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"He was always so composed and dedicated. The prolific runs this great batsman has made is an inspiration to the young talent in our team today."

On Sunil Gavaskar.

Donald makes up his mind

LONDON, Aug 29 (Internet report): South African fast bowler Allan Donald has confirmed that this season, he will be his last in county cricket.

Donald, now 33, has played for Warwickshire for the past decade but has decided his body can no longer stand the demands of international cricket and the county circuit.

He has been troubled by a persistent ankle problem and needed an injection to enable him to play in Sunday's NatWest Trophy final against Gloucestershire, which Warwickshire lost by 22 runs under the Duckworth-Lewis system.

"But Donald wants to play on until 2003 when South Africa stages the next World Cup."

"I'd love to be there, but to give myself that chance to stay fit, I have to cut down on playing county cricket and rest up a bit more," he said.

"I feel good now after having a jab in my ankle last week, but more and more injuries creep in and it's probably because I'm playing too much cricket."

"But I've had a fantastic time at Warwickshire. In my opinion, it's the best county in the UK, but all great things at some stage have to come to an end."

Donald believes the county can go from strength to strength with some good young players coming through the ranks, but he plans to put in maximum effort for the rest of the season to try and help them win promotion to Division One in the County Championship and the National Cricket League.

"We've got three very important matches coming up in the County Championship and it will be nice to play in all three and help Warwickshire back into the First Division."

"It's a similar situation in the National League where we need to win three or four games on the trot to get promotion. I will feel great if I go back home having helped to manage that."

BCB reveals SA itinerary

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh open their South Africa tour with a four-day match against Grigoland West in Kimberley from October 12 to 15, according to a joint press statement issued by Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) and United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) yesterday.

The tour of South Africa follows Bangladesh's participation in the ICC knock-out tournament in Kenya.

Bangladesh will also play three limited-overs matches against South Africa A.

The first match is a day-night affair in Bloemfontein on October 18 while the other two games will be played at Pietermaritzburg and Durban on October 21 and 22 respectively.

According to the joint statement, the UCBSA has invited Bangladesh in order to assist the newest Test playing country.

In the statement, managing director of UCBSA Dr. Ali Bacher said: "This is part of UCBSA's commitment to help BCB with their development of the game in their country."

As part of the accord between the two Boards, UCBSA will dispatch its director of playing affairs and umpiring, Brian Basson, to Bangladesh to conduct a week-long course for umpires.

Also two South African development officers will also come for a week to provide background on their own assistance programme.

Welcoming the South African initiative, BCB president Sabir Hossain Chowdhury said: "We have already set in motion an exciting develop-

ment programme and UCBSA's timely assistance will be of much value to us."

Besides, Bangladesh is also going to receive valuable assistance from the Australian Cricket Board (ACB), revealed Sabir during a press conference yesterday.

ACB president Dennis Rogers will visit Dhaka from October 8 to 10.

During his three-day tour, Rogers will sign an agreement to promote youth cricket development with the BCB.

Meanwhile, the general secretary of the BCB Syed Ashraf Huq, who also attended the

press briefing, said that the BCB has contracted four Sri Lankan coaches to look after different age-group selections.

The Sri Lankan quartet are Senerath Alwis, Nancy Mendis, Malcolm Perera and Carlton Bendaras.

Among the four Carlton, who will be tagged with under-19 selection, is now in Dhaka.

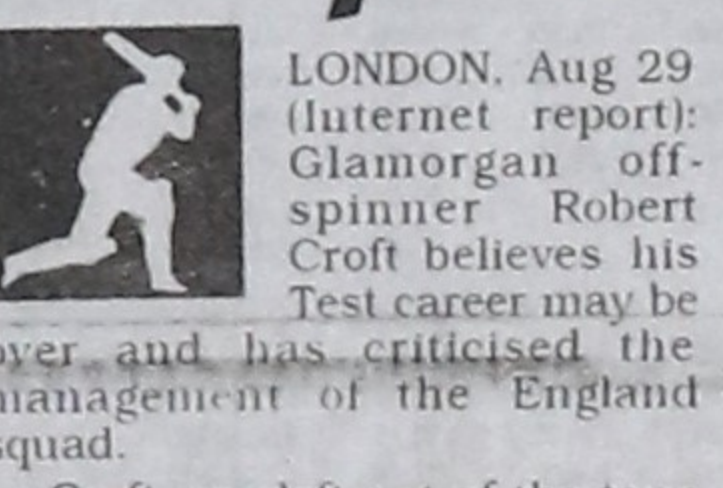
Alwis is expected to groom the under-13 cricketers, Nancy will be in charge of the under-15s and Perera will impart training to under-17 boys.

