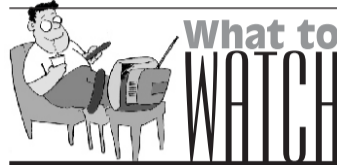




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Live at 9:00 pm

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(Australian master spinner)
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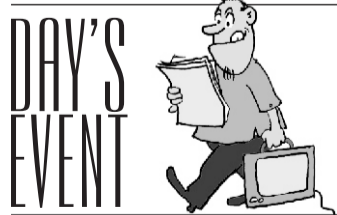
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Hayden Ponting
- Who was man of the match in the second ODI between Sri Lanka and Australia?
Havitt Fernando Federer
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Western Union Premier Football League
Mohammed vs Badda Jagarani (3:00 pm)
Abahani vs Dhanmondi (5:00 pm)
Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Mirpur
ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup Plate Championship Second Semifinal
Bangladesh vs Scotland (9:00 am)



Pakistan U-19 players celebrate the dismissal of Suresh Raina of India during their ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup semifinal at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Pakistan in final



AFP, Dhaka

Tariq Mahmood and Fawad Alam helped Pakistan to a comfortable five-wicket win over India in the semifinals of the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup here on Sunday.

The duo put on 88 for the unbroken sixth-wicket stand as they chased a modest target of 170 with ease under lights at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Pakistan now await the winners of the second semifinal between the West Indies and England to be played here on Tuesday.

Mahmood and Alam pressed home the advantage given by their bowlers, who had restricted India to 169 in 47.3 overs.

Mahmood, who also took two wickets, scored an unbeaten 45 with a six and four boundaries, while Alam made a 50-ball 43 with seven fours after their team was struggling at 83-5.

Salman Qadir contributed 24 before falling to left-arm seamer Rudra Pratap Singh, who finished with 2-25.

Earlier, India struggled against some tight bowling and lost wickets at regular intervals after electing to bat.

Opener Shikhar Dhawan failed on the big occasion after slamming three centuries in the tournament as he was caught at mid-wicket trying to pull seamer Ali Imran.

Prafal Waghela departed in the next over as the Indians were reduced to 24-2 before opener Robin Uthappa (33) and Rakesh Solanki (21) added 49 for the third wicket.

India missed the services of their skipper Ambati Rayudu, serving a one-match ban for slow over-rate in a Super League match against Sri Lanka.

Wicketkeeper Dinesh Karthik led the team.

Seamers Afridi and Ali Imran, and spinners Mahmood and Qadir bagged two wickets apiece.

The final will be played on March 5.

Scorecard of the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup Super League semifinal match between India vs Pakistan at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday:

INDIA				
Uthappa c Amjad b Qadir				33
Dhawan c Latif b Imran				8
Waghela lbw b Afridi				0
Solanki run out (Afridi)				21
Raina c Haider b Mahmood				17
Karthik c Latif b Qadir				7
S Singh b Amjad				25
Dhiman c Qadir b Mahmood				14
Sharma not out				21
Gupta b Imran				3
R Singh c Qadir b Afridi				1
Extras: (lb-6, w-9, nb-4)				19
Total: (All out in 47.3 overs)				169
Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-24, 3-73, 4-80, 5-92, 6-113, 7-135, 8-147, 9-166, 10-169.				
Bowler				
Afridi	8.3	0	31	2
Imran	9	0	38	2
Amjad	10	0	33	1
Qadir	10	0	27	2

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Rain eats up 4th day also

REUTERS, Bulawayo

The fourth day of the second Test between Zimbabwe and Bangladesh was abandoned without a ball bowled on Sunday because of rain.

Bangladesh were 88 for five in their first innings when rain forced an early close to play on the third day.

The first and second days of the match were also abandoned due to weather.

Scores: Bangladesh 88 for 5 in 37.1 overs (Shahriar Hossain 31, Hannan Sarker 25, extras 16; Sean Ervine 2-26) v Zimbabwe.

'Aggression is the key'

AFP, Lahore

Former Pakistan cricket great Imran Khan told Pakistani cricketers Sunday to be aggressive and keep up the mental pressure in next month's historic series against India.

"It's the power of the mind which will decide who wins the series," Imran told this news agency after visiting the training camp at Gaddafi Stadium here.

"With an aggressive and positive approach you can win anything and with a defensive mold, like Pakistan had in last year's World Cup, even the best of teams can flop."

