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Shane Warne

(Master Australian 'legspinner) 'I won't rush back because

there is a lot of cricket coming

About his return to the Australian side after injury forced him out of the Carlton and United one-day series.

Quader becomes the peacemaker

Sports Reporter State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader has expressed his optimism about a peaceful solution to the ongoing row between the cricketers and the Bangladesh Cricket Board

The State Minister was talking to the local journalists at a press conference arranged by the BCB to introduce Standard Bank as the sponsors of MCC team's tour of Bangladesh.

Addressing the reporters, Quader termed the stalemate that has resulted after the BCB banned seven cricketers from taking part in the forth coming inter-club cricketers transfer, as a sad incident for Bangladesh cricket and feared that it hinder Bangladesh's chances of attaining Test status.

We have a problem which is not impossible to solve. Usually I don't interfere in the matters where a federation or a board is involved. It should be taken care of by the organisations concerned.

"But here I had to interfere as the matter has become serious and the prestige of the country is at stake. More over the president of the board is also not available," Quader added.

Quader also revealed that he was scheduled to talk with the players and the board officials later in the night.

Alex joins Hertha Berlin

BERLIN, Jan 12: Cruzeiro striker Alex Alves on Tuesday signed a four-and-a-half-year deal with Hertha Berlin after negotiations that have lasted nearly three weeks, the German First Division side announced Tuesday, reports AFP.

The player left the Belo Horizonte club for 7,4 million dollars - making the 25-year-old the Berlin team's most expensive acquisition.

, Hertha coach Jurgen Rober said: "He is incredibly explosive and reacts very quickly but the

team must first get used to him." Hertha are currently ninth in the German league, 14 points

behind leaders Bayern Munich.



Marylebone Cricket Club captain Min Patel (L) talking to reporters during a briefing at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

—Star photo

Akram Fleining McGrath How many Test hundreds has Mark Waugh scored to date? MCCC relishing the prospect

Sports Reporter

Min Patel, captain of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), believes he has all the firepower he needs to encounter different selections during their three-

week long tour of Bangladesh. The shaven-headed Kent allrounder was talking to a host of reporters at the introductory press conference at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yes-

terday afternoon. Former secretary of International Cricket Council (ICC) and manager of the touring side Lt Col John Stephenson, CBE -who also played Test cricket for Australia -- and head of cricket of the famous English club Tony Dodemaide and Mahmud Ul Haq Manu, acting general

at the briefing. Patel said his team was looking forward to a competi-

secretary of Bangladesh Cricket

Board (BCB), were also present

tive series against the locals. "We are a strong and balanced side. It is a combination of county players who have pretty good experience of play-

position despite his disastrous

first tour, but has hinted at

personnel changes if he gets the

job. the New Zealand Press

their 0-2 loss to New Zealand in

last month's Test series with an

unprecedented 0-5 whitewash

in the one-day series - the New

Zealanders' first ever one-day

series win over the Caribbean

Richards said it was in-

"You do need players who

evitable there would be changes

after such a disappointing se-

you can trust around you. There

could be changes, and I think

that's normal if you're looking

forward to a positive future," he

on who will coach the West In-

dies for their home Test and

one-day series against Zim-

babwe and Pakistan, starting

England follows in late May.

lose sleep over the waiting pro-

cess but wants to continue un-

A crucial five-Test tour of

Richards said he wouldn't

A decision has yet to be made

told NZPA.

on March 16.

finished business.

The West Indies backed up

Association reported today.

AUCKLAND, Jan

12 (Reuters/AP):

West Indies care-

taker coach Viv

Richards wants to

ing First Class cricket," said a smiling MCC captain who has played two Tests for England. "We hope we can display some exciting cricket here."

added Patel. The visitors begin their Bangladesh tour with a three-

2nd Asian men's chess

Reefat wins

Sports Reporter

International Master (IM) Reefat-bin-Sattar recorded his first win in the 2nd Asian individual men's chess championship in the western Indian city of Udaypur yesterday.

In the second round, Reefat outplayed Chinese IM Wu Zwen to increase his personal tally to one and a half points from two matches. Reefat drew with Uzbekistan Grand Master Said Ali in the first round.

