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**Shahid Afridi**  
(Pakistan cricket all-rounder)

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- Who is the new managing director of United Cricket Board of South Africa?  
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## CBI reports tomorrow?

NEW DELHI, Oct 23 (AFP/Reuters): India's federal investigation agency will Wednesday submit to the government its findings on a cricket match-fixing and betting scandal, a report said Monday.

The report is ready for submission and will be handed over to the government on Wednesday, a source from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) told the United News of India.

Sports Minister Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa said last month the report would first be tabled in parliament, which opens for its winter session next month, before being made public.

"We will submit the report (to Dhindsa) but it is for the government to make it public or not," the source said.

Media reports quoted CBI sources as saying four unnamed Indian cricketers are likely to be named in the interim report.

The Indian cricket board has said it will ban for life any player found guilty and erase his records.

Among the stars investigated by the CBI were former coach Kapil Dev, ex-captain Mohammad Azharuddin, Ajay Jadeja, Nikhil Chopra, Ajay Sharma and Navan Mongia.

Former International Cricket Council president Jagmohan Dalmiya and cricket board treasurer Kishore Rungta were some of the administrators questioned by the CBI during its six-month probe.

Azharuddin, Jadeja, Chopra and Mongia were last month dropped from the national team with their names were cleared. Kapil Dev resigned as coach, saying the scandal had made him lose interest in the game.

Asked to comment on Indian media reports that Indian players had been named in the report, CBI spokesman S M Khan said "It is not authentic."

He, however, said the report was quite elaborate.

Dhindsa said last Thursday he would seek legal opinion before deciding on any action.

"I'll read the report, I will also get it legally examined," he said, adding the report would be officially released during the winter session of parliament in November.

## BD-Zim Test series soon?

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh are likely to play two Tests and three one-day international matches against Zimbabwe next year. General secretary of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Sved Ashraful Haq disclosed this yesterday.

"Our discussions with the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) are now at an advanced stage. And if everything goes accordingly, Bangladesh will be touring the Southern African nation in April," Ashraful told reporters at his BCB office.

The surprise development comes hot on the heels of BCB president Saber Hossain's announcement. He said that the tenth Test-playing nation would be involved in at least two home and away series in the year 2001 according to the International Cricket Council's ambitious five-year plan discussed at its two-day meeting in Nairobi last week.

"If the tour takes place it would be outside the purview of the ICC calendar," clarified the BCB general secretary, adding that the ICC's idea on having all ten Test nations play each other

over a five-year period, would take effect from May 1, 2001.

Bangladesh, inducted into cricket's elite club last June, might even get an opportunity of playing more Tests than any other debutant team ever enjoyed.

With the historic one-off Test against India at the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) only weeks away, the Test newcomers also have a possibility of entertaining Pakistan at home in January provided that India decline to tour Pakistan in December.

Referring to the historic Test against India on November 10-14, Ashraful said that the Board is ready to celebrate the august occasion in a grandiose manner. The BCB general secretary sought cooperation from all quarters irrespective of political affiliation to make it a success.

"We therefore appeal to all political parties to deter their respective programmes at Paltan Maidan from November 1-15. Besides, the National Sports Council (NSC) is requested to suspend all general traffic movement around the stadium."

Asked to comment on how the Board is going to accommodate the hectic international engagements with cricket still fighting for a permanent ground, Ashraful conceded that this was a sticky issue that needed to be overcome once and for all.

"It's a shame that instead of having a venue of our own, we will have to surrender the BNS to football immediately after the Test against India."

"Such a 'musical chair' policy has left us very little time to prepare a Test standard ground."

"I think the policymakers should make their minds up where (cricket or football) deserves the stadium," said a frustrated Ashraful.

Echoing the views of president Saber, who recently said that the Board would like to develop a ground of international standard outside Dhaka as an alternative option, Ashraful went one step further. "If all else fails then we can always turn to the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Pratisthan (BKSP) to hold Test matches."



Labourers planting grass at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday to prepare it for the upcoming Test against India. —Star photo

## Bangladesh chase 260

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh are up against a stiff task of scoring 260 runs yesterday to end an otherwise dismal South Africa tour.