With 362 Tests and 175 one-day wickets Imran, who is known as one of the four best all-rounders, hoped his advice would help spur on the home players in their show against rivals India, who are touring Pakistan after 15 years.

"You can make a weak team look strong."

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India announce Pak team today

BBC ONLINE, undated

India will announce their squad for this month's historic tour of Pakistan today after meeting in Calcutta.

The selectors have moved their conference forward by two days so that the players can participate in a three-day preparatory camp before leaving.

The camp will be held from March 7-9 and will focus on the fitness of the players after the tour of Australia.

Some of India's players will undergo tests while at their preparatory camp before flying out to Pakistan.

While the fitness of key spinner Harbhajan Singh remains the major concern, there is better news regarding paceman Zaheer Khan, who is expected to be fit after damaging his hamstring in December.

"A number of players picked up injuries during 80-day long tour of Australia," said the president of India's cricket board, Jagmohan Dalmiya.

"But our physiotherapist and doctor have stated that most of them would be fit for the tour of Pakistan."

Dalmyia added that all the players, other than Harbhajan, had submitted fitness certificates.

But he added that every single player would have to pass fitness tests in Calcutta before being named in the squad.

Russell delay Brothers' party

SPORTS REPORTER



Brother Union closed in on their maiden league title when they managed a 4-2 win against Arambagh Krira Sangha in the crucial return-leg match of the Western Union Premier Division Football League at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

But the big-spending Gopibagh outfit will have to put their party on hold until their next game against Sheikh Russell Krira Chakra on Tuesday, to ensure that one important point that will put the title issue beyond doubt.

However a resolute Russell gave a warning to Brothers after they pulled off a sensational 2-1 win against Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra in the second game of the day.

The victory opened up an outside chance for the new boys to wrest the initiative from the firm grip of Brothers provided that results of the next three games of both teams go their way.

Presently Russell, who have 29 from 15 games, are trailing Brothers by eight points. The promotees can turn the title race on its head if they beat Brothers and sail past their next two opponents Badda and Wanderers. On the other hand a defeat will leave Brothers on a nervy ride in their last two games against Abahani and Muktiyoddha.

A double strike by Moroccan forward Twaite Younes gave Russell all three points against giants Muktiyoddha.

Younes gave Russell a 32nd

minute lead with a nice header from a Nurul Islam cross. Muktiyoddha's Ghanaian recruit Ghansa grabbed an equalizer in the 73rd minute when the tall defender tapped home a Belal long throw-in.

But Younes killed Muktiyoddha's chase for a title treble a minute later when he seized on a poor back pass from Ghansa and cleverly lobbed the ball over the advancing Muktiyoddha custodian Aminul.

Brothers also struggled for their victory over Arambagh with Alfaz scoring twice and their leading marksman Victor notching one after Iqbal opened the

scoring early in the first half.

Sohel reduced the margin for Arambagh twice after the break.

Iqbal brilliantly headed home an Arman curling free-kick in the 15th minute and Russian striker Victor doubled the margin in the 32nd minute with a neat placing shot. It was Victor's 10th league goal.

But Arambagh refused give up with Sohel scoring twice in the space of 13 minutes.

Alfaz however saved Brothers' blushes netting the third goal 68th minute and stepped up to score the fourth from a penalty awarded in the 83rd minute.



STOP HIM SOMEHOW! Arambagh defender Apu (R) pulls Brothers Union's Gomez's shirt in an attempt to stop the Russian striker during their Western Union Premier Division Football League clash at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

Kiwis' maiden SA glory



REUTERS, Auckland

New Zealand clinched their first series victory over South Africa in any form of cricket when they won a thrilling fifth one-day international by two runs on Sunday.

The Kiwis took an unbeatable 4-1 lead in the six-match series after the tourists, chasing a revised target of 178 to win in 29 overs, finished on 175 for five.

"It feels great. It's a wonderful day to create history and we've done it pretty well," New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming said. "They've had the wood on us for some time."

Rain at the start of the day reduced the match to 33 overs per side and bad weather intervened again during South Africa's run chase.

Jacques Kallis and Mark Boucher needed an unlikely 28 from Kyle Mills's final over to win it for South Africa and they came agonisingly close.

Mills bowled a no-ball that was hit by Boucher over third man for six, which left a target of 20 from four deliveries.

Boucher then struck another six over mid-on before taking a single off the next ball.

That left Kallis needing to score 13 to win from the last two balls. He cracked

another six over extra cover to bring up his half-century but only managed a four off the final delivery.