IM Zia, who lost his opening round encounter to top seed Chinese Grand Master Deng Fiaomin, managed a draw with Indian IM DV Prasad in the second round.

Richards keen to continue

situation may be. I want the job,

could be batsman Carl Hooper,

who is playing for Australian

club Carlton, NZPA said. It was

hoped he could be released to

VIV RICHARDS

add some much-needed steel to

a batting order which lacked

much to offer West Indies

cricket. I would love to see Carl

has the backing of his captain,

Hooper back," Richards said.

"I still believe he's got so

Despite the results, Richards

mettle here.

One of the players recalled

for sure," he said.

"I will be okay, whatever the Brian Lara, who has praised

day match against a BCB President's Eleven starting at the Raishahi Stadium tomorrow.

"We had two practice sessions so far, one here at the Bangabandhu on Tuesday and the other at the BKSP this morning. Facilities at BKSP are tremendous. We really enjoyed our trip to BKSP today," Patel said.

Regarding Bangladesh's Test status, Stephenson disclosed that he would submit a report to ICC with his recommendations after the tour.

Tony Dodemaide, who played ten Test matches for Australia, said that he originally was not included in the touring party. He came as a replacement for John Stephenson of Hampshire after the latter was omitted from the squad because of an injury.

The 14-member MCC, the oldest cricket club in the world. arrived in the capital on January 10 to play a four-day, a three-day and four limitedovers matches at different venues across the country.

The tourists will head for Rajshahi today.

Richards' impact on the young

tremendous job. Lara said at

the weekend. "He's worked very

hard and I think one of the

main assets of having Viv

around is the pride he has

shown throughout his career

and he has tried very hard to get

this rubbing off on our players.

The coach and the manager are

very influential. Out in the

middle the guys have got to be-

lieve in themselves. You can

in Christchurch on Tuesday.

the West Indies failed to re-

strain the New Zealand bats-

music when he gets home with

the team and likens the re-

sponse of the passionate West

Indies public to that of New

Zealanders to their rugby

team's failure at last year's

tion when you lose - you must

have experienced that with the

All Blacks - you can't take that

away when people are disap-

were beaten 5-1 by Australia in

a Test series and we never

looked back, and I'm hoping for

He praised New Zealand.

the same sort of script.

"We've had that before, we

"It will be the normal recep-

World Cup.

men on a benign batting pitch.

In the final one-day match

Richards expects to face the

only do so much," Lara said.

"We try to do the right things.

Viv Richards has done a

West Indies team.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the World Youth Championship match between Bangladesh and India

INDIA R Ricky c Kalim b Rajin M Sharma c Bikash b Rajin R Sodhi run out

3-159; 4-176; 5-206 Bowler Bikash Tariqui Mosaddek L'annan M Kabir Rajin Saleh 10 BANGLADESH

Nahidul Ibw b S Srivastav Rajin c A Ratra b A Dave Salim c A Ratra b A Dave Kuntal c Rao b Y Singh Kalim e Kaif b A Dave Tariqui run out Arman run ou: Mahfaz ct A Dave b Y Singh

Bikash ran out Mosaddek not out Extras: (lb-5, nb-4, w-13) Total: (All out in 34.5 overs)

48; 4-61; 5-67; 6-67; 7-79; 8-95; 9-101. 32 S Srivastav M Triphathy Anup Dave 15 18 20 0 1 6 Y Singh

Result: India won by 122

LATEST

The deadlock between the

. The cricketers who earlier declared that they would not play in any selection of the BCB unless their demands for lifting of the ban on seven cricketers was fulfilled ,finally agreed to take the field against the visiting MCC after being assured by the State Minister that he would personally look into the matter and come out with a solution after the return of board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury from the USA.

