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Wahidul BCB's policeman



SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh have followed in the footsteps of the International Cricket Council (ICC) by appointing their own 'cricket policeman' Major (ret'd) Wahidul Haq to head the Board's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU).

Cricket's world body, which was concerned by the widespread match-fixing allegations, appointed Englishman Sir Paul Condon last year to investigate the irregularities in the gentleman's game.

The former chief of British police recently released a sensational report that identified world stars Brian Lara, Mark Waugh, Mohammed Azharuddin, Alec Stewart and of course disgraced former South African captain Hansie Cronje for bringing the sport

into disrepute. Besides, he also mentioned that renowned organiser and former Pakistan captain Asif Iqbal accepted bribes.

"Wahidul Huq will have to probe any allegations regarding Bangladesh cricket. If necessary he can pick his own men during the course of an investigation. The Board will pay for him and his colleagues' services," said BCB director Syed Ashrafur Huq to a group of journalists on Saturday.

The Board's ACU was deemed essential after some high-profile cases of match-fixing in Dhaka and Chittagong, mismanagement of ticket allocations during the 1998 ICC Knockout Tournament as well as the election fiasco in February this year.

"Even if the press makes a charge against the Board, then we will ask him to look into the matter. He is free to conduct his inquiry with whomever he chooses," said

Ashrafur, who is also the chairman of Cricket Committee.

The 54-year-old ex-armyman will start his office from October 1.

Wahidul has served in various capacities. After retiring from the army in 1975, he served as DG of the NSI (National Security Intelligence) till 1997. Then for two years he was the Director General of Passport and Immigration before becoming the Additional Inspector General of Police. He retired in March last year.

However, the idea of employing a policeman is not new.

Former BCB chief Saber Hossain Chowdhury in his last days floated the concept among the directors of the Board before he was replaced by Akmal Hossain, who approved Wahidul's selection from a probable two-man list during Thursday's regular meeting.

AFC picks 3 local referees

SPORTS REPORTER

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) named three Bangladesh referees in a panel of five officials to conduct the Asian Youth (Under-14) football festival, beginning in the capital from October 25.

The three local officials are Ibrahim Nesar, Ehsanul Huq and Rakib Mohammed Abdul. Bose Praveer Kumar of India and Mogilevsky of Uzbekistan are the other members.

Six nations including hosts Bangladesh will compete in the competition for South Asian Zone. The other participants in the 10-day meet are India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Div III cricket qualifiers

SPORTS REPORTER

Rangdhanu Sangha, CCS White and Media CC won their respective Third Division cricket qualifying matches at different venues in the city on Saturday.

At the Uttara Police Lines ground, Rangdhanu Sangha recorded a facile 65-run win over Chandpur Cricket Academy.

The winners scored 150 all out in 34.2 overs with opener Abdullah notching highest 58. Chandpur were shot out for 85 in 23.2 overs.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, CCS White defeated Sishu Kishore by 63 runs.

In a low-scoring affair, CCS boys managed to make 92 and then bundled out their opponents for only 29.

Sajib took four wickets for five runs.

At the GYC ground, Media CC posted an 83-run victory over Kochi Kacha Sangha.

Batting first, Media CC scored 144 all out in 34.1 overs.

In reply, Kochi Kacha tumbled for 61 runs.

Friendly gesture

INTERNET, Colombo

Most international teams would balk at last-minute attempts to organise unscheduled tours in an already congested calendar, but Sri Lanka's cricketers have apparently informed the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) that they are willing to undertake a short tour of Pakistan.

Pakistan cricket, facing a financial crisis after the last-minute withdrawal of New Zealand in the wake of the US terrorist attacks and India's cancellation of a three-Test series earlier this year for political reasons, sent a SOS tour invitation to the Sri Lankan board last week, to fill the gap left vacant by the Black Cap pullout. The plan was for three one-day matches in mid-October.

The players were then consulted by the BCCSL and according to a BCCSL official: "The players have shown a keenness to go to Pakistan and help them out of a financial dilemma, after the support Pakistan gave us during the 1996 World Cup."

