

**Noble!**

Two star cricketers of the country — national captain Naimur Rahman and batsman Habibur Rashid — administered polio vaccine to four children during the tea interval of the inaugural Test against India at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday, reports BSS.

The symbolic initiative was designed to create awareness among all Bangladeshi cricket fans and their families as well as the entire nation to bring their children aged up to five to polio immunization booths on November 15, the date for the first round of the National Immunization Day. The second round is on December 16.

Later, showing magnanimity Indian batting sensation Yuvraj Singh also joined the two.

Earlier this week, Bangladesh Cricket Board announced its partnership with the Bangladesh government and the coalition of its international partners for the eradication of the disease.

**Another Cox ton**

HOBART, Nov 10: Tasmanian captain Jamie Cox has reminded the national cricket selectors of his Test claims after his second century in the drawn match against New South Wales here Friday, reports BSS.

And ahead of the first Test selection against the West Indies, Stuart MacGill put in an impressive day's work with his leg spinners in multi-ball conditions as the Sheffield Shield match petered out to a draw.

The final day of play was mercifully brought forward to a draw by a thunderstorm shortly before.

NSW took two points with a first innings of 464, a lead of 102.

When play ended Tasmania were 315 for three in their second innings, a lead of 213.

Captain Jamie Cox was 128, his second century of the match, and Dan Marsh was 60. Easily the best of the bowlers was MacGill, who took 2-85 from 33 overs on a flat Bellerive Oval wicket. MacGill is considered the local replacement for injured Shane Warne.

It's the third time Cox has scored centuries in both innings against NSW.

The watching chairman of selectors Trevor Holius was reminded of Cox's credentials and made the obvious point — who do you leave out?

After all, Michael Slater and Matthew Hayden also made centuries this week.

But Cox will be a front-runner for selection for Australia A against the West Indies here next month.

**Jeremy won't be sent home**

PERTH, Nov 10: Young West Indies fast bowler Kerry Jeremy will remain with the touring squad in Australia despite having surgery Friday on a jaw broken in two places, reports AFP.

A West Indies spokesman said the decision for Jeremy to remain in the 16-man squad was based on the belief the 20-year-old from Antigua would recover quickly.

If all went well, he could be playing again in four weeks, the spokesman said.

The tour, embracing five Tests — the first starting on November 23 — and a one-day series against Australia and Zimbabwe, continues until mid-February.

Jeremy was felled at Perth's WACA Ground Thursday by former Test express bowler Matthew Nicholson on the opening day of the tourists' initial first-class game of the tour, a four-day workout against Western Australia.

The right-hand batsman was unable to evade a vicious short delivery from Nicholson and was struck on the left side of the jaw as the ball rocketed under his helmet.

He crashed to the turf, dazed and holding his jaw. Team-mates ran on to the ground to help him.

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From page 13 thought he had chose correctly by saying tails and thus decided to field. However match referee Raman Subba Row saved the day and the rest was history.

A word of advice for those local commentators who claim themselves to be experts: Please don't try to act as tour guides in front of the screen and stick to facts. Also, to the poor TV viewers didn't see the full opening ceremony but one performed in a nutshell!

**Media**

From page 13 tation cards. However, when asked afterwards why they had issued accreditation cards which weren't not good enough to cross even the gate, Jalal angrily shot back. "Why should I explain? I'm not supposed to be told by anyone what to do."

The reporters of the Daily Star in a show of protest returned their accreditation cards, on duty passes and lunch coupons to the chairman and left the stadium.

But later in the afternoon, State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader, in response to the growing discontent of fellow reporters, asked the Board to withdraw the on duty bar on the press.

None from the media committee however communicated with the Daily Star till the filing of this report.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurating the Dutch Bangla Bank Inaugural Test yesterday morning. —Star photo

**BCCI angry at CBI report**

MADRAS, Nov 10: The governing body of Indian cricket hit back Thursday at what it said were "unjustified" criticisms contained in a recent report on match-fixing by federal investigators, reports AFP.

"It is observed that there are a few inaccuracies in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) report in respect of the working of the BCCI which has been in existence for over 70 years," said Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) chief A.C. Muthiah.

