BCCB calls up 25 for ICC trophy

Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) has selected 25 cricketers to form a national team which will participate in the ICC associate members trophy championship scheduled for next February and March in Kenya, reports UNB.

Three top teams of ICC trophy will qualify for the next hosted by Pakistan, India and Shri Lanka.

The BCCB initially called 46 cricketers for trial in June and later picked up 32 from them in September. Divided into different groups the 32 cricketers took part in a good number of warm up and preparation matches in India, Shri Lanka and Bangladesh

· The selected cricketers are: Faroog Ahmed, Athar Ali Khan, Sajjad Ahmed Shipon, Jahangir Alam, Nurul Abedin Nobel Minhazul Abedin Nannu, Aminul Islam Bulbul, Akram Khan, Shahnewaj Shahid Sanu, Mahbubur Rahman Selim, Habibul Basher Sumon, Selim Shahed, Enamul Haq Moni. Sharfudollah Ibne Shahid Saikat, Al Shahriar Rokon, Mohammad Salauddin Shariful Hog Plabon, GM Nowsher Pi ince, Saiful Islam Khan, Jaha ngir Alam Dulu, Mizanur Raliman Babul, Anisur Rahman, ASM Sajid Hassan, Nasir Ahm ed Nasu and Debashis Barust

Asia Cup tourney shifted to Sharjah

CALCUTTA, Nov 29 : Pakistan has backed out of houting the Asia Cup because of Inclia's refusal to play there and the tournament has been shifted to Sharjah, Asian Cricket Council (ACC) secretary Jagmohan Dalmiya said on Sunday. reports Reuter.

"Pakistan said that without India they are not in a position to hold the tournament Dalmiya said.

He said it would now be staged in Sharjah in October. but he was not sure if India would take part

India refused to play in Pakistan after they withdrew from the Cricket Association of Bengal's diamond jubilee tournament saying Hindu militants were threatening their safety.

India has boycotted tournaments in Sharjah for the past two years, accusing organisers' of being blased towards Pakistan and Dalmiya said no decision had yet been made whether India would play in the Asia Cup there.

The tournament is scheduled to feature India, Pakistan and Shri Lanka, plus one other country to be decided by a knockout competition between Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Hong Kong. Singapore, Malaysia, Nepal and

Former Pakistan captain Asif lgbal, who coordinates tournaments in Sharjah and is an ACC member said he would try to persuade India to take part in competitions there.

He told Reuters the shifting of the Asia Cup would in no way endanger India. Pakistan and Shri Lanka jointly hosting the 1996 World Cup.

Brothers stay ahead

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Brothers Union trounced Narayangoni Chess Club 4-0 to continue their all-win run after the tenth round in the First Division chess league at the chess room of the National Sports Council vesterday.

Grandmaster Neaz Morshed, Pakistani International Master (IM) Mahmood Lodhi, Indian player IM Shekhar Chandra Sahu, and local player Hasibul Hassan Hanif won their respective games.

Biman stayed second at the points table with 29 points when they beat Golden Chess Club 3.5-0.5.

Biman's Zia, Tahmid and Reza registered wins while Tanima drew with Shawkat of

Golden Chess Club. Bangladesh Ansars dropped down to third place with 28.5

points. **Ansars** beat Pony Electronics

Though Ansars' Kaes, Kalam

and Niru had wins but Arif had no such luck against Pony's In the day's other matches.

Dhaka University beat Farashganj 2.5-1.5, BTMC drew with Genius Chess Club 2-2, Chalantika KC drew with Parijat Chess Club 2-2, Protibha Daba Goshti beat Konica Sangskritik Sangha 2.5-1.5, Noor-e-Alam Khan Daba Sangsad outplayed Patuakhali DSA 4-0.

Today is a rest day. Matches resume tomorrow (Wednesday).

