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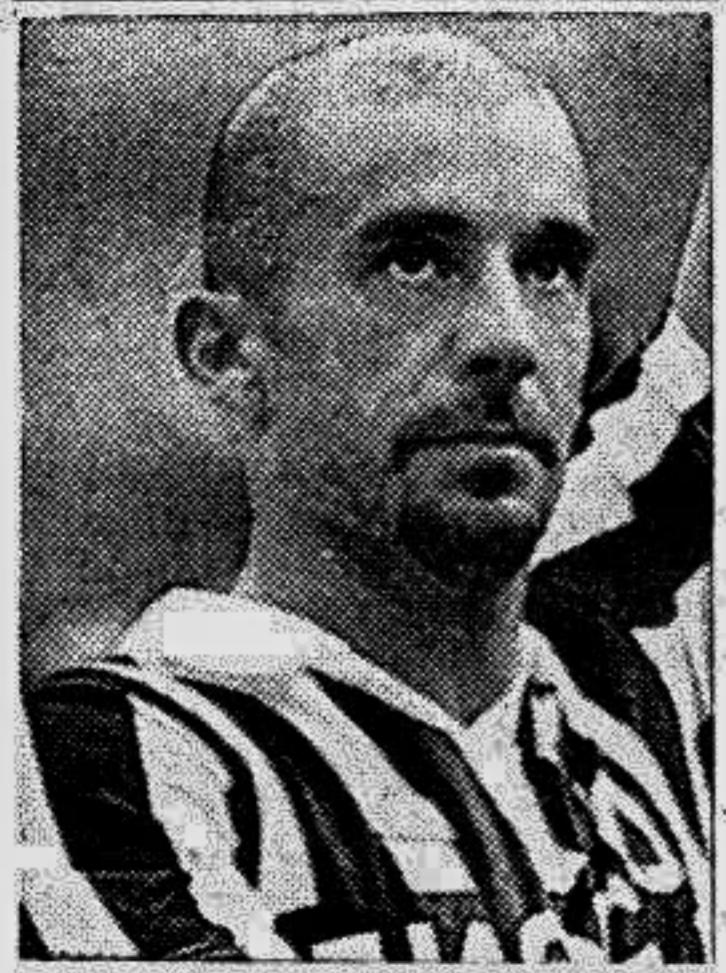
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### SPORTS TALK



#### Gianluca Vialli

(Chelsea football team manager)

"I don't judge a striker on the number of goals he scores but on the way he works for the team."

**Board bars Shoaib to sign 3-year deal**

KARACHI, Aug 25 (Internet report): Pakistan's sensational fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar has been refused permission by his Board to play on a three-year contract with English county, Nottinghamshire, says a report of The News.

Mujeeb-ur-Rehman, chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) ad hoc committee, confirmed on Monday about it. Shoaib, who gained instant prominence and fame in the recent World Cup because of his searing pace and is seen as one of the rising stars of world cricket, had approached the Board to play for the English county starting from next season.

"Yes we have refused him permission to play on a three-year contract, but I am flexible in this regard. For the time being I have asked him to show us a copy of the agreement he has entered into with the county."

"Initially we will allow him to play on a one-year contract, which can then be extended for another year. But we will not allow him to play on a three-year contract. It does not go in favour of Pakistan cricket," stated Mujeeb.

Mujeeb pointed out that while the Board had not formalised any policy on cricketers wanting to play for overseas clubs, the basic idea was that they should enter into flexible contracts.

"Our idea is that while some of our players require to be protected from the daily grind of playing county or overseas domestic cricket, it is good for our youngsters to get this exposure, but only for training purposes. We don't want them to suffer a premature burn-out and develop injury problems."

Shoaib's agent Mark Maserahens, the chief executive of the television production company WorldTel, had promised earlier that he would make the exciting fast bowler a multi-millionaire in few years. Among his clients is Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar, who remains one of the few cricketers in the million dollar earner's bracket.

Nottinghamshire had also signed on another young Pakistan fast bowler Muhammad Zahid for the 1997 season, but he developed back problem after playing just a few matches for them.

Pakistan said the Islamic forces India fought were guerril-



Members of the Ghana Olympic soccer team at the ZIA yesterday afternoon. —Star photo

Gala opening of Bangabandhu Cup tomorrow

## Ghana ooze with confidence

Sports Reporter

Ghana Olympic team has come to win the Bangabandhu Cup, team leader YA Ibrahim said yesterday. The tall member of the Ghana Football Association was talking to a host of reporters at a press briefing yesterday evening. The team arrived in the city earlier in the afternoon.

"We are here to beat every team and win the cup," said a confident Ibrahim. Team coach Ali Akenteng and captain Shila Al Hassan were also present at the briefing.

Placed in group C for the first round with Nepal and Uzbekistan, Ghana, the first-ever African football side playing in Bangladesh, will take on Nepal in their first match on August 28.