The BCCI is "an autonomous body and its reputation has never been sullied," he said in a statement from the cricket board's headquarters in Madras.

The CBI report had taken the Board to task for its style of functioning, selection policies and alleged lack of accountability in selling television broadcasting rights for matches played in India.

It also charged some state cricket boards of nepotism.

Muthiah argued that the BCCI had appointed former CBI joint director K. Madhavan to investigate the match-fixing issue and submit a detailed report.

"In view of such a purposeful initiative by the Board, the references made in the CBI report about the Board's functioning would seem unjustified," he said.

**India could go to Pakistan**

NEW DELHI, Nov 10 (Reuters): The Indian cricket board said today it was hopeful the national team would be able to tour to Pakistan next month on a tour that has been clouded by uncertainty because of tension between the two neighbours.

"We're hopeful of getting it (government approval) at Muthiah, the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), told Reuters.

"The External Affairs Ministry has to decide," Muthiah said the sports ministry had no objection to the Indian team going to Pakistan for the first full tour in almost 11 years.

The BCCI has asked the government to announce its decision by November 15 to give it enough time to organise the tour.

India have not played a full Test series in Pakistan since 1989 and the tour has remained in doubt due to an ongoing political dispute between the two countries over Kashmir.

India, the 1983 World Cup winners, are due to play three Tests and five one-day international from December to February.

But the Indian government wanted to sever sporting links with Pakistan in light of the trouble in Kashmir.

Over the past decade, the Indian team have travelled to Pakistan only once, for a one-day series two years ago.

Pakistan broke the Test deadlock between the two nations when they toured India for a three-Test series in 1999, after a gap of 12 years.

Earlier today, the Asian Age newspaper reported that the government might clear the cricket tour soon.

It quoted highly placed sources close to the BCCI as saying the board was likely to be informed within a week.

**Crowe affair NZC appoints 3 investigators**

AUCKLAND, Nov 10: New Zealand Cricket said today it had appointed a three-man team to look into allegations that former captain Martin Crowe took money from an Indian bookmaker, reports Reuters.

The inquiry will be headed by retired High Court judge Sir Ian Barker and Queen's Counsel Nick Davidson, assisted by lawyer Tim Gresson.

A report released by the Board of Control of Cricket in India last week named Crowe as one of a number of international players reputed to have been paid or offered money for information.

The BCCI report claimed that Martin Crowe received US\$20,000 for providing information to Indian bookmaker MK Gupta, in 1992.

"Martin has strenuously denied the allegations against him and has welcomed the initiation of an independent, New Zealand based inquiry," New Zealand Cricket chief executive Christopher Doug said in a statement.

Two ex-Scotland Yard detectives with the International Cricket Council anti-corruption unit are also to investigate all the players named in the match fixing report.

**SL's tour of SA No room for De Silva**

COLOMBO, Nov 10: Sri Lankan Cricket officials today omitted Aravinda de Silva — named as a taking match-fixing bribes by India's CBI — from the forthcoming South African tour side, reports AFP.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) named De Silva and former skipper, Arjuna Ranatunga among a number of cricketers who either offered or received bribes from Indian bookies to fix matches.

Both cricketers have denied receiving money.

Ranatunga said he was never approached to fix the matches and De Silva has said that on one occasion he was approached to underplay during a tour to India, he immediately reported it to the team management.

Following the allegations, the Sri Lankan cricket board, appointed human rights lawyer and International Cricket Council's Code of Conduct Committee member, Desmond Fernando to investigate and submit a report within 30 days.

Board president Thilanga Sumathipala said that selectors could consider De Silva for the South African tour as no action would be taken against him until the allegations were proved.

De Silva has been dropped for several matches since early this year for his poor form.

Ranatunga retired from international cricket early this year.

The 16-member team for the South African tour will be headed by Sanath Jayasuriya.

The tour, from December 7 to January 24, will include a series of Tests and one-day international.

