

# Star Sport

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## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



Monica Seles

(American tennis star)  
Tennis gives me some great emotions. When you hit a great shot and play a great point, it can give you a great joy. But I've never looked at tennis that way. I just love to play. It does give me joy, and it doesn't give me sadness. I just enjoy being out there and hitting the ball."

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2	Who won the Sliver Cup last month?	Pakistan	W Indies	S Lanka
3	What is the name of Steve Waugh's son?	Austin	Jacobs	Larry
4	Who is the vice-captain of India?	David	Jadeja	Ganguly
5	Who became champions in the Kya Premier Division soccer league?	Abahani	Muktodha	Mohammedan

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### Donald takes a break

BLOEMFONTEIN, Nov 16 (Internet report): South African fast bowler Allan Donald has been omitted from a Free State squad of 12 named on Monday for this weekend's Supersport Series clash against Natal at Kingsmead.

Donald, who picked up just two wickets in South Africa's record innings and 219-run victory over Zimbabwe in Harare, is suffering from a slight side strain and has decided to take a rest.

Free State will also be without the services of their other new-ball specialist Victor Mpitsang who will be on national duty for the SA A side against Sri Lanka in Pietermaritzburg.

Although the outcome of the contest is not of paramount importance - both sides have qualified for the Super Eight stage - Free State will still be looking to their remaining two internationals, captain Hansie Cronje and opening bat Boeta Dippenaar, to keep them on the winning trail.

#### SQUAD

Hansie Cronje (captain), Gerhardus Liebenberg, Andrew Gait, Boeta Dippenaar, Kosie Venter, Nicky Boje, Gerrard Brophy, Herman Bakkes, Johan van der Wath, Andre Abrahams, Sarel Cilliers, Matthew Hoggard.

### Rackermann Zimbabwe's choice

SYDNEY, Nov 16: Former Australian Test fast bowler Carl Rackermann is poised to become Zimbabwe's bowling coach, a report said today, reports AFP.

The Sydney Daily Telegraph said he will join the Zimbabwean team next month to help guide it through its home series against Sri Lanka and England.

"I would like to do it - they have a lot of talent and their cricket is in a huge developmental stage, which is quite exciting," Rackermann said.

"I would like to think I could make a contribution to that."

## Players-clubs-BCB stalemate continues CCDM banishes 7 top cricketers

Sports Reporter

In an unprecedented move, organisers of Dhaka cricket, the sporting clubs of the city have decided to boycott seven cricketers - including Bangladesh skipper Aminul Islam - from any competition under the banner of the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) for five years.

The CCDM, who runs the most colourful league, has also recommended to the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) to ban the seven cricketers from any domestic competition for the same period.

The seven *enfant terrible* who are facing the wrath of the CCDM are --Aminul Islam, national vice-captain Khaled Mahmud, former national captain Minhazul Abedin, former national captain Faruque Ahmed, Enamul Hoque, Mohammed Rafique and Mambur Rahman.

CCDM's sensational decision, which came as a sequel to the Premier cricketers' continued threat of boycott from any domestic meet, was another bombshell in the distressing tug-of-war between the rebel-

ious players and the CCDM, ie the clubs.

The seventy club representatives of the CCDM, who had a marathon meeting on Monday evening, also threatened to stay away from any competition if the BCB did not fulfill its demand.

The club representatives, who over the years provided the 'bread and butter' of the players, in a press release issued yesterday said that they were ready to support the board to uphold national interest.

The reasons for CCDM's hard-line action was that they termed the players' use of foul language, making misleading and malicious statements, and unlawfully demanding the change of the inter-club transfer schedule.

The CCDM reiterated on Tuesday its commitment to hold the Premier Division cricketers' transfer from January 17-19 next and start the league from February 4.

While the CCDM fixed its muscle, the cricketers, at a loss over the developments in the last 24 hours, were unrelenting from their demands.

"Since the National League

has started today sans the leading 105 Premier cricketers, it means that the authorities are not ready to comply with our demands. But we will continue our strike", said the general secretary of Cricketers' Welfare Association of Bangladesh (CWAB) after their meeting at the Siddeswari High School yesterday.

In another development, BCB's Director of Coaching Eddie Barlow went to Siddeswari School yesterday and talked with the estranged players for half an hour.

"We have no quarrel with the clubs. It is very unfortunate that the clubs have taken a stand against the players. We have heard that they have suspended seven cricketers of our organisation. We are not only seven players in the association. If they want to suspend us, they should suspend all the 105 cricketers", said Faruque, a former national captain.

Meanwhile, CWAB, who are leading the players' revolt, went to meet the BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury last evening. The outcome, however, was fruitless.

Srinath drafted

## Series decider today

NEW DELHI, Nov 16: The Indian cricket team was hit by new allegations of match-fixing ahead of the decisive fifth one-day international against New Zealand here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

A senior Indian cricket administrator Sunil Dev created a stir on Tuesday by saying his prediction of a 2-2 deadlock in the series, made two weeks ago in a television programme, was based on information supplied by an unnamed bookmaker.

"I don't bet myself, but I was told by one of Delhi's biggest bookmakers that the series will be 2-2," said Dev, a former vice-president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

India lost the first one-dayer at Rajkot, then won the next two at Hyderabad and Gwalior before the Kiwis drew level in the fourth at Guwahati last Sunday.

Dev presently runs cricket affairs in the Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA), which hosts Wednesday's final encounter at the Ferozeshah Kotla ground.

"I should be happy that we are hosting such a needle match," he said. "But it worries me that dubious people like bookmakers can accurately predict what the series will go."

Dev, who had raised similar doubts when he was manager of the Indian team on the tour of South Africa three years ago, demanded a Pakistani-style judicial enquiry into Indian cricket.

"Somewhere, someone has to speak up," he said. "Someone has to pursue the truth to ensure that cricket stays the institution we have known it to be."

Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar, who completed 10 years of international cricket on Monday, and coach Kapil Dev, refused to comment on the latest charges.

The Indians leave for a 10-week tour of Australia next week to play a three-Test series and a one-day triangular against Pakistan and Australia.

Three years ago, former Indian all-rounder Manoj Prabhakar accused an unnamed team-mate of offering him 25,000 dollars to play badly in a one-day match in Sri Lanka in 1993.

But the BCCI's internal inquiry, conducted by former Indian chief justice Yashwant Sinha and opening bat Boeta Dippenaar, absolved the

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