

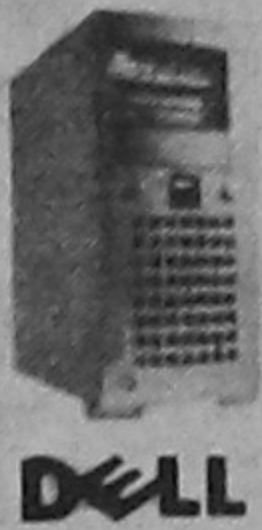
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Steve Waugh
(Australia cricket captain)
"I think we prefer to go in with a balanced attack, no matter what the conditions are."
On the Ashes tour.

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Christie's to sell Bradman bat

REUTERS, Melbourne

Christie's are to auction a cricket bat signed in two different eras by Sir Donald Bradman in July, the auction house said on Wednesday.

Bradman, considered the greatest batsman to have played the game and who died on February 25 this year aged 92, signed the bat during the infamous Bodyline Ashes series between Australia and England in 1932-33 and again in 1963 when he played in a Prime Minister's XI game against England.

This is a unique icon of Australian cricket history and is replete with historic associations, even beyond Bradman, which demonstrate the sporting, social and political significance of the bat.

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Motiur magic for Muktis

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Motiur Munna gave Muktijodha Sangsad Krira Chakra their second Federation Cup title when the



PHOTO: STAR

Muktijodha hero Matiur Munna (R) tries to keep possession against Khokon of Arambagh. Munna scored one goal and set up another and was deservedly named the man-of-the-final. He also won the man-of-the-tournament award.

mercurial midfielder scored the first goal and set up another for Nigerian forward Emeka, who struck twice in a 3-0 drubbing of Arambagh in the final at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The final showdown of the Nitol White Cement 17th Federation Cup turned into a lopsided issue when the all-reds shot in three goals in the second half against the surprise finalists in this season's curtain-raising meet.

Arambhagh created a sensation when the mediocre Premier Division outfit won a place in the final at the expense of the two heavyweights of local football — Mohammedan and Abahani. But the spirited boys of Wazed Gazi found the final hurdle too tough to cross.

Although Arambagh created a couple of chances in the first half

to give Muktijodha a momentary discomfort, but their booters ran out of gas after the lemon break to surrender meekly. Besides, they also missed their midfielder Liton, who picked up his second yellow card in the semifinal against Mo-

hammadan that Arambagh won by 1-0.

Muktijodha, who had earlier won the Cup way back in 1994, on the other hand flourished in the second session and looked even better after being reduced to ten-man in the 51st minute.

Muktijodha suffered a blow when their dependable defender Prodiop got the marching order after picking two yellow cards within a minute. But the departure of Prodiop came as a blessing in disguise as the charges of coach Manik responded to crisis that looked team more organised and spirited.

With one man down, they struck two goals after Motiur Munna opened the account in the 48th minute.

The prized signing of Muktijodha this year Motiur showed an uncanny ability to seize the opportunity when other would have done otherwise. He ran down the right hand post to volley home a Rakib floater from an acute angle.

The thinking player then lobbed a perfect ball to Emeka in the 80th minute. The tall Nigerian raced into the opponent's box and drew Arambagh custodian Pannu out of his post before dodging past him to slot the ball into an empty net.

Emeka struck his second goal second minute into the injury time when he volleyed home a sublime cross from Muktijodha captain Hasan al Mamun.

The Nigerian also scored twice in Muktijodha's 4-1 victory over Farashganj in the second semifinal. While Emeka made an immediate impact as an opportunist marksman, his compatriot Salio also gave some steel to the defence after Sujon deserted them this year.

Motiur Munna, the linchpin of Muktijodha's successful campaign in the warm-up event ahead of the Premier League, was adjudged both player-of-the-tournament and man-of-the-final.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader distributed prizes among the winners after the final.