The BCB has also decided to assign a local coach to each Sri Lankan.



Bangladesh Cricket Board president Sabir Hossain Chowdhury (C) talking to the newsmen during a briefing at the BCB office yesterday. BCB general secretary Syed Ashraf Huq (L) and treasurer Afzalur Rahman Sinha were present.

Croft's career ends up?



LONDON, Aug 29 (Internet report): Glamorgan off-spinner Robert Croft believes his Test career may be over, and has criticised the management of the England team.

Croft was left out of the tour party for Pakistan and Sri Lanka and is now considering whether to quit international cricket.

"One way or another, whether it's my choice or theirs, I don't think I'll play for England again," the Western Mail quotes him as saying.

"I feel like a boxer who has taken too many blows. I keep getting up off the canvas but it becomes harder every time you're knocked down."

Croft told BBC Sport that poor management has created a climate of unease and insecurity around the England team.

"I've been disappointed with the dealings between managers and players," he said.

"Obviously when you play Test cricket it's a pressure-cooker situation but I think the management of players leaves a lot to be desired."

Croft said: "Players need to feel wanted and need to know they will have a run in the side to produce the goods."

"In the climate that I've known playing for England, though, it seems like the game you're playing could be your last every time you walk onto the field."

Croft, known as a key moti-



ROBERT CROFT

ment of his former coach at Glamorgan, Duncan Fletcher, Croft said that nothing had changed since the days of David Lloyd and previous administrations.

The supposed new approach that was to be instigated with Fletcher's appointment as

vator for his county, believes the atmosphere around the England dressing room can lead to players' enthusiasm for the game being dampened.

"I've always regarded myself as an enthusiastic player, but playing for England the enthusiasm started going because you never know if you're going to be playing or carrying the drinks," Croft said.

Speaking of the manage-

ment of his former coach at Glamorgan, Duncan Fletcher, Croft said that nothing had changed since the days of David Lloyd and previous administrations.

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Farashganj finish fifth

Sports Reporter

Farashganj Sporting Club completed their Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League first round campaign with a 4-2 victory over Azad Sporting Club played at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Salam struck two goals while Nadeem and Sharif added one apiece for the winners who led the first half 2-1. Habul scored twice for Azad.

It was Farashganj's fourth win against many defeats, which enabled them to finish fifth in the nine-team elite league. They raised their tally to 12 points from eight matches.

On the other hand, Azad's succumbed to their sixth defeat in eight matches which kept them glued in the dreaded relegation zone with only four points.

FIRST DIVISION

In the other match of the day, Victoria Sporting Club edged past Sadharan Bima 3-2 in a First Division encounter.

Rahman, Uttam and Jahangir scored one goal each for Victoria while Mural and Mamun scored the margin for Bima with a goal apiece.

No matches will be played today.

Usha Krira Chakra take on Mariner Youngs Club tomorrow while leaders Mohammedan Sporting Club will meet arch rivals Abahani Krira Chakra in the last match of the first round on September 1.

The return leg will start from September 4.

Women's TT

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Biman, Jessore, Narail and Rajshahi moved into the semifinals of the Prime Bank Open women's table tennis tournament after winning their respective matches yesterday.

Favourites Biman thrashed Laboni Sangha 3-0. Jessore crushed Chuadanga 3-0 and Rangpur by the same score. Narail outplayed Uttara 3-0 while Rajshahi defeated Inter Sports 3-1 and Shamsunnahar Hall 3-0 respectively.

In the girls' (under-21) singles, Jhuma defeated Ripa 2-0, Soheli beat Rupa 2-0, Poppy won against Sharmin 2-0. Nimia eliminated Jhuma. Tania sank Sonya 2-0 while Argina got past Tania 2-0.

DRU TT

Uptal Shuvro and Saidur Rahman Shamim reached the singles semifinals of the Dhaka Reporters' Unity table tennis competition eliminating their rivals at the DRU office yesterday, reports UNB.

Shuvro of Protham Alo booked his place beating holder Ehtesham of Jugantar 21-4, 21-10 and Mostafa Mamun of Protham Alo 21-8, 19-21, 21-12.

Saidur of Jugantar defeated Imrul Kabir Sumon of Matrihum 21-6, 21-6 and Abdullah Al Faruk of Jugantar 21-5, 21-11 to advance to the semifinals.

