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First instant replay was used during an Army-Navy Football Game at Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia on December 7, 1963. The technology was invented by CBS, Columbia Broadcast System, director Tony Verna.



Shaun Pollock
(South Africa all-rounder)
"It's a bit of a sprint. If one-day cricket is an 800-metre race, then Twenty20 is 100 metres."
On the quick nature of the game that lasts only 20-overs a side.

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Journalist Malu passes away

SPORTS REPORTER

Sports journalist Aminul Haider Chowdhury Malu died on Friday night at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

He was 68. Aminul Haider, who was popular in the sports arena as 'Malu bhai', was rushed to Islami Bank Hospital first from his Fakirerpool residence after suffering a stroke. He was buried in his family graveyard in Gupalpur, his home



AMINUL HAIDER MALU

village in Noakhali district. He was a bachelor for life and left a younger brother and numerous admirers to mourn his death.

Malu worked for the Daily Sangram since 1969 and was a lifetime member of Bangladesh Sports Writer Association (BSWA) and Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU).

Mahbub, Rumi win TT titles

UNB, Dhaka

Mahbub of Sheikh Russel became champion in the men's singles and Rumi of Abahani clinched the women's title of the Sam Open Table Tennis tournament by winning their respective final matches yesterday.

Mahbub beat Hamlet of Biman 4-2 while Rumi crushed teammate Jayati 4-0 at the NSC Wooden Floor Gymnasium.

In the boys group (under-14), Palash of Palolic won the title defeating teammate Antu 4-2.

Information Secretary Didarul Anwar was present at the concluding ceremony as chief guest and

Nazim blows Scots away

SPORTS REPORTER

Young batsman Nazimuddin enhanced his reputation as an opener with a blazing half-century as Bangladesh recorded a comprehensive six-wicket victory against Scotland in an ICC World Twenty20 warm-up match at the SuperSport Park in Centurion yesterday.

The 22-year-old Chittagonian provided a rare instance of consistency for the Tigers in the lead-up to the tournament proper that begins on Tuesday when he smashed an unbeaten 74 to steer Bangladesh to 148 for 4 to overtake Scotland's 145-8 with four overs yet to be bowled.

The right-hander clobbered nine fours and three sixes during his 42-ball essay and his hometown partner Aftab Ahmed struck a run-a-ball 33 with the help of five sweetly timed boundaries.

Nazimuddin suddenly hogged the spotlight after he had been drafted into the playing eleven against Kenya in the four-nation tune-up tourney following a last moment injury of Shakib Al Hasan and the young batter made no mistake to take the opportunity with both hands.

He just carried his form from the

Kenya tour where he started with a match-winning 43-run knock against the hosts and then played a magnificent 81-run innings against Pakistan to all but confirm his place in the playing eleven in the championship.

Chasing the decent Scottish total, Bangladesh lost their first wicket in the very first over when dashing left-hander Tamim Iqbal continued his poor showing with a



NAZIMUDDIN

6-ball 8, but Aftab joined his divisional teammate Nazimuddin to ensure the comfortable victory.

The Chittagonian pair added 87 runs for the second-wicket stand to tear the Scotland attack apart. Although captain Mohammad

Ashraful (4) and fit-again Shakib (8) fell in quick succession, Alok Kapali remained not out on nine to see the Tigers home without any further damage.

Earlier, Scotland thrived on a well-paced 54 by Navdeep Poonia to put up a respectable total on the board after deciding to bat first. The 21-year-old right-hander, who played 14 one-day internationals, hit four boundaries and two sixes in his 43-ball innings before being trapped leg before wicket by Ashraful.

Left-arm spinner Abdur Razzak caused the early damages by sharing the new ball with Syed Rasel as he sent back both openers with the scoreboard reading 20-2. Pace spearhead Mashrafe Bin Mortaza also captured two wickets but was too expensive giving away 42 runs in four overs. Shakib claimed two for 28 runs.

SCORES IN BRIEF

SCOTLAND: 145 for 8 in 20 overs (Poonia 54, Hamilton 21, Brown 18, McCallum 15, Watts 12, Maiden 12; Razzak 2-6, Shakib 2-28, Mashrafe 2-42, Ashraful 1-19)
BANGLADESH: 148 for 4 in 16 overs (Nazimuddin 74, Aftab 33; Lyons 2-21, Haq 1-22, Blain 1-26)
Result: Bangladesh beat Scotland by 6 wickets.
Toss: Scotland.

