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#### Australia name squad for Dhaka meet

MELBOURNE, Aug 26: Leftarm spinner Brad Young was named here today in a 14-man Australian squad to play in a limited-over cricket tournament in Bangladesh in October, reports AFP.

Steve Waugh was named captain of the side for the Wills International Cup with his twin brother Mark his deputy.

The squad is identical to the Australian team to contest next month's Commonwealth Games one-day tournament in Kuala Lumpur.

The selection of Young, 25, is a pointer for the future with the South Australian's lusty lateorder hitting and tight left-arm orthodox bowling considered by selectors as ideal for one-day cricket.

Young played one limited over international against South Africa in 1997-98, was a member of recent Australia A side and has twice played in the annual Prime Minister's XI against touring sides. The Bangladesh knock-out

event will feature all nine Test playing nations with Australia drawn to meet India in the opening round. The tournament is being

held to assist the International Cricket Council in raising funds to promote the game worldwide.

Players: Steve Waugh (captain), Mark Waugh, Michael Bevan, Damien Fleming, Adam Gilchrist, Brendon Julian. Michael Kasprowicz, Dareen Lehmann, Damien Martyn, Glenn McGrath, Tom Moody, Ricky Ponting, Gavin Robertson, Brad Young.

Wills Int'l Cup

#### BCB forms 9 sub-committees

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) at a meeting yesterday formed nine sub-committees for the Wills International Cup to be held in Dhaka from October 24 to November 2, reports

The meeting also discussed State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader's request to suspend the one-day matches to be played outside Dhaka due to the devastating flood, said BCB general secretary Syed Ashraful Haq at a press brief-

Bangladesh were scheduled to play some one-dayers with two or three Test playing nations at Rajshahi, Chittagong, Sylhet and Mymensingh.

However, BCB decided to convince the sports minister about the need to hold the oneday matches outside Dhaka to prove its ability of providing sufficient ground facilities to earn Test status.

#### SUB-COMMITTEES Finance: Chairman - Abdul

Muyeed Chowdhury; Member-Secretary — Afzalur Rahman Reception and accommoda-

tion: Chairman-Omar Hadi: Member-Secretary-Ali Ahsan Babu. Publication, souvenir and

gift: Chairman — Zafar Imam; Member-Secretary - Dewan Shafiul Arefin Tutul. Medical: Chairman — Dr Kamruzzaman, Member-secre-

tary- Dr Mahfuzur Rahman Mainu. Electronic Media: Chairman

 Akmai Hossain; Member-Secretary - Ahmed Sajjadul Alam Bobby.

Print Media: Chairman-ASM Ali Kabir; Member-Secretary — Jalal Yunus.

Ground: Chairman — Enayet Hossain Siraj; Member-Secretary- ANM Alam.

Opening and Closing : Chairman — Kutubuddin Aksir: Hag Manu.

Member-secretary — Mahmudul Gate, Law & Order: Chairman — M Nurul Alam: Member-

Secretary - Mahmudul Haq Manu. Two other sub-committee on

ticket & selling, and stadium facilities will be formed later.

### Vasco vexed

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug 26 (Reuters/Internet): Libertadores Cup finalists Vasco da Gama threatened to boycott Wednesday's away leg against Barcelona of Ecuador after their bus was attacked at Guayaquil airport, Globo television said on Tuesday. The Brazilian champions,

leading 2-0 from the first leg. arrived in Ecuador's largest city on Monday night for the game. Globo said local fans pelted

the Vasco bus as the players were boarding at Guayaquil airport and one player, reserve fullback Marica, was cut on the head.

Globo showed pictures of Ecuadorian fans chanting rowdily in front of what it said was the team hotel and said the Brazilians had repeated their threat not to play on Wednes-

Last week, Vasco director Eurico Miranda said his club would not play if the pre-match

atmosphere was hostile. Barcelona and Ecuadorian officials reacted indignantly then, saying that Vasco would be well-looked after. They complained at how Barcelona were treated when they went to Rio de Janeiro for the first leg.



