

Jamil wants to

Chairman of Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolis (CCDM) Khondokar Jamiluddin showed his concerns over media reports suggesting 'foul play' during Wednesday's Premier Cricket League match between DOHS and Bangladesh Biman.

The Biman batsmen were victims of 'biased' umpiring as they lost the match to DOHS although match referee Belayet Hossain found nothing unjust about the

referee's report but the media reports are a big concern," Jamiluddin told The Daily Star

match. But I unless get the official report, I can not take any action. Everything depends on his reports and if it claims that the match was clean, what can I do?" asked the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board

"The ICC also has to depend on its match referees. However, I will

a more reputed match referee were not appointed for the game," Jamil said that his instructions had been clear on the issue.

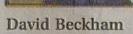
"My instruction to the umpires committee, who are responsible referees, is to allot top umpires in important match. And only on the night before the match it is allowed to reveal names of the match offi cials. I will sit with the umpires committee to discuss this because Lalways believe in being honest.

"Whatever the club or player, I have punished if found guilty. have fined DOHS captain Akram Khan and Mohammedan Sporting



The first laws of soccer were drawn up a Cambridge University in 1848. Since then they have been rewritten and amended.





(Real Madrid's England star) "I will always keep my house in London, but I will never hide the fact that I want to be here (Madrid) for the rest of my career. I want to continue here at Real and continue being England captain.'



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"I have yet to receive the match

Sport over phone yesterday. "I have already read what the

match referee had said about the

not just sit and watch. I'll talk with concerned persons to find out what really happened."
When asked why top umpires or

for appointing umpires and match

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morning They decided not to go the running session at Ramna Park in the afternoon.

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The top footballers of the country

skipped national camp's training

yesterday in demand of a clear

announcement of the season's

players transfer from the Bangladesh

under Argentine coach Diego Cruciani for their Asian Cup quali-

fier against Uzbekistan on

February 22, ignored trainer Ariel

Colman's instructions and fol-

lowed their own manuals in the

The national squad, preparing

Football Federation (BFF).

"We hoped that the federation would give an announcement about the transfers in its yesterday's executive meeting," national skipper Arif Khan Joy at the BFF Bhaban on Thursday.

Legendary opener Sunil Gavaskar

on Thursday lashed out at Indian

batsmen for a spineless perfor-

mance in the third and final cricket

second-biggest defeat, at Karachi

on Wednesday when they were

bundled out for 265 after being set

caved in abysmally to give Pakistan

a win that looked impossible on the

first day," Gavaskar wrote in his

Hindustan Times column after

Pakistan for just 245 after the run

deluge in the first two (drawn)

Tests, it did look possible for them

to go on and win the third Test and

"When India dismissed

"India's famed batting line-up

an improbable 607-run target.

India's 1-0 defeat in the series.

India lost by 341 runs, their

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Test against Pakistan.

AFP, New Delhi

"But we are really frustrated that nothing came out. The last transfer was held in October 2005 and it has been 16 months since. All the footballers in the country are worried about their future. We want an immediate action by the federation because it is the necessity of all the footballers

Booters boycott training

Demands immediate announcement of transfer

THINK ABOUT US PLEASE: The national booters, who are demanding a date of transfer from the federation, had a meeting at the BFF Bhaban yesterday.

"We don't want to boycott practice and want to join training on Saturday if the BFF gives us assurance about transfer," Joy added.

They had a talk with national team manager Sayeed Hassan Kanan later and it looked certain that the team will start training tomorrow.

"The players have a right to demand transfer," said Kanan, also member of the BFF and the National Team Management Committee (NTMC).

"I have discussed with NTMC chairman Kazi Salahuddin about the situation. He talked with the charges.

Gavaskar blasts batsmen

by their vaunted batsmen after left-

arm seamer Irfan Pathan had

"If the Indians had seized the

initiative from that great first-over

hattrick by Pathan, they were let

down by their more renowned

batsmen who hardly batted with

any determination," said Gavaskar.

wicketkeeper Kamran Akmal's

fighting century to post 245 in their

first innings before dismissing

was not always the best way for a

been the so-called experts who

have been talking about how

win," said Gavaskar, the first bats-

team to pull itself out of trouble.

