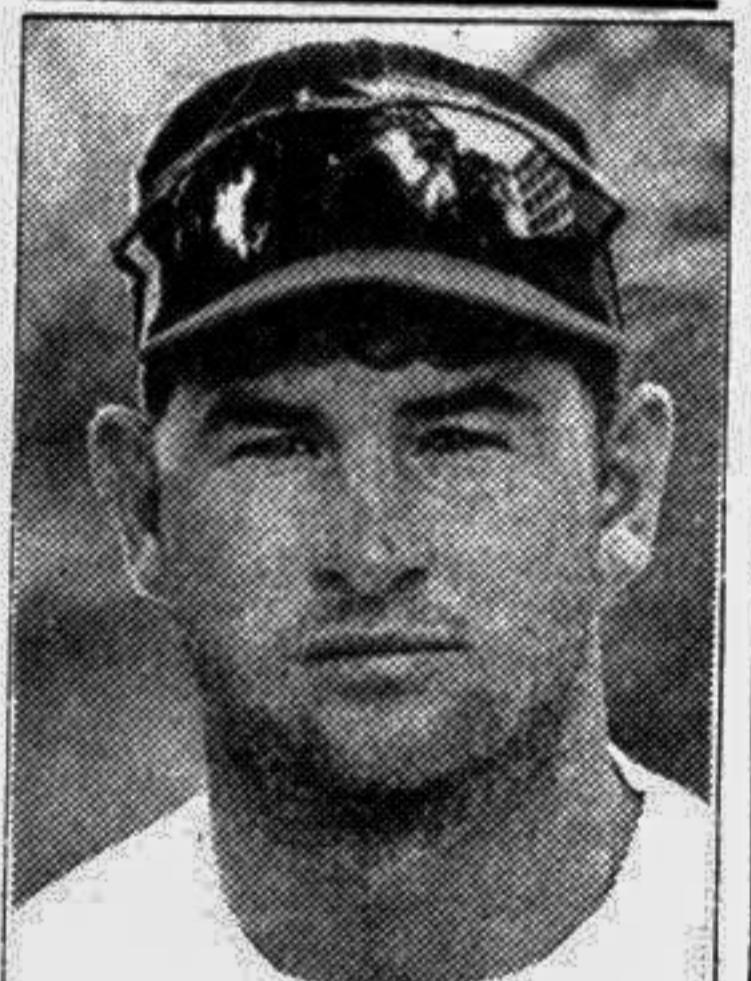


# Star Sport

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## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Alistair Campbell**

(Former Zimbabwean cricket captain)

"I'm not contributing as I should do as a batsman, and I want to get back to scoring lots of runs."

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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 what they are capable of.

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, Nassar Hussain (capt.), Michael Vaughan, Alex Stewart, Chris Adams, Andrew Flintoff, Gavin Hamilton, Darren Gough, Alan Mullally, Phil Tufnell.

### Pioneer soccer begins today

CHITTAGONG, Nov 11: Ispahani Mohanagar Pioneer football competition under the auspices of Chittagong Mohanagar 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.

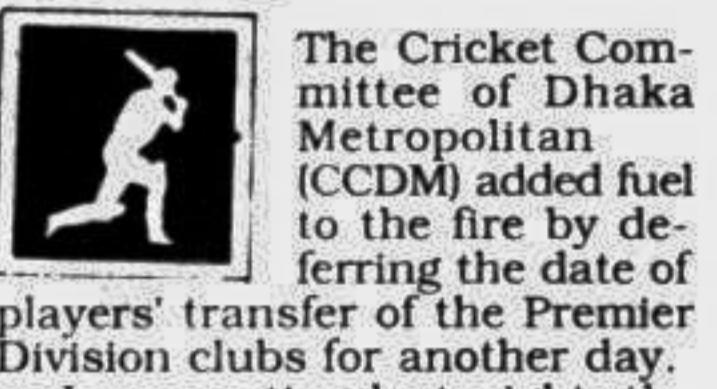
Shagarika Shilpa Ekadash will face Bhakti Society in the inaugural match.

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 bourses 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 Haider 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 CWAB 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."

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 taking 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 over.

Razzaq 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've really got to do because we never at any time built that pressure against the Australians."

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work 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 Saqlain 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 all-rounders Abdur Razzaq and Azhar Mahmood failed in the first Test and either Waqar Younis or Mohammad Akram, both playing against South Australia, will be in a Paul Reiffel-type supporting role in Hobart.

Pybus interds using the

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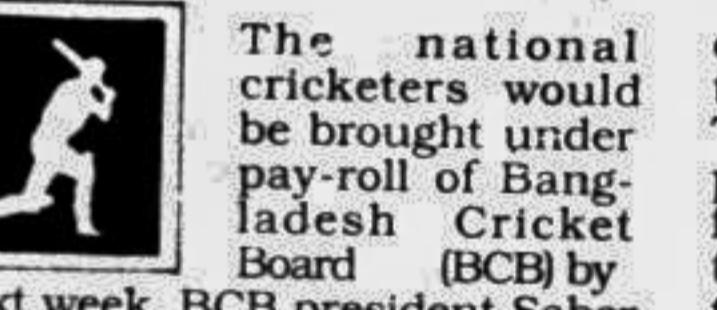
wicket takers list, took a hat-trick against Zimbabwe in the World Cup and topped the English county averages with Surrey this year.

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## Pay-roll for nat'l players



The national cricketers would be brought under pay-roll of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) by next week. BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury said yesterday, reports BSS.

The selection committee of the board has been advised to come up with a list of 20 players to enter into individual contracts with BCB for the current season," he said.

A draft for the contracts has been prepared and that would be implemented by November 18, the BCB president said.

"BCB will keep pace with time, and having a contract between the Board and the players is a priority," he said, adding "BCB is totally committed to the welfare of cricket and all who are associated with the sport and its stakeholders in Bangladesh."

Highlighting the importance of the upcoming National League in terms of growth and

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 would boycott the national three-dayers 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.

BPJA show

Sports Reporter

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, Talukdar Abdul Khaled, will perform the inauguration of the two-day long show.

DU drub RU to lift title

Sports Reporter

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, Saiful 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.



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

## Nat'l football league from next year

Sports Reporter

The proposed national football league may role 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.

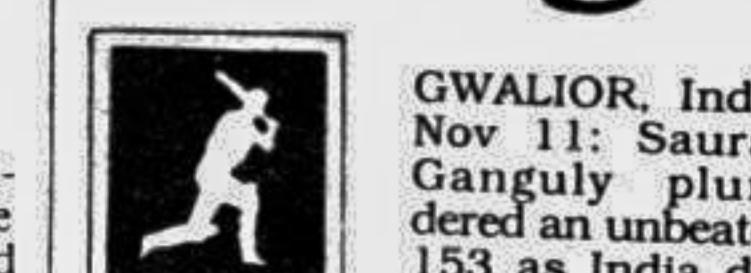
In a meeting on Wednesday night, the BFF selected its vice-president Anjan Chowdhury Pinto and joint-secretary Sirajul Islam Bachchu as the chairman and secretary respectively.

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.

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

## 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.

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

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

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 Aul Kumble.

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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 to the wicket by the bowler.

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