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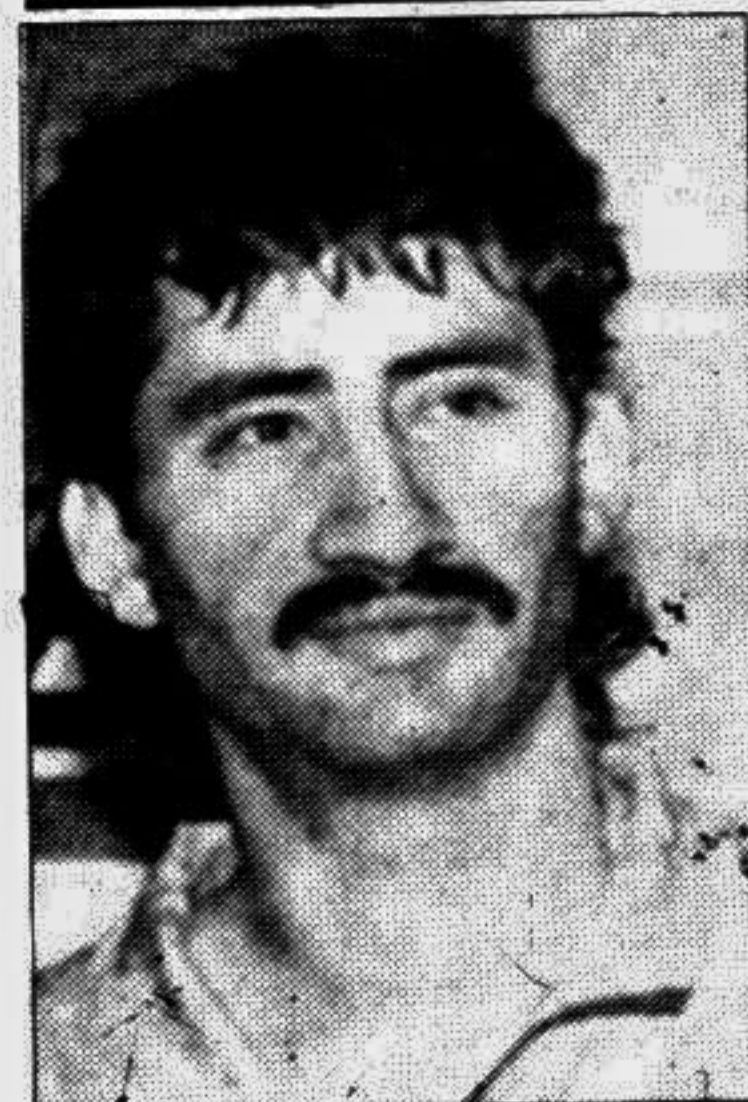
DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

That it is assumed from newspaper reports that cricket in Dhaka began in the 1850s. Most probably the soldiers and officers who quelled the 1857 revolution and who came later they introduced cricket. Cricket was also played in other stations, meaning English ghatees. But this game was for pure entertainment, a means of passing boredom. Cricket was a way of getting together with neighbours, having lunch together and spending a day of rest. Around the 1870s, several 'natives' gained skill in the game and then matches were played between teams of 'natives' and 'English'.

Well, there will be one such match on October 23 at the BKSP. Only that one hundred and thirty years have gone by in between, and innumerable fans and cricket stalwarts. Each a hero of his time. We each are.

SPORTS TALK



Jansher Khan

(Ace Pakistani squash player)
"I think squash has no future in Pakistan with the wrong people running the affairs of the game. With their unprofessional attitude they can never produce another Jahangir Khan or Jansher."

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-105

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

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Competition closes at 8 pm, Oct 23 '98, and draw shortly afterwards

1	How many ODI centuries has Tendulkar hit so far?	17	18	19
2	Who is England's cricket coach?	Lloyd	Botham	Gooch
3	Who is the new France soccer coach?	Platini	Cruyff	Lemerre
4	Next Asia Cup cricket will be held in:	Dhaka	Colombo	Calcutta
5	Who lifted this year's 1st Division hockey league title?	MSC	AKC	BSC

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EN-VITS

POWERED WITH ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

Baishakhi lifts singles title

Baishakhi clinched the women's singles title in the Elite Steel Open tennis tournament beating Sathi Sarker 6-1, 6-0 at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday, reports UNB.

