

The making

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gone. Mashrafe looks at the heavens thinking the ball had gone over the stumps while fielders look at each other. Mohammad Ashraful is the first to spot that the ball had clipped a bail. Zimbabwe are nine down.

Mashrafe hesitates to start his run-up for the next ball. He is trying to wipe something off his eyes. Is it a bug? Is it dust? Nope, the big man is choked with emotion and fighting away tears. For a few seconds, he struggles to come to terms with the unprecedented situation. His team is standing a wicket away from history and it could come with his next ball. He then recollects himself and sends down the remaining deliveries of the over.

8. The moment all Bangladesh have been waiting for arrives. Douglas Hondo and Chris Mpofu survives for three overs amid gasps of disbelief before Mpofu's leading edge from an Enamul delivery is snapped up by Ashraful at silly point. Zimbabwe are all out for 154, crashing to a 226-run defeat. The party starts with the clock showing 12.53pm.



Did U Know?

Habibul Bashar (94 + 55) has now ten fifties at home - the only batsman from Bangladesh to do so. Overall, he has 19 fifties to his credit - a record for most fifties for Bangladesh.



Sachin Tendulkar
(India cricket superstar)
"It is our responsibility to get together and through cricket, we can help the needy ones."



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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	38	Com-petent	DOWN	23	Low-down joints
1	Actress Jessica	39	In what way?	2	Musical
5	Hole	41	Trade	26	Coloration
8	Manage somehow	43	KFC	27	Getting there
12	Earl	46	... ent-hanced by this?	29	Callat?
13	Com-motion	50	Capital output	31	Piercing tool
14	In due course	51	Broad-casting	32	"Holy cow!"
15	Fleeing the fuzz	54	California town	34	Obeys
17	WWII invasion	55	Promptly	38	Attraction
18	Street's boss?	56	Culture medium	40	Home away from home
19	Anticlimax	57	Serene nades	42	Blond shade
21	Patronize the library	58	Altar	43	Sci-fi villain
24	Infinite-simal	59	Writer	44	Prince of India
25	Old woman's home			45	Author Morrison
28	Wheels of fortune?			47	Othello's foe
30	Binge			48	Florentine farewell
33	Bit of wordplay			49	Screws up
34	"Bolero" composer			52	Alli-mative action
35	Have bills			53	Snake eyes
36	Still				
37	Hydrox competitor				

Solution Time: 21 mins.

ACROSS: 1. ACTRESS, 5. HOLE, 8. MANAGE, 12. EARL, 13. COM-MOTION, 14. IN DUE COURSE, 15. FLEEING, 17. WWII, 18. STREET'S BOSS?, 19. ANTICLIMAX, 21. PATRONIZE, 24. INFINITE-SIMAL, 25. OLD WOMAN'S HOME, 28. WHEELS OF FORTUNE?, 30. BINGE, 33. BIT OF WORDPLAY, 34. "BOLERO", 35. HAVE, 36. STILL, 37. HYDROX.

DOWN: 2. MUSICAL, 23. LOW-DOWN JOINTS, 26. COLORATION, 27. GETTING THERE, 29. CALLAT?, 31. PIERCING TOOL, 32. "HOLY COW!", 34. OBEYS, 38. ATTRACTION, 40. HOME AWAY FROM HOME, 42. BLOND SHADE, 43. SCI-FI VILLAIN, 44. PRINCE OF INDIA, 45. AUTHOR MORRISON, 47. OTHELLO'S FOE, 48. FLORENTINE FAREWELL, 49. SCREWS UP, 52. ALLI-MATIVE ACTION, 53. SNAKE EYES.

Cricket's \$11m purse

Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

World cricket opened its collective hearts and wallets to the victims of the Asian tsunami with a massive 14.6 million dollars (11 million US) raised from their one-day charity match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Monday.

The Rest of the World XI beat Asia XI by 112 runs but the result mattered little, as cricket's elite came together for a unique contest before 70,101 fans as their heart-felt response to the shattering events on Indian Ocean shorelines over a fortnight ago.

