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## SPORTS TALK



**Hansie Cronje**  
(South Africa captain)  
"Lance is the best one-day player in the world and it is really a waste for us if he comes in at number nine."

### BCCI's door open to all

BANGALORE, Oct 3: The Indian cricket team for the first Test against New Zealand beginning at Mohali on October 10 would be announced in Mumbai on Wednesday, newly appointed selection committee chairman Chandu Borde today said, reports PTI.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of the five-day Irani Trophy match between Rest of India and Karnataka here, Borde said the selectors would keep their options open on rested and discarded players when they pick the team.

"We have an open mind. My cards are on the table," he said.

Borde's comment came when he was asked about former skipper Mohammad Azharuddin submitting his fitness certificate to the Board of Control for Cricket of India (BCCI) yesterday.

He said the selectors' emphasis would be on performance and they would work as a team with the coach and captain and the team would be announced after a consensus.

To a question, Borde said the selectors would definitely give "due weightage to coach Kapil Dev's suggestions."

Disagreeing with a questioner that announcing the team for just one Test against New Zealand would put pressure on the selected players, Borde said if the team was announced for the entire series, it amounted to denying a chance for player who performed well in other matches.

Asked if he thought too much cricket was being played by India, Borde said the figures released by BCCI showed that South Africa played the most number of cricket matches and it surprised him. "It's for the players to keep themselves fit," he said.

But Borde later said he personally believed "too many one-day matches are being played by India. Playing for the country is much better."



Ground staff marking the creases on the Bangabandhu National Stadium wicket yesterday. — Star photo by Anisur Rahman

## The bully now the bullied

West Indies and Liverpool maybe worlds apart, but remarkably both are enduring similar fortunes these days.

Liverpool, the dominant force in English football for much of the eighties winning a record 18 League titles and a host of domestic as well as European trophies, has been experiencing a severe title drought. They won their last championship in the 1989 season. Hard to believe that a club so rich in history and tradition producing such well known names as Kevin Keegan, Ian Rush and Kenny Dalglish, is presently struggling against mediocre outfits.

Conversely, traditional rivals Manchester United have become the team of the 90s. Last year it achieved a unique treble (League, FA Cup, and European Cup). The investment in youth at Old Trafford has accounted for much of the club's success of late. Naturally, it commands the lion's share in places on the national team.

The West Indies could be said as suffering from the 'Acquired Liverpool Deficiency Syndrome'. There was a time when cricket grounds around the world vibrated whenever Roberts, Holding, Garner or Croft hurled the piece of leather into the stumps with such precision and velocity or seeing 'King Viv' belt the bowlers to all corners.

Unfortunately, their incredible success in both Tests and one-dayers made officials complacent. While members of the dream team started to get older, the authorities failed to invest in youth development schemes and more importantly implement a proper pay structure like the Australians. They found promising youngsters pursuing a lucrative basketball career in America.

This can explain a series of bizarre results notably how minnows Kenya managed to cause the upset of the 1996 World Cup and before that rendering a proud 20-year home series unbeaten record to Australia who clinched the Sir Frank Worrell Trophy.

Apart from gifted Brian Lara, the present West Indian team looks on the whole a rather strange mixture of journeymen whose average age is 30 and raw talent in livewire Ricardo Powell.

Great things were expected from Lara after the Trinidadian

### Lloyd backs Bacher

Legendary West Indian cricketer Clive Lloyd yesterday supported Dr. Ali Bacher, Chairman of ICC Development Committee, on raising the number of teams to 14 from 12 in the 2003 World Cup in South Africa, reports BSS.

"Bangladesh and Kenya earned the one-day international status in 1997 by virtue of their merit and they can be given direct entry to the next World Cup to widen the scope for three more associate members," said Lloyd.

Three qualifiers from the ICC Trophy — Bangladesh, Kenya and Scotland — played in the England World Cup along with nine Test playing countries this year.

The Wisden-cricketer-of-the-year in 1971 said, "It is ICC's concept to globalise cricket in the greater interest of the game."

Endorsing Bacher's recent comment, he said, "The Test playing countries have to extend their support for the development of cricket among associate members to help ensure the survival of the game."

"The recent performance of Bangladesh and Kenya is encouraging and they need more backing from the Test playing countries, said a soft-spoken Lloyd.

He said, "The time has come to expand the horizon of the game and the conservative approach should go, which would benefit the game more in the coming days."

"Exempting Bangladesh and Kenya from the 2001 ICC Trophy in Canada would give Scotland, Ireland, Bermuda, Canada, the UAE and Papua New Guinea a chance to qualify for the 2003 World Cup," said the ICC Test and match referee since 1992.

The 55-year-old Lloyd, who

## Curtailed for last SAF Games of the century

From Sports Reporter KATHMANDU, Oct 3: After a busy ten-day schedule, the 8th SAF Games, the last regional sports meet of the century involving seven South Asian nations, will conclude here tomorrow.

King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev of Nepal, the only king in the sub-continent, will formally declare the closing of the meet at a colourful ceremony at the Dasharath Stadium after.

