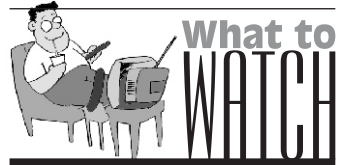




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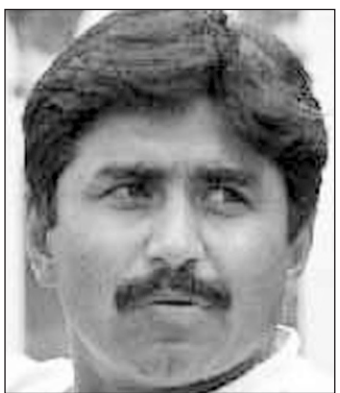
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TALK TURKEY



Javed Miandad
(Pakistan cricket coach)
"I don't need any advice from anyone. What I have done with the team is visible to everyone. I am committed and trying hard. I think everyone knows what I have delivered since the World Cup."

AB Bank TT
UNB, Dhaka

Nine matches of the AB Bank Metropolis First Division Table Tennis League were decided yesterday at the Wooden Floor gymnasium.

Swamibagh TTS beat Mansoor SC while Bangladesh Boys' defeated Purbachal Parishad, New Colony (Green) beat Ghop KC, Durbar KSS outplayed Jagarani TT Club, Mohammadpur Boys' beat Cynthia SC, Modhumita KS defeated Combined SC and Young Pegasus brought down Khelaghar SKS. All the teams won by 3-0 sets.

On the other hand, Angel Club and Barna TT Club beat Reazul Smrity Sangha and Khwaza Printing respectively by 3-2 sets.

Tiger vs Lion logo unveiled

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday unveiled the logo of the Standard Chartered bank Test and one-day series to be played between England and hosts Bangladesh later this month.

The logo represents a cricket ball having two heads of a lion and tiger on opposite sides. Lion is the symbol of the English team while Bangladesh cricketers are known as Tigers.

Speaking at the unveiling ceremony at a local hotel yesterday afternoon, Standard Chartered's country manager David Fletcher

said that the sponsorship of England's tour of Bangladesh was a part of the bank's celebration of 150 years of service across the globe.

"We are very delighted to become the sponsor of England's maiden Test tour of Bangladesh. We hope this will help to strengthen our ties with Bangladesh cricket," Fletcher said adding that the multinational bank has signed a sponsorship deal with the Board worth Taka five million for the two-match Test and three one-day internationals.

Fletcher also informed the media that they had been sponsoring the national school tournament for the last few years and they would continue doing so for promoting the game in Bangladesh at its grass-root level.

Answering to a question, BCB

advisor Mahbubul Anam said that the winners of both Test and one-day series will collect USD 5,000 (Five thousand) each.

Besides, the bank will also sponsor the man-of-the-series awards for both series.

BCB advisors Aziz Al-Kaiser, Reazuddin Al-Mamun, BCB's new CEO Maqbul Hussein Dudhia and Badrul Ahsan, the corporate affairs manager of Standard Chartered were also present on the occasion.

Aziz Al-Kaiser, the chairman of BCB's marketing committee, disclosed that the Board would use commemorative coins to mark England's maiden tour of Bangladesh. The special coins will be used during the tosses.

"We are looking for sponsors to make the coins," Kaiser revealed.



Standard Chartered's country manager David Carter (L) speaks at the logo launching ceremony of the Bangladesh vs England Test and one day international series at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel yesterday.

Pak finish strong

Cricket

AFP, Lahore

South African pace bowler Makhaya Ntini grabbed four wickets on Sunday but Pakistan still posted a challenging 267-7 in the second day-night limited-overs international at Lahore's Gaddafi stadium on Saturday.

Yousuf Youhana hit a polished 65 and Shoaib Malik 45 after Pakistan were put in to bat, but Ntini slowed the hosts' progress, taking the wickets of the two top-scorers.

The 26-year-old from Cape Town, who went for 26 in his three overs on Friday, had opener Yasir Hameed in his sixth over, caught behind by Mark Boucher for 16, after Shaun Pollock bowled Mohammad Hafeez for 7.

With Pakistan 37-2, Youhana repaired the early damage with a sedate 101-run partnership for the third wicket with Inzamamul Haq.

Youhana was involved in verbal fisticuffs with South African all-rounder Andrew Hall after the two collided in the 13th over.

