Cricket

When the cricket world on Mon-

day was mourning the death of

Sir Donald Bradman, who is

considered as the perfect gen-

tleman of the gentleman's game,

our cricket unfortunately em-

broiled in nasty politics which

bribery, use of muscles and po-

litical manoeuvring have unset-

tled the very foundation of

for cash' was rampant during the

election of the Bangladesh

Cricket Board (BCB) on Sunday

The irregularities in the election

of the most affluent sports fed-

eration surfaced when a few

Dhaka-based candidates admit-

ted saying that Jafar Imam-led

District Forum had approached

them to raise fund for their or-

election had I agreed to buy it.

Shiekh Nizam (an Awami League

politician from Shatkhira) told

me to pay Taka one lakh to make

sure a place in the Forum nomi-

nated panel on the eve of elec-

tion. But, how can I accept it?

This is totally unethical," Tanvir

Haider told this reporter on

A former national cricketer

"I could have easily won the

The unholy practice of 'vote

Widespread allegations of

the Don could have dreaded.

Bangladesh cricket.

ganisation.

Monday.

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Skipper Kapil Dev was most upset with his top-order players after India were reduced to 17/5 by minnows Zimbabwe at Tumbridge Wells in the 1983 Prudential World Cup. He went out and gradually built the innings single-handedly During the lunch break, his teammates sensed that he was still furning and so very wisely they all trooped out as Kapil entered the dressing room. Only a glass of cold water was kept next to his seat in the empty room. Even the reserves, who normally fetched the lunch and drinks for the unbeaten batsman, had made themselves disappear. Kapil had little choice but to walk all the way to the lunch tent to fetch his meal. His teammates did not mean to be rude, they were only trying to save themselves from a lot of steam and criticism from a very angry captain. The ploy worked wonderfully as Kapil could not let off steam in public. All the anger was vented on the hapless Zimbabwean bowlers and he played a superb unbeaten knock of 175.



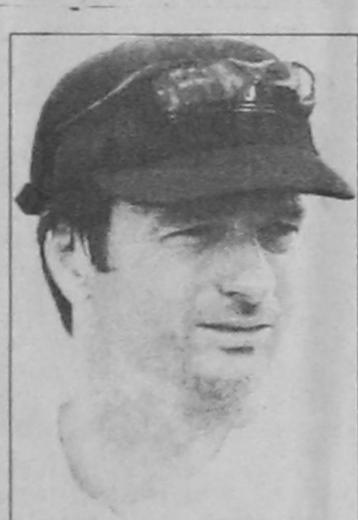
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ESPN

New Zealand vs Pakistan 5th one-day international Live at 6:55 am New Zealand vs Pakistan 5th one-day international Repeat at 7:00 pm

Star Sports Boycs & Sunny Masterclass Cricket Talk Show 8:30 pm NSW vs Tasmania Sheffield Shield Cricket





Steve Waugh

(Australia cricket captain) "We're going to go over there and give it our best shot. If we get beaten India will have to play real umpiring. good cricket."

Just after arriving in India for the ongoing three-Test tour.



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shortly afterwards 1. Bangladesh beat Mongolia in the

2002WorldCupqualifier 3-2 3-0 Who clinched the Paris Indoor

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Hingis Mauresmo Sri Lanka won the one-day series against New Zealand

5-0

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playinfive years? Who lifted the national under-

19 cricket crown? Chittagong Rajshahi BKSP

Name

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School Address travened the spirit of the game and breached Code I and 2 of the Phone: (If any) 1CC Code of Conduct.

Forum under fire Tanvir, who served the BCB in different capacity since 1983, got

only 18 votes in the election. "An element like Nizam has come in only to destroy cricket. It's a shame for a man who is associated with cricket for such a long time to seek the blessings of the mafia. Who are they? Did they ever play cricket or organise a single event?" Tanvir asked angrily.

It was learnt that the Forum realised more than Taka ten lakh from the candidates to cover what they claimed 'as their election expenses'.

Another allegation that was levelled against the Forum. which has the majority number of votes in new constitution and played a key role in deciding the fate of 29 directors, including the 16 of Dhaka-based clubs. They reportedly accepted Taka one lakh in the name of donation from Ahsan Kadir of Bangladesh Biman to get him elected. But he failed to win a seat on the Board of Directors as some of their pals responded to their consciences at the last moment.

Mahmhud Ul Huq Manu, who won highest 90 votes in the election, denied giving any money but acknowledged that the transaction did take place.

