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One of the most astonishing bowling analyses on record was returned by RG Nadkarni in a Test between India and England at Madras in 1964. It read 31-5-0 and, according to reports, English batsmen said he was 'unhittable'.



Nasser Hussain

(England cricket captain)
 "I was surprised how easily we bowled them out because I have the utmost respect for their batting."

After winning the first Test against Pakistan.



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2. Who became UEFA Cup champions?	Arsenal	Liverpool	Alaves
3. Who clinched the Standard Chartered National School Cricket title?	New Model	BKSJ	Manikganj High
4. Who lifted the Premier Division Cricket League title?	Abahani	MSC	Biman
5. Who holds the top position in the current FIFA World rankings?	Brazil	France	Italy

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Steve says, no problem

REUTERS, Sydney

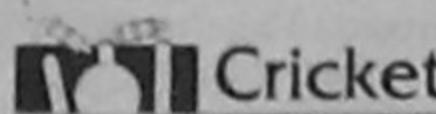
Australian Test captain Steve Waugh said on Tuesday he would welcome the release of the International Cricket Council's report on match-fixing, whatever its contents.

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Mixed bag over BCB move



SPORTS REPORTER

The announcement of the two-tier selection committee on Monday evoked mixed feelings among cricket fans and organisers of the news to him.

Nazmul Abedin Fahim, the chief cricket coach of BKSP, was not even aware till last afternoon that he was made a selector.

Tanjib Ahsan was seen busy to learn that he was named a selector. A dentist by profession, Asaduzzaman in his first reaction on Monday night thanked the Daily Star Sport for breaking the news to him.

Though many believe that the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has taken a wise move by giving full autonomy to the new selectors, some observers seem to be critical about the nomination procedure and the prospect.

The first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors named Mainul Huq as chairman of the three-member selection committee for the national team. Tanjib Ahsan and Asaduzzaman Mishra were the other members.

Besides, the Board, for the first time, announced a four-member selection committee for the age-group with Tanjib Ahsan leading pack that also included Rafiqul Alam, Anwarul Amin Azhar and Nazmul Abedin Fahim.

But it was apparent that the BCB high-ups did not take prior consent from some of the selectors, for whom the job should no longer be a part-time one.

Asaduzzaman, a former national opener, was surprised to learn that he was named a selector.

Mainul Huq was also brought under scrutiny. The former national all-rounder stayed in the United States for a long time after quitting the game. One even went on to cast his doubt about an unbiased selection by the head of the panel. Preferring anonymity, the councillor claimed that Mainul's nomination was influenced by his business partner Syed Ashraful Huq.

But there is no denying to the fact that Mainul has rich credentials both as a player and an organiser. The most positive thing about him is that he seems to be very keen about serving cricket. He fought and lost in the last two elections of the BCB, but had never compromised with the non-cricketing opportunists.

Mainul had already met with his two colleagues at the Board office yesterday and discussed the prospect of announcing Bangladesh A team within a week.

Besides, a few have opined that the Board did not consider the amount of involvement for the job before appointing someone as selector. Asaduzzaman Mishra is a professor of the Dhaka Dental College and he also runs a private clinic. How much time would be

He also appreciated the idea of giving full authority to the selectors. From now onward, the chief selector will announce the team without the approval of the board. The Board will only pick the captain.

Following are the First Division Super and Relegation League tables:

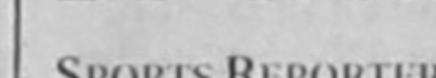
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Orient SC	13	7	6	14
Gopibagh IFA	13	5	8	10

Relegation League

Wari Club	13	7	6	11
Bangladesh BC	13	6	7	12
Dhaka Wanderers	12	5	7	10
Eskaton SS	13	4	9	8
Lalmatia Club	13	4	9	8
Indira Road KC	12	3	9	6

Murder he wrote?



AGENCIES, London

The wide-ranging inquiry into cricket corruption has uncovered details of murder and kidnapping related to match-fixing, it was reported here Tuesday.

The Daily Telegraph said the investigation by the International Cricket Council's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) chief Sir Paul Condon would report Wednesday players had been threatened and match-fixing was still a problem.

"I have spoken to people who have been threatened and others who have alleged a murder and a kidnapping linked to cricket corruption," Condon was quoted by the Telegraph as saying in the report.

