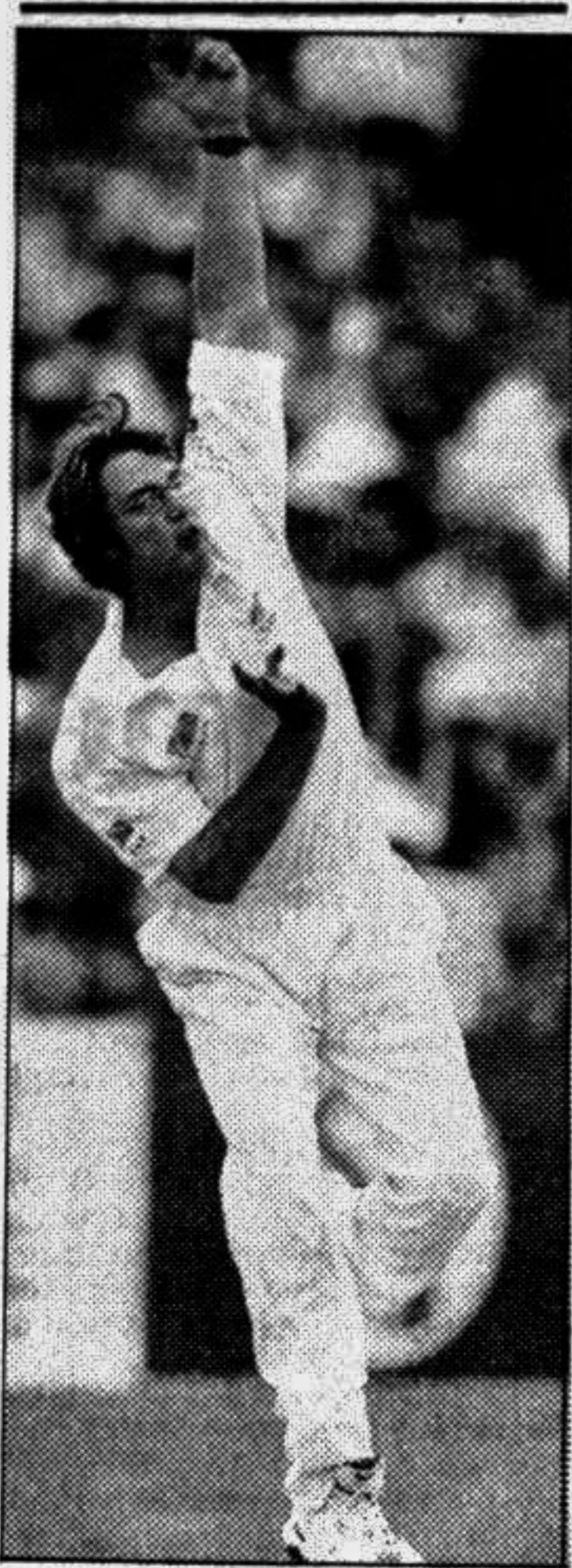


## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Daniel Luca Vettori**

(Star New Zealand spinner) I bowled left-arm medium pace when I was a bit younger and changed when I was about 15. Spin was just something different. No one was really doing that, bowling spin at school, so I just changed around. All went from there.

Why he took to spin-bowling.

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## Bagan U-16 defeat Hyderabad's Raju

Sports Reporter

Riad scored a captain's knock of a breezy half-century to guide Kalabagan Under-16 team to 20-run win over the touring Raju's Cricket Coaching of Hyderabad at the Dhamond Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Riad scored a swashbuckling 64 off only 32 balls with the help of half a dozen sixes and five fours as the juvenile selection of Kalabagan recovered from a dreadful 89/7 to pile up a commanding 188 before being all out in 39.1 overs.

Coming in to bat at number seven with his side reeling on 80/5, Riad led a spectacular recovery operation, putting on 72 runs with Pritom for the eighth wicket.

Srikant and Sunil, who evenly shared six wickets, were responsible for the early Kalabagan collapse.

In reply, Raju's CC could manage only 168 before being all out in 38.3 overs with captain Saravan notching highest 41 runs for the visitors.

### BRIEF SCORES

Kalabagan U-16: 188 all out in 39.2 overs (Riad 64, Punna 32, Srikant 3/29, Sunil 3/38). Raju's CC: 168 all out in 38.3 overs (Saravan 41, Sunil 38; Safi 2/24, Sunny 2/24).

## Chittagong 3-dayer drawn

From Hasan Masood in Chittagong



Oct 27: The three-day match between the visiting England A and Bangladesh ended predictably in a tame draw at the M A Aziz Stadium here today.

The second string England side, aided by a swashbuckling 185 from middle-order batsman Vikram Solanki piled up a first innings total of 388 before being all out 16 minutes after lunch, leaving the home side with a deficit of 73 runs and nearly two sessions to bat.

Bangladesh scored 158 for five when the umpires took off the balls half an hour before the scheduled end of the match.

Vikram Solanki and Bangladesh all-rounder Habibul Bashar, who followed up his brilliant unbeaten 143 with two wickets for 28 runs yesterday, were jointly named man-of-the-match and received 500 USD each.

The tourists, who resumed the day with 269 for seven, had to rely on in-form Solanki to make sure that they put up enough total on the board.

Solanki, unbeaten on 106 overnight, produced 115 runs for the eighth wicket with James Kirtley for the big total. Kirtley made 32.

Solanki took Bangladesh bowlers to the sword for the second consecutive day and scored another 79 runs in the first session before he was clean bowled by Habibul Bashar five minutes before lunch.

Solanki, who stayed at the crease for five hours and 42 minutes, clouted seven sixes and 20 fours in his 277-ball 185. He was particularly hostile against right-arm medium-pace Safiuddin Ahmed, against whom the elegant batsman heaved a couple of sixes over the long-off fence.

The England tail perished quickly after the dismissal of Solanki. Slow left-arm Enamul Hoque wrapped up the England innings by removing number eleven batsman Alamgir Sherier to finish with 4 for 107 from 49.2 overs.

Bangladesh, who scored 315 for eight declared in the first innings, lost five wickets in the second but never looked in trouble as the match progressed to an inevitable draw.

They were off to a flying start with Shahriar Hossain and Javed Omar producing 43 runs in 10 overs. The two were

separated when leg spinner Chris Schofield bowled Shahriar for 27. Javed followed him soon after scoring 19.

One-down Habibul Bashar and skipper Aminul Islam added 49 runs for the third wicket before the former was caught at backward square leg by Aftab Habib for 33 off Davies. In his 59-minute stay, Habibul smote six boundaries.

Aminul scored highest 44 runs in 86 minutes that in-



**HABIBUL BASHAR ... m-o-m**

cluded seven sweetly-timed hits across the rope.

Khaled Mahmud, who scored 15 off 31 balls with a huge six and two fours, was the last man to be dismissed.

Left-handed lower-order Enamul Hoque (14) and wicket-keeper Khaled Masood (2) were not out.

The teams, meeting each other in a day-night limited over

match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium Dhaka on Friday, were scheduled to fly to the capital tonight.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the three-day match between England A and Bangladesh concluded at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Wednesday:

**BANGLADESH:** First innings 315 for 8 declared (Habibul Bashar 143, Javed Omar 53, Aminul Islam 47, Sabbir Khan 20, Chris Schofield 6/120).