"Yes, money was given to the Forum but it was purely made in a gesture of goodwill. The money actually was raised to bear the hotel, travel and the miscellaneous expenses of the district councillors", said the joint secretary of the Board.

On the other hand Rafigul Alam, a former national cricketer who got 29 votes in the polls, claimed that the election was 'hijacked' through the use of money and other unfair means.

"The present constitutional framework is ineffective. We needed to pay ransom to get elected. We were held hostage by the Forum of Jafar," Rafigul remarked.

"I'm happy that I have got 29 votes. It means that out of the 40 Dhaka-based councillors I have got 70 per cent of the votes", said Rafique, who was a national selector. "I think people like Jafar

be immediately removed from the sports arena. Otherwise, cricket is going to suffer," he Meanwhile, in the wake of

Imam and Nizamuuddin should

growing criticism, Board President Saber Hossain Chowdhury, called a press conference today.

"Whether we like it or not the result has to be accepted since as it was done under the constitution that we passed at the AGM last year," Saber said after the election on February 25. "The candidates have elected unopposed. This is not healthy sign and it belies the essence of the election.



Estonian Grand Master Jaan Ehlvest (R) and his Uzbek counterpart Alexi Barsov during their ninth round engagement of the 5th United Insurance Grand Masters' Chess Championship at the NSC yesterday.

Nasser goes at umpires

Cricket

AFP. Galle

England skipper Nasser Hussain called into question the quality of umpiring as his team suffered a humiliating innings defeat in the first Test against Sri Lanka.

Hussain said the entire four and half days cricket in southern Sri Lanka in hot and humid conditions was far from a professional game and it was marred, among other things, by the standard of

He was careful not to directly criticise the umpires who were often embarrassed by television replays. Both teams benefited from poor decisions, although more went in the home side's

"I hope I can comment on some of the standards of umpiring, the appealing, the running on the wickets," Hussain said. "The whole thing went on with this game. I don't think all that was needed.

Despite virtually crying fowl,

4 Lankans penalised

AFP, Galle

Four Sri Lanka players were fined 25 per cent of their match fees for unnecessary appealing and running towards the umpire by ICC match referee Hanumant Singh at the end of the first Test against England at the Galle International Stadium on Monday.

Singh said that he was not fully satisfied and convinced with the explanations put forward by the four players and slapped a 25 per cent fine from their match fee.

The four players are Muttiah Muralitharan, Mahela Jayawardene. Russel Arnold and Kumar Sangakkara.

Singh said these players con-

Hussain was not prepared to undermine the victory of Sri Lankans led by skipper Sanath Jayasuriya.

"They are a good side, a very, very good side and I don't think they need to do these periphery things. They won the toss, they batted and bowled really well," he said adding that skipper and Muttiah Muralithran bowled well.

"They are very good side and I am not taking anything away from their victory. They played really good cricket.

But the bitterness was written all over Hussain as he walked up to get the trophy for the losing side. He patted his team on the back and said they had done well despite the odds, the hot and humid conditions here.

"I don't know whether I can comment on certain things. As an international captain I probably should be able to. I don't think this game needed all these controversies," he said referring to the poor umpiring.

He believed that had England averted the follow-on the result would have been different. Sri Lanka won by an innings and 28 runs. Sri Lanka scored 470-5 declared and England replied with 253 and 189 (M Trescothick 57; S Jayasuriya 4-44, M Muralitharan 4-

"With the wicket turning like that we had to play the percentages. Alec and Marcus got it just about right, mixing defence with

"We saw the scores in both innings. New batsmen going in against the spinning ball with men around the bat is very difficult. It's

not going to change in the next two games," said Hussain. Instead of going all out against the umpires, he urged them to use

technology that is made available together with the 3rd umpire. There is a guy up here (in the pavilion). It takes him five minutes fine." to decide whether people are out.

Umpires should take that time. It is such an important thing," said Hussain.

was caught behind and Indian umpire A.V. Jayaprakash did not refer the catch to the third umpire to ensure whether it was taken

At the same time, Hussain called for the same set of umpires. to be deployed for a Test series rather than changing them after

each game. I think it is very dangerous to change the umpire in the middle of the Test series because the whole interpretation of rules (by

an individual) changes as well. said Hussain.

Akhtar fit Series decider today

REUTERS, Dunedin

Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar is set to return from injury to play in the deciding fifth and final match of the one-day series against New Zealand in Dunedin on Wednesday.

But the news is not so good for batsman Inzamamul Haq, who is still troubled by groin and calf strains suffered in the last match in Christchurch.

