



Did U Know?

It's not very often we can see both father and son equally proficient in a particular game. Both father Vijay Manjekar and son Sanjay are known in Indian cricket as highly talented and technically most correct batsmen.



Stuart MacGill
(Australian leg-spinner)
"I think the bottom line is if Shane Warne is playing, I'm not going to. And if he is injured, I will play both Tests and one-dayers, that's just the way it goes."
On his own prospects of playing for the national side.



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Trevor A-struck

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh coach Trevor Chappell spoke loudly about the prospect of some A team cricketers entering the Test side within two months' time.

The youngest of the famous Chappell brothers was talking to The Daily Star Sport during the trial match between the national team and the A team at the Bangladesh Krira Shikha Prolishan (BKSP) on Tuesday.

"They are the future of Bangladesh cricket. They are very promising and I don't see why they won't be playing for the national team soon," said Trevor.

The Australian, who took over the national reins in March, was making his first observation of players outside the national pool.

He was so impressed especially with the fitness level of the A cricketers that Trevor remarked that they are even fitter than his own boys.

"They are more fit, their running between the wicket is also impressive, are aggressive and alert in the field," observed Trevor, a former fielding coach of Sri Lanka.

He also said that most of the A team members, who are due to leave for Bombay on October 13 for a six-week tour to western India, hopefully would enter the senior team within a year.

Young paceman Kowshik was

one of the few names that caught his attention.

"You see all the A team bowlers are good and have the ability to represent the country. But Kowshik is the most impressive and has a bright future," Trevor said.

"The only thing they lack is experience."



KHALED MAHMUD

A team Skipper Khaled Mahmud was another prime candidate to get back his place in Naimur Rahman's Test team.

"It will be an acid test for me to lead the A team in India. First of all, I have to guide the boys to perform on the field. Secondly, my own performance with the bat and ball will determine whether I have a future in Test cricket. I'm ready to accept the twin challenges," said the 1999 World Cupper, who played 20 ODIs

for Bangladesh.

"I want to show my critics that I'm not finished," said the 31-year-old discarded all-rounder.

"It's very tough for a cricketer to adjust with the juniors after having played in the national team for many years. But I have taken it positively," said Mahmud, who made his last international appearance in the Asia Cup last year.

Talking about his team, Mahmud said that it was a balanced side and they would do well in India provided they apply themselves.

The committed cricketer observed that his team has been prepared well enough for the tour ahead. The team has been training for the last four months under coach Dipu Rai Chowdhury.

The former Bangladesh vice-captain was also happy with his own fitness.

"I'm feeling stronger than I was at the beginning of my career. Age should not be a bar to any player. Look at Aravinda who was playing his best cricket at the age of 34," said Mahmud.

The national selectors drafted Mahmud in the A team last June following a string of good performances in the domestic circuit.

The A team is scheduled to fly to India on October 13. They will play four three-day matches and as many one-dayers against different Indian selections in Bombay, Pune and Baroda.

Rain stoppage again at BKSP

SPORTS REPORTER

Rain continued to play foul with the national team's preparation for the home series against Zimbabwe in November.

Arriving in Dhaka on November 5, Zimbabwe will play two Tests and three one-day international matches.

A limited-over practice match against Bangladesh A was arranged for the seniors at the BKSP ground in Savar on Monday after their three-day affair got rained off the day before. But the torrential rain also intervened halfway through the match yesterday, compounding the woes of Trevor Chappell's charges.

The match was abandoned after the national team scored 220 for nine in the reduced 45 overs. Bashar top-scored with 49, opener Al-Shahriar made 45 and Akram Kahn chipped in with 32.

Bangladesh A captain Khaled Mahmud led his side from the front with the ball, claiming four wickets for 51 runs. Young sensation Kowshik took two for 35.

It was the last match for the second string national side before their tour of western India.

The national team is desperate to play as many practice matches as they can to avoid the batting blues they experienced during the Asian Test Championship a couple of months ago.

Bangladesh went to play their maiden Asian Test Championship matches without any practice matches due to rain. The Test newcomers looked very rusty in their five-day matches against Pakistan and Sri Lanka. They lost both the games inside three days.

England's India tour on

Cricket

INTERNET, London

England's tour to India will go ahead despite security fears in the region.

England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) chief executive Tim Lamb said the start of military action in Afghanistan has not affected plans to tour the sub-continent in December.

