SPORTS TALK

#### Nasser Hussain

(England cricket captain) "I like having Darren around, he's a great character, he creates a buzz in the dressing room and is a great inspiration to us all."

Talking about strike bowler Darren Gough.

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## Reasons behind the pull-out

BLOEMFONTEIN. South Africa, Oct 16: South African captain Hansie Cronje said on Friday he had been persuaded by his wife and the national cricket chief to turn down an offer to coach English county Glamorgan, reports Reuters.

Cronje had earlier verbally agreed to a two-year coaching contract with Glamorgan but has now turned it down and committed himself to South African cricket until the 2003 World Cup.

Cronje became concerned about his future when the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) re-appointed him as captain of the national team only for the first two Tests in November and December of a five-Test series against Eng-

"After that I thought it would be a good time for me to go." Cronje said on Friday. "But after a long discussion with (UCBSA managing director) Ali Bacher I have changed my

mind. "I wasn't sure about the UCB's attitude towards me but now I am and I am committed to

one-off Test against Zimbabwe, South Africa until 2003." reports AFP. Cronje said his wife Bertha had urged him to make the most and potentially match-winning of his opportunities as a player lead of 228 runs after they conwhich, at the age of 30, were becluded their first innings in the inaugural cricket Test against

coming fewer. "She said I would regret it if I didn't take all my chances."

Cronje said. Cronje said his contract with the UCBSA would not be

changed following his discus-

sion with Bacher. The job at Glamorgan would have put Cronje's place in the national team in jeopardy.

"If Cronje had accepted the coaching position he would not have been available for South Africa to tour Sri Lanka in July and August next year," a statement from the UCBSA in Johannesburg said on Friday.

Bacher denied that the board had compensated Cronje financially for not accepting the Glamorgan offer.

The former South African captain said he had spoken to the chief executive of Glamorgan, Mike Fatkin, earlier on Friday.

# Shamir to return shortly? England A due tomorrow

Sports Reporter

National football coach Shamir Sakir has agreed to return to Dhaka within a week

following a request of the State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader yesterday.

"I have talked with Shamir over the telephone today. He has assured me of coming to Dhaka next week", said Quader to a few journalists present at a post-wedding reception of the Daily Star sports reporter, Hasan Masood, yesterday in the afternoon.

"He (Shamir) told me that he is now engaged with some very important family matters. But he will be back in Dhaka after attending his family affairs," said Quader. He contacted with the Iraqi World Cupper through the Bangladesh Ambassador in

Shamir, who inspired Bangladesh to lift the first-ever SAF football gold in Kathmandu early this month, refused to accompany the victorious team to Dhaka. Instead, the moody Iraqi left for Baghdad despite repeated request from the team management. His mysterious departure raised both criticism and question among the sports buffs in Bangladesh.

It was reported in the media that the temperamental Iraqi hurriedly left for his home following a brawl with team manager Abdul Gaffar. But the secret of his controversial go-home decision will finally come out if

KARACHI, Oct 16:

The judge heading

a commission on

match fixing and

bribery allega-

tions against star

Pakistani players submitted

his report on Saturday and said

it contained evidence of

some cricketers," Judge Malik

Mohammad Qayyum told AFP.

while declining to name the

submitted to an official from

the Sports Ministry who for-

warded it to President

Muhammad Rafiq Tarar, who

is also the patron of the Pak-

According to a source privy

to the report's details, the evi-

dence was against five or six

players of the national team,

and the judge had recommended

the second day of the one-off

cricket Test against Zimbabwe

strewn 90 and Steve was in

sight of his 20th century in Test

cricket with a workmanlike 90

They combined to provide a

platform for Australia's lead of

81 with five wickets remaining,

the scoreboard showing Aus-

tralia 275 for the loss of five

The Waughs have so often

taken centre stage for Australia

and this performance was typi-

cal of their reliability and close

aries off the Zimbabweans until

out to a spectacular diving

caught and bowled by Grant

Flower when closing in on his

LATEST

captain Steve Waugh scored his

20th Test century here Saturday

try's dominant position in this

Zimbabwe, replying to the

home side's 194 with 422 all

and Zimbabwe bowler Heath

Streak took five wickets for the

fourth time in Tests, giving

Zimbabwe a chance of making

the tourists with the loss of

both openers in the first two

overs as they slipped from six

Greg Blewett (1) edged

Streak's third ball to first slip

where Zimbabwe captain Alis-

tair Campbell juggled three times before holding on.

pushed forward to a straight-

forward delivery from left-arm

seamer Bryan Strang only to

see the ball hit the outside edge

on its way to wicketkeeper

Andy Flower.

