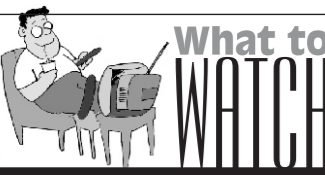




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What to Watch

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ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup
India vs New Zealand
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Repeat at 11:30 am
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Second ODI
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Sportsline
Sport News
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1. How many teams are taking part in the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup?	16	12	20
2. How many months was Shane Warne banned from cricket?	12	13	
3. Who won the Pan Pacific Open title?	Davenport	Clijsters	
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Pakistan plan pace-wise?

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan have drafted two up-and-coming pace bowlers into their training camp ahead of next month's historic Test series with India, an official said Tuesday. Pakistan Cricket Board spokesman Samiul Hasan said Mohammad Khalil and Zahid Saeed had been invited to train with the national side in order to benefit from coaching clinics given by former Test stars Imran Khan and Wasim Akram. "Khalil and Saeed have shown good form in the domestic season and since Imran Khan and Wasim Akram have agreed to give tips to fast bowlers it would be ideal for

Scotland blown away



SPORTS REPORTER

Hosts Bangladesh disposed off Scotland with clinical efficiency in their second Group C match of the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup yesterday to set up a mouthwatering last game against high-flying India on February 20.

Needing to win and win big to keep hopes of a Super League berth alive, the charges of Richard McInnes charmed the full house at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium. First they bundled out the Scots for 95 with a mixture of quality pace and spin and then raced to the target in just 12.2 overs with nine wickets intact.

It was all over in three and a half hours and the fast pace of the chase was also similar to the run rate achieved by India during their 270-run drubbing of Scotland on Monday.

Because of the loss against New Zealand in the first fixture, Bangladesh now must beat India in the final group game if they wish to qualify for the next phase.

Bangladesh skipper Ashiqur Rahman won the toss and had no hesitation to put the opponents in.

The stage was set for hometown boy Shahadat Hossain to spit fire on a wicket that had nothing for the quick bowlers. The 18-year-old again demonstrated his raw pace and shook the Scots up with a barrage of short-pitched deliveries.

Coming at first change after opening bowlers Rubayat Haq and Nazmul Hossain had sent back the first three batsmen, Shahadat claimed three more in a sharp eight-over spell giving away 27 runs.

His effect was infectious as the crowd roared him on every time he started his long run up.

Only Scotland captain Kyle Coetzer rescued his team from complete embarrassment. Coetzer's who was also his team's main scorer against India with 65, hit a fluent 42 (63 balls, 6 fours) - the only double-figure score in their innings with 22 extras proving the next best.

It was Test spinner and man-of-the-match Enamul Haque who ended Coetzer's resistance by going through his defences. Left-arm Enamul then ran through the tail to finish with four for 21 as Scotland were all-out in 30.2 overs.

Bangladesh lost opener Nazimuddin in the first over for a duck but Naem Islam joined Nafees Iqbal to launch a brilliant attack on the minnows.

Naem hit a rapid 49 not out off 38 balls with nine hits to the fence

while Nafees also entertained the local crowd by clubbing six boundaries in his unbeaten 35-ball 39.

Coach McInnes was guarded in his reaction to the emphatic victory.

"The pacers conceded too many extras which I wouldn't like to see in the last match. Indian batting is very strong and that's why we should bowl much better against them," said McInnes.

The Australia however said that his boys could be a match for any team if they play at their full potential.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecards of the four preliminary ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup matches at different venues yesterday:

Bangladesh vs Scotland	
Venue: Fatullah Cricket Stadium	
SCOTLAND	
Young c Ghosh b Rubaiyat	9
Iqbal b Nazmul	4
Cannon c Dhiman b Rubaiyat	0
Coetzer b Enamul Jr	42
Hussain c Ashiqur b Shahadat	5
Farid c Nazimuddin b Shahadat	2
Brand c Naem b Shahadat	0
Lyons c Dhiman b Enamul Jr	7
Goudie c b Enamul Jr	0
Farooq not out	2
Anderson c Nafis b Enamul Jr	2

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TIMBER: Kyle Coetzer of Scotland is castled by Enamul Haque of Bangladesh during their ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

No derby at all

SPORTS REPORTER

While Abahani will look for a repeat act Mohammedan will desperately pray for a rare smile in a season that has gone totally haywire when two perennial rivals meet for the second time in the Western Union Premier Division Football League today.

