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5 Who lifted the Expatriates' Open chess title?

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

MCC 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 all-rounder was talking to a host of reporters at the introductory press conference at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday 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 secretary of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), were also present at the briefing.

Patel said his team was looking forward to a competitive 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-

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

Refaat 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 Zhen 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.

day match against a BCB President's Eleven starting at the Rajshahi 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 limited-overs matches at different venues across the country.

The tourists will head for Rajshahi today.

World Youth C'ship INDIA-BANGLADESH SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the World Youth Championship match between Bangladesh and India in Colombo on Wednesday:

INDIA			
R Ricky c Kalim b Rajin	61		
M Sharma c Bikash b Rajin	55		
Kaif c Kalim b M Kabir	30		
Y Singh c Mossadek b Rajin	7		
R Sodhi run out	12		
N Patel not out	31		
V Rao not out	10		
Extras: (b-1, lb-9, nb-3, w-16)	29		
Total: (For 5 wickets in 50 overs)	225		
Fall of wickets: 1-131; 2-146; 3-159; 4-176; 5-206			

BANGLADESH			
Hannan b S Srivastav	0		
Nahidul lbw b S Srivastav	10		
Rajin c A Ratna b A Dave	27		
Salim c A Ratna b A Dave	7		
Kuntal c Rao b Y Singh	17		
Kalim c Kaif b A Dave	3		
Fariqul run out	0		
Arman run out	0		
Mahfuz c A Dave b Y Singh	13		
Bikash run out	2		
Mossadek not out	6		
Extras: (lb-5, nb-4, w-13)	22		
Total: (All out in 34.5 overs)	113		
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-27; 3-48; 4-61; 5-67; 6-67; 7-79; 8-95; 9-101			

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Bikash	9	0	38	0
Fariqul	4	0	22	0
Mossadek	9	0	48	0
Hannan	10	0	32	0
M Kabir	8	0	41	1
Rajin Saleh	10	0	44	3

Result: India won by 122 runs.

LATEST

Sports Reporter

The deadlock between the cricketers and the Bangladesh Cricket Board is temporarily over following a meeting with State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader late last night.

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

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 tomorrow.

Standard Bank to sponsor MCC's trip

Sports Reporter

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

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

Speaking to the press, Manu also disclosed that Standard Bank will pay BCB an amount of Taka 7.5 lakh for the sponsorship.

S Africa's tour India make one change to ODIs

Sports Reporter

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 programme 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-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



MELBOURNE, Jan 12: Ricky Ponting hit 115 in 121 deliveries to spur Australia to a 28-run win over India in their day-night triangular series match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground today, reports Reuters.

Ponting's sixth limited-overs century helped Australia reach 269 for seven from their 50 overs, a challenging total that proved beyond the Indians.

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 stopped for almost 15 minutes when angry Indian supporters 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 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 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

cracked under the 'pressure of chasing a demanding target.

Australia, who also lost their opening match to Pakistan, recovered from 19 for two, thanks to Ponting's magnificent hundred.

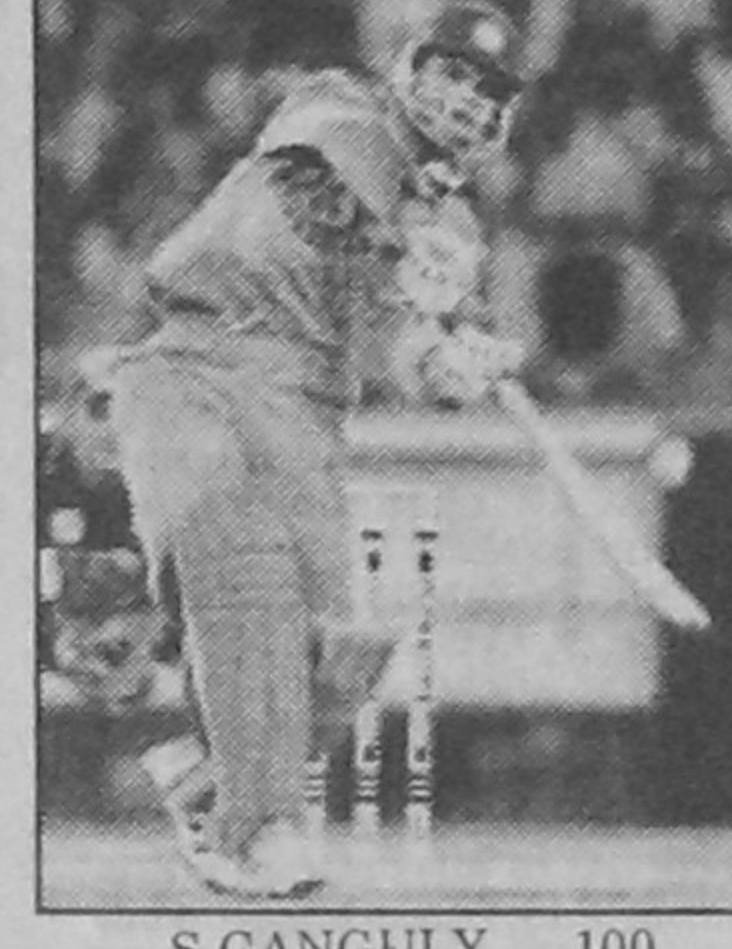
Promoted to the vice-captaincy after leg-spinner Shane Warne injured himself in the 45-run loss to Pakistan, Ponting relished the extra responsibility with a disciplined performance that suggested he

