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India cricket captain Saurav Ganguly's first tour abroad was in Australia in 1991-92 season.



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# Sadek in BCB hot seat?

SPORTS REPORTER

Changes in different sports federations is imminent following the Bangladesh Nationalist Party's (BNP) landslide victory in the October 1 Jatiya Sangsad elections.

Speculation is rife that Sadek Hossain, who served as State Minister for Youth and Sports when Begum Khaleda Zia's party came to power in 1991, is tipped to occupy the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) hot seat.

There however are two unfamiliar faces being considered to run the Sports Ministry. Amanullah Aman and Nazimuddin Alam, better known for their roles in student politics, are reported to have been vying for sports job. General Mahabubur Rahman, an ex Chief of Army Staff and former BOA (Bangladesh Olympic Committee) president was the other candidate for the post of sports minister.

Monirul Huq, a Mohammedan Sporting Club official, is expected to assume the presidency of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF). The government-elect also plan to revert to their ad-hoc system of running country's various sports bodies.

In that case Aminul Huq Moni would return to the limelight. He was the general secretary of the defunct Bangladesh Cricket Control Board. The BNP lawmakers are even contemplating to send different persons to represent Bangladesh in the International Cricket Council (ICC) and Asian Cricket Council (ACC) meetings.

There is a possibility SA Sultan, a former cricketer and sports promoter, would attend the ICC executive committee. Besides, there will also be a major shakeup in the BOA hierarchy.

"One thing is sure for certain Jafar Imam's days as secretary general of BOA are over," said a BNP sports organiser preferring not to be named. "We are not in any hurry to bring about drastic changes in different sport federations. The modifications are going to be done gradually."

## Div III cricket

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Badinige Cricket Club, CCS White and Dhanmondi Cricket Academy won their respective Third Division qualifying round matches at different city venues on Monday.

Badinige Cricket Club registered a 22-run win over ACC at the Dhanmondi Club ground while CCS White whacked Future Green by ten wickets at the Gulshan Youth Club ground.

In the other match of the day, Dhanmondi Cricket Academy beat Madaripur Cricket Club by six wickets at the Uttara Police Lines ground.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**  
Badinige CC: 121 all out in 29.4 overs (Sohel 38, Mohiuddin 19, Karim 14, Bappy 3/17).

ACC: 99 all out in 33.4 overs (Shaon 16, Bappy 13, Islam 3/24).  
**Result: Badinige CC won by 22 runs**

Future Green: 82 all out in 32.3 overs (Farhad 24, Sajib 4/4, Jainal 2/8).

CCS White: 83 for no loss in 16.2 overs (Sohel 36 n.o., Sajal 22 n.o.).  
**Result: CCS White won by 10 wickets**

Madaripur CC: 132 all out in 33.3 overs (Reaz 37, Nazrul 24, Russell 15, Isad 3/20, Azad 3/31).

Dhanmondi CA: 133 for 4 in 31.1 overs (Isad 47 n.o., Jewel 23 n.o., Arman 24, Dipak 2/30).  
**Result: Dhanmondi CA won by four wickets**

# Naimur's bowlers hit back

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The left-right combination of Monjurul Islam and Hasibul Hossain took eight wickets as the national team staged remarkable turnaround on the rain-interrupted second day of the three-day practice match against Bangladesh A at the BKSP ground in Savar on Sunday.

Left-arm pacesman Monjurul claimed four wickets for 40 runs and Hasibul returned with four for 44 as the second string national side, resuming the day on 45 for no loss, were bundled out for 156 in 51.2 overs.

Naimur Rahman's national team, who scored 207 in the first innings on the opening day, then scored 39 for one in 10.3 overs before rain forced play to be abandoned for the day just before tea.

Monjurul sparked off the spectacular A team collapse by dismissing overnight batsman Mehrah Hossain for 25 with the score on 57. The last nine wickets of Khaled Mahmud's side fell for 99 runs.

Although Mahmud played a captain's knock of unbeaten 45, he received little support from the other end.

They were at one stage reeling at 93 for eight but Kowshik's run-a-ball 17 and a gritty 11 by wicketkeeper Anwar made the score respectable.

Mahmud struck five boundaries in his 47-ball undefeated knock. But the middle-order caved in following hostile attack from the experienced pace duo of the national team.

