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The name of the game 'cricket' is believed to have been derived in the late 1500s from the Middle French word *cricquet*, meaning 'goalpost'.



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Michael Owen

(Liverpool super striker)
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FA Cup hero.

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- Who was the man-of-the-match in the Bangladesh and Zimbabwe first test?
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- How many Test wickets did Courtney Walsh capture when he retired?
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Inter-service hockey

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Army beat Bangladesh Navy 3-1 in the Inter-Service Hockey Championship at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.
The first half ended in a 1-1 draw.

Nine new players called up Mahmud ignored once again

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) on Monday called up nine more players to join a specially designed training camp of the 22 contracted cricketers.

Bangladesh's Australian coach Trevor Chappell will run the month-long training programme, starting from Friday at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BSKP). The national cricketers are presently having a time-off since their return from Zimbabwe on May 3. The training designed particularly to improve the fielding will be held three days a week.

The new inclusions have been asked to report to the coach at the Board office on May 17.

The Board picked up the new players as part of its plan to build the A team. They have been selected on the basis of their performance in the just-concluded Premier League.

The list included six batsmen, two bowlers and a wicketkeeper in young Anwar Hossain. Anwar will also be the only wicketkeeper at the camp in absence of national wicketkeeper Khaled Masud, who is recovering from an injury. Masud fractured his right ankle during the first Test against Zimbabwe at Bulawayo last month.

Sanwar Hossain, a key per-

former in Mohammedan's Premier Cricket League title triumph this year, tops the list of the nine new entrants. The technically sound right-hander scored more than five hundred runs in the League. He is also a useful off-spinner.

Hannan Sarkar, the highest scorer among the local batsmen, also got a deserving nod. The opening batsman of Surjo Tarun scored 637 runs.



KHALED MAHMUD

Two young cricketers, Tushar Imran of Dhanmondi and Abahani's left-arm spinner Ahsanullah Hasan, got their first call in any national camp.

Opening the Dhanmondi batting, Tushar scored three half centuries and a magnificent 131 against giants Mohammedan in

the League.

Anisur Rahman of Abahani was the other young player in the list. The attacking right-hander is also a good fielder.

But it could be an ideal break for Hasanuzzaman who has been playing good cricket for Bangladesh Biman for the last couple of seasons.

Although Nafis Iqbal showed a lot of promise in the National League, but his performance in the Premier cricket for Abahani was disappointing. The young opening batsman scored a little more than 300 runs.

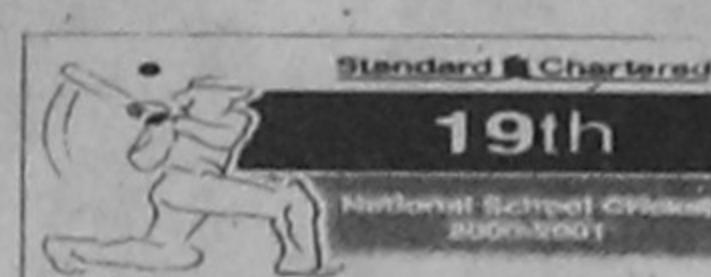
His inclusion ahead of another young batsman Setu, who is the second highest run-getter with 623 runs, came as a surprise.

Syed Ashrafal Huq, who selected the nine players, also ignored former national vice-captain Khaled Mahmud. The experienced all-rounder performed reasonably well in recent times and was very unfortunate to be overlooked. He took highest 37 wickets in the League.

The outgoing BCB general secretary however admitted that he did not closely follow the League matches, but he took the assistance from Sri Lankan coach Carlton, Mahmud-ul-Huq and national captain Naimur Rahman in selecting the players.

"I have seen a few matches. But I have talked with the captain and other people concerned before selecting the team," said Ashrafal.

School cricket final tomorrow



SPORTS REPORTER

The final of the Standard Chartered 19th National School Cricket Championship between BKSP and Manikganj High School will be played at the Sylhet Stadium on Wednesday.

BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury is expected to witness the final and give away prizes.

