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Did U Know?

Talenda Taibu became the second batsman from Zimbabwe to be dismissed in the nineties against Bangladesh in the first Test. Craig Wishart had made 94 at Dhaka in 2001-02.



Michael Schumacher
 (Formula One world champion)
"It is like any successful person in life that needs a very strong and good partner and a happy life around him -- that's pretty much necessary."



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 English Premier Football League
 Arsenal vs Bolton Wanderers
 Live at 11:10 pm



Green Delta Premier Cricket League
 Victoria vs City Club (FCS)
 Mohammedan vs Agrani Bank (DCS)
 Abahani vs DOHS (BKSP)

Div I cricket
Rupali, Azad post wins

UNB, Dhaka
 An all-round performance by Nazmus Sadat steered Rupali Bank to earn a five-wicket victory over Bangladesh Boys Club in the First Division Cricket League at the Jahangirnagar University ground yesterday.
 Sent in to bat first Bangladesh Boys collected 219 runs in 44 overs after being all out. Opener Abdullah Al-Mamun hammered 113 off 115 deliveries.
 In reply, Rupali Bank reached their target making 222 runs for 5 in 30.1 overs.

Satisfying in the end

SPORTS REPORTER

Having made the country proud by recording their first ever Test win in Chittagong, the Bangladesh team members were now enjoying unprecedented adulation from their countrymen.

Fans in numbers waited outside the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) just to catch a glimpse of their heroes when they boarded the team bus after a reasonable first day performance. One of the most sought after faces was that of captain Habibur Bashar, who did not attend the end of day briefings but spoke to reporters on way out of the BNS and expressed his satisfaction at the way things have gone for them.

"We would have been happier had we taken another wicket. But I think at the end of the day we are not in a bad position. We have to wrap up their innings quickly tomorrow morning to take the control of the match," said Bashar.

Bashar said he was not unduly worried about losing the toss which many feel could have a bearing on this match.

"Losing the toss is very much a part of the game and I don't think there is any reason get scared of the pitch. It is a very good batting track and looked much better as the match progressed," said Bashar.

The Bangladesh captain had only one regret on the day Zimbabwean opener Stuart Matsikenyeri's dropped catch by third slip Mohammed Ashraf of

Mashrafe Bin Mortuza when the batsman was on five. Matsikenyeri went on to score 51.

"It was a crucial wicket. I believe their innings wouldn't have progressed much if he (Matsikenyeri) had been dismissed. But these things happen in cricket."

Vice-captain Khaled Mashud echoed his captain's sentiments during the official briefing and also took the opportunity to shower lavish praise on the performance of the two left-arm spinners Enamul Haque and Mohammad Rafique.

"The pitch is very nice for batting and you have to work hard to get a wicket from this kind of a surface. I must say Enamul bowled brilliantly and he had more confidence than he had in the first Test," said the 28-year old stumper.

Rafique bowled in the right channel on a good line which troubled their batsmen and we through his effort at one end helped young Enamul to pick wickets with fine turn and variation," said Mashud about the veteran whose 32 overs went for just 48 runs.

Mashud didn't agree that batting would be difficult as the match went on.

"There might not be enough bounce on the pitch but I believe there is hardly any chance for cracks to develop on this track. But first we must get them out before lunch."

Zimbabwe were disappointed with the run-rate they achieved on the first day but still targeted 350.

"It was a little disappointing not to achieve at least over three runs per over but the total was not at all frustrating. Tatenda (Taibu) and

(Tinashe) Panyanara are at the crease and we are hopeful that they will carry on tomorrow and cross the 350 mark," said vice-captain Dion Ebrahim.

Ebrahim, who returned to the squad after missing the first Test due to a one-match suspension, also praised the two left-arm spinners.