Kallis (58 not out) shared an unbroken stand of 89 for the sixth wicket with Boucher (48 not out).

Earlier, New Zealand chalked up 193 for eight in 33 overs after being put in to bat by South Africa skipper Graeme Smith.

All-rounder Chris Harris, 34, back in the team for the first time since the 5-0 one-day defeat in Pakistan in December, marked his return by top-scoring with 55.

Harris, playing his 239th one-dayer for New Zealand, did his best to ensure he kept his place in the side for the final match in Napier on Tuesday by recording his 16th half-century.

He reached his fifty in spectacular fashion with a six over mid-wicket off fast bowler Makhaya Ntini.

Skipper Fleming failed for the first time in the series, caught for a duck at second slip by Kallis off Ntini's first ball of the day.

Fleming remained at the crease and was clearly upset when New Zealand umpire Doug Cowie sent him on his way. Television replays showed the ball missed his bat and hit him on the thigh pad.

Ntini was the pick of the South African attack, taking three for 47 from his seven overs.

"Congratulations to New Zealand

with their series win, but we've been outplayed in a lot of the key moments," Smith said.

"Sometimes you've got to look at yourself and you've got to be gracious and say 'you were outplayed' and we were."

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the rain-shortened first one-day international between New Zealand and South Africa at Eden Park in Auckland Sunday:

NEW ZEALAND				
Marshall b Ntini				18
Fleming c Kallis b Ntini				0
Cairns c Smith b Morkel				28
Styris c Smith b Klusener				16
McMillan b Klusener				7
Oram run out				22
Harris c and b Pollock				55
McCullum b Ntini				11
Vettori not out				19
Mills not out				5
Extras: (b-1, lb-5, nb-4, w-2)				12
Total: (For 8 wickets in 33 overs)				193
Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-34, 3-61, 4-73, 5-73, 6-127, 7-154, 8-182				
Did not bat: Tuffey				
Bowler				
Pollock	7	0	35	1
Ntini	7	0	48	3
Klusener	6	0	30	2
Morkel	7	0	41	1
Boje	5	0	25	0
Kallis	1	0	8	0

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MEETING OF THE MINDS: Pakistan cricket legend Imran Khan (C) explains something to current captain Inzamamul Haq (L) while coach Javed Miandad listens during a visit to Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore yesterday.

Aussies made to sweat



STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Australia, as expected, moved into the Plate final of the Fifth ICC U-19 World Cup with a 49-run win against Ireland in the first semifinal at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

But the Australians faced an unlikely challenge from the Irish in a high-scoring match that produced 631 runs.

Set to climb a mountain after Australia plundered 340-5 in 50 overs, the Irish boys bowed out from the competition in style. Their brave chase eventually ended at 291-9, an effort no one had expected let alone the Australians.

"We didn't plan well enough to chase such a big target. Otherwise, it could have been a different story," said Ireland captain William

Porterfield.

Porterfield (48) and Gary Wilson (44) gave Ireland an ideal start (117-1 in the 20th over) before a middle-order effectively ended the contest despite a valiant 65 by Morgan.

The game was all but over when Ireland slumped 230-9. But there was still one final twist in the act when Allen Coulter hit a 29-ball 38.

Australia now await the winners of today's second semifinal between Bangladesh and Scotland at Chittagong Divisional Stadium in the March 4 final.

And already the Australians predicted who their opponents would be.

"I'm expecting Bangladesh in the final on March 4," said Australian coach Bennett King during a post-match briefing.

"They are definitely a good side and hopefully it will be an entertaining final."

The Aussie coach however was concerned at the indiscipline shown by his bowlers.

"The batting was fine today but our bowling was not good and that might be something we need to work on before the final," Bennett said.

Earlier, the massive Australian total was built around a century partnership for the first wicket between Tim Paine (45) and Theo Doropoulos (83). One-down Matt Harrison hammered highest 91 off 78 balls that contained 14 boundaries.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard of the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup Plate Championship semifinal match between Australia vs Ireland at the MA Aziz Stadium, Chittagong yesterday:

AUSTRALIA				
Paine c Wilson b Thompson				45
Doropoulos c Wilson b Thompson				83
Harrison c Porterfield b O'Brien				91
Henriques c Porterfield b Coulter				47
Crosthwaite c Thompson b O'Brien				44

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New Zealand all-rounder Chris Cairns (R) celebrates clean bowling South Africa's Boeta Dippenaar in the fifth one-day international at Eden Park in Auckland yesterday.