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India next month.

Controversial BCB (Bangladesh

Cricket Board) director Sheikh

Nizamuddin Ahmed has stepped

down as manager of the

Bangladesh A team, which will tour

Citing 'personal' reasons, the

councillor from Satkhira expressed

his non-availability for the month-

long tour in a letter to Board presi-

nominating this controversial direc-

Mahmud-ul Huq as the new man-

ager of the second string national

Nizam's dramatic change of

heart came only three days after

Akmal defended him by saying,

"Nizam will stay. I see nothing illegal

A key figure of Jafar Imam-led

District Forum, Nizam was

appointed manager by Akmal in his

first Board meeting on September

South Africa juggled their batting

order to give fringe players a chance

but still cruised to a six-wicket win in

the third and final one-day interna-

tional against Zimbabwe at Harare

Sports Club Sunday. It completed a

crushing 3-0 series win for South

Guy Whittall said he believed his

side could lift their game in a five-

match series against England that

starts at the same venue

(against South Africa) but some-

times after playing a very good side

you come out better when you play

against a weaker side, as in

innings of 69 not out as South Africa

overhauled a modest Zimbabwe

total of 184 for six with nine overs to

backed it up with superb fielding,

said Whittall as he acknowledged

that Zimbabwe's chances plum-

meted in the first hour of the match,

when they could score only 35 runs

in the first 15 overs, while the ball

was still hard and fielding restrictions

to the side that won the opening two

Kirsten was rested, while Jacques

Kallis and Jonty Rhodes, who both

starred in the first two games, were

named man of the series, gave

South Africa another flying start,

hammering nine fours in an innings

on 64 in 10 overs for the first wicket

but three wickets fell in quick succes-

Justin Ontong scored slowly as they

restored South Africa's equilibrium

and McKenzie took 33 balls to make

his first four runs. The pair put on 64,

with Ontong playing some fine

strokes before he was out for 32.

Cricket

AFP, Perth

sion, all to dubious lbw decisions.

Gibbs and Boeta Dippenaar put

McKenzie and the inexperienced

Herschelle Gibbs, who was

pushed down the batting order.

of 39 off 31 balls

games by 153 and 148 runs.

South Africa made three changes

Regular opening batsman Gary

Neil McKenzie played an anchor

"They bowled very well and

England," said Whittall.

"We've had a very hard month

But stand-in Zimbabwe captain

in his appointment as manager".

Cricket

AFP, Harare

Wednesday.

Akmal, under media fire since

dent Akmal Hossain on Sunday.

Jim Laker of England and Anil Kumble of India are the only two bowlers in the history of cricket to capture all the 10 wickets in a





John Wright (Indian cricket coach) "We have to be rock solid in the After the series loss to Sri Lanka.



ESPN Serie A

Roma vs Juventus 10:30 am

English Premier Football League Liverpool vs Newcastle 3;30 pm & Leeds United vs Ipswich Town

5:30 pm Sportscentre Hindi Sport News

Live at 8:30 pm **English Premier Football League** Highlights at 7:30 pm English Premier Football League

Man United vs Tottenham Hotspur 9:00 pm Sportscentre Hindi Sport News

11:30 pm STAR Sports

Sportsline Today

Sport News Live at 7:30 am Primera Liga

Celta Vigo vs Deportivo La Coruna

English Premier Football League Man United vs Tottenham Hotspur 1:00 pm

Sportsline Tonight Sport News Live at 8:00 pm

1. How many runs did Herschelle Gibbs score in the first ODI against Zimbabwe? 115 tennis title Kournikova Denis Rogers Bob Merrimam Geoff Marsh

Test cricket side. 3. Who became the new Australiah Cricket Board chief? 4. What was the result of the South Africa and Zimbabwe

. Who became Shanghai Open Nameampion?.... Chang Schuttler Agassi

Class..... Roll No.....

scoring in England, where he became the first player in six years the county contest.

