

Inzamamul Haq

(Pakistan star batsman)
"It has become a fashion to call us heroes when we win and to brand us traitors when we lose."

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(The Professor does)

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Hussain out of action

LONDON, July 24: England's woes piled up today when captain Nasser Hussain was ruled out of cricket for three weeks after breaking a finger fielding against New Zealand, reports AFP.

During the morning session on the third day Hussain half-stopped a shot into the gully from New Zealand batsman Adam Parore which bounced awkwardly in front of him as he dived.

After brief treatment on the field he headed off to hospital for an X-ray on the middle finger of his right hand.

It revealed a fracture which will probably stop Hussain playing for three weeks, meaning he will miss the third Test starting on August 5.

Graham Thorpe took over as captain in his absence.

Hussain top-scored in England's first-innings total of 186, making 61.

Hussain has played in the last 31 consecutive Tests since missing the first Test against Pakistan at Lord's three years ago, having fractured his right index finger scoring a century against India at Trent Bridge.

Barjujan extends Barcelona days

BARCELONA, July 24: Barcelona's in-demand defender Sergi Barjujan has signed an improved contract that will keep him at the Catalan club until at least 2002 — and almost certainly for the rest of his career, reports Reuters.

Muktijoddha's reliance on locals Alien trio to Abahani's aid

Sports Reporter

The anxiety of Abahani, who lost 1-2 to their arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting in their previous match last Thursday, was quite evident as they registered two imports from Ghana at the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) office last evening.

The signing of William Opoku and Charles Ghansah Benin, the Ghanaian duo who arrived in the capital on Thursday, means the sky blues are all set to field their full quota of three foreign players for the first time in the League.

Although Muktijoddha can afford a draw, the popular Dharmodi outfit, who are now at six points behind joint League leaders Mohammedan and Muktijoddha, know better than anyone that they will have to win their penultimate game of the first phase to keep their chances alive in the title race.

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Zakir's absence, however, might not cause any serious problem provided that Opoku, a striker who plays for Mine Stars along with Benin, lives up to his potential in his maiden Dhaka League appearance.

Abahani will also be looking forward to the defensive abilities of Benin, who is likely to provide the much-needed solidity in the rear, which has been suspect after the retirement of Monir Munna.

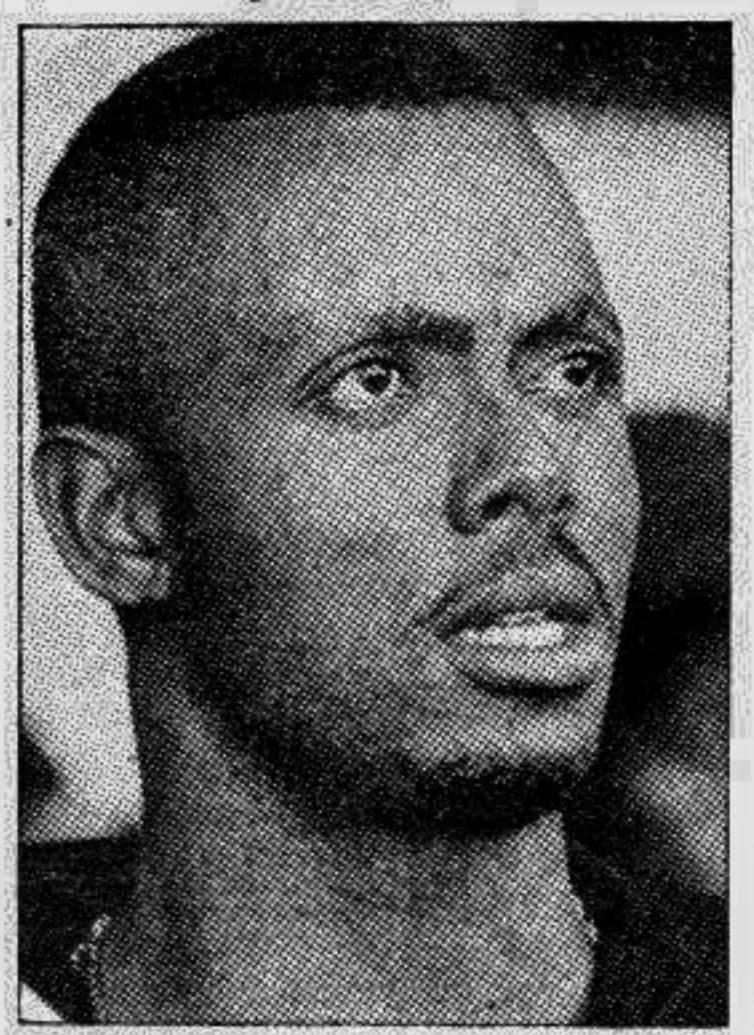
While Abahani will mostly rely on their foreign recruits, Muktijoddha will depend on their strong local resources.

The emerging force in the domestic football, who are still licking the wounds of their disappointing tie-break defeat to Abahani in the Federation Cup final, will leave no stone unturned to reverse the fortunes in their second meeting of the season.

Cs together no more



BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, July 24 (Reuters/Internet): Young Jamaican batsman Wavell Hinds has been named in a 14-man West Indies squad for a triangular one-day tournament in Singapore in September.



SINGAPORE SCHEDULE
Sept 2: West Indies v Zimbabwe
Sept 4: India v Zimbabwe
Sept 5: India v West Indies
Sept 7: Final

Gifted young Jamaican right-handed batsman and off-spin bowler Ricardo Powell, who played one match in West Indies' unsuccessful World Cup campaign has also been retained.

The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) said in a statement it "sees the need to use these short tours to expose and groom young talented cricketers."

Veteran Curtly Ambrose has been left out but the WICB said it had been decided to alternate him and fellow fast bowler Courtney Walsh in forthcoming tournaments.

"Having regard to the packed regional and international cricket programme involving the West Indies between now and next June, the long term future of West Indies cricket, and the physical demands on players, especially long-serving fast bowlers Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh, the West Indies selectors have decided not to

include them together on teams to tour Singapore from August 29 to September 9, and Sharjah from October 10-22," it said.

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