



## Did U Know?

Football referees originally signalled decisions by waving a handkerchief.



**Dwayne Bravo**  
(Star West Indies all-rounder)  
"My club, Queen's Park Cricket Club, is more organised than West Indies."  
After being asked for his opinion about the West Indies Cricket Board.



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## CHAMPIONS TROPHY Windies stars not in pool

CRICINFO, undated

West Indies' leading players may have ended their strike but their board has confirmed that there will be no changes to the weakened 30-man pool it had named for the Champions Trophy earlier in the week.

The executive committee of the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) wishes to confirm the initial squad of 30 players announced earlier this month for the ICC's Champions Trophy in South Africa, a board statement said. "This squad was chosen from among those players who declared themselves available for selection for the tournament within the deadline date for finalisation of the 30."

Chris Gayle and the other players who had boycotted the Tests against Bangladesh had made themselves available for international duty on Tuesday, but are yet to be picked by the selectors. Besides being excluded from the Champions Trophy, they were left out of the squad for the first two one-dayers against Bangladesh which starts on Sunday.

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## Javed can't tolerate it!

PTI, New Delhi

Former Pakistan captain Javed Miandad has lashed out at Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan for his "verbal volleys" at Sunil Gavaskar on multiple captain theory prior to the start of Indian Premier League-II.

Shah Rukh had backed his Kolkata Knight Riders coach John Buchanan's multiple captain idea and had criticised Gavaskar for his remarks against the Australian's coaching method.

And Miandad, paying tribute to Gavaskar on the occasion of his 60th birthday, wondered if the legendary batsman was yet to win the respect of his "rich and famous" compatriots despite his contributions to the country.

"It happened before the Indian Premier League-II got underway in South Africa, but it still rankles me. I simply cannot tolerate the insult Shah Rukh Khan heaped on our icon," Miandad wrote in a book compiled by veteran journalist Debashish Dutta.

"Even my fellow cricketers in Pakistan were shocked."

## First ODI today

### Tigers aim to keep momentum against WI

Cricket

AFP, Dominica

Bangladesh hope to christen international cricket's newest venue with victories in the first three one-dayers against West Indies on Sunday at Windsor Park here.

The Tigers would have probably had low expectations prior to their arrival in the Caribbean, but fortune favoured them when the leading West Indies players chose to boycott the series.

Their replacements were no match for the Bangladeshis, who convincingly swept the two-Test series to gain the boost of confidence that their appointed captain and leading fast bowler Mashrafe Bin Mortaza set as one of their objectives.

Sadly, Mortaza played only a minor role in the Test series triumph, following a fall which aggravated a previous right knee injury, and has sidelined him for the three ODIs and the Twenty20 International to follow.

Shakib Al Hasan will lead the side as he did during the Tests, and will hope to build on his performances which led to him winning the man-of-the-series award.

"We are looking forward to the ODI series too, and we want to continue winning," said left-arm spin bowling all-rounder.

"The boys have been playing really well, and God willing, we can also win the ODI series."

Bangladesh have added left-arm spinner

Abdur Razzak, all-rounder Naeem Islam, and medium-fast bowler Syed Rasel for the series.

Razzak is the most experienced with 111 wickets at 27.90 in 81 ODIs and will be looking to exploit the frailty of the West Indies batsmen to spin bowling which was so apparent in the Tests.

But he will also be looking to give solid proof that his bowling action is no longer suspect, following his suspension in December last year, after playing against South Africa last November like Naeem and Rasel.

West Indies too, have recruited some troops to fortify their side, but the big names like Chris Gayle, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Jerome Taylor and Denesh Ramdin remain absent although the players' boycott has ended.

The players and the West Indies Cricket Board have agreed to arbitration, but the decision came after the announcement of the squad for the first two ODIs.

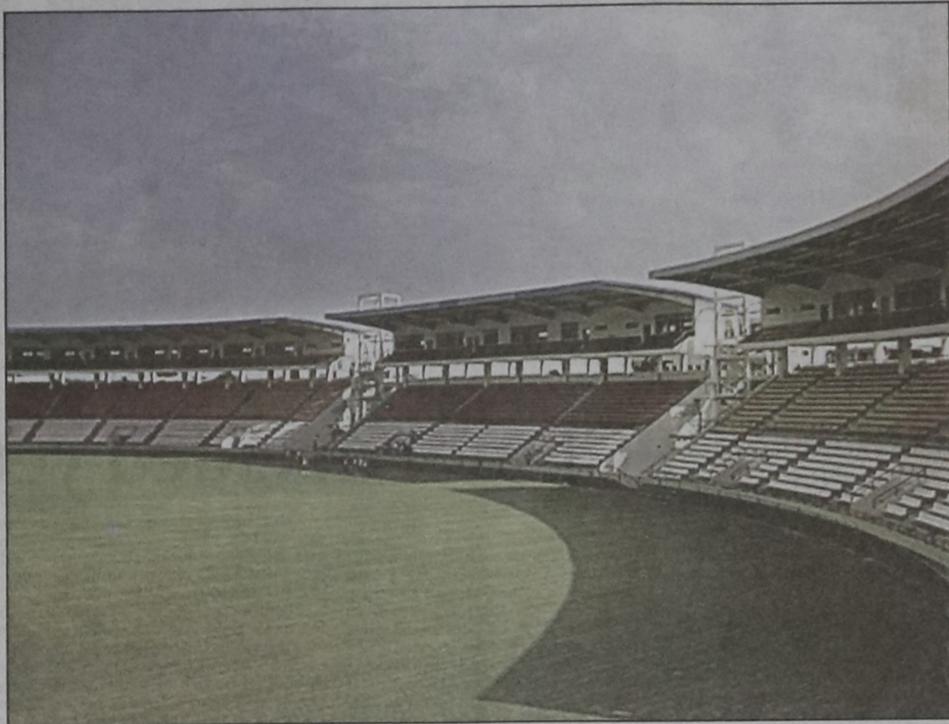
It is still not clear whether West Indies will start filtering the leading players back into the line-up for the last ODI or the Twenty20 match.