The chase works

STAR SPORT MONITOR

Michael Hussey stroked a brilliant unbeaten 72 as Australia beat neighbours New Zealand by four wickets in their first warm-up match of the ICC World Twenty20 at Willowmoore Park in Benoni yesterday.

Pakistan and West Indies were the other winners on the opening day of practice matches when Bangladesh also beat Scotland by six wickets. In the last match of the day, Sri Lanka beat hosts South Africa by five wickets, making sure that only Pakistan won after they batted first as the rest chased successfully.

After the Black Caps piled 182-8 in 20 overs, Hussey and Andrew Symonds made sure of the victory after the Australians lost their top-order in the space of 10 balls. Speedster Shane Bond took three wickets for 26.

Hussey struck four sixes while Symonds hit two during their rescue act with a 113-run fifth wicket stand in only 72 balls. Bond removed openers Adam Gilchrist and Matthew Hayden for ducks. Hussey ended the game scoring 72 off 44 balls while Symonds scored his 70 off 43 balls.

Craig McMillan (60) and youngster Ross Taylor (53) earlier took care of New Zealand's batting.

Seamer Ben Hilfenhaus took three for 11. In the day's earlier match in the same venue, a whirlwind 63 off 30 balls from Marlon Samuels led West Indies to a comfortable six-wicket victory against Kenya. Chasing 156, Shivnarine Chanderpaul remained unbeaten on 46 off 33 balls as West Indies reached the target with 2.3 overs to spare.

Samuels smashed three fours and six sixes during a 105-run stand for the third wicket with Chanderpaul after they had lost

their first two wickets with the score on 38.

Earlier, the West Indian bowlers had backed up Ramnaresh Sarwan's decision to field by restricting Kenya to 155 for 5 in 20 overs. Kenya had lost David Obuya early but were on course for a sizeable total after Maurice Ouma and Tanmay Mishra, who top-scored with 43, took them to 70 after 9.3 overs with eight wickets in hand.

Sri Lanka rode on contributions from Sanath Jayasuriya (46) and captain Mahela Jayawardene (39*) as they outplayed the hosts at Sedgears Park in Potchefstroom with 7 balls to spare as they chased 160-run target.

Jayawardene's opposite number Greame Smith (46) could not take the total past the 180-mark. Farveez Maharoof took 3-31 from his four overs.

At Centurion, an outstanding spell from Umar Gul, taking 3 for 11

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Afridi started it all?

Tanveer replaces Akhtar

AFP, Lahore

Pakistan pacer Shoaib Akhtar Saturday blamed all-rounder Shahid Afridi for provoking a row that led to his ouster from the Twenty20 championship in South Africa for hitting a teammate.

The 32-year-old struck his new-ball partner Muhammad Asif with a bat during a practice session in Johannesburg on Thursday, prompting the team's management to send him back.

"I apologised to Asif and he had forgiven me, but another teammate Afridi took the matter further and it forced the management to send me back," Akhtar told a press conference in Lahore after his return from South Africa.

"The incident started with a verbal spat between me and Afridi, who used foul language, and Asif intervened and in anger I hit Asif with a bat," Akhtar said.

The incident has cast doubt over

the future of his career, which has been hit by controversy and injuries.

"I am sorry for what happened and it should not have happened. I request the authorities not to ban me for a lengthy period," said Akhtar, who faces calls for a life ban after the latest in a series of controversies.

"I want to play for my country and talk of a life ban or lengthy ban is worrying. I still want to play in South Africa, but if that is not possible, I want to play for my country in near future."

Akhtar denied his expulsion could prompt him to play in the breakaway Indian league funded by the country's largest listed media group, Zee Telefilms.

"It's absurd. I have said no to the Indian league and will not go there. There is no truth in it," he said.

Pakistan Cricket Board director of operations Zakir Khan said Akhtar's replacement would be ready in time for Pakistan's opening match against Scotland at Durban on Wednesday.

"PCB has already requested the

International Cricket Council to replace Akhtar with uncapped all-rounder Sohail Tanveer," he said.

Another official, Shafiqat Naghmi, said Akhtar would face a disciplinary committee hearing very soon.