Wisdom dawns on Nizam Mahmud made A manager Board not to 'give him any important Cricket 27. But his appointment for an important job sparked off wide-

> the manipulation of the February 25 polls of the BCB. He was reported to have

spread criticism, as he was found as

the prime suspect in masterminding



SHEIKH NIZAMUDDIN AHMED

involved in a 'vote for cash' campaign to raise funds for the Forum. A three-member probe committee headed by BKSP DG Brig Ahsan Habib also branded Nizam as a prime suspect and advised the

69 was made off 86 balls with 10

fours. He finished the match in style

against accurate bowling and out-

Campbell put on 67 for the second

wicket but used up more than 21

newly-prepared pitch after it was

decided that the surface used for the

The match was played on a

Stuart Carlisle and Alistair

from leg-spinner Paul Strang.

standing ground fielding.

post' in cricket.

However, the wise decision of Nizam pulled Akmal out of an embarrassing situation. The Energy Secretary, who replaced Saber Hossain in a shake-up at different sport federations in August, was at loss about what to do since he named Nizam manager.

The bureaucrat went on record three days before his second meeting on Thursday that he would 'replace Nizam with somebody else'. He also said that he found enough evidence in the Ahsan Habib Report to remove Nizam.

"I found out that, as per report, he (Nizam) along with another director should not be allowed to play any important role in cricket," Akmal said But he took a U-turn after

Thursday's meeting by declaring that Nizam would manage the A

Though the Nizam controversy ended amicably for now, but observers felt that it may arise again in future. Insiders confided that he did not voluntarily relinquish the job, rather he was forced to step down.

SA seal whitewash Zimbabwe and South Africa at After his slow start. McKenzie's

Harare Sports Club on Sunday:

by hitting four boundaries in an over Campbell b Henderson Masakadza Ibw b Kemp Zimbabwe batted first for the only Carlisle c Klusener b Ontong A. Flower c Gibbs b Henderson time in the series after Whittall won the toss. But the home side found scoring difficult on a slow, dry pitch Ebrahim run out (Dippenaar)

ZIMBABWE

G. Flower c Dippenaar b G. Whittall not out Extras: (lb-5, nb-2, w-3) 10 Total: (For six wkts in 50 overs)

51

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-74, 3-92, 4-118, 5-172, 6-184 Bowler 2 29



NEIL MCKENZIE... m-o-m

second international Saturday was not suitable

The new pitch, though, showed many of the same characteristics with the ball bouncing awkwardly

South Africa's new ball bowlers, skipper Shaun Pollock and Justin Kemp, gave the Zimbabwe batsmen virtually nothing to hit.

Carlisle made 51 off 100 balls with four boundaries, while Campbell took 77 balls to make 40. Dion Ebrahim and Grant Flower were able to lift the tempo in a fifth wicket stand of 54 in 10.5 overs but

were unable to take full command. Dippenaar was outstanding in the field, making a sensational diving save, pulling off a run-out and holding a catch in the deep off the last ball

day international between

of the innings **SCOREBOARD** Scoreboard in the third and final one-

69 McKenzie not out 32 Ontong c and b G Flower 15

Boucher not out Extras (lb-3, w-7) Total: (For 4 wkts in 41

Fall of wickets: 1-64, 2-67, 3-67, О М R W

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cricket camp from Oct 3 **SPORTS REPORTER**

Milo U-17

The last phase training session of the Milo Under-17 development programme will begin in the city from October 3, according to a Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) press release on Sunday.

The first three phases were held in the capital last month. Thirty five players from different

parts of the country have been called for the camp They have been asked to report

at the BCB office at the Bangabandhu National Stadium at 9:30 am on October 3. The players are: Mustafizur

Rahman, Golam Kaiser, Nafiz Ahmed, Arafat Sunny, Faizul Azim, Jobayer Hossain, Tanzeer Ahmed Imon, Shams Mahmud, Diman Ghose, Ali Irteza, Ibrahim Sagar Ilyas Sunny, Sajjad Kadir, Osim Chowdhury, Mukul Sarkar, Tayebur Rahman, Ishaq Sajal, Enamul Haque, Kaiser Newaz, Saniid Hossain, Riad Ali Khan (Dhaka Metro), Naim Islam, Ashigur Rahman, Tanveer Rashid, Abdul Halim, Maruf Hossain, Biswajit Mandal, Asif Newaz, Rubaiyat Haque, Iftekharul Islam, Ragibur Rahman (BKSP), Khurshid Munir (Mymensingh), Golam Rahman Himel (Sylhet), Raqibul Hossain Nirala (Rajshahi) and Ilyas Hossain (Chittagong).