Gavaskar said attacking batting

"For far too long, there have

India for 238 for a slender lead.

Pakistan then rode on

informed Kanan. Salahuddin bhai has promised them to give a solution by February

senior players on phone and the booters now look satisfied,"

15 and has requested them to start training for the sake of the country because the match against Uzbekistan would a tough one. The boys have showed faith in him and said they will return to practice on Saturday afternoon," added the former national goalkeeper.

Salahuddin, also a BFF vicepresident, heads a five-member committee that has been formed to submit a report to the federation by February 15 about the Dhaka Premier League, the Professional League and transfer.

"I am not worried about what happened today. I think it would be okay," said coach Cruciani who clearly showed his sympathy to his

there is something in the wicket (for bowlers). The complete absence of a grabbed a hat-trick in his first over on defensive mechanism means that the opening day to send Pakistan thereis little hope of survival."

Javed Miandad said India lost the decisive Test even before it had "I cannot help but feel that India

Former Pakistani batting

lost the Karachi Test even before a single ball was bowled," Miandad wrote in the Indian Express.

"The men in their team whose job is to put runs on the board saw the (seamer-friendly) wicket and decided that they were not going to succeed on it," he said.

"The negativity of the Indian batsmen was evident in both innings as they chose not to use their feet and allowed the Pakistani bowlers to get them out.

"You cannot score runs in Test attacking batting is the only way to cricket if you 'wait' for them rather than 'score' them. I would not have man to complete 10,000 runs in minded India losing by lunch or tea time on the fifth day, but to lose 10 "In Test cricket one cannot just wickets in less than 60 overs was Gavaskar said India were let down blaze away, especially not when

Lee relief for Proteas

Test cricket.

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with it the series.

AFP, Melbourne

The South African camp gave a resounding thumbs-up here Thursday to news that Australia would rest in-form strike bowler Brett Lee for their upcoming triangular series clash in Melbourne.

Coach Mickey Arthur, speaking on the eve of the match at Melbourne's Telstra Dome, described the Australian move as "good news" for the Proteas and said his top-order batsmen would

"I suppose it does release the shackles ... I think there might be one or two happier batters out there when I tell them the news," Arthur said

Lee will be rested for the match under the Australian selectors' policy of giving key players a break throughout the long limited-overs

The Australians have already qualified for the best of three finals series, but South Africa, although well placed to grab the other spot, must win one of their next two matches against the host nation to

Sri Lanka, the third nation competing, need Australia to win both matches against the South Africans then defeat the Proteas themselves in the final qualifying fixture in Hobart on February 7.

Lee has been in fine form throughout the Australian summer and is his country's leading wickettaker in the series with 10 at an average of 23.

He is the fourth Australian player to be rested under the system, with captain Ricky Ponting returning to the side after a week's break, while pace bowler Glenn McGrath and opener Adam Gilchrist have also had a break.

Ponting said the timing was right for Lee to have a break with the series finals starting on February 19 and Australia's tour of South Africa starting on February 24.

"He's been up for a long time and doing what he does he probably has more stress and physical burn-out than anybody else in the side, so we felt now was an ideal time to give him a rest," Ponting said.

"You'd like to have Brett in your side all the time, but we've got to try to manage the side as well as we can and manage him as well as we can.

"He's been a great weapon for us in both forms of the game over the

last 12 months and we've just got to be a little bit careful with him and make sure we are managing him well, and this is another part of

The Australians will bring inexperienced pace bowler Brett Dorey into the attack in Lee's place while left-armer Nathan Bracken will also continue to be rested for "personal reasons"

It was not clear if Lee would play in Australia's second match against South Africa in Sydney on Sunday but Ponting said he would return for the finals

South African captain Graeme Smith, who showed signs of emerging from a form slump with a solid 41 off 52 balls during his team's fivewicket win over Sri Lanka in Perth on Tuesday, will also welcome the newsthat Lee is being rested. He was one of Lee's victims

when the Australian claimed 5-22 in their last match against South Africa in Melbourne last month. "He's (Smith's) a very good

player in both forms of the game, he averages over 50 in Test cricket and in one-day cricket it's around 40, so statistically he's a very good player and our players have bowled very well to him," Ponting said. SEE PAGE 17 COL 5

Bangladesh U-19s warm up well

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Bangladesh U-19 cricket team got the expected start they had wanted before the start of the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup yesterday when Tamim Iqbal's explosive century gave them a 10-wicket win over USA in Colombo, according to a message received in Dhaka.

