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SPORTS TALK



Rivaldo
(Barcelona's Brazilian superstar)

The situation is uncomfortable for everyone. If they don't want me in the team, it's better if I go.

While threatening to quit his club.

Special Chess Swapan takes solo lead

Sports Reporter

Swapan Chakraborty earned a solo lead in the Second National Special Chess Championship for the Blind winning three matches in a row yesterday at the NSC chess room.

On the second day, Swapan beat Azgar, Yusuf and Sharif in the third, fourth and fifth rounds respectively to earn a maximum of five points.

Holder Shamsul Islam, Kamal Hossain and Abu Naim Mamun are half a point behind the leader.

Seventy-three visually-impaired players from 17 districts of the country, are taking part in the seven round Swiss league competition.

The final round of matches begin at 10 am. Later a prize-giving ceremony will be held at the same venue in the afternoon.

Rajshahi soccer

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Oct 10: Dakshin Shador Club emerged champions in the Aboriginal football tournament defeating Pakri Mission 1-0 in the final at the Lalit Nagar High School and College ground today.

Ruplal scored the all-important goal and was adjudged man-of-the-match.

Mushtaq Mondal, president of the Lalit Nagar High School and College, watched the match as chief guest and distributed prizes.

A total of eight teams took part in the tournament which was organised by Godagari Lalit Nagar Jhalbotta Jharkhon Adibast Saigha.

Partex tennis

Sports Reporter

On the opening day of the Partex Inter-Club Tennis Tournament, hosts Gulshan Club White beat Khulna Club by 2-1 sets while American Club B earned a walk-over.

Club president Chowdhury Monwar Ahmed Siddique inaugurated the 12-day long meet.

Vice-chairman of sponsors Partex Group Aziz Al-Kaiser was also present.

Dhaka Club take on Baisera Valley Club while Jamalpur Club meet Chittagong Club in today's matches.



HISTORY IN THE MAKING: Mohammedan striker Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib (R) going to score his first of three goals against arch-rivals Abahani in the National Bank Premier Division Football League Super Four encounter at the Bangabandhu Stadium yesterday. Nakib became the first local player to slam a hattrick in an Abahani-Mohammedan game. —Star photo

Nakib antics sink Abahani Mohammedan clinch a cliff-hanger

Sports Reporter

Prolific striker Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib notched a magnificent hattrick as Mohammedan Sporting Club came from two goal deficit to pull off a heart-thumping 4-3 win against Abahani in their opening Super Four match of the National Bank Premier Division Football League yesterday.

The lanky former national forward walked into the history when he struck thrice in the 32nd, 52nd and 69th minutes. For Mohammedan after Abahani took a 2-0 lead within the fifteenth minute of a cracker of a contest at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

With this treble Nakib became the first local player to score a hattrick in the decades of rivalry between the two perennial foes. Abahani's Sri Lankan recruit Premal held the unique feat of notching a hattrick in the Federation Cup semifinal way back in 1985.

But Nakib's triple strikes were not enough for Mohammedan to stage the memorable victory. They needed a last minute goal from midfielder Motiur Munna in a match that could undoubtedly be considered as clash of the decade between the two giants.

It was a great Houdini act of the black and whites especially after Abahani took a double lead even before the near packed audience at the big bowl settled down on the stands.