MCC president Colin Ingleby-Mackenzie (C), Anthony Wreford, (L), chairman of working party, and secretary Roger Knight, outside the pavilion at Lord's cricket ground in north London on Aug. 25 after announcing that MCC members would vôte on admitting women to the club. The 17,500 members will vote next month whether to admit women to the male only preserve of the MCC. - AP/UNB photo

# Entertainers vs experts

LONDON, Aug 26 (Reuters): Sri Lanka, starved of Test cricket in England, are banking on

stating their case for a better deal over the next five days. When Ranatunga's side appear at The Oval on Thursday for the one-off Test against England it will be Sri Lanka's first Test in this country for seven years and only their fourth here

Ranatunga's team eloquently

Arjuna

since becoming a Test-playing nation in 1981. By comparison, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan and Zimbabwe have each played at least one three-Test series against Sri



ARJUNA RANATUNGA

the island team in a two-Test encounter.

Exciting batting, varied spin bowling spearheaded by the high-quality off-breaks of Muttiah Muralitharan and pace bowling strengthened by the belated arrival of Chaminda Vaas make Sri Lanka challenging opponents for buoyant Eng-

Sri Lanka gave a glimpse of their batting prowess when winning the recent triangular tournament final against England, though they may find their talent tested on a bare pitch at The Oval.

The accomplished and popular Aravinda de Silva, who uses his bat like a rapier rather than a cutlass, heads their list of batting entertainers in which opener Sanath Jayasuriya will

supporters alike in the way Ar-

avinda de Silva enchanted Kent

The silky strokeplay and in-

spirational performances of Sri

Lanka's most accomplished

batsman left an indelible mark

on the 1995 season in which he

enhanced a career of mounting

have brought him more runs

(4,977) and more centuries (16)

than any other Sri Lankan,

now has a long overdue oppor-tunity to parade his special tal-

When Sri Lanka play Eng-

land in a one-off Test at The

will be 32-year-old De Silva's

first Test appearance in this

country for seven years, leaving

him keen to make up for lost

He was disappointed Sri

Lanka were not given a one-off

Test in England in 1995 after

which would have continued a

pattern set when the Caribbean

cricketers toured in 1984, 1988

However, De Silva could at

least reflect on a memorable

summer with Kent which blos-

somed after an inauspicious

start in unfamiliar cold

weather, once into his stride, he

and 1991.

the West Indies tour ended.

Oval starting on Thursday it

ents on the English Test stage.

De Silva, whose 73 Tests

personal achievement.

three years ago.

(Reuters): Few

overseas crick-

eters have won the

hearts of county

be particularly anxious to make

his mark. Jayasuriya failed in both triangular matches against England to provide his eagerlyanticipated explosive start, but he has the capacity to adjust his game from the requirements of one-day to five-day cricket.

His 340 against India in Colombo 12 months ago - the fourth highest score in Test history - underlined the point. While Sri Lanka should not be short of runs, the weakness

in their attack is the lack of a strike bowler. They will be lifted if leftarmer Vaas is fit after joining the tour late because of injury.

paceman, with 83 Test wickets at 29.02 in 26 matches. For England, the match offers twin objectives: sustaining the form and spirit which brought victories in the last two Tests against South Africa, and monitoring candidates for the

He is their most successful

forthcoming Ashes tour. The recall of Ben Hollioake gives the Surrey all-rounder an opportunity on his home ground to secure a berth for Australia after improved pace bowling performances under the guidance of England bowlers' coach Bob Cottam. Hollioake's Surrey team mate, leg-spinner Ian Salis-

#### HEAD TO HEAD

LONDON, Aug 26 (Reuters): Results and scores of all Tests between England and Sri Lanka, who meet in a one-off Test at The Oval starting on Thursday:

1982 in Colombo: England won by 7 wickets. Sri Lanka 218 and 175; England 223 and 171-3.

1984 at Lord's: Drawn. Sri Lanka 491-7 declared and 194-7 declared; England

1988 at Lord's: England won by 7 wickets. Sri Lanka 194 and 331; England 429 and 100-3. 1991 at Lord's: England won by 137 runs.

England 282 and 364-3 declared; Sri Lanka 224 and 285. 1993 in Colombo: Sri Lanka won by 5 wickets.

England 380 and 228; Sri, Lanka 469 and 142-5.

bury, wicketless in the last two Tests against South Africa, needs to bowl with confidence and conviction to secure his place in the Ashes squad.