In the semifinals today Masud Ahmed Rumi (BSS) will play Kazi Abdul Hannan (Jugantar) while Shuvro will meet Saidur.

The final will also be held today.

Fiorentina may fet Zenden

FLORENCE, Italy, Aug 29 (Reuters/Internet): Fiorentina have reached a deal with Barcelona to buy Dutch midfielder Bouwenda Zenden and just need to agree terms with the player, coach Fatih Terim said on Monday.

"The agreement with Barcelona is already there. Now it's just a case of convincing Zenden to come to Florence," Terim told reporters.

"For that reason, I'll give him a call in the next few hours. For me he's the ideal player to strengthen this squad."

Zenden, part of the Dutch side which reached the semifinals of Euro 2000, was linked to Chelsea and Italian champions Lazio in the past month but no deal materialised.

He injured ligaments in a friendly on Saturday and will be sidelined for about a month.

"It's true that he's injured but he shouldn't be out for long," said Terim, about to embark on his first season in Italy after guiding Galatasaray to the UEFA Cup title.

"Anyway, that's not the problem. Rather, we need to do it quickly because we have to present our squad list to UEFA (for the UEFA Cup)."

The Turkish coach said he also wanted to buy a right-sided player and a central midfielder to replace Brazilian Amaral, who was signed in the close season but will be out for six months after tearing ligaments in his left knee in a friendly.

Fiorentina are eyeing Galatasaray midfielder Emre and Atletico Madrid's Uruguayan international Pablo Garcia.

Banned duo disappointed



CAPE TOWN, Aug 29 (Internet report): While Herschelle Gibbs gets back into training, only banned from international cricket for his part in the match-fixing scandal, Henry Williams is sitting by the phone.

Williams, also banned from international cricket for six months for his role in the saga, is upset that Hansie Cronje has not contacted him to apologise for jeopardising his career.

"I haven't heard anything from Hansie yet. I feel the least he could have done was ring me and say he was sorry for what happened. He says sorry on television, but he hasn't told me that himself," said the bowler.

Meanwhile fellow accused Gibbs - who received a similar ban and a fine of R60 000 (US\$ 6000) - said he was disappointed by the decision but was grateful he could play for his province if selected.

"I have had an opportunity to reflect on my actions in Nagpur and have come to fully appreciate my stupidity. I have learnt my lesson and I hope sincerely that my experience will serve as a reminder to any-

one who finds himself in a similar situation," he said.

Meanwhile the South African captain and squad have been measured in their response.

"As a team, we accept what the UCB have come up with and we respect the judgement of the disciplinary committee," Shaun Pollock said.

"From Herschelle's point of view, I'm sure he is glad the ordeal is over and he knows what the future holds for him. He is such a talented cricketer and it's good to know that he will be available again next year."

"Though we cannot condone what he and the others did, he is such a talented player that I hope he comes through this period of adversity," said Daryll Cullinan.

Coach Graham Ford added: "I'd love to have him back as soon as possible because he is such a brilliant player."

Gibbs wasted no time in getting back into cricket, from the UCB hearing to a Western Province practice session.

"I expected the worst and am just happy that he will be playing cricket again. I saw Herschelle on Sunday and I could see that he was tense and

apprehensive and he also expected the worst," said Western Province coach Vincent Barnes.

"I really believed he would be made an example of and receive a life ban. I'm so happy that this isn't the case."

Former South African wicket-keeper Dave Richardson, now Gibbs' agent, believes, however, that he was harshly treated.

"I know it is a serious offence, but I feel he has done his time after all he has been through in the last few months," he said.

Meanwhile, another report from Wellington said that New Zealand Cricket chief executive Chris Doig has claimed the bans are too lenient.

"I am surprised and disappointed at the leniency," Doig said. "There is no doubt I am disappointed. For the sake of cricket we had to be seen to be making a strong stance on match fixing."

Doig said it was strange that the United Cricket Board of South Africa's disciplinary committee had ignored the International Cricket Council's rules on match fixing which demand a life ban.

Javed in no position to give information



KARACHI, Aug 29: Pakistan's cricket coach Javed Miandad on Tuesday denied reports he was to give evidence in an alleged sex scandal involving three young players, adding that the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) would fact-finding before taking any action.