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

Gandaria Famous Sporting Club played out a goalless draw with Government Printing Press in the only Pragoti Insurance Third Division football league match at the Outer Stadium Hugo Sanchez scored both yesterday. Rayo's goals from the penalty

Abahani keep on winning

the Dhaka Stadium yesterday,

reports UNB pions Aba-hani Star-studded Abahani KC. Krira Chakra have secured full 18 points maintained their unbeaten record from nine successive wins, to in the Metropolis open up a two-point gap over Navana Premier cricket league last year's joint runners-up Mohammedan SC and after beating fancied Gulshan Youth Club by three wickets at Bangladesh Biman, who have bagged 16 points each on completion of their nine league en-DU cricket

Defending cham-

results

Sports Reporter

Uttam and Subrata earned ISRT

an eight wicket victory over the

Department of Chemistry in the

Dhaka University inter-depart-

ment cricket competition at the

Jagannath Hall Cricket Ground

Chemistry batted first and

made 109 runs for the loss of

eight wickets in the stipulated

30 overs, with Zahid scoring

giving away 27 runs while

Khurshid claimed three for 17.

Enamul took three wickets

In reply, ISRT reached their

target easily, when they made

112 runs for the loss of two

Uttam and Subrata con-

Rashedul took one wicket for

tributed 32 and 35 runs re-

yesterday.

unbeaten 31 runs.

wickets in 26.3 overs.

spectively.

19 runs.

Two unbeaten knocks by

gagements Abahani won the toss and put Gulshan Youth Club Into bat. They could only manage to score 150 runs for 7 in the stipulated 45 overs.

Former Indian Test-discard Arun Lal who came in at num-



ber four and contributed a fine 52 hitting four boundaries in 79 balls and promising opener Sajid Hassan, son of former national skipper Raquibul Hassan, with 38 runs off 84 deliveries were the notable scorers for Gulshan.

In reply, Abahani KC had the worse possible start losing four quick wickets for only 21 runs. but English cricketer Illingworth who scored an unbeaten 59 with two fours and hardhitting batsman Akram Khan, who made 35 runs off 57 deliveries steaded the beat and helped Abahani reach the target for the loss of three more wickets.

in the other match of the league, Victoria SC defeated Udity Club by 23 runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Sent in to bat early. Victoria SC made 200 for the loss of 8 wickets in Stipulated 45 overs with Anup scoring 46 and Arup not out 35 In reply, Udity Club closed

their innings at 177 runs or 9 after playing full the 45 overs with Munir making 42 and Tinku 40. Indian cricketer Arup Bha-

ttacharjee claimed five wickets giving away 18 runs with two maidens in his nine over spell.

TODAY'S MATCHES MSC vs Dhanmondi (Dhaka

· Stadium) ILLINGWORTH ... 59

GMCC vs Wari (DCS)

Taylor has a heart-to-heart



ONDON, Nov 29: Graham Taylor's wife and family saved the former England manager from killing him-

self, he told a British tabloid newspaper on Sunday, reports

Taylor, breaking his silence on his resignation five days after quitting, admits in the News of the World newspaper to telling his wife Rita: "Without you and the family I'd have been a suicide job by now."

Taylor, a loyal family man. revealed that he resigned because he felt he could not put them through any more torment.

"She'd had enough of watching me suffer unnecessary

agony," added the former Aston Villa boss, whose worst moment came recently when a Leeds hooligan jumped on his car outside Eeland Road and spat on the windscreen.

"Rita didn't say a word," he added. "She didn't have to. The look on her face said it all. Taylor, who was in charge

for 38 games, said he had been "emotionally drained" by the job and felt he had also been betrayed. "I've been betrayed by people

in my profession and even by some of my friends," he added. "If I'd known what I do today, I wouldn't have taken the job. I wouldn't have put myself and

my family through all this. "It was once in a lifetime chance. It was my ambition, my goal, something I desperately

wanted to achieve in life, and

now suddenly it's gone. "I'm deeply hurt to the depths of my soul. Our failure to qualify and the personal anguish my family has suffered has left me emotionally drained

. "I went from being a respected and experienced manager at Aston Villa to an England manager without an ounce of credibility.

"I've been called useless. stupid, thick. I've been told I'm no good and I don't know what I'm doing from people who've never played a game in their

Taylor now wants to "put the think I'm a broken man. I'll go I'll be back and I'll be fighting."