Salisbury has been successful for his county in tandem with Pakistan. off-spinner Saglain Mushtag at The Oval, where a surface that may be conducive to the turning ball has prompted England to add off-spinner Robert Croft to their squad.

With number three batsman Nasser Hussain nursing a groin injury. John Crawley is set to take his place.

If the in-form Lancashire batsman plays, it will provide a contest within a contest as he and Graeme Hick are effectively battling for the remaining spe-



ALEC STEWART cialist batting place on the Australian tour.

#### TEAMS

ENGLAND (from): Mike Atherton, Mark Butcher, Graeme Hick, Alec Stewart (captain), Mark Ramprakash, John Crawley, Ben Hollioake, Robert Croft, Ian Salisbury, Darren Gough, Dominic Cork

Angus Fraser, Steve James. SRI LANKA (from): Sanath Jayasuriya, Marvan Atapattu, Mahela Jayawardene, Aravinda de Silva, Arjuna Ranatunga (captain), Hashan Tillakaratne, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Kumara Dharmasena or Chandika Hathurusingha, Suresh Perera, Pramodaya Wickramasinghe and Muttiah

## Muralitharan.

#### One-off Silva occasion LONDON, Aug 26 scored so heavily in the county

championship that there was a sequence of five centuries - two of them double hundreds - in seven innings. The Sri Lankan reached a

peak at Lord's where his cultured batting produced one of the best innings in a one-day domestic final - a breathtaking 112 off 95 deliveries against



ARAVINDA DE SILVA

Lancashire in the Benson and Hedges Cup. De Silva, small in stature but with a big heart and a vivid array of strokes, made an emotional farewell at the end of his compelling county season.

Kent teammate Graham Cowdrey said in the 1996 Wisden: "When he packed his bags, he hugged each of us and I have never known a professional sports team so close to tears. I

cannot believe any player, anywhere, has been so popular." De Silva left Kent just before the end of the season to join Sri Lanka on their tour of Pakistan where he scored a crucial 105 in the second Test to help his team

to a series-levelling victory. It was an innings that illustrated De Silva could summon the discipline, application and concentration to go with his dashing strokeplay, for he batted six hours, 35 minutes to haul his side out of trouble and into a winnings position.

De Silva's appetite for runs is clearly whetted by the sight of the Pakistani bowlers.

Seven of his Test centuries have come against their attack, including 138 not out and 103 not out in a drawn Test in Colombo in April last year, making him the first batsman in Test history to score two unbeaten centuries in the same match.

De Silva's ability to produce his best on the big occasion, the hallmark of all the great players, lifted Sri Lanka to their World Cup triumph on the subcontinent in 1996. Next year's World Cup in this country offers a perfect arena

for the experienced De Silva to

play an influential role in Sri Lanka's trophy defence. But first comes a keenlyawaited assignment at The Oval and an opportunity to fill a significant gap in his list of batting achievements - a Test hundred against England.

#### Stewart's reward

LONDON, Aug 26 (Reuters): Alec Stewart was Tuesday confirmed as captain of England's cricket team until next year's World Cup.

Stewart, appointed as Mike Atherton's successor at the beginning of the season, will lead England in the Ashes tour a one-day series in Australia and the Sharjah tournament next April before captaining the World Cup squad.

Stewart will not, however, take part in the International Cricket Council Cup in Dhaka, which is scheduled from October 24 to November 1, as that clashes with the start of the Ashes campaign. A captain for that tournament will be announce when England's various touring parties for the winter are reveled on September 1.

"Captaining your country is the highest honour you can have in the game and I'm enormously grateful to be given the chance to continue in that role," said Stewart.

Veterans' cricket

#### Sri Lanka take lead

AGRA, Aug 26: Riding on Brendon Kuruppu's half-century, Sri Lanka beat India by 14 runs in the opening match of the Independence Cup veterans' series here yesterday, reports

Electing to bat after winning the toss, Sri Lanka scored 17] in 36 overs helped by Kuruppu's hurricane 54 off 44 balls (6x4. 4x6). Amal Silva's 33 of an equal number of balls and skipper Duleep Mendis' 27.