Inzy is struggling but Shoatb is 99 per cent certain to play," Pakistan coach Javed Miandad said at the team practice at Carisbrook on

Akhtar injured his left thigh in the second match of the series and has not played since. When he saw the wicket he

said he wanted to play," Miandad 'said. "It's hard and fast and seems perfect for him, so he'll play. He's really the only one who can make the decision and he says he feels

Miandad admitted his frustration with a team which has won handsomely in two matches and been totally outplayed in the other He was referring to the dis- two, nominating the home side's missal of Michael Atherton who fielding as a crucial difference.

Funny indeed!

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The Bangladesh District and Divisional Sports Organisation Forum yesterday made itself a laughing stock while refuting the allegation of taking kickbacks from aspiring candidates in the just concluded election of the BCB (Bangladesh Cricket Board)

signed by its secretary general, termed the reports of bribery published in different national dailies as baseless and aberration of truth. But the most interesting aspect of it is that the Jafar Imam-led Forum denied the allegation at a time when it was not really labelled againstit.

that no bribery had taken place in the February 25 election. "The Forum strongly denied the reports published in different dailies," read the release that clearly carried the dateline of February 22.

Syed Ashraful Huq and Dr. Nizamuddin Ahmed (both went to perform Haj) have won the election despite being remained absent during the election ... The result reflects that only eligible candidates have won the election," it claimed.

A councillor from the BUET, Dr Nizam did not have any opponent in the lone post from services and education quota.

Reefat beats Raussis



BANGLADESH CHESS FEDERATION

SPORTS REPORTER

International Master (IM) Reefatbin-Sattar kept his slim hopes alive of earning a maiden Grand Master (GM) norm after defeating Grand Master Igor Rausis of Latvia in the ninth round of the Fifth United Insurance Grand Masters Chess Tournament at the NSC conference room yesterday.

Playing with black pieces. Reefat adopted English Defence against Rausis and won after 40

moves. He raised his tally to five points. However to gain his first GM norm Reefat will to secure victories in his four remaining

matches. On the other hand FIDE Master Enamul Hossain Rajib maintained his chance to collect a first IM

The former national junior champion raised his tally to four points after holding English GM Nigel Davies on Tuesday. He only requires another two and a half points from his last four games.

Meanwhile, leader GM Alexander Volzhin of Russia remained atop the table with a draw against IM Abdullah Al-Rakib. Volzhin has six and a half points so far.

In the other matches, top seed Estonian GM Jaan Ehlvest beat his Uzbekistan counterpart Alexi Barsoy, IM GV Prakash of India beat compatriot IM Sandipan Chanda while IM Ziaur Rahman drew with IM Vakhidov Tahir of Ujbekistan.

The other match between GM Niaz Murshed and GM Normuds Miezis was in progress.

Points table: 6.5 points -- Volzhin, 5.6 points -- Ehlvest, 5 points --Reefat, Davies, Tahir. 4.5 points--Miezis, Barsov, Prakash, 4 points-Niaz, Rausis, Rajib, Rakib, 3.5 points--Zia, 2 points--Sandipan.

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Premier League cricket March 12

SPORTS REPORTER

The Prermier Division Cricket League, postponed four times, will finally start from March 12.

Because of Kalabagan's non cooperation with the organisers the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan, the most colouful domestic league failed to commence on February 5.

Kalabagan sought a legal ruling regarding last year's disputed championship issue. Meanwhile, eleven out of the

twelve Premier League clubs have demanded compensastion from the CCDM for the delay. Earlier, the Bangladesh Cricket

each.

Board (BCB) distributed Taka 52 Twose told the Press Association lakh to all the Dhaka-based clubs of New Zealand. as grant. The top six Premier league outfits got three lakh Taka

Shane, Glenn show

Cricket

grabbed 3-19 from 19 overs as the

Indians, sent to bat on an unusu-

ally greenish wicket, were shot out

for 176 an hour after tea on the

Australia were 49-1 at close,

with opener Matthew Hayden

unbeaten on 25 and Justin Langer

Michael Slater was the bats-

AFP, Bombay Australia's premier bowlers Shane Warne and Glenn McGrath ripped through India's batting to leave the tourists in control of the first cricket Test here on Tuesday. Warne took 4-47 and McGrath

first day.

on 10.

Commence and

A press release, under-

On February 22, it claimed

"Reputed organisers like

bowler.

