



Did U Know?

Yuvraj Singh became the third Indian batsman to post a hundred at Gaddafi Stadium, Lahore, joining Sanjay Manjrekar (218 in 1989-90) and Mohinder Amarnath (120 and 109 not out in 1982-83 and 101 not out in 1984-85).



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Sports Programme
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Sports Programme
Live at 8:00 pm
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Man United vs Leicester City
Live at 12:55 am (Wednesday)

TEN Sports

India vs Pakistan
Third Test, Day One
Live at 11:00 am
West Indies vs England
4th Test, Day 4
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Nasser Hussain

(Former England captain)
"I needed to see how deep I could dig and unfortunately, as captain, I wasn't good enough."
After stepping down.



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1. How many gold medals did Bangladesh win in the recently concluded SAF Games?	5	4	3
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4. Who clinched the WTA Key Biscayne title?	Venus	Henin	Serena
5. What was the score of the India-Pakistan one-day series?			
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Foster reminds Eng selectors

AFP, London

James Foster hit a timely reminder to England's selectors that he should still be in the international reckoning as he hit the second first-class century of his career here on Sunday.

The Essex wicketkeeper was unbeaten on 110 as the MCC made 539 for eight declared in their first innings of the Lord's match against English county champions Sussex.

At stumps on the third day, Sussex were 124-1 having lost Ian Ward while Richard Montgomerie was unbeaten on 49.



PHOTO: AFP

.....AND THE WORLD IS HIS OYSTER AGAIN:

365 -- Lara plays Michael Vaughan's off-break to square-leg and equals Sir Garfield Sobers' 365 all over again. A shaky few moments before left-hander shrugs off the nerves with a four over mid-on and a single to go within one run of his own mark set ten years ago at this very venue..

375 -- Gareth Batty comes in to bowl the second ball of the 190th over with the Antigua Recreation Ground in pin-drop silence. The worldwide audience loses a heartbeat as he dances down the wicket as nonchalant as ever and the ball disappears over the bowler's head and into the best possible part of the ground -- The Viv Richards Stand. He is now level with Australian left-hander Matthew Hayden's 380.

THE MOMENT! Next ball from Batty is swept past short fine leg for a boundary but the moment Lara hit it, he knew he had reclaimed the crown lost just six months ago. The last playing West Indian emperor has shown how it is done...in case some of his subjects had forgotten!

Pindi has green pitch

AFP, Rawalpindi



explosive slugfest between the arch-rivals.

The centre-strip at the Pindi Cricket Stadium, home of Pakistan's fiery fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar, is expected to have enough juice in it to make life difficult for batsmen on both sides.

"It will do a bit on the first morning but I think the hot sun will make it easier afterwards," said Indian captain Sourav Ganguly, who returns to the side after missing the first two Tests with a lower back injury.

Pakistan captain Inzamamul Haq agreed bowlers could have a field day on it.

"It may be better to bowl first on it," he said.

"I expect my bowlers to do better than what they did in Lahore."

The 50th Test match between the arch-rivals will decide the current series after India won the opener at Multan by an innings and 52 runs and Pakistan drew level at Lahore with a nine-wicket triumph.

Pakistan have yet to find a seamer to back up Akhtar and Mohammad Sami following a spate of injuries which ruled out three contenders: Abdul Razaq, Umar Gul and Shabbir Ahmed.

Sami was declared fit to play after complaining of back pain two days ago, but a more serious back injury to Gul is a major blow for the

hosts after his match-winning 5-31 at Lahore.

The toss-up is between Fazle Akbar, a four-Test veteran with 10

wickets who returns to the squad after three years, rookie Rao
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PHOTO: AP

WELCOME BACK: India superstar Sachin Tendulkar (R) talks to captain Sourav Ganguly during a practice session at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Delight as West Indies forge on

REUTERS, St John's

West Indies captain Brian Lara set a world record for the highest individual Test score on Monday, passing Matthew Hayden's 380 on the third day of the fourth and final Test against England.

Almost exactly 10 years after he hit a then-world mark of 375 against England on the same ground, Lara took his score from 313 overnight to 390 not out at lunch, with West Indies on 734 for five.

Ridley Jacobs was not out 100.

With West Indies resuming on 595 for five, Lara looked good early on, hitting three boundaries to move into the 330s.

Between times, Jacobs was bowled off a no ball by Vaughan when on 87 but he survived to be unbeaten on 100 at lunch, his third Test century.

