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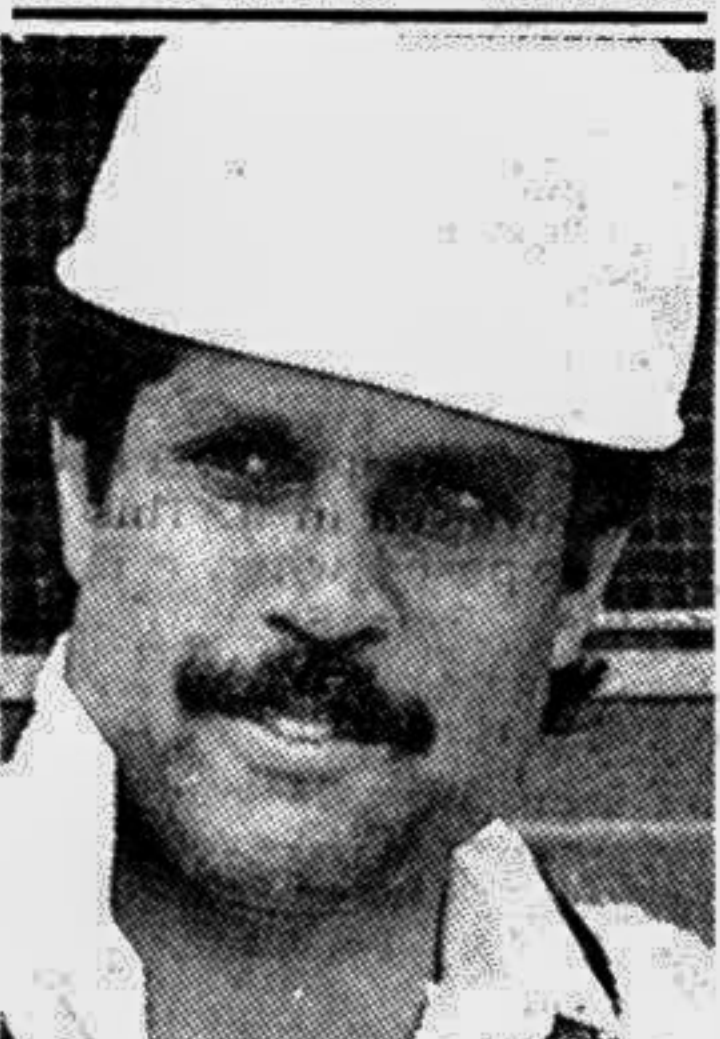
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Kapil Dev
(Indian cricket coach)
"It's better to learn the lessons than moan about this and that."

Cute h'ball

Satirtha Club beat Prime Sports Club 8-5 in the lone match of the Cute Metropolis First Division handball league at the Outer Stadium court yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners dominated the first half 3-1.

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BOOST winner

Nushrat Jahan

Ispahani Girls' high School, Dhaka

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correct answers

1. Argentine soccer star Batistuta plays for Serie A club
Ans: Fiorentina

2. Which country will host the 12th Asian Cup football finals?
Ans: Lebanon

3. How many Test double hundreds has Sri Lankan batsman Marvan Atapattu scored so far?
Ans: Two

4. Where will the ninth SAF Games be held?
Ans: Peshawar

5. How many teams are playing in the National Cricket League?
Ans: Six

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Boost winner

Tausif Hossain

Maple Leaf Int'l School

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Schools chess

Ejaz leads the board

Sports Reporter

Syed Ejaz Hossain of Maple Leaf maintained his solo lead in the Standard Chartered schools' chess tournament despite a draw in the seventh round yesterday at the NSC chess room.

