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BCB plans matches for World Cuppers

Cricket

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The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is planning to hold a practice tournament to prepare the national cricketers ahead of the trination one-day international series to be held in Dhaka next month.

The national cricketers, fresh from their humiliating World Cup campaign, have remained inactive since returning home from South Africa on May 5.

But with the tri-series, that involves world powers South Africa and India, starting on April 11 and a two-Test series against South Africa immediately following, the Board felt that the dejected players needed some cricket under their belts.

"We have sent a proposal asking the Cricket Committee for Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) to hold a tournament involving the teams who have qualified for the Super Six phase of the Premier League.

"We plan to distribute the play-

ers who were in the World Cup

they can have some matchpractice. This is the only way they can have some competitive cricket as they are not allowed to take part in the club competitions," said Mahabubul Anam, an advisor of

the Board "The six teams split into two groups will play in the round robin first phase. Top two finishers from each group will play in the two semifinals followed by a final," he

explained. But the chairman of the BCB's cricket committee said that it

would be possible only if the six clubs agreed to play such a tournament smack in the middle of the ongoing Premier League. Provided the clubs agree, then the tournament under the banner of 'President's Cup' could start on March 22 at the end of the first phase of the Premier League.

from a selection point of view only. "It would give our mentally-

shattered national cricketers some much needed opportunity for action ahead of another grueling

series of matches. squad in those six teams so that would not start before March 31.

> Responding to a question about the future of under-fire coach Mohsin Kamal, Anam said that the fate of the former Pakistan pace-

Board meeting to be held after the March 23 final of the World Cup. The influential BCB official,

who returned from England recently, said that England have confirmed their tour of Bangladesh in October this year.

It was also agreed between the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and BCB that there will be two Tests and three one-day internationals in the series. Apart from those, England will play two threeday matches and a limited-overs practice match during their visit.

Anam however said that the tournament would not be treated

Anam also revealed that the national team's training camp would be a short one this time and man would be decided in the next

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table with 32 points.

South Africa 2003

Canterbury policeman.

winning unbeaten ninth wicket

stand of 73 in a pool match against England on the same ground last

AFP, Port Elizabeth

wicket

AFP, Johannesburg

tional win.

from a battering by New Zealand fast

bowler Shane Bond to register a 96-

run win at Port Elizabeth to maintain

their unbeaten run and record their

14th successive one-day interna-

seven in the Super Six clash.

Bond ripped through the

wins.

Cricket

BKSP in Savar yesterday. **Indira on Super Six road**

Key Super 6 moments



REUTERS, Johannesburg

Notable statistics from the Super Six phase of the 2003 cricket World Cup:

* Aravinda de Silva became the fifth player (behind Sachin Tendulkar, Javed Miandad, Vivian Richards and Mark Waugh) to score 1,000 World Cup runs in hitting 92 off 94 balls against Australia at Centurion (March 7). That innings, however, was a footnote in another crushing Aussie win as they trounced Sri Lanka by 96 runs. Adam Gilchrist became the first man in World Cup history to be dismissed for 99.

* Saurav Ganguly's matchwinning back-to-the-wall 107 not out against Kenya in Cape Town (March 7) gave him a 21st one-day international century. Only Sachin Tendulkar, with 34, has more.

* Tendulkar continued to hoard records with his 97 in the 183-run Wanderers win over Sri Lanka (March 10). He may have missed out on a 35th one-day century, but after the innings he had recorded the most runs ever scored in a single World Cup, 571 to beat his

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own 1996 record of 523. He already held the record for the most career runs in the tournament and the equal highest number of World BKSP ground in Savaryesterday.

Cup centuries. Only Viv Richards, with 63.31 to the Indian's 62.69, has a higher average. Only four men have a better strike rate (Kapil Dev, Wasim Akram, Sanath Javasuriva and Jonty Rhodes) but none of them has scored even half the number of runs recorded by Tendulkar. off72 balls

* Shane Bond's six for 23 against Australia (March 11) at Port Elizabeth was the best by a New Zealander in one-day history and the equal fifth best in World Cups. He also dismissed Ricky Ponting for the sixth time in his six games against the Australians. And he also ended up on the losing side by 96

runs after Brett Lee retorted with 5-42 and four wickets for three runs in nine deliveries.