Younis Khan c Boucher b Ntini	41
Malik b Ntini	45
Latif run out	19
Razzak b Ntini	15
Akhtar not out	11
Extras: (b-5, lbw-3, w-7)	15
Total: (For seven wkts in 50 overs)	267

Did not bat: Mohammad Sami, Umar Gul

Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-37, 3-138, 4-163, 5-201, 6-225, 7-236.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pollock	10	2	39	1
Ntini	10	0	46	4
Hall	9	0	52	0
Kallis	10	1	56	1
Peterson	3	0	21	0
Dawson	8	0	45	0

SOUTH AFRICA: Graeme Smith, Mark Boucher, Alan Dawson, Boeta Dippenaar, Andrew Hall, Jacques Kallis, Neil McKenzie, Makhaya Ntini, Robin Peterson, Shaun Pollock, Jacques Rudolph.

Toss: South Africa
Umpires: Darrell Hair (AUS) and Nadeem Ghauri (PAK)
TV umpire: Asad Rauf (PAK)
Match referee: Clive Lloyd (WIs)

Hafeez b Pollock	7
Hameed c Boucher b Ntini	16
Youhana c Boucher b Kallis	65
Inzamam not out	33

McGrath out of action

Cricket

AFP, Perth

An ankle injury has forced Australian spearhead Glenn McGrath to withdraw from this month's two cricket Tests against Zimbabwe and a three-week limited-overs tour of India starting late October.

Officials said Sunday McGrath, 33, was also in doubt for the first Test in a series against India starting in Brisbane December 4.

McGrath had surgery on his left ankle in August and had been recovering well, but pulled up sore after bowling in the nets here Saturday.

He felt pain and discomfort in the ankle -- the one which supports his weight in his delivery stride -- and on Sunday the pain was still there.

A team spokesman said McGrath left Perth to fly home to Sydney where he will have further ankle surgery this week.



GLENN McGRATH

would be back before the end of the Australian summer.

McGrath had been attending an

Proteas call up Wyk

AFP, Lahore

Wicketkeeper batsman Morne van Wyk will fly to Pakistan as replacement for experienced opener Herschelle Gibbs, who is injured, South African media spokesman said Sunday.

"The in-form Wyk will offer battling back up to the squad after Gibbs missed the opening two games due to a muscle condition called delayed onset muscle soreness (DOMS) and Neil McKenzie suffered a back spasm during his knock of 62 in the first match," said spokesman Gerald de Kock.

The Proteas were edged out by Pakistan by eight runs in the match with Gibbs replacement Boeta Dippenaar hitting an unbeaten 110.

"We do have a few injury worries with Gibbs and McKenzie, and the severe heat and humidity also took its toll and we have decided to rotate players," said South African coach Eric Simons.

The burly Wyk, 24, made an unimpressive one-day debut against England in the final of the NatWest Trophy which South Africa

CEO will have his own set-up

SPORTS REPORTER

The newly appointed chief executive officer (CEO) of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) will work straight under BCB president Ali Asghar and his office would be separate and independent from the Board's executive committee.

BCB advisor and chairman cricket committee Mahbubul Anam revealed this yesterday.

Talking to The Daily Star Sport at a city hotel in the afternoon, Anam said that the CEO has been appointed to run and carry out the Board's day-to-day activities and functions mostly related to administration.

He will have a separate office within the BCB that would be overall supervised by the Board president.

"In fact he will be parallel to the executive committee if we draw an organisational tree. There will be a separate set-up with some managers under the CEO. We will appoint a cricket operations and a media manager very soon," Anam said.

When asked whether it was contrary to the newly amended constitution of the Board, Anam said it was not. "The constitution has given us or the executive committee the full right to appoint anyone for the functioning of the Board. And the CEO has been appointed according to that authority," he added.

Responding to another query, Anam agreed that as per the new constitution the general secretary was the head of the executive. But he informed that the responsibilities of the general secretary would be shared with the CEO when the election is being held and for that they did not need to amend the constitution.

"The CEO can very well share the responsibilities with the general secretary. It's only a professional approach," Anam said.

He added that BCB was set to follow what Sri Lanka Cricket was doing.

Zimbabwean Maqbul Hussein Dudhia joined the BCB as its first CEO on Saturday.

Playing in forbidden land

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka has launched a major push to boost cricket in war-torn areas and plans to set up an international stadium in a former battle zone, Sri Lanka Cricket chairman Thilanga Sumathipala said Sunday.

Sri Lanka Cricket, the governing body of the sport in the island, held talks last week in the Tamil rebel-held town of Kilinochchi on promoting the game, Sumathipala said.

"We want to build up cricket at district level initially and two years down the road we want to look at establishing a full-fledged international stadium," Sumathipala said.

"We don't want to raise hopes to a level we will not be able to deliver, but we want to start by building cricket first at district level, improve coaching and give them more facilities to practice."

Sumathipala said Sri Lanka Cricket was in negotiations to secure land to build a new cricket centre in Kilinochchi and hoped the work could begin with six to eight months.

