

Nightmare

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The all-rounder finished with four for 65 from 25.4 overs, his best bowling figures.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the first Test between Bangladesh and the West Indies in St Lucia on Monday:

BANGLADESH: First innings 416 (Bashar 113, Rafique 111, Ashraful 81; Collins 4-83)**WEST INDIES:** First innings (over-night 262-5)

Devon run out (Faisal) 0

Gayle c Bashar b Baisya 141

Sarwan c Rafique b Baisya 40

Lara c Mashud b Mashfiq 53

C'paul c Mashud b Rafique 7

Dwayne c Tareq b Rafique 42

Jacobs not out 46

Best b Rafique 3

Collins c Bashar b Mashfiq 4

Lawson c Hannan b Mashfiq 0

Edwards lbw b Mashfiq 5

Extras: (lb-3, nb-8) 11

Total: (All out in 115.4 overs) 352

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-89, 3-162, 4-183, 5-253, 6-312, 7-321, 8-336, 9-342

Bowler O M R W

Baisya 26 5 87 2

Tareq 22 3 95 0

Mashfiq 25.4 8 65 4

Rafique 36 12 90 3

Saleh 6 0 12 0

BANGLADESH: Second innings

Hannan b Edwards 9

Omar c Jacobs b Collins 7

Bashar b Best 25

Not out 34

Ashraful c b Sarwan 1

Faisal c Gayle b Sarwan 2

Mashfiq lbw b Sarwan 0

Mashud not out 8

Extras: (lb-2, nb-6) 8

Total: (For 6 wkt in 32 overs) 94

Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-21, 3-70, 4-73, 5-79, 6-79

Bowler O M R W

Collins 7 3 12 1

Edwards 7 1 26 1

Lawson 4 0 19 0

Sarwan 8 2 22 3

Best 5 1 12 1

Gayle 1 0 1 0

Throw Zimbabwe

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involved in anything political but that's not saying we turned a blind eye."

Waugh, who retired in January as the second highest scorer in Test cricket behind compatriot Allan Border, also shot down Indian captain Sourav Ganguly's proposal to have two-tier system for Test cricket to make it more competitive.

"It's a good idea for one-day cricket because there are more sides playing that, and they're looking to inject more sides all the time," Waugh said.

"For Test cricket though, I'm not so sure. There are only 10 sides, so if you split them up into two tiers the teams will get sick and tired of playing the same opposition year in and year out."

"I'm not sure how the teams in the lower tier will improve enough to move up."

"If you look at the history of Test cricket there have always been weak sides. Remember New Zealand took 26 years to win a Test match. I think we're getting a bit carried away because a couple of sides aren't doing too well."

"Who has called him a chucker?" Waugh said when asked to comment on Australian Prime Minister John Howard's remarks that the Sri Lankan was a chucker.

"I'm not sure John Howard called him a chucker. I didn't hear him say it, so I can't comment on it," said Waugh, who is in India on a private trip.

"But I can say it's for the ICC to make the decision. It's not up to me or you or John Howard to make that call. They are the governing body and they have to decide," said Waugh, the second-highest scorer in Test cricket with 10,927 runs in 168 matches.

"They (ICC) have done some tests recently that have shown that the 'doosra' is a problem and he can no longer bowl it."

Muralitharan, with 527 Test victims, has been in news since smashing retired West Indies fast

Vaughan sleeps on No 4

Cricket

REUTERS/APP, London

"If I do it will be a career move," Vaughan told the England and Wales Cricket Board's website on Tuesday. "Unless injuries and other things prevail it should be a long-term move."

"Andrew Strauss has come in and played so well opening the batting it seems the ideal chance."

A final decision on whether Vaughan moves down the order at Headingley will be taken later on Tuesday or on Wednesday after discussions with England coach Duncan Fletcher.

The England captain means while passed himself fit for the second Test after his suspect knee came through unscathed in a county match on Monday.

The Yorkshireman injured his left knee in the nets before the first Test.

But on Monday he played for

his county in their one-day league match away to Scotland, scoring 32 off 62 balls before being run out.

Yorkshire won the match at the Grange by 59 runs and afterwards Vaughan said of his knee: "It's fine. I trained pretty hard last week and the rehab went pretty well. Plus I have come through a good game of cricket which was a good

"I never say there is no trouble with my knee because I have had dodgy knees for a few years now," added Vaughan ahead of the match at Headingley, his home ground.

"But what happened at Lord's was just bad luck and I'm hoping it never happens again."

"I'm going into the game on Thursday one hundred per cent fit."

What can BCCI do?

Cricket

AFP, undated

"The case is obviously open," Paul said. "But it's all too early to give any guarantees that no police action will be taken. Especially because no one has bothered to get in touch with us."

The Pretoria News had reported on Tuesday that South Africa's United Cricket Board (UCB) had written to Indian authorities to "clarify" the matter.

"We wrote to the BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) in March and asked them to clarify the issue," UCB spokesman Gerald de Kock said.

"They replied to us that they did not think there would be a problem," he said. "We wrote them another letter two weeks ago saying we required something more definite and we are waiting to hear from them."

De Kock refused to spell out what the UCB's stand would be if the Indian police decided to grill the pair, saying: "We will cross that bridge when it comes."