In the girls' (U-14) singles, Ovee reached the final beating Disha 7-6 (7-2), 6-2 in the semi-final.

Ovee will meet Baishakhi in the final today.

Barisal soccer

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Oct 18: Two matches of U-18 football tournament were played at the Barisal Stadium today.

In the first match Palashpur Ekadash and Five Star Club made draw by 1-1 goal.

In the second match, Rupatali Prantik Sangha and New Rising Star Club also shared points. The match ended in a 1-1 draw. Kabir of Rupatali and Mizbah of New Rising scored one goal each.



(L-R) Manager David Graveney, skipper Adam Hoolioake and coach David Lloyd during the media conference at Sonargaon Hotel yesterday. — Star photo

Adam looks for three, Campbell one England taking Bangladesh match very seriously

Hasan Masood

England one-day cricket captain Adam Hoolioake wants a repetition of their last year's Sharjah success from his side in the Wills International Cup billed for an October 24 start at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

The Surrey all-rounder who led England to their successful four-nation Champions' Trophy in Sharjah last December, was talking to a host of local sports journalists at Hotel Sonargaon last evening, an hour after his team arrived in the capital.

"My mission here in Dhaka is to win three games and the competition. And if we can do that I will be pretty happy," said the handsome English captain, who has the experience of leading England in twelve one-day internationals in his short 19-match career.

It's a specialist one-day side — maybe not all of them are famous players, but they are all very good one-day players. So, we will definitely be competitive," said Adam when asked about his team's strength.

When asked whether he felt any extra pressure for being chosen to lead only the one-day side, Adam, who has seven players from the Champions' Trophy winning side, said, "I don't think I am the one-day specialist captain because Alec (Stewart) is the captain. But he has to go out to Australia. And I don't feel any pressure because I had been asked to do the same job in the past, to captain my country. I will just do my best."

"If we can manage the cup here, that will be a big boost for us ahead of the World Cup proper. But if we lose the first game, it will not help us in any way other than gaining some experience. That will benefit the team."

About the friendly match against Bangladesh, Adam said that they were taking the match very seriously.

David Lloyd, the England coach, said that he will be looking forward to this tournament after a busy season back home.

"I think we are fortunate that we could come to Bangladesh a few days prior to the game against South Africa. And we have two friendly matches, if we can play friendly matches, because I don't know what friendly cricket really is. We will play Bangladesh and also Zimbabwe, which again helps us along the way in the number of limited over matches that we play," said David.

David Graveney, the manager of the team, who is also the chief selector of England, said that they were still in search of an ideal one-day side for next year's World Cup.

"Our decision to field a sepa-

rate one-day side in Sharjah clicked very well. If this team can do the same here, then I think it will be easier for us to select a team for the World Cup. We are still in the process and nothing can be said in advance," said Graveney.

ZIMBABWE RINGS FOR DHAKA SUPPORT

While the England team appeared still immersed in the euphoria of the Champions' Trophy success, the Zimbabweans seemed very much more aware of their strength.

"We have got no illusions about our ranking. We know we are ranked ninth in the world and that's why we are playing the only pre-quarterfinal here against New Zealand," said Zimbabwe skipper Alistair Campbell, one of the four cricketers in the team who toured Bangladesh in the 1993-94 season along with his deputy Andy Flower, his twin brother Grant Flower and right-arm medium-pacer Heath Streak.

"We are playing quite well for the last eighteen months against the powerful sides. Although we lost the one-day series against India at home recently, we have beaten them in the one-off Test match. So certainly the morale of the team is very high," said Campbell.

"We have seen in the last one year that many times we came close to winning against some powerful teams but then eventually we lost because of our own poor finishing. That is the only point where we hardly have any excuse. And if we can win a match here that will be pretty good because then we will have the chance of meeting World Champions Sri Lanka in the quarter-final."

"Fielding is our plus point and we have a good set of fielders in the team," said Campbell while talking about his team's strength.

"It will be very important for us to win a match here," added Campbell.

"The public demand is very high with Zimbabwe these days and we will try our best to perform here. We have the experience of playing in the sub-continent and I think that will help us a great deal," said Campbell.

When asked which teams he considers the hardest to beat, Campbell said that all the teams were competitive adding, "It's very difficult to make any early comment about which team is going to win the Cup."