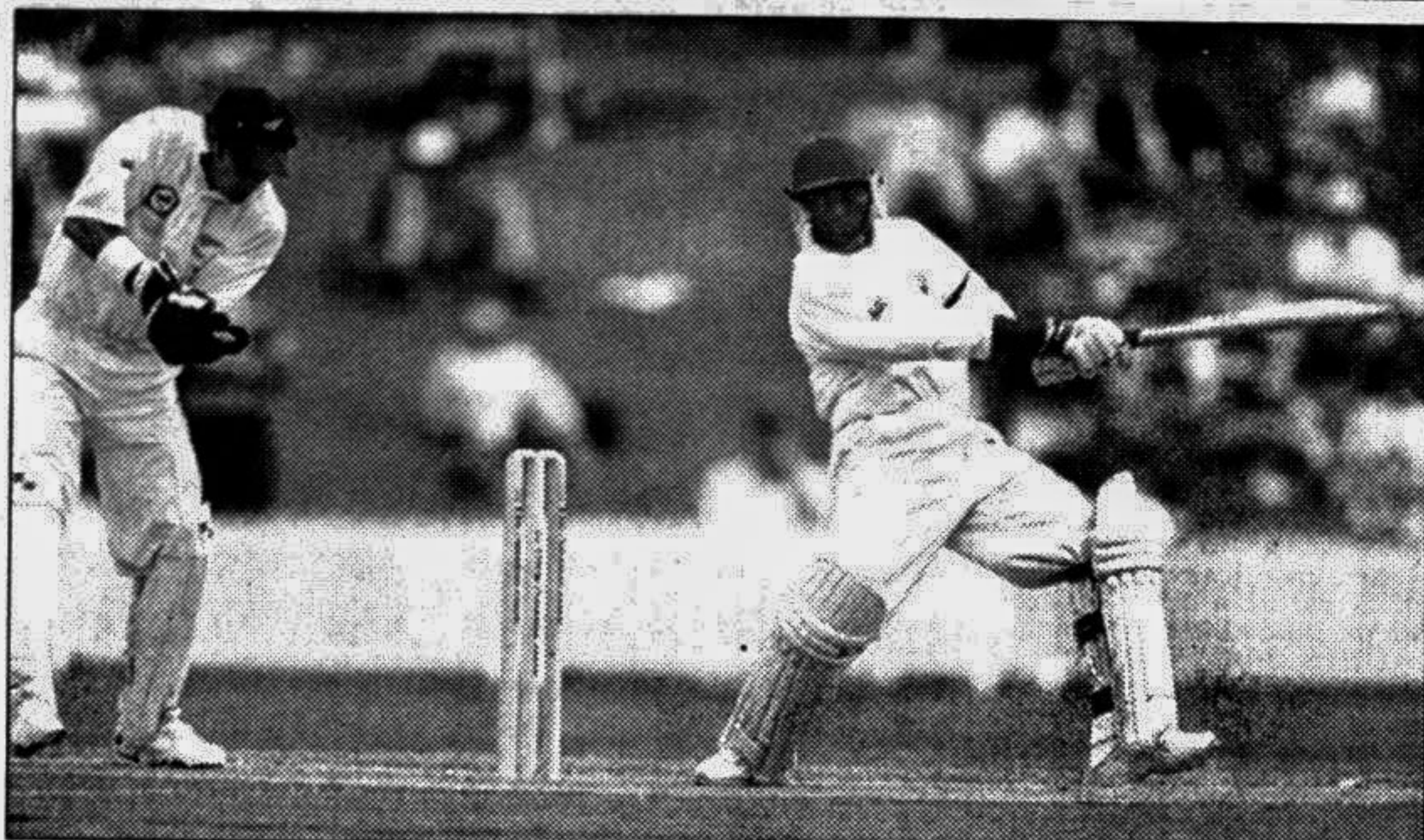
Ejaz, who defeated Puneet Jaswal of Calcutta on Thursday to win his sixth consecutive match, dropped half a point when he was held by another Calcuttan Soham Das.

Soham was jointly sharing the second spot with compatriot Ayan Lahiri. Both players have six points each.

Ayan defeated Mustafa in the seventh round.

