

Sport

Warne getting into his stride

SYDNEY, Nov 9: Damien Fleming and Michael Bevan made early bids for Australian cricket team places Friday, but it was Shane Warne's day as he led Victoria to a dominant position against New South Wales, reports AFP.

At the close of the opening day of their Sheffield Shield match here, Victoria were 68 for one after dismissing NSW for 264.

Fleming captured the wickets of Test openers Michael Slater and Mark Taylor, and then claimed Bevan's scalp for 79 just as the left-hander looked like leading NSW to a respectable score and finished with 3-48.

But it was Warne's performance in his initial first-class match since March and five months after surgery on a worn out spinning finger which would have heartened the selectors, and himself.

In his 20 overs, the New Victorian captain finished with 2-40 with eight maidens, and produced enough of his bowling tricks to suggest he is at least 80 per cent on the way to full fitness.

Americans face Trinidad today

NEW YORK, Nov 9 (AP): The crowd should be friendlier. The nervousness should have worn off. Sunday's World Cup qualifying match for the United States against Trinidad should be easier.

That is if you discount Trinidad's level of desperation. They have only received one point in two home matches. US coach Steve Sampson said Thursday via a teleconference call. This represents a very important match for them to get back on winning ways.

Last Sunday's match was much more of a battle than Sampson and his team expected.

Guatemala, who have not played since Oct 6, came into the game at Washington's Robert F Kennedy Stadium shaken by the Oct 16 tragedy at Guatemala City, where 83 were killed in a stampede before their scheduled match with Costa Rica.

With Guatemala playing a very inspired and physical game before a partisan Latin crowd of 30,082, the United States took 55 minutes before scoring en route to a 2-0 victory.

"We expect a much more partisan (home) crowd this time," Sampson said referring to the 20,000-seat University of Richmond Stadium. "I don't know that there are many Trinidadians on East Coast."

Seven years ago, Trinidad needed only a draw against the United States at home to become the smallest nation ever to qualify for the World Cup finals.

For the proper perspective-III

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The involvement of foreign coaches in Bangladesh cricket turns a new leaf today. Celebrated former West Indian cricketer Gordon Greenidge begins his job as the new coach of the Bangladesh cricket team.

But Bangladesh Cricket Control Board is yet to come up with any proper plan for the forthcoming International Cricket Council (ICC) Trophy to be held in Malaysia next March. Sports buffs are agog with expectation to see how the BCCB acts its agency to the assembly at highest level of cricket — the 1999 World Cup in England.

Albeit headed by the dynamic Saber Hossain Chowdhury, MP, the new committee of the BCCB which has every reason to be on the high ropes, starting with the ACC success to the hope-generating appointment of 'Flash Gordon'.



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It is equally guilty of being short-sighted towards our next mission in Malaysia.

One would do well to keep in mind that unlike the ACC, the ICC tourney, involving all the 22 ICC associate members, will be an extremely competitive one. We have some miserable memories which the country would like to forget. In the ACC Bangladesh had to face only one strong outfit — the United Arab Emirates. There will be at least half a dozen countries in the ICC meet which will have players quite at par with our boys in terms of skills and experience.

Reigning ICC champion United Arab Emirates, the Netherlands, Kenya, Canada and the United States of America and Papua New Guinea are deemed as fairly deserving candidates for the top-three slots of the tourney.

The shoe probably pinches a bit more than in any time before because the expectation are higher. One reason for that is the BCCB president Saber himself, known for his keen interest in sports. It is needless to say that he has Syed Ashrafu Haq, an able organiser, beside him as his deputy. So the country expects that the BCCB president and his committee would make the most of the opportunity, for instance, by drawing up a proper plan of action for necessary initiative and resource mobilisation. Though the board is striving hard to bolster Bangladesh's chance of winning international recognition, it can still be accused of failure in some vital issues. This failure may prove too expensive for the country in the long run.

With the ICC Trophy knocking at the door, the BCCB seems reluctant yet to disclose whether Greenidge, like his predecessor Mohindar Amarnath, would be given plenty of ropes to run the show in his own style or the Board itself would call the shots. It doesn't seem to be switched on to the necessity of a manager who could be of great assistance to the foreign coach.

When Greenidge gets down to his business the first thing he will be aiming at is accustomedness within the shortest possible time. He will have to pick up the best of the bunch in virtually no time. One wonders how Greenidge would be able to cull players without getting to know them adequately. A local manager with sound information on the players could have saved both Greenidge's time and energy.

