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## England call Giles back

AFP, Birmingham

England recalled Warwickshire left-arm spinner Ashley Giles for their NatWest triangular series day-night one-day international against South Africa at Edgbaston here on Tuesday.

In what was a dress rehearsal for

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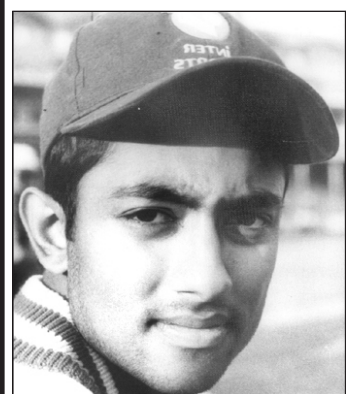
# Nafees sparkles in drawn game



SPORTS REPORTER

After a stumbling start the Bangladesh Under-23 team continued to impress with the progress of their tour in Sri Lanka.

The tourists drew their penultimate two-day match at Rangiri Stadium in Dambulla yesterday, Nafees Iqbal's men emerged as



NAFEES IQBAL ... 150

moral victors against the Combined Sri Lankan Under-23 team after dominating the affair both with bat and ball.

The virtual second-string Bangladesh side scored a commanding 302-8 on Monday after being sent into bat on a ground that proved to

be a favorite place for the visitors.

Nafees led the Bangladesh run feast with a captain's knock of 150, his first century on the tour. The talented opener from Chittagong struck 16 boundaries and three sixes in his 235-ball knock.

He put on 90 runs for the first wicket with left-hander Humayun Kabir, who chipped in with 33.

Rajin Saleh with 32 and young left-arm spinner Nadeef Chowdhury, who made a quickfire 29, were the other notable run-getters for the tourists.

Buoyed by the good work of the batsmen, the pace trio of Alamgir Kabir, Gazi Alamgir and Talha Jubair then forced the home team to follow on.

The home side was bundled out for 126 in their first innings with Gazi and Alamgir Kabir claiming four wickets each. Talha, the young right-arm seamer, took the other two wickets.

But the home team put up tough resistance in their second innings where they scored 162-4 before the match was declared a draw.

It was however a perfect warm up for the Under-23 team before their fourth and final two-day game against their Sri Lankan counterparts at the same venue on July 10.

Bangladesh won the first two-day match against the Combined District Eleven by an innings and 81 runs. The visitors were also tantalizingly close to winning their next two games.

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FEELS LIKE HOME! (L) Bangladesh skipper Khaled Mahmud talks to the media in Darwin. (R) Clad in traditional Bangladeshi attire, 19-year-old Papri Saleh (C) and two other girls wait patiently for the Tigers' arrival in Darwin. These photos were taken on Monday.



PHOTOS: STEPHEN CHERRY

# Schools football kicks off July 11

SPORTS REPORTER

The first-ever schools football tournament will begin in the city on July 11. The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) launched the juvenile tournament in an effort to re-ignite the popularity of game in the country.

The BFF has also arranged a colourful opening ceremony at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday, a day before the tournament kicks off at five different city venues simultaneously.

Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf will formally inaugurate the 60-team meet at 4 pm at the all-purpose venue.

Although the BFF made a wholehearted effort to get a sponsor for this unique event, unfortunately no companies or individuals showed their willingness to finance this development programme.

"We have approached many quarters. But everybody avoided us on one pretext or another," said BFF general secretary Anwarul Huq Helal. He also lamented this stepmotherly attitude.

"Even ten years ago sponsors would have come to us. But now the roles are reversed."

Meanwhile, tournament secretary Ashrafuddin Ahmed Chunnun was heartened by the fact that the response from the schools was spontaneous.

"This is the ideal platform to groom future national stars and for

the youngsters to showcase their talents. We are beginning from Dhaka but I assure you that we will spread it across the country from next year," he said at the press briefing at the NSC Conference Room yesterday.

BFF president SA Sultan and tournament committee chairman Monir Ahmed also attended the briefing.

The BFF president also said that due to time constraints only schools within the capital are competing in the event this time.

"But from next year, it will be a countrywide event and hopefully it will be held regularly," said Sultan.

The sixty teams, split into five zones, will compete in the five city venues -- Dhanmondi Club ground, Uttara Police Lines ground, Dhaka University ground, Basabo ground and East End Club ground.