For India Nayak was the main wicket-taker with three for 29 followed by Raghuvar Bhatt (2/25) and Sandeep Patil

The visitors then aided by deadly bowling from 7 Arunaserry (4/36) and Ashok de Silva (3/14)) restricted India, replying on a wet pitch, to 157 for nine in 40 overs.

Roger Binny was the top scorer with 36 runs in 44 balls. Madanlal (30) and Kirmani (31) were the other main contribu-

India and Sri Lanka will play two more matches in Delhi and Amritsar

#### BRIEF SCORES

SRI LANKA: 171 in 36 overs (B Kuruppu 54, A Silva 33, D Mendis 27; Nayak 3/29; R Bhatt 2/25, S Patil 2/91).

INDIA: 157 for 9 in 40 overs (R Binny 36, S Kirmani 31, Madan Lal 30; T Arunaserry 4/36, A de Silva 3/14).

#### Hussain out of action

LONDON, Aug 26 (Reuters/ Internet): Vice-captain Nasser Hussain has withdrawn from the England side to play Sri Lanka at The Oval on Thursday through injury.

Hussain injured his groin in last Thursday's one-day triangular tournament final against Sri Lanka. Lancashire's John Crawley

will replace Hussain for the one-off Test. Crawley will bat number six with Graeme Hick moving up to number three.

Glamorgan opener Steve James has been drafted into the England squad as cover for Michael Atherton, who has a recurring back complaint.

#### No night soccer

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina Aug 26 (AP): An Argentine judge ordered Tuesday the temporary suspension of night games in the country's first-division soccer league, reports AP.

One Saturday night game has already been reschedule for Sunday afternoon and league officials are meeting Tuesday night to determine how to rearrange the times of upcoming night games.

Worried about continuing fan violence and behaviour, Judge Victor Perrota had threatened Monday to suspend league play for a second time this year if league officials didn't take additional security

Perrota ordered a suspension of play in May, reacting to a violent weekend which involved two shootings and an outbreak of scuffles and rock throwing.

vated by a weekend game cut short by an electricity outage where fans lit fires and set of fireworks. "I'm almost sure the fire-

This time Perrota was moti-

crackers and confetti were set on fire inside the stadium," Perrota told a local radio station Monday night. "It was neglect on the part of

some stadium official and someone is going to have to give an explanation," he said. Perrota said fan movements

are more difficult to follow during night games. League officials say the new arrangement may jeopardised already agreed upon "pay-per-view" contracts with cable station. Nevertheless, Perrota says

he is undettered. "I'm not going to wait for something bad to happen," the judge said.



"It is strange, but I think true, that all the time, day and night, somewhere in the world somebody is talking about Bradman."

- Jack Ingham, a popular English sportswriter, wrote those words almost 60 years ago about the greatest cricketer and one of the finest sportsperson the world has ever seen.



Name Sir Donald George Bradman Born August 27, 1908 Don Bradman Known as Right-hand bat Batting style Bowling style : Leg-break

Test debut : Australia v England at Brisbane, 1928/29 Australia v England at The Oval, 1948 Last Test Statistical (Test) record:

NO Runs Batting 10 SR Econ Bowling 2 36.00 1-8 - 80.0 2.70 Profile

Probably the best batsman to have played the moder n game. Don Bradman was a relentless accumulator of runs, often at a rapid rate. His Test record was such that he needed to score only 4 in his last Test innings to average 100. But he was bowled by Eric Hollies second ball for a duck. He took few risks, but was proficient with all strokes. His best scoring stroke was probably the pull, played all along the ground in the arc from mid on to backward square leg. He was an excellent field, particularly in the covers, and a capable medium pace bowler. He made 19 hundreds against England between 1928 and 1948, including two triple centuries and 6 double centuries.

He was Australia's captain between 1936 and 1948, during which time his side won 11 Tests, to England's 3. He kept the Ashes through 4 series.

#### WC 2002

#### S Korea wants it in May

SEOUL, Aug 26: A South Ko-rean soccer official suggested on Wednesday that the 2002 World Cup be rescheduled to start in May to avoid the rainy season in South Korea and Japan, reports AP.