Wasim hits back

INTERNET, Sheikhupura

Pakistan fast bowler Wasim Akram upstaged his long time bowling partner Waqar Younis as the PIA took a vital 42-run first innings lead over National Bank on the second day of the four-day Patron's Trophy match at Sheikhupura Stadium

A day after the Pakistan captain picked up three for 38 to skittle out PIA for 267, Akram captured four wickets for 39 runs in 14 overs to dismiss the bankers for 225 after they had resumed in the morning at three for no loss. The national carrier had

stretched their lead to 123 when they finished the day at 81 for the loss of Sohail Jaffar who was adjudged leg before to Younis. Ghulam Ali was batting on 44 and

with him was Faisal lobal on 36.

Akram accounted for both the National Bank openers - Imran Nazir and Kamran Akmal - by trapping them in front of the wicket. His two other victims included Test reject Qaisar Abbas and Mushtag Ahmad who were caught behind by Moin Khan.

County Championship next year snapped up three for 68 runs while off-spinner Shoaib Malik chipped in with two for 21.

For the bankers, Naumanullah top scored with 67 as wickets continued to fall around him at regular intervals. National Bank were saved from embarrassment by Younis who stroked a 56-ball 43.

Inzamamul Haq, playing his debut match for the bankers, contributed just two before falling to

Ramps raring to bat

INTERNET, undated

England to build on the successful positive approach he utilised in his Test comeback this summer.

Despite being one of the most experienced members of England's new-look squad, Ramprakash has played only 13 one-day internationals for his country and has not featured for over three years in the shorter format.

batsmen, an agile fielder and a useful off-spin bowler, it is perhaps surprising Ramprakash has not been a regular in England's one-day set-up since making his debut against the West Indies at Old Trafford a decade ago. The determined but cautious

approach he took to his Test cricket, abandoned this summer on his way to a memorable century against Australia at The Oval after regaining his place, was always deemed unsuitable to the one-day game and he has been overlooked ever since.

But as England attempt to build a squad capable of winning next year's World Cup, that aggressive approach has earned a surprise recall among the youngsters which

he hopes can establish him as a key member in both international sides. "Over the years I've got labelled as a Test player," he conceded. "I've gone about my Test cricket in a certain way and people may have thought it would be difficult for me to

CCDM defers transfers

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) on Saturday postponed the inter-club cricketers' transfers, which was scheduled to be held from October 14 to 16.

The transfer market was yet to open after most of the leading clubs said they would be involved in the general elections. But according to CCDM chairman and Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) director Jalal Yunus on Sunday, the new delay was due to the Bangladesh A team and Under-19s tours to India and Australia later this month respec-

"We initially wanted to start the three-day bourse from October 8 so that the A team and under-19 players could take part.

"Unfortunately, most of the clubs said it would be difficult for them to prepare for the transfers just a week after the polls. That's why we have decided to defer it." said Jalal in a telephonic conversation with the Daily Star Sport.

"In light of the clubs' request, we

are thinking of conducting the transfer from October 26-28. However, it still might not be possible to accommodate the touring

The A team are scheduled to return on November 10 while the under-19s fly back from Australia on November 23 after attending a six-week training course at the famous Adelaide-based Commonwealth Bank Academy. The CCDM is determined to get

the Premier Division Cricket League underway by at least November 15. The 12-team league would require nearly one and a half months to complete "We have to complete the

Premier League by the end of December. If necessary, we will ask all the teams to play minor matches two days in a row," said Jalal.

On the other hand, there will be hardly any time for both the A team and Under-19s to rest as they will be busy in January.

The A team have been invited to play in the Busta Cup, the firstclass competition of West Indies, while the juniors are participating in the Under-19 World Cup in New

R Samuels named Jamaica captain

AP, Kingston

Former West Indies batsman Robert Samuels has been named captain of a strong Jamaica team in the Red Stripe Bowl one-day cricket tournament, which starts here and in Guyana next week.

Samuels will head the Jamaicans in the absence of regular captain Jimmy Adams, who is captaining Free State in the South African Super Sport season.

The Jamaica squad includes four players with Test experience including Samuels, who made six appearances for the West Indies. His younger brother, Marlon,

Chris Gayle and Leon Garick, who all played for the West Indies in the regional team's recent tours of Zimbabwe and Kenya, were also named in the Jamaica squad.