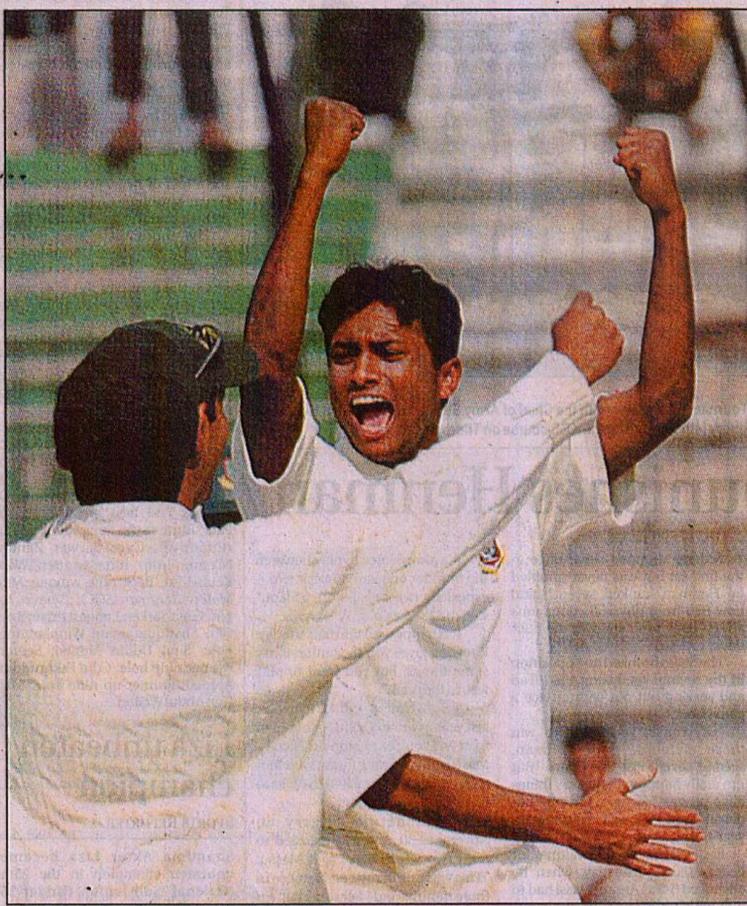
"I think the wicket was not bad for batting and we made a good start after winning the toss. But the two spinners especially Enamul bowled brilliantly."

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the second and final Test between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Friday:
ZIMBABWE: First Innings
 Matsikenyeri b Enamul 51
 Rogers b Enamul 29
 Ebrahim lbw b Enamul 12
 Masakadza c Ahmed b Baisya 43
 Taylor lbw b Enamul 12
 Taibu not out 49
 Chigumbura c Ashraf b Baisya 34
 Panyanara not out 14
 Extras: (b-4, lb-5, nb-1) 10
 Total: (For six wks in 93 overs) 244
 Fall of wks: 1-65, 2-96, 3-107, 4-111, 5-171, 6-221.

Bowler O M R W
 Baisya 17 7 52 2
 Mortaza 17 4 61 0
 Rafique 32 13 48 0
 Enamul 27 7 74 4

Toss: Zimbabwe
Umpires: Nadeem Ghauri (PAK) and Gaminji Silva (SRI)
TV umpire: Mahburur Rahman (BAN)
Match-referee: Roshan Mahanama (SRI)



I'M ON FIRE! Enamul Haque, who initiated a Zimbabwean batting collapse with four wickets, exults after sending back Brendan Taylor at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Brothers manager barred from cricket grounds

SPORTS REPORTER

Brothers Union's cricket manager Amin Khan was made persona-nongrata at cricket grounds for one year by match referee Shiper Ahmed yesterday for physically assaulting umpire Mahburur Rahman during the club's Premier League match against Old DOHS on Wednesday.

Amin reportedly attacked the umpire after Brothers lost to DOHS by one run and also charged Mahburur with biased umpiring.

According to cricketers involved in the match, newcomers DOHS enjoyed blatant favours from Mahburur which enabled them to win the game and lift the league title with one fixture left.