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ROLL OF HONOUR

Year	Champs	Runners-up
1980	Mohammedan/Brothers	-----
1981	Mohammedan	Abahani
1982	Mohammedan/Abahani	-----
1983	Mohammedan	Abahani
1984	Final abandoned	-----
1985	Abahani	Brothers
1986	Abahani	Brothers
1987	Mohammedan	Dhaka Wanderers
1988	Abahani	Mohammedan
1989	Mohammedan	Abahani
1990	Not held	-----
1991	Brothers	Mohammedan
1992/93	Not held	-----
1994	Muktijodha	Abahani
1995	Mohammedan	Abahani
1996	Not held	-----
1997	Abahani	Arambhagh
1998	Not held	-----
1999	Abahani	Muktijodha
2000	Abahani	Mohammedan
2001	Muktijodha	Arambhagh



HIP, HIP, HURRAY! Muktijodha Sangsad players rejoice with the Federation Cup after their win over Arambagh. Krira Sangha in the final at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

World Cup on Mainu's mind

SPORTS REPORTER

Chief selector Mainul Haq said that his committee would focus on building a team for the 2003 World Cup.

"We will work independently and our priority would be to form a team for future", Mainu told reporters after his meeting with Board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury at the BCB office Wednesday.

A former national cricketer-turned-businessman revealed that would announce a provisional team of Bangladesh A on Sunday.

Tanzeeb Ahsan Saad, the chief of the age group selection committee, will also announce the Under-19 team for the Youth World Cup in New Zealand on the same day.

Mainu also said that they would disclose a fresh list of cricketers under the BCB pay roll by the end of this month. But he did not reveal the number of cricketers the Board was going to bring under its pay roll this year.

Mainu also plans to announce the national team for the Asian Test Championship early August. But before doing so, he wanted the Board to announce the captain in July.

Australian coach of the national team Trevor Chappell was also present during the selectors' meeting with the Board president. The BCB announced a two-tier selection committee in its first meeting on May 21.

Asia Cup hockey Bangladesh hold Japan

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh are struggling for semifinal berth in the AHF Under-18 Asia Cup hockey tournament after playing 1-1 draw with Japan in Malaysia on Tuesday.

Bangladesh juvenile team's semifinal fate now depends on the other group match results. Habul netted the goal against Japan in their last group match.

NatWest series from today

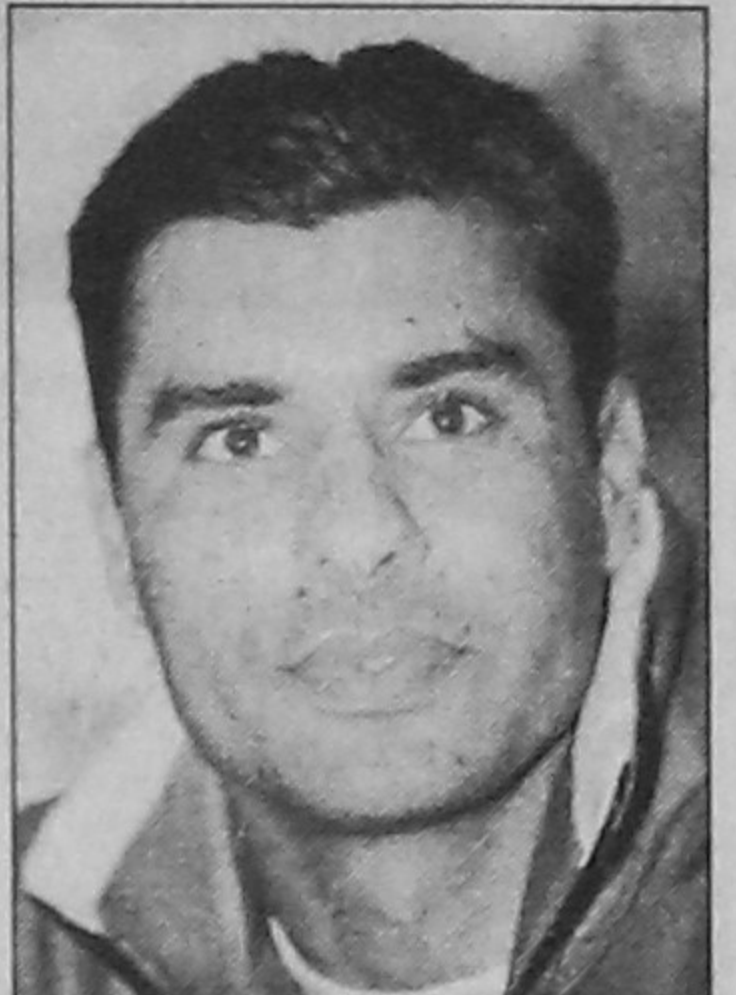
Cricket

REUTERS, Birmingham

Waqar Younis forecast more confrontations between Pakistan and England players when they launch the triangular NatWest one-day series at Edgbaston on Thursday.