Park Seh-jik, chairman of South Korea's World Cup organising committee, said he will discuss the idea with co-host Japan before proposing it to FIFA, soccer's world governing

"I think there is no reason Japan would object to the idea, because the two countries are in the same seasonal belt." Park told reporters.

Japan and South Korea are jointly hosting the 2002 World Cup, soccer's first premier event to be held in Asia.

The quadrennial, monthlong World Cup traditionally has started around June 10, after the professional soccer season in Europe and South America ends in April.

But the period exactly overlaps the rainy season in both Japan and South Korea.

Chung Mong-joon, head of South Korea's Football Association, suggested in July that the 2002 World Cup be rescheduled for September to avoid the rainy season in this part of the

But that idea met strong objection from key FIFA member countries in Europe and South America because of their pro league schedules. Park said starting the tour-

nament in late May would avoid the rainy season, the pro league season in Europe and South America and the 2002 Asian Games to be held in Pusan, South Korea, in September. "It is just like catching three

birds with one stone," he added. This year's World Cup in France ran from June 10 to July In Zurich, FIFA said it would have no official comment on

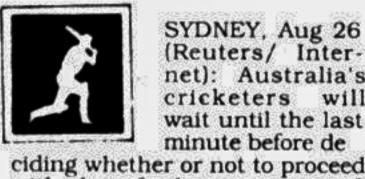
the proposal but could discuss it

at the World Cup planning

committee meeting on September 15. FIFA has said previously that it does not contemplate changing the dates, mainly be-

A FIFA official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Wednesday that the South Korean proposal appeared to be

# Aussies concerned over Pak security



SYDNEY, Aug 26 (Reuters/ Internet): Australia's cricketers will wait until the last minute before de

with their forthcoming tour of Pakistan, the team's manager said on Wednesday. Steve Bernard said the tour-

#### ing party was concerned about its safety after the United States Inter-college handball

Government Titumir College defeated New Model Degree College 6-1 in the Power inter-college handball championship at the Outer Stadium handball ground yesterday, reports UNB. Winners dominated the first

half 6-0 goals. Shahidul netted highest 5 goals and Sohel scored one for the winners while Rustam Ali scored one for the losers.

Today's matches: Notre Dame College vs Shaheed Ramizuddin College at 3:15 pm. Mirpur College vs RK Choudhury Degree College at 4:15 pm.

launched a series of missile attacks at terrorist-related targets in neighbouring Afghanistan last week.

tion every day but at this stage it's too early to say either way. Bernard told the news agency. "We've been in contact with the Pakistan Cricket Board and the (Australian) Department of

"We're monitoring the situa-

to wait until the last minute rather than make a hasty decision now." Australia's cricketers are due to arrive in Pakistan on September 23 for an eightmatch tour that includes three

Foreign Affairs and the sensi-

ble approach we're taking is just

Tests. Relations between the two countries have been at a low ebb ever since three Australian players accused former Pakistani batsman Salim Malik of offering them bribes during their 1994 tour of the sub-continent.

Those tensions increased

when the Australian govern-

ment cut military ties and froze

non-humanitarian aid to Pak-

istan after Islamabad conducted

a series of nuclear tests in May.

Last month, Pakistan re-

fused a request by the ACB to change the itinerary for the tour because of security concerns about Peshawar in the country's troubled northwest. When Australia last played

in Peshawar, in a limited-overs international against South Africa in 1994, Australia's Shane Warne and South Africa's Daryll Cullinan were struck by missiles thrown from the crowd.

#### Swimmers off to Calcutta

A seven-member swimming team left Dhaka for Calcutta Tuesday night to participate in the 55th World Long Distance Swimming Championship to be held in Murshidabad, reports

Bangladesh will take part in the 19-kilometre and 81-km

events of the meet Four - Elias Hossain, Nazmul Kabir, Kawser Ahmed and M Asaduzzaman — will participate in the 19-km. Three - Sk Selim Ahmed, Deen Islam and Masudur Rahman - will take part in the 81-km.



Bobby Simpson (L), consultant of the Indian Cricket Board, talking with star batsman - AP/UNB photo Sachin Tendulkar on August 25.

### cause it would affect all the national championships in Eu-"simply not feasible."