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 cricket World Cup to be cohosted 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 Prince, 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 hosting 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 Beingal's diamond jubilee tournament saying Hindu militants were threatening their safety.

I'ndia has boycotted tournaments in Sharjah for the past two years, accusing organisers' of being blased towards Pakistan and Dalmiva 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 tourna ments 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 Hastbul 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 Hossain.

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.

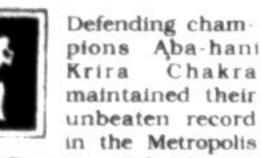
Today is a rest day. Matches resume tomorrow (Wednesday).

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 yesterday.

Abahani keep on winning



unbeaten record in the Metropolis Navana Premier cricket league after beating fancied Gulshan Youth Club by three wickets at

DU cricket results

Sports Reporter

Two unbeaten knocks by Uttam and Subrata earned ISRT an eight wicket victory over the Department of Chemistry in the Dhaka University inter-department cricket competition at the Jagannath Hall Cricket Ground yesterday.

Chemistry batted first and made 109 runs for the loss of eight wickets in the stipulated 30 overs, with Zahid scoring unbeaten 31 runs.

Enamul took three wickets giving away 27 runs while Khurshid claimed three for 17. In reply, ISRT reached their target easily, when they made 112 runs for the loss of two wickets in 26.3 overs.

Uttam and Subrata contributed 32 and 35 runs respectively. Rashedul took one wicket for

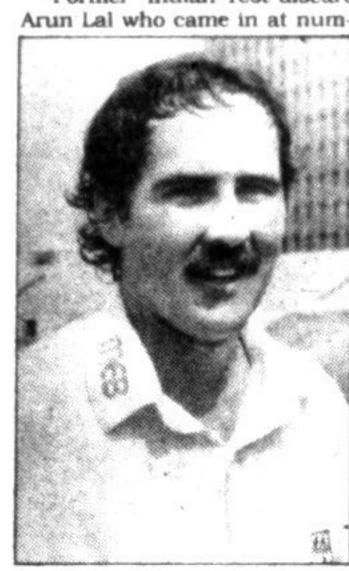
19 runs.

the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. reports UNB.

Star-studded Abahani KC. have secured full 18 points from nine successive wins, to open up a two-point gap over last year's joint runners-up Mohammedan SC and Bangladesh Biman, who have bagged 16 points each on completion of their nine league engagements

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



ILLINGWORTH ... 59

ber four and contributed a fine 52 hitting four boundaries in 79 balls and promising opener Saiid .Hassan, son of former na tional 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 boat and helped Abahani reach the tar get 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.

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

Indian cricketer Arup Bhattacharjee claimed five wickets giving away 18 runs with two

with Munir making 42 and

TODAY'S MATCHES MSC vs Dhanmondi (Dhaka

· Stadium)

GMCC vs Wari (DCS)

Taylor has a heart-to-heart wanted to achieve in life, and



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

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 laughter back" in his house, but vows: "I don't want people to think I'm a broken man. I'll go away and lick my wounds. But 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 inquiry 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, bestitution, is incapable of

changing itself from within. there as a reward for their years

game. They are in no way con-

"So many FA councillors are of service within the amateur

cause of its structure and con-

versant with the professional 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

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.

to investigate the structure of their own organisation. None of those chosen has any day-today involvement with a professional club.

"They seem to think that tinkering with the way in which the England manager is ap-

pointed is restructuring. "The FA has got to understand what is happening outside their Ivory tower. People stop me in the street, begging me to do something. I do not intend to ignore them."

Taylor believes that football should have two governing and one for amateurs.

tabloid.

"If football is not to be more professionally-driven, then we're all going down like lemmings over the cliff into a sea of oblivion. We'll never recover."

Sent in to bat early. Victoria SC made 200 for the loss of 8

after playing full the 45 overs

Tinku 40. maidens in his nine over spell.

29: The three-day match beon 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

Extras: (b-5, lb-6, w-2, nb-7) 20 Total: (for two wickets) 254 Fall of wickets: 1-89, 2-168 Did not bat: Muhammad Asif. Tahir Rasheed, Irfan Bha-

Bowling:	O	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	1	9	0
Dekker	10	2	22	0
Campbell	4	0	19	0

Lock pleads innocent

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

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 West

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

Sunday. "If I am having a little

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

likely to be hampered."