About the concept of the knock-out tournament, Campbell said that it would be a different experience for them because the format of the tourney was not similar to any other one-day tournament where teams have a chance even after

losing one or two matches in the robin league.

"It's totally a new thing. If you lose you go back home without getting any further chances," added Campbell.

About their pre-quarter final opponents New Zealand, Campbell said that New Zealand was a pretty good one-day side and the team playing better on the day would win.

"You have a big crowd in Dhaka as we saw in 1993. I hope they support us against New Zealand."

Zimbabwe manager M Babu Maman, who was also the manager of the Zimbabwean team which toured Bangladesh in 1993, said that their first aim here in Dhaka was to win the match against New Zealand.

"We will go match by match. If we win against the Kiwis, only then will we think about Sri Lanka whom we are due to meet next in the quarterfinals," said Maman.

ARMY ESCORT TEAMS

Earlier in the day, both England and Zimbabwe cricket teams, two of the nine participating Test playing sides in the Wills International Cup, arrived in the capital and reached their hotel safe and sound.

Zimbabwe, who will take on New Zealand in the inaugural match of the nine-day long knock-out tournament, arrived in the morning while England, who will play South Africa on October 25, landed at ZIA later in the afternoon. Both teams were taken to their hotel under strict security arrangements because of the dawn-to-dusk hartal called by the opposition parties. A platoon of Army escorted the teams from ZIA to Hotel Sonargaon.

TEAMS

ENGLAND: Adam Hoolioake (captain), Ian Austin, Alistair Brown, Dougie Brown, Mark Elham, Neil Fairbrother, Matthew Fleming, Anthony Giles, Graeme Hick, Nick Knight, Graham Lloyd, Peter Martin, Jack Russell and Chris Silverwood.

ZIMBABWE: Alistair Campbell (captain), Andy Flower (vice-captain), Gavin Rennie, Grant Flower, Graig Wishart, Murray Goodwin, Craig Evans, Paul Strang, Heath Streak, Neil Johnson, Mpuemele Mbangwa, Andrew Whittall, Henry Olonga and Adam Huckle.

Officials: M Babu Maman (manager), David Houghton (coach) and Amato Machikicho (Physio) and D Elliman Brown.

Wet wicket worries

Sports Reporter

Philip Edgar Russell is worried about the inclement weather which is hindering with the preparation of the wickets at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

"The weather is not favourable at the moment. We need more sunny skies in order to dry the pitches. Moreover, the outfield is also very wet. If the environmental factors do not improve, the wicket is going to be slower than the Coca-Cola Cup," said Russell, the South Africa based expert, while talking to the Daily Star at his hotel yesterday.

"The rain over the last couple of days has jeopardised preparations to a great extent. As far as the readiness of the outfield is concerned, we are now a couple weeks behind schedule," feared Russell.

Russell, who is also in charge of the three practice venues, said they were also not in shape.

"The run-up area and the outfield are still soggy and not yet ready," claimed Russell.

England and Zimbabwe, the two of the nine participants of the Wills International Cup who arrived yesterday, were scheduled to practice at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium and Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex this morning.

But England coach David Lloyd, said that Asif Iqbal, the event manager, has advised them to stay at their hotel in the morning.

"Asif told me to stay at our hotel in the morning. But he assured that we will be able to practice at the National Stadium in the evening," said Lloyd.

Meanwhile, no BCB official could confirm about today's practice schedule of the two teams.

Daddy Fairbrother

Sports Reporter

Neil Fairbrother does not want to play any more club cricket in Dhaka.

The bespectacled left-hander who helped Abahani Krira Chakra win the Premier league along with his former England team-mate Richard Illingworth way back in 1994-95 season is the only player in the 14-man England team who has the experience of playing local cricket in Dhaka.

Talking to The Daily Star at the hotel lobby immediately after the England team's arrival at Sonargaon, he said that although the English season was over he wants to spend more time with his two kids during the winter.