The match kicks off at 5pm at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

A victory for Abahani will keep them in the title race. Mohammedan on the other hand will consider the game as a way getting revenge rather than anything to do with the title chase.

The Black and Whites are dead and buried after dropping many points in the first round including 2-1 to their bitter rivals. Holders Mohammedan have only 14 points against Abahani's 21 going their 12th league game. Runaway leaders Brothers Union have 30 points from 12 games.

"I think it's very tough for us to get back into the title race at this stage. We will try our best to repeat the first round result which will appease our supporters," said Abahani manager Monem Munna.

But the former national defender was however worried with fitness of his squad.

"My main concern is our lack of fitness and lack of goals by our strikers," he added.

Mohammedan coach Abul Hossain had little to say.

"We just want to win this match so that we can salvage our pride," said Abul who's team made more headlines off the pitch than on it.

Vics now hold Muktis

SPORTS REPORTER

The Western Union Premier Football League returned to the ground yesterday after a seven-day break. But it did not bring any luck for Muktijodha Sangsad Krira Chakra against their first-leg nemesis Victoria Sporting Club at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.

The match ended in a goalless draw. However, it could have been worse for the Reds had referee Abdul Hannan not ruled out two appeals for penalty from Victoria, who won the first-leg battle against the National League and Federation Cup champions by a solitary goal.

Muktijodha, who returned home last week after losing the away game of the AFC Cup against Nish Club in Turkmenistan, were completely out of depth against Victoria who ran over their fancied opponents right from the word go.

The only chance Muktijodha got in match was in the 28th minute when striker Kanchan headed the ball against the side bar. The rest of the story belonged to a relegation-threatened Victoria.

The lightweight Motijheel outfit appeared in unison when Muktijodha defender Prodeep intentionally handled a goal-bound shot from Nigerian forward Dole in the 63rd minute. But Hannan mysteriously missed it.

Dole fired another sudden right-footer in the first-half that Muktijodha and national custodian

Aminul brilliantly fisted away for a corner. Aminul came to his side's rescue again when he dived to clear a Mozes, another Nigerian in the Victoria line up, pile-drive from the edge of the box.

The result was a blow for the Reds, who are chasing an elusive Grand Slam. They have now

dropped five points behind Brothers Union, who are leading the table with 25 points from 12 games.

But for Victoria it was a priceless point that raised their tally to 11 from 12 games and that could eventually prove vital to avoid a demotion from the Premier League.

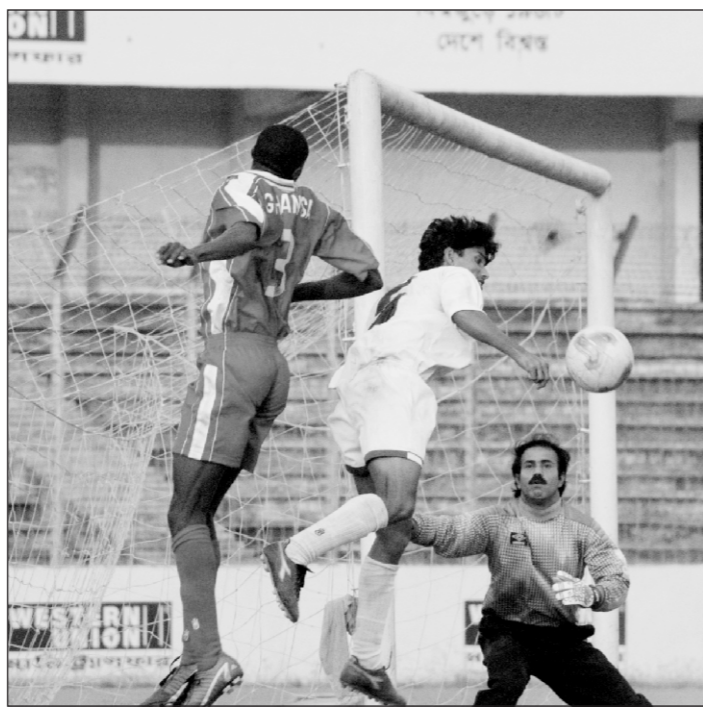


PHOTO: STAR

A rare Muktijodha attack on the Victoria post during their Western Union Premier Division Football League encounter at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Kiwis led by captain



A magnificent century by New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming carried his side to a five-wicket win over South Africa in the one-day international here Tuesday.

