



Did U Know?

Americans Nancy Hogshead and Carrie Steinseifer registered the first official tie in Olympic history in the 100-meter freestyle at the 1984 Olympics. They each recorded a time of 55.92.



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- BTV**
ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup
India vs West Indies
Live at 1:30 pm
- ESPN**
Football Focus
Live at 6:30 pm
- Sportscentre**
Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm
- UEFA Champions League**
Bayern Munich vs Real Madrid
Live at 1:30 am (Wednesday)
- STAR Sports**
New Zealand vs South Africa
Fourth ODI
Live at 6:57 am
- Sportline**
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm
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Lokomotiv Moscow vs Monaco
Live at 11:00 pm
- Celta de Vigo vs Arsenal
Live at 1:30 am (Wednesday)



Talk Turkey



Shahid Afridi
(Pakistan all-rounder)
"I am delighted at being included in the camp and would do my best to get a place in the final side and perform well against India."

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 20

Tick the correct answers, Post to The Daily Star

Competition closes at 8 pm Feb 27, 2004 and draw shortly afterwards

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

Herin

4. Who won the Tokyo Marathon?

Njenga Osaki
Sebastian

Name

Class Roll No.

School Address

Phone: (If any)

Aussie pair in trouble

BBC ONLINE, undated

Australian cricketers Adam Gilchrist and Andrew Symonds face a disciplinary inquiry on dissent charges.

The two players have been summoned to attend an inquiry in Colombo following an incident in the second one-day international against Sri Lanka.



PHOTO: AFP

Bangladesh wicketkeeper-batsman Khaled Mashud sweeps one on way to scoring career-best 61 in the second innings of the first Test against Zimbabwe at Harare yesterday.

Zimbabwe zap Tigers



REUTERS/AFP, Harare

Spinner Ray Price took four wickets as Zimbabwe beat Bangladesh by 183 runs in the first Test at Harare Sports Club on Monday to record their first win for more than two years.

The left-armed finished with four for 61 as the visitors were skittled for 169 in their second innings.

The hosts eased to the win with one and a half sessions remaining on the fifth day. They were always in control but the match was decided by a devastating six overs spell of bowling late on the fourth day.

Zimbabwe seamer Andy Blignaut recorded his country's first Test hat-trick as the tourists plunged to 25-5 and 328 behind.

Zimbabwe had made 441 in the first innings with six half-centuries, led by relative newcomer Sean Ervine with 86, and also three century partnerships.

Bangladesh replied with 331, Mohammad Ashraful making a polished 98.

Ashraful was unfortunate to get a decision against him from TV umpire Ian Robinson, which gave him a four instead of a six, thus depriving him of a second century in Tests.

He then became the 200th victim in Test cricket of Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak, who later had a back

spasm and stayed most of the fourth day in the dressing room.

After Zimbabwe's second innings, which they declared at 242-8, giving an overall lead of 352, Bangladesh were faced with a next to impossible task of saving the match in 104 overs.

At least they dug deep to acquire some respectably after collapsing to 14-5 and then 25-5 on Sunday by keeping Zimbabwe at bay much longer on the final day than might have been expected.

Bangladesh have lost a record 21 Tests in a row, while it was Zimbabwe's first victory in 14 games. Their last success came against the same opponents in November 2001 in Chittagong.

Former captain Khaled Mashud, batting at eight, top-scored for Bangladesh with a fighting 61, his highest Test score which included nine fours and a six.

The visitors had resumed on 25 for five they had been 14 for five at one stage on Sunday after a hat-trick from fast bowler Andy Blignaut and Rajin Saleh and debutant Manjarul Islam batted sensibly to put on 67.

But Saleh then tried to heave left-arm spinner Price over mid-wicket and was easily stumped by wicketkeeper Tatenda Taibu for 47.

Price struck again when Manjarul top-edged a sweep to Trevor Gripper at square leg to depart for 31.

Lunch was taken when Tapash Baisya, on two, edged Price on to

his pad and into the hands of Gavin Ewing at silly mid-off.

Price had taken three for 39 from 13.1 overs in the morning.

The ninth wicket fell in the third over after lunch when Mohammad Rafique smashed a return catch to Ewing, giving the off-spinner his first Test wicket.