South Africa are due to tour India in November for an unspecified number of matches. There is speculation that the original plan to have both Tests and one-dayers may be downgraded to seven one-day internationals due to lack of time.

The BCCI is expected to announce the South African team's itinerary later this month.

Waugh backs Murali

Cricket

AFP, Mumbai

bowler Courtney Walsh's world mark of 519 wickets in Zimbabwe last month.

The controversial off-spinner is now reluctant to tour Australia for next month's two-Test series, especially after Howard's remarks.

Waugh believes Muralitharan will be an even more dangerous bowler if he stops bowling the 'doosra', a delivery that spins away from right-handed batsmen instead of coming into them like a normal off-break.

"I think he is a better bowler when he just bowls off-spin and does not bowl the 'doosra,'" said Waugh.

"I think it will make him a more dangerous bowler."

Waugh was all praise for Muralitharan, saying the Sri Lankan should be celebrated for his world-record feat.

"It's a great achievement to get the world record. He should be celebrated for the fact that he has taken so many wickets," said the Australian.

"He makes Sri Lanka a very competitive side. He gets people through the gates to watch the game and he is also a nice guy."

Muralitharan faces a 12-month ban if he continues to bowl the 'doosra', deemed illegal by the sport's world governing body.

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COCKTAIL

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"We'll see you in Jamaica Maan," they were saying all along, said Mohammad Ashraful. Perhaps the quicker Sabina Park wicket was still a cause for inspiration for the battered four.

Vettori removed the last four batsmen as the tourists wrapped up the first victory of their England tour.

New Zealand lost to England by seven wickets in the first Test of three at Lord's a week ago.

Without Williams

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what we expect from ourselves," said Venus, who won the last of her four Grand Slam titles at the US Open in 2001.

Fourteenth seed Paola Suarez struck another blow for Argentine tennis when she swept aside the feisty challenge of Russian teenager Maria Sharapova 6-1, 6-3 to reach the semis for the first time.

BFF planning

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Dhaka zone tournament and we are also looking forward to get sponsors for the divisions. If we fail to get sponsor, the BFF will bear the expenses," said Chunnu.

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SHER-E-BANGLA CUP

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freekick unsettled the Army defence and Topu tapped home after goalkeeper Ramjan let the ball slip from his grip.

After a high-voltage first half, both sides looked tired and created very few chances in the second.

The match winner came in the 72nd minute when Army defender Masum Kamal handled the ball on the goalline after Topu fired a left-footed shot from a goalmouth muddle.

Referee Mansoor Azad instantly pointed to the dreaded spot but amazingly cautioned Masum with a yellow when the offence demand was a red card being shown.

And Ritu sent Narayanganj into raptures by sending the Army keeper the wrong way to cap a brilliant performance.

Narayanganj's national defender Nazrul was adjudged man-of-the-match while hosts

Netra got the Fair Play Trophy.

CRYPTOQUIP

X N Q O I E S ' G Q P J Q A S G F C F Q J

M Q P H Q G X F C N P C N F A T - J Q C

Z S F H M , P G Q I E S P J C E A T I

Z G E T Q G ?

Yesterday's

Cryptoquip: THE PASTOR

PREFERRED TO UNPAID BILLS INTO A FILE

LABELED "DUE UNTO OTHERS."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals S

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Benitez walks out on Valencia

REUTERS, Madrid

Coach Rafa Benitez has rescinded his contract with Valencia, the Primera Liga champions.

"It's official. Rafa Benitez has rescinded his contract with Valencia," club spokesman Manuel Mas said on Tuesday.

Benitez's representative Manuel Garcia Quilon rejected Valencia's offer of a four-year contract extension and said the 44-year-old coach had also decided not to stay for the remaining season on his current deal.

"I never say there is no trouble with my knee because I have had dodgy knees for a few years now," added Valencia ahead of the match.

"Ronaldinho has been in excellent form and will definitely be missed," Parreira told reporters after practice at the team's mountain retreat around 100 kilometres from Rio de Janeiro.

"But I have full confidence that Luis Fabiano, who has been confirmed in the team, will live up to our expectations."

Spanish media reported that Benitez had been offered a five-year deal by Premier League club Liverpool, who sacked French coach Gerard Houllier last month after six years at the helm.

Liverpool said they would not be making an announcement about the appointment of a new coach for another two weeks.

"There will be an announcement about our new manager in two weeks, further to which I do not wish to comment on speculation," Liverpool chief executive Rick Parry told the club's website.

SCOLARI LAYS DOWN LAW

AFB, Lisbon

Olympic champion Maurice Greene clocked a wind-assisted 9.78 seconds for the 100 metres, equal to the world record, at a meeting in Stanford, California.

Greene, 29, who has been increasingly troubled by injuries since winning the 100 metres at the 2004 Sydney Games, led from the start with a following wind of 3.7 metres a second.

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"I don't want crybabies on my team. Being on the national team means having the biggest pain in the world and still playing," he said in an interview with sports daily A Bola.

"It is like being called to go to war for your country," he added.

"No one goes to war thinking they have little pain in their shoulder. I want warriors who grab their arms and put them on their shoulder without always complaining, saying it hurts a bit."

KAHN MIGHT QUIT BAYERN

AFB, Munich