Shuvam Das, Puneet, Nazir Salehin of Razarbagh Police Lines School and national sub-junior champion Golam Mustafa were in third position with five and a half points apiece.

The eighth round will start at the same venue today at 10 am.



SMASHING SHERWIN: West Indies opener Sherwin Campbell square cuts during his superb 170 against New Zealand on Day One of the first Test on December 16. — AFP photo

Courtney a wicket closer

Topsy-turvy Day Two



HAMILTON, New Zealand, Dec 17 (Reuters/AFP): West Indies hit back after their last nine wickets tumbled for 76 against New Zealand on Day One of the first Test on December 16.

The touring troupe of the New Zealand side on 113 for three at stumps.

New Zealand, who had toiled on the opening day while West Indies made 282 for one, responded to a demand from their coach David Trist to bowl themselves back into contention.

"I told them they had to be more proactive and that they had to take the game by the scruff of the neck," Trist said.

"They were pretty disappointed with themselves. They knew it required hard work and determination and I'm delighted to say they came through," he told reporters.

Tight bowling from seamer Chris Cairns and left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori undid West Indies, who failed to capitalise on their record first-wicket stand against New Zealand of 276 by Sherwin Campbell (170) and Adrian Griffith (114).

Only Shivnarine Chanderpaul, captain Brian Lara and middle-order batsman Jimmy Adams made it past double figures today.

Chanderpaul made a slow 14, while Lara in contrast blasted five fours on his way to 24 in just 17 minutes. Adams finished on 17 not out.

Vettori was the pick of the New Zealand bowlers with four for 83 off 34.1 overs and was at one stage on a hat-trick after dismissing Lara and Griffith with successive balls. Adams safely fended away the third delivery.

Griffith's marathon innings ended when Vettori had him smartly caught behind by wicket-keeper Adam Parore after an innings spanning 346 deliveries in 467 minutes and which included 10 fours and a six.

Vettori, who turns 21 in January, took his Test haul to 87 wickets and will beat Kapil Dev's record as the youngest player to take 100 Test wickets if he can reach the mark by the end of the second Test.

New Zealand began their reply positively, openers Matthew Horne and Gary Stead combining in a stand of 61 before Horne attempted to hook Reon King and was caught at long leg by Franklyn Rose for 32.

Stead gave paceman Courtney Walsh his 424th Test wicket when he was bowled attempting to push a ball on the leg stump through mid-wicket.

Number three Craig Spearman was also looking assured until he was beaten by a Dinanath Ramnarine googly that spun between bat and pad.

On Thursday, Campbell and Griffith went within 22 runs of the best Test opening partnership in West Indies cricket history on the opening day.

Campbell scored his third consecutive century of the tour before he was the only wicket to fall, caught behind by Adam Parore off Dion Nash for 170.

Griffith was 103 not out at stumps — his first Test century — with night watchman Dinanath Ramnarine with him on five.

Campbell and Griffith cruised past the West Indies record opening partnership against New Zealand of 225, set by Gordon Greenidge and Desmond Haynes in Christchurch in 1979-80.

They then went after the record against all countries of 298 set by the same pair at St John's, Antigua, against England in 1989-90 but were halted 10 minutes before stumps.

Captain Brian Lara had earlier won the toss and had no hesitation in batting first.

The pitch looked a pace bowler's paradise on Tuesday, but after several trims, a roll, and a day of sun posed little threat to the batsmen.

Shayne O'Connor and fellow pace bowler Andrew Penn were omitted from the New Zealand team this morning with Dion Nash passed fit to play, and two spinners included.

The West Indies omitted a paceman and a spinner — Pedro Collins and Nehemiah Perry. It allowed legspinner Dinanath Ramnarine to play his third Test and batsman Ricardo Powell, on his 21st birthday, to make his Test debut.

It was a pedestrian first session but the signs were already ominous, with Chris Cairns and Nash rarely troubling the West Indies openers in their first spells.