Hewitt, Clijsters survive scares

AFP, Indian Wells

Lleyton Hewitt and Kim Clijsters, the tennis world's top couple, advanced at the ATP and WTA In reply, Orient reached the target of 156 in 34.3 overs with four wickets in hand after the required score was also Masters Series event here on revised. Orient were given 40 overs to dothat. Tuesday, surviving scares to avenge SCOREBOARD

GrameenPhone Premier Divisio Cricket League matches yesterday: Indira Road KCv Kalabagan KC Venue: BKSP KALABAGAN KC Indira Road Krira Chakra kept their ImtiazcPaponbArafat GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League Super Six hopes alive Nahid lbwh Arafat Nahidul run out with a comprehensive five-wicket win over Kalabagan Krira Chakra at the Nasirul cpapon b Arafat Sadik c Jahangir b Imran Given a revised target of 165 in 42 Majed b Sadat overs after two rain interruptions, Indira Road reached home in 39.1 overswithfive wicketsstill in hand. Imranst papon b Sadat Lovlulbwb Raihan Middle-order Mohammad Kalim Sharfuddowlarunout led the winners with an unbeaten 58 Mahbubnotout off 95 balls that featured half a dozen boundaries while wicketkeeper-batsman Papon added a valuable 43 Zakirnotout Extras: (lb-1, nb-2, w-9) Total: (For9wktsin45overs) 170 Earlier, the match started half an Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-16, 3-30, 4-7 hour later than the scheduled time because of rain and the match was 5-97,6-111,7-137,8-151,9-163 initially reduced to a 45-overs-a-side Bowler О М Jahangir 6 0 Kalabagan scored 170 in their 45 Arafat 0 29 8 overs for the loss of nine wickets. Raihan 9 1 32 It was Indira Road's sixth win in 10 Imran 9 0 25 matches that placed them fifth on the 6 0 25 Humayun On the other hand, it was Sadat 7 1 29 Kalabagan's sixth defeat against three INDIRAROAD KC Humayun cand b Majed In the other match of the day, Shafayet b Zakir

Orient Sporting Club defeated Young Pegasus by four wickets at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium. MowlalbwbZakir Sadatc Majed b Zakir Put into bat in a rain reduced 41-Paponrunout overs-a-side match, Pegasus col-lected 158 for the loss of six wickets. Kalim not out Hadinotout Extras: (b-1, lb-6, nb-4, w-7) 18 Total: (For 5 wkts in 39.1 overs) 165 Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-26, 3-26, 4-55, 5

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BFF polls in April

DHAKA THURSDAY MARCH 13, 2003

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Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) is going to have an elected president for the first time by the end of April.

"We are definitely going to hold the election before April 30. But first of all we need to announce a date for annual general meeting that will be followed by the new election of BFF. The executive committee will sit at the end of this month to set a date for AGM with a month in hand," said SA Sultan, the government appointed football boss.

Talking to The Daily Star Sport yesterday, Sultan said that his federation has started taking prep-aration for the AGM that will also elect a new executive committee as per Asian Football Confederation guidelines. The regional body asked the BFF to reduce the number of members in its executive committee including president to 21 from the existing 31 members.

"Our primary aim is to hold an executive committee meeting in the last week of March to set a date for AGM. If we all agree, the date is likely to be at the end of April, Sultan said.

The AFC had been pursuing BFF to have an elected president ever since the FIFA lifted its temporary ban in February last year. But the all-powerful National Sports Council said it could not allow the elections as Clause 20 (a) of the National Sports Council (Amendment) Act 2003 had all the sports federations will have Government appointed presidents.

However, faced by the prospect of another possible ban as AFC had issued their final deadline to hold the presidential polls by the end of April 2003, the government amended the NSC Clause 20 (a) in the Jatiya Sangsad on Monday.

The new bill stipulates election or selection to the post of president of a sports federation.

