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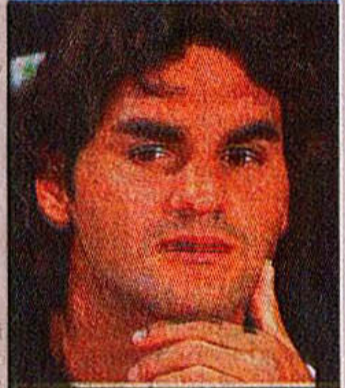
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**Did U Know?**  
Enamul Haque's figures (7 for 95 in the first innings of the second Test against Zimbabwe) are the second best at Dhaka. The only other bowler to claim seven wickets in an innings at this venue is Danish Kaneria (7 for 77) for Pakistan against Bangladesh in 2001-02.

**TALK TURKEY**  
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**What to WATCH**

**BTV & ESPN**  
Bangladesh vs Zimbabwe  
Second Test, Day 5  
Live at 9:30 am

**ESPN**  
Bangladesh vs Zimbabwe  
Second Test, Day 4  
Highlights at 8:30 am  
Football Focus  
Live at 6:30 pm  
Sportscentre  
Live at 8:30 pm  
VB Series  
Pakistan vs West Indies  
Third ODI  
Live at 4:55 am (Wednesday)

**STAR Sports**  
Sportsline  
Live at 8:00 pm  
FA Cup  
Liverpool vs Burnley  
Live at 1:30 am (Wednesday)  
Australian Open  
Men's/Women's 2nd Rd  
Live at 6:00 am (Wednesday)

**NEWS EVENING**

Bangladesh vs Zimbabwe  
Second Test, Day 5  
Venue: BNS

**Spearman in the World XI squad**

BBC ONLINE, undated

Former New Zealand Test batsman Craig Spearman has been added to the World XI for the one-day series against the Black Caps beginning on January 22.

The 32-year-old, who played the last of his 19 Tests in 2000 and now plays for Gloucestershire, replaces Andy Flower.

Michael Bevan was to have joined the squad for the final match, but is now to captain Australia's Prime Minister's XI against the West Indies.

The series was arranged after Sri Lanka headed home because of the tsunami.

## BD-Zim fifth ODI to be a day match

SPORTS REPORTER

The fifth and final one-day international between Bangladesh and the visiting Zimbabwe will be a day match instead of the previously scheduled day-night affair.

The match will take place at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on January 31.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) made the change to accommodate the tourists in taking the evening flight out of Dhaka on that day.

The first one-day international, a day night encounter, will be held at the same venue on January 20.

## Premier cricket ends Biman secure fourth place

SPORTS REPORTER

The Green Delta Premier Division Cricket League ended yesterday with Brothers Union defeating Bangladesh Biman by 40 runs in one of the three matches on the day.

Despite the defeat at BKSP in Savar, the national flag carrier finished fourth securing 14 points behind newly crowned Old DOHS (18 points), runners-up City Club (18) and last year's champions Victoria SC (15).

On the other hand, Brothers moved up to the seventh place in the 12-team league with eight points.

Brothers scored 221 for 6 in their share of 50 overs and later dismissed Biman for 181 in 44.2 overs to finish their campaign on a winning note.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Indira Road KC registered a 41-run victory over Young Pegasus to finish on eight points.

Indira Road made 159 before being all out in 49.5 overs after deciding to bat while Young Pegasus were bundled out for 118 runs in 35.3 overs.

In the day's other match, Uttara SC secured a five-wicket defeat of Orient SC at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium to be placed at the bottom.

Orient reached 136 for 5 in 35.4 overs in reply to Uttara's 135 all out in 48.5 overs.

Two bottom teams -- Young Pegasus (5) and Uttara Sporting Club (4) were demoted to the First Division.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**

Venue: BKSP  
BROTHERS: 221 for 6 in 50 overs (Nayeem 86, Jahangir 37, Halim 22).  
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DID EXACTLY WHAT WAS EXPECTED OF 'EM: Bangladesh openers Javed Omar (L) and Nafees Iqbal leave the field at the end of fourth day's play of the second and final Test against Zimbabwe at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

## Spinning past records

SPORTS REPORTER

When he bowls records roll, quipped an enthusiastic cricket fan after young left-arm spinner Enamul Haque had just dismissed another Zimbabwe batsman on the fourth day of the second Test at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

This statement might sound like an exaggeration, but considering what the 18-year-old has done over the last one week it is amazing in every sense. Playing only his fifth Test, the wonder boy from Sylhet took 12-200 in the Dhaka Test, a first of its kind achievement by any Bangladeshi in a Test match.