It was an inspirational occasion with old rivals uniting for the common cause and encouraging rich and not-so rich benefactors to chip in with the extraordinary global effort helping the victims recover from the tsunami which has killed more than 156,000 people.

Australia's richest man Kerry Packer made a donation of three million dollars, while other funds came from ground entry, donation boxes, television appeals and corporate sponsorship. Prime Minister John Howard tossed a silver dollar to begin the match.

A second match organised by the International Cricket Council will be played probably in India in February or March to renew fund-raising efforts for the huge reconstruction ahead.

Ricky Ponting cracked a 102-ball century and Brian Lara and Chris Cairns half-centuries as the Rest of the World blazed their way to 344 for eight after winning the toss.

The runs proved too much for the Asian all-stars with Indian stylist Rahul Dravid topscoring with an unbeaten 75 off 71 balls and free-wheeling Indian opener Virender Sehwag's rollicking 45 off 39 balls the highlights, including his stupendous straight six off Darren Gough.

Man-of-the-match Ponting entered into the spirit of the occasion with eight fours and three sixes in his lively knock of 115.

The two teams raised a total of 926,000 dollars (703,000 US) from match sponsors, who offered 1,000 dollars for each run scored and 50,000 dollars for each of the seven sixes as part of the overall fund-raising.

Lara, who put on 122 runs for the third wicket in his first and likely last partnership with his Australian counterpart, chipped in with a sweet 52 and Cairns a rumbustious 69 off 47 balls with six fours and two sixes as the World XI raced along at almost seven runs an over.

Sri Lankan spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was cheered back to the MCG where he was not-balled by Australian umpire Darrell Hair for throwing in 1995 and finished with 3-59 off 10 overs, while Indian spin-

ner Anil Kumble claimed 2-73 from 10.

Sri Lankan wicketkeeper Kumar Sangakkara made three quickfire stumpings and took two catches in an impressive performance.

The Asia team looked on course to make a match of it through their dynamic opening pair of Sanath Jayasuriya and Sehwag.



PHOTO: AFP

THANK YOU: Captain of the Rest of the World XI Ricky Ponting (L) shakes hands with teammate Brian Lara after the latter reached his half-century during the Cricket Tsunami Appeal match against Asia XI at the Melbourne Cricket Ground yesterday.

Sri Lankan veteran Jayasuriya, playing in his 334th one day international, put on an entertaining 59 for the opening wicket with Sehwag before he was fooled by a slower ball from Cairns and was caught by Stephen Fleming at slip for 28.

Jayasuriya's mother saved herself from drowning by clinging to a tree branch in Sri Lanka during the tsunami.

Sehwag fell to the second ball of Warne's opening over holing out to deep mid-wicket where West Indian Chris Gayle took a running catch.

Asia skipper Sourav Ganguly hit 22 off 40 balls before hitting to a tumbling Gough at mid-off and Pakistani Younus Youhana was out to a soft catch for four giving Warne his second wicket.

Sangakkara joined in a 42-run partnership with Rahul Dravid but Gough got a big breakthrough when he had him caught behind for 24 off as many balls leaving the Asia XI 156 for five.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the Cricket Tsunami Appeal one-day match between a Rest of the World XI and an Asia XI at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Monday:
REST OF THE WORLD XI
Gayle c Sangakkara b Zaheer 1
Gilchrist c Sangakkara b Zaheer 24
Ponting c Sangakkara b Kumble 115
Lara c Vaas b Kumble 52
Cairns c Sangakkara b Muralitharan 69

McGrath c Yousuf b Muralitharan 0
Fleming b Vaas 30
Hayden c Sangakkara b Muralitharan 2
Vettori not out 27
Warne not out 2
Extras: (lb-3, w-7, nb-12) 22
Total: (For 8 wks in 50 overs) 344
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-50, 3-172, 4-263, 5-264, 6-286, 7-292, 8-337
Did not bat: Gough