The only name which crosses one's mind in this connection is Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu, the former national captain and the successful Bangladesh coach-manager in the ACC trophy. Lipu's credentials as a cricketer or a coach speak volumes of his acumen in this sport. Moreover, this former cricketer, who was equally popular and widely appreciated as a player and a thinking coach, has very detailed information on cricketers, something which the new coach would find immensely useful.

But it was quite shocking to find that when the BCCB and the cricketers were basking in the glory of the ACC triumph, Lipu, the main architect and motivating influence behind the success quietly slipped into the background. The BCCB, oblivious of its indebtedness to Lipu, showed very little respect to this unsung hero. It was learnt that Lipu was assured of the important managerial post, but like many other issues the Board has preferred to dilly-dally in making the deal official for some reasons best known to it.

While talking to The Daily Star, Lipu told he was offered by the officials of the Pupua New Guinea, another strong and improved associate member country, to take over their national team, but he did not accept it that time considering his verbal agreement with the BCCB. With a tinge of resentment and emotion in his tone the then coach revealed, he is still waiting for an official offer as for him commitment for the country always comes first.

Now the question is, what stops the BCCB from assigning this deserving candidate? Doesn't Lipu fit in their design? The BCCB must clear its stance.

Woolmer, who saw his team crash to an unexpected defeat in underdogs India in the final of Titan triangular one-day tournament in Bombay on Wednesday, said: "We have been playing a lot of one-day games."

This three-day match is very important for us to get into gear for the longer version of the game, with the three Test matches coming up.

South Africa look sure to keep all-rounder Brian McMillan on the sidelines following injury while other top names, including pacesman Allan Donald, may well be rested after featuring in all the matches.

Karnataka, the Ranji Trophy champions, will be severely weakened by big-name absences.

Leg-spinner Anil Kumble, who took four wickets in Wednesday's win to claim the man-of-the-match award, was opted out of the side.

He will be joined on the sidelines by Indian strike duo Javagal Srinath and Venkatesh Prasad, who have chosen to rest before the three-Test series against Hansie Cronje's men.

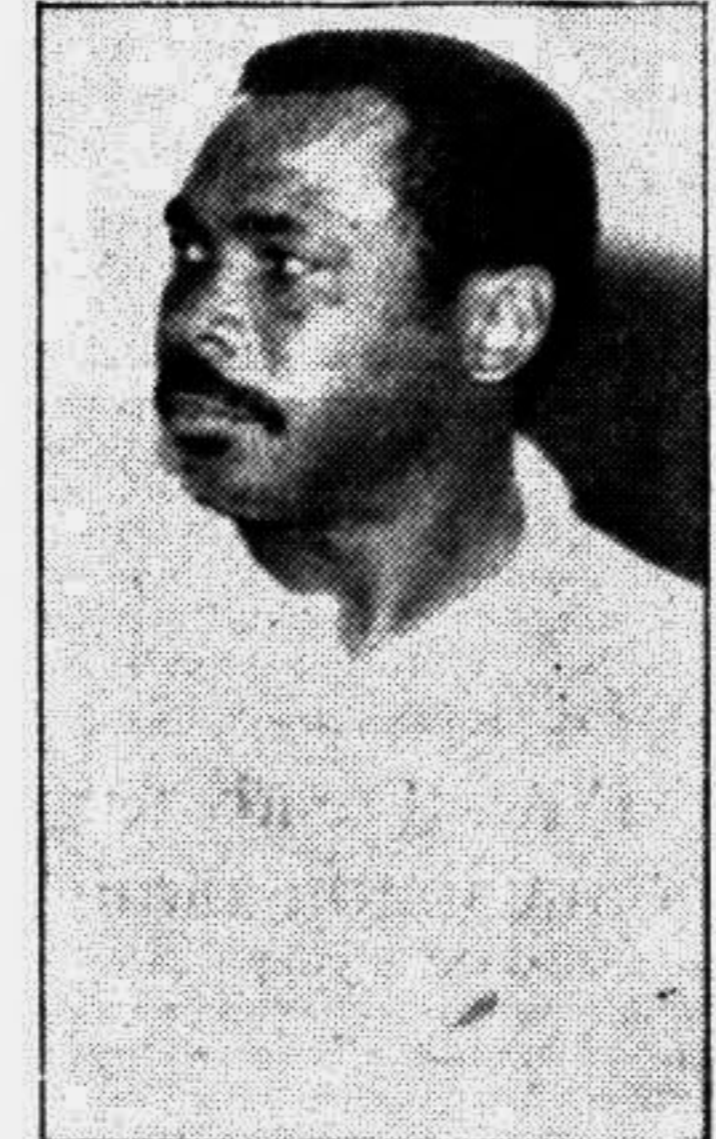
Left-arm spinner Sunil Joshi has also asked not to be selected. Top-order batsman Rahul Dravid, however, is likely to play.