Michael Slater (4) then

Australia bat a second time.

without loss to eight for two.

Waugh was unbeaten on 151

Australia held a substantial

and went on to secure his coun-

The day began terribly for

HARARE, Oct 16: Australia's

Mark Waugh hit 13 bound-

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understanding.

17th Test hundred.

Mark scored a boundary-

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HARARE, Oct 16

The Waugh broth-

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back into the

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(AFP/Reuters):

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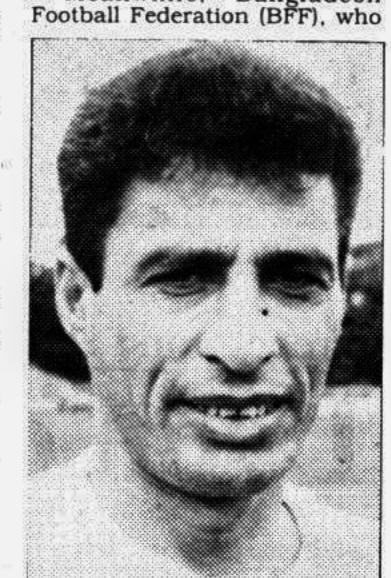
The 170-page report was

"There is evidence against

wrongdoing.

players implicated.

he keeps the promise he made to Quader. Meanwhile, Bangladesh



SHAMIR SAKIR

had to cop the flak of the football fans for failing to bring the most successful coach home along with the team, seems all set to offer a cold-shoulder to Shamir. He was a staff of the Na-

tional Sports Council (NSC, the ruling body of country's sports). His contract with us ended after the SAF Games. And if he returns to Dhaka, I think the NSC would decide about his future," said Sirajul Islam, a joint-sec-

Pak match-fixing probe

Judge submits his 'hot' report

penalties ranging from a ban to

dence against the players ac-

cused of match fixing. But I

have fulfilled my responsibil-

ity." Qayyum said. "Now it is up

to the President to decide the

only high-ranking survivors of

Tuesday's military coup which

overthrew the elected govern-

ment of prime minister Nawaz

set up by Sharif's government

in September, 1998 after an in-

terim PCB report implicated

national skipper Wasim

Akram, Salim Malik and Ijaz

Ahmed in match fixing and

July amid uproar by angry

cricket fans and a hostile press

who labelled Wasim and the

Workmanlike Waughs

But Justin Langer produced a

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icently run out by Henry Olonga

and he produced a third wicket

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came together and added a fur-

ther 74 before Mark Waugh was

when on 39 and he took full ad-

vantage of his piece of good for-

tune. But Ricky Ponting fell to a

catch by Neil Johnson off

Waughs' day, but Zimbabwe

fought hard and fielded well.

They now face defeat but will go

ing for the first time in a Test.

with Zimbabwe waiting seven

years for the opportunity since

being granted Test status in

SCOREBOARD

second day of the Test match

between Zimbabwe and Aus-

tralia on Friday:

Scoreboard at end of play on

ZIMBABWE: First innings

The two countries are meet-

It was undoubtedly the

Streak when he had scored 31.

dismissed

down fighting.

Then the Waugh brothers

Steve Waugh was dropped

The trio was suspended in

Qayyum's commission was

President Tarar is one of the

"It was difficult to find evi-

heavy fines.

Sharif.

betting charges.

fate of the players."

retary of the BFF, to a host of journalists last evening.

"We are seriously considering to appoint a national coach and a director of coaching for our youth development pro-gramme", said Siraj while highlighting their prospect of getting a couple of coaches from the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

"The AFC has already sent us a few names. But we have requested them to provide the names of only those coaches who are aged under-fifty," said

the BFF joint-secretary.
On Shamir's chances of regaining the job, Siraj said: "Let him come first. Then we will discuss the matter."

