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Jatiya Sangsad elections.

post of sports minister.

Cricket

REUTERS, New Delhi

national cricket board.

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

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 work-

ing committee of the Board of

Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

come out in support of their coun-

try's first foreign coach, saving

Wright should be retained since he

has had little time to be judged

long enough. To be fair, he should

be kept for another term at least,"

Erapalli Prasanna, the former Test

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

But the team slipped 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

off-spinner, said on Monday.

"Frankly, he's not been there

Former Indian Test players have

resolves the contract issue.

accurately.

2000-01.

ning country's various sports bodies.

Cricket Council (ACC) meetings.

would attend the ICC executive committee.

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





Victoria Beckham

(Wife of David Beckham) "It was a great goal, wasn't it? I am proud of him.'

On David Beckham's injury time goal against Greece which sealed England's 2002 World Cup spot.



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The Haily Star Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm Oct 12, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

Who clinched the Princess Cup

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4. What was the result of the

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South Africa and Zimbabwe

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Australiah Cricket Board chief?

tennis title

Kournikova

1-1

. How many runs did Herschelle Gibbs score in the first ODI against Zimbabwe? 115

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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.

International Cricket Council in

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

Div III cricket

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

Badinage 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 Badinage CC: 121 all out in 29.4 overs (Sohel 38, Mohiuddin 19,

(Bangladesh Olympic Committee) president was the other candidate for the Karim 14, Bappy 3/17). ACC: 99 all out in 33.4 overs Monirul Huq, a Mohammedan Sporting Club official, is expected to (Shaon 16, Bappy 13, Islam 3/24) Result: Badinage CC won by

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 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

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 Naushad 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 careerbest 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.

wicket today, but in the last 10 overs Steve probably faced about 10 balls." Odumbe said. We've learnt a lot from todav'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 ofter enough.

on Friday.

Trinidad enter **Red Stripe semis**

Trinidad and Tobago defeated Jamaica by 93 runs Sunday at

from passing Hurricane Iris, saw the Trinidadians winning their third straight match. Trinidad will play Barbados.

on October 14.

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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Naimur's bowlers hit back

Cricket

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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 Saver on Sunday.

Left-arm paceman 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

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.

Moniurul sparked off the spectacular A team collapse by dismissing overnight batsman Mehrab 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

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 Moniurul 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 BANGLADESH A: First innings

(overnight 45 no loss in 15 overs) Rafigul c Naimur b Hasibul

Mehrab c K Masud b Monjurul 25 Sanwar c Naimur b Monjurul Hasan c K Masud b Hasibul Ashraful c K Mahmud b Hasibul 3 Mushfiq c K Masud b Hasibul

K Mahmud not out Fahim Ibw b Monjurul Rafique c K Masud b Monjurul Anwar Ibw b Enamul Kowshik Ibw b Enamul Extras: (b-5, nb-2)

3/72,

11

44

20

15

Total: (All out in 51.2 overs) Fall of wickets: 1/57, 2/57, 4/76, 5/77, 6/85, 7/93, 8/93, 9/135 **BOWLER** М Monjurul 0 21 Sharif Tarek Aziz Hasibul

> **BANGLADESH**: Second innings Javed not out Al-Shahriar c Mehrab b Kowshik 4

Bashar not out 13 Extras: (b-2) Total: (For 1 wicket in 10.3 overs) 39

Fall of wicket: 1/8 **BOWLER**

Bikash 15 1 8 4.3 Kowshik K Mahmud

sharper. It worked for the

Australians. There's no need to

The Adelaide-based academy

under-16 team from India. The West Bengal went straight to the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protishthan (BKSP) dormitory on their arrival in the capital on Sunday. The tourists had net practice at the

Board picks 18

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) on

Monday announced an 18-member

under-17 squad to play three lim-

ited-overs and couple of three-day

matches against the visiting CAB

(Cricket Association of Bengal)

for CAB

matches

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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.

BKSP, the venue selected for all the

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

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

SQUAD

Ashiqur Rahman (captain), Nayeem Islam (vice-captain), Golam Faiyaz, Tanveer Rashid, Golam Rahman Himel, Nafis Ahmed, Dhiman Ghosh, Mustafizur Rahman, Faiyazul Islam, Zubair Hossain, Iftekharul Islam, Rubaiyat Hague, Asif Newaz, Arafat Sunny, Eliyas 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.