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	9	1	59	1
Zaheer	8	0	46	2
Razaq	5	0	50	0
Muralitharan	10	0	59	3
Kumble	10	0	73	2
Sehwag	7	0	46	0
Jayasuriya	1	0	8	0
Did not bat				
ASIAXI				
Jayasuriya c Fleming b Cairns	28			
Sehwag c Gayle b Warne	45			
Ganguly c Gough b Vettori	22			
Dravid not out	75			
Youhana c Ponting b Warne	4			
Sangakkara c Gilchrist b Gough	24			
Razaq c Gilchrist b Vettori	7			
Vaas c McGrath b Vettori	11			
Zaheer run out (Gayle)	0			
Kumble b McGrath	1			
Muralitharan run out	0			
Extras: (lb-2, w-2, nb-1)	5			
Total: (All out in 39.5 overs)	232			
Fall of wickets: 1-59, 2-76, 3-107, 4-114, 5-156, 6-173, 7-197, 8-199, 9-226				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
McGrath	7	0	37	1
Gough	8	0	55	1
Cairns	6	0	37	1
Warne	7	0	27	2
Vettori	10	0	58	3
Gayle	1.5	0	16	0
Result: Rest of the World won by 112 runs.				
Man-of-the-match: Ricky Ponting.				
Toss: Rest of the World.				
Umpires: Rudi Koertzen (South Africa) and Billy Bowden (New Zealand).				

Tigers complete

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me and Habibul is good, it serves the team," Whatmore said.

"It was very satisfying. Everyone was expecting us to win and it did not come easily. Even the condition of the wicket did not help much. But my boys have showed a great team spirit," added the 50-year-old who is in second year as Bangladesh's mentor.

"It's nice to have a youngster like Enamul in the side beside Rafique. Enamul is different to Rafique but they do complement each other well."

On the other hand Zimbabwe captain Tatenda Taibu was obviously downcast after putting up a good fight in the first innings.

"It's disappointing. I thought we had the ability to win the Test match. It was a bit of bad cricket from our side and good cricket by the Bangladeshis."

"We have to clean up the things we did badly before the Dhaka Test. And obviously we are going to continue with the things we did well. Hope we would be able to win the second Test and come back," said the 21-year-old wicketkeeper.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the CityCell first Test between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe on the fifth and final day at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Monday:

BANGLADESH: First innings 488 (Bashar 94, Saleh 89, Rafique 69, Iqbal 56, Mpofu 4-109, Nkala 2-50)
ZIMBABWE: First innings 312 (Taibu 92, Chigumbura 71, Rafique 5-65)
BANGLADESH: Second innings 204 for 9 declared (Bashar 55; Chigumbura 5-54, Hondo 3-61)
ZIMBABWE: Second innings (over-night 46-3)

Matsikenyeri b Enamul	20			
Rogers sub (Manzarur) b Baisya	0			
Sibandabw b Baisya	0			
Masakadza c and b Enamul	56			
Taylor lbw b Enamul	44			
Taibu c Ahmed b Enamul	0			
Chigumbura c Mashud b Mashrafe	10			
Nkala b Mashrafe	5			
Cremer c Saleh b Enamul	2			
Hondo not out	6			
Mpofu c Ashraf b Enamul	5			
Extras: (lb-1, nb-4, w-1)	6			
Total: (All out in 64.2 overs)	154			
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-2, 3-42, 4-112, 5-115, 6-126, 7-138, 8-143, 9-145				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mashrafe	17	4	45	2
Baisya	10	6	20	2
Enamul	22.2	5	45	6
Rafique	15	6	43	0

Result: Bangladesh win by 226 runs and take 1-0 lead in the 2-Test series. Man-of-the-match: Enamul Haque. Toss: Bangladesh.

Finding a dream

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Only by playing at the highest level can we gradually improve.

