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C'wealth Games India requires Sunny's help

Former Indian cricket captain Sunil Gavaskar has been roped in to support New Delhi's bid for the 2010 Commonwealth Games, the vote for which will be taken in Jamaica on Thursday.

Gavaskar, the first Test batsman to reach 10,000 runs, will be part of India's 50-member delegation which leaves on Sunday for the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) Congress in Kingston, Jamaica.

Mashrafe's date with injury destiny



SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday confirmed that injured right-arm paceman Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza must go to Australia within the next two weeks to undergo surgery on his damaged right knee.

"His ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) on right knee has to be reconstructed through a surgical operation," said BCB advisor and cricket committee chairman Mahbubul Anam while confirming the heart-breaking news from Australia.

The Board sent the second MRI report of the Narail quick to Dr. David Young, who had only completed a successful operation of another

Bangladesh pacer Moha-mmed Sharif in Melbourne recently.

The 20-year-old Mashrafe injured his right knee during the second Test against England last week. Although the first MRI gave the impression that he would need three weeks at best to recover, later a second scan was done at the Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka that created more doubts. So, the Board turned to the famous Australian surgeon for more conclusive opinion.

The latest setback continues Mashrafe's off-field struggle against injuries. He will now have to go through a three-month long extensive rehabilitation programme after the operation.

"We have already instructed physio John Gloster to fix a schedule so that he can help Mashrafe develop certain

muscles before the crucial operation," Anam said.

"This is very unfortunate for country and of course Mashrafe. He is by far the best bowler in the country. But sadly even before his 21st birthday he is going to have both knees operated upon," he added.

Earlier Mashrafe's left knee, which came under the surgeon's knife in India in 2001, kept him out of action for nearly a year before returning to international cricket in November last year.

The cricket committee chairman also informed that Sharif's groin operation on October 30 went successfully.

"Apart from the operation Dr. Young also removed a cyst from his right shoulder joint," said Anam adding that the right-arm medium paceman requires at least three weeks' intensive care before returning home.

ICC boss due Monday



SPORTS REPORTER

International Cricket Council (ICC) president Ehsan Mani will arrive in Dhaka tomorrow morning on a four-day official visit to Bangladesh.

This will be Mani's first visit to the newest Test-playing nation since the London-based Pakistani chartered accountant assumed the highest office from Australian Malcolm Gray in June this year.

ICC chief executive Australian Malcolm Speed will accompany him.

This was disclosed by Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Ali Asghar during a press briefing at a city hotel yesterday.

Mani's trip to Dhaka is not only a part of his get to know tour of all the ICC full members, but also he will unveil the logo and the Cup of the ICC Under-19 World Cup to be held in Bangladesh in February and March next year.

Mani will grace the foundation laying ceremony of an indoor facility at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur. It is a part of BCB's ambitious plan to set up six divisional practice centres in the country.

He will also visit the ICC's temporary office in Gulshan, which is being used to co-ordinate the World Youth Cup.

"We are also trying to arrange a meeting with the Prime Minister before he departs," said Asghar adding that the visit of the 58-year-old Mani would be important for Bangladesh cricket.

Asghar, who has recently returned from Barbados after attending an executive committee meeting of the world body, also said that the top brass has praised Bangladesh's upward trend after tours to Australia and Pakistan.

"Besides, the appointment of Whatmore as national coach and Macky Dudhia as chief executive have also been hailed by the ICC," said Asghar, who is also the president of the Asian Cricket Council.

Mani will attend a media briefing on Tuesday. He will leave Dhaka on November 13.

Rafique set to return

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammad Rafique is a near certainty when Bangladesh play their second one-day international against England at the Banga-bandhu National Stadium tomorrow.

The left-arm spinner, who was nursing a knee injury and missed the Tigers' seven-wicket defeat in the first match, has reportedly recovered and is likely to replace off-spinner Jamal Uddin in the day-nighter.

There is also a possibility of batsman Moniruzzaman making his place of one of the out of form top-order players.

Both teams returned from Chittagong yesterday and will practice under lights at the BNS today afternoon.

1st Test drawn

STAR SPORT MONITOR

West Indies and Zimbabwe drew their first Test in Harare yesterday. The tourists were 207 for nine when the umpire called the match off.

Scores: Zimbabwe 507-9 declared and 200-7 declared; West Indies 335 and 207-9.