**TEAM**

Sanath Jayasuriya (captain), Marvan Atapattu (vice-captain), Mahela Jayawardene, Russel Arnold, Kumar Sangakkara, Tillekeratne Dilshan, Ramesh Kaluwitharana, Muttiah Muralitharan, Avishka Gunawardene, Chaminda Vaas, Upul Chandana, Nuwan Zoysa, Pramodya Wickramasinghe, Kaushalya Weeraratne, Dilliara Fernando, Muthumudaliga Pushpakumara



Pretty faces displaying trays depicting Inaugural Test in Bengali during the opening ceremony. —Star photo

**Pathetic WI fielding**

PERTH, Nov 10 (AFP): The West Indies, less than two weeks away from their first Test against Australia, revealed another major flaw here Friday — woeful catching.

The day after the tourists' batsmen surrendered meekly to Western Australia, ousted for 132, the Windies squandered no fewer than five chances as the State team took control of the four-day match at the Western Australia Cricket Association (WACA) ground.

Thanks to the let-offs, the local side made a first innings of 358 to lead by 226.

In their second innings, the West Indies went to stumps with 31-1, still trailing by 195 runs and facing the prospect of being beaten inside three days.

Daren Ganga, a promising 21-year-old fighting to establish himself in Test ranks, failed for the second time in the match when he was ousted just before stumps for eight.

It was a controversial dismissal, with umpire Bruce Bennett ruling he tickled a ball from paceman Brendon Julian down the leg-side, where Test wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist pounced on the ball.

Test opener Sherwin Campbell (19 not out) survived for 58 minutes to stumps, helped in the last 14 minutes by night-watchman Marlon Black, yet to score.

In the sequence of missed chances earlier in the day, 29 balls, with three fours and two sixes and Brad Hogg (35 not out) smashed 45 for the

seven and 27 on his way to 54, only the second half-century of his four-year first-class career.

State captain Tom Moody had lives at 13 and 25 while making 36.

The slapdash fielding partially negated encouraging workouts by pace trio Black (4-100), Colin Stuart (3-84) and Mervyn Dillon (1-91).

Dillon had two chances missed, and Stuart and Black, as well as left-arm spinner Jimmy Adams, each saw one catch go begging.

Black, a tall, strongly built 25-year-old from Trinidad and Tobago, staked a strong claim for a Test debut in the first match of the five-Test series, starting in Brisbane (Queensland) November 23.

He maintained good pace over his 31.2 overs, and may have done enough to have earned the right to share the new ball with champion veteran speedster Courtney Walsh at the Gabba in 13 days.

After Western Australia had resumed with 110-2, the West Indies did well to peg back the State side to 191-5 by lunch.

Test number three Justin Langer was run out for 45, middle-order Test batsman Damien Martyn fell to Stuart for a duck and Nicholson was

trapped by Stuart for the last ball of the first session. But Test aspirant Simon Katich (73 from 127 balls, with 12 boundaries) and Moody walloped 85 for the sixth wicket, before Julian (32 from 29 balls, with three fours and two sixes) and Brad Hogg (35 not out) smashed 45 for the

**SCORECARD**

Scorecard at the end of Day Two of the four-day match between Western Australia and the West Indies at the WACA on Friday.

**WEST INDIES:** First innings 132 (R.Sarwan 22, S.Chanderpaul 21, C.Browne 20, G.Swan 3-31, M.Nicholson 3-32, B.Julian 2-34)

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA:** First innings (overnight 110-2) Hussey c Browne b Black 41, Gilchrist c Browne b Dillon 14, Langer run out 45, Nicholson c Browne b Stuart 54, Martyn c P'aul b Stuart 0, Katich c Adams b Stuart 73, Moody lbw Adams 36, Hogg not out 35, Julian c Sarwan b Black 32, Nikitaras c P'aul b Black 0, Swan b Black 0, Extras (lb-8; lb-10; nb-5; w-5) 28, Total: (All out in 102.2 overs) 358

Fall of wickets: 1-30.2, 106.3-120.4-125.5-191.6-276.7-298.8-343.9-347

**Bowler O M R W**  
Dillon 29 7 91 1  
Black 31.2 7 100 4  
Stuart 21 4 84 3  
Hinds 8 3 24 0  
Adams 13 1 41 1

**WEST INDIES:** Second innings Campbell not out 19, Dillon c Gilchrist b Nicholson 8, Black not out 20, Extras (lb-1; w-1; nb-2) 4, Total: (For 1 wkt in 16 overs) 31

Fall of wicket: 1-27

**Bowler O M R W**  
Nicholson 5 1 17 0  
Swan 5 5 0 0  
Julian 3 2 6 1  
Nikitaras 3 0 7 0

**Zim go for practice**

INDORE, India, Nov 10: Zimbabwe's Andy Flower warned up for a Test series against India with an unbeaten century against the National Cricket Academy here on Friday, reports AFP.