McGRATH...3 for 19 man out, bowled by Ajit Agarkar

for 10 after surviving an appeal for a catch at the wicket off the same

Steve Waugh's men, with a record 15 successive Test victories in the bag, could not have hoped for a better start in their bid to win Australia's first series on Indian

strategy to give the bowlers first as India slipped to 31-3 within the

fore tea. Sachin Tendulkar played a lone region. hand for the hosts with 76, scoring more than half of India's total of

139 when he was sixth out. vided the only joy for some 25,000 fans at the Wankhede Stadium, hitting 13 boundaries before the

Test century. Tendulkar put on 75 for the fifth wicket with Venkatsai Lax- the lunch score of 62-4 to 130 man, but it was recalled wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia's defiant 26

not out that enabled India past the 150-run mark. "We've done well in the past howling first and it would have been foolish not to do so again on

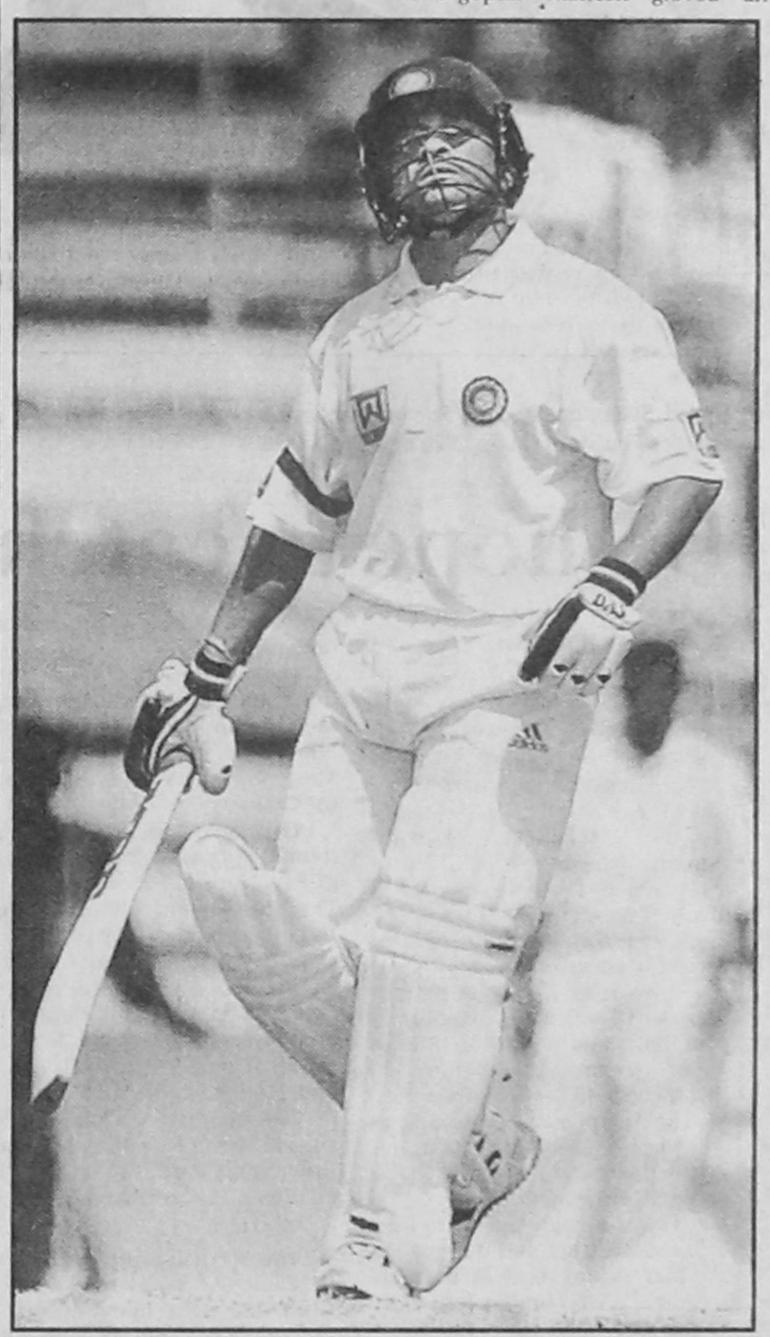
a wicket with some grass on it," Waugh said. "We needed to get at the Indians early in the match and those

quick wickets helped us go on Indian captain Saurav Ganguly was left to lament his batsmen's poor display in conditions they

were familiar with. "There is no excuse, we batted hadly," Ganguly said. "The Australians bowled well but we contrib-

uted to their success." bands and observed a minute's moved both batsmen in successive silence before start of play in overs. memory of Australian cricket legend Don Bradman who died on Monday at the age of 92.