Hasibul ripped the heart out of the A team while Monjurul in his second spell captured two wickets with consecutive deliveries. He sent back Rafique and Fahim for ducks in the 37th over.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day practice match between Bangladesh and the A team at the BKSP ground in Savar on Monday:

**BANGLADESH:** First innings 207 all out in 73 overs (Aminul 50, K Masud 40, Hasibul 33; Kowshik 4/52)

**BANGLADESH A:** First innings (overnight 45 no loss in 15 overs) Rafiqul c Naimur b Hasibul 32

Mehrab c K Masud b Monjurul	25
Sanwar c Naimur b Monjurul	0
Hasan c K Masud b Hasibul	13
Ashraf c K Masud b Hasibul	3
Mushfiq c K Masud b Hasibul	3
K Mahmud not out	45
Fahim lbw b Monjurul	0
Rafique c K Masud b Monjurul	0
Anwar lbw b Enamul	11
Kowshik lbw b Enamul	17
Extras: (b-5, nb-2)	7
Total: (All out in 51.2 overs)	156
Fall of wickets: 1/57, 2/57, 3/72, 4/76, 5/77, 6/85, 7/93, 8/93, 9/135	

BOWLER	O	M	R	W
Monjurul	12	3	40	4
Sharif	5	0	21	0
Tarek Aziz	2	0	11	0
Hasibul	13	1	44	4
Enamul	11.2	5	20	2
Naimur	8	1	15	0

BANGLADESH: Second innings	O	M	R	W
Javed not out	20			
Al-Shahriar c Mehrah b Kowshik	4			
Bashar not out	13			
Extras: (b-2)	2			
Total: (For 1 wicket in 10.3 overs)	39			
Fall of wicket: 1/8				

BOWLER	O	M	R	W
Bikash	5	1	15	0
Kowshik	4.3	1	8	1
K Mahmud	1	0	4	0

## Board picks 18 for CAB matches

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) on Monday announced an 18-member under-17 squad to play three limited-overs and couple of three-day matches against the visiting CAB (Cricket Association of Bengal) under-16 team from India.

The West Bengal went straight to the Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP) dormitory on their arrival in the capital on Sunday.

The tourists had net practice at the BKSP, the venue selected for all the matches, on Monday.

The first match, a 45-over-a-side affair, will be held on Wednesday followed by the first three-day match, starting from October 12.

The second and third limited-over matches are scheduled for October 16 and 17 while the last three-dayers will start on October 19.

Chief age-group selector Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad said the selection was made out of 100 cricketers, who were picked through the under-17 development programme last season.

**SQUAD**  
Ashiqur Rahman (captain), Nayeem Islam (vice-captain), Golam Faiyaz, Tanveer Rashid, Islam Rahman Himel, Nafis Ahmed, Dhiman Ghosh, Mostafizur Rahman, Faiyazul Islam, Zubair Hossain, Iftekharul Islam, Rubaiyat Haque, Asif Newaz, Arafat Sunny, Elyyas Sunny, Ibrahim Sagar, Sazzad Kadir and Ashim Chowdhury.

**Billiards & snooker**  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Gulshan Club President Gold Cup Billiards and Snooker tournament 2001 will be held at the club premises from October 13 to 23.

A total of 12 clubs from different parts of the country will take part in the 11-day long meet, sponsored by Techno-Foki (Bangladesh) Limited.

Gulshan Club Limited and Bangladesh Billiards and Snooker Federation are jointly organising the tournament.

**Muktijodha return home**  
BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Muktijodha Sangsad returned home yesterday from India after taking part in the IFA Shield football tournament in Kolkata.

Muktijodha Club officials and supporters welcomed the team on their arrival at the Zia International Airport at 3:50 pm.

In the 107th edition of the IFA tournament, Muktijodha defeated Nam Dinh Club of Vietnam 3-1 and Indian Under-19 team 1-0 in group matches.

They beat Mumbai Tata Football Academy 3-0 in the quarterfinal and lost to Palmeiras Club of Brazil 1-2 in the semifinal.

# Not Wright way

Cricket

REUTERS, New Delhi

John Wright is under pressure to save his job as India's coach in the wake of a string of recent defeats and a change of regime at the national cricket board.

New Zealander Wright's one-year contract expired last month but he is with the team on their current tour of South Africa while the working committee of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) resolves the contract issue.

Former Indian Test players have come out in support of their country's first foreign coach, saying Wright should be retained since he has had little time to be judged accurately.