The hard-hitting opener smashed 103 off 64 balls as Bangladesh raced to 146 without loss in reply to USA's 143 in the warm-up match at the Colts Cricket Club.

Tamim, younger brother of national opening batsman Nafees Iqbal, hit a dozen boundaries and five sixes during the unbroken opening stand that conquered the match in just 17.5 overs. Sirajullah Khadem was unbeaten on 28.

USA opted to bat first and were bundled out in 49.5 overs with Al Dodson making 29. Nathaniel with 27, NK Patel (23) and Timbawala (15) were the other notable scorers.

Rezaul Islam grabbed three wickets for 12 and Sohrawardi Shuvo took two wickets for 20.

Bangladesh who face New Zealand in their first match of the Youth World Cup on Sunday, will play their second warm-up match against Zimbabwe on Friday.

DOHS take on Victoria in last match

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Champions Old DOHS will take on Victoria Sporting Club in both sides' last match of the Aktel Premier Cricket League today at the Fatullah Stadium.

DOHS, who have clinched the title for the second successive season, have 26 points with 13 wins from 15 rounds while Victoria are joint third with 18 points.

Runners-up Sonargaon, the Premiership debutants, will face Bangladesh Biman in the day's other match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

The league will conclude with the Mohammedan-Brothers Union match tomorrow also at

Pakistan name one-day squad

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan on Thursday named a 16man squad for the first three games of the five-match one-day series against India starting next week.

The first three matches will be played in Peshawar on Monday (February 06), Rawalpindi (February 11) and Lahore (February 13) while the other two games will be played in Multan (Feb 16) and Karachi (Feb 19).

Pakistan won the Test series 1-0 on Wednesday with a 341-run victory in the third and final Test at the National stadium here.

Two players from the Test squad, Danish Kaneria and Mohammad Sami, have been replaced by Shoaib Malik and Yasir Arafat for the one-dayers. SQUAD

Inzamamul Haq (capt), Younis Khan, Mohammad Yousuf, Abdul Razzaq, Shoaib Akhtar, Shahid Afridi, Shoaib Malik, Kamran Akmal (wicketkeeper), Arshad Khan, Salman Butt, Rana Naved, Imran Farhat, Faisal Iqbal, Umar Gul, Mohammad Asif, Yasir Arafat.

Tendulkar under fire

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REUTERS, New Delhi

Dismayed Indian fans launched a rare attack on their favourite player Sachin Tendulkar on Thursday, a day after India suffered a crushing

defeat by Pakistan. The hosts romped to victory by 341 runs with a day to spare, routing their traditional rivals for one run short of their worst ever defeat in runs to win the series.

The Indian batsmen's weakness against accurate pace bowling was exposed again by Mohammad Asif and Abdul Razzaq, who helped rout the visitors for 238 and 265 chasing a massive fourth-innings target of 607 runs.

Players are normally under tremendous pressure to win due to the decades-old political animosity between the two nations. With tensions easing, the focus was solely on cricket.

Debates in the Indian media were imed at the failure of the formidable batting line-up after the first two Tests in Lahore and Faisalabad

ended in high-scoring draws.

Youngster Yuvraj Singh hit a defiant 122 in the second innings, but none of the other players managed fifty in the game.

Tendulkar is over the hill. He should quit and other youngsters should take over," lawyer Sandeep George said

Tendulkar should go because he has lost his touch," engineer Vijay Ramaiah said. "The more he plays, he will become a liability to the country and himself.

The collapse only added to con-cerns that India's middle-order batsmen Tendulkar, captain Rahul Dravid, Saurav Ganguly and Vangipurappu Laxman were all past 30.