That support occurred five years ago when Australia and West Indies refused to play their World Cup qualifying round matches in Colombo after a Tamil Tiger suicide bomb. Facing lost revenue and a tarnished image abroad the BCCSL were rescued when players from Pakistan and India travelled to Colombo to play a hastily arranged curtain raiser.

Sri Lankan captain Sanath Jayasuriya confirmed his players' support on Thursday, saying: "We are willing to go. Pakistan helped us in 1996 and we would like to return that favour now if our government gives the all-clear."

The BCCSL are now awaiting clearance from the Foreign Office, which was contacted on Tuesday.

A final decision will be made when the interim committee of the BCCSL meet on October 2.

White requires knee surgery

INTERNET, London

Yorkshire all-rounder Craig White will have an operation on his knee after it was revealed his current injury stems from a bathing accident.

White had to pull out of England's experimental one-day squad to Zimbabwe after slipping in the bath.

And he is now battling to get fit for the tour to India after Graham Thorpe replaced him on the flight to Harare.

White is booked in for keyhole surgery on Monday.

England's winter schedule sees them return at the end of the month from Zimbabwe before heading out to India for a Test series on 13 November.



NO HARD FEELINGS! Former BCCI president AC Muthiah (R) congratulates his successor-elect Jagmohan Dalmiya after the election in Madras yesterday.

Dalmiya wins the duel



AFP, Madras

World cricket's controversial former chief, Jagmohan Dalmiya, wrested control of the Indian board here on Saturday in an electoral victory that left opponents aghast.

In an acrimonious election for president of the cash-rich Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Dalmiya defeated incumbent AC Muthiah by 17 votes to 13.

Dalmiya's close friend, Jayawant Lele, was however ousted as secretary as Muthiah extracted his pound of flesh by casting his presidential vote in favour of Niranjan Shah to break the 15-15 deadlock.

Dalmiya's group won two other important posts when Jyoti Bajpai and Kishore Rungta retained their posts of joint secretary and treasurer respectively.

Dalmiya, whose three-year term as president of the International Cricket Council ended last year amidst the match-fixing furor, is embroiled in a federal investigation over unfair deals in awarding television rights for major events.

But that did not deter the canny Calcutta-based businessman from ousting Muthiah and realise his long-held ambition of heading the

richest sports body in India.

Dalmiya has never held the top post in the BCCI although he was in absolute control of it's affairs as secretary until 1997, before he relinquished the job to take over as ICC president the following year.

"I am relieved because the opposition used every means to ensure I lost," Dalmiya said after his victory.

Voting in the annual general body meeting began after five hours of wrangling over who could represent the faction-ridden state associations of Baroda, Goa and Bihar.

Dalmiya claims that Muthiah used his presidential directive to take sides with groups that favoured a status-quo.

"I was deprived of three votes," Dalmiya said. "It should have been 20-10 in my favour."

Muthiah, who runs a petrochemical empire in this southern city, refused to comment after being denied a third term as president on his home territory.

But one of Muthiah's supporters grudgingly admired Dalmiya's ability to garner votes.

"He is king in these matters," the official told AFP. "You have got to hand it to Dalmiya. He knows how to win over enemies."

Earlier this week, Muthiah had claimed support of 18 of the 30 affiliate members who attended a

campaign dinner hosted by him in New Delhi recently.

But Dalmiya had scoffed at Muthiah's figures, saying: "In a democracy, I have never heard that attendance at dinners reflect the vote bank."

Among those who attended the elections were heavyweight politicians including former chief ministers Sharad Pawar of Maharashtra and Prafula Mahanta of Assam.

The BCCI, which boasts fixed deposit assets worth more than 35 million dollars, has often attracted politicians eager to bask in the limelight of the high-profile body.

Dalmiya's campaign was based on the premise that Muthiah had undermined the authority of the autonomous BCCI by his failure to curb the government's interference in the match-fixing crisis and the contentious issue of playing against arch-rivals Pakistan.