After five years of growing pains, we have today secured our first win and in so doing our players have given the most fitting response to those who have doubted our potential and capability. Some had even gone to the point of suggesting that our victory against Pakistan in the 1999 World Cup was "fixed" whilst others with a strong propensity towards cynicism smelt a political agenda in our quest to hit cricket's pinnacle.

The one day win against India followed by our maiden Test victory against Zimbabwe shows how wonderfully spirited our players can be. There was no league last year and the first class structure has been dismantled. Despite this, the players have shown not just what is possible but more to the point, how much more can be achieved.

As we as a nation wallow in our victory, names such as Jagmohan Dalmiya, Denis Rogers, Ali Bacher, Ehsan Mani, Thilanga Sumathipala, Sir John Anderson, Tim Lamb, Peter Chingoka, David Richards and all others who unanimously supported our full member application in the 2000 Annual Conference come to my mind. We can now at least say to them in all humility, you had decided wisely by honouring Bangladesh.

By winning our first Test match, we have today reciprocated by honouring these men.

This has been a great innings and team effort by Bangladesh cricket spanning over three decades and all of us, whether it be as players, coaches, umpires, scorers, organizers, sponsors, media, politicians, ministers or simple well wishers, have played our part.

I have been fortunate to have presided over one of the most challenging phases of Bangladesh cricket and now it is also the most rewarding of experiences, thanks to the steady work of my predecessors, the unqualified and most generous possible cooperation, encouragement and support from Mr Obaidul Quader at the Sports Ministry and from the highest level of the government in the person of the then Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and last but not least, the most able of teams in the Board to help and guide me.

Wherever they may be today, I am sure they are also so proud in this momentous and historic occasion in Bangladesh cricket's ever unfolding story.

As one innings ends, another begins ... we have to get into the winning habit and play more and more competitively. Let us not be complacent and delude ourselves that all is well with our cricket as this will inevitably plunge us into despair and depression.

We really need to get our act together and chart a clear and focused path.

Now is the time to articulate a new vision and have the courage and self belief to dream a new dream ... the beauty and power of which will instill in us in course of time inspire us to become the strongest and the most admired cricketing nation.

(The author is the former president of the Bangladesh Cricket Board)



PHOTO: AFP

Atletico Madrid's Pablo (L) goes for desperate measures to stop Real Madrid superstar Ronaldo at the Vicente Calderon stadium in Madrid on June 9.

PRIMERA LIGA

Leaders back on earth

Football

AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid's 3-0 derby victory over neighbours Atletico closed the gap on league leaders and arch rivals Barcelona to seven points after the Catalans crashed 3-0 at Villarreal on Sunday.

Two goals from Brazilian World Cup winner Ronaldo either side of one from Argentine winger Santiago Solari gave a South American flavour to Real's victory.

In similar fashion, Barcelona were undone by players from the same continent.

Former Manchester United striker, and Uruguayan international Diego Forlan, got two goals to accomplish the strike from Villarreal's Argentine defender Gonzalo Rodriguez, who finished off a free kick from his compatriot Juan Ramon Riquelme.

"We deserved to lose," admitted Barca coach Frank Rijkaard.

"Villarreal were clearly superior - not necessarily in football terms -

but in their intensity, their pressure and the way they adapted to the state of the pitch.

"It's a bad start to the new year but it's a wake-up call and we will get good results again soon."

Real, who continued their perfect record under the reign of new coach Wanderley Luxemburgo, now have 35 points from their 18 games while Barcelona stay on 42 points after their heaviest defeat of the season.

"I managed to make the most of the chances that came my way and for that I'm happy," said Ronaldo, who took his tally for the season to 10 goals.

"And Luxemburgo, I think he's a great coach and I think many more people will be soon be thinking the same now that he's coaching here in Spain."

To be fair to Atletico, the 3-0 scoreline flattered Real, as the hosts had their chances and Fernando Torres went close several times.

Only heroics from Real goalkeeper Iker Casillas stopped Atletico, who lost their unbeaten home record, from scoring.