The three-day tour opener ended in a tame draw after the tourists opted to bat through most of the final day, rather than set a challenging fourth innings target.

Zimbabwe, who conceded a one-run first innings lead to the Academy boys on Thursday, batted until well after tea to lift their second innings from the overnight 83-2 to 320-5 declared.

The home team, comprising India's future Test hopefuls, were 42-1 in their second knock when the umpires called off the match after 11 overs.

Left-handed Flower hit 119 with the help of 14 boundaries before he retired to open the way for teammates to gain useful batting practice.

Flower added 122 for the third wicket with his overnight partner Trevor Madondo (65) and 110 for the fourth with Stuart Carlisle.

Carlisle chipped in with 39

and stand-in captain Guy Whittall made 36 not out to complete a profitable outing for the touring batsmen.

Flower and Alistair Campbell, the only ones to have played in all of Zimbabwe's 45 Tests so far, looked in good shape for the upcoming series with centuries in the tour opener.

But there was little gain for the bowlers on the flat, Nehru Stadium pitch that produced just 18 wickets over the three days.

Zimbabwe have another three-day match against the Board President's team at Faridabad from Monday before the first of two back-to-back Tests starts in New Delhi on November 18.

Zimbabwe's only other Test on Indian soil, also at New Delhi in 1993, ended in a massive innings defeat for the African nation.

**SCOREBOARD**

Final scoreboard of the three-day tour match between Zimbabwe and the Indian National Cricket Academy at Indore on Friday.

**ZIMBABWE:** First innings 322-6 decl (A Campbell 114 not out, S Carlisle 61; R Patel 3-70)

**NCA:** First innings 323-6 decl (S Sriran 97, N Patel 87, R Sodhi 55 not out, P Strang 3-82)

**ZIMBABWE:** Second innings Marilee b Patel 23, Rennie c Ratra b Patel 19, Madondo b S'krishnan 65, Flower retired 119, Carlisle c sub (Dhruv, b S'krishnan 39, G Whittall not out 36, Friend b Tripathi 10, B Strang not out 11, Extras (lb-4; lb-7; nb-5) 16, Total: (For 5 wks decl) 320, Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-34, 3-156, 4-266, 5-290

**Bowler O M R W**  
R Patel 10 2 43 2  
Tripathi 18 4 48 1  
Sodhi 14 0 40 0  
Sharandeeep 31 6 80 0  
S'krishnan 21 3 71 2  
Sriaran 7 0 21 0  
N Patel 1 0 6 0

**NCA:** Second innings Ratra lbw b Olunga 6, Dora not out 12, Gambhir not out 22, Extras (lb-1; nb-1) 2, Total: (For 1 wkt) 42

**Bowler O M R W**  
Olonga 6 0 28 1  
B Strang 5 1 14 0

**Result: Match drawn.**

**England gain upper hand**

PESHAWAR, Nov 10: England's pace attack had the Governor's XI on the ropes Friday, reducing them to 115 for four at stumps in their second innings on the third day marred by an explosive outburst by Andy Caddick, reports AFP.

Chasing a 91-run lead after England's first-innings of 315, the Governor's XI got off to a disastrous start, losing three wickets by the seventh over.

But a fourth wicket stand of 102 between Akltar Sarfraz and Naumanullah, who both hit half centuries, stopped the rot and brought them back into contention.

When play was called off 14 overs before schedule due to bad light, Sarfraz was not out on 53 with nightwatchman Sajid Shah on nought, leaving the local side 24 runs ahead with six wickets in hand.