Thrashed by ten-wicket defeat only a day before in their second limited-overs match against South Africa President's Eleven, the visitors would step on to the green-top pitch again in a hope to erase their shocking memory of being 51 all out at Kingsmead, Durban.

Yet to win a game in their maiden South African safari, Bangladesh restricted Dale Benkenstein's side to 259 for five in the day-night match with skipper Naimur Rahman leading from the front.

The dapper all-rounder captured three wickets for 45 to stem the run flow of President's Eleven, who put up 118 runs for the opening stand in 24.2

overs. Opener Amla scored highest 68 and his partner Smith made 56 before Naimur dismissing both of them in quick succession. Naimur was also accounted for a marauding Jaarsveld, who scored a run-a-ball 62. Hasibul with two for 33 was the other successful Bangladeshi bowler.

Monjural, the left-arm seamer playing his first match following his injury, bowled six overs and gave away 28 runs without any success.

### SCOREBOARD

Scorecard of the Bangladesh innings in their match against South African Invitational XI in Kingsmead, Durban Monday:

**SA INVITATIONAL XI**  
Smith b Naimur 56  
Amla c Aminul b Naimur 68  
Rudolph c Masud b Hasibul 48  
Jaarsveld c Aminul b Naimur 62

Benkenstein not out 14  
Ontonog c Mushfiq b Hasibul 2  
Kemp not out 1  
Extras: (lb-1, w-4, nb-3) 8  
Total: (for 5 wks in 50 overs) 259  
DNB: TL Tsolekile, CK Langeveldt, M Ngani and CM Willoughby.

Fall of wickets: 1-118: 2-133: 3-232: 4-248: 5-256

**Bowler** O M R W  
Hasibul 8 0 33 2  
Manjural 6 0 28 0  
Mushfiq 5 0 28 0  
Rafique 9 0 54 0  
Naimur 9 0 45 3  
Enamul 10 0 51 0  
Bashar 3 0 19 0

Umpires: S Wadvalia and AE Williams

Bangladesh team: Al Saharar Rokon, Habibul Bashar, Khaleel Masud, Aminul Islam, Akram Khan, Naimur Rahman, Mohammad Rafique, Mushfiqur Rahman, Enamul Hoque, Hasibul Hussain and Manjural Islam.

## Lee breaks Iran's heart



TRIPOLI, Lebanon, Oct 23: South Korea roared into the last four of the Asian Cup here Monday with a dramatic golden goal victory over favourites Iran in the quarter-finals, reports AFP.

Injured striker Lee Dong-Gook -- nicknamed Lion King -- was the hero for the Koreans.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

**QUARTERFINALS**  
Saudi Arabia v Kuwait (7:45 pm)  
Japan v Iraq (10:45 pm)

coolly sidestepping a cross from Noh Jung-Yoon in the 100th minute to spark wild celebrations amongst his team-mates.

In what was almost a carbon-copy of the France-Italy Euro 2000 final, South Korea had snatched the victory after scrambling an equaliser in the last minute of regulation time to force the extra 30 minutes.

Lee, who had started as substitute because of a sore knee, had played a part in the equaliser, crossing into the box

only for Karim Bagheri to make a dash of the clearance.

Kim Sang-Sik reacted quickly hammering in a shot from close range to make it 1-1 and set up Lee's sensational finale.

Charlton Athletic midfielder Bagheri had looked to have fired his team into the lead -- and the last four -- when he unleashed an amazing 35-yard screamer which rocketed into the top corner on 71 minutes as rain lashed down at the Tripoli Stadium.

But in a desperate last throw of the dice, Korea coach Huh Jung-Moo sent his semi-fit striker Lee into the fray in place of defender Kang Chul on 73 minutes.

The inspired substitution proved the turning point.

The Koreans had earlier struggled off their indifferent form to turn in their best performance of the tournament.

The first half had started slowly, with both sides seemingly nervous of venturing forward too frequently.

The crowd had to wait until the 24th minute for the first attempt on goal. Ali Daei leap-

ing to meet a cross from Mehdi Mahdavi and doing well to direct a firm header straight at 'keeper Lee Woon-Jae.

