

BD-ZIM SCOREBOARD

BANGLADESH

Tamim c Taylor b S Masakadza

31

Ashraful c Utseya b S Masakadza

29

Mominul c Taylor b Chatara

38

Mushfiqur c Taylor b S Masakadza

5

Shakib run out

1

Nasir c Waller b Panyangara

68

Mahmudullah b S Masakadza

36

Ziaur c Chakabva b Chatara

12

Razzak not out

16

Shafiu not out

1

Extras: (b-5, lb-9, w-18)

32

Total: (For 8 wkts in 50 overs)

269

Did not bat: Robiul.

Fall of wickets: 1-65, 2-75, 3-92, 4-94, 5-170, 6-214, 7-237, 8-263.

Bowler

O

M

R

W

Chatara

10

0

52

2

Panyangara

10

1

49

1

Chigumbura

5

0

24

0

S Masakadza

10

0

51

4

Utseya

10

0

48

0

H Masakadza

4

0

24

0

Waller

1

0

7

0

ZIMBABWE

H Masakadza lbw b Ziaur

38

Chakabva b Shafiu

1

Raza b Shafiu

3

Taylor b Razzak

33

Williams run out

10

Waller b Ziaur

19

Chigumbura b Ziaur

0

Utseya c Mominul b Ziaur

0

S Masakadza lbw b Robiul

33

Panyangara lbw b Ziaur

0

Chatara not out

0

Extras: (lb-2, w-7, nb-2)

11

Total: (All out in 32.1 overs)

148

Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-13, 3-78, 4-93, 5-93, 6-93, 7-93, 8-148, 9-148.

Bowler

O

M

R

W

Robiul

5.1

1

21

1

Shafiu

6

0

39

2

Razzak

6

2

10

1

Shakib

3

0

27

0

Ziaur

9

1

30

5

Mahmudullah

2

0

12

0

Mominul

1

0

7

0

Result: Bangladesh won by 121 runs.

Player-of-the-match: Ziaur Rahman.

Toss: Zimbabwe.



Zimbabwe batsman Malcolm Waller (L) is bowled by Bangladesh medium-pacer Ziaur Rahman during the first ODI at the Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo yesterday.

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## AFRICAN adventures

BY SAKEB SUBHAN

**FATHER FRIEND**

The Victoria Falls Backpacker's Lodge is the place to stay if you are going to be lucky enough to visit this wonder of the world. The stripped down, back-to-basics lodge gets you in gear for the day of adventure and awe ahead. But for cricket people, the place itself held quite an interesting surprise.

The man behind the counter at Backpackers' was a genial and slightly formidable middle-aged fellow who, when he heard of his guests' profession, he took quite an interest in Bangladesh's tour and spoke knowingly about cricket in the country. Then the penny dropped.

"My son used to play cricket, you might know him -- Travis Friend," said the manager, who we then learnt was named Ian Friend. He is the father of the Zimbabwean fast-bowling all-rounder who once demolished Bangladesh, in Dhaka in November 2001, by taking five for 31 and scoring 81 in a rain-affected draw. We learnt from his father Ian that Travis was no longer tied to cricket, although he does play the odd match for Derbyshire, but has now become a pilot for Qatar Airways.

**THE SMOKE THAT THUNDERS**

There is no way one can accurately describe the awe-inspiring splendour that is Victoria Falls. From kilometres away you can hear the roar of the thousands of litres of cascading water every second, and you can see a cloud of mist ascending high into the sky from the depths. The roar deepens and the cloud descends in a drizzle as you go nearer the entrance to the falls.

As you cross the entrance and walk along the wooded path, you catch glimpses of nature's unbridled power through the clearings in the trees. Raincoats are a must because the force of the falling water pushes great clouds of mist upwards and as you stand across from Zambia, where the world's largest waterfall is situated, you will be soaked from the spray. The pervasive mist from the fall creates rainbows that you can walk through and gaze down upon as you walk to the end of the path where you can view the vast curtain of roaring water. Before the Scottish missionary David Livingstone first viewed the falls and named it after Queen Victoria in 1855, the falls was called by its indigenous name Mosi-oa-Tunya (the smoke that thunders) -- a more appropriate name there cannot be.