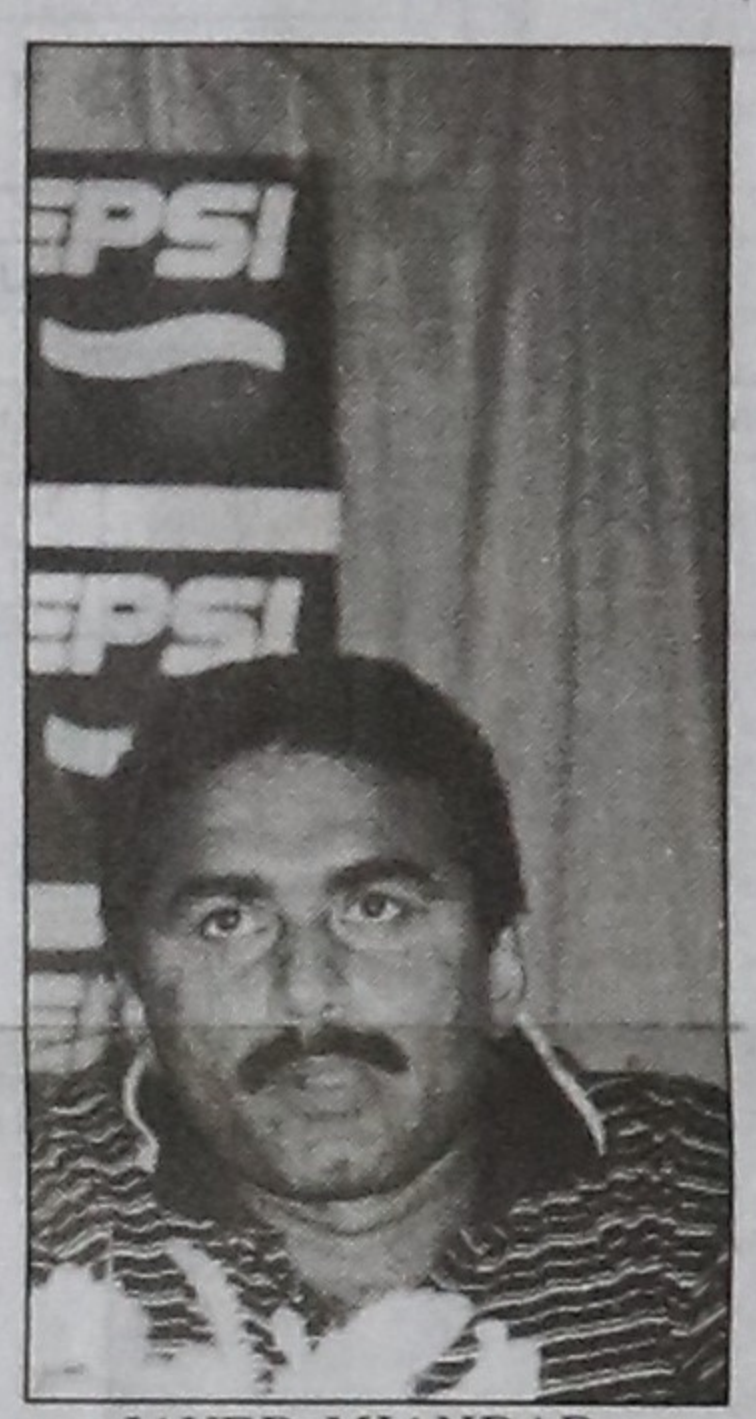
"It's not true that I will give a report," Miandad told AFP on the team's arrival here after competing in the tri-nation Singapore Challenge 2000.

A report in the News daily last week had alleged that three Pakistani players had invited girls to their Lahore hotel room a day before the team left for Singapore.

Press reports later revealed all-rounder Shahid Afridi, batsman Hasan Raza and wicketkeeper Atiquraman - all in their early 20s - were involved in the accusations.

The News daily said the women were "followed by some shady characters" who demanded money from the cricketers to hush up the matter, which was paid in dollars.

"I was not in that hotel and do not know what happened, nobody was caught red-handed



JAVED MIANDAD

so it's hard to ascertain what happened," Miandad said.

PCB will call the three players and will find facts before taking any action," he added.

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National League Div Two title Surrey's

LONDON, Aug 29: Surrey Lions were handed the English National League Division Two title yesterday without having to take the field, reports Reuters.

Their nearest rivals Nottinghamshire Outlaws needed to beat Middlesex Crusaders to maintain any chance of catching the runaway leaders.

But in a match reduced to 21 overs a side because of rain the Crusaders ran out winners by 23 runs.

Mark Ramprakash smashed an undefeated 53 off 31 balls in Middlesex's 148 for three.