The match will be played at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, inaugurated nine months ago. India's selectors, including chairman Ramakant Desai, are due to be at the game.

Karnataka medium-pace David Johnson, who played against Australia in the one-off

Test last month, and opening batsman Sujit Somasundar who played in two one-day matches against South Africa and Australia before being axed, will harbour hopes of a call-up for the Test series.

Cricketers, this time, will be in the middle of a real big occasion in Malaysia next March, and as usual we will have to wait with bated breath for a re-visitation of a dream. Success is not bestowed on any individual or team. It is meant to be snatched.



GORDON GREENIDGE

money from this game but constantly failing when it comes to the question of delivering goods for country's cause. All their courage and dedication seem to fade away. We do not want stars. We are badly in need of a determined and dedicated bunch like the Sri Lankans, who would leave no stone unturned to bring glory for the country.

Over the years, our team participated in different international tournaments without a physiotherapist, a pivotal person in any standard sport squad. We know that the BCCB is seriously considering to appoint a permanent physio. But we do not know why the BCCB is wasting so much time to settle this minor issue.

Comes an international tournament, sports-lovers of the country split into many groups to support a team which is not of their own — a decade-long irony for this sports-crazy nation. Perhaps, this was for the first time a handful of Bangladeshis in Malaysia had the opportunity to wave the adored red-green flag with endless exuberance in the ACC final. And all of us at home swam in a sea of happiness to see our team outplay others for the final glory. For us, such occasions happen once in a blue moon.

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Croatian Goran Ivanisevic makes a backhand return against Czech Petr Korda during their Kremlin Cup quarterfinal match in Moscow on Nov 8. Ivanisevic won 7-5, 6-0.

Weah's another accolade

ZURICH, Nov 9: FIFA, footballer-of-the-year George Weah was awarded on Friday FIFA's fair play prize for his contribution to Liberian football, reports AFP.

The AC Milan striker, who captained the Liberian national side in the qualifying matches for the 1998 World Cup through financial assistance, as well as his own footballing talents.

His home country is currently embroiled in civil war.

FIFA representative Lennart Johansson of Sweden said, "We had a number of very good proposals for the winner of this award, but we chose George Weah not only because of the generosity of his gesture demonstrating his true love for the game, but also because his high profile and popularity helps project the message of fair play to the widest possible public."

Liberia front up against Tunisia on Sunday in Accra, Ghana, for a World Cup qualifier.

George Weah, who formerly played for Monaco and Paris St Germain, receives a cheque for 10,000 Swiss francs (around 8,000 dollars) which he intends to donate to a child aid organisation.

Antlers J-League champions

TOKYO, Nov 9: Kashima Antlers became the J-League football champions for the first time on Saturday, despite a humiliating 0-5 defeat to two-time champions Verdy Kawasaki in their final match of the league, reports AFP.

The Antlers, the first-stage winners in the inaugural 1993 season, ended the league with 21 wins against nine defeats for 66 points, three points above second finishers Nagoya Grampus Eight and Yokohama Flügels at third.

The Flügels crashed to Urawa Red Diamonds 0-3, while Grampus Eight defeated Cerezo Osaka 2-1 for identical 21-9 win loss records.

"I appreciate the team because we won the best national league championship," said Brazilian coach Joao Carlos da Silva Costa.

"We had suffered a major setback when Leonard left for Paris SG, but everybody did his best, thinking what he has to do," added Carlos, whose team earned the winners' check of 200 million yen (1.8 million dollars).

Seles, Brenda in semis

OAKLAND, California, Nov 9: Monica Seles, trying to reclaim the world co-number one rankings she once shared with Steffi Graf, beat fellow American Kimberly Po 6-2, 7-5, here Friday to reach the bank of the West classic semifinals, reports AFP.

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An AFP file photo shows FIFA footballer-of-the-year George Weah (L) signing autographs for children of victims of a stand that collapsed at a stadium in May in Bastia, outside Paris. FIFA awarded Weah it's fair play award in Zurich on Nov 8.

Gurus ignore inapt ideas

ZURICH, Nov 9: Some of the leading personalities in world soccer rejected on Friday the concept of time-outs and two referees and expressed mixed views on the 'golden goal', reports Reuter.