Muktijoddha return home

BSS, Dhaka

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

their arrival at the Zia International In the 107th edition of the IFA tournament. Muktijoddha 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.

China has finally arrived



ding post-World Cup qualification hangover, but also a state media-led chorus that the country, already 2008 Olympic hosts and an imminent member of the global trade club, is taking its rightful place in the world.

much qualification for the 2002 World Cup Finals meant to China's national psyche, as well as to efforts by the ruling communist regime to emphasize national unity at a time when its legitimacy is flagging. One state newspaper even said

the successful qualification cam-

by the world's most populous nation to qualify for soccer's ultimate event

patriotism," the official mouthpiece People's Daily boomed Monday in

"This victory on the football pitch has not only bestowed on the people a powerful and prosperous motherland, but has given confidence and hope for the renaissance of the Chinese nation." it said.



OUR TIME HAS COME: Ecstatic Chinese fans celebrate from the stands at the Shenyang stadium after their national team confirmed qualification for the 2002 World Cup on October 7.

1, National Day holiday, but

without the party-led reforms of the past two decades

KOREA JAPAN



Press coverage showed how

paign would have been impossible

Sunday's 1-0 win over Oman ended 44 years of frustrated efforts

and sent the country into a night of "The victory of China's national soccer team has brought the hearts of the people tightly together and aroused the lofty sentiments of

The newspaper called the win a "generous gift" to the nation still celebrating the week-long October

Xinhua editorial said. "With the imminent accession to the WTO and through the examination of the reform process of Chinese soccer, one will discover that China's soccer has developed

step by step with the domestic reform and the adoption of international norms," it said. was not difficult to see China's qualification as a coming of age for the nation, not unlike Beijing's

victory in the 2008 Olympic bid race At that time Beijingers poured into the streets, much like they did Sunday night, with revellers waving flags and honking horns in wild

However not everyone was convinced the party could take all

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

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

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

event's opening two games. SQUAD Gary Kirsten, Herschelle Gibbs,

Kuala Lumpur from October 16-19.

several prominent former Pakistan players have made it clear they are

Former captain Hanif should be fined at least 50 per cent of the host board's projected earn-

Fit-again left-arm spinner Nicky Boje was added to the South Africa squad on Sunday for the next two matches in their triangular series against Kenya and India.

der and knee surgery and comes into a strengthened 14-strong group Centurion on Wednesday and against Kenya in Kimberley on Sunday.

Batsman Boeta Dippenaar and paceman Charl Langeveldt also ioined the squad Left-arm spinner Claude Henderson

Jonty Rhodes, Lance Klusener, Boucher, Makhava Ntini, Andre Nel, Dippenaar, Charl Langveldt.

a knee ligament tear. Paceman Ashish Nehra is nursng 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.

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. players and they all seem to like and respect him," Wassan said. But I'm not sure if, being a

adjust to their environment and almost constantly, the 47-year-old playing conditions. Many of the BCCI office-bearers Wright is a hard taskmaster who who finally decided on appointing believes in a strict regimen and Wright no longer hold office after a group headed by former International Cricket Council (ICC)

over earlier this month.

board thinks." Wassan said.

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

JOHN WRIGHT

nothing exclusive to Wright's term.

A congenial man who

while." Wassan added.

That has been happening for quite a

forthcoming three-Test series would

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-

and India's losing crucial matches is

Improvements have been there

pace bowler Atul Wassan, said

"I would certainly keep him for

be a reckless decision.

to be artistic players but have not really been the fittest. He's trying to

But Wright's strenuous routines

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

unhappy with the ICC. Mohammad said defaulting boards

Boje boost for S Africa

REUTERS, Benoni

Boie has recovered from shoul-

for the matches against India in

was the only omission from the 12, which beat India and Kenya in the

Jacques Kallis, Neil McKenzie, Shaun Pollock (captain), Mark Justin Kemp, Nicky Boje, Boeta

attributed largely to wear and tear. Vangipurappu Laxman, the batting hero against Australia, has been out for over two months due to

have come under scrutiny after a

Lanka tour due to a foot fracture

Sachin Tendulkar missed the Sri

spate of injuries recently.

