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Did U Know?

Superstar Sachin Tendulkar was the youngest player to represent India in Test cricket. He was 16 years and 205 days old when he made his Test debut against neighbouring arch-rivals Pakistan at Karachi in 1989-90.

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UEFA Champions League
Bayern Munich vs Feyenoord
6:30 am
English Premier Football League
Leeds United vs Liverpool
Live at 4:50 pm
&
Arsenal vs Southampton
Live at 7:50 pm
&
Man United vs Sunderland
10:15 pm

STAR Sports
South Africa Tri Series
Kenya vs India
Fourth ODI
Highlights at 6:00 am
Kenya vs India
Fourth ODI
8:00 am
World Cup Soccer Mix
1:00 pm
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Gillette World Sports Special
Int'l Sports News
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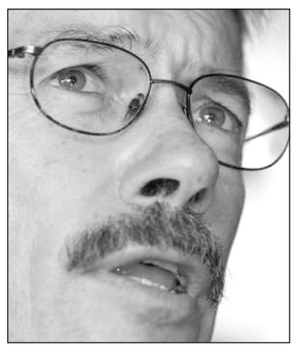
Primera Liga
Real Madrid vs Alaves
Live at 1:30 am (Sunday)



John Buchanan
(Australian cricket coach)
"The life of a professional sportsman isn't that easy and Michael is not the first person, nor will be the last, to go through tough time."
On Michael Slater's axing from the Test team after the opener went through a poor run of form and separated from his

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1. How many runs did Herschelle Gibbs score in the first ODI against Zimbabwe?
115 | 125 | 130
2. Who clinched the Princess Cup tennis title?
Hingis | Dokic | Kournikova
3. Who became the new Australian Cricket Board chief?
Denis Rogers | Bob Merrimam | Geoff Marsh
4. What was the result of the South Africa and Zimbabwe Test series?
2-0 | 1-0 | 1-1
5. Who became Shanghai Open champion?
Chang | Schutler | Agassi

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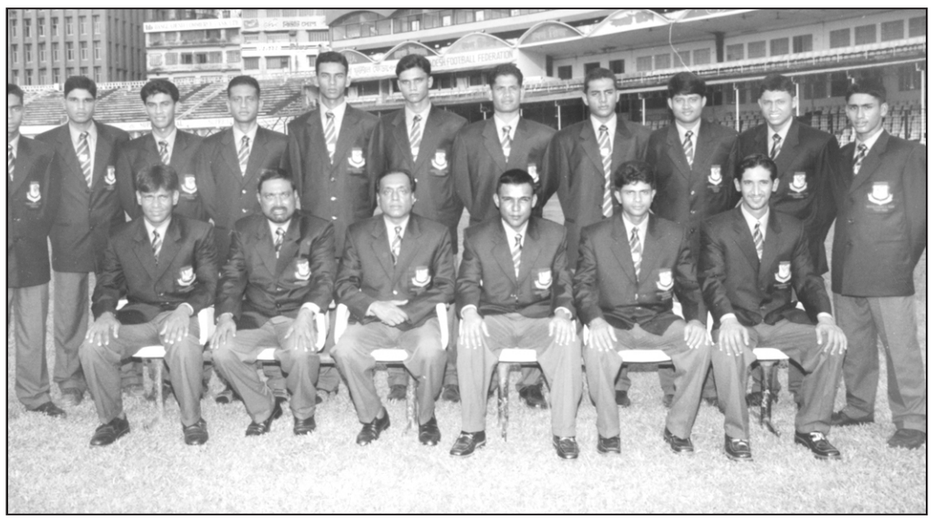

PHOTO: STAR

Players and officials of Bangladesh A team.

A team go to India today

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Discarded national all-rounder Khaled Mahmud leads a 14-member Bangladesh A team on a month-long tour of India. The second string national squad, which leaves later this evening, will play four three-day matches and five limited-overs games against different selections from Mumbai, Pune and Baroda.

The team also includes three officials.

The tour starts with a three-day match against the Cricket Club of India (CCI) President's Eleven at the Brabourne Stadium on October 16.

There will be two limited-overs matches in between October 19 to 21 before their second three-day game against the Mumbai Colts. It starts at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai from October 22.

The last limited-overs match in the showbiz capital will be against the Mumbai Cricket Association Eleven also at the Wankhede Stadium on October 25.

The team will then travel to Pune on October 27 and play a three-day and a one-day match against Maharashtra Cricket Association.