Having finished with 6-45 in the second innings of the first Test at

Chittagong, which was the best innings bowling figures by a Bangladeshi, Enamul improved the mark in the first innings at Dhaka. His 7-95 was not only the best effort by a Tiger but also earned him the fabulous feat of becoming the youngest bowler in Test history to achieve the landmark surpassing former Pakistan fast bowler Waqar Younis.

And when the tweaker trapped Zimbabwe's Graeme Cremer leg before on Sunday, he became the first Bangladeshi bowler to capture ten wickets in a match.

The wicket of Cremer also made Enamul the youngest bowler to take ten wickets in a match surpassing great left-arm paceman Wasim Akram. The former Pakistan captain captured ten wickets against New Zealand at the age of 18 years and 256 days while Enamul achieved it in

18 years and 43 days. Besides, his series haul of 18 wickets was also the best performance by a Bangladeshi erasing fellow left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique's mark of 17 wickets in the three-match series against Pakistan in 2003.

But Enamul, a mature 'head' on a young shoulder, said that this was just the beginning.

"It is nice to break some world records but I think it is just the start. I have to work really hard to be a good bowler," said Enamul, who also won a brand new Nissan Sunny from title sponsors CityCell.

The cellular operators put on display two luxury cars at the start of the series, one for the first Bangladeshi to hit a Test century and other for a bowler to take eight or

more wickets in a Test match. Enamul achieved the latter feat on the fourth day of the second Test.

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# Safety first, says Bashar

BISHWAJIT ROY

Captain Habibul Bashar was optimistically looking at securing a draw on the final day of the second and final Test to give Bangladesh a maiden series victory.

"If you consider the last three days and even the first session of the fourth day, I must say we are now in a good position. It was fantastic in the end that we have achieved more than what we wanted," said a delighted Bashar during the post-day briefing at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Chasing a stiff winning target of 374, openers Nafees Iqbal (55) and Javed Omar (36) led the Tigers' brilliant fightback batting for almost two sessions in a record 98-run opening stand.

But Bashar believed it was too early to think about winning the match.

"Definitely, it will be something special if we can complete a series whitewash but realistically speaking we'll be just as happy with a draw after struggling for the last three days. But cricket is a funny game and who knows another piece of history could be made tomorrow," remarked the country's top batsman with a wry smile.

"We should begin the fifth day without being overly confident. I believe the boys have learned their lessons from the first innings on how important each and every session is in a five-day contest. It only takes one to change the outcome on the last day of a Test match," he added.

The 32-year-old Bangladesh skipper, however, issued a word of caution to his boys that it would not be easy to bat on the fifth day.

"Although I think the pitch is still good but it is always difficult to bat on the fifth day. We will plan our chase after assessing what happens in the first session.

Definitely, it is crucial that the openers occupy the crease for as long as they can in the morning and hopefully at least one of them goes on and makes a big hundred," he said.

Bashar also took the opportunity to praise his Zimbabwe counterpart Tatenda Taibu, who led his side by example with a maiden Test hun-

dred. "He was simply outstanding and almost single-handedly made the situation difficult for us. While it was tricky to play strokes this track but Taibu made it look so easy once he got used to conditions."

The 21-year-old wicketkeeper-batsman hit the first century of the series with a magnificent 153 off 292 balls.

Bashar's only regret was that his two potent weapons left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique and fast bowler Mashrafe-Bin-Mortuza were fighting to be fit.

"Rafique is still struggling but the news for Mashrafe is a little better. Our team physio told us that he will recover soon. But one thing is for sure both will be able to bat if required," he informed.

While Bashar was understandably upbeat, the mood in the opposition camp was downcast.

"It was a very frustrating day for us. Hopefully, we can swing the momentum in our favour tomorrow morning if a only couple of wickets fall early," said Dion Ebrahim, vice-captain of the Zimbabwe side.

The most experienced player in the side believed that one dropped catch helped the home side to finish strongly.