Talking to The Daily Star. Minhazul Abedin said that the State Minister has given his assurance that he would solve the problem after talking to Saber Hossain on his return. Saber is

Now, the cricketers, selected for the BCB President's Eleven. are scheduled to fly to Rajshahi today for their three-day match against MCC which starts to-

Standard Bank to sponsor

Sports Reporter Standard Bank Limited will sponsor the MCC tour of Bangladesh. This was disclosed by Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) at a press conference yes-

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader, acting BCB general secretary Mahmud Ul Haq Manu, BÇB joint-secretary Dewan Shafiul Arefin Tutul. Chairman of Standard Bank Kazi Akramuddin Ahmed and his managing director Fariduddin Ahmed were present on the occasion.

of Taka 7.5 lakh for the spon-

Crowd trouble worries ACB

MELBOURNE, Jan 12: Australian officials will demand stronger police presence at future day-night internationals after bottle-throwing spectators briefly halted today's match against India, reports Reuters. Australian Cricket Board (ACB) chairman Mal Speed said ongoing crowd problems that had plagued Australian cricket for the past few years demanded

tougher action. What happened tonight was totally unacceptable," Speed

"It's the second year in a row we've had problems here (at the Melbourne Cricket Ground)." Angry fans, mostly Indians, were upset when Sourav Gan-

guly was run out for exactly 100 as the touring team chased a victory target of 270 in 50 overs. The Indian opener was given out by the third umpire when television replays showed he

did not ground his bat. Dozens of Indian supporters began throwing debris onto the MCG outfield as Ganguly departed, halting the game for around 15 minutes as ground staff cleared the playing area. Australian captain Steve

I'e seen it just as bad or worse at other venues, including Sydney. ' "As soon as something goes against the crowd, they just lose interest and want to destroy the

Waugh said: "It was just a long

and frustrating night for us but

World Youth C'ship INDIA-BANGLADESH

in Colombo on Wednesday:

Kaif c Kalim b M Kabir Y Singh c Mossadek b Rajin N Patel not out V Rao not out

Extras: (b-1, lb-9, nb-3, w-16) Total: (For 5 wickets in 50 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-131; 2-146;

Hannan b S Srivastav

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-27; 3-

Sports Reporter

cricketers and the Bangla'desh Cricket Board is temporarily over following a meeting with State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader late last night.

Cricketers Welfare Association of Bangladesh(CWAB) president scheduled to return today.

MCC's trip

Speaking to the press, Manu also disclosed that Standard Bank will pay BCB an amount

S Africa's tour

India make one change to ODIs

MUMBAI, Jan 12: The Indian cricket board has made one change to the itinerary of the forthcoming five-match one-day international series between India and South Africa by pushing back the second encounter by a day, reports PTI. According to the final pro-

gramme announced here today, the first limited-overs contest would be held on March 9 at Kochi and would be followed by the second at Baroda on March 12 instead of 11. The third, fourth and fifth

one-day internationals will be held at Nagpur, Jamshedpur and Faridabad on march 14, 17 and 20 respectively before the two teams depart for Sharjah to take part in the tri-series, which also includes Pakistan. · The South Africans are due in Mumbai on February 16 and will commence their tour with a three-day match against the

Board President's XI at the

Brabourne Stadium here from

February 19-21, their only

warm-up match before the two-

Team

India

Pakistan

Australia

Test series. The first Test is scheduled to be held at the Wankhede Stadium here from February 24-28. The second Test is at Bangalore's Chinnaswamy Stadium from March 2-6.



CWAB leaders discussing a point during a meeting at a city restaurant last night. -Star photo

Ponting outshines Ganguly cracked under the pressure of MELBOURNE, Jan

Promoted to the vice-cap-

Warne injured himself in the

Ponting relished the extra re-

sponsibility with a disciplined

performance that suggested he

series match at the Melbourne

12: Ricky Ponting chasing a demanding target. hit 115 in 121 de-Australia, who also lost their opening match to Pakliveries to spur Australia to a 28istan, recovered from 19 for run win over India two, thanks to Ponting's magin their day-night triangular nificent hundred.

taincy after leg-spinner Shane Cricket Ground today, reports 45-run loss to Pakistan. Ponting's sixth limitedovers century helped Australia reach 269 for seven from their 50 overs, a challenging total that proved beyond the In-

India replied with 241 for six off 50 overs, but were always struggling to reach their target after a slow start.