SUPER SIX STANDINGS

AFP, Johannesburg

World Cup Super Six standings after Wednesday's match between Kenya and Zimbabwe (played, won, lost, tied/no result, points carried forward, total points, net run-rate):							
Australia	4	4	0	0	12	20	+1.79
India	4	3	1	0	8	16	+0.86
Kenya	4	3	1	0	10	14	+1.03
NewZealand	4	1	3	0	4	8	-0.88
Sri Lanka	4	1	3	0	7.5	7.5	-1.43
*Zimbabwe	4	0	4	0	3.5	3.5	-1.20
(Teams carry forward 4 points from the preliminary round for winning against fellow qualifiers, one point for winning against non-qualifiers							

and half the points for a tie or no-result. *Eliminated)

IMPOSING PERFORMANCES

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16th minute, India came back into	REUTERS, Johannesburg					
the match with two goals in the last minutes of the first session.	Leading batting and bowling statistics after 45 matches of the 2003 World Cup (* denotes not outs):					
Defender Raghunath struck						
both goals through short corners in	BATTING Highest individual scores					
the 30th and 35th minute.	172*		ZimbabwevNamibia			
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second period.	152 143*		Australia v Pakistan			
Raghunath completed his		Andrew Symonds Herschelle Gibbs				
hattrick from yet another short	143 Zealand	Herschelle Gibbs	South Africa v New			
corner in the 41st minute while Balvinder Singh sealed Bangla-	141	Scott Styris	New Zealand v Sri Lanka			
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corner after six minutes.	134*	1 0	Netherlands v Namibia			
	124	Marvan Atapattu	Sri Lanka v South Africa			
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onton	327	Saurav Ganguly	India			
on top	291	Stephen Fleming	New Zealand			
SPORTS REPORTER	282	Sanath Jayasuriya	Sri Lanka			
	265	Marvan Atapattu	Sri Lanka			
Uzbek GM Marat Dzhumaev led	262	Adam Gilchrist	Australia			
the table with 4.5 points after the fifth round games of the sixth	255	Ricky Ponting	Australia			
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tournament at the NSC yesterday.	7-15	Glenn McGrath	AustraliavNamibia			
GM Sergey Tiviakov of Nether- lands and GM Alexi Barsov of	7-20	AndyBichel	AustraliavEngland			
Uzbekistan were jointly in the	6-23	Ashish Nehra	IndiavEngland			
second position with 3.5 points	6-23	Shane Bond	New Zealand v Australia			
each. GM Ziaur Rahman, GM Goloshcha-pov and IM Vakhidov	6-25	ChamindaVaas	Sri Lanka v Bangladesh			
Tahir of Uzbekistan grabbed the	5-24	Collins Obuya	Kenya v Sri Lanka			
third position with 3 points each.	5-27	Austin Codrington	Canada v Bangladesh			
Following is fifth round games	5-28	Wasim Akram	PakistanvNamibia			
results: Dzhumaev beat GM Jordi Magem Badals of Spain. Tiviakov	Leadingwic					
drew with Alexander	18	ChamindaVaas	Sri Lanka			
Goloshchapov of Ukraine and	17	Glenn McGrath	Australia			
Barsov drew with IM Vakhidov Tahir of Uzbekistan. Zia drew with	16	Vasbert Drakes	WestIndies			



Scene from the Second Under 16 Asia Cup Boys Hockey Championship final between Bangladesh and India at the

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and need to continue that to go into the semifinals with confidence.

Tendulkar's opening partner Virender Sehwag, the only Indian batsman to emerge with credit from the New Zealand tour with two centuries. said he was looking forward to taking on Bond and company again.

"Those were different wickets, these are different wickets and different conditions," Sehwag said.

"The wickets here are similar to the ones we get in India, except there is more bounce and some movement.

"I did not have a great start to the World Cup, but with a batsman like Sachin at the other end. I have no worries

"It is fantastic to watch him bat. He keeps telling me to hang in there and the runs will come and that's what I did against Sri Lanka when I made a half-century.

Pycroft quits!