The federal Central Bureau of Investigation's probe into corruption in cricket last year led to life bans for former Test captain Mohammad Azharuddin and ex-international Ajay Sharma, plus a five-year ban on Ajay Jadeja.

The government also repeatedly rejected moves to organise cricket matches against Pakistan, who it accuses of arming and training Islamic guerrillas in the disputed region of Kashmir.

India 'better prepared'



AFP, Johannesburg

India believe they will be better prepared than on any previous tour of South Africa when a two-month campaign gets underway on Monday.

The Indian team will have spent a full week preparing in the thin air of the South African high veld and on pitches with more bounce than they are used to at home, before taking the field for a low-key tour opener against a Nicky Oppenheimer XI at the mining magnate's private ground at Randjesfontein, north of Johannesburg, Monday.

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Kumble were treated at a sports injury clinic in Johannesburg.

Leg-spinner Kumble underwent surgery to his right shoulder from sports surgeon Mark Fergusson in January, while Tendulkar was fitted with specially-designed foot supports after being diagnosed with a hairline fracture of his right foot at the same clinic in August.

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than a month of action in South Africa. On previous tours, the Tests were played before the one-day internationals.

"We shall have enough time to get used to the conditions," said Indian captain Saurav Ganguly, who said he was confident his team could stand up to South Africa, the world's second-ranked Test nation.

The match against the Oppenheimer XI will give the Indians a chance to get in some match practice against some useful fast bowlers, including Mornantay Hayward, who played for South Africa two seasons ago before losing form.

Other useful pace bowlers in the Oppenheimer team are Garnett Kruger and Albie Morkel.

The invitation side includes left-arm spinner Goolam Bodi, who was born in India but grew up in South Africa. Bodi was picked to join the South African team in the West Indies earlier this year as a replace

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Sarfraz says the same



REUTERS, Karachi

Former Pakistan fast bowler Sarfraz Nawaz claimed at a cricket match-fixing inquiry on Saturday that the result of two games at the 1999 World Cup were rigged.

Sarfraz appeared before a commission headed by Justice Karamat Bhandari at the Lahore High Court and recorded a statement for two hours, registrar Kazim Ali Malik told this news agency.

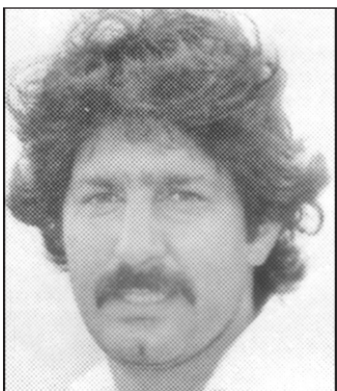
"He gave a lengthy statement. I can't go into the details, all I can confirm is he told the commission he believes two World Cup games were fixed," he said.

The Bhandari commission was constituted by the Pakistan government last month to inquire into allegations that Pakistan's matches against Bangladesh and India in the World Cup in England were fixed.

Pakistan lost both games but still qualified for the next stage of the

tournament and eventually made it to the final, which they lost to Australia.

The commission will also look into the conduct of Pakistani umpire Javed Akhtar when he stood in the Test match between England and



SARFRAZ NAWAZ

South Africa at Headingley in 1998. "Nawaz had been asked by the commission to make himself avail-

able as he was the first person to raise doubts over the results of the matches," Malik said.

This is the second government-level inquiry into match-fixing being held in Pakistan.

The first, by Justice Malik Qayyum, recommended a life ban on former captain Salim Malik and fines on Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Saqlain Mushtaq, Saeed Anwar and Inzamamul Haq, all current Pakistan team members.

Malik said the commission would now convene on October 12 when video tapes of the two matches would be viewed by experts to decide whether there was substance to call up any player or official for cross examination or to record his statement.

Malik added no decision had been taken on whether former South African cricket chief Ali Bacher or former Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief executive Majid Khan — they have supported the World Cup match-fixing allegations — would be required to record their statements before the commission.