Condon will also accuse senior figures within cricket of withholding information during his inquiry and note that match-fixing is more widespread than previously thought, stating "allegations in the public domain were only the tip of the iceberg."

Condon was saddled with the task of attempting to determine the extent of graft in cricket following the explosion of the "Cronje-gate" match-rigging scandal last year.

World cricket was rocked after New Delhi police accidentally intercepted mobile phone call where South African captain Hansie Cronje discussed taking bribes to throw a game.

Cronje, Pakistan ace Salim Malik and Indian Test legend Mohammad Azharuddin were subsequently banned for life over the scandal.

Three former international captains, Hansie Cronje, Mohammad Azharuddin of India and Salim Malik of Pakistan have been banned for life since the South African admitted last year he had sold information for money.

However the ICC report notes

Cronje, who initially denied any involvement in match-fixing, told a news conference on April 11 that he had accepted 10-15,000 dollars from a local South African and an Indian bookmaker based in London during a triangular series with Zimbabwe and England.

An emergency ICC meeting was convened and the Anti-Corruption Unit set up under Condon.

The Telegraph also quotes Condon as saying that it had soon become clear to him that many people within the game had significant information about corruption.

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In order to respond to their anxieties I have interviewed some people away from their normal lifestyles."

Condon has visited Kenya, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka and New Zealand during his investigations. In addition, independent inquiries are being conducted in Pakistan, South Africa, India, Sri Lanka, Dubai and New Zealand.

Seven former international captains were named in an Indian Central Bureau of Investigation report on November 1 last year.

The report said Cronje, Azharuddin, Brian Lara (West Indies), Alex Stewart (England) and Arjuna Ranatunga (Sri Lanka) had been offered or paid money by Indian bookmaker MK Gupta. Malik and New Zealand's Martin Crowe were also mentioned in the report.

But they said Condon had concluded that match-fixing was still prevalent with large sums of money changing hands.

They are set to visit Pakistan

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SIR PAUL CONDON

Laloo promises Indo-Pak tie



AGENCIES, New Delhi

A veteran Indian politician has vowed to organise a limited-overs cricket match between India and Pakistan.

Laloo Prasad Yadav, former chief minister of the eastern state of Bihar and newly-elected president of the Bihar Cricket Association, plans to hold the match in Patna, capital of Bihar, the Press Trust of India said.

Yadav said he would do his best to arrange a day-night match between India and Pakistan at the Moin-ul-Haq Stadium in the state capital.

"I have taken my election to the post as a challenge and I will contribute my share to prop up Bihar on the world sporting map," he said.

He added that religion and politics would not get in the way of the promotion of sport.

India's sporting links with Pakistan have been severely curtailed over the last two years. Government clearance is mandatory in India for any international sports event — at home or abroad.

In March, the Indian government refused to allow its cricket team to play in a triangular series involving Pakistan at Sharjah, in the United Arab Emirates.

India also prevented the team from playing a Test series in Pakistan last year and has denied permission for a five-match one-day series against Pakistan in Toronto for two successive years.

The move prompted Pakistan

next year for the Asia Cup and the Asian Test Championship and officials believe the trips will go ahead despite recent frosty relations between the two governments.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) president AC Muthiah said the government's guidelines on playing against Pakistan would not stop the team from competing in multi-nation competitions.

"The Sports Ministry has clearly said that there will be no

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Reefat Hossain Rizvi Mithun (R), who won the Shamsul Alam Master Smriti Snooker Tournament beating Reza Pahlavi (L), poses after the final at the Narayanganj Club yesterday.

Div I cricket to end June 5

SPORTS REPORTER

The Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) yesterday reluctantly decided to complete the First Division Cricket League by June 5 in response to a instruction from the Bangladesh Cricket Board on Monday.

According to new fixture list, the nine remaining matches of the Super League would resume on May 25 and conclude five days later. Later, ten Relegation League matches will be played from May 30 to June 5.

Six teams -- Uttara Sporting Club, Young Pegasus, Khelaghlar Samaj Kalyan Sangshto, Azad Sporting Club, Orient Sporting Club and Gopibagh Friends Association -- are involved in the Super League while six teams -- Wari Club, Bangladesh Boys Club, Dhaka Wanderers, Eskaton Sabu Sangha, Lalmatia Club and Indira Road KC -- are fighting it out in the Relegation League.

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