Call to examine British flop



LONDON, Nov 29: Players' union chief Gordon Taylor called for a government ing-

uiry into English football on Sunday following the four British nations' failure to qualify for the World Cup finals. reports AFP. The chief executive of the

Professional Footballers' Association promised to contact football-loving Prime Minister John Major to urge him to take immediate action after the British flop.

"We need an inquiry into the state of football now," he told the Mail on Sunday newspaper. "I have no doubt whatsoever the game is confronted by its biggest ever crisis.

"The government is now committed to a massive 20 million-pound (30 million dollars) injection into football over 10 years. That is tax-payers' money and the government has a responsibility to protect it.

"We're the laughing stock of world football and I'm convinced the Football Association, because of its structure and constitution, is incapable of

changing itself from within. "So many FA councillors are there as a reward for their years

of service within the amateur

game. They are in no way con-

side of the game. "Football requires a govern-

ing body, but it has to earn the respect of those who are being governed. At the present time

versant with the professional

New look Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 29 Argentine national coach Alfio Basile has called up four new players into his squad for next week's international against fellow World Cup challengers

Cameroon, reports AFP. As Basile has not called on European-base players, attackers Ariel Ortega of River Plate and Claudio Baggio of San Lorenzo, racing defender Jorge Reynoso and San Lorenzo midfielder Roberto Montserrat could all win first caps in the December 8 match in Buenos Aires.

Argentina Squad : Alberto Acosta, Claudio Biaggio, Jorge Borelli, Diego Cagna, Hernan Diaz, Nestor Gorosito, Sergio Goycochea, Luis Islas, Carlois Macallister, Alejandro Mancuso, Diego Maradona, Ramon Medina Bellom, Roberto Montserrat, Ariel Ortega, Hugo Perez, Jorge Reynoso, Victor Sotomayor et Sergio Vazquez.

they don't deserve any respect. They simply haven't earned it.

"The FA talk blithely about the need for evolution, so they come up with a committee of six to investigate the structure of their own organisation. None of those chosen has any day-today involvement with a professional club.

tinkering with the way in which the England manager is appointed is restructuring.

"The FA has got to understand what is happening outside their Ivory tower. People stop me in the street, begging

should have two governing bodies — one for professionals and one for amateurs.

"Unless this happens, I'm tabloid.

we're all going down like lemmings over the cliff into a sea of oblivion. We'll never recover."

laughter back" in his house, but vows: "I don't want people to

away and lick my wounds. But

PERTH, Nov 29 : Former England Test spin bowler Tony Lock pleaded not guilty on Monday in Perth District Court to charges of indecently assaulting a girl he coached six years

The complainant, now 21 told the court Lock indecently assaulted her in 1987 after inviting her to his Perth home for a bowling lesson.

return to Lock for coaching and did not tell her mother of the incident until four years later.

Lock, 64, who took 2,844 wickets in first class cricket from 1946 to 1970 for an average of 19.23 runs, emigrated to Western Australia in 1963.

He was captain of the Western Australian Sheffield Shield team and coached the Western Australian Women's Cricket Association and junior teams. The

American Brad Faxon holds the winner's trophy after his two-stroke victory at the Australian Golf Open in Melbourne on Nov 28. Faxon finished with a score of 275, thirteen under par. - AFP photo

Wagar to lead in Akram's

absence KARACHI, Nov 29: Pakistan captain Wasim Akram is a doubtful starter for his country's first-ever cricket Test against Zimbabwe starting on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

All-rounder Akram is nursing a fractured wrist sustained in last month's Sharjah limited overs tournament and is to decide after a medical checkup on the eve of the match whether he can play. If Akram is pronounced un-

fit, his vice-captain and fellow fast bowler Wagar Younis is set to lead the side. "I will play if, and only if, I'm 100 per cent fit," Akram said on

bit of a problem, then I will opt "At present I am running and bowling but what really worries me is that my batting is likely to be hampered."

