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The first official Active Chess (30 minutes per game) tournament was held in Gijon, Spain in 1988 and won by Anatoly Karpov and Tukmakov. Karpov won the World Active Championship in Mazatlan, Mexico and received \$50,000. The organizers of the event donated \$100,000 for AIDS research.



Glenn McGrath (Australia fast bowler)

"My goal now, for me, is the 2007 World Cup. Before I thought I wouldn't play that long but now I think it's a realistic goal and something I want to achieve, so hopefully there's three years left in me."



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COMPETITION 21

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Competition closes at 8 pm May 21, 2004 and draw shortly afterwards

- Who is Bangladesh's fastest woman?

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| Iva | Chumki | Sabrina |
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- Who is Zimbabwe's cricket captain?

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| Taibu | Streak | Olunga |
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- Name the man-of-the-series in the India-Pakistan Test series.

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| Sehwaq | Dravid | Kumble |
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- How many runs did Brian Lara score in the first innings of the final Test against England?

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- Who won the Singer 30th national

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Leonine GM chess from tomorrow

SPORTS REPORTER

The focus will be on International Master Reefat Bin Sattar when the Leonine Second Grand Master Chess Tournament begins tomorrow at the National Sports Council (NSC) Conference Room.

With two GM norms under his belt, Reefat will desperately look for the third and decisive one to become country's third Grand Master after Niaz Murshed and Ziur Rahman.

But to achieve the landmark Reefat will have to win at least eight points from the 11-round robin league competition featuring five GMs and as many IMs from five countries.

However, it could be a tough task for an out-of-form Reefat, who got his second GM norm during the first edition of the competition in December last year.

On the other hand, IM Enamul Hossain Rajib looks to be a bright prospect to earn his second GM norm apart from Indian IM Rabi Lanka and DK Sharma.

"The event will provide a wonderful opportunity for Reefat to achieve his required third GM norm and join Niaz and Zia as our country's third Grand Master," hoped general secretary of Leonine Chess Club Manjoor Hossain.

President of the Leonine Chess

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Ebrahim slapped with 1 Test ban

AFP, Bulawayo

The Zimbabwe cricket vice-captain Dion Ebrahim was on Sunday banned for one Test match for making "inappropriate" remarks about the delivery action of Sri Lanka spin bowler Muttiah Muralitharan.

Ebrahim's comments, made during an interview, were reported to match referee Mike Procter in Bulawayo after the first day's play of the second Test by the Sri Lanka management, which "took very serious offence" to what Ebrahim had said.

Procter said in a statement, issued by the Zimbabwe Cricket Union late Sunday, that he could have imposed a monetary fine but as he took a serious view he decided to impose a one-match ban instead.

Ebrahim told an inquiry after the incident that when he said Muralitharan's leg break delivery to him in the first innings of the match "was the first legal delivery he had bowled" he had meant it in jest.

The Zimbabwe batsman is three runs not out in the Zimbabwe second innings and he will take the field to be bowled to -- perhaps by Muralitharan.

Afridi aching for action GP-ARAF first semi today

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After two sleepless nights watching the Tigers battle the West Indies, cricket fans will turn their attention to the Bangabandhu National Stadium when the knock-out phase of the GrameenPhone Corporate Cricket League begins today.

The first-ever competition for corporate houses has already created a lot of enthusiasm and has added spice ahead of the two Cup semifinals with the arrival of a number of star players from India and Pakistan.

The first semifinal sees ARAF Apparels and GrameenPhone contending the 50-over-match. Shahid Afridi is one of the big names already in the city with com-

patriot Imran Nazir. Romesh Powar, a prolific scorer in Indian domestic cricket, also flew here. And if that was not enough star Indian left-hander Yuvraj Singh is all set to join the party.

Afridi has already announced his intentions of taking the bowlers apart. The Pakistani master-bowler will be the prime attraction of the first semifinal when he dons the colours of ARAF Apparels.

