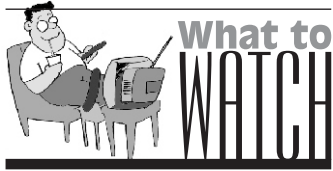




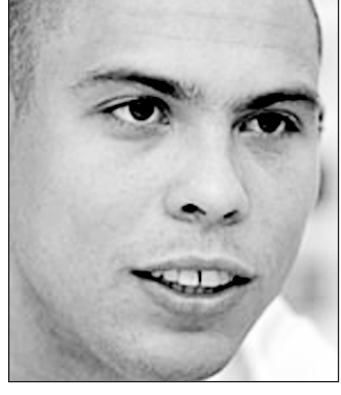
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Sport News
Live at 11:00 pm
- STAR Sports**
Sportsline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm
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Graded pay for Indians soon?

CRICINFO, Bangalore

The much-discussed graded-payment system for the Indian cricketers came a step closer to being implemented, after a three-member Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) committee held discussions on this issue with four senior players Saurav Ganguly, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and Anil Kumble.

Now it's Abahani



SPORTS REPORTER

Abahani's hockey team blazed to glory against Mohammedan only the day after their football brothers suffered a heart-breaking defeat against their archrivals.

The stick-wielders of the popular Dhanmondi outfit handed their Motijheel rivals a crashing 5-1 defeat in the virtual final of the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

The well-merited success not only enabled the sky blues retain the most prestigious title of the season but helped them avenge the defeat in the trouble-torn Club Cup tournament final a few months back.

At the end of the journey Abahani accumulated 34 points from 13 matches while Mohammedan, who went into the match needing only a draw to recapture the crown, finished runners-up with 32 points.

The battle of the titans always promised to be an action-packed drama, but it was Mohammedan who let all their supporters down by their ordinary showing, especially by their defenders who were to blame for their heaviest defeat in

five years. Mohammedan also went down by the same margin against their old foes in 1997 in the Club Cup meet.

In yesterday's match, Abahani's Indian recruit Amor Ayamma was at the peak of his scoring touch as he blasted the board twice while Shamsuddin Tuhin, Ashrafal Islam Shishu and Shahidullah Titu scored the other goals to complete the rout. Issa Miah netted the consolation goal for the losers.

"It was a total team work. We suffered a setback before the start of the league, but my boys worked hard to overcome all the oddities. Someone might have taken the shocking defeat against Sonali Bank otherwise, but it ultimately helped my team," a delighted acting Abahani coach Mahub Harun, who took over the reins after Jumman Lusal's life ban, said after the match.

Captain Hedayetul Islam Rajib praised their Indian recruits, especially midfielder MK Prakash. He also echoed his coach's view that the defeat against the bankers was

the turning point of their league campaign.

"We were confident about winning the match because we were a balanced side although we missed the services of a vital player like Rana," Rajib said.

On the other hand, Mohammedan blamed a first mistake for the comprehensive defeat.

"All went wrong after Pakistani Mohammad Sarwar failed to score from a penalty stroke in the very first minute. You just can't afford to let an opportunity like that go against these opponents. Our defence was also too fragile today," a gloomy Mohammedan coach Kawsar Ali told reporters as captain Musa Miah was in no mood to talk about the match.

Abahani led the first-half 1-0 when Ayamma hit the board in the 20th minute. But it was Mohammedan custodian Jahangir Alam who was at fault for the goal.

The sky blues didn't need to put in much effort to extend that margin against the frail Mohammedan defence.

Abahani custodian once again showed his mettle as he thwarted a number of good Mohammedan attempts including the Sarwar penalty stroke.

SONALI BANK THIRD
Meanwhile, Sonali Bank completed their impressive league campaign

ROLL OF HONOUR

Year	Champions	Runners-up
1997-98	MSC	Abahani
1999-00	MSC	Usha KC
2001-02	Abahani	MSC
2003	Abahani	MSC



ON CLOUD NINE: Abahani players party after defeating Mohammedan in the last match of the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League to lift the title at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

BCB to pay selectors

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has decided to bring the national selectors under its payroll in an effort to set up a professional management.

The Board announced a salary of Taka 40,000 each for the three-man national selection panel led by Faruque Ahmed. Two other selectors are Athar Ali Khan and GM Nowsher Prince.

The decision was made after a six-hour meeting at the BCB's management office in Gulshan on Tuesday.

The marathon meeting, chaired by Board president Ali Asghar, however expressed concern at the recent uncalled for incident in Pakistan that the Bangladesh team had to fly in economy class from Rawalpindi to Multan.

The meeting also issued a warning to Bangladesh manager MA Latif for his interview in Urdu before the first Test at Karachi last month. The manager, who is a retired army officer, was also cautioned for failing to act strongly over the flight discrimination.