Task force 2000, a 24-man group including Johan Cruyff, Franz Beckenbauer and Michel Platini set up after the 1990 World Cup, met for three hours of Friday.

Beckenbauer, the only man to captain and manage a World Cup winning team, said afterwards: "We met for three hours and we are not going to change the world of soccer in that time. But a lot of good ideas came out in discussion. We must remember that we should not complicate football, as one of its real qualities is its simplicity. Nevertheless, it's time too, to keep it alive with new ideas."

The golden goal was used to decide this summer's European championship in which Germany beat the Czech Republic 2-1 with Oliver Bierhoff scoring the sudden-death winner.

But opinion was divided on its future. Cruyff was in favour of an American-style shoot-out to decide drawn matches, while

Platini said he preferred the 'golden goal'. "It is based on a positive concept of a goal being scored," he said. Beckenbauer felt the idea should be given another chance, while FIFA president Joao Havelange said he was in favour of penalties deciding matches after 90 minutes.

But FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter said "Almost everybody was, in principle, against the golden goal idea — and everyone was against the idea of time-outs."

The idea of introducing time-outs into the game has been mooted by TV executives keen for more advertising time being made available during matches.

Beckenbauer, former German international Hansi Mueller and Havelange himself were strongly opposed to the idea and Blatter said: "Time-outs are not a hot issue for FIFA right now, it is a problem for TV, it is not FIFA's business."

One suggestion which could gain approval was a further refinement of the back-pass rule, introduced two years ago to speed up the game at the back with the goalkeeper no longer able to catch the ball kicked back to him by one of his own

teammates. Goalkeepers can still hold the ball headed or chested back, but in future the law may be altered so that goalkeepers can again catch the ball kicked back to them but only for four or five seconds.

Platini and former Italian international Roberto Bettega said they were opposed to the idea of the back-pass rule being re-drafted to prevent a back-pass with any part of the body, while Bettega said there should be experiments forcing the goalkeeper to play the ball back into play more quickly.

There was widespread opposition to the idea of two referees being introduced to officiate at matches.

Former Dutch and AC Milan striker Marco van Basten had a novel idea which raised some eyebrows that football should adopt the basketball rule that if a player commits five fouls he is sent off but replaced by a substitute.

While all these points were only for discussion, some of them may be adopted by national associations and put forward as proposals to football's law-making body, the international board, which meets in Belfast on March 1.

Gullit gets Gianfranco

LONDON, Nov 9: Chelsea player-manager Ruud Gullit signed international forward Gianfranco Zola for 4.5 million pounds from Parma, reports AFP.

The 30-year-old Zola, who has agreed a three-and-a-half year deal, will join compatriots Gianluca Vialli and Roberto Di Matteo and French defender Frank Leboeuf at new-look Stamford Bridge.

Zola, the former Napoli forward whose spot-kick miss against Germany sent Italy tumbling out of Euro '96, is said to have been offered terms of around 25,000 pounds a week and will arrive in London next week.

As part of the agreement, Chelsea and the Serie A Club will meet twice in friendly matches, the first on November 27 and the return in July.

The transfer was finalised by Chelsea managing director Colin Hutchinson when he flew out to Italy to talk terms with the former Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA Cup winners.

Chelsea were one of four Premiership clubs — the others were Manchester United, Tottenham and Newcastle — that Parma sporting director Riccardo Sotgiu wanted to speak to when he flew in to London on Wednesday.

But Gullit, whose stature in Italy was raised to new pinnacles by his performances for AC Milan and Sampdoria, was always the favourite to secure the services of the craggy-faced, piano-playing Sardinian.

The signing is another massive coup for Gullit, who broke the Chelsea transfer record when he paid 4.9 million pounds to bring Di Matteo from Lazio in the summer.

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to play in a deep-lying role behind Italian international Enrico Chiesa and Argentinian Hernan Crespo and has not hid his unhappiness.

Anelotti admitted: "It's sad to see him go, but if he has been able to get a good deal that's good for us too. We're both happy."

The likelihood is that Zola will play alongside Vialli up front, a partnership forged only once for Italy, in a game against Cyprus in Foggia in which Roberto Baggio completed the strike-force.

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Zola's decision to join the Serie A exodus to the Premiership comes after three months in which he has fallen out with new Parma coach Carlo Ancelotti.

The 5ft 5in schemer — who names former Napoli teammate Diego Maradona as his footballing hero — has been forced

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