"Frankly, he's not been there long enough. To be fair, he should be kept for another term at least," Erappalli Prasanna, the former Test off-spinner, said on Monday.

Former New Zealand captain Wright made a spectacular start to his new assignment by guiding India to a 1-0 win over Zimbabwe and a stunning 2-1 victory over Australia in successive home test series in 2000-01.

But the team slipping up after that initial burst, losing a Test series in Sri Lanka, being held 1-1 in Zimbabwe and taking their tally of consecutive losses in one-day finals to eight.

With India in South Africa for their toughest tour since Wright took over, experts feel sacking him on the basis of India's performance in the

forthcoming three-Test series would be a reckless decision.

"I would certainly keep him for now. He's not done a bad job and his second year should be far more rewarding since he'll have gained experience," former Test medium-pace bowler Atul Wassan, said.

"Improvements have been there and India's losing crucial matches is

have come under scrutiny after a spate of injuries recently.

Sachin Tendulkar missed the Sri Lanka tour due to a foot fracture attributed largely to wear and tear.

Vangipurappu Laxman, the batting hero against Australia, has been out for over two months due to a knee ligament tear.

Paceman Ashish Nehra is nursing a groin injury while fast bowler Zaheer Khan and middle-order batsman Hemang Badani are out of the team with foot and back injuries respectively.

"We have to see whether Wright is pushing them too hard or these cases are just a coincidence, or if there is some other reason," Prasanna said.

Despite the emphasis on hard work, Wright is a popular coach.

"I have feedback from a lot of players and they all seem to like and respect him," Wassan said.

"But I'm not sure if, being a friendly person, he can actually enforce himself on issues where he doesn't see eye to eye with senior players."

India for many years said a foreign coach would not be able to adjust to their environment and playing conditions.

Many of the BCCI office-bearers who finally decided on appointing Wright no longer hold office after a group headed by former International Cricket Council (ICC) president Jagmohan Dalmiya took over earlier this month.

"We'll have to see what the new board thinks," Wassan said.

"The argument on whether we should have a foreign coach or not will go on forever."



JOHN WRIGHT

nothing exclusive to Wright's term. That has been happening for quite a while," Wassan added.

A congenial man who smiles almost constantly, the 47-year-old Wright is a hard taskmaster who believes in a strict regimen and expects his players to have a high fitness level.

"He's stressed a lot on the physical aspect of the game," Prasanna said. "Indians are known to be artistic players but have not really been the fittest. He's trying to give them that."

But Wright's strenuous routines

# WTC a sitting duck

Cricket

REUTERS, London

Less than six months after its introduction, the World Test Championship is already in trouble.

Under the 10-year International Cricket Council (ICC) rolling programme, each of the 10 Test playing nations are scheduled to play each other both home and away with points awarded for series victories.

The problem lies with Pakistan, scheduled to play nine home Test series of at least two five-day matches over the next five years.

Pakistan borders Afghanistan, which is harbouring the Saudi-born fugitive Osama bin Laden, prime suspect in the September 11 attacks on New York and Washington.

Not only will Pakistan be a frontline state if any military action is launched in Afghanistan but its government is also coming under increasing internal pressure with the build-up of refugees and opposition to its support for the United States.

Already New Zealand's three-Test visit this month has been postponed indefinitely. The New Zealanders were already en route to Pakistan on September 11 but decided to fly home from Singapore.

West Indies may follow suit. The Caribbean islanders are due to tour Sri Lanka from November 1 to December 22 and Pakistan from January 20 to March 4 but the West Indies Cricket Board has now deferred making a final decision on either tour.

Instead, board president Wes Hall and chief executive Gregory Shillingford will discuss the matter with Sri Lankan and Pakistani officials at a meeting of the International Cricket Council in

Kuala Lumpur from October 16-19. The meeting was switched from Lahore because of the uncertain political situation.

New Zealand Cricket Board chief executive Martin Snedden has assured Pakistan it will honour its commitment to tour Pakistan. But several prominent former Pakistan players have made it clear they are unhappy with the ICC.

Former captain Hanif Mohammad said defaulting boards should be fined at least 50 per cent of the host board's projected earnings.

Zaheer Abbas agreed. "If the ICC can't enforce itself, what's the point of having it? The least they can do is to impose fines or sanctions on teams not binding the agreement."