B'DESH-PAK SCORECARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the third and final Test between Bangladesh and Pakistan at Multan Cricket Stadium on Wednesday:

BANGLADESH: First innings
Hannan c Latif b Gul 13
Javed c Younis b Gul 38
Bashar c Latif b Ali 72
Ashrafal lbw b Saqlain 12
Saleh run out 49
Kapali b Gul 11
Mashud not out 29
Mahmud not out 1
Extras: (b-4, lb-7, nb-12) 23
Total: (For six wkts in 90 overs) 248
Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-102, 3-136, 4-166, 5-179, 6-241
To bat: M. Rafique, T.Baisya, M. Islam

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HASAN MASOOD from Multan

Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore is convinced that Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza has the potential to become a dangerous hitter down the



HOW UNLUCKY CAN YOU GET! Rajin Saleh, who was dismissed on 49 in a very unusual fashion, strolls back to pavilion yesterday.

order. "He could be as good as Wasim Akram who used to come down the order and whack the ball over the rope to help add some useful runs for his team when needed," he said on Tuesday.

Whatmore added that he was planning to turn his bowlers into

useful late-order batsmen by giving them extra batting lessons when the Tigers return home from Pakistan.

"I'm thinking of hiring a batting coach to train the bowlers. They need to bat a little bit and score some runs."

And negotiations are in progress with an Australian specialist now working at the Sri Lankan Cricket Academy," he revealed.

TWO BECOMES FIVE

Pakistan made not two changes but five for the third Test. On Tuesday the team management said that only off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq and batsman Younis Khan would be replacing speedster Shoab Akhtar and injured all-rounder Shoab Malik.

But just before the start of play at the Multan Cricket Stadium, it was decided that three players would make their Test debuts for Pakistan.

So, in a simple ceremony opener Salman Butt, middle order batsman Farhan Adil and medium pacer Yasir Ali all received their green caps from chief selector Aamir Sohail.

Butt, the 19-year-old Lahore left-hander, has toured South Africa as a member of the Pakistan cricket academy team. In five matches he scored a double century and a hundred. Fellow academy player Ali was rewarded after taking 23 wickets on the tour.

The right-arm paceman is also the only one of the trio without any first-class experience.

So far, seven Pakistanis have made their debut in the three-match Test series.

Opener Mohammad Hafeez, middle-order batsman Yasir Hameed, and right-arm seamers Umar Gul and Shabbir Ahmed all played in first Test held in Karachi.

FIVE MEDICAL STUDENTS

Five Bangladesh medical students, studying in Multan and Bhawalpur under different scholarship programmes, came to support the Tigers on the first day.

Dr Mohiul Islam Kabir and Dr Sirajul Islam, both internees at Bhawalpur Medical College, which

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6th Asia Cup 28 called up for hockey camp

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Hockey Federation yesterday called up 28 players for a preliminary residential camp to form the national squad for the 6th Asia Cup Hockey Tournament.

The tournament will be held from September 21-28 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The players have been asked to report to coach Abdur Razzak with their passports and playing kits today at 4 pm at the Hockey Federation office. The residential camp will be based at the Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP).

Following are the names of the players called in the camp:

Goalkeepers: Russel Khan Bappi (Abahani Ltd.), Mahub Ullah

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Stewart's one last request?

AFP, London

Alec Stewart has urged England's selectors to put their trust in experienced players for the forthcoming winter tours.

Stewart, 40, England's most capped cricketer, bows out of international cricket in the fifth Test his 133rd against South Africa on his Oval home ground starting here Thursday.

Surrey wicketkeeper-batsman Stewart, looking to help England level the series at 2-2, said it was important the selectors continued to back the likes of his fellow ex-England captain Nasser Hussain, 35, and Surrey left-handed batsman Graham Thorpe, 34.

He explained that both men would stiffen the middle-order in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

"You have to pick your best players to beat whoever you are playing

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The Oval Test from today



AFP, London

England captain Nasser Hussain said before this series began that "South Africa were there for the taking".

Hussain also talked of "splits" in the South Africa camp and referred to the tourists' skipper as "wotsisname Smith".

But when the fifth Test gets underway at The Oval here Thursday it won't be England who have an unbeatable 2-1 lead.

And even those not much interested in cricket know all about South Africa captain Graeme Smith after his successive double hundreds in the first two Tests of this series.

As for Hussain, not only is he no longer captain, a broken toe means he isn't even in the side.

Yet somehow the hosts find themselves with a chance of squaring the contest at 2-2 and denying South Africa a first series win in England since 1965.

Rain robbed South Africa of victory in the first Test at Edgbaston although that match also saw the end of Hussain's time as England captain.