West Indies opener Chris Gayle slashes one through mid-off during their second innings of the first Test against Zimbabwe in Harare yesterday.

Advantage Windies'



REUTERS, Harare

Heath Streak and Ray Price struck with two wickets each as Zimbabwe turned the screw on West Indies on the fifth day of the first Test on Saturday.

West Indies, set a stiff victory target of 373 in a minimum of 83 overs, struggled to 126 for five at tea.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul was 17 not out with Ridley Jacobs on 14 after three wickets fell for a single run.

Zimbabwe have not beaten West Indies in four previous Tests.

The home team, having made 507 for nine in their first innings to dominate the game from the outset, resumed on 94 for four and moved on to 200 for seven in the second before declaring again.

They lost their fifth wicket to the 11th ball of the day when Craig Wishart shouldered arms to a delivery from fast bowler Vasbert Drakes and was bowled for 34.

Drakes, with four for 67, struck again when Tatenda Taibu, on 21, attempted to leave a delivery and was bowled off

the edge to end a sixth-wicket stand of 45 with Stuart Matsikenyeri, whose unbeaten 46 was Zimbabwe's top score.

Fast bowler Corey Collymore claimed the last wicket to fall when Andy Blignaut drove expansively and was caught behind.

West Indies reached lunch on 18 without loss, but in the fifth over of the second session Wavell Hinds pulled a delivery from fast bowler Streak to Stuart Carlisle at an unorthodox shallow square leg position to be dismissed for 24.

Four balls later, with the total unchanged, Chris Gayle drove recklessly at a wide delivery from left-arm spinner Price and was caught behind for 13.

A run and 11 balls after that, Brian Lara, having faced six balls for a single, offered no stroke to a ball from Price and was adjudged lbw to make it 38 for three.

Daren Ganga and Ramnaresh Sarwan held up Zimbabwe's progress for 11 overs until Ganga came down the pitch to Price and was bowled for 16 while Sarwan heaved clumsily at a ball from off-spinner Trevor Gripper to be stumped by Taibu for 39 shortly before tea.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at lunch on the fifth and

final day of the first Test between Zimbabwe and West Indies in Harare on Saturday:

ZIMBABWE: First innings 507-9 declared (Streak 127, Blignaut 91, Taibu 83, Matsikenyeri 57; Edwards 5-133)

WEST INDIES: First innings 335 (Hinds 79, Ganga 73; Price 6-73)

ZIMBABWE: Second innings (overnight 94-4)

Sibandana c Ganga b Collymore	16
Gripper lbw b Drakes	26
Vermeulen c C'paul b Edwards	2
Carlisle lbw b Drakes	10
Wishart b Drakes	34
Matsikenyeri not out	46
Taibu b Drakes	21
Blignaut c Jacobs b Collymore	13
Streak not out	7
Extras: (b-8, lb-2, nb-13, w-1)	25
Total: (For 7 wickets declared in 52 overs)	200
Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-27, 3-60, 4-90, 5-107, 6-152, 7-177	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Collymore	15	2	59	2
Edwards	16	5	52	1
Drakes	20	2	68	4
Sarwan	1	0	12	0

WEST INDIES: Second innings

Gayle c Taibu b Price	13
Hinds c Carlisle b Streak	24
Ganga b Price	16



Bangladesh Cricket Board president Ali Asghar (L) makes a point to reporters during a press conference at the Hotel Sheraton yesterday.

Cameroon cheers for MSC



SPORTS REPORTER

If Brothers Union had created a stir in local football by assembling virtually the whole Bangladesh national team during the Premier Division league's transfers, Moha-mmedan Sporting Club yesterday set the standards for foreign recruits by bringing in five top level booters from Cameroon.

The Africans arrived in Dhaka yesterday but can only take part in the final round of the ongoing Tibet Federation Cup, which begins tomorrow, after they get their International Transfer Certificate (ITC).

Foreign players have become vital for the Motijheel giants who were the biggest sufferers in the transfers after Brothers and Muktijoddha Sangsad

studded Brothers who were eliminated from the first round after suffering a solitary goal defeat against Bangladesh Army.

Mohammedan will take on Dhaka Wanderers Club at 2:15pm at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur while Dhanmondi Club face youthful Sheikh Russel Krira Chakra in the other fixture at the Bir Shreshtha Shaheed Mustafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur on the opening day.

Eight teams split into two groups will play in the round robin league final phase.