**WRITERS AND CRICKETERS**

There is a fine eatery near the exit of Victoria Falls called the Rainforest Restaurant, which has waiters and waitresses as friendly as anywhere else in this friendliest of countries. We the travelling journalists however seemed to have gotten more than a fair share of their hospitality. As we were finishing our lunch, we noticed that the employees of the restaurant were taking countless photographs of us. One cricket fan asked us, "Where is the guy who took all the wickets." Matter-of-factly came the answer that he is very tired after the marathon spells.

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## PRESIDENT'S CUP Challenge for Blues

### Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Abahani will be keen to erase their miserable domestic campaign by qualifying for the second-round of the AFC President's Cup as the Sky Blues reached Kathmandu today.

Four-time Bangladesh Premier League champions Abahani had a disappointing campaign, failing to reach the finals of both the Federation and Independence Cups and then relinquishing their league title to Sheikh Russel KC.

They are now keen to restore some pride in the AFC President's Cup where they have never qualified for the second phase in four attempts.

"We had a disappointing season but we want to restore some pride after qualify-

ing for the second round," said Abahani manager Sattayjit Das Rupu on the eve of their departure.

The former national footballer believed that they would first have to motivate the players, who are capable to take Abahani to the second round.

The Dhanmondi-based outfit, however, have acute injury problems which curtailed their league campaign and they were forced to take makeshift defender Yoko Samnik instead of Samad Yousuf and Ghanaian Awudu Ibrahim as two foreign players.

"The first match against Three Star of Nepal is crucial for us. If we can earn a single or full three points, then we will have a good chance to qualify. But if we lose, we don't have a realistic chance I think," said Rupu.

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Team BJMC's Ismael Bangoura (L) takes a shot during their Bangladesh Premier League match against Arambagh Krira Sangha at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## Arambagh relegated

SPORTS REPORTER



Arambagh Krira Sangha were relegated from the top flight after three decades when they suffered a 2-3 defeat to Team BJMC in their last match of the Bangladesh Premier league at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Arambagh KS, who had to win to avert relegation, went ahead in the 21st minute with a strike from Paul but BJMC hit back to level the margin through Ismael Bangoura seven minutes later. Abdullah Parvez gave BJMC lead in the 32nd minute. Mokhlesur Rahman took the game away from Arambagh after extending BJMC's margin to 3-1 three minutes from the break. And even though Nigerian Kester Akon pulled another goal back in the 61st minute it was not enough to avert relegation.

Arambagh qualified for the top flight in 1983 and had established themselves as a mid-table side in the now defunct First Division, Premier Division and the ongoing professional football league. But their long stay came to an end as they failed to keep up the momentum and drops down with just nine points from 16 matches.

"It is the most painful night in Arambagh KS's history

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## Fulham to host Bangladesh friendlies

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh national football team will play their two international friendlies in London in June against India and Pakistan at the home of English Premier League club Fulham.

The well-known Craven Cottage will play host to Bangladesh when they face India on June 1, with kick-off scheduled for 3pm London time. And Bangladesh will return to the west London stadium a week later on June 8 when they take on Pakistan, with kick-off scheduled for 6pm. Tickets for both matches range from between 15-30 pounds with the Fulham

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## Nadal hits out at Puerto verdict

AFP, Madrid

Claycourt king Rafael Nadal has blasted the decision by a Spanish judge not to reveal the names of the athletes implicated in the infamous Operation Puerto doping case, Spanish press reported Friday.

On Tuesday judge Julia Patricia Santamaria refused to allow the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) access to the sachets of blood that were seized in the Spanish police operation against Dr Eufemiano Fuentes, and even ordered that they be destroyed.

Unless that decision is reversed, it means the world may never know the names of those people who used Fuentes's services in

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