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### TEN Sports

Bangladesh vs West Indies  
First Test, Day Two  
Repeat at 7:30 am  
French Open  
Live at 3:00 pm  
Bangladesh vs West Indies  
First Test, Day Three  
Live at 8:05 pm



### Nasser Hussain

(Former England cricket captain)  
"I don't want to see a young lad who got 200 [runs] in a game left out for me."



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**BANGLADESH vs WEST INDIES**  
First Test, Day Three  
Venue: St Lucia  
LIVE AT 8:05 PM

## Half of Bangladesh



RABEED IMAM from St Lucia

You won't find a more different character on and off the field. Habibul Bashar could have been named Habibul Bashful for the way he goes about his daily life. But if his apparent introvert nature is seen as an insight into his cricketing abilities, think twice.

With a bat in hand, the 32-year-old is a pure demon. Time and again he has proved unstoppable and as long as he's there at the crease, runs will flow irrespective of what the opposition has to offer. The 113-run gem on the opening day of the first Test against the four-pronged West Indies pace attack at the Beausejour Stadium was another demonstration of what Bashar is all about.

It was Bashar's third Test hundred and the sixth overall in Bangladesh's nearly four years as a Test-playing nation.

Prior to the game, much had been said about the home side's pace battery and how they might

make the Bangladesh batsmen hop. But Bashar was literally grinning at the prospect because he had his own equation: more pace bowlers = more short balls = more runs!

And it went exactly according to the script. The more the likes of Fidel Edwards, Jermaine Lawson and Tino Best pitched them short, the faster they were being dispatched to the boundary with effortless pulls and hooks, Bashar's favourite strokes. By the time he had finished, there were 15 fours in all and it took just 131 balls. Not easy force such dominance after coming out to bat in only the second ball of the match following the first ball loss of opener Hannan Sarker.

"Actually I didn't get the time to feel the nerves. I was out there before I could even settle down on my seat in the dressing room. Then the first ball hit the middle of the bat and I knew that if I stuck around runs would come," said Bashar after the first day's play.

If the West Indies fast bowlers wanted to make an impression, Bashar wasn't prepared to allow them to do that.

"I love a challenge and I think challenge is something which lifts

my level of intensity. I knew that they were going to play four fast bowlers but I also knew that they will give balls that could be hit for fours."

Long seen as a batsman who doesn't convert his fifties into hundreds more often, Bashar said the thought crossed his mind in the middle of the innings.

"To be honest, I thought about it on reaching the half-century. But I remembered what coach Dav Whatmore had told me. He said we all think about hundreds when we get to fifties but it's important to stay focused on the job you are doing and not get concerned with the amount of runs. I tried to follow that."

"This was probably my best Test innings. I think only one delivery beat me and I didn't get wrapped on the pad even once."

Bashar's innings was a typical West Indian knock and those who watched that, felt they have seen something special.

"It was a very attacking innings. Very good to watch," said West Indies' chairman of selectors Sir Vivian Richards. During a television programme on cricket, callers from

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## Hiccup after fine start



RABEED IMAM from St Lucia

Mohammad Ashrafur lived a charmed life to reach 65 not out at close on Day One of the first Test against the West Indies and Bangladesh's hopes rest on his young shoulders if they are going to put up a challenging total.

The Tigers resume on Saturday on 278 for seven but on a placid and slow wicket, they might have lost three wickets too many.

Dropped twice by Fidel Edwards Ashrafur also escaped a run out verdict early in his innings after an eventful six minutes which saw West Indies captain Brian Lara approach umpire Harper for a TV decision.

Ashrafur, on 19, wanted to take a single but his partner Rajin Saleh didn't respond. Bowler Jermaine Lawson's throw hit the stumps with Ashrafur struggling to return to his crease. At first umpire Harper gave Ashrafur in. But before the next over started, Lara requested a third-umpire verdict and after much delay TV replays showed that Ashrafur was short of his ground when the ball hit the stumps. But he still got the benefit of doubt.