The duration of each match will be 60 minutes. The first phase will be completed on July 16. The top two teams from each zone will then play in a ten-team final round.

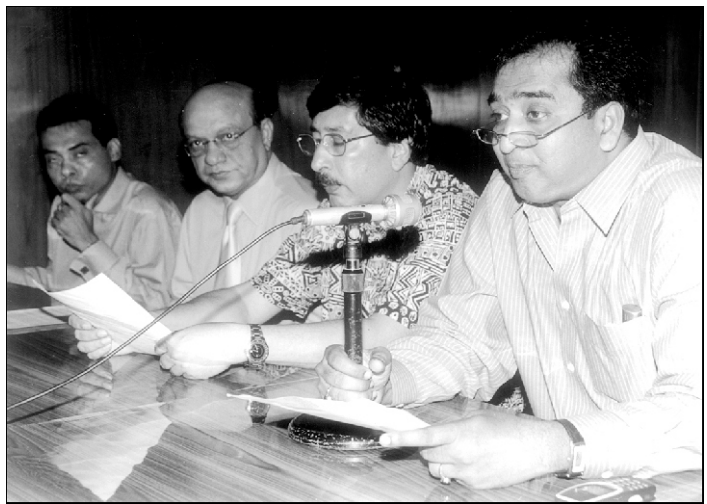


PHOTO: STAR

Ashrafuddin Ahmed Chunnun addresses a press conference organised yesterday in connection with the schools soccer tournament.

# Simons sings Smith song



AFP, Birmingham

South Africa coach Eric Simons said here Monday that captain Graeme Smith's increased composure had been a big factor in his side's march to the NatWest triangular series final.

Smith, at 22 South Africa's youngest ever captain, was involved in an on-field confrontation with former skipper Shaun Pollock just before the World Cup.

Battling for Western Province in a World Cup warm-up match against South Africa, Smith was given out only for the left-hander to tell the umpires he was not out as the Proteas had ignored fielding restrictions, making the delivery a no-ball.

An on-field row with Pollock ensued before Smith finally accepted the decision. He was later called up into the World Cup squad following Jonty Rhodes' injury.

But Simons said of Smith: "I think he took big strides in Bangladesh (where South Africa toured before arriving in England).

"The things he's doing in the field, the way he's digested information, he's remained a lot calmer," Simons told reporters here at Edgbaston.

"A lot of captaincy is about being calm in the crisis and we've certainly seen that on this trip. Obviously if the team is winning it makes things a lot easier. But the guys have gelled together off field."

South Africa will face hosts England in Saturday's Lord's final after both teams beat Zimbabwe

at Old Trafford on Thursday, having lost their opening match of the tournament against them by six wickets at The Oval on June 28.

"The guys are very hungry for success. We want to maintain our momentum. If we can have another good win against them (England) it



ERIC SIMONS

last weekend.

But before then Simons' men must play England at Edgbaston in a day-night match on Tuesday and Zimbabwe at Hampshire's Rose Bowl ground on Thursday.

And Simons insisted there would be no let-up by his side after they beat England by seven wickets



GRAEME SMITH

will obviously put a lot of pressure on them in terms of how they play against us."

He added: "You never want a situation when you walk on field to play for your country, regardless of what's at stake, and not feel it's a game you must win."

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## MSC meet Jagarani on Friday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Crg

The first leg matches of the Nitel-Tata National Football League final round kicks off at the MA Aziz Stadium on Friday, devoid of any enthusiasm among the local organisers.

Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on Jamalpur Jagarani Club in the opening encounter. Both teams are expected to arrive in the port city today.

But the mood of the local organisers Chattagram Jela Krija Sangstha (CJKS) was not at all happy with the news that the Bangladesh Football Federation would not be offering CJKS substantial financial assistance to host the matches.

"Last year, we received around Tk.2.5-lakh to arrange the league. But this time we were informed that only 30 per cent amount of the total ticket sales would be given to us. This is very frustrating," said a CJKS official preferring anonymity while talking to The Daily Star Sport yesterday.

## Div I hockey Wanderers keep on winning

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka Wanderers Club continued their unbeaten run in the Green Delta Metropolis Senior Division Hockey League with a 3-1 victory over Shishu Kishore SC in the day's lone match at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

This was the third successive victory for Dhaka Wanderers.

