad Kadir made 67 off 172 balls with seven fours.

Rajshahi left-arm spinner Saifullah Khan took five for 113 in 39 overs.

Spinner Elias Sunny captured all three Rajshahi second-innings' wickets giving away 19 runs.

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# Sarwan, Gayle hold up SA

**Cricket**

**AFP, Centurion**

Ramnaresh Sarwan and Chris Gayle hit half-centuries as South Africa's push for victory was held up on the fourth day of the fourth and final Test against the West Indies at Centurion Park on Monday.

The West Indies were 200 for three at tea, with South Africa able to claim only one wicket on a day hit earlier by rain.

Sarwan was unbeaten on 79 and Gayle had scored 71. The West Indies needed a further 103 runs to avoid an innings defeat.

Only half an hour of play was possible before lunch as the West Indies advanced their overnight second innings total of 44 for two to 63 without further loss.

Jacques Kallis made a breakthrough when he had Shivnarine

Chanderpaul caught at backward point for 27 but Sarwan and Gayle scored freely as they added an unbeaten 101 for the fourth wicket.

Gayle, who resumed his innings after retiring hurt with a groin injury Sunday when he had 14, scored freely as he went to his second half-century of the match, while Sarwan provided solid support.

Gayle made his 71 off 80 balls with 13 fours, while Sarwan had batted for 229 minutes, faced 166 balls and hit 11 fours in his 79.

Sarwan's only moment of anxiety came when a short ball from Makhaya Ntini flew off the splice of his bat, just out of the reach of Andrew Hall at gully.

The South African bowlers were unable to sustain the pressure they exerted in the first innings, although Shaun Pollock again bowled immaculately without any luck, conceding only 25 runs in 14 overs.

All-rounder Andrew Hall bowled only two balls before pulling up, clutching his lower back. He left the field and his over was completed by skipper Graeme Smith.

South Africa lead the series 2-0.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard at tea on the fourth day of the fourth and final Test between South Africa and the West Indies at Centurion Park on Monday:

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings 604 for 6 declared (Gibbs 192, Smith 139, Kallis 130 not out; Sarwan 2-55)

**WEST INDIES:** First innings

Gayle c McKenzie b Ntini	77
Ganga c Kallis b Ntini	7
Sarwan b Ntini	13
Lara c Boucher b Nel	34
Chanderpaul c Pollock b Nel	42
Smith c Boucher b Kallis	39
Jacobs c Boucher b Nel	8
Drakes b Ntini	35
Dillon b Ntini	30
Collymore b Pollock	4