Jamaica will play alongside the Northern Windwards, the Leeward Islands and Trinidad and Tobago in Zone A of the Red Stripe Bowl.

They bow in against the Northern Windwards Tuesday.

Zone B of the tournament also begins Tuesday in Guyana. The home team, Southern Windwards, Barbados and Antigua will contest this group.

Waugh's blood bane

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Australian captain Steve Waugh was on a course of blood-thinning medication after encountering problems with a leg injury he suffered on the recent Ashes tour of England, his manager said Sunday.

Waugh's manager Robert Joske said Sunday Waugh was taking blood-thinning tablets and would make a delayed start to the domestic cricket season starting next

The Sun-Herald reported Sunday that Waugh was being treated for the potentially fatal condition deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and had developed a blood



STEVE WAUGH

Richer Sharjah series

Cricket

REUTERS, Sharjah

New Zealand, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are to feature in a triangular series with increased prize money at the desert venue, tentatively scheduled for April 10-19 next

(CBFS), the organisers of bi-annual tournaments in Sharjah, are also planning to invite a fourth team "to make the event more interesting and exciting", chief executive Zahid

"The fourth team is on our mind. Let's see how things take shape," Noorani said.

Noorani said.

The CBFS has already raised the prize money from 100.000 dollars to 250,000 dollars for a tri-nation event next month between Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe.

same for the April tournament,"

Noorani said. "If the fourth team is

Jagmohan Dalmiya on his election as president of the Indian cricket board on Saturday. "It is good for both world and Asian cricket. "Dalmiya is a great administrator and we appreciate his efforts in

confirmed then it will be different."

globalising the game during his tenure as the ICC (International Cricket Council) chief," Noorani Noorani, however, side-stepped

a query regarding India's participation in the Shariah events. "All I can say is that CBFS have

had enjoyed a great relationship with Dalmiya and it's bound to grow further with his election.'

India were refused permission by their government to play in a series in Shariah last April involving Pakistan. Relations between the two countries have been strained by a long-running dispute over the Himalayan region of Kashmir.

him back on the field quickly," Joske

"He had a haematoma as a result of the injury and the treatment that he was undergoing in the Ashes

> The injury will leave Waugh little time to prepare for the home Test series against New Zealand and South Africa starting in early November.

He suffered a torn calf muscle during the third Ashes Test at Trent Bridge but recovered sufficiently to score an unbeaten 157 in the fifth and final Test at the Oval, although he hobbled his way through the

"He's been having ongoing treatment for his calf tear, that's all it is at this stage, nothing more,

"We're expecting him to be fit and ready to be playing, probably in

about two weeks' time

New South Wales' opening two limited-overs matches next Sunday against Victoria and the following week against Tasmania, and he could also miss out on NSW's opening Sheffield Shield game against Tasmania starting on

October 17. "We haven't actually set any schedules on it but we will be taking medical advice on that," Joske said.

That would leave him just one four-day match before the first Test against the Kiwis in Brisbane starting on November 8.

race him back into it," said Joske. "There's a big cricket season ahead and we want to make sure

fit, so we don't have the same sort of thing that we had in the Fifth Test."

Field wary Nigeria



AP, Port-of-Spain

The team most comfortable with the maximum-size field at the Hasely Crawford Stadium could hold the key to victory as Nigeria and France prepare to do battle in the final of the FIFA under-17 World Championship in Trinidad on Sunday. Nigeria's coach, Abdullahi Musa,

said it will be a disadvantage to his team playing on the maximum-size field in Port-of-Spain after having played all of their matches on the smaller fields in Tobago at the

Dwight Yorke stadium, where they "Now that they have to play on this maximum size field will take some adjusting to," Musa said. "The French have played there already so they will be a little more at home

He added that he tried to practice on the Hasely Crawford stadium field before, but couldn't as they were making repairs in preparation for Sunday's final.

against the French. Nigeria beat France in the first match in Group B

final represents their best placing to date. Their 2-1 come-from-behind win over Argentina represents a first for the French and a big boost to the sport in Europe. The local French consulate has

already scheduled a party at the ambassador's residence Sunday night, hoping it turns into a victory celebration heralding another international title for the French. French coach Jean-Frabcois

Jodar was high in praise for his players, and for the team's achievements. He said the early equalizer to cancel out the 49th minute Argentine goal by Tevez was a huge factor in his team's success in the semifinal on Thursday.