Fancied BKSP stormed into the final defeating Blue Bird High School by 81 runs. Manikganj, a surprise entrant into the final, handed New Model BH School an eight-wicket defeat in the other semifinal on Sunday.

NFL to follow Senior Div

SPORTS REPORTER

The Second National Football League (NFL) will start immediately after the completion of the Senior Division Football League.

The inaugural edition, which began before the Dhaka League last season, drew enormous enthusiasm across the country. But unlike the first edition, two more teams will join the original eight this time.

The participating teams are the top three finishers in the Premier League, six divisional winners and services champions Bangladesh Army.

The preliminary matches of the League would be held in the six divisions of the country.

Nitoli-Tata has once again agreed to sponsor the League and has already paid part of their agreed sponsorship money.

NBL v'ball

UNB, Dhaka

Water Development Board made a good start in the National Bank Metropolitan Volleyball League beating Bangladesh Bank 3-1 yesterday.

Chairman of the National Bank Habib Ullah inaugurated the league.

Tuesday's matches: Bangladesh Police vs Wari Club and PDB vs Azad SC.

Kabadi final on May 16

UNB, Dhaka

The final match of the Independence Day kabadi competition, which was postponed twice due to inclement weather, will now be held at the Outer Stadium Kabadi Court on Wednesday.

Bangladesh Rifles A and B will meet in the final.

Bangladesh Rifles A booked the final spot beating Bangladesh Police in the first semifinal while Bangladesh Rifles B moved into the final beating Bangladesh Army A.

Saurav hoping for the best

REUTERS, Bangalore

India captain Saurav Ganguly wants his team to play as competitively as they did against Australia at home and win their first major Test series abroad in almost eight years.

"My aim will be to win a series abroad... We have the side. But having a side is not enough... We have to be competitive, like the way we played against Australia," he told reporters on Sunday.

India rallied superbly to beat all-conquering Australia 2-1 in a three-Test series in February and March.

But they face a bigger challenge to shake off their poor image abroad when they travel to Zimbabwe later this month for a two-Test series and then go on to play in Sri Lanka and South Africa.

India's last overseas Test series success came in 1993 when they beat Sri Lanka 1-0 in a three-Test series.

Since then, their only Test victory abroad was a one-off match against debutants Bangladesh last October.

Ganguly's side beat Zimbabwe 1-0 in a two-match home Test series after defeating Bangladesh last year.

But victory overseas remains elusive. "One win abroad is going to change everything," Ganguly said.

Ganguly warned Zimbabwe

BCB in a GM fix?

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The issue of general manager (GM) is going to top the agenda when the newly-elected thirty Board of Directors sit in the first meeting of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) on May 21.

The topic of GM has become a matter of concern after Ali Ahsan Babu kept the Board waiting since his appointment in September last year.

The Biman official and former cricketer was served an ultimatum by the Board to join by February 1. But it was understood that Ahsan failed to get necessary permission from the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism to take up the position.

However, amid growing speculation, a certain section in the new Board is not in favour of letting him land the most lucrative job in the sport.

Incidentally, Ahsan became the popular choice among members of the previous Board after a three-way battle with former national captains Roquibul Hassan and Shafiqul Huq Hira.

The race turned into two-horse racing after Hira dropped out preferring instead to become the BCB deputy director of development.

Eventually, Ahsan won a landslide victory when he reportedly scored 29-1 votes against Roquibul.

The Board meeting is also likely to name a new selection committee.

According to a BCB official, the additional panel will be given the task of naming various age-group teams.

Currently Board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury and his deputy Syed Ashrafal Haq are sharing the selection duties after dissolution of the Tanvir Haider-



ALI AHASAN

led three-member committee immediately after the historic Test match against India last November.

Saeed shines in drawn game

Cricket

REUTERS, Canterbury

The three-day tour match between Kent and Pakistan ended in a draw on Monday after rain washed out the final day.

Earlier on Sunday, Saeed Anwar warmed up for Thursday's first Test by scoring the third double hundred century of his career as Pakistan made a rapid 307-1 against Kent.