Number 11 Monjurul Islam and Mashud put on 46 in a last-wicket stand before the latter was stumped off Price.

Streak and Blignaut (thigh injury) did not bowl on Monday.

The second and final Test begins on Thursday in Bulawayo.

SCOREBOARD
Final scoreboard on the fifth day of the first Test between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe at the Harare Sports Club on Sunday:

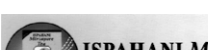
ZIMBABWE: First innings 441 all out in 160.2 overs (S Ervine 86, G Ewing 71, H Streak 68, D Ebrahim 65, T Taibu 59, S Carlisle 58; M Rafique 4-121, M Rahman 3-75, T Baisya 3-133)

BANGLADESH: First innings 331 all out in 115.4 overs (M Ashraful 98, R Saleh 49, S Hossain 48, M Rahman 44, Manjarul Islam 35; H Streak 4-44, D Hondo 3-49, A Blignaut 2-73)

ZIMBABWE: Second innings 242 for 8 declared in 64.2 overs (S Ervine 74, T Taibu 58, S Carlisle 33, A Blignaut 32, D Ebrahim 31; Manjarul Islam 2-40, M Rafique 2-62, T Baisya 2-65)

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Jahangir propels Dhaka



ISPAHANI Mirzapore Tea

5th National Cricket League

SPORTS REPORTER

Leaders Dhaka rode on a superb half-century from former national opener Jahangir Alam to launch their penultimate four-day match of the Ispahani Mirzapore Tea Fifth National Cricket League in style against hosts Barisal yesterday.

Jahangir scored 95 off 115 balls as Dhaka recovered from an early collapse to post a commanding 352-7 before declaring the innings after 87 overs. Barisal were 25-3 at stumps on the opening day.

Sylhet, who are jointly leading the table with Dhaka securing 30 points, also got off to a fine start at the Comilla Stadium when they bowled Chittagong out for 170 in 63.1 overs. They were 53-2 when balls were drawn.

Away at Rangpur, defending champions Khulna sent Rajshahi on a leather hunt. Khulna made 277-5 with opener Shafiq Alam notching highest 77 off 161 balls that featured ten boundaries.

DHAKA V BARISAL
Jahangir and acting skipper Sanwar Hossain led the Dhaka fight back after the visitors were reduced to 59-3. They put on exactly 100 for the fourth wicket before national discard Sanwar departed for 53 off 97 balls.

Jahangir fell five runs short of what would have been his only first-class hundred this season. Better known as an aggressive driver of the ball, the right-hander struck 13 boundaries and a six before being

adjudged leg before off Tariqul Islam.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Sajjad Kadir, who scored a fluent 52 off 84 balls, also involved in an enterprising 97-run stand for the undefeated eighth wicket with Arafat Sunny (43 off 72 balls) that helped the visitors to cross the 300-mark.

Ishraq Sonet was the only Barisal bowler who made any impression on a docile wicket. He took three

wickets for 55 runs in 14 overs.

SYLHET V CHITTAGONG
At Comilla, opener Masumudolla hit a half-century but that was not enough for hosts Chittagong to reach even a modest 200-mark.

Masum struck 56 off 83 balls but wickets tumbled at regular intervals

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PHOTO: STAR

DOUBLE UP: England captain Alastair Cook (L) and Samit Patel set off for a single during their ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup encounter against New Zealand at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Both Cook (108) and Patel (102) scored unbeaten centuries.

Blignaut comfort for Bangladesh

REUTERS, Harare

Zimbabwe fast bowler Andy Blignaut was ruled out of the second Test against Bangladesh on Monday.

Blignaut, who took the first Test hat-trick by a Zimbabwean on Sunday to pave the way for his team's 183-run in the first Test, has injured a thigh muscle.

"Blignaut has quite a serious problem with his quadriceps, and is out of the second Test," Zimbabwe team manager Babu Memon told Reuters.

Blignaut and captain and fast bowler Heath Streak (back spasm) did not bowl on the final day of the first Test on Monday but Streak is expected to be fit for the second and final Test starting on Thursday in Bulawayo.

