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## Column One SPORTS TALK



**Jeff Crowe**  
(Former New Zealand  
cricketer.)

"Personally, I like Test  
cricket. I think it is the main  
game."

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3 What is the name of Steve Waugh's  
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4 Who is the vice-captain of India?

Dravid Jadeja Ganguly

5 Who became champions in the Kya?

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### Body to probe into SAF failure

Sports Reporter

The National Sports Council (NSC) has formed a three-member committee, headed by its treasurer and former Sports Secretary ASH Shahjahan, to probe into Bangladesh's dismal performance in the 8th SAF Games, held in Nepal from September 25 to October 4.

Nurul Islam, the director (finance) of NSC and Abdur Razzak Howlader, an assistant secretary of Ministry of Sports, are the other two members of the committee.

Bangladesh got only two golds from the football and the team shooting.

The committee will record statements from players and officials of the Bangladesh contingent at the NSC from November 15 to 18.

Interested persons, apart from players and officials, have also been requested to meet the committee during that time.

**Namaz-e-Janaza  
of Aman today**

Sports Reporter

The namaz-e-Janaza of former footballer and noted sports organiser Amanuddin Ahmed Chowdhury will be held at the Mohammedan Sporting Club premises today at 10 am.

The body of Aman, who died of cancer in the United States on November 10, reached the city yesterday.

All the club members and sports lovers have been asked to be present at the Janaza.

In the evening, another namaz-e-Janaza will be held at his Mohammadpur residence and then his body will be taken to Comilla for burial.

### Refs go to Kazakhstan

Sports Reporter

Four Bangladeshi football referees left the capital for Kazakhstan yesterday to officiate an Asian Club Cup match between Irshad Pavilion of Kazakhstan and Varzob of Tajikistan on November 19.

The referees are: Tareb Hasan, Ehsanul Haque, Sekander Ali and Subhash Roy.

### National League deferred by a day

## Saber, Tanvir talk with agitating cricketers

Sports Reporter

President of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), Saber Hossain Chowdhury, yesterday entered into the dispute between the rebellious cricketers and the chairman of the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) Tanvir Haider in order to get cricket back on the track.

"I have assured the players that the transfer will be held on schedule. I think this will remove their fear and mistrust," said the BCB president at a press briefing after what he termed a "positive" discussion with the representatives of the Cricketers' Welfare Association of Bangladesh (CWAB) at his office yesterday afternoon.

Saber however made it clear that he was not in a position to interfere in the activities of the CCDM, the organisers of Dhaka cricket who had earlier rejected the CWAB demand to hold the Premier Division inter-club cricketers' bourse this month.

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"I have explained to the players the extraordinary situation we are facing this year. We will have to start the national league this year to establish the first class cricket structure which is a prerequisite to get the Test status," said Saber.

Bangladesh's application for Test status is lying with the International Cricket Council (ICC), who will review the much-debated matter at its meeting in June next year.

The first-ever National League involving the six divisions is scheduled to start from today. But Saber said they might have to defer it for a few days to ensure the participation of all the leading cricketers.

"I want the involvement of all the players in the national league", said Saber, terming the cricketers as an integral part of the game.

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"I think the players will come to a settlement when they meet with Tanvir Haider tonight," said Saber, who appreciated the sporting spirit of his senior vice president despite being branded as "cricket's curse" by the CWAB on Saturday.

CWAB had also demanded the removal of Tanvir, chairman of the CCDM, for his alleged unbridled statements against the players' association a few days back.

The situation was apparently heading for a settlement last night because the CWAB reverted from its decision and sat with Tanvir Haider to end the deadlock.

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