Waqar said: "I think aggression is important to the game and we will see more in the one-dayers. It's the name of the game."

Both teams were warned about their conduct by match referee



WAQAR YUNIS

Brian Hastings last week during the second Test at Old Trafford, following a clash between Andrew Caddick, wicketkeeper Rashid Latif and Azhar Mahmood during the first England innings.

There were other isolated cases of sledging between the teams before Pakistan won to level the two-match series 1-1.

But the Pakistan captain added on Wednesday with a smile: "I

don't have a problem with anybody. I have played in English county cricket and we are friends off the field. We're not such good friends on the field but that's the game."

Australia, the third side in the tournament, play their first game on Saturday when they take on Pakistan in Cardiff. The two top sides from the nine first-phase matches will contest the final at Lord's on June 23.

Waqar, however, was disappointed with the British press coverage after his team's Old Trafford win, arguing that England's defeat had been blamed on four questionable umpiring decisions on the final day.

Some reports also suggested Waqar had been guilty of ball tampering, although the umpires did not change the ball despite regular inspections.

"Whenever we are in England there's always a controversy," said Waqar. "I'm not happy that we didn't get enough credit for our win."

Third umpire for the game, Ray Julian, later said that match referee Brian Hastings had told the umpires via radio to keep an eye out for no-balls during the Old Trafford Test.

"It is the match referee's job to inform the field umpires if he sees anything untoward," Julian was quoted on BBC's online service.

"Brian told them to keep an eye on the no-balls — he was concerned they were missing a few. He got on the walkie-talkie to Shep (David Shepherd) and Eddie (Nicholls) between lunch and tea."

"Maybe the pressure got to them. Certainly, they are two experienced umpires and I'm sure

they'll be disappointed to miss those no-balls."

"Shep was down after the game. Both he and Eddie are experienced officials but they would admit they made a few mistakes."

"But we must support each other. Wasim Akram, in particular, is hard to pick up for no-balls because he has such a quick follow-through."

TEAMS

ENGLAND (from): Alec Stewart (captain), Alistair Brown, Andrew



ALEC STEWART

Caddick, Paul Collingwood, Dominic Cork, Robert Croft, Mark Ealham, Darren Gough, Ben Hollis, Nick Knight, Alan Mullally, Graham Thorpe, Marcus Trescothick, Michael Vaughan.

PAKISTAN (from): Waqar Younis (captain), Saeed Anwar, Faisal Iqbal, Inzamamul Haq, Yousef Youhana, Younis Khan, Rashid Latif, Wasim Akram, Shoaib Akhtar, Abdur Razaq, Mohammad Sami, Saqlain Mushtaq, Azhar Mahmood, Saleem Elahi, Shahid Afridi, Imran Nazir, Shoaib Malik,

WICB to get new bosses in July

REUTERS, Bridgetown

The West Indies Cricket Board will elect a new president and vice-president in July, the WICB said on Wednesday.

Pat Rousseau and Clarvis Joseph quit their respective posts as president and vice-president last Saturday after the WICB reinstated sacked manager Ricky Skerritt.

An interim management committee had been formed to run the board until the elections, WICB executive secretary Andrew Sealy told CANA.

The committee, comprised of Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board treasurer Richard DeSouza, Guyana board president Chetram Singh and Barbados Cricket Association president Stephen Alleyne, will work with chief executive Gregory Shillingford and chief financial officer Richard Jodhan until the July 21 elections.

Under Skerritt, who was sacked via an e-mail from Shillingford last week, the team lost series in England (2000) and Australia (2001) and at home to South Africa.