Eyewitnesses at the Fatullah Stadium said that DOHS had apparently lost the game when last man Shahadat Hossain Rajib was clean bowled by Brother's former Indian international Thiru Kumar. But as Rajib was heading back to the pavilion, umpire Mahburur suddenly changed his mind and signalled a no-ball and called the batsman back.

The ruling enabled DOHS to

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GP International Jr Tennis Group 3 from today

SPORTS REPORTER

The International Junior Tennis Tournament Group 3 will begin today at the Ramna National Tennis Complex in Dhaka.

A total of 93 tennis players, 63 boys and 30 girls, from 13 countries

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Zimbabwe's top scorer Stuart Matsikenyeri flicks Bangladeshi fast bowler Mashrafe Bin-Mortuza on Day One of the second Test.

Eng hit by Ntini strikes

CRICKET

AFP, Johannesburg

England's batsmen struggled on a rain-hit second day of the fourth Test against South Africa at the Wanderers Stadium on Friday.

England were 293 for seven at tea after only 87 minutes play was possible between interruptions for rain and bad light.

England captain Michael Vaughan was unbeaten on 29, his highest score of the series, but he lost three partners while only 30 runs were added in bowler-friendly conditions.

Fast bowler Makhaya Ntini took two wickets Friday and had figures of four for 67 at the tea break.

No play was possible before lunch after overnight rain continued

in the morning. When play did start the sky was heavily overcast and the floodlights were on.

The pitch, which had been good for batting on a sunny first day, gave the bowlers considerable assistance, with the ball moving sharply off the seam at times.

Nightwatchman Matthew Hoggard fended a catch to AB de Villiers at gully off Ntini in a 40-minute period of play before a 23-minute stoppage for bad light.

When cricket resumed, England lost two more wickets. Andrew Flintoff edged a catch to South African captain Graeme Smith at first slip when he played a loose back-foot shot against Ntini.

Smith held his third catch of the innings in the following over when Geraint Jones edged a ball from Shaun Pollock which seemed away from him.

Ashley Giles stayed with his captain for 34 minutes before rain stopped play and tea was taken. Vaughan, whose previous highest score of the series was 20, had batted for 176 minutes and faced 103 balls when the players went off.

England were in a strong position at 262 for two before Andrew Strauss was out for 147 against the second new ball Thursday. When Jones was dismissed England had lost five wickets for 16 runs and the match was evenly-poised.

The five-match series is tied at 1-1.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the second day of the fourth Test between South Africa and England at the Wanderers Stadium on Friday:
ENGLAND: First Innings (overnight 263-4)

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Pakistan to tour India March 4

REUTERS, New Delhi

Pakistan will open their first full tour of India for six years with a test starting on March 4, according to the match schedule released on Friday.

India's cricket board announced dates for the series comprising three tests and five one-dayers but said the venues would be decided next week.

Pakistan have not played a test series in India since 1999 because of political tension between the two neighbours but India embarked on their first test tour of Pakistan for over 14 years last March and April as relations improved.

The tourists will arrive in India on February 25.

Match	Dates
Warm-up game	February 27-March 1
First Test	March 4-8
Second Test	March 12-16
Third Test	March 20-24
Warm-up game	March 26
First ODI	March 28
Second ODI	March 31
Third ODI	April 3
Fourth ODI	April 6
Fifth ODI	April 9

Kenyan cricket board disbanded

CRICINFO, undated

Ochillo Ayacko, Kenya's minister of sports, on Friday disbanded the Kenyan Cricket Association, claiming that it is blighted by mismanagement, and appointed an interim committee to run the game until a new constitution can be agreed. It is expected that this will be ready by April 15.

The KCA has been embroiled in a bitter fight with many of Kenya's stakeholders for the last couple of years, and it seems that Ayacko's patience with the existing board's conduct has finally snapped.