"Akhtar is suspended indefinitely until a disciplinary committee meeting. He is also issued a notice to explain his comments against a doping tribunal," said Naghmi.

Akhtar last week criticised a PCB doping tribunal that banned him for two years and Asif for one year after they tested positive for the banned steroid nandrolone in October last year.

The bans were lifted on appeals, but Akhtar and Asif both missed the 50-over World Cup held in the Caribbean earlier this year.

Akhtar was also on a six-week probation after he left a training camp in Karachi without informing team manager Talat Ali last month. He was fined 300,000 rupees (5,000

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Mahendra Singh Dhoni hits out at England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff as he took India to a decent total in the final one-day at Lord's in London on Saturday.

Bangladesh crash to Pakistan

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh succumbed to yet another massive defeat in the 7th Men's Asia Cup Hockey Championship when wounded Pakistan thrashed them 10-0 in the classification match in Chennai yesterday.

Three times Asian champions Pakistan, who failed to make it to the semifinals, will now play China for the 5th-6th position match while Bangladesh take on Hong Kong for the 7th-8th position match on Sunday.

Bangladesh, who beat Thailand 13-0 and Sri Lanka 3-2 and lost 6-0 to both India and China and went down 8-0 to South Korea, conceded four goals in the first half against formidable Pakistan with Waqas Sharif, Yasir Islam, Tariq Aziz and Muhammad Imran scoring one each.

Muhammad Imran and Tariq Aziz added one more in the second half while Abbas Haider and Muhammad Arshad made it eight in the second half to complete the tally.

China outplayed Hong Kong 6-1 in the place-deciding match yesterday while Singapore avoided finishing last in the competition with a 4-0 victory over bottom-side Thailand and they play for the 9th-10th place play-offs against Sri Lanka.

Korea-India final today

AFP, Chennai

India and South Korea moved to the final of the 7th Men's Asia Cup in Chennai yesterday.

South Korea defeated Malaysia 2-1 while the hosts downed Japan 4-1 to set up a tasty clash, which will take place today.

In the first semifinal, Oh Dae Keun and Yoon Sung Hoon scored for South Korea, while captain Azlon Misron found the target for Malaysia.

South Korea, champions at the 2006 Doha Asian Games, twice led by a goal in the keenly-contested encounter but never looked safe with their advantage as Malaysia kept pressing hard.

The plucky Malaysians had a

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Flintoff bangs on return

Cricket

AFP, London

England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff made an instant impact on his return to the side as they dismissed India for just 187 at Lord's here Saturday.

Flintoff showed no signs of the ankle injury that ruled him out of the games at Headingley and the Oval, taking the wickets of Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, and Mahendra Dhoni as the tourists failed to come to terms with the pressure of the series decider.

Flintoff's performance however was overshadowed by Dimitri Mascarenhas who also took three wickets, but conceded just 23 runs from his 10 overs.

After punishing India with the bat at the Oval, this time he did the damage with the ball, also bowling two maidens in his spell.

With the series tied at 3-3, India's decision to bat after winning the toss seemed to place them in the driving seat.

But some superb fast bowling from James Anderson and Stuart Broad saw India restricted to just 53 runs in the first 15 overs. In that time Anderson also claimed the wickets of Sourav Ganguly and Guatam Gambhir.

Ganguly and Tendulkar were

making their last appearances at Lord's for India, and that, coupled with the pressure of the occasion, got to the pair.

Tendulkar played some uncharacteristically loose shots, while Ganguly could have been out twice in one Stuart Broad over. Fortunately for the Indian opener, the ball dropped short of the fielder on both occasions.

Ganguly's luck finally ran out when he edged Anderson to Flintoff at second slip. Tendulkar continued to battle away, but when Guatam Gambhir and Rahul Dravid both departed within the space of five balls India's task got harder.

Tendulkar's last innings at Lord's finally came to an end when the faintest of nicks gave Flintoff his second wicket. The Indian opener seemed reluctant to go, and was given a standing ovation from the crowd as he trudged back to the pavilion.

At 59-4 India were struggling; but Yuvraj began the fightback smashing Broad for six into the Grand Stand. Robin Uthappa also got in on the act, hitting Flintoff for 10 in one over, as the tourists reached 100-4 in the 24th over.

