



**Mohammad Azharuddin**  
(Former Indian cricket captain)

"I am not worried about criticism as there will always be people to criticise."

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## Stead flying in for McMillan

WELLINGTON, Oct 25: Batsman Gary Stead will join the New Zealand touring side in India after Craig McMillan fractured a finger while Fielding. New Zealand Cricket said today, reports Reuters.

McMillan fractured the first joint of his right-hand index finger during the second Test against India at Kanpur.

"The injury occurred late on the first day of play and x-rays confirmed a break the following day," NZ Cricket said.

The team's physiotherapist Mark Harrison said a decision on McMillan's return to New Zealand would not be taken until Tuesday.

Stead, who had been on standby for the tour, will leave on Tuesday to be in India in time for third Test at Ahmedabad.

He has played two tests for New Zealand, both against South Africa last season when McMillan was also injured. In three innings against the South Africans he averaged 42.66.

## Obermann Soccer

On completion of the Holger Obermann training course for football coaches, a friendly 50-minute match will be played at the Mirpur Stadium today at 4:30 pm, says a press release.

The two-week camp was jointly organised by the German Olympic Association and Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) with the help of Bangladesh Football Federation.

## Stumper Nixon joins Kent

LONDON, Oct 25 (AFP): Kent confirmed Monday they have signed Leicestershire wicket-keeper Paul Nixon.

Nixon, 29 last week, has signed a three-year contract and said: "Joining Kent is a very exciting development for me. Kent's reputation for producing England wicket-keepers is legendary."

"Playing for Leicestershire has been a great experience but I am now looking forward to the new challenges at Kent."

Nixon's arrival at Canterbury will place question marks regarding the future of Steve Marsh.

## England A Basharred

From Hasan Masood in Chittagong



Oct 25: Habibul Bashar scored his maiden century for Bangladesh to provide a platform for his skipper Aminul Islam to challenge his England A opposite number in their three-day match that began at the M A Aziz Stadium here today.

Bashar, who scored 83 against the visitors for the Bangladesh Cricket Board XI in a limited-overs match a couple of days back at Dhaka, continued with his flair. He scored an unbeaten 143 that helped the home side to score an imposing 315 for 8 in only 81 overs before Aminul declared the innings 35 minutes before stumps.

In reply, the tourists were on 15 for no loss at close. Ian Ward and Michael Gough were at the crease.

Opener Javed Omar Belim for his part kept the 20 thousand partisan crowd alive in the first session with his brilliant fifty.

Bashar came to bat at number three when Bangladesh lost their first wicket in the early morning session with the score on 34 in the 9th over.

The other opener, Shahriar Hossain, made a shaky start against the English pace attack. He finally edged first-change medium-pacer Paul Franks to the safe hands of Marcus Trescothick at second slip, having scored only nine runs in 46 minutes.

Javed Omar, who was aggressive from the start playing a lot of strokes, then took charge along with Bashar.

The teams went for lunch with Bangladesh on 105 for one in 27 overs, the result of a 71-run partnership. Javed was batting on 53 and Bashar on 26.

Javed Omar, contrary to his characteristic style, took only 71 balls to complete his 50, which included eight sweetly timed hits across the rope.

The second-wicket stand was broken in the first over of the post-lunch session when leggie Chris Schofield, the wicket-keeper who finished with a six-wicket haul, struck for the first time. Schofield also captured five wickets against BCB XI at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday.

Javed Omar became the first victim of the tall tweaker without adding anything to the scoreboard after lunch. In his more than three hours stay at the crease, Javed faced 90 balls and smote eight boundaries.

After Javed's departure, Bashar shared a 114-run partnership with his skipper Aminul Islam before the latter was caught at the mid-wicket region while trying to pull Schofield. Aminul fell three runs short of what could have been a deserving half-century. Aminul stayed at the crease for 157 minutes and played 97 balls for his 47 that was embellished with six fours.

Former captain and local lad Kram Khan followed his successor soon after without bothering the scorers. Bangladesh went for tea with 219 runs and four wickets short. The portly middle-order, who returned to the side after a five-month lay-off for suffering Achilles tendon injury, top-edged a sharp one from Schofield that ended in the safe hands of Solanki. He faced only two balls. It was big let down considering the standing ovation that greeted his arrival on

the pitch.

The middle-order collapse continued after tea and Bangladesh lost two more quick wickets adding only a single run. Vice-captain Khaled Mahmud returned for a duck and wicketkeeper Khaled Masood scored only one. Left-handed all-rounder Enamul Hoque lengthened the queue to the pavilion after scoring 11 runs.

In a span eight overs



Star file photo of Habibul Bashar.

Bangladesh were reduced to 239 for 7 from a commanding position of 292.

Bashar, who was on 83 at tea, saw five of his partners depart, but added 44 runs for the useful eighth wicket stand with Sabir Khan.

Tailender Khan pumped 17 runs (two huge sixes and a four) in one Solanki over, and contributed with a quick-fire 20. Sabir became the sixth victim of Schofield.

Bashar added 27 runs in the unbeaten 30-run ninth wicket partnership with Sufiuddin Ahmed before the innings was declared.

Bashar's innings was 272-minute long. He reached the magical three figures after tea having faced 168 balls which included a six and 13 fours. He hit five more boundaries to score his unbeaten 143.

The match resumes this morning at 9.30 am.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first day of the three-day match between Bangladesh and England A played at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on October 25.

**Bowler** O M R W

Chris Schofield 6 0 30 0

James Kirtley 10 4 17 0

Paul Franks 8 0 34 1

Chris Schofield 30 4 120 6

Michael Davies 14 3 47 0

Vikram Solanki 10 0 36 1

Marcus Trescothick 3 0 19 0

**ENGLAND: First Innings**

Michael Gough batting 3

Ian Ward batting 12

Extras: 0

Total: (For no loss in 7 overs) 15

To bat: Marcus Trescothick,

Vikram Solanki, Aftab Habib,

Mark Alleyne, James Kirtley,

Alamgir Sheriyan, Paul Franks,

Chris Schofield and Michael Davies.

**Bowler** O M R W

Monjurul Islam 2 1 4 0

Sufiuddin Ahmed 2 2 0 0

Enamul Hoque 2 1 1 0

Sabir Khan 1 0 10 0

**ENGLAND: Second Innings**

Michael Gough batting 3

Ian Ward batting 12

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Ian Ward batting 12

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To bat: Marcus Trescothick,

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Vikram Solanki, Aftab Habib,

Mark Alleyne, James Kirtley,

Alamgir Sheriyan, Paul Franks,

Chris Schofield and Michael Davies.

**Bowler** O M R W

Monjurul Islam 2 1 4 0

Sufiuddin Ahmed 2 2 0 0

Enamul Hoque 2 1 1 0

Sabir Khan 1 0 10 0

**ENGLAND: Fifth Innings**

Michael Gough batting 3

Ian Ward batting 12

Extras: 0

Total: (For no loss in 7 overs) 15

To bat: Marcus Trescothick,

Vikram Solanki, Aftab Habib,

Mark Alleyne, James Kirtley,

Alamgir Sheriyan, Paul Franks,

Chris Schofield and Michael Davies.

**Bowler** O M R W

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