We have to see whether Wright is pushing them too hard or these

'I have feedback from a lot of

friendly person, he can actually enforce himself on issues where he doesn't see eye to eye with senior India for many years said a foreign coach would not be able to

president Jagmohan Dalmiya took 'We'll have to see what the new

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

WTC a sitting duck

unexpected happenings at the time of finalising its 10-year calendar," said Hanif. "Loopholes have been exposed in its planning. "If the ICC claims itself to be the game's controlling authority then its responsibility doesn't end at all. It needs to reschedule New Zealand's

"I think the ICC should accept the

blame of not keeping provision of

tour so that Pakistan doesn't suffer any financial setback and receives equal treatment 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

run from November 2001 to maybe

June 2002. What a smorgasbord of

cricket that would 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

Chappell coming too

Cricket

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 out-

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

spoken critics of English cricket over

the last decade, will give a pep talk

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

``If we want something to be the best, we should go out and get the But the budding English talent

Some of the players may not make it, but that is a fact of life," he "I'm confident things will develop. There will be teething problems but we're not talking about

something substantially different from the Australian academy. `There are tried and proven methods for getting fitter and

There were a lot of runs in the

Kenya face India in Bloemfontein

AP, Kingston

Sabina Park to top Zone A of the Red Stripe Bowl cricket tournament The match, which started three hours late because of heavy rain

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 Trinidad and Tobago scored 194

under Marsh has been a prolific conveyor belt of talent for Australia's Test teams since its inception in 1987, with 27 Test players graduat-

reinvent the wheel.'

ing from the institute. English cricket has wallowed in



IAN CHAPPELL the meantime with Australia winning their seventh consecutive Ashes

Series in August. Marsh, one-time world record dismissals in his 96 Tests from 1970-84, intends to return with his first intake of British 19-23 year-old cricketers to Adelaide for a pre-Christmas training camp.

Muktijoddha Club officials and supporters welcomed the team or Airport at 3:50 pm.

A guide to the outstanding success of the Australian academy and its future benefits is that 10 graduates toured England with Steve **SEE PAGE 15**



China woke up Monday to a thud-



stressed that without the party's 20vear programme of reform the team would not have qualified. "The reform and opening-up has

built the larger environment for

soccer and formed the fundamental

guarantee for the qualification of the

Beijing winning the rights to host the 2008 Olympic Games and August's World Student Games in the Chinese capital further showed sport was "a huge cohesive force for the entire nation", it said. The official Xinhua news agency

linked the success to China's immi-

nent entry to the World Trade

Organisation, saying economic

reforms had allowed foreign compe-

Chinese team," it said.

tition such as national team coach Bora Milutinovic of Yugoslavia. "It is no coincidence that as China is finishing up discussions on entering the World Trade Organization, the Chinese soccer team has followed closely with its entry into the World Cup finals," the

For ordinary Chinese as well, it

iubilation over China's progress on the global sporting stage.

DHAKA TUESDAY OCTOBER 9, 2001, E-MAIL: dssports@gononet.com Sadek in BCB hot seat?

Changes in different sports federations is imminent following the

Bangladesh Nationalist Party's (BNP) landslide victory in the October 1

Youth and Sports when Begum Khaleda Zia's party came to power in 1991,

Sports Ministry. Amanullah Aman and Nazimuddin Alam, better known for

their roles in student politics, are reported to have been vying for sports job.

assume the presidency of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF).

general secretary of the defunct Bangladesh Cricket Control Board.

Besides, there will also be a major shakeup in the BOA hierarchy.

BOA are over," said a BNP sports organiser preferring not to be named.

Not Wright way

federations. The modifications are going to be done gradually."

is tipped to occupy the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) hot seat

Speculation is rife that Sadek Hossain, who served as State Minister for

There however are two unfamiliar faces being considered to run the

General Mahbubur Rahman, an ex Chief of Army Staff and former BOA

The government-elect also plan to revert to their ad-hoc system of run-

In that case Aminul Hug Moni would return to the limelight. He was the

The BNP lawmakers are even contemplating to send different persons to

There is a possibility SA Sultan, a former cricketer and sports promoter,

'One thing is sure for certain Jafar Imam's days as secretary general of

"We are not in any hurry to bring about drastic changes in different sport

represent Bangladesh in the International Cricket Council (ICC) and Asian