Sarfraz, who has played four one-day internationals for Pakistan, batted with authority and hit six fours in his 155-minute vigil.

Naumanullah appeared to lose concentration in the fading light and was caught at short

mid-wicket for 50 off Darren Gough, who finished with three wickets for 30.

Earlier in the innings, pace bowler Caddick had opener Inuran Farhat caught behind by Alec Stewart in the third over for a duck.

Gough then removed Taufiq Umer (1) and Yasir Hameed (5) to send the home team reeling at 13-3.

But Naumanullah and Sarfraz saved the hosts from a collapse and steered the innings to 65-3 at tea.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scorecard on the third day of the four-day match between England and the Governor's XI at Shahi Bagh Stadium Friday.

**GOVERNOR'S XI:** First innings 224 (M Hussain 65, Y Hameed 57; Darren Gough 3-54)

**ENGLAND:** First innings Atherton c sub (T Khan) b Raza 22, Trescottich b Latif b M Hussain 93, Hussain lbw b Kabir 15, Vaughan st Latif b M Hussain 20, Stewart c Latif b Sajid 59, Thorpe c sub (T Khan) b Sajid 48, White c Sajid b Kabir 22, Giles c Sarfraz b Kabir 24, Salisbury lbw b Raza 4

Caddick c Umer b Raza 1, Gough not out 1, Extras (lb-1; lb-1; nb-4) 6, Total (All out in 107.5 overs) 315, Fall of wickets: 1-35, 2-75, 3-112, 4-177, 5-240, 6-282, 7-289, 8-297, 9-305

**Bowler O M R W**  
Sajid 22 5 66 2  
Kabir 28.5 5 82 3  
M Hussain 28 7 68 2  
Raza 21 7 66 3  
Farhat 7 0 26 0  
Naumanullah 1 0 5 0

**GOVERNOR'S XI:** Second innings Farhat c Stewart b Caddick 0, Umer b Gough 1, Hameed lbw b Gough 50, Naumanullah c Thorpe b Gough 5, Sarfraz not out 53, Sajid not out 50, Extras (lb-4; lb-1; nb-1) 6, Total: (For 4 wks in 43 overs) 115

To bat: Rashid Latif, Mohammad Hussain, Kabir Khan, Kashif Raza and Wajahatullah Wasti

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-1, 3-13, 4-115

**Bowler O M R W**  
Gough 9 3 30 3  
Caddick 13 7 18 1  
White 6 1 13 0  
Giles 8 2 24 0  
Salisbury 7 1 25 0



Not only men, Bangladeshi women cricketers were also on show at the Bangabandhu Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

**ACROSS**  
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6 Violinist's need  
9 Try tea  
12 Not together  
13 George's brother  
14 Opposite of "just"  
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16 Singalong method  
18 Prologue  
20 Yule refrain  
21 Sib  
23 Blokes  
24 Does origami  
25 Hue's transport  
27 Niamoy's land  
29 Brawl  
31 Rouse  
35 Check ore  
37 Knock down in the ring  
38 Receive enthusiastically  
41 Charlotte's creation  
43 Mississippi feeder

**DOWN**  
3 Horror film  
4 Canal zone  
5 Watt's power  
6 Skippy beach-worn  
7 Stopover on route to Casablanca  
8 Alternative to Go Fish  
9 Reel  
10 Annoyed  
11 Banana throw-aways  
17 Paika  
19 France's patron saint  
21 Weir  
2 — free  
22 Her great zone  
24 A mere handful  
26 Major shock  
28 More lusty  
30 Cleo's slayer  
32 Daughter of Al and Tipper  
33 Storm center  
34 Affirmative action  
36 Is ready for  
38 California cager  
39 Texas mission  
40 Prizefight winnings  
42 Symbol of authority  
45 — En-lal  
46 4/1 victim  
48 Larry King's work-place  
50 Treading  
51 Before

**CRYPTOQUIP**  
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K O M C B Y K D T V L F O Y F L  
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Q F E X T F O H M X G B C F T B  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE FISHERMAN'S PHYSICIAN MERELY TOLD HIM TO TAKE ASPIRIN FOR HIS HADDOCK.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals S

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



A section of the colourful crowd at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo