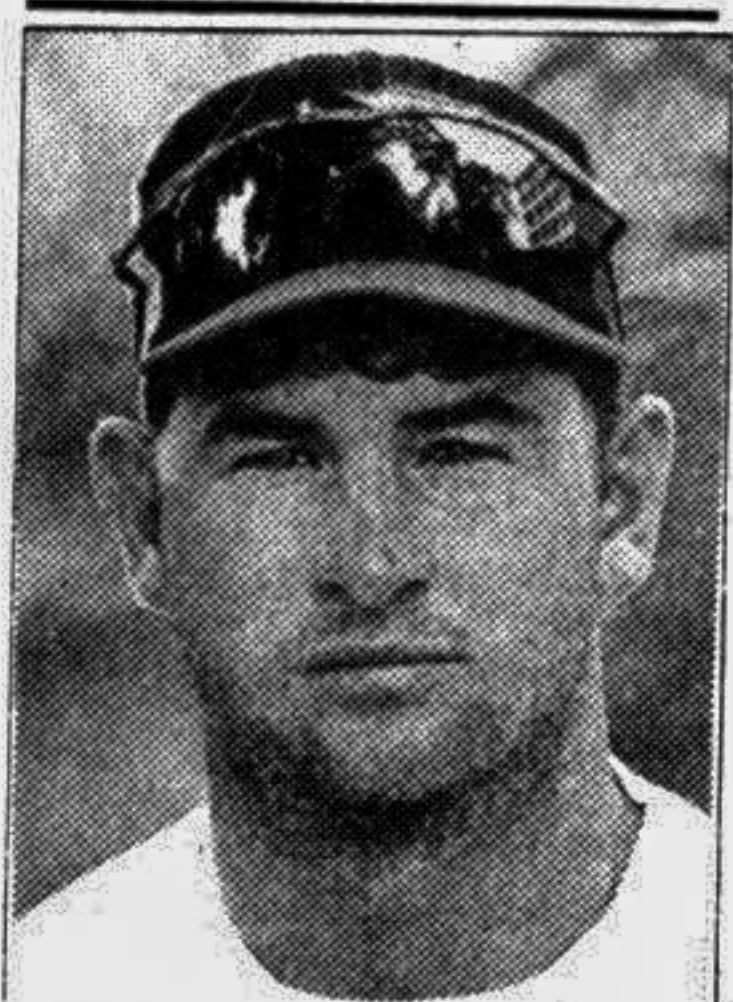


## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Alistair Campbell**  
(Former Zimbabwe cricket captain)  
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On his resignation.

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## Gough back in action

BLOEMFONTEIN, Nov 11 (Internet report): England's key strike bowler, Darren Gough, will return to action when the tourists tackle a combined Free State/Griquas XI in Bloemfontein this weekend.

Sidelined by injury since sending down just 10 overs in the tourists' opening fixture in Randjesfontein, Gough will share the new ball with Alan Mullally in an attack which might have to lean heavily on part-timers.

With Andy Caddick and Alex Tudor being rested, Dean Headley still nursing a back injury and all-rounder Andrew Flintoff unable to bowl, the tourists have had to dig deep to come up with a balanced XI.

But with left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell as the only other specialist, they still appear to be a bit short on the bowling front. All-rounders Gavin Hamilton and Michael Vaughan, however, have at least been given another opportunity to show they are capable of it.

The selection of Flintoff as a specialist bat in an otherwise shadow Test order is also a clear indication of which way England are thinking of going in the first international.

**SQUAD**  
Michael Atherton, Mark Butcher, Nasser Hussain (capt.), Michael Vaughan, Alec Stewart, Chris Adams, Andrew Flintoff, Gavin Hamilton, Darren Gough, Alan Mullally, Phil Tufnell.

## Pioneer soccer begins today

CHITTAGONG, Nov 11: Ispahani Mohanagari Pioneer football competition under the auspices of Chittagong Mohanagari Krira Sangstha (CMKS) will begin at the Dampara Police Lines ground here tomorrow, reports BSS.

CMKS president and commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police will inaugurate the competition.

Shagorika Shilpa Ekadosh will face Bhaktia Society in the inaugural match.

Thirty teams divided into eight groups are taking part in the competition.

Eight teams from eight groups will be qualified for the second round, which will be held on knockout basis.

## CCDM's show of strength

Sports Reporter

The Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) added fuel to the fire by deferring the date of players' transfer of the Premier Division clubs for another day.

In a meeting last night, the CCDM cold-shouldered the demand of agitating cricketers to hold the inter-club bourse before the start of the national league, which is scheduled to begin on November 16.

The buttoned-up CCDM, who runs the most colourful domestic league, displayed their show of strength, by shifting the scheduled date of the three-day bourse from January 16 to 17.

The organisers of Dhaka cricket called the emergency meeting following a boycott threat from the newly-floated Cricketers Welfare Association of Bangladesh (CWAB), who on Tuesday formally declared their one-point demand for the transfer ahead of the national league. In a memorandum to the BCB, the governing body of country's cricket, the CWAB also said that all the registered cricketers would refrain from taking part in any domestic competition until their demand was met.

Neither the CCDM chairman Tanvir Halder nor the CWAB officials could be reached till filing of this report.

"None of the clubs have agreed to participate in the transfer this month," said CCDM secretary Mahmud Ul Haq after the meeting. He also said that the Premier League would start from February 4.

Cricketers earn their bucks mostly by playing club cricket. The introduction of national league this year has raised suspicion to many cricketers that they might lose financially if

the clubs opted out of domestic competition citing time constraint in the cricket calendar. Their mistrust intensified when the BCB decided to exclude the twelve Premier Clubs from the Damal Smriti Cricket tournament, the traditional season's curtain-raiser.

"Cricketers had a fear whether there would be any Premier league this season. Today we have removed all the fears by declaring the date of the league. I think this will be reassuring for them," reasoned Mahmud Ul Haq.

He also revealed that the Premier league would return to its old format this season.

"All the matches will be 50-over-a-side affairs with top six teams moving into the Super league. The bottom six teams will take part in the Relegation league," said Mahmud, who is also a BCB joint-secretary.

"The Super league will be held under lights."

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Sirajul said that they would have the full committee within a few days.

The BFF has also taken fresh initiatives to woo the Laser Sports Management (LSM), a Calcutta based company, to sponsor the league.

SS Dasgupta of the LSM, who are also sponsoring the Indian national league, will arrive in the capital tomorrow to have a discussion with the BFF in this regard, Sirajul revealed.

About the probable date of the kick-off, Sirajul said they would fix a tentative date after meeting with Dasgupta.

BFF is however yet to decide about the number of teams in the league, which will be played on home and away basis.

Six teams from six divisions would take part in the league, but it was not finalised yet how many teams would participate from Dhaka.

"The LSM has only reservations about Abahani and Mohammedan," Bachchu added.

## Four-day match against S Australia

# Saqlain ready to spin

ADELAIDE, Nov 11: Pakistan's answer to Shane Warne will be unveiled at Adelaide Oval Friday when Saqlain Mushtaq plays for the first time in two months against South Australia in a four-day match, reports AFP.

Saqlain has fully recovered from knee surgery and is ready to answer an SOS call from South African-born coach Richard Pybus.

Pybus believes the return of the world-class off-spinner from knee surgery is of enormous importance to a touring party desperately looking for positives before the second Test against Australia in Hobart from November 18.

"The great thing about Saqqy is that he takes poles (wickets) and keeps it tight at the same time so I'm sure the Aussies will be spending quite a bit of time with the video, tape, working out how they're going to play him," Pybus said.

"The great thing about Shane Warne is if he's not taking wickets the guys aren't usually scoring and Saqqy is pretty much the same for us, there's going to be a hell of a lot more pressure on the batsmen."

Pakistan's experiment with medium-pace allrounders Abdur Razaq and Azhar Mahmood failed in the first Test and either Waqar Yousif or Mohammad Akram, both playing against South Australia, will be used in a Paul Reiffel-type supporting role in Hobart.

Pybus inter-ds using the

strike force of Shoaib Akhtar and Wasim Akram from one end while Waqar or Mohammad and Saqlain hold up the other, with Saqlain in the dual role of genuine wicket taker as well.

Saqlain, 22, has 97 wickets from 22 Tests, at 29.56 to be tenth on the all-time Pakistan

have Saqlain keeping it tight but also striking and then to take Akram and Shoaib." Pybus said.

"That is something we couldn't do in this last Test match."

Another thing the tourists could not do in the first Test was keep the Australian scoring rate down as Michael Slater, Greg Blewett, Mark Waugh, Adam Gilchrist and Shane Warne plundered almost four an over.

Razaq and Mahmood were too expensive and failed to apply any real pressure so Waqar or Mohammad, depending on who bowls best against South Australia, will receive a Test call-up next week.

"It's the role Paul Reiffel used to play for Australia, he'd keep it tight and was good enough to take wickets himself but he would also get wickets for the guys at the other end by building pressure," Pybus said.

"If you've got a McGrath and a Warne at the one end and you're building and you're holding pressure, it carries deep into the game which is something we really got to do because we never at any time built that pressure against the Australians."

"Our captain was left a bit dry when the back-up bowlers were still going at four runs an over... so these four days are very important for the back-up bowlers."

"It's going to be an indicator as to who is going to get a look in for the Test side."

SAQLAIN MUSHTAQ

wicket takers list, took a hat-trick against Zimbabwe in the World Cup and topped the English county averages with Surrey this year.

He had knee surgery in September and has not played since.

"If there is anything there in the pitch you know he's got phenomenal control, we can

development of the game and the cherished goal of achieving Test status, Saber said: "A competitive and high performance first-class domestic competition is crucial for the promotion of the longer version of the game and this is being introduced as a welcome and much needed addition to our calendar."

Terming the National League as an addition, he said, "All events held in previous years will also be held during the current season."

The League made up of the divisional teams, which is scheduled for November 15, is now under threat following a movement of cricketers under the banner of newly formed Cricket Players' Welfare Association (CPWA).

CPWA demanded immediate start of the Premier Division League and holding of the players transfers. Otherwise, they have threatened, they would boycott the national three-day league.

Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet divisional teams will take part on home and away basis.

Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) — the organisers of the Dhaka Metropolitan Premier Leagues — expressed their hope that the issue would be resolved soon.

CCDM officials said the National League would start on time and the Dhaka leagues would be held afterwards.

Dhaka will face Khulna in the opening match in the capital from November 15 to 17 while Chittagong will take on Sylhet at Chittagong and Rajshahi will face Barisal at Rajshahi from November 16 to 18.

The second round matches will take place from November 21 to 23 with Dhaka playing Barisal at Mymensingh, Chittagong facing Khulna at Chittagong and Rajshahi taking on Sylhet at Rajshahi.

## Nat'l football league from next year

Sports Reporter

The proposed national football league may roll into the ground early next year, hoped the organisers.

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), who are trying to organise the league for last three years, has finally taken its first shot at the goal by naming the chairman and secretary for the national league committee.

In a meeting on Wednesday night, the BFF selected its vice-president Anjan Chowdhury Pintoo and joint-secretary Sirajul Islam Bachchu as the chairman and secretary respectively.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Sirajul said that they would have the full committee within a few days.

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Hosts 48/3

## Rain affects Harare Test

HARARE, Nov 11 (Reuters/ AP): Zimbabwe were 48 for three at close on the opening day of the second Test against South Africa here today after rain prevented any play in the final session.

Earlier in the day, players were forced to take lunch early with the hosts on 32 for two after being put in to bat as rain allowed only 54 minutes play.

South Africa won the first Test of the two-match home-and-away series in Bloemfontein two weeks ago.

Lara breaks his silence!

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, Nov 11: West Indies captain Brian Lara admitted on Wednesday he was scared when he faced pace bowler Malcolm Marshall at the start of his first-class career, reports Reuters.

Playing for Trinidad and Tobago against Barbados in 1985, Lara recalled: "The first delivery I faced in the match was from Malcolm and of course his reputation with the ball preceded him."

"I was scared, my heart was pumping and I was caught down the legside first ball."

Lara said Marshall, who died of colon cancer last week, had been an inspiration to him. Marshall was coach of the West Indies side at the World Cup in England this year.

"When I embarked on my leadership role in West Indies cricket he made my role as easy as possible by doing his job (as coach) in a very professional manner."

"Malcolm gave his life to cricket in the West Indies as well as in Hampshire and Natal where he was a player and a coach."

The Barbados Cricket Association said there would be no play in any matches under its auspices on Saturday when Marshall's funeral is being held.

## BPA show

The Khulna branch of Bangladesh Photo-Journalist Association (BPJA) will organise a photo exhibition on the recently-concluded 8th South Asian Federation (SAF) Games at the Khulna Press Club today.