SERIE A

Juve remain in charge

Football

AFP, Milan

Juventus stretched their lead at the top of Serie A to four points Sunday after they won 4-2 at home to Livorno and second-placed AC Milan were held to a goalless draw at Palermo.

Alessandro Del Piero put Juve ahead with a glancing header from Ruben Olivera's cross and Mauro Camoranesi made it 2-0 with a tap-in after Zlatan Ibrahimovic's header had come back off the bar.

Jose Vidal's diving header hauled Livorno back into the match before Ibrahimovic's slow shot restored Juve's two-goal cushion. Matteo Melara's close range header kept Livorno in contention before Alessio Tacchinardi was brought down in the box and Camoranesi converted the penalty to double his tally.

Defending champions AC Milan dominated their Sicilian opponents in the second half, but found no way through a mean Palermo defence. Juventus have 43 points from their 18 matches played, while AC Milan have 39, five more than Udinese, who won 2-0 at home to Cagliari. Antonio Di Natale opened

the scoring for Udinese before Francesco Pisano put through his own net.

Inter Milan are four points behind Udinese in fourth spot after rallying from two goals down to beat Sampdoria 3-2 at the San Siro.

The home side scored three goals in the final seven minutes - which included five minutes for stoppages - for their third win in a row to preserve their unbeaten record.

Obafemi Martins scored with a curling shot struck with the outside of his boot before setting up Christian Vieri to smash home a volley that restored equality. Uruguayan striker Alvaro Recoba, a 75th minute substitute, snatched the winner with a low drive from the edge of the penalty area.

Roma bounced back after their derby defeat to Lazio on Thursday with a narrow 2-1 home win over bottom club Atalanta, which saw them climb to sixth place behind Sampdoria.

Vincenzo Montella scored both goals for Luigi Del Neri's side to take his league tally to 14, joint top with Inter Milan's Adriano. Michele Marcolin grabbed a late consolation goal for the visitors from Bergamo, who look set for a swift return to Serie B.

Valencia are third, with the same points and goal difference as Real but having not won as many games, after their 2-1 win over neighbours Levante on Saturday, the first derby in Spain's third city for 40 years.

Espanyol moved up to fourth with a convincing 4-1 victory over Osasuna on Sunday.

Japanese international striker Yoshito Okubo salvaged a point for relegation-threatened Real Mallorca on his debut for the island side, heading an equaliser after 64 minutes, in a 2-2 draw with Deportivo La Coruna.

TOP SIX

Spanish football league standings after Sunday's late match (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points):

Barcelona	18	13	3	2	35	14	42
Real	18	11	2	5	29	13	35
Valencia	18	10	5	3	29	13	35
Espanyol	18	10	3	5	22	13	33
Sevilla	18	9	5	4	21	18	32
Betis	18	7	6	5	22	21	27

Fa Cup

Just a scare

Football

AFP, London

Reality returned to the FA Cup ahead of Monday's fourth round draw but not before non-league Yeading kept the neutral fans on the edge of their seats as they chased the biggest upset in the 133-year history of the competition.

Their match against Newcastle United, was on paper at least, the greatest FA Cup mismatch of all-

time with the Premiership side 123 places and six divisions above the Ryman League leaders.

And just 24 hours after Conference leaders Exeter held Manchester United to a goalless draw at Old Trafford, a similarly astonishing scoreline was on the cards for nearly an hour until goals from Lee Bowyer and Shola Ameobi gave Newcastle a 2-0 win.

Across London at Highbury another upset was taking shape when Championship side Stoke took a 1-0 lead on the stroke of half-

time through Wayne Thomas before goals from strikers Jose Antonio Reyes and Robin van Persie secured a 2-1 victory for the Premiership champions.

But it was at Queens Park Rangers' Loftus Road - Yeading were forced to move the 'home' tie from their nearby Warran because the FA said it was too small to stage the match - where for 51 minutes the semi-professionals threatened to create history before Bowyer netted.