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Competition 141

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Dec 29, 2000 and draw

shortly afterwards

1 Who was named world

footballer-of-the-year?

Rivaldo | Ronaldo | Zidane

2 Who won the Davis Cup?

Spain | Australia | USA

3 Which club clinched J-League title?

Kashima | Yokohama | S-Pulse

4 Who became First Division Chess League champions?

Titas Club | Biman | Leomme

5 Who was man-of-the-match in the Karachi Test?

Ashraf | Youhana | Sagam

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Class..... Roll No.....

School Address.....

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SPORTS TALK



Eddie Barlow, the outgoing Director of Development of Bangladesh Cricket Board, speaking at a press conference at the BCB office yesterday. BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury is on the left.

—Star photo

Goodbye to Barlow

Sports Reporter



With tears rolling down his cheeks, Eddie Barlow bade goodbye to Bangladesh cricket at a melancholic press briefing yesterday.

The former South Africa all-rounder, who engineered Bangladesh's elevation to Test family early this year, finally gathered enough emotional strength to quit as the Director of Development of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB).

It was officially announced by Board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury with a gruelling Barlow sitting beside him.

Although the declaration was abrupt, speculations were ripe that Barlow, who suffered a stroke in April this year, might call it a day any time, as his present state of health reportedly does not permit the rigours of the job demands.

The Board had through discussion with Barlow and arrived at a mutual and amicable understanding that effectively serves to end the two-year contract eight months before it was due to expire," said a BCB release.

Barlow will be heading home today along with his wife Caly, heralding an abrupt end to what promised to be a challenging and fulfilling job for one of the cricket's most respected brains.

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He however reserved his best wishes for the cricket-mad country, with which he seemed to have fallen in love.

"Bangladesh has an exciting future as a cricketing nation and the possibilities and potential here and there for all to see. Bangladesh will always have a

special place in our hearts and both Caly and I would wish to thank the president and his board as well as all others who have over the past year extended all our support and cooperation to me. We are particularly grateful for all the help, kindness and assistance extended to us during my illness," he said in a written statement.

Saber Hossain, who too was in a delicate situation to deal with the Barlow issue, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the South African.

"Barlow made the most significant contribution to the cause of our cricket. It is his ten-year development plan that we have accepted. He has been a wonderful source of inspiration for Bangladesh cricket in the relatively short time he has been with us. We are deeply appreciative of his contributions and we salute his dedication to the cause of cricket development in Bangladesh," said Saber.

Saber also considered Barlow as the best among the three foreign coaches the national team had so far.

"We have had some rather unpleasant experiences with past foreign coaches. But Barlow was a refreshing exception. It's heartening that we are being able to bid him by amidst a cordial atmosphere," said Saber.

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American tennis great

"I was disappointed that I

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After his resignation as US

Davis Cup team captain.

Kalabagan's U-13 cricket

Sports Reporter

An under-13 cricket tournament will be held next month under the auspices of Kalabagan Krira Chakra, says a press release.

Interested clubs, schools and other organisations have been asked to contact Kalabagan Krira Chakra by January 5, 2001 for their entries. The entry fee is Taka 1,000 for each side.

Nat'l chess

Chanchal leads the pack

Sports Reporter

Chanchal Kumar Ghosh earned a solo lead in the Dhaka Metropolis qualifying round of the national chess championship after winning his fifth successive match at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Chanchal now has full five points, half a point more than Minhazuddin, Mahbubur Rahman, Obaidul Islam, Nazir Salim and Towfiq.

The sixth round will start at the same venue today at 2:30 pm.

ABC basketball

From A Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Dec 20: Holders China defeated Japan 79-74 in a Group A match of the 15th ABC Basketball Championship for junior women at the Talkatora Gymnasium here today.

With this win China collected eight points from four matches.

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LONDON, Dec 20: A telephone call in the middle of the night to Ali Bacher last April set off a chain reaction that is still reverberating through world cricket, reports Reuters.

The caller was South Africa's captain Hansie Cronje, who told the manager-director of his country's cricket board that he had not been "entirely honest" in his previous denials of match-fixing.

It was the defining moment in the simmering saga of cricket corruption that had been thrust into the open in such a way that it would bring down some of the sport's best known names before the end of the year.

Cronje has been banned for life by the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) — a punishment and censured, as the game's authorities finally began taking significant steps to root out the menace of match-fixing.

Accusations, denials and rumours of bribery and corruption in cricket had surfaced sporadically during the 1990s but it was the New Delhi police who, quite by accident, finally unearthed a case to answer.

While investigating illegal bookmakers through phone-tapping they stumbled upon a conversation between one of their suspects and Cronje.

Subsequently, Indian police on April 7 charged Cronje and teammates Herschelle Gibbs, Pieter Strydom and Nicky Boje with "cheating, fraud and criminal conspiracy" relating to a one-day international series South Africa played in India during the previous month.

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Rouful, Mujtaba retain offices

Rouful Hasan of Bangladesh Observer and Mujtaba Danish of Muktakantia have been re-elected president and general secretary of the Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA) respectively for next two years, reports UNB.

Steve Waugh's Australians completed a world record of 12 consecutive Test victories, poignantly doing so against West Indies, whose all-conquering team of the 1980s had set the previous mark of 11.

As the year came to a close, England won a Test series in Pakistan for the first time for 38 years, having a few months earlier beaten West Indies in a Test series for the first time in 31 years.

All the signs pointed to a real scrap when Australia, who have held the Ashes since 1989, come of England next year for the sport's ultimate contest.

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