Before the series, it was Ganguly who faced criticism over his form and fitness, but the spotlight has turned to Tendulkar.

The Times of India daily ran a front-page article questioning whether the all-time great batsman was nearing the end of his illustri-

"Endulkar?" blared a caption on a photograph of Tendulkar doubled over with his off-stump sent

Tendulkar made 23 and 26 in a disappointing return to Karachi where he made his test debut as a curly-haired 16 year old in 1989. Although he hit a world record 35th test hundred in December, Tendulkar has looked way below his attacking best since he underwent elbow surgery last year.

Tendulkar appeared tentative in Pakistan, hit on his helmet by a Shoaib Akhtar delivery in Karachi. His dismissal in Faisalabad also

raised eve-brows. He walked after

gloving Shoaib behind the stumps,

though television replays sug gested he was not out because his The Indian media also blamed

"COMPLETE HUMILIATION Famed Indian batting comes a cropper," screamed a Times of Indiaheadline.

"CATASTROPHE .. It wasn't just the loss, it was the way India surren dered," said the Hindustan Times. "A much-celebrated batting

line-up lay in tatters at the National Stadium (Karachi) after a perfor mance bereft of character," said the

'Incredible fightback'

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AFP, Karachi

Pakistan coach Bob Woolmer was Il praise for his bowlers on Thursday, saying they wrecked India's renowned batting might in two sessions to secure a series win.

Bowlers did a great job and I am pleasantly surprised at the capitulation of India's strong batting lineup," Woolmer said a day after Pakistan thrashed India by 341 runs

to clinch the three-Test series 1-0. Young seamer Mohammad Asif initiated made the initial inroads and finished with figures of 3-48. ill-rounder Abdul Razzag then demolished the middle order grabbing four wickets, as India, chasing an improbable 607 to win, were bowled out for 265.

"Asif hit the deck hard and his deliveries which bowled (Virender) Sehwag and (Venkatsai) Laxman were simply unplayable. Don't forget both are great batsmen," said Woolmer.

The Pakistan coach said Razzag had shown he was an all-rounder of

"After we lost captain Inzamamul Haq through injury, we had to select Razzaq and it proved an inspired selection in the way he bowled and batted. He simply

proved his critics wrong.

cant after Pakistan lost Inzamam with a back injury and had a disas-

month ago.

BOB WOOLMER

trous start after being put in by Indian captain Rahul Dravid on a

lively green pitch. Pakistan were left reeling at 0-3 after Indian paceman Irfan Pathan grabbed a hattrick in the first over of the match and were then reduced to 39-6. The home team however led a remarkable recovery through centurion Kamran Akmal

and Razzaq "Incredible fightback," said

The win was even more signifithe strength of resilience."

Woolmer praised Younis Khan's leadership skills "I think Younis did a great job, communicating with me, Inzamam and each and every player. Inzamam was there at the ground all four days to support the

players. It was great team spirit." The series win, the first over arch rivals India since 1987, followed Pakistan's home series win against Ashes winning England a

Woolmer believes the win over India was "special" as it pleased the

"Pakistan public made me more conscious that winning against India was more special. I have realised how passionate the public and players are about a win over India," said Woolmer who took over as coach after Pakistan lost to Indiain 2004.

crowd saying he would suggest to the Pakistan Cricket Board to hold regular matches in Karachi. There were no problems of

Woolmer praised the Karachi

security and the crowd was simply the best in Karachi," said Woolmer about the city where teams had shown reluctance to play because of security fears.

Woolmer hoped Pakistan would Woolmer. "Missing the captain, carry the momentum from the Test losing the toss and struggling from victory through to the five-match the first over did not deter the team one-day series which starts in because we showed character and Peshawar on February 6



Barcelona playmaker Ronaldinho is bemused at being sent off in his side's Spanish King's Cup match against Zaragoza at the Nou Camp on Wednesday, a day of red cards across Europe that saw Manchester United's Rio Ferdinand and Juventus's Zlatan Ibrahimovic also receive marching orders.