Akram predicted a clean sweep by his team in both the three Test series and threematch one-day contest against Zimbabwe, who are making their first tour of Pakistan after gaining Test status last year

Zimbabwe draw first tour match

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Nov 29: The three-day match be tween Zimbabwe and the Bank of Khybar XI ended in a draw on Sunday, reports Reuter.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third and final day of the three-day match between Zimbabwe and the Bank of Khyber XI on Sunday. ZIMBABWE: First innings

405-5 declared (A Campbell 135, A Flower 103) BANK OF KHYBER XI: First innings (overnight 59-0):

Shakeel Ahmed c and b Whittle Shoaib Mohammad retired Atif Rauf b Peall Shahid Javed not out

Ejaz Ahmed not out Extras: (b-5, lb-6, w-2, nb-7) 20 Total: (for two wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-89, 2-168

Did not bat: Muhammad Asif Tahir Rasheed, Irfan Bhatti, Ishfaq Ahmed, Kabeer Khan, Shahid Hussain

Bowling:	0	M	R	W
Brain	19	6	68	4
Rennie	22.5	10	56	0
Whittle	17	4	31	1
Peall	25	6	42	1
Flower	6.1	10	9	0
Dekker	10	2	22	0
Campbell	4	0	19	0
Result: 1	Match d	raw	n	120041

Lock pleads innocent

ago, reports Reuter.

The woman said she did not

trial is continuing.

Warne weaves more magic as

Australia take 1-0 lead



lla, Nov 29: Australia trounced New Zealand by an innings and 222 rups with a day to spare in their second cricket as the home side piled on a

Test today to take a 1-0 lead in the series, reports Reuter. Leg-spinner Shane Warne took the last four wickets for three runs in just 14 balls to

end the Kiwis' misery at Hobart's Bellerive Oval It was Australia's biggest ever winning margin against their rivals and New Zealand's worst defeat in 221 Test matches dating back to 1962-Sunday. "If I am having a little

New Zealand captain Ken Rutherford, who took over as skipper two weeks ago when Martin Crow flew home for knee ligament surgery after the drawn first Test, said his country was at a crossroads in Test cricket.

We are now playing not only for the credibility of this team but for the credibility o New Zealand cricket, he told reporters.

"It is vital for the financial future that the Test team performs so that we continue to be invited to England and Australia for Test series "I do not want to spend the

next five years touring Zimbabwe and Shri Lanka." he added Rutherford said he was bit terly disappointed by the way his players collapsed against

Australia, describing their per

formance as no better than club cricketers. "I don't mind losing if you give 100 per cent, fight, show some determination and fight and show some guts. Most of

those elements were missing

here," said Rutherford.

The time of talks is open, it's time for the individual players to take a long hard look at themselves and decide whether they want to play Test cricket. On the last three to four days it's been club cricket from us," he added.

The New Zealanders were

thoroughly outplayed in all de

partments. After losing the toss, they dropped five catches, missed two stumping chances and fluffed one run-out apportunity

daunting 455 for six declared. Century-makers Michael Slater, Mark Waugh, who was named man-of-the-match, and local hero David Boon all survived chances early in their in-

Spinners Shane Warne and Tim May then took charge.

nings.



man-of-the M WAUGH match

taking 16 wickets between them in the match as the Australians methodically disposed of the tourists for 161 in both innings. It was New Zealand's worst

they first played each other in "Warne and May are developing into a fantastic combination on all types of wickets," said

defeat against Australia since

Australian captain Allan Bor-Leg-spinner Warne just pipped his off-spinning rival taking nine wickets overall

compared to May's seven.

They totally complement each other, moving the ball different ways from each end and never giving the batsmen a chance to relax," said Border.

They each seem to play better when the other one is in the side as well and they are our best chance to beat South Africa in the upcoming series

here in Australia." Australia announced an unchanged 12 for the third Test

starting on Friday in Brisbane. New Zealand were hoping fast bowler Chris Cairns would be fit following his late withdrawal in Hobart because of a bruised heel.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the second Test between Australia and New Zealand to-

AUSTRALIA: First innings 544 for six declared (M Slater 168. M Waugh 111, D Boon

106, A Border 60). NEW ZEALAND: First innings 161 (A Jones 47, T May five for 65)

Su'a b Warne

S Warne

nings (overright 127 for five) Greatbatch c M Waugh b Mc-Dermott Pocock st Healy b Warne Jones c Border b M Waugh Rutherford b Warne Patel Ibw b May Harris b May Blain c and b Warne

NEW ZEALAND: Second in-

Morrison b Warne Doull c May b Warne De Groen not out Extras: (nb-8, lb-5, b-2) Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-29; 3-

84, 4-103, 5-111, 6-133, 7-149, Bowling: McDermott 28 Reiffel M Waugh 13 45

9 31

Man-of-the-match: Mark Result: Australia won by an innings and 222 runs.