Zimbabwe draw first tour match

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Nov tween Zimbabwe and the Bank of Khybar XI ended in a draw

Ejaz Ahmed not out

tti, Ishfaq Ahmed, Kabeer Khan,

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Result: l	Match d	raw	n	

Test on Australian soil in 30 years, reports Reuter. that they face," Border said.

ago, reports Reuter. The complainant, now 21

The woman said she did not

ern Australian Sheffield Shield team and coached the Western Australian Women's Cricket Association and junior teams. The trial is continuing.

Warne weaves more magic as

Australia take 1-0 lead



lta, Nov 29: Auspartments tralia trounced New Zealand by an innings and 222 rups with a day to

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 Ho-

bart'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

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 per forms 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 auded.

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-

After losing the toss, they dropped five catches, missed two stumping chances and fluffed one run-out apportunity as the home side piled on a

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-

nings. Spinners Shane Warne and



M WAUGH ... man-of-the

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 defeat against Australia since

"Warne and May are developing into a fantastic combination on all types of wickets," said Australian captain Allan Bor-

they first played each other in

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 3-7

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

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)

bruised heel.

nings (overnight 127 for five) Greatbatch c M Waugh b Mc Dermott Pocock st Healy b Warne Jones c Border b M Waugh Rutherford b Warne 55 Patel Ibw b May Harris b May Blain c and b Warne Su'a b Warne Morrison b Warne

NEW ZEALAND: Second in-

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: 42 McDermott 28 Reiffel M Waugh T May 13 45 S Warne 19.5 9 31 6 Man-of-the-match: Mark

innings and 222 runs. Australia lead the series 1-0 after two Tests. The first was drawn and the third and final Test is in Brisbane December

first game in Canberra and

should be ready to play against

see if I aggravated anything, but

it's still very stiff and I can feel

now that it's not 100 per cent

Warne and May destroy New

Zealand in the second Test in

Border earlier watched

"Warne and May are develop-

"I was just having a throw to

Result: Australia won by an

Border's intentions clear



Australian captain Allan Border war ned he would unleash a devastating spin attack against South Africa as the Springboks arrived in Sydney on Monday for their first cricket

"If they have an Achilles heel, it's the lack of spinners

"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

South African first-class 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 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 Moning into a fantastic combination day while his teammates made on all types of wickets," said' the most of a 75- minute net Border after Australia's innings session in steamy conditions. and 222-run victory over the Kiwis. "We will be planning our immediate future around Warne

Hobart on Monday.

Victoria.

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 Adelaide are traditionally very re-

warding for spinners.

Tests for Australia from 1982 to 1985, said the Australian tour, and in particular Warne, had generated a lot of interest in South Africa. But he said his side had re-

cently played Test-quality spin

attacks on turning wickets in

South Africa drew their last

the Indian subcontinent.

Wessels, who played 24

Test series in Australia 1-1 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.

with the republic in 1970 because of its racist apartheid policies. Ties resumed two years ago.

The first Test starts in Mel-

bourne on December 26.

Australia banned sport links

West Indies arrive in Lanka

had intensive treatment since

then, but I'll probably miss the

ALLAN DONALD

"I did my side - well I in-

jured 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

"I haven't bowled but I've

the Sydney Cricket Ground.



in 1978-9.

COLOMBO, Nov 29: The West Indies cricketers arrive in Shri Lanka today for their first official tour. reports Reuter. Richie Richardson's men will

ternationals 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

play one Test, three one-day in-

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. As a result, Shri Lanka had

to settle for a scaled-down pro-

gramme. However, from the way

they have fared recently in

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 Zim-

In four meetings with the here unofficially in 1984-9 and West Indies in the Champions Trophy at Sharjah and the diamond jubilee tournament in India, Shri Lanka were convincingly beaten - underscoring their weakness against genuine pace and lack of penetrative bowlers.

babwe.

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.

home record of not having lost a 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

But Shri Lanka's enviable

will begin on December 1 and 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 Division with a 4-2 win at Rayo Va-

llacano, 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 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

Hugo Sanchez scored both

Rayo's goals from the penalty

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

six minutes later and Juanele Castano scored the winner with

Sevilla in the 24th minute through Croat Stjepan and Rijasevic on his debut. Sebastian Losada made it 2-0 eight minutes from time.

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 magnificently taken free kick after 56 minutes, curling the ball past Sporting 'keeper Emilio

an 83rd minute penalty. Celta went 1-0 up against

But Oscar Celada equalised

after 31 minutes and Croatian striker Davor Suker pulled one back for Sevila with penalty Valencia failed to capitalise on last week's 1-0 win at Sevilla

and were held 0-0 at home by

Real Sociedad.

"The FA talk blithely about the need for evolution, so they come up with a committee of six

bodies — one for professionals "Unless this happens, I'm convinced football will continue to go down the pan," he told the