"Our priority at the moment is to get a coach for the forthcoming Asia Cup", said Siraj The BFF is more interested in hiring a fresh coach after the bitter experience with Shamir, he added

The qualifying round of the 12th Asia Cup, where Bangladesh have been pencilled in Group 3 along with India, Nepal, Uzbekistan and hosts UAE, will commence in the desert kingdom from November

Bangladesh will meet Uzbekistan in the opening match of the Group 3 qualifiers, to be played on round robin league basis. Bangladesh will face hosts UAE in their second match on November 22 before facing Nepal on November 24. Bangladesh will take on In-

dia in their last group league match on November 28.

other two players "gamblers

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captain for the entire season

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commission continued to its

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sent cricketers, officials, and

alleged bookies have testified

before the commission over the

first surfaced in Pakistan

cricket in 1994 when three

Australian players. Shane

Warne, Mark Waugh and Tim

May alleged then Pakistan

captain Salim Malik offered

Rashid Latif and Aamir Sohail

and pacer Ataur Rehman have

also accused fellow players of

194 (N Johnson 75; McGrath

AUSTRALIA: First innings

Former Pakistan captains

them a bribe to play poorly.

The match fixing charges

Later the ad-hoc committee

and traitors.

investigation.

past 12 months.

match fixing.

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S Waugh not out

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96; 4-174; 5-253

Glenn McGrath

Bowler

Streak

Strang

Olonga

Johnson

G Flower

G Whittall

Zimbabwe

Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson talking to

trainer Shelly Finkel during a practice session in Las

Vegas on October 15. Tyson is due to fight Orlin Norris at

the MGM Grand in Las Vegas on the 23rd of this month.

Biswanath, India

(overnight 6 for no loss)

Langer run out (Olonga)

Extras: (lb-5; w-4; nb-1)

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M Waugh c and b G Flower

Ponting c Johnson b Streak

Total: (For five wickets in 94

Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-8; 3-

To bat: Shane Warne,

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Umpires: George Sharp, Eng-

TV umpire: Kevan Barbour,

Match referee: Gundappa

land; Ian Robinson, Zimbabwe

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— AFP photo

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Damien Fleming, Colin Miller,

Blewett c Campbell b Streak

Sports Reporter A 15-member England A cricket team, led by Mark Alleyne, will arrive in the capital tomorrow.

In their 19-day tour to Bangladesh the second string England side will play three limited-over matches, a threeday and a four-day match against different local selections.

England A, which will be managed by former England skipper Mike Gatting, will open their tour with a limited-over match against the Bangladesh Youth team on September 22. They will play the second

over-limit match against a selection of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) on the following day.

The three-day match against the national team will commence on November 25. The lone one-day match between the tourist and the Bangladesh national team will be held on October 29.

The England A will wind up their tour after featuring in a four-day match against with the national team. The match will start on November 1. The visitors will leave the city for New Zealand on November 5.

### Body to probe into SAF failure

Sports Reporter

The National Sports Council (NSC) is likely to form an inquiry committee within a few days to look into the poor Bangladesh performance in the just-concluded SAF Games.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader, who is also the chairman of the NSC has already instructed the ruling body of local sports to form the probe committee.

Bangladesh captured only two golds in the regional event to finish fifth among the seven SAARC nations. The Kathmandu spectacle turned out to be the worst ever performance for Bangladesh except for the football gold. Apart from the football suc-

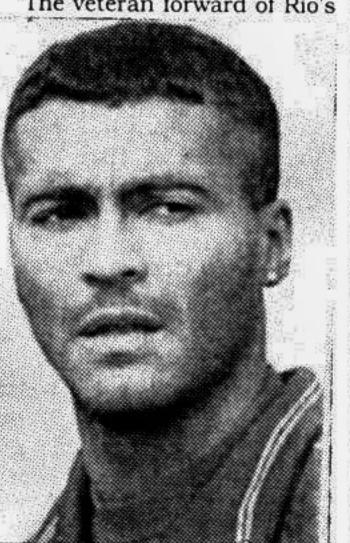
cess. Bangladesh put up a pathetic show in almost all the 12 events they took part in the eighth edition of the biennialsporting extravaganza.

The other gold came in the team event of shooting. But the athletes and swimmers failed miserably to win even a single gold in the meet. Bangladesh send a huge 173-member contingent to Kathmandu.