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Australia lead the series 1-0

after two Tests. The first was

drawn and the third and final

Test is in Brisbane December

Border's intentions clear SYDNEY, Nov 29: first game in Canberra and



Australian captain Allan Border warned he would unleash a devastating spin attack against South Africa as the Springboks arrived in Sydney on Monday for their first cricket Test on Australian soil in 30 years, reports Reuter.

"If they have an Achilles heel, it's the lack of spinners that they face," Border said.

"That's what we're looking at as the way to beat them." South African captain Kepler Wessels said his team still suffered from a lac of exposure but he was comfortable with its development before the three-Test

"We're a lot more comfortable at this level in every way." Wessels told reporters.

"But we haven't played that much Test cricket since we've been back, so that's the one area where we would like to get more exposure and for the guys to get more experience."

Wessels said the Springboks

were not worried about Aus-

tralian spin bowlers Shane Warne and Tim May, both in lethal form. Wessels singled out 26-yearold batsman Daryll Cullinan as the Springbok to watch, comparing him with Australian batsman Mark Waugh. Cullinan hit an unbeaten 337 in October to establish a new record in

matches. Wessels said the Springboks would rely on the improved fitness of left-arm fast bowler Brett Shultz, whom he rated as quick as Test spearhead Allan Donald.

South African first-class

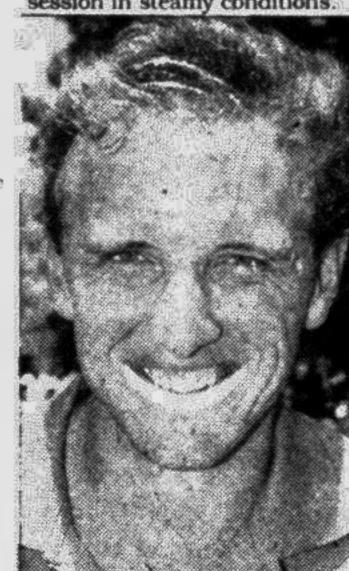
Donald is rated quicker than the lethal Pakistani duo of

Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis and will be South Africa's main weapon in the three-Test series against Australia beginning with the first Test on Dec

The 27-year-old right-arm

speedster said he would sit out the Canberra match so he could be fit for the first-class game against Victoria state starting in Melbourne on Saturday. Donald went through a few

preliminary fielding drills Monday while his teammates made the most of a 75- minute net session in steamy conditions.



ALLAN DONALD

"I did my side - well I injured a joint in my back in India a couple of days ago at fielding practise - and there's just a bit of spasm in the back now so hopefully it will clear up in the next two weeks. Donald said at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

"I haven't bowled but I've had intensive treatment since then, but I'll probably miss the

policies. bourne on December 26.

should be ready to play against Victoria. "I was just having a throw to see if I aggravated anything, but it's still very stiff and I can feel

now that it's not 100 per cent Border earlier watched Warne and May destroy New Zealand in the second Test in

Hobart on Monday. "Warne and May are developing into a fantastic combination on all types of wickets," said' Border after Australia's innings and 222-run victory over the Kiwis. "We will be planning our immediate future around Warne

and May." "This combination is our best chance to beat South Africa given the wickets we are playing them on."

The three Test wickets at

Melbourne, Sydney and Ade-

laide are traditionally very rewarding for spinners. Wessels, who played 24 Tests for Australia from 1982 to 1985, said the Australian tour, and in particular Warne, had

South Africa. But he said his side had recently played Test-quality spin attacks on turning wickets in the Indian subcontinent.