Sammy Obingo, the KCA's general manager, is leading an ICC-prompted review of a constitution which has been at the root of many

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WI melt in Melbourne

CRICKET

AFP, Melbourne

West Indies wilted in the face of intense pressure from world champions Australia, collapsing 116 runs short of victory in their opening tri-series one-day cricket international here Friday.

After being dismissed off just 46.2 overs, the tourists mustered a paltry 185 runs in reply to Australia's 301 for 4 on a batting-friendly Melbourne Cricket Ground wicket which had offered them far more.

The rusty performance highlighted the West Indies' lack of serious match practice in the lead-up to the tournament, with Australia resting both opening batsman Matthew Hayden and their top pace bowler Glenn McGrath for the clash.

Captain Brian Lara with 56 and Shivnarine Chanderpaul with 46 offered some resistance but when Lara was caught by Andrew Symonds off spinner Brad Hogg the visitors' innings fell apart.

Speedster Brett Lee, who failed to make the Australian Test team for the just-completed series against Pakistan, had a stunning return to international competition, ripping the heart out of the West Indian batting early on.

Lee, showing lightning pace of more than 150km/h (94 mph), claimed three of the first four wickets to fall -- opener Wavell Hinds was run out for five -- finishing with 3-36 from his allotted 10 overs.

But it was Hogg, who just over a year ago was struggling to keep his place in the Western Australian state team, who emerged the real hero of the Australian bowling, taking career-best figures for a one-day international of 5-32.

It was he who broke the West Indies' resistance after Lara and Chanderpaul had carried them from 33 for four to 131 when he had the captain caught by Symonds at extra cover.

He then caught and bowled both Chanderpaul and Samuels as the Windies collapse gathered momentum.

For Australia, three batsmen notched half-centuries with Damien Martyn on the brink of a full

ton, remaining unbeaten on 95 from 93 balls.

Talented newcomer Michael Clarke, who had been suffering from a foot injury prior to the match, more than held his own in the opening slot after he asked captain Ricky Ponting to be moved up the order to replace Hayden, who was being rested.

Clarke belted 66, including eight boundaries -- his fifth one-day half-century -- before being bowled by Marlon Samuels while trying a late cut shot.

There had been some luck on his side as well, with 18-year-old one-day debutante Xavier Marshall dropping a difficult chance while he was on just 13 runs.

The West Indies got off to a flying start when the prolific and free-

flowing run-scorer Gilchrist was dismissed for a rare duck.

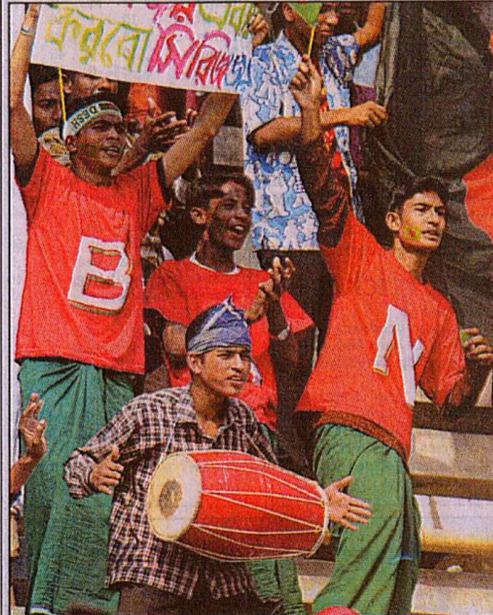
The wicketkeeper fell victim to a spectacular catch off the bowling of left-arm quick Ian Bradshaw as Dwayne Bravo at mid-wicket dived to his right.

But the tourists could not sustain the momentum and at times became undisciplined.

Several run-out chances were wasted and catching chances also missed by the bowlers, especially Mervyn Dillon, offered too many wayward deliveries.

For Australia, Ponting, who virtually shared the opening duties with Clarke after Gilchrist fell in just the second over, was also in fine form knocking 78 off 92 balls before being run out.

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THE BANGLA ARMY! Youngsters clad in Bangladesh colours cheer the Tigers at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

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