

CCDM supports clubs' appeal

UNB, Dhaka

The Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolis (CCDM) unanimously supported the appeal of 12 Metropolis First Division clubs to stop relegation as the clubs are not in a position to continue the league due to inclement weather.

The decision was taken in an emergency meeting of the CCDM yesterday at the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) office with Victoria SC representative MA Kabir in the chair participated by some 37 representatives of Metropolis first, second and third division clubs.

However, for final decision the CCDM referred the case to BCB, which will meet on May 21.

Nine super and 10 relegation league matches of the First Division League still remained pending.

John seems to be afraid of Eng seamers

AFP, Sydney

Australian cricket coach John Buchanan warned Wednesday England's seam attack would pose a special threat on the upcoming Ashes tour.

Australia's batsmen struggled in India in March when they lost that series 2-1 and Buchanan said although those problems were unlikely to be repeated in England they would still need to adjust to the specific conditions.

"We're going to face a pace bowling attack that can swing and seam the ball," he said.

Formers

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on the field. Because, at the end of the day, it is me who will have to be held accountable for the team performance," said Naimur. "Selection may upset someone. But, we are professional players and we will have to accept the fact that only eleven out of fifteen would play."

He also pointed out that it is not only the captain who makes team decision. "I have talked with my vice-captain before every selection. Besides, coach Trevor and manager Mahamudul Anam had also played their part in the team selection."

Naimur however admitted that he was not happy with his performance in Zimbabwe, where he scored 80 runs in two Tests and took three wickets. He was also unimpressive in the one-dayers with a score of 69 runs from three games and no wicket under his belt.

He however opines that Board should allow longer stint to whoever the captain is.

Outgoing general secretary Syed Shafraul Haq also supported the view. "When we appointed Naimur as the captain, we thought of him as a long term prospect. Although the Board is maintaining a policy of appointing captain on tour basis, but it is implied that he would get more time before coming under scrutiny," said Ashraful.

BKSP

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Soheb c Maruf b Tanveer 4
Rocky c Tanveer b Asif 0
Johny b Nayem 24
Ashraf run out 4
Ashim c Nadif b Nayem 5
Biduyt c Rubaiyat b Nayem 0
Kajal c Dhiman b Nayem 0
Prince c Dhiman b Nadif 1
Jamil c Dhiman b Nayem 9
Liton not out 1
Extras: (b-3, lb-3, nb-2, w-13) 21
Total: (All out in 34.4 overs) 73
Fall of wickets: 1/5, 2/8, 3/30,
4/39, 5/53, 6/53, 7/55, 8/60, 9/60.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Asif	6	1	11	2
Rubaiyat	6	0	11	0
Nazmul	6	1	8	0
Tanveer	5	0	12	1
Nadif	4	0	13	1
Nayem	7.4	2	12	5

Result: BKSP won by 44 runs.
Man-of-the-match: Nayem
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ROLL OF HONOUR

1982-83: Dhaka Residential Model School.

1983-84: Dhaka Willis Little Flower School.

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1986-87: Dhaka West End High School.

1987-88: Narayanganj High School.

1988-89: Mukul Niketan.

1989-90: Final round was not held.

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1991-92: Comilla Zila School.

1992-93: Narayanganj High School.

1993-94: Narayanganj High School.

1994-95: Tangail Bindubasini School.

1995-96: Dhaka Scholastica School.

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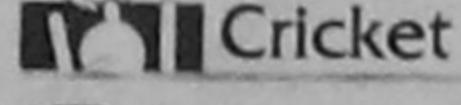
1997-98: Final round was not held.

1998-99: Tangail Bindubasini School.

1999-2000: Mymensingh Zila School.

2000-01: BKSP.

Time for Test business



Cricket

AFP, London

Pakistan will be out for revenge when the first Test against England starts here at Lord's on Thursday.

The tourists lost their unbeaten record at Karachi during the winter when England won the third Test of three and took the series 1-0.

But Pakistan will have to be quick about their work: there are just two Tests on this tour, which serves as an appetiser for the five Test Ashes series here between England and Australia.

The decision to play just two Tests against Pakistan this summer, when series with the two sides here have usually been com-

prised of three and sometimes five matches has caused ill-feeling.

Certainly Pakistan, a team with plenty of star names, deserve to be more than an Ashes warm-up act and it's hard to imagine Australia being treated in the same way.

However, Tim Lamb, the chief executive of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) insisted no slight was intended.

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