Group A features Mohammedan, Dhanmondi Club, Sheikh Russel KC and Dhaka Wanderers.

Group B has the tougher draw with Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra, Abahani, Arambagh KS and Rahmatganj MF's completing the line-up.

roped in all the top players right in front of their nose.

Mohammedan manager Amirul Islam Babu confirmed the news of the overseas booters' arrival and informed that one of them mid-fielder Olinga Alaain is a former Cameroon international.

The other players are defender Effengue Dillan, strikers Etola Kirki and Itogomark Orlang and playmaker Barsola Barsolami. All play for First Division club Tones Kalara.

"We have applied for the ITC and hopefully it will arrive in time for them to appear in the Federation Cup. If their performance is satisfactory, then we will retain them for the league also," said Babu.

The Five players were accompanied by their club president Effomba Eyenga. The final round of the season's first major competition is missing the star-

Javed, Aamir at odds again

REUTERS, Karachi

Pakistan coach Javed Miandad and chief selector Aamir Sohail have clashed in a dispute over selection before the one-day series against New Zealand.

The dispute was sparked by selectors announcing a pool of players for this month's series without taking captain Inzamamul Haq or Miandad into their confidence.

"We try to discuss things with them as much as possible. But we don't need to talk to them every time we select. All the selectors are former cricketers and understand the intricacies of the sport," chief selector Aamir Sohail told Reuters.

But Miandad said that there was a need for the captain and coach to be consulted and their views heard by the selectors.

"Why this insistence on trying to ignore and snub us. What is wrong if they just discuss things with us," Miandad said.

Sources close to Miandad said that he was upset after he and Inza-mam found out about the squad for



FOREIGN BOOST: General secretary of Mohammedan Sporting Club Lokman Hossain Bhuyian (4th from R) is visibly excited in company of five Cameroon players at the Motijheel Club tent yesterday.

Dhaka ride on Mehrab

SPORTS REPORTER

Discarded Bangladesh opener Mehrab Hossain led Dhaka to their maiden triumph in the Emirates 27th National Cricket Championship when they recorded a five-wicket over Bogra at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Mehrab hammered an 82-ball 58 to propel the capital team to 160-5 in 31.5 overs chasing Bogra's less than impressive total of 159 all out.

The attacking right-hander's knock, which featured seven fours, enabled Dhaka to get back into the winning habit after losing to defending champions Bangladesh Biman by four wickets at the same venue on Thursday.

Mehrab apart, openers Gazi Salauddin (23) and Firoz Alam (21) were the other notable run-getters.

The result gave Dhaka an outside chance of reaching the last four provided that Bogra upset the national flag-carrier in their final Group A match tomorrow.

Earlier asked to bat, Bogra were dismissed in 48.1 overs and had to rely on a generous helping of 37 extras to post a respectable total in the end. The Dhaka bowlers gave away as many as 31 wides.

The other major score was 30 by middle-order batsman Atiqur Rahman. It included a one six and three boundaries. Tail-ender Palash also added 23 runs for the losers.

Away in Mymensingh, the American International University of Bangladesh (AIUB) posted their second successive win in Group B defeating Nilphamari by 23 runs.

In a low-scoring affair, AIUB made 127 for seven in 50 overs after electing to bat. One-down Setu top-scored with 31 while opener Tanjeer chipped in with 24.

Nilphamari were never in the hunt after out-of-favour Bangladesh bowlers Monjurul Islam and Hasibul Hossain shared seven wickets. They

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Champs Trophy venues named

AFP, London

The International Cricket Council's Champions Trophy will be played at The Oval, Edgbaston and Hampshire's Rosebow, it was announced Friday.

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and the International Cricket Council (ICC) said the 15-match tournament would be held September 10-25, with rain days scheduled for all matches.

Teams will be seeded for the tournament on the basis of their official ICC One-Day International ranking on December 1, 2003.

ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed said: "The ICC is very pleased that the ECB will be hosting this showpiece tournament next year. Using the official ODI ratings is the fairest way to seed teams. This system ensures that all teams are treated in an equal manner as it provides an objective assessment of form over the last two to three years."

The Champions Trophy's format is supposed to showcase the talents of the world's leading one-day cricketers and will be contested by the 10 ICC Full Member countries and Kenya plus the winner of the ICC Six Nations Challenge, to be held in the United Arab Emirates in March 2004.

Competing teams will be divided into four groups of three, with the winners of each group progressing to straight knockout semifinals and the final.