The diminutive right-hander however played some exquisite strokes like stepping out and lofting Sarwan over cover twice or pulling Lawson to fine leg. He hit seven fours in his 149 ball stay at the crease and featured in two important partnerships, first 50 with Saleh for the fourth wicket and then the unfinished 28 for the eighth wicket with Mohammad Rafique (17 not out). Ashrafur had looked the most comfortable at the crease along with 113-man Habibul Bashar apart from the sudden impish streak.

Saleh drove Sarwan hard but he was unlucky to get out as the ball ricocheted off silly-point fielder Dwayne Smith and wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs took a brilliant one-handed diving catch. Saleh left for 26 with Bangladesh on 227 for four but then came a collapse, which saw three more wickets going down by 250.

Left-hander Faisal Hossain, on debut, played a confident straight drive for four off left-arm paceman Pedro Collins but tried in vain to chip

one over mid-on a few balls later off the same bowler and Tino Best took a simple catch. It was Collins' third wicket in the innings. Mushfiqur Rahman unnecessarily chased a wide one from Sarwan and edged it to Jacobs. Khaled Mashud went too far out of his crease to meet a Gayle delivery and was stumped by Jacobs.

"I'm not satisfied with the situation. I think we lost three wickets more than we should have. It was

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PHOTO: AP

**DON'T BOWL SHORT:** A perfectly balanced Mohammad Ashrafur after executing a pull shot off a bouncer from West Indies paceman Tino Best on the opening day of the first Test at the Beausejour Stadium on Friday. Ashrafur was unbeaten on 65 at stumps.

## McMillan stays focussed on cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Craig McMillan has dismissed fears over his disappointing form on the tour of England so far. Two failures in the seven-wicket defeat at Lord's, as well as a duck and 12 in the warm-up game at Kent, hasn't done his confidence much good, but he insisted he is in the right frame of mind to get back in the runs.

Talking at Grace Road on Friday, where the New Zealanders are playing Leicestershire, McMillan said, "It was a disappointing Test from my point of view, but I've had those before and bounced back so I'm not going to go searching."

He continued, "I felt fine. You can miss out in two knocks easily and it's

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## Gillespie, then Clarke



REUTERS, Harare

Fast bowler Jason Gillespie and opening batsman Michael Clarke guided Australia to a 3-0 series whitewash over Zimbabwe in the third one-day international on Saturday.

Australia dismissed Zimbabwe for 196 in 48.5 overs before replying with 199 for two, easing to victory by eight wickets with 19.2 overs to spare.

Gillespie swung the ball to take five for 32, his third five-wicket haul in one-dayers, while Clarke hammered 16 fours and a six in a career-best 105 not out, his maiden one-day century.

Australia won the first two matches in the series by seven

wickets and 139 runs.

Michael Kasprovicz, who shared the new ball with Gillespie, also bowled well but was only rewarded with the final ball of his 10-over spell, an in-swinging that trapped Tendin Taibu in front for 27.

Gillespie and Kasprovicz bowled the first 20 overs and reduced Zimbabwe to 61 for six after Australia had won the toss.

The home batsmen struggled to combat their disciplined lines, the top six hitting just six fours between them. The only meaningful resistance came in a stand of 114 between Chigumbura and Muleki Nkala, a seventh-wicket record for Zimbabwe against Australia.

The pair took advantage of a noticeable easing of the intensity of

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PHOTO: AP

**ONLY THE HALFWAY MARK:** Bangladesh captain Habibul Bashar takes a bow from the applauding St Lucia crowd after completing his fifty against West Indies on the opening day of the first Test on Friday. The dashing right-hander went on to score 113, his third hundred and highest in an innings.

## Inzamam for pro staff

CRICINFO, undated

Inzamamul Haq has planned to request the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to employ a bowling coach, among other support staff.

The News daily on Saturday reported that he would make the demands during the PCB's next meeting on June 4.

Inzamam, who led Pakistan during the series against India, saw his bowlers break down during the series, and he believed the injuries cost the team dearly.