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international cricket for Zimbabwe).

Pycroft could only watch as Zimbabwe slumped to 133 all out in a match they must win to keep their World Cup campaign alive but insisted his own resignation had not contributed to the team's alarming slump against Kenya - a side they have never lost to in 14 previous one-day internationals.

"The question is have I unsettled the side?" said Pycroft.

"But I suggest to you that the players are unsettled because of the very issues I have resigned about.

Turning to Zimbabwe's dire batting performance, Pycroft said: "It was a slow pitch but you should still get 200 on it. The players were slow to realise that. It looked like they were aiming at 280.'



GrameenPhone Premier Cricket League Victoria SC v Biman Venue: BKSP Surjo Tarun v City Club

Men's top seed Hewitt of Australia rallied to reach the second round with a 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 victory over Morocco's Younes El Aynaoui while his girlfriend, Bélgian women's top seed Clijsters, beat France's Nathalie Dechy 6-3, 3-6, 6-

World number one Hewitt saved three match points in the second set to subdue his 31-year-old Moroccan rival at the 4.5 milliondollar hard-court event.

"I went for my shots on match point and it paid off," said Hewitt. You sort of live and die on the edge, Iguess.'

The victory comes just two months after the 22-year-old Aussie lost to El Aynaoui in the fourth round at the Australian Open.

Hewitt next plays Russian veteran Yevgeny Kafelnikov, who also had to rally in beating Czech Radek Stepanek 4-6, 6-1, 6-1 in a first round match Monday.

"He's a tough player, especially on this type of court," said Hewitt. "I have to play better than I did today."

Serving in the eighth game, twotime Grand Slam champion Hewitt saved his first match point with a superb backhand down the line. Hewitt then saved two more match points in the ninth game of the second set.

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have done at this tournament."

Zimbabwe's Andy Flower, who has been at the centre of contro-versy over his anti-Mugabe pro-test, confirming his retirement from international cricket.

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In the other World Cup match at the venue England scored 272 against Namibia before the parttimers replied with 217 for nine.

Australia captain Ricky Ponting was critical of the pitch after the match against England. On Tuesday he said the surface had improved but was still not ideal.

"It was probably a bit damp this morning but overall it played a little bit better," Ponting told reporters. "It still wasn't a great one-day wicket.'

A World Cup spokesman said Bacher was heartened by Ponting's comments, adding the semifinal would not be moved away from Port Elizabeth.

Australia's win over New Zealand confirmed they will play their semifinal at the same venue. Their opponents have yet to be decided.



Bowler

ICC Cricket World Cup day. I seem to do alright against the Australians so it was good to do well again," said Bond.

> "There was a bit in the pitch for me. I just mixed up my pace, put the ball in the standard area and threw in the odd yorker."

Australia's smooth cruise through The paceman enjoys the chalthe World Cup came to a shudder-ing halt on Tuesday at the hands of a lenge of facing the Aussies - when he made his debut in 2001-02, he captured 21 wickets and was named player of the one-day series. Shane Bond took 6-23 as the

On Tuesday, he had Matthew Hayden caught behind for one, trapped Adam Gilchrist leg before world champions were restricted to 208-9 off their 50 overs in the Super Six clash at Port Elizabeth to register the best ever one-day bowling figures against the Australians. for 18 and Ricky Ponting caught at slip for six in an opening spell of three for 20 in six overs. However, Michael Bevan and Andy Bichel, who shared a match-

He returned later to blast out Damien Martyn, Brad Hogg and Ian Harvey in a second spell of three for three in four overs as Australia crashed to 84 for seven.

week, were again Australia's sav-iours, putting on 97 for the eighth But Fleming took another chance by letting his strike bowler complete his maximum number of Bond, 27, who has put his police career on hold as he makes a rela-tively late bid for cricket fame, overs with 21 overs still to be bowled in the Australian innings.

repaid the faith shown in him by As they had against England, when they came together with Australia in trouble at 135 for eight, skipper Stephen Fleming who won the toss and put the defending champions in on a slow St George's Park pitch. Bevan and Bichel set about repairing the damage with sensible bat-"I hadn't been bowling that well but I knew that soon it would be my ting.