However, last Saturday the board voted to reinstate him after some members, including DeSouza and Singh, disagreed with the decision, causing Rousseau and Joseph to quit.

Rousseau said on Saturday: "They questioned our authority along with that of the chief executive officer, Gregory Shillingford, to effect the termination without board approval."

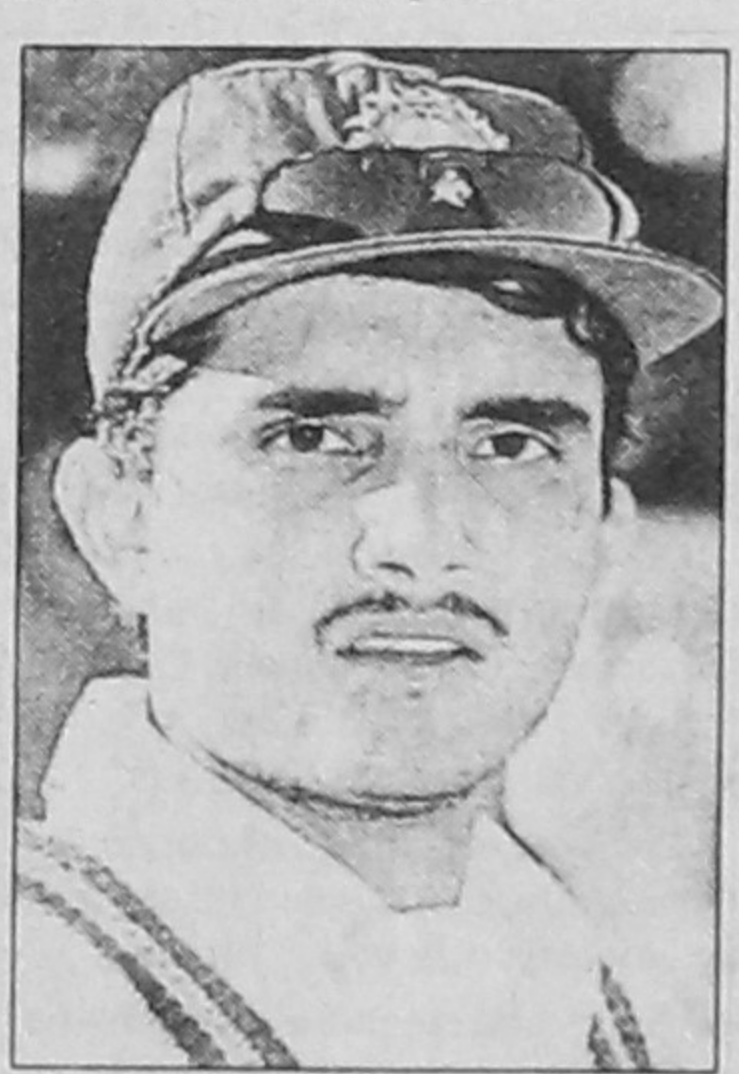
Saurav's double stake

Cricket

AFP, Bangalore

Saurav Ganguly leads India in the first Test against Zimbabwe here from Thursday hoping to improve both his team's poor overseas record and his image as captain.

Ganguly the captain has more critics than admirers despite winning four of his six Tests at the helm, including a stunning 2-1 win over world champions Australia



SAURAV GANGULY

earlier this year.

Among the Indian captain's strongest critics are former Test skippers, Bishan Bedi of India and Ian Chappell of Australia.

Bedi lashed out at Ganguly for having little faith in his slow bowler, especially left-arm spinner

Rahul Singhvi, in the opening Test against Australia at Bombay last February.

The outspoken Chappell says Ganguly is arrogant, too impatient as Test captain and has batting limitations against better attacks.

"I think he's a better one-day captain than Test captain," Chappell told an Indian website on Wednesday.

"He's too impatient as Test captain and he has strong likes and dislikes."

Chappell, who had a run-in with Ganguly during the Australian tour, said he recognised arrogance when he saw it on the field.

He gave the example of Ganguly's rude gesture to vice-captain Rahul Dravid after a mix-up which led to the Indian captain's run out in the Bombay Test.