State Minister for Relief and Disaster Management, Talukder Abdul Khalek, will perform the inauguration of the two-day long show.

## DU drub RU to lift title

Dhaka University lifted the Inter-University football trophy with a 6-1 whitewash of the Rajshahi in the final, played at the hosts' Gymnasium play ground yesterday.

Monwar Hossain struck twice while Parvez Babu, Saifur Islam, Saifur Rahman and Iqbal Hossain scored one each for the winners.

On the other hand, Selim pulled one back for Rajshahi University.

Professor Shahadat Ali, the Pro-VC and chairman of the Sports Board, distributed prizes among the participants.

## Ganguly goes berserk

GWALIOR, India, Nov 11: Saurav Ganguly plundered an unbeaten 153 as India defeated New Zealand by 14 runs here on Thursday to nudge ahead 2-1 in the five-match one-day series, reports AFP.

The elegant left-hander carried his bat through the innings to help the Indians overcome a top order crisis and post 261-5 from their 50-overs after electing to take first strike.

The Kiwis were pegged back to 247 for eight in reply, despite a valiant 97 from opener Nathan Astle.

Astle put on 99 for the first wicket with Craig Spearman and 57 for the third wicket skipper Stephen Fleming to lift

first one-dayer at Rajkot last week, missed his second century in the series by three runs when he was bowled round his legs by spinner Anil Kumble.

Fleming was trapped leg-before by off-spinner Nikhil Chopra, who finished with three for 32 in nine overs.

Ganguly was named man of the match after single-handedly shoring up India's faltering innings.

The hosts, who notched up one-day cricket's second-highest total of 376-2 in the second game on Monday, slipped to 142-5 in the 39th over.

But the left-handed pair of Ganguly and Robin Singh rescued the hosts with an unbeaten sixth-wicket stand of 119 off just 70 balls.

Ganguly batted through the

Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid, who put on a world record stand of 331 at Hyderabad on Monday, managed just 15 runs between them.

Tendulkar, who carried his bat for an unbeaten 186 at Hyderabad, scored one run in 23 deliveries when he edged Chris Drum to rival captain Fleming at first slip.

Dravid followed a career-best 153 with just 14, when he fell to Alex Tait, playing his first match in the series after flying in as a replacement for the injured Dion Nash.

Ganguly had missed out at Hyderabad, making four before being run out at the non-striker's end when Tendulkar's thundering drive was deflected on to the wicket by the bowler.

This time he took time to settle in before a dramatic late charge, earning praise from his captain.

Saurav was superb in the end overs," Tendulkar said. "He showed how to pace the innings well."

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the third one-day international between India and New Zealand on Thursday:

INDIA  
Ganguly not out 153  
Tendulkar c Fleming b Drum 1  
Dravid c sub(Horne) b Tait 14  
Chopra b Astle 15  
Jadeja c and b Astle 15  
Bharadwaj run out 2  
R Singh not out 45  
Extras: (b-1, lb-5, nb-3, w-7) 16  
Total: (For five wickets in 50 overs) 261

Fall of wickets: 1-23; 2-63; 3-97; 4-138; 5-142

Did not bat: M S K Prasad, Anil Kumble, Ajit Agarkar, Debasis Mohanty.

Bowler: O M R W  
Cairns 10 1 56 0  
Drum 10 2 58 1  
Styris 6 0 37 0  
Tait 7 0 23 1  
Harris 7 0 34 0  
Astle 10 0 47 2

NEW ZEALAND  
Spearman c Dravid b Chopra 32  
Astle b Kumble 97  
Parore b Ganguly 37  
Fleming lbw b Chopra 9  
Twoes run out 2  
Cairns c Mohanty b Agarkar 8  
Harris not out 22  
Styris b Kumble 25  
Tait b Chopra 2  
Vettori not out 2  
Extras: (b-1, lb-11, nb-2, w-7) 21  
Total: (For eight wickets in 50 overs) 247

Fall of wickets: 1-99; 2-113; 3-170; 4-172; 5-190; 6-198; 7-237; 8-240.

Did not bat: Chris Drum.

Bowler: O M R W  
Agarkar 10 0 42 1  
Mohanty 5 0 38 0  
Kumble 8 0 38 2  
Chopra 9 1 32 3  
Ganguly 8 1 33 1  
Bharadwaj 8 0 41 0  
Singh 2 0 11 0

Result: India won by 14 runs and lead 2-1 in the five-match series.