The left-handed Bevan played the anchor role, making 56 off 94 balls, while the right-handed Bichel hit a career-best 64 off 83 deliveries, which included seven fours and a six off an attempted slower ball from Andre Adams which bounced twice before Bichel powered it over midwicket.

Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-48, 3-59, 4-96,

5-143,6-143

A win for New Zealand in the match will guarantee them a semifinal spot along with Australia and India leaving Kenya, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe to fight over the remainingplace.

While the trans-Tasman tussle is being fought out, India can relax and look ahead to their semi-final, almost certain to be in Durban on March 20.

For that date they have to thank 33-year-old Javagal Srinath who was persuaded out of retirement by skipper Saurav Ganguly to play in the tournament.

The decision paid dividends as India beat Sri Lanka by 183 runs with Srinath taking 4-35 to take his total in the tournament to 14 wickets.

"I am obviously very happy at what I have achieved so far and look forward to doing the same in the rest of the tournament," said Srinath.

Uzbekistan were jointly in second position with 3.5 point each. GM Ziaur Rahman, Goloshcha-pov and IM Vakhi Tahir of Uzbekistan grabbed third position with 3 points each Following is fifth round gar results: Dzhumaev beat GM Jo Magem Badals of Spain. Tivia drew with Alexand Goloshchapov of Ukraine and Barsov drew with IM Vakhidov Tahir of Uzbekistan. Zia drew with Sheikh Nasir Ahmed, IM Enamul Hossain Rajib drew with GM Niaz

India lift boys

India lifted the second Under-16

Boys Asia Cup Hockey title when they came from behind to beat

hosts Bangladesh 4-1 in the final held at BKSP in Savar yesterday

The winners led the first half 2-

Trailing 0-1 in the first 30 min-utes after Bangladesh forward

Russell scored a field goal in the

hockey title

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afternoon.

Murshed. IM Reefat Bin Sattar beat IM Abdullah Al-Rakib and IM Neelotpal Das of India beat FM Taibur Rahman Sumon.

Saurav

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"History does not interest me, that's over, it's behind us," he said. This is the World Cup stage. It can't get bigger than this.

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming, however, would not let the Indians forget that tour.

"They'll be confident but sometimes that can be a weakness. Hopefully we can open up some of the wounds we opened in New Zealand," said Fleming whose team need a win to make the semifinals after losing to Australia at Port Elizabeth on Tuesday.

It will be India's third World Cup match at the SuperSport Park in Centurion, having lost to Australia by nine wickets before defeating arch-rivals Pakistan by sixwickets.

Aussies won't allow any rebellion

ICC Cricket World Cup recovered to 208 for nine before their bowlers launched an assault of their South Africa 2003

own to send New Zealand tumbling to 112 allout.

"We had a pretty good start, but then ran out of juice," said New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming who won the toss and elected to field. Mighty Australia crushed the latest

"We needed a partnership because you can knock off the total uprising by a pretender to their throne on Tuesday and left no one in any doubt that they'll not be denied a with some good partnerships but it second successive World Cup crown. didn'thappenforus. Ricky Ponting's team recovered

"We made 80 per cent of the match when we got them early but the other 20 per cent did not go our way.

The defeat left New Zealand uncertain of qualifying for the semifinals and looking for a victory in their last match against India at Centurion on Friday.

Australian top order batting to take Australia, who have already qualisix for 23, the best figures in New fied for the last four, play Kenya in Zealand one-day international their last match at Durban on history, as Australia crashed to 84 for Saturday before returning to the St George's Park for the first semifinal on But the reigning champions

March 18. Michael Bevan and Andy Bichel, who shared a match-winning unbeaten ninth wicket stand of 73 in

a pool match against England on the same ground, were again their team's saviours, putting on 97 for the eighth wicket.

The left-handed Bevan played the anchor role, making 56 off 94 balls, while the right-handed Bichel hit a career-best 64 off 83 deliveries.