After a less than impressive spell in Dhaka cricket with Abahani and their bitter rivals Mohammedan a few years ago, Afridi thinks that there is more pressure in domestic cricket than the international scene.

"The focus remains more on a star player in domestic cricket. It is sometimes difficult to perform under pressure. But in the national team, there are more cricketers to share the strain," said the hard-hitting batsman who holds the record of scoring the quickest one-day century.

"I think I was unlucky not to perform here. But I would love to go out tomorrow, score a century, take a couple of wickets and a few catches and become the man of the match," said Afridi who was quick to have a glimpse of the wicket before signing for ARAF.

"It's a good wicket to bat on and I expect turn from it," added Afridi, who will be eager to use his faster leg-breaks apart from aggressive approach to batting.

Afridi has been in and out of the Pakistan team and has not been among the runs for quite sometime. He has scored only one half-century in his last 15 ODIs.

"I am not worried about my form at all. I still want to play for Pakistan for another two or three years. But the problem is that there is no insurance in an unpredictable Pakistan team," said the 179-match veteran who is just 24 runs short of the 4,000-run mark in ODIs.

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IF THE BALL LANDS HERE, I'LL BE GONE! Dashing Pakistani cricketer Shahid Afridi, who came here to play for ARAF Apparels in the GrameenPhone Corporate Cricket League, poses for photographs on the pitch of the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Lanka sweep Zimbabwe



REUTERS/AFP, Bulawayo

Muttiah Muralitharan took four wickets as Sri Lanka humiliated Zimbabwe by an innings for the second Test in succession on Monday to wrap up the series 2-0.

The off-spinner bowled almost without a break from one end to take four for 79 from 28.1 overs as Sri Lanka won the second Test here by an innings and 254 runs an hour after lunch on the fourth day.

Zimbabwe, needing 485 to make Sri Lanka bat again, were dismissed for 231, their fate sealed when they lost six wickets for 48 in 14 overs either side of lunch.

The result capped a successful tour for Sri Lanka, who won the one-day series 5-0 and won the first Test by an innings and 240 runs, but those successes were achieved against woefully out-classed opponents.

After Sri Lanka's first innings of 713 for three, the ninth highest total in Test history, the home side had resumed on 44 for two and enjoyed their best session of the series as Brendan Taylor (61) and Dion Ebrahim (42) defended well while taking their chances to score.

But seven overs before lunch Taylor attempted to work a delivery from Muralitharan to the leg-side and fell to a looping catch taken at silly mid-off by Mahela Jayawardene.

Taylor showed grit for his maiden Test half-century. He batted for more than three hours, faced 142 balls and hit six fours and a six, and his dismissal ended a third-wicket stand of 85.

In Muralitharan's next over captain Tatenda Taibu attempted a defensive stroke and popped a catch to Dilshan Tillakaratne at silly mid-on to be dismissed for a duck.

Three overs later Sanath Jayasuriya, bowling his left-arm spin, aimed a delivery at Ebrahim's pads and the batsman flicked a

catch to Marvan Atapattu at leg slip.

Zimbabwe's collapse resumed in the fifth over after lunch when Alester Maregwede was trapped in front for 28 by left-arm pace bowler Chaminda Vaas.

Vaas struck again three balls later when Muleki Nkala edged to Tillakaratne Dilshan at third slip to fall for a duck.

Next ball Muralitharan trapped Elton Chigumbura in front for 12.

Number 10 Tinash Panyangara scored a breezy 40 not out off 45 balls with six fours to nurse Zimbabwe past 200.

Zimbabwe were forced to select a weakened squad for both Test and one-day series after 15 experienced players made themselves unavailable in a dispute with the Zimbabwe Cricket Union over selection.

They were later sacked after arguing the team was being chosen for political reasons, with white players being sidelined from the

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Muktis off to Beirut

SPORTS REPORTER

Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra left Dhaka yesterday for the Lebanese capital Beirut to play their last AFC Cup match against Nijmeh Club.

The Bangladesh giants will play their away match tomorrow. They lost their home match to the same opponents 1-0.