South Africa drew their last

Test series in Australia 1-1 in

generated a lot of interest in

1963/64. The Springboks beat an Australian tourist side 3-1 in 1966/67 and another Australian tour side 4-0 in 1969/70. Australia banned sport links

cause of its racist apartheid Ties resumed two years ago. The first Test starts in Mel-

with the republic in 1970 be-

West Indies arrive in Lanka



in 1978-9.

COLOMBO, Nov 29: The West Indies cricketers arrive in Shri Lanka today for their first official tour. reports Reuter.

play one Test, three one-day internationals and one three-day game, in the southern town of Galle, during their three-week The West Indies agreed to visit Shri Lanka after much lobbying at the International

Cricket Council meeting at

Lord's last year. They played

here unofficially in 1984-9 and

Richie Richardson's men will

Canada in

TUNIS, Nov 29: Canada won a spot in the men's Volleyball World Championships by seeing off France 16-14, 13-15, 15-12. 15-5 in the qualifying tournament here on Sunday, reports AFP.

The finals take place in Greece between September 28-October 8 next year.

A three-Test series was being arranged but the Bengal Cricket Association then decided to stage its diamond jubilee tournament in India.

to settle for a scaled-down pro-

gramme. However, from the way

they have fared recently in

As a result, Shri Lanka had

Sharjah and India against West Indies, the curtailed itinerary may be the best thing that could have happened. Shri Lanka have lost eight of their last nine one-day internationals played away from home,

beating only newcomers Zimbabwe. In four meetings with the West Indies in the Champions Trophy at Sharjah and the diamond jubilee tournament in India, Shri Lanka were convinc-

ingly beaten - underscoring

their weakness against genuine

pace and lack of penetrative

bowlers. On home wickets which are generally very slow, Shri Lanka have held their own against all countries, including South Africa with their strong pace attack.

one-day series against five countries - Australia, New Zealand, England, India and South Africa — is in danger of being broken against the West The three-day game in Galle will begin on December 1 and

But Shri Lanka's enviable

*home record of not having lost a

the Test starts on December 8.

Derek Pringle confesses

LONDON, Nov 29: The row over ball-tampering in cricket was reopened by former England seamer Derek Pringle on Sunday when he admitted he used illegal methods to obtain swing during his career, reports Reuter. Pringle, who retired from the

first-class game on Saturday to become a journalist, confessed in his first column for the Independent on Sunday that he had "occasionally" interfered with the ball while bowling for Essex and England.

Barcelona back on top MADRID, Nov 29: Barcelona returned to the top of the Spanish First

2 win at Rayo Vallacano, while arch-rivals real Madrid crashed 2-1 away to Sporting Gijon on Sunday, reports Reuter. The Catalans share the lead on 18 points with Deportivo Coruna, who won 1-0 at Atletico

Division with a 4-

Madrid on Saturday. Sevilla, who began the day top of a leading pack of six teams on goal difference, slipped with a 2-1 loss at Celta, their second successive defeat in the league. Barcelona, playing without Brazilian striker Romario, had a

20 minute purple patch midway through the second half although all their goals came from dead ball situations. Dutch defender Ronald Koeman converted two penalties while midfielder Guillermo Amor netted the other two, both from free kicks. Mexican striker

Real Madrid, one of the six joint leaders after last weekend's programme, ended a run of eight games without defeat with their first loss at Sporting since the 1980-81 season. Croatian midfielder Robert

Prosinecki, struggling to make

Real's first team, scored his first

goal of the season with a mag-

nificently taken free kick after

56 minutes, curling the ball past Sporting 'keeper Emilio But Oscar Celada equalised six minutes later and Juanele Castano scored the winner with an 83rd minute penalty.

Celta went 1-0 up against Sevilla in the 24th minute through Croat Stjepan and Rijasevic on his debut. Sebastian Losada made it 2-0 after 31 minutes and Croatian striker Davor Suker pulled one back for Sevila with penalty eight minutes from time. Valencia failed to capitalise

on last week's 1-0 win at Sevilla

and were held 0-0 at home by

Real Sociedad.

"They seem to think that

me to do something. I do not intend to ignore them." Taylor believes that football

convinced football will continue to go down the pan," he told the "If football is not to be more professionally-driven, then