on playing," he said. "If we had to wait much longer for that equalizer,

for us later on in the match.' He also felt the loss to Argentina

at the under-20 World Championships in Argentina earlier this year was a motivating factor as he was on the bench sitting beside the head coach when that defeat

His only regret on the night, he said, was the goal that was disal-

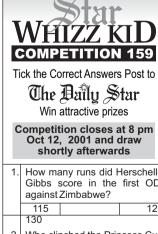
"The officials got it wrong this time, and maybe if we had video evidence to assist them they would have corrected it and the goal would stand. Florent Sinama Pongolle would also now be the highest scorer ever in the under-17 championships with nine goals, which would be another big achievement for him and the team and for French football," the coach said.

Sunday's final will be in front of a sold-out crowd at the stadium in the Trinidadian capital, and among those expected to be present is FIFA President Sepp Blatter, who is on a Caribbean tour at the moment.

Before Sunday's final, Burkina Faso and Argentina will meet for a third-place clash. The Nigerian coach tipped his

Burkina Faso team. Nigeria edged out Burkina Faso

1-0 in the semifinals Thursday with a third minute penalty.



2. Who clinched the Princess Cup Dokid

> breaking season with Northampntonshire, the 26-year-old is now focused on the Australian domestic season starting next month. "I know I have to continue scoring a mountain of runs to push

Prolific left-hander Mike Hussey,

toast of the just-completed

England county season, has his

target - a place as an opening

batsman in the powerful Australian

After returning from his record-

fixed firmly on his next

myself into consideration for the next level," Hussey said here Sunday. His performances will be watched closely by the Australian selectors after his prodigious

to to top 2000 runs in a season in His aggregate of 2055 runs included 329 not out against Essex, two double centuries and

five single centuries.

Northamptonshire were so impressed with his skills they have hurriedly signed him up for the next two seasons While he dominated at the



MIKE HUSSEY

crease in England, Hussey realises he may find it more difficult to string together consistently big scores in the highly-competitive interstate Sheffield Shield To qualify for his first baggy

gain the nod ahead of a host of accomplished openers He is in competition with among others, seemingly perma-

Langer, chosen to open with Hayden when Slater was dropped, hit an excellent century for Australia in the fifth Test of the recent Ashes series at the Oval, and is keen to retain a position at the top of the order. Slater has vowed to recapture

starts October 17 when Western

HERSCHELLE GIBBS...m-o-s 30

Klusener	9	0	35	1
Henderson	10	1	34	2
Ontong	8	1	33	1
Did not bat:	P Stran	g, M	Nkal	a, T
Friend, G Brent.				
SOUTHAFRIC	Α			
Dippenaar Ibw b Brent			22	
Gibbs Ibw b Nkala			39	
Kemp Ibw b Nkala				1

Hussey wants a Test green Australian cap, he has to

> nent opener Matthew Hayden, Western Australian team-mate Justin Langer and dashing New South Wales right-hander Michael

his best form to give him good prospects of being recalled for the opening Test of the new summer against New Zealand, starting in Brisbane November 8. Hussev said:"It's all about runs and simply up to me to keep pump-

ing them out to maintain momemtum. Hussey's Australian campaign Australia take on Sheffield Shield title-holder Queensland in

Abdur Razzaq, who will represent Middlesex in the English

Mark Ramprakash aims to use a rare opportunity at one-day level for

As one of the leading English

adapt to the one-day format.

Cricketers Benefit Fund Series

"The prize money will remain the

Final preview



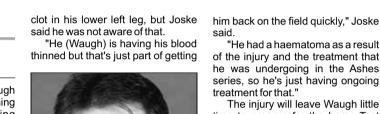
on it, but we will speak to our players about what to expect and to advise them to let the ball do the work rather than try to run all over the field

Nevertheless, Musa said he feels confident his team will do well For the French, their arrival at the

"We were a bit lucky to have equalized so soon after, as this allowed us to settle down and carry

hat to the fighting spirit of the

it would have made life very difficult



marathon innings.

Joske said.

Waugh was expected to miss Noorani congratulated

> "It's a matter of when Steve's feeling fit and ready to go. We won't

that he's fit for it. "We'll be allowing a bit more time and preparation to make sure when he goes back on he is completely