"If I was Dravid, I would have gone up to Ganguly and...."

"If one of my players had done that, I'd have had him up against the wall. And remember, it's not just Australia, I saw him captain against Zimbabwe and you can't treat players like that," Chappell said in the interview.

Chappell, widely regarded as one of Australia's finest post-war captains, was not impressed with Ganguly the batsman either.

"I don't think Ganguly is such a good player when he's exposed," he said. "He didn't even play spin well against the Australians."

"They got into his mind and his footwork was ordinary and his record against Australia, Pakistan, South Africa and West Indies is not so good."

"I've some very big question marks against him against better attacks," he added.

The Indian captain, targeted by Steve Waugh's men throughout the series, contributed just 106 runs in three Tests.

Ganguly was not popular with the Australians, with Waugh admitting after the series he was no friend of his testy Indian counterpart.

Waugh complained about Ganguly turning up late for the toss, his excessive appeals and provocative gestures on the field.

Ganguly brushed aside the criticism, saying the Australians complained about anything and everything.

"They are supposed to be a good team, but to see them complaining every time is just school-boy stuff," Ganguly said.

"But that series is history now. I am focussed now on beating Zimbabwe."

A win in the two-Test series will hopefully enhance Ganguly's im-

age as captain, for India has not won a Test match outside the sub-continent since 1986.

TEAMS

ZIMBABWE: Heath Streak (captain), Guy Whittall, Andy Blythe, Alistair Campbell, Stuart Garbale, Dion Ebrahim, Andrew Flower, Grant Flower, Travis Friend, Brian Murphy, Brighton Watambwa, Gavin Rennie (12th man).

INDIA (from): Saurav Ganguly (captain), Sadagoppan Ramesh,



HEATH STREAK

Shiv Das, VVS Laxman, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Samir Dige, Zaheer Khan, Jagavaj Srinath, Harbhajan Singh, Ashish Nehra, Sairaj Bahutule.

Middlesex maul Australia

REUTERS, London

The grandson of England legend Sir Len Hutton has led Middlesex to a famous six-wicket victory over the Australians in a 50-over game at Lord's Tuesday.

Twenty-four-year-old Ben Hutton teamed up with England prospect Owais Shah to help the home side reach their victory target of 233 with 17 balls to spare.

The second wicket pair, who both scored big hundreds in an English County Championship game last week, put on a match-winning stand of 113 as the tourists suffered a setback ahead of the forthcoming triangular NatWest series with England and Pakistan.

Scores: Australia 232 all out in 44.2 overs (Ian Harvey 84, Ricky Ponting 57, Jason Gillespie 19 not out, Damien Martyn 19; Paul Weekes 3/36, Simon Cook 3/39, James Hewitt 2/43) and Middlesex 231 for 4 in 47.1 overs (Ben Hutton 73, Owais Shah 50, Robin Weston 36 not out, S Cook 20, I Harvey 1/36, Shame Warne 1/39)

Lee stares at Ashes

Cricket

AFP, London

Australia fast bowler Brett Lee warmed-up here Tuesday in a bid to bolster the world champions' attack, and add to the misery of England's Test defeat by Pakistan on Monday, ahead of the forthcoming one-day and Ashes battles against England.

Lee was enjoying a practice net at Lord's while on the field his compatriots went down to a surprise six wicket defeat by Middlesex in a one-day warm up match ahead of the triangular NatWest series also featuring England and Pakistan.

A bowling line up of Glenn

McGrath, Jason Gillespie, Shane Warne and the rest has usually



BRETT LEE

been enough to subdue England whenever world cricket's oldest opponents have met in recent seasons: England haven't won an Ashes series since 1986-87.

Now, to an already impressive mix of seam and spin has added the lightning pace of Lee.

The 24-year-old from Wollongong, New South Wales, is lucky to be playing any sport, never mind international cricket, at all. In February he fractured his elbow while throwing during a one-day international against Zimbabwe in Perth and was told he would be out for six months.

But then Lee is used to doing things in a hurry. In his seven Tests so far he has taken 42 wick-

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