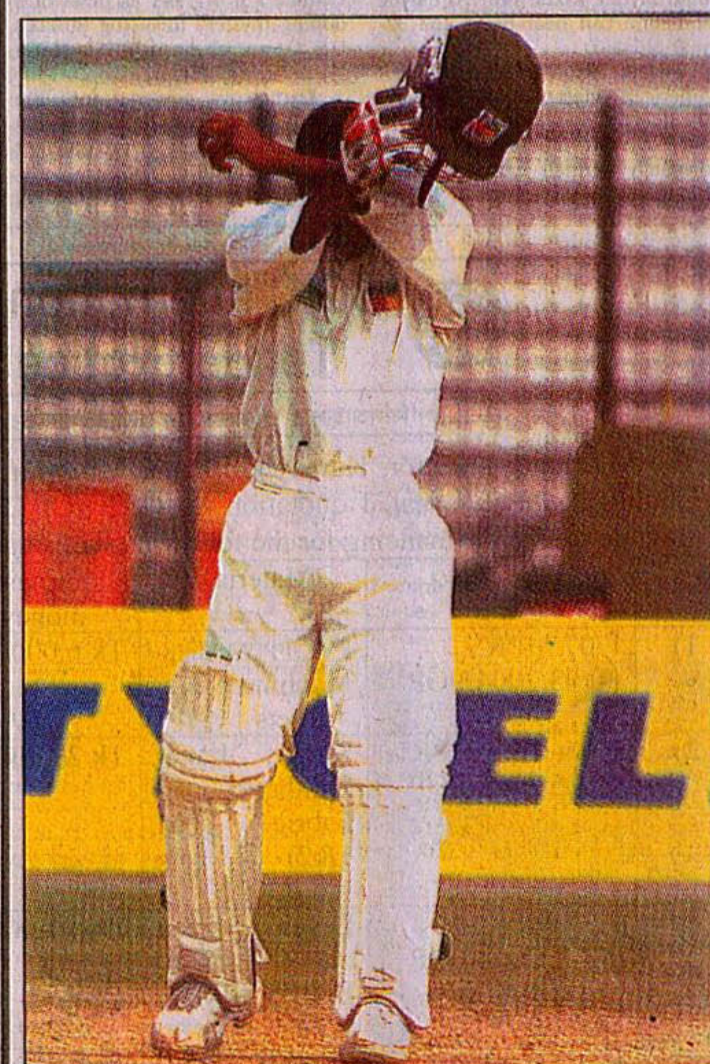
"Missing one chance might prove the difference. But I won't take anything away from the two openers (Nafees and Javed) who showed real patience," he added.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the second and final Test between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe at the Bangabandhu National Stadium in Dhaka on Monday:

**ZIMBABWE:** First innings 298 (Taibu 85 not out, Matsikenyeri 51; SEE PAGE 14 COL 8



ANOTHER FIVE-STAR PERFORMANCE: Spinner Enamul Haque, who again grabbed five wickets to add to his first innings' seven, celebrates after Aftab Ahmed (on the ground) took the catch to dismiss Douglas Hondo yesterday.



THANK GOD: Zimbabwe captain Tatenda Taibu crosses upon reaching his maiden century on the fourth day of the second Test against Bangladesh yesterday.

## England win fourth Test

REUTERS, Johannesburg

Searner Matthew Hoggard took seven wickets for the first time in his career as England beat South Africa by 77 runs in a dramatic finale to the fourth Test at the Wanderers on Monday.

Fired by Marcus Trescothick's second-innings 180, they set South Africa 325 to win and then carved through their much-vaunted batting before sealing victory late in the final session to go 2-1 up in the five-match series.

**MSC win tsunami charity in Tripura**

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan Sporting Club thrashed Tripura Eleven 4-0 in a charity football match at the Umakanta Stadium in Agartala, India yesterday.

The match was arranged to raise funds for victims of the devastating Tsunami that hit South and SouthEast Asia last month.

Korean striker Ta Yang and former Bangladesh forward Imtiaz Ahmed Naqib struck a brace each for Dhaka giants.

**ERRATUM**  
In our yesterday's lead picture caption it was inadvertently written that Khaled Mashud was taking a catch at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium. It should have been at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. We apologise for the oversight.

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