The tourists declared six runs behind the "home county," who ended the second day at 94-3, a lead of exactly 100. But Anwar dominated the day with 201 as Pakistan put the weakened Kent attack to the sword.

His innings made him the highest Pakistan scorer against Kent, easily beating the 161 by Sadiq Mohammad on the 1978 tour.

Left-hander Anwar's strokeplay was quite superb at times against a Kent line-up minus Mark Ealham, Martin Saggars, David Masters and captain Matthew Fleming. He helped himself to 27 fours and was particularly severe on stand-in skipper Min Patel.

All of Anwar's five sixes were struck sweetly off the slow left-arm in the arc between long on and long off, three off successive balls after lunch but he knows there will be tougher challenges against the England attack.

Anwar reached 113 at the break, giving an extremely difficult chance to Robert Key in the gully on 83, and his second hundred raced up in only 96 balls.

He also became only the third overseas player to score a double hundred against Kent, following the illustrious footsteps of Don Bradman (1930) and Graeme Pollock (1965).

Anwar and opening partner Salim Elahi (94 not out) enjoyed themselves against a Kent attack which acting captain Min Patel chopped and changed but with little luck.

The partnership of 307 was the

highest opening one by any Pakistan side against an English county.

Patel conceded 83 runs in just 14 overs, with Anwar particularly severe, clubbing three sixes in successive balls in one over.

Anwar's eventual dismissal to Amjad Khan had a tired look about it. It was a memorable maiden first class wicket for Khan, spending his first full season with Kent having been born in Denmark of Pakistani parents and who before play started had a 20-minute net session with Waqar Younis.

Once Anwar had misused the Copenhagen-born Khan to mid-off, stand-in captain Inzamam-ul-Haq declared.

Elahi was left six short of a century. His 94 from 107 deliveries contained 10 fours but his efforts should see him into the side for the first Test against England at Lord's on Thursday.

Pakistan also did some work after play ended with assistant coach Daryl Foster putting both Shoaib Akhtar and Waqar through their paces.

Waqar missed this game with a sore throat but spent a couple of hours on the field as 12th man. It was a painful end to the day for Elahi who, standing at short leg, was cracked on the helmet by a full blooded pull from Kent batsman Ed Smith.

Elahi retired to the dressing room for treatment but Pakistan later confirmed there was no serious problem.

There were no early breakthrough for Pakistan and David Fulton and Saturday centurion Robert Key took Kent past fifty.

But Key (21) fell to Mohammed Sami, and Fulton (40) to Abdur Razzaq, both to catches by wicket-keeper Rashid Latif.

Smith was last out just before the close for 17, giving wicket-keeper Rashid Latif his third victim of the innings.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close on the second day of a three-day tour match between Kent and Pakistan on Sunday:

Xmas break for English

AP, New Delhi

England's 2001-2002 cricket tour of India will be divided into two parts so that players can take a Christmas break. A Board of Control of Cricket in India (BCCI) spokesman said Monday.

"The BCCI has granted England's wish to allow its players to go back for a Christmas break by splitting the Test series from the one-dayers," the spokesman said.

The three Tests and a first-class tour match will be contested over three weeks from December 3-23. The English squad will depart India on December 4, Christmas Eve, for a two week break before returning for a limited-overs series scheduled for January 22-February 3.

The BCCI's draft schedule - which is yet to be ratified by the board's working committee - means that the Indian team will go into a home series against England just days after returning November 29 from a two-month tour of South Africa.