Speaking on the occasion, Ibrahim said that their Bangladesh tour was part of Ghana Football Association's plan to gain Asian exposure.

"We know a little about Bangladesh as we have read in the school books. We also know about Mohammedan Club, which is very popular here," said Ibrahim.

When asked about the team strength, coach Akenteng said it was a good and balanced side with players aged between 20 to 23 years.

He also revealed that four players who played in the Olympic qualifiers against Tanzania last March have come with the team.

"We have no idea about Nepal and Uzbekistan because we have not played against them before. Whatever the case, we will observe our opponents



next Saturday.

He also disclosed that the head coach of Ghana senior national team Dossena will also arrive with the two booters.

Skipper Shila Al Hassan, a member of the Ghana under-20 team which won the World Youth Cup bronze in Malaysia in 1997, was also pretty confident about his team.

Shila, who plays in the Ghana Premier League for Real Tamale United, said his initial job was to win both the first

round matches and then think of the semifinal.

The following 16 players and five officials of the Ghana Olympic team arrived in the city yesterday:

**Players:** Osei Boateng, Joe Sam, Abdul Razak, Shila Al Hassan (captain), Ali Maous, Alex Djani, Felix Yeofoi, Jonson Eky, Kof Amoko, Eric Nii Armah, Deniss Boateng, Godwin Abocorey, Nana Arhinduah, Yaw Berko, Asif Kwanie and Baba Azmado.

**Officials:** YA Ibrahim (Team Leader), Oti Akenteng (Coach), Baba Adamas (Doctor), Charles Boatway (Physio) and Juliu Anyameama (Liaison).

#### OTHER ARRIVALS

The Nepal national team also arrived in the city yesterday evening.

Thailand Olympic team, Indonesian national team, Korean under-18 team and a J-League selection from Japan were also scheduled to reach the capital late last night.

UNB adds: Noted singers Abida Sultan and Andrew Kishore will vocalise the opening song at tomorrow afternoon's inauguration at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Veteran musician Azad Rahaman is the composer of the song.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the meet which will feature 11 foreign teams and hosts Bangladesh.

Japan J-League selection will take on Indonesian national team in the opening match.

Bangladesh won by 62 runs.

"I could have played for another couple of years. But I want to quit with dignity and pride. I had to go through a strenuous time in the past due to the non-cooperation from a vested quarter. I will however play in the domestic cricket for a few more years. But I seriously want to help cricket in a different capacity," said Minhazul in a written statement released yesterday.

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## Goodbye Nannu!

Sports Reporter

Former national captain Minhazul Abedin, affectionately called Nannu by the cricketing fraternity, announced his retirement from international cricket yesterday.

The gutsy cricketer from Chittagong, who started his luminous career way back in 1983, however remained enigmatic for long. But he could not hope for a better time to call it a day, especially after his excellent showing at the World Cup, where he scored two half centuries including a match-winning unbeaten 68 against Scotland.

Included by BCB at the last moment in the World Cup squad under pressure from the press, Minhazul certainly enjoyed the finest moment of his career spanning over 17 years in the big show at England this summer.

Born on September 25, 1965 at Chittagong, Minhazul made his one-day debut in the Asia Cup against Pakistan in 1985. He scored 453 runs in his 27 international matches averaging 18.87. A solid right-hand batsman, Minhazul was also a very useful slow-medium bowler. He captured 13 wickets averaging 39.30.

He played his last and the most memorable one-day match against Pakistan at Northampton, which



Players and officials of the Nepal soccer team, which will take part in the Bangabandhu Cup, on their arrival at the Zia International Airport yesterday evening.

—Star photo by Anisur Rahman

BCB selects for Barlow's first camp

## Surprises in thirty-eight

Sports Reporter



The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday announced a list of 38 players for international

matches against the visiting West Indies and the England A team.

Although BCB included all the 16 members of the Bangladesh World Cup squad, except Faruque Ahmed, who earlier retired from international cricket, the board's inclination of counting on experience suffered a setback when Minhazul Abedin followed in Faruque's footsteps.

The former national captain called quits to international cricket immediately after the board released the list of 38 players.

But, while Minhazul Abedin, who turns 35 next month, decided to hang up his national cap, his contemporary Athar Ali Khan celebrated his recall to the national team after being ignored for the World Cup.

Also recalled surprisingly to the national team after a long gap were right-arm seamer Saiful Islam and top order batsman Selim Shahed.

The national camp will start at the BKS at September 1 under the tutelage of the newly appointed coach Eddie Barlow. The South African is scheduled to arrive in the city the day before.

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ATHAR ALI KHAN



SAIFUL ISLAM

Khaled Mashud, Mohammed Rafique, Naimur Rahaman, Sajidur Rahaman, Monjurul Islam, Aminul Islam Bholi, Jahangir Alam, Javed Omar Belim, Hasanuzzaman, Nasirul Islam, Nahid, Mushtaq Rahaman, Golam Mortuza, Habibul Bashar, Harun Rashid Liton, Athar Ali Khan, Sajid Hasan, Ridwan Hasan, Saiful Islam, Rashidul Haq, Salim Shahed, Anisur Rahman, Atiar Rahman, Ehsanul Hoque, Morshed Ali Khan, Ahmed Kamal and Zakir Hossain.