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 that



S GANGULY ... 100

could be a future Australian captain.

He reached his first limited-overs century since 1998 off 109 balls when he flicked a single behind square leg of Jagavallu Srinath before sacrificing his wicket shortly after in pursuit of quick runs.

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

"I was a little bit surprised to

SCOREBOARD

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

AUSTRALIA			
M Waugh c Laxman b Agarkar	7		
Gilchrist c Laxman b Srinath	3		
Ponting c Tendulkar b Srinath	115		
Bevan c Agarkar b Singh	41		
S Waugh run out	23		
Martyn c Tendulkar b Kumble	30		
Symonds run out	3		
S Lee not out	22		
Fleming not out	14		
Extras: (b-1, lb-2, w-8)	11		
Total: (For seven wickets in 50 overs)	289		
Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-19; 3-118; 4-156; 5-227; 6-232; 7-234			

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Srinath	10	0	52	2
Agarkar	9	0	47	1
Prasad	10	0	52	0
Tendulkar	3	0	23	0
Kumble	10	0	57	1
Singh	3	0	19	1
Ganguly	5	0	16	0

Result: Australia won by 28 runs.

Next match: Australia v India at Sydney on Friday.

CWAB to boycott BCB until demands met

Sports Reporter

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

This was reiterated by the officials of CWAB at a meeting at a city restaurant yesterday night.

Chaired by CWAB president Minhazul Abedin, around a hundred cricketers joined the meeting.

National skipper Aminul Islam, vice-captain Khaleel Mahmud, players Akram Khar, Athar Ali, Naimur Rahman, Saiful Islam, Mahbubur Rahman Selim, Monjurul Islam, Shafiqul Islam, 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 punish 'said Faruque.

He also said that the cricketers played in the national league after being assured by the board president that their problem would be solved. But after 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.

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

Richards keen to continue



AUCKLAND, Jan 12 (Reuters/AP): West Indies caretaker coach Viv Richards wants to carry on in the position despite his disastrous first tour, but has hinted at personnel changes if he gets the job. The New Zealand Press Association reported today.

The West Indies backed up 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 side.

Richards said it was inevitable there would be changes after such a disappointing series.

"You do need players who 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 told NZPA.

A decision has yet to be made on who will coach the West Indies for their home Test and one-day series against Zimbabwe and Pakistan, starting on March 16.

A crucial five-Test tour of England follows in late May. Richards said he wouldn't lose sleep over the waiting process but wants to continue unfinished business.

"I will be okay, whatever the situation may be. I want the job, for sure," he said.

One of the players recalled 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 mettle here.

"I still believe he's got so much to offer West Indies cricket. I would love to see Carl Hooper back," Richards said.

Despite the results, Richards has the backing of his captain,

Brian Lara, who has praised Richards' impact on the young West Indies team.

"Viv Richards has done a 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."

"We try to do the right things. The coach and the manager are very influential. Out in the middle the guys have got to believe in themselves. You can only do so much," Lara said.

In the final one-day match in Christchurch on Tuesday, the West Indies failed to restrain the New Zealand batsmen on a benign batting pitch.

Richards expects to face the music when he gets home with the team and likens the response of the passionate West Indies public to that of New Zealanders to their rugby team's failure at last year's World Cup.

"It will be the normal reaction when you lose — you must have experienced that with the All Blacks — you can't take that away when people are disappointed."

"We've had that before, we were beaten 5-1 by Australia in a Test series and we never looked back, and I'm hoping for the same sort of script."

He praised New Zealand.

Crowd trouble worries ACB

Sports Reporter

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 (AC