Steve Harmison received a third warning for running on the wicket, sidelining him for the rest of the innings, while Matthew Hoggard was still suffering from a stomach upset and did not take the field.

LARA FACTBOX

Factbox on West Indies captain Brian Lara after he reclaimed the world record for the highest individual Test score in the fourth Test against England on Monday:

1969: Born Santa Cruz, Trinidad, May 2; youngest of seven brothers.

1984: First represents West Indies at under-19 level.

1988: Makes debut for Trinidad.

1989: Captains West Indies B team to Zimbabwe.

1990: Test debut, third Test v Pakistan, Lahore, makes 44 and 6.

1993: First Test century, 277 v Australia, Sydney.

1994: World Test record 375 in fifth Test v England, St John's, Antigua.

1994: World first-class record 501 not out for Warwickshire v Durham at Edgbaston.

1994: Scores six hundreds in his first seven first-class innings for Warwickshire: 147, 106, 120 not out, 136, 26, 140, 501 not out.

1995: Walks out of West Indies' tour of England after dressing room row at end of the fourth Test but is persuaded to rejoin party four days later.

1995: Pulls out of tour of Australia two days before squad leave the Caribbean following fine by West Indies Cricket Board disciplinary committee for breach of contract on England tour.

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TEST SCORING LEADERS

REUTERS, St John's

List of Test cricket's highest individual scores after Brian Lara scored 313 not out on the second day of the fourth Test against England on Sunday:

390 still batting Brian Lara, West Indies v England

380	Matthew Hayden, Australia v Zimbabwe
375	Brian Lara, West Indies v England
365*	Garfield Sobers, West Indies v Pakistan
364	Len Hutton, England v Australia
340	Sanath Jayasuriya, Sri Lanka v India
337	Hanif Mohammad, Pakistan v West Indies
336*	Wally Hammond, England v New Zealand
334*	Mark Taylor, Australia v Pakistan
334	Don Bradman, Australia v England
333	Graham Gooch, England v India
329	Inzamamul Haq, Pakistan v New Zealand
325	Andy Sandham, England v West Indies
311	Bobby Simpson, Australia v England
310*	John Edrich, England v New Zealand
309	Virender Sehwag, India v Pakistan
307	Bob Cowper, Australia v England
304	Don Bradman, Australia v England
302	Lawrence Rowe, West Indies v England

(* denotes not out)

St John's	2004
Perth	2003
St John's	1994
Kingston	1958
The Oval	1938
Colombo	1997
Bridgetown	1958
Auckland	1933
Peshawar	1998
Leeds	1930
Lord's	1990
Lahore	2002
Kingston	1930
Manchester	1964
Leeds	1965
Multan	2004
Melbourne	1966
Leeds	1934
Bridgetown	1974

Hayden waiting to pay it back

AFP, Brisbane

Australian Test opening batsman Matthew Hayden expects West Indian captain Brian Lara to eclipse his Test world record score of 380 in the fourth cricket Test against England in Antigua.

Hayden has wished Lara well on his quest to become the first man to break 400 in Test cricket in the Caribbean on Monday.

He admitted he expected Lara to reciprocate and was preparing to return a favour by having a second congratulatory phone conversation in six months.

"I had had no expectation of breaking the record and it was a tremendous honour," Hayden said on Monday.

"I was incredibly impressed with the effort he (Lara) made when I did break the record. He

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Goodbye Waqar



AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan's Waqar Younis, whose toe-crushing yorkers made him one of the world's most feared fast bowlers, retired from cricket on Monday after being sidelined for a year.

"It is a sad day for me, but the right time to go," the 32-year-old told a media conference organised by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) here.

"I thought I could have played for a year or so, but I lost the hunger because the selectors did not consider me good enough to represent the country any more.

"So, I decided with my wife and family that it was time to call it quits.

"I have not decided on my future. It could be media work or coaching, but something definitely related to cricket.

"I'll see what the board has in mind. But my second innings will be related to cricket."

Waqar was not picked for international cricket after being stripped of the captaincy following Pakistan's embarrassing first round exit at the World Cup in southern Africa in March last year.

He made his Test debut with India's Sachin Tendulkar at Karachi in 1989 and was soon regarded as an outstanding fast bowler who demolished batsmen with express pace and his uncanny ability to

reverse swing the old ball.

Waqar, who formed a formidable pace combination with Wasim Akram, played 87 Tests in which he claimed 373 wickets at a superb

average of 23.56.

The fast bowler also took 416 wickets in 262 one-day internationals, only the second bowler

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WAQAR YUNIS