He was insistent that a professional team back up would prevent similar problems in the future, and said that professionals should be employed soon, so the team was ready for the Asia Cup, which begins in July.

"Injuries have been a major problem for us in the past, and hit us badly in the series against India. We need to overcome this problem," Inzamam said.

"We are planning to have a 22-day training camp, ideally from June 20. And I want the board to provide us with a bowling coach, a qualified physiotherapist and a trainer who can be with us in the camp and work

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## CJKS cricket

CU CORRESPONDENT

Rafa Cricket Club recorded a six-wicket victory over Old Plastid Association in the CJKS-S Alam First Division Cricket League at Chittagong Medical College ground yesterday.

Winning the toss Old Plastid batted first and collected 86 before being all out in 22.2 overs. Opener Jasimuddin topscored with 14.

Amjad Hossain grabbed six wickets for 26.

In reply, Rafa Cricket Club reached their target of 87 losing four wickets in 20.2 overs. Zahedul Haq scored unbeaten 26.

## Federer Express derailed



AFP, Paris

Three-time former champion Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil turned back the clock to upset top seed Roger Federer of Switzerland 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 in the third round of the French Open.

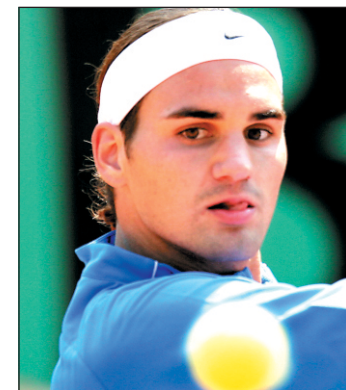
It was a mesmerising performance for the player who dominated clay-court tennis for five years until 2002 when he was sidelined with a bad hip injury brought on by his whirlwind style of play.

And it left Federer, the Wimbledon and Australian Open champion, at times shaking his head in disbelief and uncharacteristically stumbling over his own feet as he tried to keep pace.

"For me it's a great pleasure to

come here and play," said Kuerten, the winner here in 1997, 2000 and 2001.

"I didn't expect to play because of my physical condition but this is a



ROGER FEDERER

very special tournament for me."

But it did not show as he broke Federer's serve in the first game. The world No. 1 immediately broke back but Kuerten again grabbed the advantage in the third game and held on to take the set in 42 minutes.

It was much of the same in the second set with Kuerten dictating the play and Federer relying on his serving to get him out of trouble.

Kuerten needed treatment for a thigh strain after the seventh game of the set, but he was rarely in difficulty on his serve and wrapped it up 6-4 in 38 minutes.

In a tense third set with the packed centre-court crowd firmly behind the Brazilian, games went with serve until the fifth game when an increasingly wayward Federer gifted Kuerten two break points.

He converted on the first as Federer hit a forehand long.

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## Eng dilemma



AFP, London

When Nasser Hussain announced his retirement he said "seven (batsmen) into six doesn't go."

But the former captain's exit still leaves England with a problem ahead of Sunday's announcement of the team for next week's second Test against New Zealand at Headingley.

Current skipper Michael Vaughan is set to return on his home ground, the Yorkshire batsman having missed England's seven-wicket first Test win against New Zealand at Lord's concluded Monday with a knee injury.

The series opener was marked by England debutant Andrew Strauss' 112 and 83, the Middlesex

skipper's second innings cut short by a run-out mix-up with Hussain.

However, Essex batsman Hussain once again showed his resilience by bowling out of cricket



MICHAEL VAUGHAN

with an unbeaten 103 to take England to victory.

Strauss' performance though has left the selectors with a headache as the South African-born left-hander is an opener as is Vaughan.

Together with Somerset left-hander Marcus Trescothick, right-handed batsman Vaughan has formed a productive opening partnership.

Now the selectors must decide whether to restore Vaughan to his usual spot at the top of the order or move Strauss despite his superb debut.

Vaughan, 29, saw his right knee suffer no adverse reaction to a Yorkshire training session Friday and Monday's National League one-day contest against Scotland in Edinburgh will serve as a final

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