his third over when left-hander caught behind attempting a drive. Sadagopan Ramesh gloved an



Indian masterbat Sachin Tendulkar looks towards the heavens after completing his half-century against Australia on the opening day of the first Test in Bombay yesterday.

attempted hook to wicketkeeper Waugh's - highly successful Adam Gilchrist after making two. Damien Fleming, preferred to

use of a fresh wicket paid off again off-spinner Colin Miller, had Rahul Dravid caught behind and first hour and then 140-7 just be- Jason Gillespie removed opener Shiv Das with a catch in the gully

As McGrath applied pressure at one end by conceding just four runs in his first spell of six overs, The champion batsman pro- Warne hit a good length and line

from the start. He removed Ganguly for eight in his second over, forcing an edge deadly McGrath denied him a 25th on the defensive stroke to Hayden

at lone slip. Tendulkar and Laxman took



WARNE...4 for 47

Both teams were black arm when a refreshed McGrath re-

Laxman played away from the body to offer Ricky Ponting an easy catch at third slip after mak-McGrath dealt the first blow in ing 20, while Tendulkar was

> sive zeroes on the Australian tour a year ago, added a sixth when he offered Warne a tame return catch from the 12th ball he faced. Earlier, star batsman Mark

> his usual place in the slips and fielded in the deep. India chose not to play recalled leg-spinner Narendra Hirwani,

INDIA: First innings

Scoreboard at close of Day One's play in the first Test between Australia and India on Tuesday:

Das c Hayden b Gillespie Ramesh c Gilchrist b McGrath Dravid c Gilchrist b Fleming Tendulkar c Gilchrist b McGrath 76 Ganguly c Hayden b Warne Laxman c Ponting b McGrath 20 Mongia not out Agarkar c and b Warne Srinath c M Waugh b Warne

Extras: (b-4, lb-1, nb-1, w-1) Total: (All out in 71.3 overs) 176 Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-25, 3-31,

4-55, 5-130, 6-139, 7-140, 8-165, 9-

Bowler McGrath Gillespie Warne

Total: (For 1 wkt in 16 overs) 49 Fall of wicket: 1-21 To bat: M Waugh, A Gilchrist, S Waugh, R Ponting, S Warne, D Bowler

Singh Sanghvi Tendulkar

Twose's last match?

INTERNET, undated

New Zealand's Roger Twose is set to end his international career in the Black Caps' fifth and final oneday international against Pakistan

While he wouldn't confirm his intentions, Twose, who has been unavailable for Test match cricket for the past 18 months, has hinted that he would like to concentrate more on his banking career and settle with his girlfriend in Wel-

nouncement wouldn't be made immediately but it was possible it could be his final match when the series is decided between New Zealand and Pakistan at Carisbrook.

"I hope it comes down to the South Africa, including his maiden last ball and I hit it out of the one-day century in Cape Town. ground to win.

Twose played well enough on he scored just 118 runs in his next New Zealand's tour to southern nine one-day innings. Africa to be ranked in the top five in the world one-day batting of his best form with an innings of rankings, boosting his average 42 off 58 balls during New Zeaabove 40.

He averaged 98.5 in Zimbabwe. on Sunday. 67.7 in the ICC Knockout Trophy



land's 138-run win over Pakistan The innings left him with 2701 runs from 86 one-day internationals at an average of 39.14. He ad-

But on returning to New Zealand

Twose then returned to some

the decision. "I'll have some time off to review the situation. It could be a couple of months, but I haven't decided. "When you are caught up

mitted it would be a tough call to

retire and would take time over

playing it's hard to think clearly." New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming said the players would have it in the back of their minds it could be Twose's last match. "It'll be sad, but it will also be

an occasion because he's played

last game, but if it is I hope he does well."

Agarkar, who made five succes-

Waugh passed a fitness test on an injured left hand, but abandoned

going into the match with two

seamers and two spinners. SCOREBOARD

Singh c S Waugh b Warne Sanghvi c Gilchrist b Gillespie

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Fleming AUSTRALIA: First innings Slater b Agarkar Havden not out Langer not out Extras: (b-3, nb-1)

Fleming, J Gillespie, G McGrath. Agarkar

Cricket

at Dunedin on Wednesday.

The 32 year-old said an an-

"Each game for New Zealand is emotional but there might just be

a little more attached because it

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very well for us," Fleming said. "It's speculation that it'll be his