## Romario may play for Saudis!

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct 16: Romario could be a surprise reinforcement for Saudi Arabia's Al-Nassr at the World Club Championship in January, the Brazilian striker said, reports

The veteran forward of Rio's



Flamengo told reporters he had been approached about joining the club for the 10-day tournament among eight clubs, which include all six continental

champions. There is great interest, but I can only resolve this after December 31," Romario said in an interview with the Rio daily O Globo. "Since it's just to play in the tournament, maybe there is no problem, principally if Flamengo doesn't renew my con-

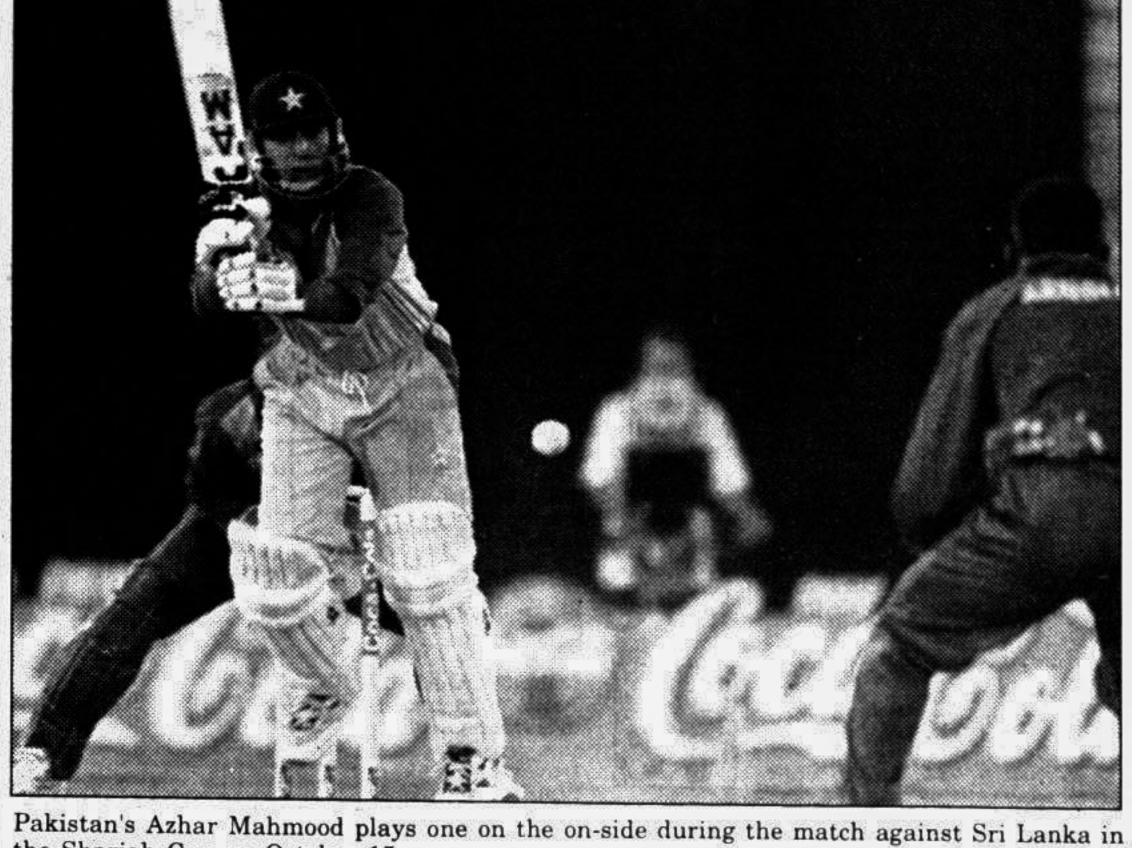
Romario, 33, is Flamengo's leading scorer with nine goals this season. He is expected to leave the club after this year and reportedly has offers to play in Mexico.

#### David's dad comes to son's aid

MANCHESTER, Oct 16: David Beckham's father Ted claimed Friday that support from Manchester United fans and the club after the midfielder's 1998 World Cup dismissal will ensure he does not abandon Old Trafford., reports AFP.

Beckham's position at United has come into question in recent days, and although the England star insisted he wanted to stay at United, a report on Friday claimed he and his pop star wife, Posh Spice Victoria Adams, have bought a new mansion in Hertfordshire, 200 miles (320 kilometres) from Manchester.