Campbell and Griffith put on only 57 in the first session but they soon put that right in the second two hours, adding another 125 at better than a run a minute.

Campbell, who brought up his half-century a minute before Griffith, raced ahead with a series of cuts and drives. His century was scored in 224 minutes off 177 balls, including 17 fours with 62 of his 100 runs scored behind point.

The only glitch in Campbell's innings came on 81 when he mistimed a cut off spinner Paul Wiseman which flew to Craig Spearman at first slip. He juggled, the ball looped up and he missed the diving rebound.

Another milestone came up soon before tea, Griffith passing his highest test innings of 56, scored in the West Indies' previous Test against Australia in April.

He ground his way into the 90s, flattened Campbell with a straight drive which rebounded off his elbow, and brought up his first Test century off 261 balls in 318 minutes with consecutive fours off Cairns.

Campbell continued his liking for New Zealand conditions, after his two centuries in the previous game against Auckland.

"I think we should play New Zealand more often, because each time I play them I seem to get runs," Campbell said.

"The pitches over here are playing very well actually. They're nice and even and once you get in for a while things get easier for you."

The game started after a minute's silence in memory of former West Indies Test players Conrad Hunte, Malcolm Marshall and Sylvester Clarke, who all died recently.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close of play on the second day of the first cricket Test between the West Indies and New Zealand today.

WEST INDIES: First innings (overnight 282 for one; Griffith 103 not out)

Campbell c Parore b Nash 170
Griffith c Parore b Vettori 114
Ramnarine c Parore b Cairns 8
Chanderpaul c Fleming b Astle 14
Lara c Nash b Vettori 24
Powell c Wiseman b Cairns 0
Adams not out 17
Jacobs c Spearman b Vettori 5
Rose c Wiseman b Cairns 4
King b Nash 1
Walsh b Vettori 0
Extras: (lb-6, nb-2) 8
Total: (135.1 overs) 365

Fall of wickets: 1-276; 2-289; 3-311; 4-336; 5-336; 6-336; 7-345; 8-352; 9-362.

Bowler O M R W
Cairns 31 11 73 3
Nash 28 12 63 2
Vettori 34.1 9 83 4
Astle 16 2 67 1
Wiseman 22 10 51 0
McMillan 4 1 22 0

NEW ZEALAND: First innings

Stead b Walsh 22
Horne c Rose b King 32
Spearman b Ramnarine 27
Fleming not out 18
Vettori not out 5
Extras: (nb-5, b-4) 9
Total: (For 3 wickets in 44 overs) 113

Fall of wickets: 1-61; 2-67; 3-107

To bat: N Astle, C McMillan, A Parore, C Cairns, D Nash, P Wiseman

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Promotees run away smiling

Sports Reporter

Upsets marked the commencement of the First Division Cricket League at different city venues yesterday. Khelaghar Samaj Kalyan Sangha and Young Pegasus celebrated their promotions to the First Division with exciting wins against Ajax Sporting Club and Orient Sporting Club respectively.

An unbeaten century partnership for the ninth wicket between Rana Junior and Sumon saw Khelaghar pull off an emphatic two-wicket win over Ajax Sporting Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

With Khelaghar stuttering at 90 for 8 in reply to Ajax's 209, the two tall-enders featured in a frustrating 122-run partnership to clinch the victory from the jaws of the victory-sniffing Ajax.

On the final day, the visitors, resuming their second innings at 53 for 3, declared on 160 for six with another two sessions left. Skipper Khaled Masood, who scored 45 off his team's first innings total of 220, returned with an unbeaten 77.

Rajshahi's left-arm slow bowler Saifullah Khan took three wickets for 30 runs.

Earlier, on Thursday, the home side was shot out for 116 in the first innings.

Five Rajshahi bowlers—Animul, Mushfique, Saifullah Khan, Ripon and Mustadir—equally shared ten Khulna wickets among them.

