



### Panel

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of the 2006 World Cup as well as to the final.

He is the second referee after Mexico's

Benito Archundia to officiate five games at a

**Bob Woolmer** 

(Pakistan cricket coach)

find for England."

On Monty Panesar.

"He's a fine bowler and is going to

be a great bowler. He's a really good

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U-17 team

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What to

World Cup.

## **Diego picks squad** for SA Games

### Football

Colombo on August 18-27

the two age group sides.

enced players.

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India, Nepal and Afghanistan while group A comprises of Pakistan, Maldives, Bhutan and hosts Sri Bangladesh Football Federation Lanka.

The former champions (BFF) announced a 20-member Under-23 squad yesterday for the 10th SA Games to be held in Argentine coach Diego Cruciani short-listed the team from the 25member preliminary set, which was announced on the last week of May,

with a mixture of youth and experisemifinals will be held on August 24 There were as many as nine while the 3rd place-deciding match players in the team who have the will be played on Aug 26. The final of the event will be held experience of playing in the senior

TEAM

"I am happy with the team. The fitness level of the players are satisfactory but there is only concern for the lack of match practice." said Cruciani. who has been working with the team for the last two months

The team is expected to play two practice games in Bangkok on August 7 and 9. on their way to Colombo Bangladesh, which had failed to

Ganguly

Sourav Ganguly's hopes of an

international comeback have been

raised after a national selector said

the sacked former captain is likely to

be included in the provisional squad

list for this year's ICC Champions

make the 30 probables," said the

selector, who declined to be identi-

"If he does not, it will be a sur-

"He is still among the top cricket-

Currently playing for

The 34-year-old was subse-

South Africa on Tuesday tried to

unravel the mystery that has con-

founded the cricket world for years --

how to stop Muttiah Muralidaran

although Proteas coach Mickey

Arthur insisted his batsmen had

started to play the Sri Lankan spin

Arthur's comment came after

Muralidaran completed a match haul

of 10-172 on Monday to send South

Africa crashing to an innings and

153-run defeat in the first Test at the

Arthur conceded that the 34-

Sinhalese Sports Club ground.

wizard "better and better."

The search drew a blank

Northamptonshire in England.

India's most successful test skipper

"Ganguly is good enough to

Cricket

**REUTERS**, Mumbai

Trophy.

fied, on Tuesday

ers in the country.

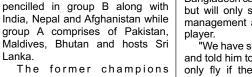
Cricket

AFP, Colombo

from taking wickets.

overcome the group hurdle in the Parvez Sala

Ray of hope for



Bangladesh will launch their campaign against Nepal on August 14, with their second group match against Afghanistan billed for August 16 and India will be the last match in the group stages on August

After the group matches, the two

last meet in Pakistan in 2004, are

side while the rest are picked from on the night of August 26.

> Atiqul Islam Tariq, MN Shakil, Firoz Mahmud Hossain Titu. Faisal Mahmud, Mehedi Hasan Ujjal, Arman Aziz, Zahid Hasan Emily, Abul Kashem, Ariful Islam, Arafat Ali Ronny, Zahid Hossain, Mohammad Robin, Mohiuddin Ibnul Siraji, Zahed Parvez Chowdhury, Mehdi Hasan Tapu, Zahirul Islam, Wali

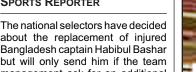
quently dropped from the test side

following a 1-0 series loss in Pakistan

infuse young blood.

November 5 in India

Faisal. Shahriar Abdullah Rintu. Enamul Huq Sharif and Abdullah Al



"We have selected Tushar Imran and told him to get ready but he will only fly if the team management asked for a replacement of Habib

tor Faruque Ahmed yesterday. But there is a slim chance for Tushar to join the team in Zimbabwe as he is likely to tour in Kenya where Bangladesh will play three one-day internationals against the ICC associate member.

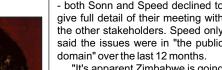
Bashar has been ruled out of the remaining three games against Zimbabwe and the three ODIs in Kenva due to a hand injury which he received during the second match at the Harare Sports Club ground on

# on Zim's fate

Speed has been in Zimbabwe

tion.

Although Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC) board chairman Peter Chingoka outlined areas discussed by his interim committee with the ICC delegation - such as "governance and handover to new dispensation"



"It's apparent Zimbabwe is going through a difficult time," Speed explained. "We spent four hours with the stakeholders on Sunday afternoon. We went over the history of the last 12 months. I have to say that we now have a better under-

overs in energy-sapping conditions

in the second innings, finishing with

6-131 after taking 4-41 in the first

"It was the slowest wicket I have

come across in a long time but the

guy just went on and on," said

Arthur. "He just loves to bowl and

Lanka are the toughest tours in

world cricket at the moment. It's not

the fact they held out for 157.2 overs

easy for even a moment."