For West Indies coach John Dyson, apart from winning, there is only one other thing on his mind.

"I'm looking forward to the ODIs, but what I'd like to see is a hard, pacy, bouncy pitch," said Dyson.

"The two Test matches were closely fought. It wasn't a case where we were thrashed in either of the matches. We could have won both, so I don't think there's much in it."

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A view of the stands at Windsor Park, which baptises as a one-day venue when Bangladesh play hosts West Indies in the opening match today. The picturesque venue will also play host to the second one-dayer on July 28.

PHOTO: INTERNET

## Hasan fashions U-19s' dramatic series win

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Mahmudul Hasan led from the front with a well composed half-century as Bangladesh Under-19s pulled off a nerve-racking one-wicket victory against England Under-19s in the series deciding fifth and final one-day match at Hove on Friday.

The Bangladeshi youngsters won the limited-overs series 2-1, with two matches abandoned due to rain, to console their 0-1 series defeat in the preceding two-match four-day Test series and gave the country's cricket fans another reason to smile after the heroics of the seniors in the Caribbean.

In a low-scoring affair, Bangladesh were set to chase a

total of 196 on a difficult surface and when Hasan, the 18-year-old all-rounder, came in the tourists, reduced to 59 for four, were in dire straits.

The right-hander anchored the innings with his 85-ball 70 that featured four sweetly-



MAHMUDUL HASAN... fantastic 70

timed boundaries and an over boundary, but still could not finish the game himself as he got caught at square leg by Javid off Briggs leaving his team needing 15 more runs with two wickets in hand.

Bangladesh needed just six runs to win with two wickets still in hand in the final two overs, but Nur Hossain was run-out to make the game tighter and gave England a sniff of a chance. The visitors, however, scrambled past the finish line with a single when England missed a run-out opportunity to hand the tourists the series-deciding victory.

Alauddin Babu stayed till the end with an unbeaten 24 off 30 balls as Bangladesh Under-19s reached the target of 197 with six balls to spare.

Earlier Sam Northeast maintained his superb form

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## Asif proposed, she rejected!

PTI, Karachi

Pakistani pacer Mohammad Asif's marriage controversy took a new turn on Saturday after actress Veena Malik disclosed that the pacer did approach her but she flatly rejected his proposal.

"Asif had proposed to me but I turned down the proposal since presently, nothing is more important to me than my career," Veena said.

Reports about Asif marrying Veena recently in London were doing the rounds in Pakistani media for the past few days even as Veena rejected the claims.

The reports also went on to claim that Asif had promised to publicly announce his wedding once he makes a comeback in the national team.

Veena also made it clear that the photographs of the duo shown by a channel and published in some newspapers, where she was seen hugging Asif, were taken during the Basant festival in Lahore.

## Lord's crowd irks Ponting

AFP, London

Australia captain Ricky Ponting admitted Saturday that he had been surprised by the aggressive nature of the crowd at Lord's during the second Ashes Test against England.

Ponting was frequently booed, a treatment he had not expected to experience at the home of cricket.

"I'm not sure why I was so much the bad guy with the fans," Ponting wrote in the Daily Telegraph.

"Lord's is the one place around England where you don't expect to get heckled. You tend to get a more subdued, cricket-loving crowd and one that's more focused on what's happening in the game."

"But I guess any Australian captain is going to cop it over here. Some people have said it's because I'm the last one out of that group of players who had a lot of success in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Perhaps it's just payback time."

Ponting also admitted that after a strong showing in the series opener, Australia's batting was below par in the second Test.

But despite his disappointment he hinted that changes would be unlikely at Edgbaston on Thursday.

"Our batsmen can't get off too lightly; a first-innings total of 215 was a couple of hundred under par on a very good pitch. Personally I was disappointed that my own quiet form at Lord's continued and I might have to think of carrying on until the 2013 tour just to get my name on that honours board."

"But, even so, I am not expecting too many changes ahead of the Edgbaston Test."