The three-day match will be held from October 29 to 31 while the limited-overs match is billed for November 1.

The tourists travel to Baroda on the last leg of their tour.

They will take on the last season's Ranji Trophy champions in a three-dayer beginning

November 4 before wrapping up their visit with a 50-over game on November 7 against the same opponents.

Initially, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) selected 14 players for the tour. However, a few of them are being considered for Bangladesh's home series against Zimbabwe next month and might be called back mid-way through the tour.

However, selector Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad did not disclose the names of the likely players in an unscheduled press briefing at the Board's Bangabandhu Stadium office Friday.

Coach Dipu Rai Choudhury, manager Mahmud Ul Haq were also present during the briefing.

About the tour preparations, Dipu said they had almost four months of training, which was probably unprecedented as far as Bangladesh goes.

He believed that every member of his team was fit and ready to take on the Indians.

"We have an efficient side with a handful of young and enthusiastic cricketers. They are raring to play for the national team and India would be their testing ground," said Dipu, the former national cricketer.

Dipu thought that the conditions in India would be similar to those in Bangladesh.

Mahmud also assured that his teammates would try their best to win all their matches.

SQUAD

Khaled Mahmud (captain), Mehrab Hossain, Rafiqul Islam, Sanwar Hossain, Hasanuzzaman, Mohammad Ashraful, Tushar Imran, Anwar Hossain (wicketkeeper), Mohammad Rafique, Fahim Muntasir, Mushfiqur Rahman, Bikash Ranjan Das, Masrafee-bin-Mortuza Kowshik and Anwar Hossain Munir.

Officials: Dipu Rai Choudhury (coach), Mahmud Ul Haq (manager) and Gavin Benjafield (trainer and computer analyst).

Akram, Latif back lie tests

Cricket

REUTERS, *Karachi*

Pakistan's Wasim Akram and Rashid Latif have come out in support of a prominent Test captain's suggestion that players, umpires and administrators undergo lie-detector tests every six months.

"I have no problems with that if the purpose is to help clean the game of corruption," former Pakistan captain Akram told this news agency.

Latif, the Pakistan wicketkeeper who played a leading role in exposing match-fixing, said: "It is a good move. It might meet with resistance from some quarters. But they should go ahead with this plan."

The idea of lie-detector tests was made by "a prominent Test captain" in an International Cricket Council (ICC) survey, aimed at putting the burden of responsibility to clean up the game on the captains.

Akram, who was fined last year for not co-operating fully with a match-fixing inquiry commission in Pakistan, said he felt the legal ramifications of having players undergo lie-detector tests needed to be studied.

"I am all for it. But it would be better if the ICC first held more discussions with the senior players on this issue. The legal aspect of the issue has to be taken into consideration. Can the ICC subject players to lie-detector tests?"

Latif said: "It is a good idea. There might be some complications. But this is one way of further discouraging the corrupt in the game."

WASIM AKRAM

RASHID LATIF

The ICC said recently its Anti-Corruption Unit had discovered that millions of dollars were wagered on international matches.

Akram said there was a need for more communication be-tween the ICC and international players.

"We share their concern about cleaning up the game. I would have no problems taking a lie-detector test. But first they must form a firm consensus on this issue before going ahead with it."

Cricket has been tarnished by match-fixing scandals in recent years, with former captains Salim Malik of Pakistan, Hansie Cronje of South Africa and Mohammad Azharuddin of India being banned for life for their involvement in corruption.

Pakistan is currently holding its second match-fixing judicial inquiry, in which Justice Karamat Bhandari is investigating allegations that two of Pakistan's matches in the 1999 World Cup, against Bangladesh and India, were fixed.

Nazar new Pakistan coach

Cricket

REUTERS, *Karachi*

Former Test player Mudassar Nazar has been appointed Pakistan cricket coach until January following the departure of Richard Pybus.

The appointment means the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has reverted to its practice of employing a local coach after South African Pybus ended his contract earlier this week.

Nazar will be in charge of Pakistan until the tour of Bangladesh in January 2002, the PCB said on Thursday.

"Nazar's appointment has been made since Pakistan is committed to playing in the triangular tournament in Sharjah later this month and because Pybus confirmed he could not carry on any longer due to the circumstances prevailing in the region," a PCB spokesman told this news agency from Lahore.

"The PCB believes that Nazar with his past record and having worked with the national academy is best equipped to look after the senior team until the Bangladesh tour," said the spokesman.