"I am convinced Australia and Sri

South Africa can take heart from

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innings.

take wickets

### in the wings SPORTS REPORTER

**Tushar waits** 

about the replacement of injured Bangladesh captain Habibul Bashar but will only send him if the team management ask for an additional

(Habibul Bashar)," said chief selec-

## Sunday. ICC to decide

### CRICINFO, undated

The International Cricket Council (ICC) delegation of Percy Sonn, the president, and Malcolm Speed, the chief executive, told journalists in Harare that they will hand-over their findings to the ICC board which will announce a resolution on Zimbabwe's future in the near future.

since last Thursday and he was ioined by Sonn at the weekend. "We have had some good meet-

ings," Sonn told local journalists. "We will now go to our board to make appropriate recommenda-

SPORTS REPORTER give full detail of their meeting with the other stakeholders. Speed only

domain" over the last 12 months.



PHOTO: TIGERCRICKET.COM PASSING THE BATON: Khaled Mashud (R), who has taken over the captaincy from the injured Bashar, discussing something with the Bangladesh skipper during practice on Tuesday at the Harare Sports Club.

time around.

### Noakhali closer to final round

Thakurgaon moved to the zonal finals of the Jubok Phone National Football Championships when they edged past Nilphamari by a single goal at the Gaibandha Stadium

vesterday. Jamilur Rahman tucked in the allimportant goal of the semifinal just a minute before half-time to sink Nilphamari's hopes of having a chance to play in the final round from the Teesta zone

At the Bandarban Stadium, a to Australia in the last Ashes series. 10,000-strong crowd witnessed only for England to win 2-1 and claim the trophy for the first time in Noakhali knocking out the hosts 2-1. Azizur Rahman opened the 18 vears.

He also nominated the then scoring for Noakhali in the 33rd England captain Michael Vaughan

Cricket

Australian paceman Glenn McGrath

tempted fate Tuesday when he

named England's stand-in captain

Andrew Strauss and batsman

Alastair Cook as his batting "bun-

nies" for the upcoming Ashes series.

after he predicted a 5-0 whitewash

McGrath's bold claim comes

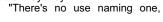
AFP, Sydney

### McGrath, 36, Test cricket's most

cancer.

"There's the young fellow Cook who's done well so far. he's one of many." McGrath told commercial radio in Svdnev.

Strauss, Cook targeted



"The body feels good, just running in to bowl, so that was very good to get onto the outdoor nets, he said "It will take a little while to build it up but I'm probably in front of where I thought I would be."

Meanwhile, former Australian wicketkeeper and England academy chief Rodney Marsh urged the tourists to bring spinner Monty anosar hackir to m

successful fast bowler with 542

wickets, said he was feeling sharp

and fit after a six-month layoff to

help his wife Jane overcome breast



in January, with chief selector Kiran More saying his panel wanted to The selectors meet on August 9 to finalise the initial list for the Champions Trophy which runs from October 7 to SEE PAGE 18 COL 5 - both Sonn and Speed declined to

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) named 20-member Under-17 team for the four-nation AFF Under-17 Youth Football Cham-pionship to be held in Vietnam on August 12-16

The Bangladesh youth team will leave Dhaka on August 9.

Myanmar, Laos and host Vietnam are the other teams in the competition.

#### TEAM

**BFF** 

Maksudur Rahman, Mohammad Nehal, Pintu Kumar Das, Russell Alam, Mostafizur Rahman, Mofizur Rahman, Robin Hasan, Sheikh Alamgir Kabir, Mejbabul Haq, Emon Mahmud, Tauhidul Islam, ABM Sabbir Mahmud, Rashedul Islam, Shahriar Kabir, Samsuzzaman Sohel, Shahedul Alam, Rashed Hossain, Mohammad Rubel, Saddam Hossain, Biplob Hossain.

### Buddhadeb vows to continue fight against Dalmiya

PTI, Kolkata

An angry West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee on Tuesday used unusually strong language to lash out at Jagmohan Dalmiya, calling his re-election as the state's cricket boss as a "victory of evil over good"

The chief minister, who had advised Dalmiya not to seek reelection as the president of Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB), vowed to continue his battle with the wily cricket administrator.

"So far I'm concerned I'll not compromise with this man. The battle will continue. I want him to leave this post. I want him to leave the organisation," Bhattacharjee told newspersons here.

Describing Dalmiya's rule over CAB as an 'evil empire', the Chief Minister said "until it is removed, the fight will continue." "Yes, I want him to leave. So long he is there in the CAB the future of cricket in Bengal is doomed. Unless he leaves, it will further deteriorate," he said.

"He has many interests Vested interests ... All interests other than cricket," the Chief Minister said

Justifying his public statement last month that Dalmiya should stay away from the CAB presidentia contest, he said, "whatever I said, said consciously. In normal

was sacked from the job and dropped from the one-day side last October, following a prolonged batting slump, fitness woes and a row with coach Greg Chappell.



year-old off-spinner was the "best

bowler in the world" but remained

confident his team will fight back

when the second and final Test

starts at the Sara Oval here on

world, there is no doubt about it,"

said Arthur. "Our guys have played

him a lot, we have developed game

plans against him and the guys

better and better but in these condi-

tions he is just phenomenal."