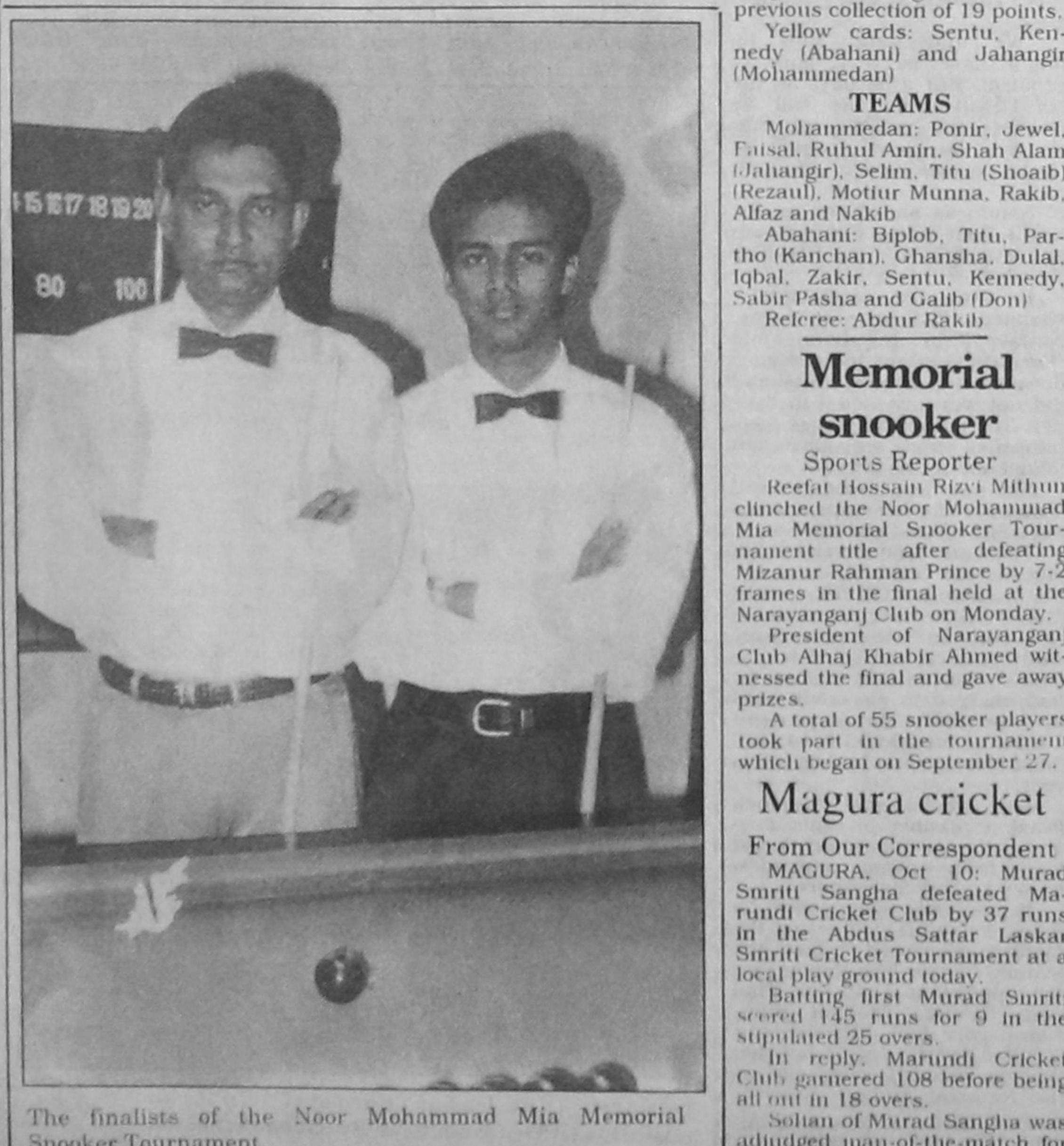
Although the sky blues got off to a superb start, it appeared later in the proceedings

that it was not simply their day. Lady luck was not also on their side as Abahani got at least half a dozen scoring chances apart from the early goals. But Kennedy struck twice on the post and drove straight to a helpless Poir in the first half. His attacking partner in the up front, Don also missed out from vanishing point. Moreover, captain Iqbal compounded the misery of his side blasting the ball miles over the crosspiece from a hand-shaking distance.

Sky-blue supporters went in frenzy when Abahani's Indian recruit Sabir Pasha headed home a Titu minus from the right nine minutes into the match. Their delights became too intense to bear when di-minutive striker Don, coming in as a substitute for rookie Galib, only six minutes later stabbed the ball home from close.

But their 2-0 lead only inspired Mohammedan to come back, firing on all cylinders. With Allaz, Rakib and Motiur mearthing their richest vein of talents, the popular Molihel outfit took the game away from the firm grip of Abahani with a series of offensives.