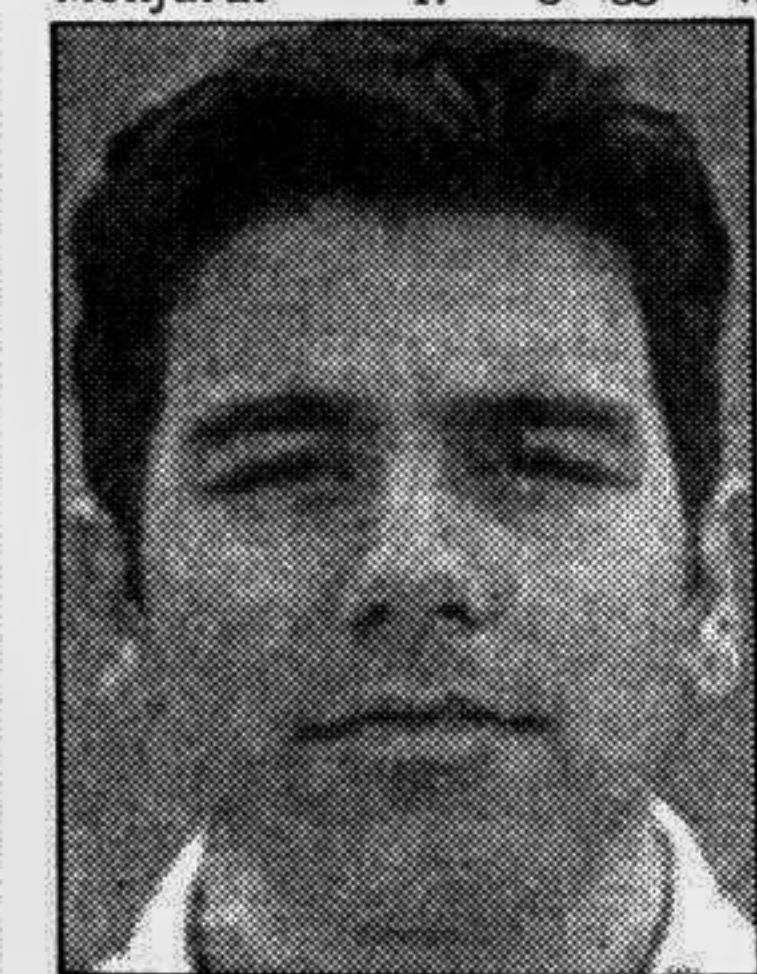
**ENGLAND A:** First innings (overnight 269 for seven) Gough 106 b Sabir 29

Ward c Akram b Sabir 53

Trescothick st K Masood b Enamul 29

Solanki b Habibul 185

Aftab Habib run out	33			
Alleyne b Enamul	0			
Schofield c sub (Al-Shahriar) b Enamul	1			
Franks c K Masood b Sabir	5			
Kirtley c sub (Al-Shahriar) b Habibul	32			
Davies not out	12			
Sherier st K Masood b Enamul	1			
Extras: (b-5, lb-2, nb-1)	8			
Total: (All out in 131.2 overs)	388			
Fall of wickets: 1-82; 2-93; 3-160; 4-218; 5-234; 6-236; 7-258; 8-373; 9-382				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Monjurul	17	5	53	0



**VIKRAM SOLANKI ... m-o-m**

Shafuddin 18 5 58 0

Enamul 49.2 16 107 4

Sabbir 31 9 87 3

K Mahmud 5 1 29 0

Habibul 7 2 28 2

Javed 1 0 2 0

**BANGLADESH:** Second in-

nings

Shahriar b Schofield 27

Javed Omar c Ward b Davies 19

Habibul c Habib b Davies 35

Aminul b Franks 44

K Mahmud c Alleyne b Schofield 5

K Masood not out 2

Enamul not out 14

Extras: (nb-2) 2

Total: (For 5 wickets in 47 overs) 158

Did not bat: Akram Khan, Sabbir Khan, Monjurul Islam and Shafuddin Ahmed.

Fall of wickets: 1-43; 2-55; 3-104; 4-142; 5-142.

**Bowler**

Kirtley 3 0 11 0

Sherier 3 0 18 0

Davies 14 5 35 2

Schofield 13 0 56 2

Solanki 8 1 33 0

Franks 5 3 3 1

Gough 1 0 2 0

**Result: Match drawn.**

**Man-of-the-match: Habibul Bashar (Bangladesh) and Vikram Solanki (England A).**

**Umpires: SP Chowdhury, Shishir and Manjurur Rahman.**

## BFF fail to woo Mohammedan

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday condemned the attacks on the Dhaka Mohanagiri Football League Committee (DMFLC) office over the last couple of days and formed an inquiry committee headed by its senior vice-president Bir Bahadur, MP.

But football's ruling body failed to make Mohammedan sit in a four-team meeting to end the deadlock of the Premier Football League created after the boycott threat of Abahani on October 24.

Although Mohammedan, who refused to take part in the league in protest against the DMFLC decision of postponing their scheduled match against Abahani on October 25, did not turn up at the meeting, BFF joint-secretary Badal Roy said that the other three teams — Abahani, Muktioddha and Arambagh — have agreed to take part in the league.

"We are optimistic of convincing Mohammedan to take part in the league. Our vice-president Anjan Chowdhury will talk to Mohammedan to end the impasse," said Badal Roy.

"We want to complete the league before November 3 because we will have to prepare the national team for the Asian Championship," Badal added.