Saurav Ganguly defiantly made exactly 100 in 127 balls while Rahul Dravid bludgeoned 60 but it was not enough to stop India from crashing to their second straight loss in the competition following Monday's two-wicket defeat by Pakistan. Today's match had to be

threw plastic bottles onto the outfield in protest at Ganguly's dismissal by the third umpire watching a television replay. The Indian vice-captain was run out when he failed to

stopped for almost 15 minutes

when angry Indian supporters

ground his bat while attempting a sharp single. The crowd's behaviour forced the umpires to hold up the match for a quarter of an hour as ground staff cleared a

small section of the outfield. Play continued without any further disruptions and police of quick runs. . said there were no arrests in connection with the incident. Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar and Jacob Martin were

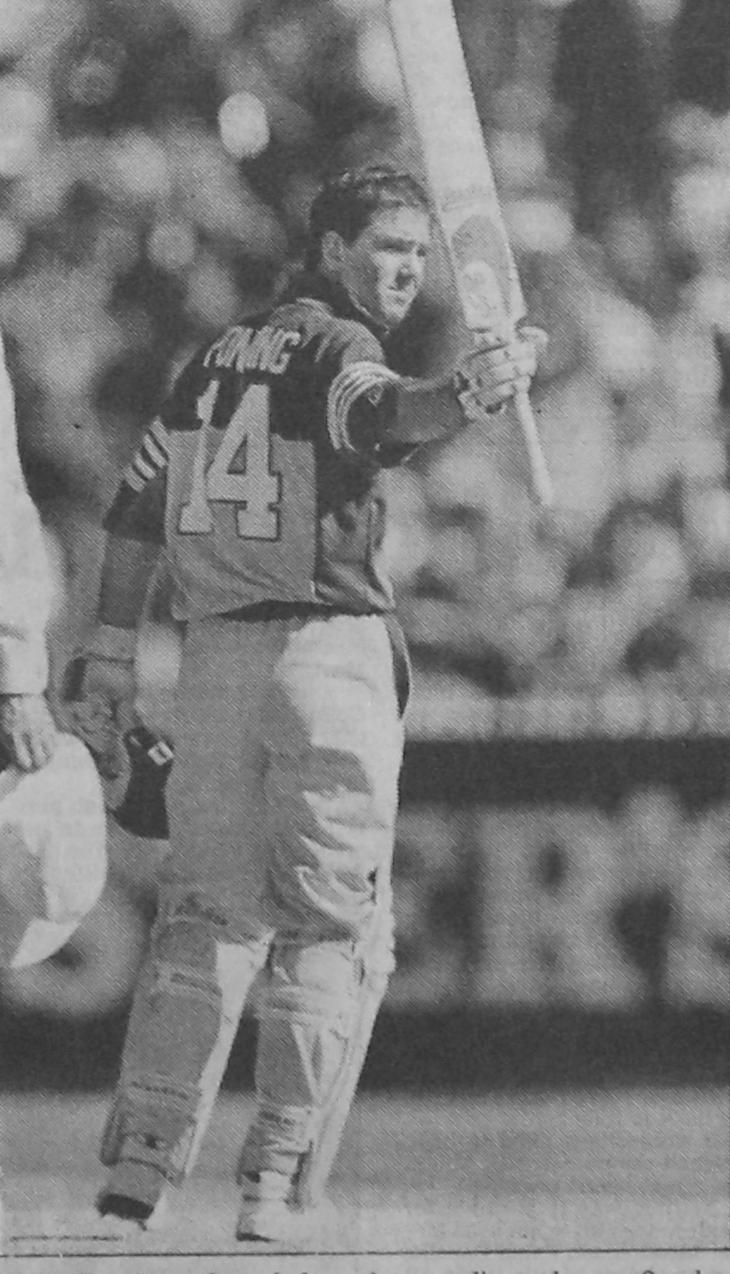
also run out as the touring side

S GANGULY ... 100 could be a future Australian

captain. He reached his first limitedoves century since 1998 off 109 balls when he flicked a single behind square leg of Javagal Srinath before sacrificing his wicket shortly after in pursuit

"It was nice to get a one-day hundred, especially as I hadn't scored one for a while," Ponting

"I was a little bit surprised to



Ricky Ponting acknowledges the crowd's applause after he reached his hundred against India at Melbourne -AFP photo vesterday.