"The Indian board is also enthusiastic about a break after the Tests (against England) as this can work wonders in rejuvenating spectator interest in the one-dayers," a BCCI official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

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KENT: First innings 313-5 declared (R Key 119, M Walker 98)

PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 41-0)
Anwar c Golding b Khan 201
Elahi not out 94
Extras: (lb-7, nb-5) 12
Total: (For 1 wkt in 70.2 overs dec) 307

Fall of wicket: 1-307
Did not bat: Abdur Razzaq, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Yousuf Youhana, Faisal Iqbal, Wasim Akram, Rashid Latif, Saqlain Mushaq, Mushtaq Ahmed, Mohammed Sami

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Khan	8.2	2	46	1
Trott	20	4	66	0
McCague	9	2	35	0
Patel	14	0	83	0
Golding	12	2	32	0
Lockley	7	0	38	0

KENT: Second innings
Fulton c Latif b Razzaq 40
Key c Latif b Sami 21
Smith st Latif b Saqlain 17
Lockley not out 6
Extras: (lb-2, w-6, nb-2) 10
Total: (For 3 wkts in 35.4 overs) 94

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Wakram	10	1	31	0
Sami	9	0	31	1
Mushtaq	8	2	10	0
Razzaq	5	1	14	1
Saqlain	3.4	1	6	1

Result: Match drawn.

Rajshahi soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Bismilla Sports Club defeated Majhihavi Sangsad 4-2 in the Rajshahi Second Division Football League at local stadium yesterday.

Mahabub opened the account in the 5th minute for Majhihavi. Uzzal drew level in the 12th minute and took the lead in 17th minute for Bismilla. Badsha slammed home two goods in 22nd and 32nd minutes. Nasir reduced the area in 69th minute.

The other match of the day, Hasan Imam Smriti and Sports Club ended in a goalless draw.

'Affectionately Lord's'

Cricket

REUTERS, London

Statistically, Dominic Cork's England career does not add up to all that much.

The figures — an average of 18 with the bat and 28.50 with the ball, during 31 Tests spanning six years — suggest a man who does not deserve the title of a genuine all-rounder.

Eighteen with the ball and 28.50 with the bat, of course, would be worthy of real discussion.

So it is odd that Cork, recalled to the England squad for the first Test against Pakistan starting on Thursday, does manage to get himself so talked about.

Over recent seasons, much of that talk has been uncomplicated, the 30-year-old variously regarded as abrasive, opinionated, immature and under-achieving. A man supremely confident in his own lack of ability. A man not adding up to much.

Which might be the whole story, if only Cork had not contrived to provide England supporters with some of their most memorable moments in recent years.

As he did in 1995, with seven for 43 against the West Indies at Lord's to earn the man-of-the-match award and the best bowling figures by an Englishman on his debut.

Or as he did two matches later at Old Trafford, when he removed Richie Richardson, Junior Murray and Carl Hooper, bowled, lbw, lbw, with successive balls.

Or as he did last year in the second Test, again versus the West Indies and at Lord's, after an 18-month exile from the England dressing room.

With the tourists looking set to go 2-0 up, Cork contributed four for 39 in the first innings, three for 13 in the second and then hit a back-to-the-wall 33 not out, including the winning runs through extra cover, to rescue the match and, ultimately, to pave the way to an England series victory.

Cork had celebrated that day by raising three fingers as he ran off the pitch and, for one appalling moment, it seemed as if he was indulging in a characteristic gesture of defiance aimed at the selectors. It was only later that he explained that it was a coded expression of affection for his girlfriend.

His love affair with Lord's, meanwhile, looks certain to continue this week.



DOMINIC CORK

His swing bowling is at its best in English conditions and Cork is fit and eager again after missing the tours to Pakistan and Sri Lanka with a back injury.

Do not put it past him to produce another in-your-face, magical performance worthy of his idol, Ian Botham.

And do not put it past him to at last begin to produce some consistent form.

Cork is better placed than ever before to do that.