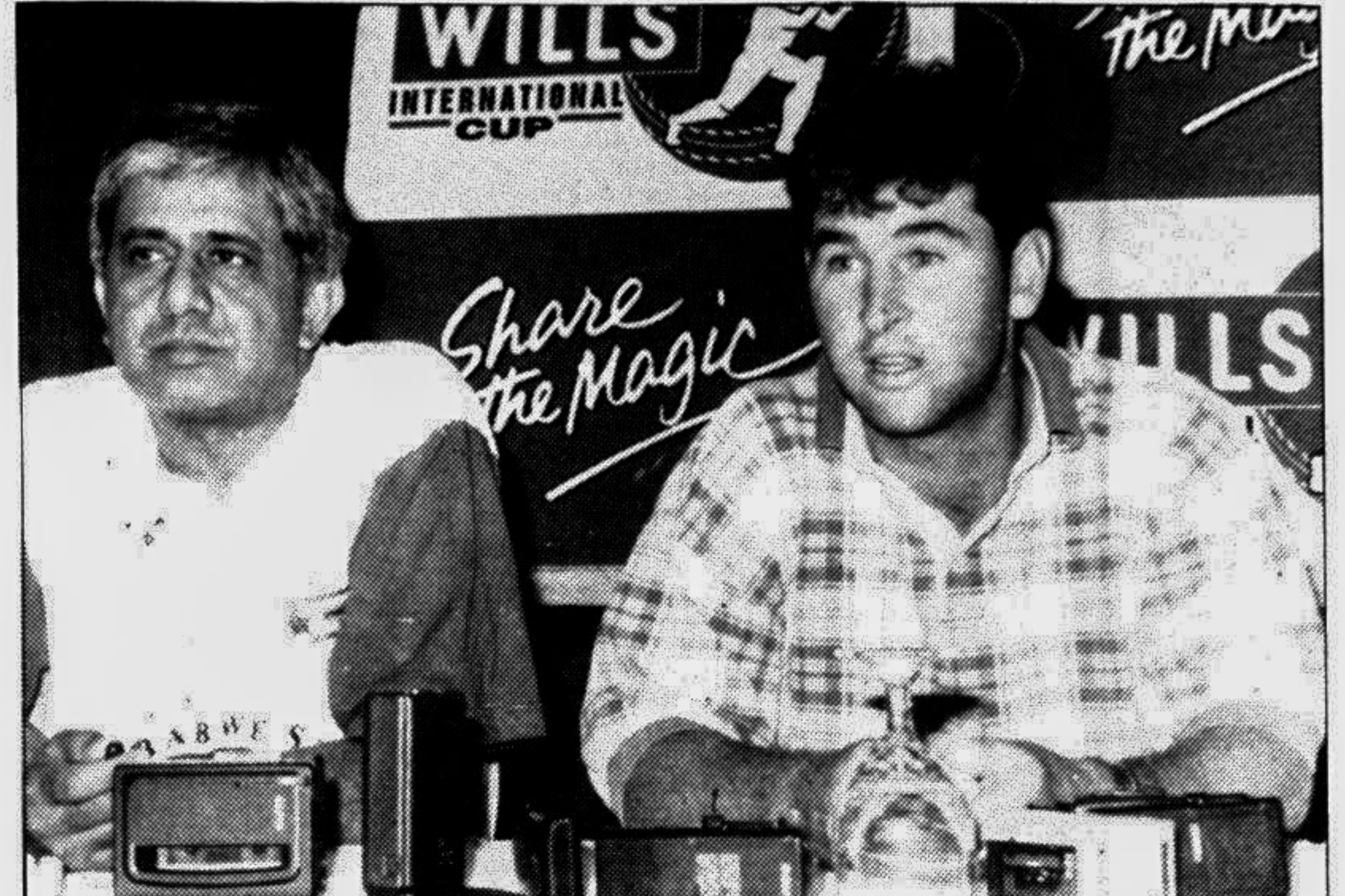
"I don't need money nowadays because sponsors have solved that problem for me," said a smiling Fairbrother, whose swashbuckling 94 against Mohammedan Sporting Club four years back is still one of the best individual innings that the Dhaka crowd has seen.

AFC plans to check cheating

BANGKOK, Oct 18: The general secretary of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) said today the grouping will investigate teams suspected of cheating by fielding over-aged players, reports AFP.