England's only victory came at Trent Bridge where new skipper Michael Vaughan won a toss that saw his team get the best of a bad pitch.

Otherwise the tourists have outplayed England in every respect while only now fielding their strongest side.

Injuries and absences have deprived them, at various times, of leading pace bowler Shaun Pollock, gritty left-handed batsman Gary Kirsten and all-rounder Jacques Kallis.

But the trio will all be in action at The Oval with Pollock, who missed the Proteas' overwhelming 191 run fourth Test victory at Headingley to attend the birth of his daughter, needing one more wicket for 300 in

Tests.

The prospect of a home pace bowler reaching the landmark again appears remote after another series where England suffered more breakdowns among their quicks than confront the average garage mechanic.

Add in a few defeats and cue the denunciation of county cricket by the England captain which is now as much a feature of the season here as the huge gasometers that flank The Oval.

No-one suggests county cricket is perfect.

But by only talking about it when England lose players and management make themselves look like spoilt brats.

And it contrasts sharply with the 22-year-old Smith's mantra of "taking responsibility", a creed which so many of his players have lived up to in this series.

There have been few more responsible England cricketers than wicketkeeper batsman Alec Stewart who retires from Test cricket at his Oval home ground with a national record 133 appearances to his name.

He has done everything asked of him by England, even when it has been to his personal detriment.

This match sees the return of Stewart's Surrey teammate Graham Thorpe after a year away from the international game because of domestic problems brought about by the collapse of his marriage.

Left-handed middle-order batsman Thorpe, 34, has a world-class average of 41.87 but has only been recalled because of Hussain's injury.

But while talent may be divided unfairly there is no reason why all cannot be equal in commitment.

Take South Africa all-rounder Andrew Hall, not the most gifted cricketer on either side, yet someone who by sheer force of personality has imposed himself on this

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A complete cricket personality

In the final analysis Bob Woolmer is the complete cricketer. He has played the game at the highest level, coached with distinction both at club and international level and has even authored books on the methodology of coaching. So, it came as no surprise that the International Cricket Council appointed the 56-year-old as their new ICC high performance manager in September 2001. Woolmer was South Africa's mentor for five years starting in 1994. The articulate Kanpur-born Englishman recently came to Dhaka to conduct a five-day course on batting and wicketkeeping at the country's lone sports institute (Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan) or BKSP in Savar. The day before the camp ended, he was kind enough to chat with Lenin Gani of The Daily Star Sport at the Sonargaon Hotel on Monday. The excerpt of the cajole cogitation is as follows:

Daily Star Sports (DSS): Let's start by talking about your five-day programme. Give us an idea on what you did during the short course?

Bob Woolmer (BW): It was essentially a batting camp spread over five days. The first three days were devoted to technical involvement at various areas of hitting, grips and discussing new methods and techniques of rhythm and trigger movements. The last two days were used as middle practice, which unfortunately was interrupted by heavy showers on the first day. And because of that we had to seek indoor facilities to do a lot more than technical aspects of batting. During that time the video camera was extensively used to provide analysis. There were also discussions on team

building and team ethics.

DSS: Would you have liked the course to be longer?

BW: It's okay. I have devised the programme specifically to run for five days. Usually it was between 5-8 days in each country and my next port of call is Namibia (it was one of the four associate member countries that fall under his new role) next week. This could be an initial starting point and there could be other programmes in the future if the Bangladesh Cricket Board wanted me to come back.

DSS: Of the 33 players that took part, could you give us an assessment based on what you've seen and done with them and what about the wicketkeepers in the camp?

BW: It was not only hard to recognise them by name alone it would be unfair and impractical for me to pass judgment be it on a batsman or a wicketkeeper. My job was to pass on information and leave business of making judgments to the local coaches and the Bangladesh selectors.

DSS: What advice did you have for our local coaches?

BW: In each group of five boys there was a coach with them. And whatever skills the boys learned the coaches also practised and worked with that skill. Hopefully the coaches would take those skills into the future.

DSS: Which technical aspects of Bangladesh's play impressed you during the two Tests against Pakistan? And what were the down

sides?

BW: It is impossible for me to give answer based on watching only half an hour's cricket. I have got the chance of seeing Alok Kapali grabbing a hat-trick.

DSS: In terms of talent where does Bangladesh's cricket stand today?

BW: There has been an immense improvement from the time Bangladesh came into the Test arena when their structure underneath the Test side was very thin. It is up by 100 per cent. And there are a number of good fast bowlers and spinners as well in the under-19 camp. The job now will be to turn the potential in

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ICC's high performance manager Bob Woolmer imparting some batting tips to the under-19 players who took part in his five-day training camp at BKSP in Savar recently.