The pair put on 47 for the fifth wicket before Uthappa, who had already survived a vehement England appeal for caught behind when he was on 14, lobbed a catch to Anderson at mid-on. Yuvraj didn't

last much longer, before he too fell to Mascarenhas's bowling.

The last of India's recognised batsman tried to cut the medium-pace for four, but only succeeded in guiding the ball into the waiting hands of Collingwood.

Mahendra Dhoni did his best to get the tourists to a respectable total, scoring a valuable half century, which included hitting Anderson back over his head for six.

Anderson though had the last laugh, racing round the boundary to take a fine diving catch as Dhoni tried to hit Flintoff for six.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Indian innings against England in the seventh and final one-day international at Lord's in London on Saturday:

INDIA	Runs
Ganguly c Flintoff b Anderson	15
Tendulkar c Prior b Flintoff	30
Gambhir c Wright b Anderson	12
Dravid c Prior b Flintoff	0
Yuvraj c Collingwood b Mascarenhas	28
Uthappa c Anderson b Mascarenhas	22
Dhoni c Anderson b Flintoff	50

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'Bosman claims right'

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Garnett Kruger, the latest to leave South Africa for England under the Kolpak ruling, has supported Loots Bosman's claims against Mickey Arthur, the coach of the South African team.

"The players are badly treated. They did it to me, they did it to Robin Peterson, and now they're doing it to Loots Bosman," Kruger told the Star, a Johannesburg newspaper. "We know it's wrong but in the past we didn't want to make a big fuss about it... I don't want to keep quiet anymore. We're tired of stuff being swept under the carpet."

Bosman is due to face a Cricket South Africa (CSA) disciplinary hearing for calling Arthur "a liar" after the coach said that he was unfit to play in the ICC World Twenty20. On September 4, Bosman was withdrawn from the squad because of a back injury that the CSA medical report said would need a rest period of six weeks. This did not go down well with Bosman, who insisted he was fine.

"They've lied to Loots about his fitness, just like they lied to me in Australia about getting to play," Kruger said. He said Arthur told him that his "chance would come" before the Test series on South Africa's last tour to Australia.

"I had had a good domestic season, and I thought I was in with a chance of playing, especially as there were so many injuries, but they tell you you'll get a chance, then you don't, it's all lies."

Kruger indicated his disappointment at not getting enough opportunities to play for South Africa. "Lots of guys get lots of chances. I didn't get that. I was supposed to fly home after the Test series in Australia, then I was told to stay because of all the injuries. Then, when the matches came around, they picked a guy ahead of me who they had flown over."

"After a game in Hobart the coach said he would talk to me, but that didn't happen then and it still hasn't happened even now."

"When we got home for the return Test series, I was again picked in the squad. I didn't play and then for the New Zealand series that followed they called me up for the first Test. I spent a day with the squad and was told I could go,"

Kruger said. "They just keep messing you around and CSA can see that they're messing people around but they don't do anything."

"They should look into the matter. I don't think they will do anything as they are in a nice comfort zone and they want everything to appear okay for the World Cup," he said. "I still want to play for my country. I work hard in the nets, I go to gym and I want to do well for Gauteng but I think at the moment I won't get that chance."

South African cricket has been embroiled in controversies, especially regarding team dissension, since the end of the July, when fitness trainer Adrian le Roux's confidential report, that mentioned the use of alcohol within the team, was revealed in the Wisden Cricketer. Following that, Jacques Kallis quit the vice-captaincy of the team when he was omitted from the Twenty20 squad and Mark Boucher was docked 60 per cent of his match fees for the upcoming tournament for criticising the CSA for keeping Kallis out of the squad.

Mizan hits for TMI

SPORTS REPORTER

The Muslim Institute edged past Mirpur Eleven 2-1 in the Third Division Football League at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Mizanur Rahman struck both the goals for the winners in the 12th and 42nd minutes while Santosh scored for the losers in the 49th minute.

The day's other match between in Lalbagh and Rahmatganj ended in a goalless draw at Kamalapur.

Alam Hossain of Rahmatganj was sent off during the match.



PHOTO: AFP

THE FACE OF PAKISTAN CRICKET: Shoaib Akhtar (R) busies himself upon arrival at the Allama Iqbal International Airport in Lahore on Saturday after being sent home for beating up Muhammad Asif, who sits out Pakistan's first warm-up match of the Twenty20 World Championships against Zimbabwe in Pretoria.