National stumper Khaled Masood was later adjudged man-of-the match for his 45 and unbeaten 77.

With yesterday's two points, Rajshahi raised their point-tally to four from six matches while Khulna remain at 1g their previous clc

Khulna will now travel to Jessore to face Chittagong in their home match, starting on December 20. Rajshahi meanwhile will go to Barisal for their away match on the same day against the hosts.

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BRIEF SCORES

RAJSHAH: First innings 220 all out in 99.5 overs (K Masood 45, Mustadir 31, Mushfique 29, Salaudinn 5/71, Rana 1/2/17)

KHULNA: First innings 116 all out in 58.3 overs (Biplab 29, Kama 1/22 n.o., Sajid 20, Aminul 2/12, Mushfique 2/29, Saifullah 2/23, Mustadir 2/14, Ripon 2/37)

RAJSHAH: Second innings 160 for 6 in 55 overs (K Masood 77 n.o., Sanchoy 34, Sohail 1/19, Jamaluddin 1/21)

KHULNA: Second innings 166 for 7 in 61 overs (Sohail 39, Biplab 2/30 n.o., Saifullah 3/30, Rafiqul 1/11)

REST (LT): Match drawn. Rajshahi earned two points by virtue of their lead in the first innings

Man-of-the-match: Khaled Masood (Rajshahi)

Harsh penalty aw aits Waqar?

KARACHI, Dec 17: Pakistan fast bowler Waqar Younis faces suspension after slapping his long-time new-ball partner and now captain Wasim Akram, reports Reuters.

Waqar was quoted in the local media as saying that Akram was victimising him and settling old scores by dropping him from the squad for the forthcoming triangular one-day series in Australia.

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) secretary Shafqat Rana said from Lahore that if Younis was found guilty he might be suspended.

"Well, I was suspended for six months in 1970 for criticising the selectors. The same is the scenario at present," former Test batsman Rana said.

Rana said a summary of the media report would be sent to new PCB chief, army Lieutenant General Taseer Zia, who will decide whether to suspend the bowler or impose a cash penalty.

Rana said that if suspended, Waqar would be barred from playing domestic and international cricket for a period to be determined by the new PCB chief.

Waqar has breached a PCB players code of conduct since his return from a Test tour of Australia last month. He had signed a contract restricting him speaking to the media on any subject relating to the tour for six months.

The fast bowler had further alleged that a lobby within the board was working with Wasim Akram to oust him. "If Wasim has any grudge, the best place to settle that is inside a room and not on the ground," Waqar said.

Intikhab Pakistan's tri-series coach

KARACHI, Dec 17: Intikhab Alam became the fifth Pakistan cricket team coach this year when he was appointed on Thursday for the Australian tri-nation limited-overs series starting on January 9, reports Reuters.

India and Australia are the other participants.

The appointment was made two days after army Lieutenant General Taseer Zia replaced Zafar Altaf as Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief.

Alam, a former Pakistan captain, said his initial contract was for the Australian series.

"I had a meeting with the new chief and he wanted me to take over the team. But I am not sure if it is a long-term appointment," Alam said by telephone from Lahore.

PCB secretary Shafqat Rana said: "Intikhab has been appointed only for the Australian tour. His future will be decided once he returns."

Rana added that Alam was an International Cricket Council (ICC) match referee "and before his contract is extended, we will see if he has no assignments from the ICC".

The PCB did not announce a manager for the team but cricket sources said Yawar Saeed was likely to be replaced by a serving army brigadier.

After Pakistan return from Australia, they will host Sri Lanka for three tests and then leave for the West Indies for three Tests and a triangular one-day series.

Alam, 54, is the fifth coach this year after Javed Miandad, Mushtaq Mohammad, Wasim Raja and Richard Pybus.



Players and officials of Bangladesh Rifles team who clinched Victory Day kabadi title. — Star photo

Masood show in Khulna