South Korea's first effort came shortly afterwards, their stylish captain and sweeper Hong Myung-Jo scuffing a shot from a Yoon Jong-Hwan free-kick on the right.

The best chance of the half fell to Hamburg's Mehdi Mahdavi. A superb through pass by Hamidreza Estili sent Mahdavi racing into the area, only for the Bundesliga star to blast at Lee who did well to save at close range.

That effort served to raise the tempo for the remainder of the half, and Iran found themselves on the back foot after two swift South Korean attacks.

## 3 BFF officials going to Beirut

Three top officials of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) will leave for Beirut this week to participate in different activities of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), reports UNB.

BFF joint secretary Sirajul Islam Baichu, who is leaving today, will take part in the AFC Legal Committee meeting.

The six-member legal committee will meet on Thursday to discuss constitutional matters.

BFF president and Dhaka Mayor Mohammad Hanif will leave for the Lebanese capital on Thursday morning at the invitation of the AFC president Sultan Ahmed Shah of Malaysia.

BFF general secretary Harunur-Rashid MP will also leave the city for Lebanon on Thursday to participate in the AFC executive committee meeting scheduled for October 28.

The officials are expected to return home by October 30.

## Div I b'ball begins

Dhaka Mariner Youngs' Club made a good start in the Purabi Insurance First Division basketball league beating Suhrid Sangha by 77-55 points at the Dhanmondi basketball gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners led the first half 44-33. Abdullah caged 31 while Adam Ali and Shaon scored 10 each for the winners. Scot made 20, Richard 15 and Roger 12 for the losers.

Earlier, in the afternoon, State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader inaugurated the league, organised by Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation (BABF).

## B'baria cricket

From Our Correspondent

**BRAHMANBARIA**, Oct 23: Agradi Cricket Club defeated Chalanitka Cricket Club by 50 runs in the semi-final of the Danu Mia Cup at Eidgah ground today.

Winning the toss, Agradi out-batted first and collected 170 runs losing seven wickets in stipulated 45 overs. Arman scored 60 as a top scorer.

In reply, Chalanitka collected 120 runs losing all wickets. Arman was declared man-of-the-match.

## Marsh back in India race

**MADRAS**, Oct 23 (Reuters): Former Australian opener Geoff Marsh is back in contention for the Indian coach's job with compatriot Greg Chappell and New Zealand's John Wright, Indian cricket officials said.

"Geoff Marsh has offered himself for the post again," Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president AC Muthiah told reporters before conducting interviews with Wright and Chappell.

Muthiah said Marsh, a former Australia coach and vice-captain, will visit India in the next few days to be interviewed for the job.

Marsh, who stepped down from the Australia post in September 1999, said last week he was no longer interested in the India post and wanted to spend more time with his family.

The BCCI president said the final choice would be made soon after consideration by two committees of the board.

The coach's job fell vacant after former captain Kapil Dev stepped down last month in the wake of investigations into match-fixing allegations. Dev has denied the allegations.

Wright, a former opener, and Chappell, one of Australia's finest batsmen, are scheduled to meet Muthiah, former India skipper Srinivas Venkatraghavan, National Cricket Academy chairperson Raj Singh Dungarpur and BCCI secretary Jaywant Lele.

BCCI's attempt to find a foreign coach has been strongly criticised by some former Indian players.

## MacGill cursing Warne?

**SYDNEY**, Oct 23 (AFP): Leg-spinner Stuart MacGill is probably the only Australian who wants leading wicket-taker Shane Warne out of the national Test cricket team.

But he hopes to win a few more people over to his way of thinking by the end of the week.

MacGill, speaking at the New South Wales season launch ahead of this week's Sheffield Shield match against Victoria in Melbourne, said it was up to him to make the most of his opportunity in a head-to-head battle with Warne.

"I can see a couple of chinks in his armour -- he's battling a pre-season injury and I have to make the most of my situation down there," MacGill said Monday.

## Eng ready for Pak test



**KARACHI**, Oct 23 (Reuters/AFP): England captain Moin Khan said his team were focused for Tuesday's opening limited-overs match.

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with the form and fitness of Warwickshire's Ashley Giles, who took three for 34 in his comeback match on Sunday after missing the ICC Knockout Trophy with a calf injury.