The tireless effort of the trio eventually paid off when Rujul Amin sent a perfect cross from the left, which Nakib side footed



The finalists of the Noor Mohammad Mia Memorial Snooker Tournament.

ICC KnockOut Kenya 2000

ENGLAND-SA SCOREBOARD

Scorecards of the quarterfinal match of the ICC Knockout Tournament between England and South Africa in Nairobi Tuesday.

ENGLAND

Treweek c Donald b Pollock 26
Stewart c Dippenaar b Donald 18
Hussain c Boucher b Donald 5
Hick c Hall b Kallis 65
Thorpe c Hall b Boje 14
Flintoff c Klusener b Pollock 25
White run out 3
Ealham c Boucher b Pollock 10
Grayson c Pollock c Kallis 0
Caddick run out 0
Gough not out 6
Extras: (lb-2, w-5, nb-3) 10
Total: (All out in 44.1 overs) 182

Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-50, 3-55, 4-84, 5-154, 6-160, 7-167, 8-168, 9-174

Bowler O M R W

Pollock 9.1 2 27 3
Telemachus 9 2 45 0
Donald 8 1 25 2
Kallis 8 0 26 2
Boje 5 0 24 1
Klusener 5 0 33 0

SOUTH AFRICA

A Hall c Hick b Gough 1
Kirsten c Hick b White 32
Kallis not out 78
Dippenaar not out 65
Extras: (w-2, nb-6) 8
Total: (for 2 wks in 39.1 overs) 184
Did not bat: J Rhodes, L Klusener, M Boucher, S Pollock, N Boje, R Telemachus and A Donald.

Fall of wicket: 1-19, 2-52

Bowler O M R W

Caddick 7 1 40 0
Gough 9 2 43 1
White 8.1 0 40 1
Ealham 10 1 41 0
Grayson 5 0 20 0

Result: South Africa won by 8 wickets and advanced to the semifinals

Man-of-the-match: JH Kallis

Match Referee: RS Madugalle (SL)

Umpires: D Hair (Aus) and S Venkatraghavan (Ind)

TV Umpire: SA Bucknor (WI)

ICC names Dhaka Test umpires

NAIROBI, Oct 10 (Internet report): The ICC has appointed one of its most senior teams of match officials to take charge of Bangladesh's inaugural Test match against India in Dhaka next month.

Raman Subba Row from England will be match referee with Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and David Shepherd (England) as umpires.

The third umpire will be appointed by the Bangladesh Cricket Board from its local panel of first class umpires, and will be announced in the near future.

"This will be an historic occasion as Bangladesh becomes the tenth Test playing nation," said ICC cricket operations manager Clive Hitchcock.

"The appointments of these very experienced and respected officials reflect the high profile and importance of the match," he added.

The one-off Test takes place from 10 to 14 November.

BCB's noble gesture

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has come forward to help the flood victims of Sathkhira, Jhenidah, Chuadanga, Meherpur and Jessore.

The Board will distribute Taka two lakh and other relief materials through the general secretaries of District Sports Associations of the five districts shortly.

Suspension on Campbell

NAIROBI, Oct 8 (Internet report): Zimbabwean opening batsman Alistair Campbell has been found guilty of dissent during their ICC Knockout quarter-final match against New Zealand on Monday and suspended for one game by match referee Cammie Smith, it was announced on Tuesday.

Campbell was given out lbw by umpire Steve Bucknor, but stood for an age looking at his front leg and the wicket before departing for the dressing room.

Nothing final on Cronje yet

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 10: South African cricket's controlling body cast doubt on a report today that a life ban on disgraced former captain Hansie Cronje would be announced this week, reports Reuters.

Cape Town newspaper the Argus reported the official sanction against Cronje imposed by the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) might come in the next few days.

'Minnows need help'

NAIROBI, Oct 10 (Internet report): The gap between emerging Test nations and power teams such as Australia threatens to become unbridgeable. Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak has warned the International Cricket Council.

Zimbabwe, which joins the West Indies in Australia this summer for the triangular one-day series, sit on the bottom of the Test cricket pecking order, having won only three of their 45 Test matches since making their debut against India in 1992-93.