The ICC maintains it has no responsibility to reschedule tours.

"The ICC set the schedule with the 10-year programme but after (that) it is the responsibility of individual countries to fulfil the fixtures," a statement said.

Former West Indies fast bowler Colin Croft has suggested one temporary solution.

"My alternate proposal would be that at the very time that the West Indies should have been going to Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka should be invited to tour the Caribbean," he said.

"The reciprocal tour by Sri Lanka to the West Indies in three years' time could then be undertaken by the West Indies to that country, all things being equal then, perhaps. Things are certainly not equal now."

"Again, Pakistan should be invited here to the Caribbean to fulfil that ICC requirement of the Test playing nations. All that would happen is that the West Indies international cricket season would run from November 2001 to maybe June 2002. What a smorgasbord of cricket that would be!"

**SQUAD**  
Gary Kirsten, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Neil McKenzie, Jonty Rhodes, Lance Klusener, Shaun Pollock (captain), Mark Boucher, Makhaya Ntini, Andre Nel, Justin Kemp, Nicky Boje, Boeta Dippenaar, Charl Langveldt.

## Hussain, Foster & Flower censured

REUTERS, Harare

England captain Nasser Hussain, Zimbabwe wicketkeeper Andy Flower and England keeper James Foster received severe reprimands from International Cricket Council (ICC) match referee Colonel Nausheed Ali on Monday.

The three were involved in incidents of aggressive behaviour and verbal exchanges during England's four-wicket victory in the third one-day international on Sunday.

Foster twice appealed for a catch when Flower was batting and twice he was given not out, which led to heated verbal exchanges.

The first incident involved Hussain, while the second happened when the England captain was off the field with a calf strain.

All three men were charged with violating the ICC's code of conduct.

The players were warned that their conduct would be under scrutiny during the final two matches in Bulawayo on Wednesday and Saturday.

England clinched the series 3-0 with their victory on Sunday, although Flower scored a career-best 142 not out.

## Ominous signs for Kenya

REUTERS, Benoni

Kenya captain Maurice Odumbe predicted a torrid time for his team after they were outclassed in their opening triangular series match against South Africa on Sunday.

South Africa scored 160 for three in reply to Kenya's 159 for seven to win by seven wickets with 16.2 overs to spare. It was the home side's second win after they beat India by six wickets in Johannesburg on Friday.

"I think we will have to struggle for every run and for every wicket," Odumbe told reporters. "If the opposing batsmen make mistakes we just have to grab them, because I don't think our bowling is penetrative enough to bowl sides out."

Steve Tikolo top-scored for Kenya with a dogged 68 not out.

"There were a lot of runs in the wicket today, but in the last 10 overs Steve probably faced about 10 balls," Odumbe said.

"We've learnt a lot from today's match - how to occupy the crease and make sure we have a decent start. We are quite capable of playing quickies, but we don't get to play quality sides like South Africa often enough."

Kenya face India in Bloemfontein on Friday.

## Trinidad enter Red Stripe semis

AP, Kingston

Trinidad and Tobago defeated Jamaica by 93 runs Sunday at Sabina Park to top Zone A of the Red Stripe Bowl cricket tournament.

The match, which started three hours late because of heavy rain from passing Hurricane Iris, saw the Trinidadians winning their third straight match.

Trinidad will play Barbados, runners-up in Zone B, in the semifinals. Jamaica will play Zone B winners Guyana in the other semifinal. The matches will be played Thursday and Friday, with the final on October 14.

Trinidad and Tobago scored 194 in their 35 overs on Sunday, then restricted the home team to 101 for five in 34 overs. Jamaican captain Robert Samuels accepted the

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# Chappell coming too

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Former Australian Test wicketkeeper Rod Marsh has roped in former captain Ian Chappell to help him in his task of reviving English cricket.

Marsh and Chappell, both outspoken critics of English cricket over the last decade, will give a pep talk this week to the English cricket academy which Marsh has been appointed to head.

"He will talk about captaincy and about playing the short-pitched bowling and spin bowling," said Marsh, 51, who will leave his post as head coach of the Australian Cricket Academy to nurture England's next generation of cricketers.

"He will also tell them how to deal with the media. He's got enormous knowledge and is a tough nut," Marsh added.

Marsh said more former teammates, such as Dennis Lillee and Terry Jenner, had also offered to help.

"If we want something to be the best, we should