STANDINGS Standings in the triangular limited-overs series between Australia, Pakistan and India after Australia beat India by 28 runs on Wednesday:

Previous results: Jan 9 - Pakistan beat Australia by 45 runs, Brisbane. Jan 10 - Pakistan beat India by two wickets, Brisbanc. Remaining matches: Jan 14 - Australia v India, Sydney.

Jan 16 - Australia v Pakistan, Melbourne, Jan 19 - Australia v Pakistan, Sydney. Jan 21 - Pakistan v India, Hobart Jan 23 — Australia v Pakistan, Melbourne. Jan 25 - India v Pakistan, Adelaide,

Jan 26 - Australia v India, Adelaide. Jan 28 - Pakistan v India, Perth. Jan 30 - Australia v India, Perth.

be named vice-captain but I wasn't thinking about it while I was batting. "I just had a job to do to

steady the innings after we lost those couple of early wickets." Ponting was well supported by Michael Bevan, Steve Waugh

and Damien Martyn who propped up the middle order. Ponting and Bevan added 99 for the third wicket before Waugh made a brisk 23 and Martyn 30 on a pitch fe'l of

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the tri-series one-day international between Australia and India on Wednes-

AÚSTRALIA M Waugh c Laxman b Agarkar 7 Gilchrist c Laxman b Srinath 3 Ponting c Tendulkar b Srinath 115 Bevan c Agarkar b Singh S Waugh run out Martyn c Tendulkar b Kumble Symonds run out S Lee not out Fleming not out

Extras: (b-1, lb-2, w-8) Total: (For seven wickets in 50 overs) 269 Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-19; 3-118; 4-156; 5-227; 6-232; 7-234 Bowler Agarkar

Tendulkar Kumble Ganguly INDIA Laxman c Gilchrist b McGrath 2 Ganguly run out Dighe c M Waugh b Fleming Tendulkar run out

Dravid c Martyn b S Lee

R Singh not out

B Lee

S Lee

Symonds

Martin run out Agarkar not out Extras: (lb-8, nb-7, w-10) Total: (For six wickets in 50 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-7: 2-31: 3-68; 4-177; 5-212; 6-212 RW Bowler M McGrath Fleming

Martyn Result: Australia won by 28 Next match: Australia v In-

dia at Sydney on Friday.

CWAB to boycott BCB until demands met

Sports Reporter

The Cricketers Welfare Association of Bangladesh (CWAB) has reconfirmed that no cricketer will take part in any match organised by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) unless board lifts its ban on seren cricketers.

ficials of CWAB at a meeting at a city restaurant yesterday night. Chaired by CWAB president

This was reiterated by the of-

Minhazul Abedin, around a hundred cricketers joined the meeting. National skipper Aminul Islam, vice-captain Khaled

Mahmud, players Akram Khan, Athar Ali, Naimur Rahman, Saiful Islam, Mahbubur Rahman Selim, Monjurul Islam, Shafiuddin Ahmed. Azam Iqbal and Al-Shahriar were present among others. Speaking on the occasion.

CWAB secretary Faruque Ahmed said that their demonstration for an early transfer in November was held under the banner of CWAB and no one had any personal interest in that. If the board wants to punish anybody, they should pun-

ish CWAB and not any individual," said Faruque. He also said that the cricketers played in the national league after being assured by the

the league they found nothing was done in that respect. The CWAB issued a press release after the meeting mentioning that they would remain firm on their position and not play any cricket for BCB unless their demand for lifting the ban on seven cricketers was met.

board president that their prob-

lem would be solved. But after

Members of the CWAB were later scheduled to meet State . Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader at his NSC office. .



Indian batsman, Rahul Dravid (L) urges the bottlethrowing spectators to cool down after the incident stopped proceedings at the MCG yesterday. -AFP photo