The Reds have included three guest footballers for the game, Brothers Union centre-back Mohammed Sujan and midfielder Liton and Abahani fullback Mahmudul Hassan in an effort to win their first game in the newly launched Asian club competition.

Earlier, Shaiful Islam Manik's boys could only manage a draw at home against Turkmenistan's Nisa FC last month against three defeats and a walkover.

The National League and Federation Cup champions were docked points after they failed to travel to Yemen to play Al Shabb Ibb, who scored a 3-2 victory in Dhaka.

The team: Aminul, Papal, Lajuk, Belal, Ghansah, Harry, Hassan, Sujan, Liton, Biddiut, Saiful, Matur Munna (captain), Moni and Tipu.

Officials: Kabir Ahmed (team leader), Abdus Sattar (manager), Shaiful Islam Manik (coach).

NZ lose Bond for first Test

AFP, London

New Zealand fast bowler Shane Bond has been ruled out of next week's first Test against England, coach John Bracewell confirmed Sunday.

The news comes as a double blow for New Zealand who crashed to a nine-wicket defeat to Kent at Canterbury on Sunday during a match where Bond did not feature after suffering the effects from bowling earlier in the game.

Bond had made rapid progress since returning from a year on the sidelines with a stress fracture of his back and team bosses had considered selecting him for the Lord's opener, starting Thursday.

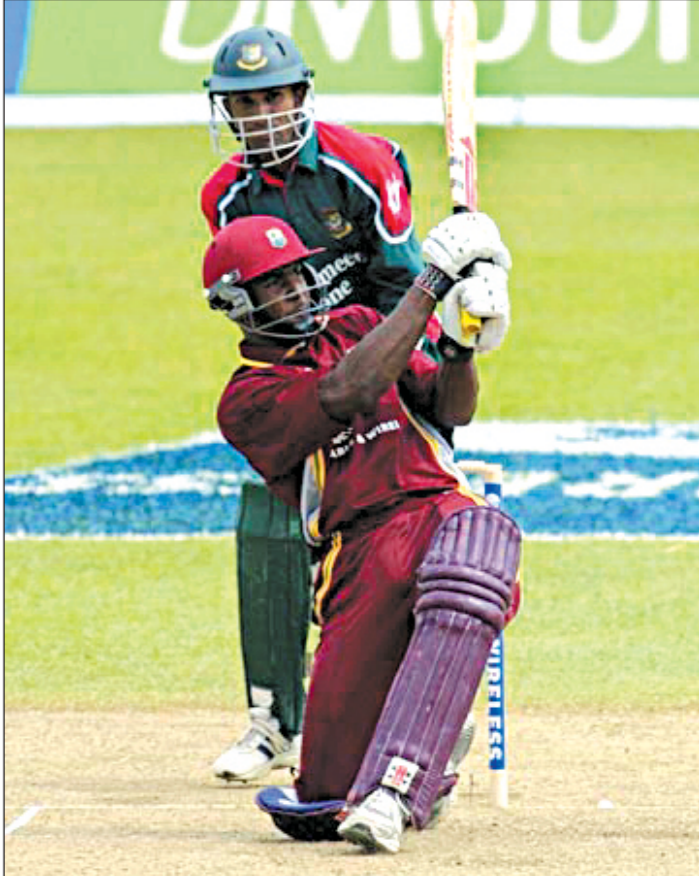
Bracewell, a former New Zealand off-spinner, conceded that they were now hoping that he would be fit for the second match at Headingley a fortnight later.

"Shane is struggling with his fitness and so we are staying with our original plan. He's still on target for the second Test," said Bracewell. "He has suffered from fatigue, tiredness and muscle stiffness but there is no structural problems and that is a huge relief to us."

Bracewell said that they were more confident about captain Stephen Fleming, who has missed two tour games with a groin strain.

"Stephen is good. We are confident he will play," Bracewell told the BBC, downplaying their defeat against Kent.