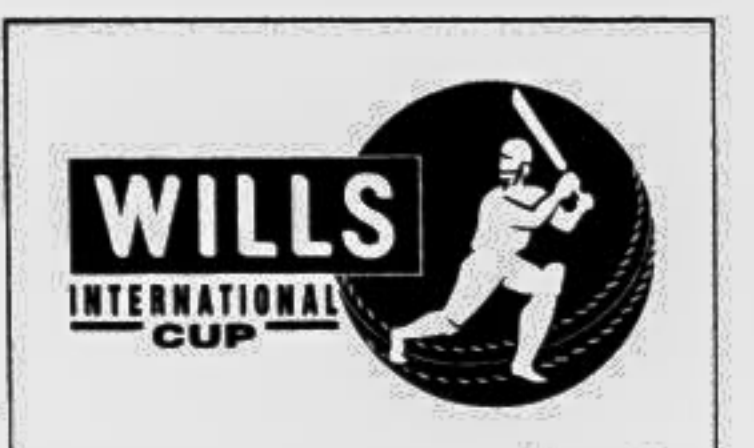
Peter Velappan delivered his message to a meeting of team officials at the 31st Asian youth football championship in Chiangmai for players aged under-19 which opened on Saturday.

He warned that the "noose" was tightening around the neck of those involved, the AFC said in a statement.



Zimbabwe captain Alistair Campbell (R) speaking at a press conference at the Sonargaon Hotel yesterday. Babu Maman, manager of the team is beside him. — Star photo

'Suspect' action keeps Harbhajan out



The ICC's directive came on the basis of the findings of the world cricket-governing body's following reports by ICC match referees Peter van der Merwe of South Africa and Ranjan Madugalle of Sri Lanka.

Harbhajan's place goes to rookie Delhi off-spinner Nikhil Chopra.

This is the second time an Indian off-spinner has come under scrutiny by ICC after the much-publicised Rajesh Chauhan episode.

If India lose to Australia on October 28 in Dhaka, Lele said that the selectors would convene again to pick a team for the trination Coca-Cola Sharjah Cup. Otherwise the same team would proceed to Sharjah for the tournament to be held from November 6 to November 13.

SQUAD

Mohammad Azharuddin (capt), Ajay Jadeja (vice-capt), Sachin Tendulkar, Saurav Ganguly, Rahul Dravid, Robin Singh, Nayan Mongia, Javagal Srinath, Anil Kumble, Ajit Agarkar, Sunil Joshi, Venkatesh Prasad, VVS Laxman and Nikhil Chopra.

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- Only the residents of Bangladesh are eligible to participate in The Daily Star - Standard Chartered Cricket Quiz '98. The employees of Standard Chartered Bank, The Daily Star and their respective advertisement agencies shall not be eligible for the contest.
 - All entries must be submitted in the original form printed in The Daily Star. Photocopies or reproductions in any form will not be accepted.
 - Entry forms have to be cut along the dotted lines.
 - Participants will put a tick (✓) mark in the box alongside their chosen answer to each question.
 - A participant may send more than one entry.
 - Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen.
 - Name, address, father's name and other particulars of participants must be clearly written. Each entry form must also bear the signature of the participant and date.
 - Incomplete entry forms will not be accepted.
 - Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Cricket Quiz '98" along with the Round number.
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FIXTURE OF THE ROUNDS

ROUND	STARTS	ENDS	ANSWERS MUST REACH BY	LUCKY DRAW FOR PRIZES
QUIZ 1	15 Oct '98	21 Oct '98	21 Oct '98	22 Oct '98
QUIZ 2	23 Oct '98	29 Oct '98	29 Oct '98	5 Nov '98

The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Cricket Quiz '98 Round One Ends Oct 21, '98

Tick (✓) the correct answers

1. The youngest Test-playing nation is	Sri Lanka <input type="radio"/>	Zimbabwe <input type="radio"/>	Bangladesh <input type="radio"/>
2. What is meant by 'down under'?	All out <input type="radio"/>	Australia <input type="radio"/>	Third man <input type="radio"/>
3. Sachin Tendulkar was born in the year	1973 <input type="radio"/>	1974 <input type="radio"/>	1975 <input type="radio"/>
4. The England-Australia 'Bodyline' series was played in	1932-33 <input type="radio"/>	1935-36 <input type="radio"/>	1948-49 <input type="radio"/>
5. When it started ICC's 'I' stood for	International <input type="radio"/>	Imperial <input type="radio"/>	Intelligent <input type="radio"/>

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms) Age

Father's Name Occupation

Address

Telephone (if any) Signature Date

Write with a ballpoint pen in clear BLOCK letters.
Cut along the dotted line and mail to OR drop in the Quiz Box at The Daily Star.



CONFIDENT SMILES: The England team poses for photographers on arrival at the Zia International Airport yesterday.