## Rahim guides Tigers

Cricket

AGENCIES, Dominica

A swashbuckling half-century from stand-in captain Mushfiqur Rahim ensured that Bangladesh remained unbeaten on the tour of the Caribbean as the Tigers recorded a 16-run triumph over the University of West Indies Vice-Chancellor's XI in a limited-overs warm-up game at a rain-soaked Benjamin's Park on Friday.

In a match reduced to 25-overs-a-side after downpour delayed the start, the wicketkeeper-batsman Mushfiqur slammed an unbeaten 82 to propel the Bangladeshis to 167 for six after they had won the toss.

Bangladesh had rested captain Shakib Al Hasan, opener Imrul Kayes and pace bowler Rubel Hossain for the match.

UWI VC's XI captain Omar Phillips then stroked a cameo 49 at the top of the order, but the local side fell short of their target, reaching 151 for eight from their allotted overs.

Bangladesh had slipped to 38 for three after fast bowler Gavin Tonge, who finished with two for 18 from his five overs, had snatched two early wickets.

Mushfiqur and Rokibul Hassan, who struck 34, added 53 for the fourth wicket to revive the innings, the first of three partnerships that pushed the Tigers to their eventual score.

The 21-year-old Mushfiqur pummelled four fours and three sixes off just 59 balls while Rokibul smote two fours and two sixes in a knock that required 33 balls.

Phillips, whose knock comprised four fours and two sixes and came from 41 balls.

When both batsmen fell to leave the Vice Chancellor's XI on 86 for three, Chadwick Walton hit 21 from 16 balls and Crafton Clarke cracked an unbeaten 29 from 19 balls, but the hosts came up short.

Spinners Abdur Razzak, Mahmudullah, Nayeem, Mehrab and paceman Syed Rasel were among the wickets for Bangladesh.

Devon Smith, drafted in the Windies ODI squad to face Bangladesh, then made a run-a-ball 16 in adding 30 with

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Mushfiqur Rahim, captain of the lone one-day practice match against the University of West Indies Vice-Chancellor's XI, receiving the winners' trophy after the Tigers' 16-run win at Benjamin's Park in Portsmouth on Friday.

PHOTO COURTESY

## Rebellion at BKSP

### Dido against any compromise

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Eight players walked out on the national football camp at BKSP terming coach Edson Silva Dido's training as 'unbearable'.

The chaos started when veteran national defender Rajani Kanta Barman refused to take an extra lap in the afternoon session after a hard training period in the morning on Thursday, which annoyed the Brazilian coach to take a hard stand against the player.

It was learnt that Dido reacted angrily to Rajani's disobedience and asked the players to leave the camp bag and baggage who are not willing to follow his orders. After that seven more players -- Zahid Hossain Emily, Zahid Parvez, Ariful Islam, Mofazzel Hossain Saikat, Wali Faisal, Arman Aziz, Zahid Hossain -- joined Rajani and refused to take part in Thursday afternoon and Friday morning sessions' trainings.



THE REBELS: The eight players of the national football team are seen waiting at the Bangladesh Football Federation headquarters in Motijheel yesterday. They have walked out on the national camp in BKSP reportedly protesting Brazilian coach Dido's rigorous training.

PHOTO: STAR

## Vaas sees no conspiracy

Cricket

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's veteran seamer Chaminda Vaas insists his international career is not over despite retiring from Test cricket and finding himself dumped from the limited-overs game.

The left-armed, 35, ended his Test career at the end of the three-match series against Pakistan on Friday, saying he was still keen to play one-day and Twenty20 cricket till the 2011 World Cup.

The selectors, however, did not pick Vaas in the 15-man squad for the upcoming five-match one-day series against Pakistan starting in the central town of Dambulla on July 30.

"I will be back soon," Vaas said at a farewell media conference after his last Test, the 111th in a 15-year career in which he claimed 355 wickets at an average of 29.58.

"I have not played one-day cricket for 11 months and during that time all the young fast bowlers have played very well and grabbed the opportunities with both hands."

"I am going to work hard to fight for my place."

Vaas rubbished media speculation that he was forced to retire from Test cricket after being overlooked for the first two matches against

Pakistan and only included for the third after a deal with the selectors.

"No one forced me to retire," he said. "I am thankful that I got the opportunity to play in my last Test."

"This is the best time to retire from Test cricket and concentrate on one-dayers and Twenty20s because the young fast bowlers who are emerging are doing pretty well."

Vaas, who also scored 3,085 Test runs, is only the third Sri Lankan cricketer after Sanath Jayasuriya and Muttiah Muralidaran to play more than 100 Tests.

He has 400 wickets from 322 one-day internationals, including a hat-trick off the first three balls of the match against Bangladesh during the 2003 World Cup in South Africa.

Looking back at his Test career that began in 1994, also against Pakistan, Vaas said he was proud to have contributed to Sri Lanka's success at the international level.

"After 15 years Sri Lanka has made giant strides and is able to rub shoulders with the best," he said.

"While many people have contributed to this transformation, I am proud to have played my own little part in this process."

"I may not have been the most talented cricketer to play for Sri Lanka but I have worked hard on my game and was able to produce good results. There is no substitute for hard work."