In Nairobi after Zimbabwe was eliminated by New Zealand from the ICC Knockout Tournament, Streak warned that the emerging Test nations were in danger of falling off the map if the ICC did not provide more means of support. He said Zimbabwe would struggle to improve its international status while its players were easily lured elsewhere.

"We've got to look at ways and incentives of keeping our players in Zimbabwe so that we don't lose them," Streak said.

"We don't want it to get to the stage where it's a mismatch. We've got to keep developing and working on our cricket, and I think it's a dilemma that a lot of the fledgling sides are going to have, countries like Kenya, Bangladesh. It's a big thing for them."

Streak's comments follow the previous day from Australian captain Steve Waugh, who said the ICC needed to ensure that emerging teams were given every opportunity to become competitive.

Waugh said the answer lay partly in scheduling more top-class cricket for the fledgling teams and partly in providing financial assistance.

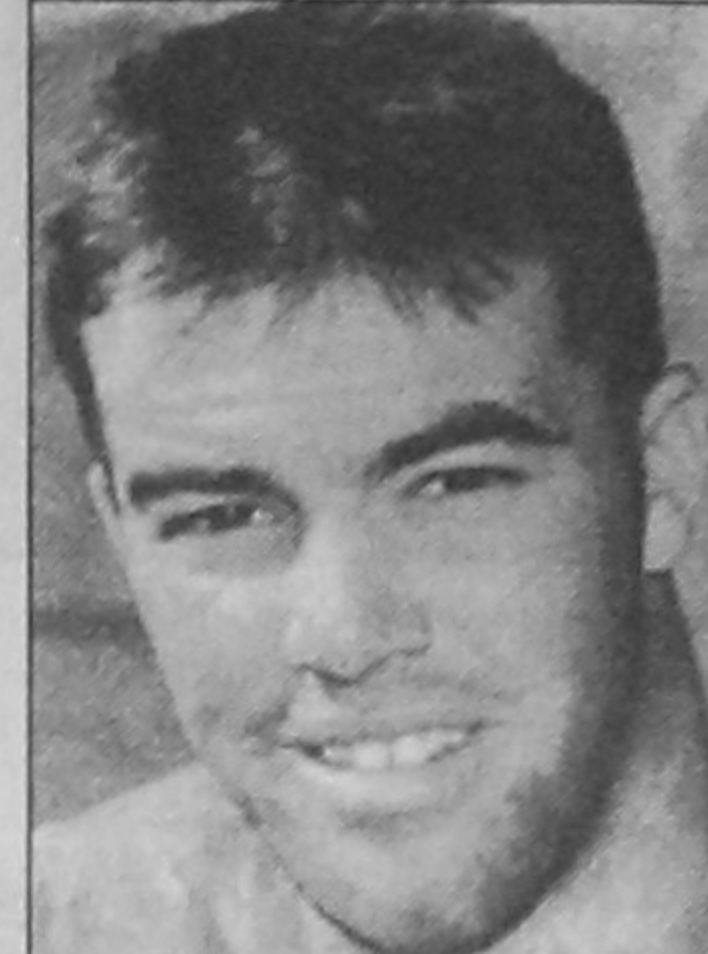
Zimbabwe are certainly getting plenty of cricket, having played back-to-back one-day series against England, the West Indies and NZ on their way to Kenya. It now head to Sharjah before coming to Australia. But Streak said a lack of money in Zimbabwean cricket was the team's biggest obstacle to improvement.

"I think finance is a big part of it," he said. "You look at the countries that are at the bottom of the ladder and you look at the guys at the top - there's a lot of incentive for us to go and play in the UK or play in Australia or play in South Africa because of the currency difference."

"Also, money needs to be put into development, and our first-class structures need to be of a higher standard - our club level and our facilities."

"We've got to be as professional at the top sides. Otherwise, over time, they'll be developing at a faster rate and you'll get that, five or 10 years down the line, where they've developed and become (too good)."

ICC KnockOut Kenya 2000



HEATH STREAK
to have, countries like Kenya, Bangladesh. It's a big thing for them."