Wanderers beat Badda

SPORTS REPORTER

Relegation-threatened Dhaka Wanderers registered their third victory in the Western Union Premier Division Football League with a 2-1 win against Badda Jagarani Sangsad at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

The result meant Wanderers improved their tally to 11 points from 13 matches while fellow strugglers Badda remained on five points from the same number of games.

After a barren first half, Hanif put Wanderers ahead in the 65th minute while Mojibur scored the winner four minutes later. Wahidul struck Badda's equalizer in the 67th.

Tragic!
AFP, Srinagar

A Muslim teenager was killed and four others injured in a blast that occurred while they were playing cricket at a town in northern Indian-administered Kashmir, a police spokesman said Monday.

He said the blast occurred at Tral, a highway town situated 40 kilometres (25 miles) south of the summer capital Srinagar.

Suhail Ahmed, 14, died on the spot while four other teenagers were seriously injured.

The immediate cause of the blast was not known. A local said by telephone that the boys, while playing cricket, found an explosive device and started fiddling with it.

"I have heard that the explosion took place once the boys started playing with the device they found," said Mohammed Amin by phone from Tral.

Injury snaps Shaun streak

REUTERS, Dunedin

Injured strike bowler Shaun Pollock will miss his first one-day international in four years when South Africa take on New Zealand at Carisbrook on Tuesday.

Pollock, who was sacked as captain at last year's World Cup, has played 211 in total since his debut in 1996.

Pollock strained his groin while bowling in the third match but then blasted three sixes in the final over only for South Africa to lose by five runs.

Pollock missed a one-day tournament in Australia this year due to a thumb injury sustained in December.

"I started batting in the nets two days ago. There are no problems and I feel no discomfort," Kaif told Reuters by phone from Bombay on Monday.

Kaif, a one-day specialist, averages 30.78 for 1,170 runs in 59 matches but has only played four Tests.

Kaif is remembered most for his superb 87 not out in the NatWest series final against hosts England at Lord's in 2002 which helped his

MSC-BU clash today

SPORTS REPORTER

WESTERN UNION
While Mohammedan will be looking to carry on their recent good form leaders Brothers Union can virtually confirm a maiden title when the big guns meet in the return-league fixture of the Western Union Premier Football League today.

The clash of the giants kicks off at 4pm at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

"This is still a very special one for us and we know that Mohammedan are full of confidence following two tremendous victories," said Brothers captain Alfaz Ahmed yesterday adding they would try their best to repeat the first round result.

The two teams shared points in a goalless draw at the same venue.

His Mohammedan counterpart Jewel Rana vowed to give the loyal fans something to remember despite any hopes of retaining of their coveted crown being all but over.

"Since we are under no pressure it will help us to play the kind of football we are normally capable of. Our target is to continue the recent

good run," said the former national captain.

Defending champions Mohammedan who have struggled to keep pace in this season's title race registered back-to-back wins against arch-rivals foes Abahani and second-placed Muktiyoddha Sangsad.

The Black and Whites are currently fifth with 20 points from 13 matches.

On the other hand their big-spending opponents hold a comfortable eight-point advantage over Muktiyoddha, who have 25 points from 13 matches.

PREMIER DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

Teams	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Points
Brothers Union	13	10	3	-	38	6	33
Muktiyoddha	13	7	4	2	20	8	25
Abahani	13	6	6	1	24	11	24
Sheikh Russell KC	13	6	5	2	12	6	23
Mohammedan SC	13	5	6	2	19	7	20
Arambagh KS	13	5	4	4	9	12	19
Victoria	13	3	2	8	7	22	11
Dhaka Wanderers	13	3	3	7	9	23	11
Badda Jagarani	13	1	2	10	4	24	5
Dhanmondi	13	-	3	10	11	32	3

Hat-trick: Saiful Islam Khokon (Abahani) against Dhaka Wanderers, Etigo (MSC) against Badda Jagarani, Khokon (Abahani) against Dhanmondi and Sandro (Abahani) against Dhanmondi, Victor (BU) against Victoria, Toe (Muktiyoddha) against Dhaka Wanderers, Okelo (Brothers) against Dhanmondi.