## Bangladesh impress in long version

From Hasan Masood

Chittagong, Oct 27: Director of Coaching Eddie Barlow seemed to be the happiest man after his side performed credibly against the touring England A in the three-day match which concluded here at the MA Aziz Stadium this afternoon.

Talking to reporters after the match, the South African expressed complete satisfaction with the boys.

"They have improved a lot. Look at their batting, bowling and fielding. I am totally impressed with their approach," Barlow said.

"They are gradually learning how to play three-day matches. Maybe we will see a better show in the four-day match next week."

"These boys are not as experienced as the English, but the way they fought, it was brilliant," he added.

Skipper Aminul Islam also gave his side full credit for their performance.

"This confidence will help us when we face them in the four-day match at Dhaka. This also shows how fast we are improving in playing the longer version," said Aminul.

He also praised his batsmen and bowlers, and congratulated Habibul Bashar and Javed Omar for batting well.

About his own batting, Aminul revealed that he has regained his confidence after playing two 40-plus innings here and wants to keep it up.

England A manager and former England captain Mike Gatting also

had some words of praise for the Bangladesh team.

"I never thought they were inexperienced in playing three-day matches."

They all looked matured and played quite sensibly," Gatting said.

He also revealed that a result from the match did not come because of its duration.

"May be there will be a result in the four-day match," Gatting added.

## Sifat, Cookson in eves' final

Sports Reporter

Top seed Sifat Nusrat Baishakhi and Naomi Cookson moved into the women's singles final of the Open National Tennis Championships defeating their respective semifinal opponents at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday.

Sifat recorded a hard-fought 7-5, 7-5 victory over Sathi Sarkar, but Naomi had a rather easy sail against Disha Islam. The student of American School won the lopsided affair 6-1, 6-2.

In the boy's under-13 age group, Amol Roy advanced into the final defeating Shah Newaz 6-1, 6-3.

In the other matches on the fourth day, Dilip Pasia recorded a 6-2, 6-1 win over Sakib, Salauddin defeated Lakan 6-3, 6-3 and Alamgir prevailed over Munir 6-3, 7-5 to confirm their berths in the men's singles semifinals.

## SL name 16 for Zimbabwe tour

COLOMBO, Oct 27: Sri Lanka today named a 16-member squad led by skipper Sanath Jayasuriya for next month's tour of Zimbabwe, reports AFP.

The squad: Sanath Jayasuriya (captain), Mahela Jayawardena (vice captain), Aravinda de Silva, Muttiah Muralitharan, Chaminda Vaas, Marvan Atapattu, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Russel Arnold, Pramodya Wickramasinghe, Suresh Perera, Indika Gallage, Chamara Silva, Indika de Seram, Ranga Herath, Prassanna Jayawardena and Nuwan Soya.

## Dhaka One-day match Injury recurs to force Akram out

Sports Reporter



Former national captain Akram Khan has been dropped from the 14-member Bangladesh team

announced for the day-night limited over match against the visiting England A.

The match will be played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium tomorrow.

Akram, who is yet to recover from an Achilles tendon injury, got a controversial call from the selectors to play the three-day match against the second string England side at Chittagong to gratify the sentiment of the home crowd. But the decision, proven premature, backfired as the portly right-hander scored a two-ball duck in the first innings and did not return to bat in the second after his injury aggravated.

Al-Shahriar has been named to replace Akram.

Also included is left-arm seamer Monjurul, subject to passing a fitness test, failing which Aminul Islam (Jr) will get the nod.

Hasan Masood adds from Chittagong:

The injured Chittagonian, who was out of action for the last four months, was reportedly included in the Bangladesh team despite Director of Coaching Eddie Barlow advising him rest for another couple of weeks.

Barlow expressed his fear to

the press prior to the match that Akram might suffer the injury again.

He left the ground yesterday afternoon while fielding at slips.

"This is ridiculous and sad. We should never have succumbed to the emotional public demand. Instead we should have taken care of the injured cricketer," said a visibly dejected Barlow after the match today.

"The people here wanted to see him as he is very popular. But nobody thought of him (Akram). Now this guy will have to rest for another six

weeks," added Barlow.

When contacted, Akram also confirmed about the pain on his left foot and said that he was not returning to the capital with the national team.

Instead, he would stay back at Chittagong.

Physio Gavin Benjafield also said that Akram's injury had recurred and he will be off from the action for the next couple of months.