Then Glenn McGrath took three wickets in a deadly opening spell before Brett Lee produced an electrifying burst of fast bowling to seal New Zealand's fate as he finished

with five for 42. He took all his five wickets in the space of 15 deliveries. McGrath took three for 29.

Ponting said he was worried by the early batting collapse.

"We must get some more runs on the board the next time we play," he

"We bowled well and McGrath got the early wickets before Brett finished it off with some very good vorkers.

Meanwhile, Zimbabwe batsman Andy Flower confirmed he will retire from international cricket as soon as his team's World Cup campaign comes to an end.

The 34-year-old also insisted that he has no regrets about the black armband protest he staged, along with teammate Henry Olonga, to register his anger at the regime of Robert Mugabe and the deteriorating conditions in his strife-torn country.

"I have no regrets about what I have done at this tournament," said the 34-year-old batsman.

Flower, who will play for Essex in the English county championship this year, added that his wife Rebecca and children, Jamie (4), Sam (2) and one-month-old Danielle had already left for England.

Open up India's wounds

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Bond took 12 wickets for 16.33 in the tests, while Andre Adams took 14 at 9 35 in the one-dayers India's Sachin Tendulkar, meanwhile, averaged 25 with the bat in the tests and 0.66 in three one-day knocks.

Saurav Ganguly's average was in single figures in both series.

After weeks of agonised side Gances at other results during the World Cup, New Zealand will go into Friday's game with blinkers, determined to control their own destiny.

The Kiwis needed two results to nals. go their way in the first phase, including the nerve-wracking South Africa-Sri Lanka day-night tie in Durban.

Victory at Centurion, they know, pure and simple, will mean the semifinals.

It could even mean a repeat meeting with India, who have only lost once in eight outings, in the second semifinal in Durban.

New Zealand have eight points, behind Australia (20), India (16) and Kenya (10 points before Wednesday's match against Zimbabwe). Neither Zimbabwe (3.5) or Sri Lanka (7.5), however, are yet out of the running.

Shoaib Akhtar 161.3 kmph v England, Waqar Younis 142.6 kmph v India and Abdul Razzaq 141.5 Fleming's first job may be to bury some bad memories of his kmph v Holland own, after his side reduced world **SOUTH AFRICA** champions Australia to 84 for seven in Port Elizabeth on Makhaya Ntini 149.4 kmph v Sri Tuesday, dismissed them for 208 Lanka, Monde Zondeki 141.0 but still lost by 96 runs. kmph v Sri Lanka and Jacques

He said he would count on his second-line bowlers giving better back-up to Bond, who took a New Zealand one-day best of six for 23 against the Australians.

All-rounder Chris Cairns, still working his way back as a bowler after knee surgery, was kept out of the attack in Port Elizabeth.

"He was not quite 100 per cent against Australia," Fleming said. Jermaine Lawson 153.2 kmph v Kenya, Mervyn Dillon 143.0 kmph

"It brings him back into play against India, whereas we would v Kenya and Pedro Collins 143.0 kmph v Sri Lanka have risked him for that if he had ZIMBABWE bowled against Australia.'

Andy Blignaut 145.6 kmph v New Ganguly's side, meanwhile, Zealand and Douglas Hondo 140.0 have already qualified for the last kmphvNewZealand

four and have enough points to make sure they will avoid the Australians, the only team to have beaten India at the World Cup.

Ganguly, however, made clear there would be no experimentation

"We are very motivated. We will field our best possible team," he said.

"We still consider the New Zealand game crucial because the outcome will also decide certain other things. Victory could lead to India facing Kenya in the semifi-

Ganguly dismissed Fleming's assessment that India could be over-confident after winning six games in a row.

"The New Zealanders also said many things about the Australians," he said. "They got smashed.

Race on

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WEST INDIES

Indies and Jacob Oram 140.6 kmph vCanada PAKISTAN

Kallis 139.8 kmph v Sri Lanka

Dilhara Fernando 147.9kmph v

Bangladesh, Prabath Nissanka

143.5 kmph v Bangladesh and

Pulasthi Gunaratne 138.6 kmph v