Doull's SA tour doubtful

HAMILTON, Oct 10 (Internet report): Experienced swing bowler Simon Doull doubts he is ready, should he be wanted by the New Zealand cricket team in South Africa later this month.

Doull, 31, is being viewed by the national selection panel as a possible selection for the tour after a rash of injuries struck the side.

First-choice seam bowler Dion Nash and left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori have already been ruled out through injury while all-rounder Chris Cairns is struggling to overcome a hurt knee.

Doull on Monday said his preference was to spend more time improving his fitness and the reliability of his troublesome right knee before the domestic national season began.

"If it came down to it and I was asked, I don't know what I'd do," Doull said.

"But I think it's probably too much to ask."

Doull's career was threatened by a knee injury suffered in England in mid-1999 which required two operations and left him with virtually no cartilage left in his knee.

The Northern Districts opening bowler did remarkably well to return to action last season under the guidance of personal trainer Jason Whelan, but was treated inconsistently by the national selectors for the one-day and Test series against Australia.

New Zealand selector Ross Dykes said the panel of convenor Sir Richard Hadlee, coach David Trist, Brian McKeelnie and himself were "obviously interested" in Doull.

"We don't want to put any pressure on him and can't af-



SIMON DOULL
cision up to Simon. He's very experienced and knows what his body can and can't do."

New Zealand will play three Tests and six one-day internationals in South Africa, after they complete their obligations at the ICC Knockout Trophy one-day tournament in Kenya.

Nash will miss it because of a recurrence of a stress fracture in his back that saw him return home from Zimbabwe earlier this month.

Geoff Allott, who is with the one-day squad in Kenya, is unlikely to figure as a replacement for the first-class portion of the South African tour because he has only recently recovered from the same injury.

"Geoff is still a day-by-day option and at present one-day cricket is probably enough for him," Dykes said.

Kerry Wainmsley, Chris Martin, Andrew Penn and Lance Hamilton are other contenders

Div III cricket qualifiers

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Cricket Club registered a comprehensive 56-run win over Future Blues in their Third Division Cricket League qualifier at the Uttara Police Lines ground yesterday.

The other match between Trainers' Eleven and Kalabagan Cricket Academy A was abandoned due to a freak shower at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

Dhaka Cricket Club, aided by a brilliant half-century from middle-order batsman Babu, scored a commanding 185 for eight in the stipulated 35 overs after electing to bat.

Babu hammered a six and five boundaries in his run-a-ball 66.

In reply, Future Blues could muster 129 all out in 27.1 overs.

Kalabagan Cricket Academy, chasing Trainers' palty 99 in 35 overs, were cruising at 53 for three when rain spoiled the show after 18 runs.

Jugantar enter last four

Sports Reporter

Jugantar moved into the semifinals of the six-a-side football tournament of Dhaka Reporters Unity with a lone goal win over Inqilab at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half Mujibur scored the all-important goal for Jugantar in an evenly contested match. The victory enabled Jugantar to finish champions of Group D.

In the other match of the day, Bangladesh News Service blanked Al-Amin 3-0. Lovelu, Sohel and Sujon netting for the winners.

Meanwhile, The Daily Star will take on Sangram in an important Group C match at the same venue today. The match kicks off at 12 noon.

Richards' rebuttal

NAIROBI, Oct 10 (Internet report): ICC chief executive David Richards has denied that umpire Darrell Hair's removal from standing in the match between Sri Lanka and Pakistan was in response to Sri Lankan pressure.

The Sri Lankans objected to Hair's appointment because he had no-balled Muttiah Muralitharan before, and had described his action in his book as "diabolical".

Richards claimed that the appointment of Hair to stand in the Sri Lankan game was nothing but a misprint in the official programme, and that it was always intended that he should officiate in the South Africa vs England match instead.

In the event, the Sri Lankans' failed no better for Hair's absence as Pakistan defeated them by an emphatic margin of nine wickets.



South Africa fast bowler Allan Donald in his final delivery stride during their ICC Knockout Trophy quarterfinal against England at the Nairobi Gymkhana yesterday. —AFP photo