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Hussain may drop down

REUTERS, London

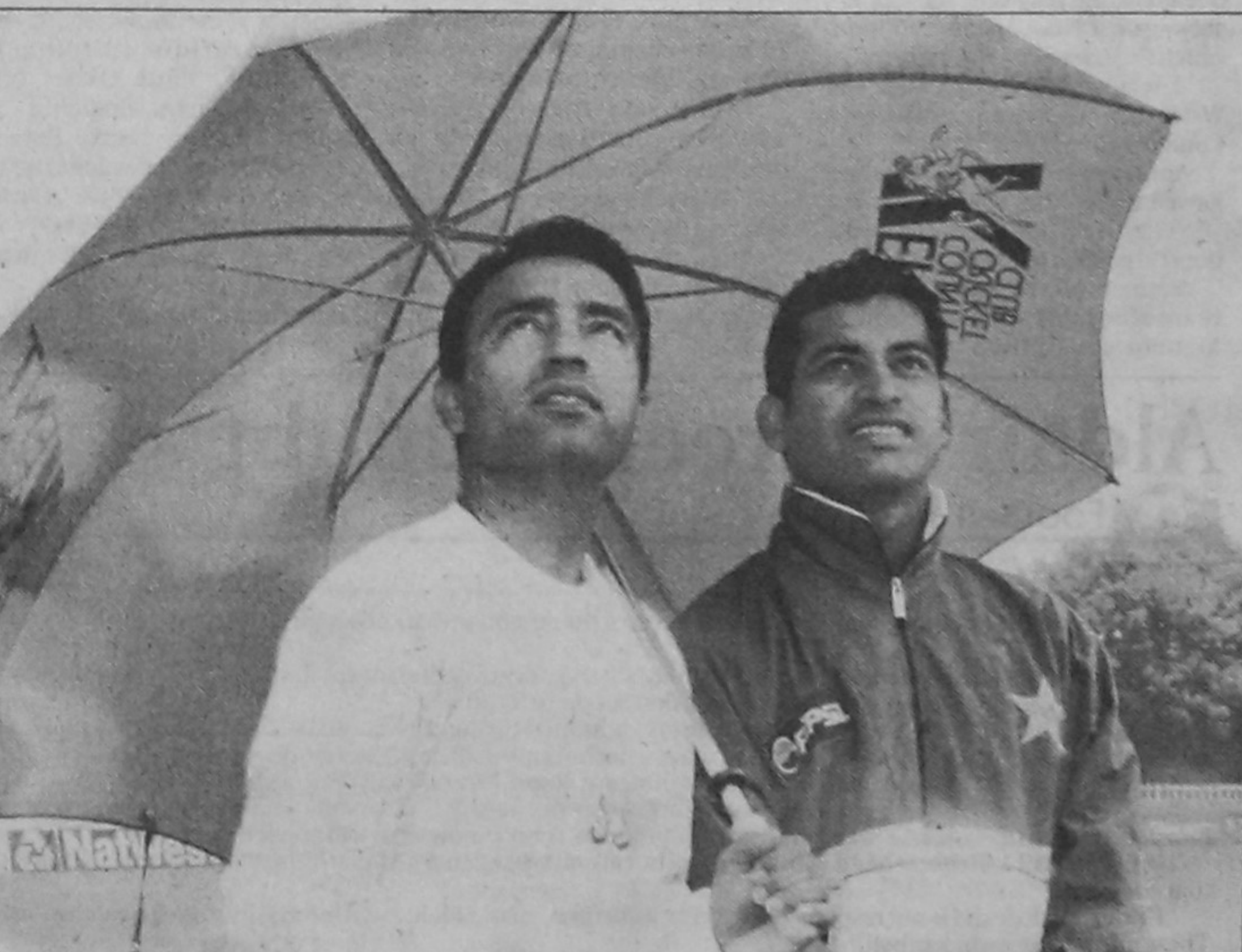
England captain Nasser Hussain has hinted that there could be changes to the batting order for the opening Test against Pakistan starting on Thursday.

Hussain has played most of his Test career at number three but could move down the order after left-handed Surrey opener Ian Ward was included in the squad announced on Sunday.

"I'm constantly reviewing what's best for the team," said Hussain. "One of the options is for Michael Vaughan to move up to number three. He looks a natural player up the order."

"But I've batted all my career at three and four and I've been batting well this summer and don't want to do something like bat at five or six."

Ward is likely to make his debut at Lord's if England decide to use seven batsmen and a four-man seam attack.



Pakistan openers Saeed Anwar (L) and Salim Elahi have a look at the field after rain halted proceedings on the third and last day of their tour match against Kent on Monday.