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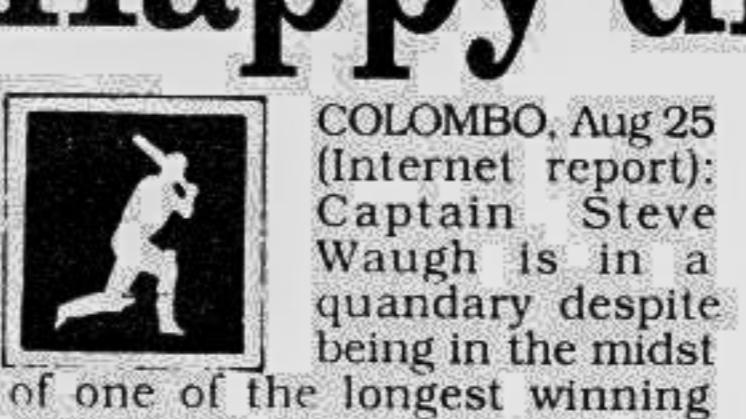
"I'd like to give everyone a go," Waugh said after a three-hour training session in scorching heat and sapping humidity at the Sinhalese Sports Club here today.

"There's 14 blokes in the squad and if we change I don't think it will affect the strategy of the side or the way we play, we are a pretty well balanced 14 guys."

"It's hard to know what the side is going to pan out for the last couple of games - whether we play three quicks and a couple of medium pacers, that's probably going to be our hardest decision."

"The hardest thing at the moment is picking the side and

## Happy dilemma for Waugh



COLOMBO, Aug 25 (Internet report): Captain Steve Waugh is in a quandary despite being in the midst of one of the longest winning streaks in Australia's one-day cricket history.

With a talent-laden squad at his disposal, Waugh is wrestling with giving all players an opportunity without tinkering too much with a winning formula.

Australia chases its 10th consecutive one-day international victory here tomorrow against Sri Lanka in a day-night encounter at Premadasa Stadium.

Waugh's side is almost certain to play in the final of the tri-series one-day tournament following comprehensive wins against Sri Lanka and India in the southern port city of Galle on Sunday and Monday.

Paceman Glenn McGrath is certain to play tomorrow after a thigh strain kept him out of the tour openers while stylish batsman Damien Martyn and swing bowler Adam Dale are also expected to play their first matches this tour.

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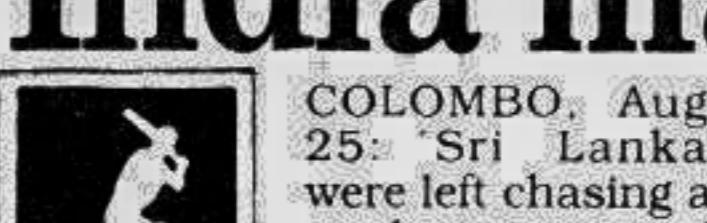
Waugh has impressed on his side that they must not let standards slip while in the midst of a winning streak that includes victories in the last seven games of the World Cup in England, including the final against Pakistan.

"We have talked about it for a couple of games now," Waugh said.

"More importantly, we understand that we can play it now and we don't want to slip back into mediocrity."

"That was our weakness, we were up and down a lot in the last 12 months and we're really conscious of keeping our standards high."

## India make 205/8



COLOMBO, Aug 25: Sri Lanka were left chasing a modest target of 206 off 50 overs to beat India and secure their first points in the Aiwa Cup tri-nation tournament in the day-night match at Colombo's R. Premadasa Stadium Wednesday, reports AFP.

India who elected to bat first after winning the toss, made 205 for eight in their 50 overs.

They were given a good start by openers Sourav Ganguly and Sachin Tendulkar who put on 49 off 37 balls.

Ganguly's contribution was only nine in the partnership dominated by his captain. The left-hander became the first to be run out and three others followed him, thanks to Sri Lankan fieldsmen and their accurate throw.

Rahul Dravid who joined Tendulkar added 34 for the second wicket before both batsmen fell within 10 runs of each other.

Dravid attempting to glide the ball edged it to wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwitharana for 22, and Tendulkar was run out for 37 failing to beat Muralitharan's throw from mid-off.

Ajay Jadeja and Amay Khuraisya somewhat steadied the innings with a stand that produced 62 for the fourth wicket.

The Sri Lankan fielders made the pair work hard for the runs allowing only three fours and a six during the valuable

partnership for India.

Khuraisya's innings of 29 came to an end when he pulled Chandana to deep mid wicket where Indika de Saram held the catch.

Sri Lanka bounced back soon afterwards to capture four wickets for 13 runs - two of them run outs.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Indian innings in the Aiwa Cup day-night match against