In reply the Outlaws were restricted to 125 for seven with Jason Gallian making the top score of 43.

In Division One, Matthew Hoggard celebrated his call-up for England's winter tour of Pakistan and Sri Lanka as Yorkshire Phoenix beat Northamptonshire Steelbacks by six wickets to top of the table.

Hoggard took five for 30 and with Darren Gough, who took three for 19, knocked Northants over for 109.

Darren Lehmann (37) and Anthony McGrath (36 not out) steered Yorkshire to 111 for four in 30 overs.

Somerset Sabres conceded top spot after losing off the last ball to Sussex Sharks at Hove.

Skipper Jamie Cox was top scorer with 47 runs in Somerset's 212 for eight.

But half-centuries from Australian left-hander Michael Bevan (85 not out) and skipper Chris Adams (68) saw Sussex home in a thrilling finish.

Leicestershire Foxes remain rooted in relegation trouble after losing by 47 runs to Gloucestershire Gladiators.

Jeremy Snape (71), Ian Harvey (66) and Matt Windows (61) boosted the Gladiators to 269 for nine.

The Foxes were all out for 222 despite a stand of 138 for the fourth wicket between Darren Maddy (86) and Ben Smith (77).

ICC Knock-out meet Kamande, Onyango get Kenya call-back

NAIROBI, Aug 29: Bowlers Jimmy Kamande and Lameck Onyango have been recalled to the Kenyan cricket team for the International Cricket Council (ICC) Knock-out tournament in Nairobi in October, reports AFP.

Medium-pace Kamande's promising cricket career appeared to be in jeopardy after he was accused of throwing in his international debut at the 1999 Cricket World Cup in England.

His action was criticised by two referees during Kenya's opening World Cup match against Zimbabwe at Taunton. The 21-year-old player was subsequently barred from bowling in all cricket matches by the ICC, until his case was studied.

He has since improved his style and his renewed confidence helped the Kenyan cricket selectors to pick him for a series of international home matches against Pakistan A, Karnataka and Plascon Academy of South Africa.

SQUAD

Maurice Odumbe (captain), Stephen Tikolo (vice-captain), Kennedy Odoyo, Ravindu Shah, Thomas Odoyo, Hitesh Modi, Tony Suji, Martin Suji, Mohammed Sheikh, Collins Odoyo, Lameck Onyango, Peter Ochieng, Josphat Ababu and Jimmy Kamande.

READERS' ZONE AGM-ing on the Beach

Do you have any observation regarding sports and its management in Bangladesh? Do you feel certain issues need to be addressed before time runs out? Then, hurry up and send us your burning questions, criticisms and thoughtful suggestions not in excess of 400 words. You may be the next contributor of our just introduced READERS' ZONE.

--Sports Editor

The decision of BCB (Bangladesh Cricket Board) to hold the AGM at the beach resort of Cox's Bazar had been bugging me for some time. I could not make any head and tail of such an unprecedented decision.

We have heard of Beach Football, Beach Hockey etc but we have never heard of any Beach AGM. Thanks (!) to BCB for such an innovation at a colossal expense when some of the national federations are even finding it difficult to augment even a sum of Taka 5 lakh for their round the year activity. Isn't it criminal to embark on such a clueless venture? With the money BCB spending on the AGM the cricket board president could have easily held training camp for the budding cricketers in the divisional headquarters.

BCB has a Coaching and Planning committee and above

READERS' ZONE

all they have appointed Eddi Barlow as Director of Development. These are all on paper. In fact, present BCB ever since taking over the office after the stage-managed elections has not yet been able to draw up an action plan for pragmatic coaching to find out new talents at the grass roots level. It's true that there have been some sporadic coaching clinics here and there taken place without any clear objective. With Bangladesh's elevation to the elite club of Test-playing nation, it is all the more necessary for BCB to embark on a well-planned, large scale coaching to raise the overall standard of the country's cricket in order to save the nation from humiliation.

One only can hope that the authorities will objectively look into this aspect in the greater interest of cricket in particular and the nation in general. A stitch in time saves nine. It is time BCB woke up from its slumber and act positively.

Is there anyone out of 126 councillors who would opt out of the AGM as a mark of protest against BCB's nearly Taka 25 lakh Cox's Bazar bonanza? Can a conscious councillor be willing to be a party to an event that apparently aims at affixing the seal of councillors' approval to

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE COMICAL GENERALIST OFTEN REFERRED TO HIMSELF AS A CLAN DIGGER.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals F

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.