However, the England skipper said left-arm spinner Giles would have to undergo a final fitness test later in the day "because one-day cricket takes its toll on you."

Organisers said the day-



**NASSER HUSSAIN**

night match was sold out with all 35,000 tickets snapped up.

Security has been tightened around the ground following two violent attacks on Islamic meetings here over the weekend in which five people died, but organisers said they were not expecting any trouble at the match.

### SQUADS

**PAKISTAN** (from): Moin Khan (captain), Inzamamul Haq, Saad Anwar, Imran Nazir, Shahid Afridi, Yousuf Youhana, Salim Elahi, Faisal Iqbal, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Saqlain Mushtaq, Abdur Razaq, Azhar Mahmood, Mushtaq Ahmed and Shoaib Malik.

**ENGLAND** (from): Nasser Hussain (captain), Marcus Trescothick, Alec Stewart, Graeme Hick, Graham Thorpe, Mark Alleyne, Andrew Caddick, Mark Ealham, Andrew Flintoff, Craig White, Ashley Giles, Darren Gough, Paul Grayson, Matthew Hoggard and Vikram Solanki.

Umpires: Riazuddin and Salim Badar.

## WC final in Johannesburg



**JOHANNESBURG**, Oct 23 (AFP): The opening match of the 2003 Cricket World Cup will be held at Newlands in Cape Town and the final will be at the Wanderers in Johannesburg, the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCB) announced Monday.

The opening game is provisionally scheduled as a day-night game on February 7, 2003, with the final planned as a day game on March 18, 2003. The semi-finals will be held at Kingsmead in Durban and St George's Park in Port Elizabeth.

The announcement was made by UCB managing director Ali Bacher, who will become

full-time tournament director of the 2003 World Cup in January 2001. Bacher said the decisions had been made by a World Cup policy committee after submissions by provincial unions.

"The committee believe that Newlands is one of the famous grounds in world cricket; the city of Cape Town is the perfect setting for the start of the World Cup and the region has shown very strong support for cricket amongst all its peoples," he said of the decision to award the opening game to Cape Town.

Newlands is also South Africa's most scenic ground, set against Cape Town's Table Mountain. Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban and Port Elizabeth will each stage one of the nine Super Six stage games.

South Africa's other two Test venues, Centurion and Bloemfontein, will both be awarded

two Super Six games. All six Test venues will also host three pool matches so that each Test venue will host five World Cup matches.

Bullalo Park in East London

will host one Super Six match. "Although this is not a Test venue, the committee felt it appropriate to allocate a prime match to an area with such strong support for cricket amongst its whole community," said Bacher.

All of Zimbabwe's pool matches will be held in Zimbabwe, with the exception of a possible Zimbabwe-South Africa clash, which would be held in the main host nation. Zimbabwe will host a minimum of five pool matches and six if South Africa and Zimbabwe are not in the same pool. Other venues for pool matches have not been finalised but Potchefstroom, Pietermaritzburg and Kimberley will all be awarded at least one game. It has not yet been decided whether Kenya will stage one or more matches.

Writing in The Age of Melbourne on Monday, columnist Peter McFarlane suggested that Gilchrist might be replaced. Not because he has done anything wrong but because there is an Australian theory that a wicket-keeper should not captain the Baggy Green Caps.

Rodney Marsh was a victim of this mindset when Kim Hughes was unexpectedly appointed captain of Australia ahead of him in 1979.

What this means is that it will be considered ill-advised to have the team's wicket-keeper as the vice-captain if he is not going to captain the side, because of the Australian aversion, when Steve Waugh retires in a few years' time.

AGRANI Bank brightened their chance to make a Premier League berth beating Muslim Institute 2-1 in a Super Four match of the First Division football league at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday, reports UNB.

Anwar put the Muslim Institute ahead in the 60th minute but Sohag equalised for the bankers in the 63rd minute.

Babu Khan scored the winner for Agrani Bank in the 69th minute.

Agrani Bank earned 30 points from 14 outings while the Muslim Institute remained on 18 points, from the same number of outings.



Obaidul Quader (2nd from L), State Minister for Youth and Sports, handing over the champions' trophy to the members of Gulshan Club on October 22.