Mohammed Javed, Mamunur Rashid and Mohammed Yousuf scored for the winners while Ali Haider netted the face-saving goal for the losers, all in the first half.

Today's match: Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha vs Bachelors SC at the same venue.

## School chess 26 earn full points

SPORTS REPORTER

Twenty-six players from Classes VI-X shared the lead after the second round of the Standard Chartered bank schools chess tournament at the Bangladesh Chess Federation auditorium yesterday.

Those in the leading group were: Rahul (Bihar), Sagar, Shahin, Sandipan (Kolkata), Arifeen, Shakin, Debanjan (Kolkata), Sabber, Awlad, Uzzal, Raju, Tawseif, Nuru, Jahir, Saleh, Bikon, Reza, Reefat, Saimon, Razin, Nayeem, Shaju, Pasha, Kamrul and Arko.

Elsewhere, seven players led the points table in the girls' section. The leaders were: Liza, Payel (Kolkata), Mimi, Anne, Saima, Shirin and Anu (Kolkata).

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# Court summons Shoaib



AFP/BBC ONLINE, undated

A civil court in Lahore has summonsed express pacer Shoaib Akhtar to respond to a petition alleging statements he made about fellow cricketers tarnished Pakistani pride, officials said Tuesday.

Akhtar has been summonsed to appear on July 27 after a private citizen moved the petition, they said.

The 27-year old, known as the "Rawalpindi Express" for his extraordinary pace and famous for his verbal outbursts, told Britain's Guardian newspaper: "Imagine if I was playing for Australia with Glenn McGrath and Jason Gillespie softening them up, then I come on, I'd have got more wickets than anyone ever, mate."

He went on: "Because when I play for Pakistan, with Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis they are in decline. They were great but

they're not match-winning bowlers any more. So I have to make it all happen on my own."

The petitioner said Akhtar's remarks were an affront to Pakistani pride and that he should



SHOAIB AKHTAR

be punished.

Akhtar is unlikely to appear at the first hearing as he is currently playing for Durham in England. He

will also skip Pakistan's home series against Bangladesh next month before returning home late September.

Akhtar, who recorded a second 100-miles per hour (160-kilometres per hour) bowl during Pakistan's shambling first-round exit from the World Cup this year, was told to mind his off and on-field behaviour by the country's cricket chief Tauqir Zia before Pakistan's tour of Sri Lanka two months ago.

Despite that, Akhtar was suspended for two matches on charges of ball tampering during a tri-series in Sri Lanka. Since then he has kept a low profile.

Meanwhile, in a National League match on Monday, Akhtar took four early wickets as Durham exacted revenge on Scotland with a 114-run victory at The Grange.

Back in May, the Scots began their first season in the English one-day league with an upset victory at

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# WICB impresses ICC



AFP, London

The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) won praise from the sport's governing body the International Cricket Council (ICC) for its presentation to the ICC Forum on the region's preparations for the 2007 World Cup.

Chris Dehring, Managing Director of the CWC 2007, assured the Forum following the ICC's annual general meeting in London the West Indies is ready for the sport's showpiece.

Dehring told delegates from 89 countries, as well as the major commercial partners of world cricket and the international media that preparations for the World Cup had been ongoing since 1998.

He said consultations with international experts and officials had taken place, as well as observation of various world games including the visit by a Caribbean delegation to South Africa to meet with organisers of this year's renewal which was a huge success.

Dehring noted there had been significant preparation of development plans for venues around the

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## S Africa 116/7

STAR SPORT MONITOR

South Africa were in trouble as they scored 116 for the loss of seven wickets in 29 overs against England in the NatWest Series at Edgbaston yesterday.

### TEAMS

**ENGLAND:** Marcus Trescothick, Vikram Solanki, Michael Vaughan, Anthony McGrath, Andrew Flintoff, Rizki Clarke, Chris Read, Ashley Giles, Richard Johnson, Darren Gough, James Anderson.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Graeme Smith, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Jacques Rudolph, Martin van Jaarsveld, Mark Boucher, Shaun Pollock, Andrew Hall, Paul Adams, Andre Nel, Makhaya Ntini.



PHOTO: STAR

Participants during the second round of the Standard Chartered bank schools chess tournament at the NSC yesterday.