Leading goalscorers: 9 goals- Victor and Okelo (BU), 8 goals-Khokon (Abahani), Etigo (MSC), 6 goals5 goals-- Maxim (Abahani), Sandro (Abahani), 4 goals--Alfaz (Brothers Union), Kennedy (Dhanmondi), Toe (Muktiyoddha), 3 goalsFarhad (MSC), Hasan (Abahani), Kaba (Arambagh)

Canada test hosts



SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh survived a scare before defeating Canada by four wickets in their opening Plate Championship match of the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup at the Chittagong Divisional Stadium yesterday.

Having reduced the North Americans to 36-5 in the 13th over, the home side then faced stubborn

resistance from Karun Jethi and Sonam Anjaria.

Jethi smashed a whirlwind 42 off 20 balls with six fours and a six Anjaria on the other hand was happy to give him company with a 75-ball 26. They put on 70 runs for the sixth wicket before Enamul Haque Junior broke the stand.

Enamul and fellow left-arm spinner Nadif Chowdhury and opening bowlers Nazmul Hossain and Talha Jubair all took two wickets each as Canada eventually finished on 136 in 37.2 overs.

Chasing the paltry score, Bangladesh found the going tough

especially after off-spinner Shaheed Keshvani grabbed 5-29 to send shivers down the young Tigers' spin. But hometown boy Nazimuddin kept his nerve to rally the team to victory with 15 overs and four wickets in hand.

The attacking right-hander scored 27 off 30 balls with four boundaries and a six.

Bangladesh skipper Ashiqur Rahman said afterwards the victory would help them go forward and ease the pain of being eliminated at the preliminary stage.

Elsewhere, England boosted their semifinal hopes with a resounding 97-run victory over challengers New Zealand in a Super League match at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Electing to bat, the former champions thrived on centuries from captain Alistair Cook and Samit Patel to reach 306-2.

Cook who had not been among the runs in the competition so far, finally came good with a 108 not out coming off 131 deliveries. He struck eleven fours.

Patel however was more aggressive in reaching three-figures. He slammed an unbeaten 102 off just 90 balls that included 12 fours.

The young Kiwis lost wickets regularly as they attempted to overhaul a big English total before being all for 209 in 42.2 overs.

At the BKSP ground in Savar, Pakistan coasted to a nine-wicket victory over Zimbabwe in the other Super League game.

The Pakistanis after dismissing their southern African opponents cheaply for 141 in 47.4 overs, won with 20 overs to spare in what turned out to be a one-sided contest.



PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh's Naeem Islam drives one through covers during his knock of 34 against Canada in a Plate Championship game of the Under-19 World Cup at the Divisional Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

Ganguly looking forward

Kaif fit to tour Pakistan, Zaheer in doubt

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, New Delhi

Indian captain Sourav Ganguly told reporters Sunday he expected good and challenging cricket during India's first full tour of Pakistan in 15 years to start next month.

"There will be good cricket as both sides are good. It's challenging as well as the game between India and Pakistan has always been different. We are looking forward to the tour," Ganguly said.

Ganguly dismissed newspaper reports that players in the Indian team were reluctant to go to Pakistan because of security concerns.

"We will accept whatever safety and security measures the government provides us. We would like to concentrate on playing good cricket than other things," he said.

India has decided not to play Test matches in Karachi and Peshawar due to security concerns.

The sides will play five one-day internationals and three Tests between March 13 and April 17.

The neighbouring countries revived sporting links in October last year, paving the way for India's first tour to Pakistan in 15 years.

Matches between them were suspended in 2000 amid rising political tensions.

Meanwhile, Indian middle-order batsman Mohammad Kaif has been declared fit but strike bowler Zaheer Khan is a doubt for the Pakistan tour.

team surpass a huge target of 326.

Left-arm paceman Zaheer, sidelined after a hamstring injury flared up in the third Test against Australia at Melbourne at the end of last year, has also returned to action but said he was not sure if he would be fully fit.

"I'm not fully confident that I'll be able to go to Pakistan. There is a question mark," Zaheer said in Madras, where he is training under former Australian Test bowler Dennis Lillee.

"Only when I'll be able to consistently bowl flat-out from a full

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PHOTO: STAR

Fans of England and New Zealand enjoy their time at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.