But he admitted the tour could still be cancelled at a later date if the security situation deteriorates.

"There has been a significant new development in the form of military strikes," he said.

"I have had no discussions with the Indian board about the tour. It is definitely on and the itinerary is agreed."

"We are monitoring the situation closely -- most of the world is monitoring the situation closely -- but it is far too premature to say the tour is at risk."

"We would never knowingly send our players to parts of the world where their safety was at risk."

"In the future, if we get specific advice that our players were at risk we would think again."

"But as things stand at the moment, the tour is on and we are looking forward to it."



TIM LAMB

"Clearly if we feel the need to discuss matters with our Indian counterparts we will do that but at the moment there have been no discussions and the tour is definitely on."

Meanwhile, the International

Cricket Council said it would consider moving matches due to be played in Pakistan to neutral venues.

New Zealand and Sri Lanka have already cancelled tours to Pakistan in the aftermath of the terrorist atrocity.

Violence has broken out in two Pakistani cities with Taleban supporters burning buildings and battling police.

ICC president Malcolm Gray said: "It depends how long it goes on, but if it's going to be lengthy, we are going to have to start temporary measures to help Pakistan."

"For example, it may be possible to have matches or tours somewhere else, perhaps even at independent venues."

"From a financial point of view, that's a disaster, and also from a game point of view, in that they are just not playing cricket at the moment in Pakistan."

"The longer it goes on, the deeper the problem will become."

"Pakistan cricket and the Pakistan cricket administration was doing extremely well, and now it has really had a body blow."

ICC won't spare Hansie

Lie detector tests for players, officials?

Cricket

AFP, London

International Cricket Council (ICC) chiefs said Monday they were determined to impose tougher penalties for players on the field and continue to pursue match-fixers off it.

Disgraced former South Africa captain Hansie Cronje is currently challenging his life ban from cricket in the South African courts.

But ICC president Malcolm Gray, speaking at Lord's, said that even if Cronje succeeded that would not be the end of the matter as far as world

Speed added he would be urging next week's ICC executive board meeting in Kuala Lumpur to abolish suspended fines and sentences as punishments for players who showed dissent at umpiring decisions and verbally abused their opponents.

"There are a lot of suspended sentences but very few suspensions. Too many match referees take the soft option. We seek to remove the limit on the referee's ability to fine players -- currently limited to 75 per cent of the player's match fee."

"We have asked the board to remove the limit on the period of suspension -- currently limited to

riding the game of corruption.

"If that's what's needed to get the scam out of the game then let's do it," Speed quoted the unidentified captain as saying.

Asked how the US-led attacks in Afghanistan would affect international cricket, Gray said he hoped the military action would be "short and sharp".

New Zealand withdrew from a tour of Pakistan, which borders Afghanistan, this month after the attacks in New York and Washington on September 11.

"It's extremely important, obviously everyone is shattered," Gray said.

India meet SA again today

SPORTS REPORTER

India and South Africa meet in the third match of the Standard Bank one-day international triangular series at the Centurion Park today.

The day-night game starts at 6:30 in the evening Bangladesh time.

The hosts are already leading the ten-match tournament having won both of their games so far. They defeated India by six wickets in the opening match on October 5 and thrashed Kenya, the third team in the fray, by seven wickets two days later.

SQUAD
INDIA (from): Saurav Ganguly (captain), Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Jacob Martin, Yuvraj Singh, Shiv Das, Deep Dasgupta, Virender Sehwag, Reetinder Sodhi, Anil Kumble, Jagavallab Srinath, Harbhajan Singh, Venkatesh Prasad, Harvinder Singh, Ajit Agarkar.

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



MALCOLM GRAY

cricket was concerned. "Our point of view is that a life ban means 20 years. Any change to that would have to be ratified by our code of conduct commission," Gray explained.

He added that he wanted corruption out of world cricket within 12 months although his fellow Australian, ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed was more cautious.

"Lord Condon (the head of the Anti-Corruption Unit) has stated that we have successfully suppressed corruption. What he is unable to say at present is that we have defeated it. But we are determined to do so."

Turning to active cricketers



HANSIE CRONJE

three Test matches or six one-day internationals," said Speed.

The former Australian Cricket Board chief executive also added that the ICC wanted to see an end to "personal and offensive" sledging.