**Bangladesh:** Aminul Islam (captain), Shahriar Hossain, Javed Omar, Belim, Habibul Bashar, Al-Shahriar, Khaled Mahmud, Khaled Masood, Enamul Hoque, Sabbir Khan, Safiuddin Ahmed, Monjurul Islam, Aminul Islam (Jr), Bikash Ranjan Das, Mushfiqur Rahman and Mehrib Hossain.

## Gatting on M A Aziz Stadium

CHITTAGONG, Oct 27: Renowned cricketer and manager of visiting England A team Mike Gatting today observed that Chittagong M A Aziz Stadium could be a venue for international cricket.

Talking to BSS this morning at the stadium, Gatting said, "This stadium is okay for international matches, but it needs some improvement in wicket and spacious players' dressing rooms."

Gatting, who played for England for 14 years and led the home side for two and a half years, said, "Chittagong Stadium needs improved practice facilities." He termed the big crowd here as an asset for the future of the game.

Gatting, who played in 79 Tests and 91 one-day internationals in his brilliant career, said, "Yesterday our coach Martyn Moxon had a look at the flood lights of the stadium and, according to him, this venue is also fit for day-night games."

Asked to comment on the prospect of Bangladesh's Test status, Gatting said, "I witnessed some of your one-day matches in the World Cup and the current one and some of your longer version matches but I shall have to watch some more matches before making any comment on the issue."

However, Bangladesh players need more practice against fast bowling to cope with the longer version of the game for achieving Test status," he mentioned.

Two visiting English journalists Pal Dellar of Sports Line and Charles Randall of the Daily Telegraph also recommended M A Aziz Stadium as an international venue.



Pakistan opener Saeed Anwar plays one on the on-side during the tour match against Western Australia at the WACA yesterday.

## Mohammad Wasim's ton goes awry

## Second defeat for Pakistan



PERTH, Oct 27: Pakistan were defeated by Western Australia by three runs despite a hard-hitting century by right-handed batsman Mohammad Wasim here tonight in the World Cup finalists' first major game of their Australian tour, reports AFP.

Pakistan had appeared set for victory, but lost three wickets in the last over of their innings to finish with 250 for 9 after Western Australia had reached 253 for 7.

Wasim, batting at number three, hammered 100 from 116 balls.

The morale-sapping loss followed the tourists' seven-wicket drubbing by an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI in a carnival game at Lilac Hill Park near here Tuesday.

With an over of their innings to go, Pakistan were 248 for 6, needing just six runs for victory off six deliveries.

Medium pace bowler Kade Harvey became a hero for the local team by trapping Wasim with the first ball and bowling both Mushtaq Ahmed for one and Shoaib Akhtar for a duck with his fifth and sixth balls.

Other important batting contributions for Pakistan came from opener Saeed Anwar on 31, acting captain Ijaz Ahmed with 35 and Yousuf Youhana with 25.

Sub-standard fielding and a slow over rate cost Pakistan dearly in the Western Australian innings.

Two catches — both off express bowler Shoaib Akhtar — were grounded, general ball handling was sloppy and the overs were sent down so slowly that the team were penalised by having three overs deducted from their batting allocation.

On the credit side, 19-year-

old speed merchant Abdur Razzaq excelled, maintaining the promise he showed in this year's World Cup, and fast bowling sensation Shoaib Akhtar worked up a blistering pace.

Razzaq, who earned 13 wickets during the World Cup in England, captured a well-merited 4-64 from his 10 overs.

Akhtar, with 1-48 from 10 overs, despatched opening batsman Ryan Campbell, who made a century against the tourists in the carnival game the previous day, for a duck with the third ball of his opening over, and would have had three scalps by his sixth over but for the two dropped catches.

Ijaz Ahmed missed a chance at mid-on offered by Damien Martyn with 13 before the right-hander had scored, and Mohammad Akram spilled a mis-cue to the same position from Brendan Julian, then 38.

Julian went on to top score for the State side with a polished 64 from 85 balls.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scorecard at close of Western Australia-Pakistan day-night one-day match at WACA Ground here Wednesday:

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Gilchrist c Youhana b Razzaq 37

Campbell c Mohammad 0

Wasim b Akhtar 100

Martyn c Mushtaq Ahmed b Razzaq 13

Katich c Mohammad Wasim b Waqar 22

Julian b Razzaq 64

Langer not out 62

Moody b Razzaq 4