"We haven't had a lot of practice outdoors so while we came into the match trying to win it, we have been beaten by a side which put it together on the day," Bracewell said.



CATCH IT IF YOU CAN: Man-of-the-match Dwayne Smith of the West Indies hoists Bangladesh's Khaled Mahmud over mid-wicket on his way to scoring an unbeaten 62 in the second one-day international at St Vincent on Sunday.

PHOTO: AFP

Calypso Cocktail



RABEED IMAM from St Vincent

Verol comes to the Arnos Vale cricket ground almost everyday carrying a bag and clutching some God knows what cards and papers.

"It seems he takes a bath every leap year," said a journalist colleague looking at the slightly built and shabbily dressed bearded man. But there's something about him that leads you to go and have a chat.

"I want to come to da game tomorrow but have no ticket," was the polite way of asking 'can you give me one?' If you inquired whether he had a place to live he'll ask you in return, "You give me a nice place to sleep?"

Ask him who his favourite player was and he'll say after wracking his brain a bit, "Vivian Richards." And who was his favourite in the present West Indies team? "Er... Viv Richards."

He wears a number of lockets, torn badges, coat pins and says they were given to him by the Queen for all the 'good work' he has done for society. You see him at every hill-top, street corner or hang-out place at different hours of the day and night quietly chatting away to himself.

"Bangladesh play good boss," was his verdict after the practice game against the West Indies Board XI and he would make the entry to the ground in the final half an hour of the ODIs when the gates would be opened to all.

So is he married or has a family? "No boss. I'm too young to get married." How young was he? "40!"

PRICE OF POPULARITY

The Vincentians are really proud people and they feel that they are on par if not better than any other part of the Caribbean. Now they have another justifiable claim to that belief because they are in Hollywood!

Last year's Johnny Depp blockbuster Pirates of the Caribbean was shot in locations in St Vincent and many locals had cameo or side roles in the movie. Naturally, you won't find a single Vincentian who has not seen the film.

Those who did have roles in the movie became instant community heroes and even a cricket umpire got his bite at fame.

"You know Mr Greeves here acted in that film," informed the bartender at the Colours Entertainment Centre, and a blushing Golden Greeves, the fourth umpire for the two ODIs between Bangladesh and the West Indies revealed that he was in the movie. Popularity comes with a price and Greeves had to pay for the drinks of those who hailed his acting talent.

COZIER FEELS THE PAIN

The legendary cricket journalist of the region Tony Cozier was furious that the West Indies team did nothing in honour of the late Alfreed Valentine, the famous left-arm spinner of the fifties and sixties, who passed away in Miami last

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Dav has no answers



RABEED IMAM from St Vincent

Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore was understandably critical of his batsmen after losing the second one-day international against West Indies on Sunday.

"In the end the difference was 23 runs. Couldn't the top order have given us those runs? I don't know what to say," he remarked acidly after his consistently inconsistent top-order flopped again chasing a modest 125-run target in a curtailed 25-over match.

But the Australian defended the decision to send Ashrafal to open the innings.

"He has got potential as an opener in one-day cricket. We are still looking for the right combination but you have to give him a good run of 10-12 matches to find out, don't you?"

Ashrafal scored a duck. He was particularly upset with the

way captain Habibul Bashar, his deputy Rajin Saleh and absolutely out of sorts Alok Kapali were dismissed.

Bashar followed up his first match duck with two while Saleh and Kapali made one. Interestingly both Bashar and Kapali were caught down the leg side.

"This was the first such dismissal in my entire career. We were a bit unlucky and the pitch wasn't ideal. I'm not trying to make excuses as we did not bat well but you have seen how the West Indian batsmen struggled too," said the Bangladesh skipper after the match.

While it was a story of yet another brittle batting display, the bowlers commanded respect from their opponents.

Right-arm paceman Tapash Baisya cleverly disguised his slower balls bowled with a leg-spinner's wrist position to finish with 5-1-16-4, the best figures by a Bangladeshi in ODIs.

"This was something I had seen before. He was something I had

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