Speed revealed that in a survey of Test captains seeking their thoughts on the future of the game one response had included a request for "lie detector tests every six months for leading players, administrators and officials."

He said "one very prominent captain" had advocated the lie detector tests.

Another had endorsed all Condon's recommendations for

Dhaka to host Pak Tests?

Cricket

INTERNET/AFP, London

Bangladesh could help Pakistan by hosting Test cricket in Dhaka, according to former Pakistan captain Asif Iqbal.

New Zealand and Sri Lanka cancelled tours of Pakistan in the wake of last month's terrorist attacks in the USA.

And the onset of military action against neighbouring Afghanistan has put paid to any tours in the immediate future.

International Cricket Council (ICC) president Malcolm Gray admitted Monday that Pakistan's home Test matches could have to be played on foreign soil following safety concerns arising from US and British military action in Afghanistan.

"Obviously the current situation is a huge problem," Gray said at Lord's on Monday.

"Our hope is that it might be short and sharp and we can get over it quickly. But if the situation continues it will cause enormous problems logistically and financially for the game."

The ICC has suggested Pakistan could play home matches at neutral venues, without suggesting any specific locations.

Asif believes Dhaka is a possibility, with India out of the question because of poor relations between the two governments.

But he thinks the ICC would be duty-bound to compensate Pakistan financially for lost revenue.

"Some people might wonder who would turn up to watch Pakistan play New Zealand in Bangladesh."

"But they are cricket-hungry and cricket-mad out there. There would

be a decent crowd -- not a huge crowd, but more than one man and his dog."

Dhaka is the only international Test centre in Bangladesh at present, and there is no hope the stadium in Chittagong can be built in time to ease Pakistan's problems.

But Asif said Bangladesh made



ASIF IQBAL

sense because Test administrators would need to find somewhere that could approximate the wickets of Pakistan.

"They have to keep in mind similar conditions," he said.

But it would not be easy to get revenue flowing back to Pakistan, and the ICC would also have to shell out hard cash, he added.

"A neutral venue would expect something back, and there would be the logistical costs."

Few other venues spring to mind. Sharjah has never hosted five-day cricket before and, being on the Gulf, is also too near the areas of international conflict.

South Africa and Australia are hosting home series, and in any case would be unsuitable in terms of

re-creating Pakistan-style conditions.

New Zealand are still leaving open the possibility of playing in Pakistan in March or April next year.

On the wider issue, Asif said the ICC's 10-year programme was too inflexible for countries such as India and Pakistan where political situations change constantly.

And he was also uncertain whether it was a good idea for it to expand, since that would bring with it rising costs.

The ICC wants to keep Pakistan playing international cricket and Gray said: "It's possible their home matches could be played at independent venues if that becomes necessary."

"Nothing has been decided but it's something we are looking closely at."

"A number of political situations are affecting the world of cricket. Ideally, all ICC members should be free to play against each other, unconstrained by events and decisions outside their control."

"In reality however, international cricket in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe is currently being affected by political decisions and horrific uncertainties."

England are due to tour India next month but Gray said he was not expecting the ICC to have to alter the existing schedule.

"We are keeping a watching brief but at the moment any consideration of the matter would be triggered by England," he said.

Earlier Monday England and Wales Cricket Board chief executive Tim Lamb said the tour will "definitely go ahead" barring huge change in the international political situation.

Opportunity for Marcus

England-Zimbabwe 4th ODI today

Cricket

INTERNET, Bulawayo

Somerset opener Marcus Trescothick could lead England for the first time in the fourth one-day international against Zimbabwe on Wednesday.

Captain Nasser Hussain is struggling with a calf strain, which he picked up during England's four-wicket victory in the third match in Harare on Sunday. England lead the series 3-0.

"Nasser seems confident that he is over his injury," coach Duncan Fletcher told a news conference on Tuesday.

"It's one of those injuries that you think is all right but is pretty dangerous. We will have to be very sure tonight that we make the right decision."

England will have a light practice in the afternoon before deciding on their team on Tuesday night.

"Marcus might lead the side, but it's a situation that is forced upon us rather than by choice," Fletcher said. "Ideally what you want are players out there with a lot of experience to lead the side."

"Graham Thorpe does want to do it, but it's just something that's forced on us because Thorpe's not an experienced captain either and you look at the situation and say, 'maybe it's time to give Trescothick a run'."