It was a personal triumph for Fleming as he scored his second century in three one-day matches against the Proteas, and in the process became the first New Zealander to pass 6,000 runs in one-day internationals.

In a match where the toss was not crucial South African skipper Graeme Smith batted by choice and Fleming would have bowled had the coin fallen his way South Africa rose from a shaky start to post 253 for eight.

New Zealand reached the target with a towering six by all-rounder Chris Cairns on the first ball of the 46th over.

It was an impressive turn around by New Zealand to level the six-match series 1-1 after they were outplayed in the first match of the series in Auckland on Friday.

"When you beat a good side like South Africa you should be excited," said Fleming, who took the man of the match award.

"I was delighted to be the major player in the batting phase, but disappointed not to be there at the end."

Fleming's knock of 108 from 115 balls including 10 fours and two sixes came to an end in the 42nd

over when he was caught by Andre Nel off the bowling of Makhyana Ntini to break a match-winning partnership with Craig McMillan.

The pair put on 102 in 98 balls in what was effectively the difference between the two sides in the day-night match played in chilly conditions.

McMillan, coming back into form, was unbeaten on 71 at the end.

New Zealand started their run chase at a brisk pace but with wickets falling at regular intervals, going from one for eight in the second over

to three for 66 in the 12th.

Scott Styris helped stabilise proceedings sharing in a 58-run stand with Fleming before his dismissal brought McMillan into the fray and the South African attack was torn apart.

In particular they targeted the experienced bowler Shaun Pollock who was driven out of the attack after eight overs having conceded 4

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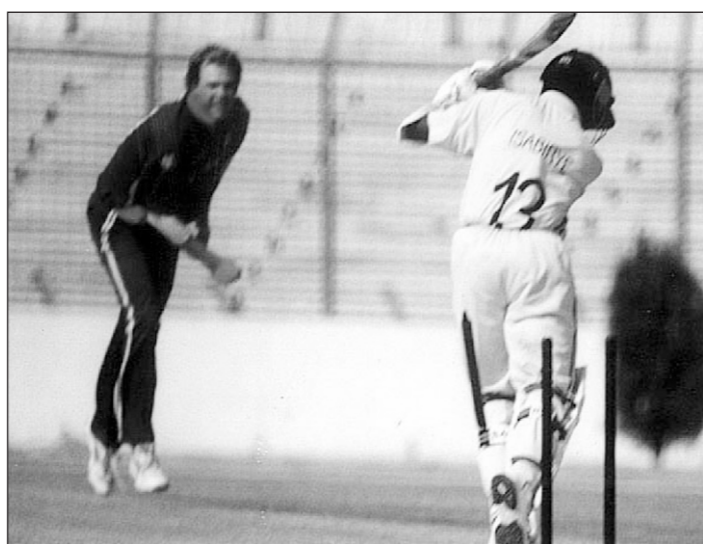


PHOTO: ZOBAER HOSSAIN SIKDER

England Under-19's David Stiff uproots the middle stump of Uganda's Fred Isabirye during their ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

Khulna Stadium impresses Mani

QUAZI AMANULLAH, Khulna

International Cricket Council president Ehsan Mani expressed his satisfaction with the facilities at the Khulna Divisional Stadium while watching Pakistan and Ireland battle in the youth World Cup yesterday.

"It is really wonderful and I'm very delighted to see such a fine venue hosting an international match," he said of the venue recently renamed the Bir Shreshtha Shaheed Matiur Rahman Stadium.

Mani, who arrived here on Sunday night to see the Group D fixture, was accompanied by Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Ali Asghar and the Board's cricket committee chairman Mahubb Anam.

The ICC chief also visited the local hotels where all the Under-19 players were staying. Mani took time out to go on a trip to the world

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Sher-e-Bangla, Loretto move



SPORTS REPORTER

Loretto and Sher-e-Bangla Ideal moved into

the second round in Dhaka Zone of the Standard Chartered 22nd National School Cricket Championship by winning their respective group finals yesterday at different city venues.

Loretto became group champions with an emphatic eight-wicket victory over Nawabpur Government High at the Dhaka Residential Model School ground while 95 by Asad helped Sher-e-Bangla Ideal edge past Badda Alatumnesha High by two wickets at the Uttara Police Lines ground.