"We have started to play him

Muralidaran's 17th 10-wicket

haul gave him 645 wickets in 107

behind Australian Shane Warne's

record tally of 685 in 140 matches.

know what he offers.

"Murali is the best bowler in the

Friday.

also now have a better understanding of our position regarding the issues, and ICC policies. SEE PAGE 18 COL 1 SOURAV GANGULY SA in a state of shock

standing of some issues which we minute, before national colour Alfaz were not aware of, and I think they Ahmed hammering in the second, just a few minutes after the lemon break

Pilumoy Barua got the hosts back muster

champions

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into the match but his 59th minute strike was all Bandarban could STANCHART SCHOOL CHESS

Sandipan, Pallabi

The foreign players proved their

supremacy in the eighth Standard

his side's success.

as his bunny ahead of the last Ashes series -- only for McGrath to miss most of the campaign through injury and Vaughan to play a major role in Undeterred, McGrath again backed his abilities as a fortune

teller Tuesday when asked which batsman he would dominate this

**GLENN McGRATH** these days you name two or three.

the moment, you always name the

impact on the series The Northamptonshire left-

armer took five for 72 last week as England completed a crushing innings and 120 run victory in the second Test against Pakistan at Old Trafford, including the prize scalps SEE PAGE 18 COL 8

"They've captained Strauss at

Kevin thinks the world of Monty

Monty can be really, really good." Pietersen is acknowledged as a top batsman against spin after his Ashes duel with Shane Warne last vear

He and Panesar will be in the dressing room together again this week as England begin the third Test against Pakistan at Headingley on Friday.

Pietersen's views were endorsed by former Australia wicketkeeper and England selector Rodney Marsh, who backed Panesar to make a big impact in this

"Technically he's a very fine bowler." Marsh said.

"He's got as good an action as I reckon l've ever seen on a finger

spinner. There's not much that can go wrong with him -- they've got to bring him here Panesar, the first Sikh to play for

England, has become a cult figure for England fans because of his distinct appearance and erratic fielding, although that is improving by the game.

Marsh, who is now back home working for the South Australia Cricket Association as its highperformance director, savs Aussies are likely to take to him too.

"The crowds will love him here -one way or the other," he said of the 24-year-old, who has taken 25 wickets in eight Tests since making his debut in Nagpur against India in March.

in the second innings to score 434 after collapsing for a meagre 169 on Tests, second in the all-time list the opening day Sri Lanka piled up 756-5 declared with captain Mahela Jayawardene making the fourth-

The South Africans were amazed Muralidaran sent down 64



Jesmin Akhter (L) makes a move against Shilpi Bhyuian during the seventh round of the Stanchart School Chess SEE PAGE 18 COL 5 Championship at the NSC Conference Room on Tuesday.

BBC ONLINE, undated Chartered School Chess Tournament as Sandipan Chatterjee of England's Kevin Pietersen says Kolkata became champion in Class spinner Monty Panesar has the VI-X group and his compatriot potential to be one of Test cricket's

Cricket

Pallabi Roy sealing the girls' title at best spinners. the NSC conference room yester-Panesar took 8-93 in the second-Test win over Pakistan last week to continue an impressive start to his

> "I think Monty can be a fantastic bowler. I fancy my chances against most spinners and I honestly think that he is up there," Pietersen told

(7th). Sayantan Das and Saayan Majumder of Kolkata maintained their joint lead in the class KG-V group collecting 7.5 points after the 8th round matches

2nd position securing six points.

Sandipan beat Shiblu, Satyajit beat Asim, Saayan beat Soumik, Sayantan beat Siam, Saif beat Asig, Maudud beat Asif and Saiful beat Masum

walk over against Ridi, Moni drew with Shaati and Mohana beat Samiha.

Sandip secured maximum eight points to confirm the title with a career game to spare while Satyajit Kundu, also from Kolkata, finished second in the group with seven points. Pallabi of Kolkata became Five Live. unbeaten champion in the girls' section collecting all seven points.

Shaati Majumder of Kolkata and Arifa Khatun Moni of Shaheed Anwara School secured 5.5 points

each to be placed 2nd and 3rd. Four players secured five points

each. They are Mohana Sengupta of Kolkata (4th), Jesmin Akter (5th), Champa Akhter (6th) and Nazma Akhter of Aparajeyo Bangladesh

Abdullah Saif of Adarsha School Ekramul Haque Siam of Sabuj Bidyapith, Maudud E Rabbi of Saint Joseph School and Saiful of Aparajeyo Bangladesh are in joint

In the boys' 8th round matches,

In the girl's group, Pallabi got

winter's Ashes. "Not putting any pressure on him but from what I've seen so far I think