"Having been on tours with Tres you get a feel about individuals and he shows good leadership qualities, but you're never sure until the pressure is on."

"He has a good cricket brain and

good man management skills."

Fletcher said England could blood a few new players in the remaining two matches.

"We will be considering some experimentation," he said. "We had a meeting just to throw it around and just confirm what we want to do tonight at some stage."

"It has been an interesting tour and we still want to see a bit more of



MARCUS TRESCOTHICK

certain players. It has definitely been a worthwhile tour so far."

But it may also be wise to rest Paul Matthew Hoggard -- undoubtedly England's man of the series so far.

If the Yorkshire paceman is allowed to put his feet up, then county colleague Chris Silverwood could be given his first run out.

That is unless James Kirtley is brought back to share the new ball with Ryan Sidebottom.

Jeremy Snape also appears to have done enough to warrant selection for the one-dayers in India -- and Hussain's county colleague at Essex, Paul Grayson, is a like-for-

like replacement as a slow bowling all-rounder.

If Owais Shah, Silverwood and Grayson do play, then everyone in the touring party would have had a game, and when Fletcher said he was considering "some experimentation" that appeared to indicate the trio would get a chance.

Thorpe, Ben Hoolioake and Andrew Flintoff all have minor niggles to overcome.

Everything is less rosy for Zimbabwe. Teenager Sean Ervine is poised to make his international debut for them, replacing skipper Heath Streak, who aggravated a back problem while batting during Sunday's match.

Ervine took three for 53 for Zimbabwe A against England at the start of their tour, claiming the wickets of Hussain, Thorpe and Hoolioake.

Guy Whittall will captain Zimbabwe. And, in a 15-man squad, there could also be a place for 20-year-old fast bowler Travis Friend.

TEAMS
ENGLAND (from): Nasser Hussain (captain), Paul Collingwood, Andrew Flintoff, James Foster, Paul Grayson, Matthew Hoggard, Ben Hoolioake, James Kirtley, Nick Knight, Mark Ramprakash, Owais Shah, Ryan Sidebottom, Chris Silverwood, Jeremy Snape, Marcus Trescothick, Graham Thorpe.

ZIMBABWE: Guy Whittall (captain), Gary Brent, Alistair Campbell, Stuart Carlisle, Dion Ebrahim, Sean Ervine, Andy Flower, Grant Flower, Travis Friend, Doug Hondo, D Marillier, Muleki Nkala, Henry Olonga, Dirk Viljoan, Craig Wishart.

\$250m bet per ODI!

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, London

About 250 million dollars are bet on every one-day cricket international, the head of the sport's world governing body Malcolm Gray has said.

International Cricket Council (ICC) president Gray told reporters at the launch of the ICC's new logo at Lord's that the figure had been established after investigations by its Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU).

The unit was set up last year after former South Africa captain Hansie Cronje admitted to taking money from bookmakers. Cronje and two other former international captains, Salim Malik (Pakistan) and Mohammad Azharuddin (India) were subsequently banned for life.

"The Anti-Corruption Unit estimated 250 million dollars are bet on every one-day international with similar amounts on Test matches," Gray said.

Asked if the corruption scandal had affected sponsors' perception of cricket, Gray replied: "Obviously yes. That was a great concern 16 months ago when it broke."

ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed said it was realistic to realise that betting on cricket matches would continue.

"With regret we know that the same bookmakers and gamblers who have corrupted cricketers in the past remain operational," he said.

Speed said ACU head Paul Condon had stated that the ICC had successfully suppressed corruption.

"What he is unable to say at present is that we have defeated it," he said. "But we are determined to do so and put in place a system that will ensure that no player, umpire or administrator can be in any doubt about what is expected of him by the game."

Gray said he agreed there should be a reduction in the number of one-day cricket matches while Speed said a rolling one-day international championship would be considered at next week's ICC meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

The Condon report into match-fixing said the high number of one-day matches now played with nothing at stake had contributed to corruption.

Speed went on to explain that that there were now plans to introduce a one-day championship similar to that now in place for Tests.

"England are 3-0 up in their one-day series against Zimbabwe and we'd like a situation where the last two matches of that series count for something and we'll be putting forward proposals for a rolling one-day championship."

Speed also announced plans for an elite panel of eight umpires to control all Tests with a similarly exclusive squad of five match referees to oversee their work.

In future no Test will feature an umpire from one of the competing countries as happens at present