The football final. He is also scheduled to hand over the football medals before the closing.

More than one thousand athletes from seven countries—Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and hosts Nepal -- are contesting in the games for 162 golds.

Although it was announced earlier by the Organising Committee that 159 golds were at stake, it was confirmed yesterday that the total number of golds in the 8th SAF Games were 162 in 12 disciplines.

Five golds -- one in football and four in taekwon-do -- will be decided on the final day of the Games tomorrow.

The closing ceremony is planned to last for nearly two hours.

## Mystery offer for cricketers

Sports Reporter Special but yet-to-be-disclosed awards will be given to the star performers of the Bangladesh cricket team.

The cricketers with notable performances during the three-day match against the West Indies will be complemented by Saber Hossain Chowdhury, president of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB).

"The players, who can display outstanding performances during the three-day, would be complimented with awards. It is for nothing but to inspire them."

The cricket supremo, who let the promised award as a mystery, said, "It is nothing new, we gave it earlier also."

For the ensuing two one-dayers, the offer would also be up for grabs, Saber added.

## BSWA name RAN, Nisha best of SAF

From Sports Reporter KATHMANDU, Oct 3: The Bangladesh Sports Writers Association (BSWA) has adjudged Indian ace shooter Jashpal Rana and swimmer Nisha Millet as the best male and female athlete of the 8th SAF Games.

Nisha, the Bangalore-based swimmer, stole the light in the swimming competition taking seven golds while Jashpal bagged eight golds in shooting.

## Azharuddin fully fit

MUMBAI, Oct 3: Deposed Indian skipper Mohammad Azharuddin has sent a fitness certificate to the cricket board that he has completely recovered from the shoulder operation which he underwent in London on June 20.

Board secretary Jaywant Lele told PTI from Baroda today that Azhar, whose right shoulder was operated upon soon after India's campaign ended in the World Cup, had faxed to him the certificate signed by the doctor who treated him in London.

"The doctor's certificate says that Azharuddin is completely all right and he can throw the ball from anywhere in the field, Lele added.

Azhar had himself said before the selection of Indian team for the ongoing LG Cup tournament in Nairobi that he was fit to play.

## Saqlain to skip Sharjah trip

KARACHI, Oct 3 (Internet report): Pakistan Cricket Board has been advised not to include off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq for the Sharjah tournament, also involving West Indies and Sri Lanka.

Surrey physiotherapist Dale Naylor, who arrived in Pakistan on Saturday reportedly to sign a contract with the Board, has ruled out Saqlain for at least three weeks.

PCB chief selector Naushad Ali told The News daily from Lahore that Naylor had reported that doctors had advised Saqlain to stay out of action for a while although he had a successful surgery conducted on his knee few days back.

Saqlain had a wonderful time with Surrey this season. Saqlain would be returning home in a week. "It is far more important for us to ensure he is ready in time for the Australian tour," Naushad said.

Naylor would be helping out the Pakistan players in the ongoing training camp and he was at the moment tied up with the Board on a provisional arrangement, said Naushad.

"We have so far not signed a contract with him, but he is here to take stock of things and would be working with the boys in the camp," he said.

Naylor is expected to replace Dan Kiesel, the long-standing Pakistan physio/doctor.

Selectors were also not keen to risk fast bowler Shoab

## A thousand bronzes do not make a gold Bangladesh endure poorly

From Hasan Masood in Kathmandu

Oct 3: Bangladesh managed only five bronzes in three disciplines on the penultimate day of the 8th SAF Games here today.

Noted shooter Saiful Alam managed the day's lone shooting bronze in the men's 50m small bore free rifle three positions individual event held at the Birendra International Sports Complex range.

Saiful, who helped Bangladesh win silver in the team competition of the same event on Saturday, scored 1202 points.

Indian shooters Pemmalah Subbaiah and TC Changappa ran away with the gold and silver. Subbaiah clinched the gold with 1224.5 points, half-a-point more than his compatriot Changappa.

Bangladesh's Kamrul Islam finished 8th in the same event with 1165 points.

Bangladesh finished their shooting campaign with one gold, four silvers and four bronzes.

India completed the shooting competition with 21 golds out of 26 in the offing while Sri Lanka managed the remaining four golds.

India's ace shooter Jashpal Rana, who earlier won six golds, added two more to his account today, increasing his personal gold tally to eight.

Today he won the individual and the team gold in the 25m rapid fire pistol.

Bangladesh today also bagged the bronze in the men's volleyball competition defeating hosts Nepal 3-1 (25-22, 17-25, 25-15 and 25-20) in the play-off.

India won the gold with a straight three sets win (25-19, 25-17, 25-18) over Pakistan in an one-sided final.

The three other Bangladesh bronzes came from taekwon-do in which only four participants took part in each event. All the losing semi-finalists were awarded with a bronze.

Hasibul Hasan Chowdhury got a bronze in the men's middleweight, Nazmur Rahman bagged the bronze in the men's welterweight, while Farhana Rahman had the other bronze in the women's welterweight category.