In other matches, Nishad hammered 108 as National Bangla High

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ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup	
India vs New Zealand (9:00 am)	Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium
South Africa vs Nepal (9:00 am)	Venue: Chittagong Divisional Stadium
Australia vs Zimbabwe (9:00 am)	Venue: Shaheed Chandu Stadium, Bogra
West Indies vs Papua New Guinea (9:00 am)	Venue: Khulna Divisional Stadium
Western Union Premier Division Football League	
Sheikh Russell KC vs Arambagh KS (3:00 pm)	
Abahani vs Mohammedan (5:00 pm)	
Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Mirpur	

Business as usual



SPORTS REPORTER

On a day of lopsided contests England, Sri Lanka and Pakistan yesterday all earned second consecutive victories in the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup at different venues in the country.

Former champions England crushed Uganda by 213 runs at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong. Sri Lanka cantered to a nine-wicket victory over another minnow Canada at the Rajshahi Divisional Stadium and Pakistan made short of Ireland winning by eight wickets in Khulna.

ENGLAND V UGANDA

Half-centuries by Luke Wright and Samit Patel propelled the English boys to make 259-7 in 50 overs after being put in on a placid wicket at Bangladesh's second Test venue.

Wright slammed 70 while Patel made 52 off 72 balls.

The only successful Ugandan bowler was off-spinner Davis Arinaitwe who bagged three wickets

for 53 runs.

England's total proved well beyond resources of the Africans who kept losing wickets at regular intervals and eventually were bowled out for 46 in 30.4 overs.

Pace bowlers Tim Bresnan and David Stiff tore through the Ugandan line-up sharing eight wickets. However it was Bresnan that got the man-of-the-match award.

SRI LANKA V CANADA

Sri Lanka required only 16 overs to wrap up their North American opponents after dismissing them for 81 in 31.1 overs.

Right-arm medium fast bowler Chamith Kulasekara bagged five wickets giving away 27 runs in his quota of ten overs to destroy Canada.

His outstanding performance earned him a second man-of-the-match award following his batting exploits against Zimbabwe at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium.

The islanders' run chase was revolved around an aggressive 45-ball 52 by one-down Harsha Vithana.

Sri Lanka's victory leaves the Zimbabweans needing nothing less than a win against holders Australia in today's Group A clash at Bogra if they wish to stay in the hunt for a super league place.

PAKISTAN V IRELAND

There no were heroics this time from the Irish in Group D at the Khulna Divisional Stadium as Pakistan sauntered to their target in 25.2 overs.

After coming so close to upsetting West Indies on Monday, they crashed to earth scoring only 142 in 47.5 overs after being sent in.

Middle-order batsman Andrew Riddles top-scored with 35 not out.

On the other hand Pakistan leg-break bowler Mansoor Amjad with figures of 10-6-4-28 collected the man-of-the-match prize.

In reply, Pakistani opener Adnan Zaheer hit an unbeaten 64 with ten fours and a six while skipper Khalid Latif made exactly 50 off 45 balls to steer the side home.

They will meet West Indies on February 20 to decide who finish top of the group.



PHOTO: STAR

The Bangladesh U-19s took a huge inspiration from a sizeable and boisterous Fatullah Stadium crowd during their match against Scotland yesterday.

Indo-Pak schedule not yet



AFP, New Delhi

Cricket officials from India and Pakistan are set for another round of shadow boxing this week as they iron out the itinerary for next month's Test series in Pakistan.

Even though the Indian government on Saturday ended weeks of speculation by clearing the ice-breaking tour, the respective cricket boards failed to reach an agreement on where the matches should be played.

India are scheduled to play three Tests and five one-day internationals in March and April on their first full tour of Pakistan since 1989.

The bone of contention is the southern metropolis of Karachi and

home ministry, will submit a report to the government in the next two days.

"We have reservations about Karachi and Peshawar as venues for Test matches since that will involve a week's stay for the team at either place," Mathur told this news agency. "But I am sure a solution will be found."

Meanwhile, India's Deputy Prime Minister Lal Krishna Advani rubbished media reports that Indian security experts will accompany the Indian cricketers on the tour.

"I have seen reports in the media. No Indian security officials will travel with the Indian cricket team to Pakistan," Advani told reporters here.

The final itinerary for the tour

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