Beckham's father, Ted, said that his son will remain at Old Trafford after the fans helped him recover from that low point in France to inspire his club to last season's Treble.



the Sharjah Cup on October 15.

## Miraculous Pakistan

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Oct 16: A deadly five-wicket burst by fast bowler Abdur Razzaq bro-

ught Pakistan back from the dead to force a dramatic tie with Sri Lanka in the Coca-Cola Sharjah Cup here on Friday. reports AFP. Sri Lanka, chasing Pak-

istan's modest 196 all out, were set for an easy win when a 115run stand for the second wicket between Romesh Kaluwitharana and Russel Arnold took them to 157 for one. Sri Lanka, however, lost their last nine wickets for the

addition of 39 runs as Razzaq ripped through the lower order to finish with five for 31. The tie left Pakistan at the top of the table with three

points, followed by the West Indies (two) and Sri Lanka (one). The second leg starts on Sunday after a day's rest with Sri Lanka taking on the West

Indies. The top two teams from the league will clash in the final next Friday. Kaluwitharana, promoted as opener in place of skipper

Sanath Jayasuriya, put on 42 for the first wicket with Marvan Atapattu before going on to make what appeared to be a match-winning 75. The pugnacious wicketkeeper overcame the loss of Atapattu in the ninth over to tame

boundaries, including three in one over from Razzaq. Razzaq took revenge when Kaluwitharana tickled a catch behind the stumps in the 36th over, which began a sensational

the Pakistani attack with seven

Sri Lankan collapse. After Arnold was bowled by young off-spinner Shoaib Malik for 61. Wasim Akram returned for a final burst to claim Jayasuriya and veteran Aravinda de Silva in two overs.

Razzaq dismissed vice-captain Mahela Jayawardena and Suresh Perera off successive balls, and then clean bowled Chaminda Vaas as Sri Lanka slipped to 194 for eight.

Muttiah Muralitharan helped Chamara Silva level the

scores, but then ran himself out in trying to secure victory with a risky single. Razzaq then bowled Silva

with the first ball of the final over to sent some 14,000 holiday fans at the Sharjah cricket ground in wild jubilation. Earlier, Muralitharan conceded just 16 runs in his first

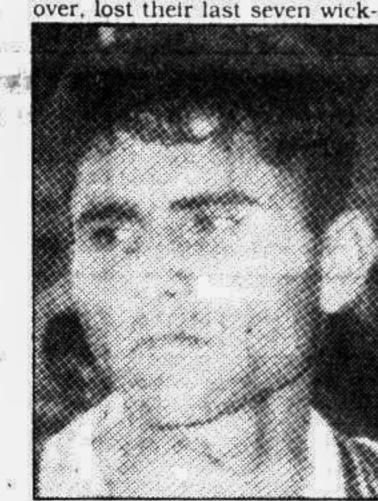
runs hard to come by after electing to take first strike. They were saved from total collapse by a 93-run stand for the third wicket between Inza-

seven overs and finished with

two for 22 as Pakistan found

mamul Haq and Yousuf Youhana. Inzamam followed his 71 against the West Indies, with another fine knock of 42.

Youhana made 48. Pakistan, well-placed for a late charge at 157-3 in the 41st



RAZZAQ. ets for the addition of 39 runs. Three batsmen ran themselves

Inzamam and Youhana came together after left-arm seamer Chaminda Vaas removed openers Aamir Sohail and Saeed Anwar in successive overs to make Pakistan 38 for two in the 11th over.

Sohail, fighting to win the selectors' confidence ahead of the selection for the Australian tour on Sunday, failed for the second time in the tournament when he was bowled by Vaas for

Anwar, who looked in ominous touch while hitting Nuwan Zoysa for six in his 30, offered a tame return catch to Vaas while trying to flick.

The Sri Lankans fielded superbly to restrict Pakistan to just 128 for two by the 35th Jayasuriya picked up a low catch at mid-wicket to get rid of

Inzamam in the 36th over when the batsman failed to keep a pull shot off Arnold on the ground. Youhana suffered the embarrassment of being run out for 48

for the second successive day when Hasan Raza did not respond to his call for a sharp single to short third man.