"We want to have a district level stadium and then move on to the international level stadium within two years."

Sri Lankan Cricket also wants to enroll the embattled districts of Mullativu, Kilinochchi and Mannar as members of the governing body.

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PHOTO: STAR

NO NEED TO CALL FOR THE REPLAY! Rajin Saleh makes his ground despite some sharp fielding from Moniruzzaman during yesterday's running between the wickets drill at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Many happy returns

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Opening batsman Hannan Sarker and right-arm fast bowler Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza celebrated their birthdays at the national camp at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Hannan marked his 21st birthday while young Mashrafe turned 20.

Both the young Tigers cut cakes at the dressing room after the first day of the fielding practice.

Talking to the reporters, both cricketers assured that they would give their best in the upcoming series against England.

"I have learned a lot in the previous series against Australia and Pakistan. I'm going to try even harder this time on home soil. I want to score runs for my country," said

Hannan, the right-hander, who said that he has arranged a party at a Chinese restaurant later in the evening.

On the other hand, Mashrafe is missing his family back in Narail. But he admitted that the home series against England would be crucial for him.

"I know I did not do well in Pakistan when the whole team performed. I will have to make that up in the coming series. And I'm mentally and physically ready for that," he said.

Meanwhile, the first day of the two-day fielding session proved to be very demanding for the players at the big bowl.

Coach Dav Whatmore concentrated mainly on close fielding. He used half the ground for cricketers to practice throwing down the stumps.

Weather permitting the nets will start from tomorrow.

BDR retains kabadi crown

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) clinched the 25th National Kabadi Championship title as they breezed past Bangladesh Police 61-27 in the final at the Outer Stadium kabadi court yesterday.

The winners led the first half 28-10.

BDR, who retained the title for the second successive year, recorded their 17th triumph in the national kabaddi championship since its inception in 1973.

Ziaur Rahman of BDR was adjudged the best player of the meet.

Earlier, Bangladesh Army grabbed third spot when they overpowered Khulna District Sports Association (DSA) 37-19 in the third-fourth play-off match.

Eight teams took part in this edition which began on Friday. The teams were BDR, Police, Army, Navy, Khulna, Tangail, Satkhira and Dhaka DSA.



PHOTO: STAR

WISH YOU ENGLISH CONQUEST! Bangladesh opener Hannan Sarker (centre L) and fast bowler Mashrafe bin-Mortuza cut their birthday cakes in presence of cheering teammates after practice at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The missing policy

LENIN GANI

At a recent gathering of heads of sports federations there was a repeated call for constructive criticism but unfortunately it seems our honourable sports minister failed to understand the crux of the matter. It is the solemn duty of journalists to address the issues based on what they know. The essence of good journalism is always to write the truth.

And if you look at the way these sports bodies are being managed one cannot help but criticise them. There are currently more than 30 sports federations in operation and of them the majority is quite frankly absolutely useless. We don't wish to specify the number for fear of upsetting them but they know very well which ones we are referring to.

Another meaning for sports management in our country is a

license to misappropriate funds while claiming that is due to a shortage of cash the performances of their respective athletes are affected because they are unable to purchase necessary equipment.

And then there are well-documented cases of windows of opportunity being opened for those who choose to set forth in a foreign land while representing the country. Rarely is a Federation bothered to take any action because they lack accountability.

Membership of a federation has its rewards. That person becomes very influential within his locality as he vested with a great deal of power. But more often than not he is blinded by greed and does little in the way of developing sports activities.

However, since there are no measures available to punish him with, he is left off the hook.

Also let's not forget the 'foreign

trip syndrome'. Of course, we are talking about those officials who never miss an opportunity to go abroad as part of the contingent. The classic episode involving the hockey team showed how the system has gone out of control.

The Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) thought it would be a good idea to allow two officials to travel with the team at the expense of players. Ultimately it hampered the team's chances at the Men's Asia Cup. When the issue was raised the BHF general secretary, who has been serving for ages, responded with a very poor excuse as a defence. He of all persons should have known better.

Also take the ineptness of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) after the country won the third edition of the SAFF Championship in January. After the all-too familiar outpouring of congratulatory mes-

sages the BFF has now forgotten how to build on the success.

If that is one part of the story the other half concerns the little or no activity of those let's say minor federations.

It is only in a blue moon that we hear of their existence. Really is there any point of having a federation that neither evokes mass public appeal nor does it expect to earn the country fame at the international, world or Olympic level?

Presently most sports bodies receive an allocation from the National Sports Council as part of their annual budgets. But since there is no accountability on the part of receiving federations so they are not obligated to reveal their financial reports. In other words transparency is definitely missing.

Clearly what we are driving at is

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