Man-of-the-match: Saurav Ganguly.

The fourth one-dayer will be played in the eastern city of Guwahati on Sunday.

## Prospect of an all-Williams final

# Chase C'ships draw held

NEW YORK, Nov 11: The possibilities of a repeat of this year's sensational US Open semifinals, and for an all-Williams final, loom for next week's WTA Tour season finale after the pieces fell into place at Wednesday's draw for the 2-million dollar Chase Championships, reports Reuters.

By virtue of being seeded third and fourth, Venus and Serena Williams are in opposite halves of the draw in the elite 16-player field and can't meet before the final, which is exactly how father Richard likes it.

The exciting teenagers turned the finals of both the Lipton Championships and Grand Slam Cup into a family affair this year, with Venus taking Lipton and Serena beating her older sister for the first time in Munich last month.

But the Chase Championships debuts will have to win three tough matches to turn Madison Square Garden into a sibling rivalry on the final Sunday.

If form holds, Venus would have to face top seed and defending champion Martina Hingis in the semifinals, while Serena would again come up against second seed Lindsay Davenport, whom she vanquished on the way to her US Open title.

Venus was devastated by her semifinal loss to Hingis in a Flushing Meadows thriller. She exacted a bit of revenge from the Swiss world number one in Zurich last month, but Williams will be gunning for a chance to dethrone Hingis on a more grand stage while making a statement ahead of the 2000 season.

Hingis opens her title defence against Sandrine Testud of France, while Wimbledon champion Davenport, the second seed and 1998 runner-up,

meets France's Amelie Mauresmo in the first round. Mauresmo stunned Davenport at this year's Australian Open before falling to Hingis in the final.

Venus Williams, who qualified for the tournament last year but pulled out with an injury, makes her Garden debut against Spanish veteran Conchita Martinez. Serena steps onto the blue carpet for the first time against Dominique Van Roost of Belgium.

Two spots have yet to be nailed down, but Anke Huber of Germany and Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario have the inside track on the final two berths.

Americans Amy Frazier, Chanda Rubin and Jennifer Capriati all have longshot chances to qualify. Frazier or Rubin could get in by reaching the final this week in Philadelphia, while Capriati would have to win the tournament and beat one of the top three seeds along the way to sneak into the Chase field.

With Hingis, Davenport and Venus Williams all in Philadelphia tuning up for next week, Huber and Sanchez-Vicario look to have little to

worry about.

The tournament lost one of its marquee names Wednesday when three-time champion Monica Seles officially withdrew still suffering from the right foot injury that has sidelined her in recent weeks.

With Seles out, Austrian Barbara Schett was bumped up to sixth seed and a first-round encounter with the final qualifier.

Fifth seed and 1997 runner-up Mary Pierce, who is in the same half of the draw as Hingis and Venus Williams, opens against popular Russian teen Anna Kournikova.

The remaining first-round matches pit seventh seed Nathalie Tauziat of France against South African Amanda Coetzer, and eight-seeded Frenchwoman Julie Halard-Decugis against the 15th qualifier, likely Huber.

## Stephen fathers a son

ADELAIDE, Nov 11: Australian Test captain Steve Waugh and wife Lynette have had a second child, a boy named Austin, the Australian Cricket Board said Thursday, reports AFP.

Waugh told ACB media manager Brian Murgatroyd that mother and child were doing well. The baby was delivered on Thursday afternoon.

"Steve wasn't making much sense, he was very excited," Murgatroyd said.

Waugh already has a daughter, Rosalie, and at age 34, he plans to review how much longer he will play cricket after Australia's tour of New Zealand in April next year.

## Steffi says no

BERLIN, Nov 11: Former German tennis star Steffi Graf has denied rumours she is pregnant that began when she was seen shopping for baby clothes with her boyfriend, world tennis number one Andre Agassi, the magazine Gala said in its edition to be published Thursday, reports AFP.

Photographers saw Graf and the American Agassi shopping for baby clothes in Paris but Graf said: "Andre and I were only shopping for friends."

Gala quoted a friend of Graf's saying that they were buying presents for Agassi's coach Brad Gilbert, whose wife is pregnant.



The Dhaka University football team, who emerged champions in the inter-varsity competition.