The rest of the batting fell apart against their aggress ve rivals, only for the Sri Lankens to follow suit.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the Coca-Cola Sharjah Cup one-day interna-

tional between Pakistan and Sri Lanka on Friday: PAKISTAN: 196 all out in

49.4 overs (Youhana 48, Inzamam 42, Anwar 30; Muralitharan 2/22, Vaas 2/29, Jayasuriya 2/42) SRI LANKA Atapattu c Moin b Akram Kaluwitharana c Moin b

Razzag Arnold b Malik De Silva b Akram Jayasuriya c Moin b Akram Jayawardena c Moin b Razzaq C Silva b Razzaq Perera b Razzaq Vaas b Razzaq Muralitharan run out Zovsa not out

Extras: (b-2; lb-9; w-11; nb-2) 24 Total: (All out in 49.1 overs) 196 Fall of wickets: 1-42; 2-157; 3-173; 4-174; 5-177; 6-186; 7-186; 8-194; 9-196

Bowler Akram 38 Razzag Mahmood 33 Malik 0 42 Arshad 33 0 Sohail

Result: Match tied Man-of-the-match: Abdur Razzag Next match: Sri Lanka vs West Indies (Sunday)

# Shoaib fit for tour down under



KARACHI, Oct 16: Pakistan tearaway Shoaib Akhter gets the green signal from the selectors for their

forthcoming tour of Australia. Naushad Ali, the chairman of the national selection committee, informed on Friday that Shoaib, currently rated as world's fastest bowler, had been cleared by the doctors, says a report of The News daily.

Shoaib had withdrawn from the Toronto series against the West Indies in September because of a nagging should problem and went to England for medical advice and treatment. Selectors also left Shoaib out of the ongoing Sharjah tournament to allow his recurring shoulder more rest.

"I just got a message today from England stating that Shoaib is fit to play in Australia. I have asked him to report in Sharjah before the team leaves for Australia," disclosed Naushad.

Pakistan cricket team is scheduled to leave for Australia from Sharjah on October 24. Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) ad hoc committee member Javed Zaman Khan, who is discharging all duties in absence of its chairman Mujib-ur-Rahman now in detention, had a telephonic conversation with the team manager Yawar Saeed in Sharjah on Friday and asked him to continue with the tour as planned. "We as selectors have been

given a job to pursue immediately which is to select the team for Australia. That is presently our top priority," Naushad said.

The chief selector will leave on Sunday for Sharjah to join the two other selectors Rameez

Raja and Abdul Raquib to finalise the 16-member squad for the Australian tour.

Asked about the possible touring squad, he was candid in stating that unless something went drastically wrong in Sharjah or some player performed outstandingly, the plan was to send back young off-spinner Shoaib Malik, fast bowler Waqar Younis, batsman Hasan Raza and Arshad Khan from Sharjah and in their place would come Shoaib Akhtar. Saglain Mushtaq and two other players.

"We are studying the possiility of sending someone as experienced as Rashid Latif to Australia as the second wicketkeeper and batsman, but so far no decision has been made as He admitted that idea was to

send Ijaz Ahmed in his place of Hasan Raza for the Australian tour because of fjaz's record there and his experience at Test



SHOAIB AKHTAR

match level "But to be honest right nov it seems unlikely if we will be able to get clearance from the Board

for Ijaz." Asked about the possibility of Muhammad Wasim making the grade for Australia, the chief selector hinted that there were problems regarding his selection. The stylish middleorder batsman was arrested by the Lahore police recently on charges of immoral activities.

"In such circumstances we cannot rule out the possibility of retaining Hasan, but we still feel he is immature for Test matches in Australia.

Asked about the whereabouts of the Chairman of the Board, who has remained untraceable since the Army coup, Naushad stated he was not aware of the real facts and would not like to

make unnecessary comments. PROBABLE SQUAD

Wasim Akram (capt), Moin Khan (vice-capt). Saeed Anwar, Aamir Sohail. Wajahatullah Wasti, Inzamamul Haq. Yousaf Youhana, Azhar Mehmood, Abdul Razzak, Shabbir Ahmed, Muhammad Akram, Shoaib Akhtar, Saqlain Mushtaq. Rashid Latif, Shahid Afridi and Ijaz Ahmed/Hasan Raza or Muhammad Wasim.

#### Real offer for Jarni

MADRID, Oct 16: Real Madrid will give Croatian international Robert Jarni the chance to resurrect his career at the Bernabeu, coach John Toshack said on Friday, reports Reuters.

Jarni was frozen out at Real at the start of the season.