Nepal ran away with all the six golds in taekwon-do decided today at the Shahanshah Hall. The remaining four events of the taekwon-do competition will be held tomorrow on the final day.

Overall, India finished the penultimate day with 102 golds so far. The remaining five golds—one in football and four in taekwon-do will be decided tomorrow.

Nepal remained in the second place increasing their gold tally to 27 while Sri Lanka are still in the third position with their previous collection of 16 golds.

### MEDALS TABLE

Country	(till Oct 3)		
	G	S	B
India	102	57	33
Nepal	27	9	24
Sri Lanka	16	41	60
Pakistan	10	36	28
Bangladesh	1	10	35
Bhutan	1	4	6
Maldives	0	0	4
Total	157	157	190



The impressive innings of South Africa opener Herschelle Gibbs is ended as he is clean bowled in the LG Cup final at Nairobi yesterday. — AFP photo

## S Africa lift LG Cup

NAIROBI, Oct 3 (AFP/Reuters): South Africa on Sunday beat India by 26 runs to clinch the four-nation LG Cup cricket tournament final played here.

India won the toss and put South Africa into bat.

South Africa made a poor start, losing Lance Klusener for a duck off Mohanty.

But man-of-the-match Herschelle Gibbs, who made 84, and captain Hansie Cronje steered the ship as South Africa rallied to reach 235 for 9 in 50 overs. In reply, India were all out for 209 in 47.3 overs.

Young all-rounder Vijay Bhadrawaj was adjudged man-of-the-series collecting 10 wickets and scoring more than 80 runs in the series.

India's pace bowlers had the South Africans reeling at 18 for three off the first 11 overs before Cronje came in to lift the side's spirits by spearheading a fast 78 fourth-wicket partnership with Gibbs.

Cronje smashed 39 runs off 41 balls and looked very dangerous before being bowled by off-spinner Nikhil Chopra as he charged down the wicket with the score on 96.

He was furious at himself for getting out but it was his innings that put South Africa back in contention.

Gibbs then took over and knocked his match-winning runs off 125 balls, including six fours and three sixes, before eventually succumbing to a beautiful delivery from Bhadrawaj with the score on 188.

Shaun Pollock helped the South Africans to a solid total with an unbeaten 23 off 24 balls.

Jacques Kallis was caught at second slip by Rahul Dravid off the bowling of Venkatesh Prasad for nine and Prasad then claimed the wicket of potential danger man Jonny Rhodes for a duck in an incredible seven-over spell in which he conceded just six runs.

Prasad ended with figures of 2 for 21 off 10 overs.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the LG Cup final between South Africa and India on Sunday:

SOUTH AFRICA				
H Gibbs	84			
L Klusener	0			
J Kallis	0			
R Rhodes	0			
H Cronje	39			
D Crookes	25			
D Benkenstein	18			
S Pollock	23			
M Boucher	0			
A Dawson	10			
S Elworthy	0			
Extras	12			

## Elements kill off Aussies

COLOMBO, Oct 3: Rain and bad light saved Sri Lanka from a possible first innings collapse in the three-lap in the three-day Test series against Australia on Sunday, the fourth day of the final Test, report agencies.

Sri Lanka need 82 runs to avoid the follow-on, and four of their top order batsmen were back in the pavilion when rain stopped play 32 minutes after lunch. Replaying to Australia's first innings total of 342 all out. Sri Lanka scored 61 for four when dark clouds gathered over Colombo and it started to rain. Only one hour and 32 minutes of play was possible Sunday.

When it stopped raining, bad light prevented start of play.

Waugh spoke to umpires Peter Willey of England and Kan-diah Francis of Sri Lanka, telling them he would like to wait for the light to improve, but it did not.

A total of 14 hours and three minutes of play have been lost so far in this match which is crucial for the Australians, who are trailing 0-1 to Sri Lanka in the three-Test series. Sri Lanka won the first Test by six wickets. The second Test was abandoned due to rain and an unplayable outfield.

When play started after an hour's delay, Sri Lanka made a disastrous start, losing skipper Sanath Jayasuriya's wicket on the first ball of the innings. Jayasuriya was out in identical fashion as the second Test, when a delivery from Glen McGrath took the outer edge of his bat and Shane Warne took a simple catch in the slips.

Sri Lanka then lost two quick wickets of one-down batsman Russel Arnold and the other opener Marvan Atapattu. Both fell to Damien Fleming and Sri Lanka slumped to three for 10.

Waugh rested Fleming, who bowling figures read 5-0-13-2, and brought in Shane Warne with the Sri Lanka score at 30 for three after 11th over.

McGrath, who bowled six overs for 16 runs and got a wicket, was also rested from the other end and medium pace bowler Colin Miller was brought in with Sri Lanka on 38 for three after 12 overs.

After lunch, Jayawardene and De Silva put up 50 runs in the fourth wicket partnership when Jayawardene was out caught by wicket-keeper Ian Healy off the bowling of Fleming. Jayawardene scored 21 runs.

When the rain came, De Silva was batting on 19 and former Sri Lanka skipper Arjuna Ranatunga was on one.