MUDASSAR NAZAR

Nazar, 45, played 76 Tests and 122 one-day internationals for Pakistan from 1976/77 to 1988-89 before settling in England.

He was coach of the senior Pakistan team in 1993 on tours to South Africa and West Indies but was sacked after poor results.

Pakistan cricket chiefs recalled Nazar from England to become head coach of their academy set-up last year and he was Pakistan A coach in Sri Lanka in June and July.

"It is a great honour for me. I was not expecting this. But I am looking forward to the job. Since most of the players I know personally and I know what they are capable off," Nazar said from Lahore.

"It is very difficult to prepare a team in such uncertain circumstances. But our immediate task is to win in Sharjah. We will start our camp training soon."

Pybus was contracted as senior coach until the Sharjah tournament, which starts on October 26, but had been tipped to carry on until the 2003 World Cup.

But after returning home shortly after the September 11 attacks in the United States, he refused to return to Pakistan again, saying the circumstances did not permit him to do so.

Former fast bowler Sikander

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BCB youths in dire straits

SPORTS REPORTER

The touring Under-16 Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) team put their Bangladesh Cricket Board counterparts on the back foot at stumps on the first day of a three-day match on Friday.

Playing at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protishthan (BKSP) ground, the youths from Kolkata elected to bat and made 163 all out and then took four wickets to leave the home side precariously placed at 27 for four.

Sumit Nunia was the most effective bowler. He claimed two wickets conceding just two runs from a six-over spell.

His new-ball partner Wali Khan and Debabrata Paul shared the other wickets.

BCB U-16 opening batsman Nafiz Ahmed top-scored with eight while middle-order bat Golam Rahman contributed six runs to the paltry reply.

Earlier, the visitors, who began their Bangladesh tour with 29-run loss against the Under-17s in a limited-overs game at the same venue on Wednesday, rode on a patient half-century by one-down Sougata Datta.

Sougata made 59 and struck five fours in his 154-ball innings for the West Bengal side.

Middle-order Himadri Paul and opener Mayukh Biwas were the other main scorers. They made 22 and 20 respectively.

BCB medium-pacer Rubaiyat Haq captured four wickets for 41 runs while Arafat Sunny bagged three for 16 and Asif Newaz picked up two for 32.

SCORES IN BRIEF

CAB U-16: First innings 163 all out in 72.5 overs (Sougata 59, Himadri 22, Mayukh 20, Rubaiyat 4/41, Arafat 3/16, Asif 2/32).

BCB U-16: First innings 27 for 4 in 14 overs (Nafis 8, Rahman 6, Sumit 2/2, Debabrata 1/3, Wali 1/16)

Nat'l chess for blind

PRESS RELEASE

The third National Chess Championship for the Blind, organised jointly by the Bangladesh Chess Federation and InterLife-Bangladesh, will be held at the NSC Chess Room from today.

The three-day competition involves 76 participants from Netrokona, Jamalpur, Brahmanbaria, Magura, Comilla, Mymensingh, Narshingdi, Gazipur, Narayanganj, Rangpur, Sirajganj, Khulna, Chandpur, Faridpur, and Shariyatpur.

Bangladesh Chess Federation general secretary Sujauddin Ahmed and Barbrow Henrikson, project director of InterLife-Bangladesh Disability Programme, will jointly inaugurate the event at 11 in the morning.

Sharjah, Morocco possible neutral sites for Pakistan

REUTERS, *London*

Sharjah and Morocco are being considered as neutral venues if the US-led attacks on Afghanistan indefinitely prevent neighbouring Pakistan from hosting cricket tours.

New Zealand and Sri Lanka have already cancelled tours to Pakistan because of security fears and the uncertainty surrounding visits to the sub-continent will be discussed at next week's meeting of the International Cricket Council (ICC) in Kuala Lumpur.

At a media briefing at Lord's on Monday ICC president Malcolm Gray said the political situation in the sub-continent was a huge problem.

"It's possible Pakistan's home matches could be played at independent venues if that becomes necessary," Gray said.

Reports from Pakistan this week said the Pakistan Cricket Board had agreed in principle to staging home Tests in independent venues with Sharjah and Morocco both possibilities.

Warne a father for third time

REUTERS, *Melbourne*

Australia's leading Test wicket-taker Shane Warne attended the birth of his third child Summer on Friday and declared it an "amazing experience".

"(Wife) Simone and I are absolutely over the moon," said the 32-year-old leg-spinner.

"It was the first birth I had witnessed after being in England when Brooke and Jackson were born.

"It really is an amazing experience and a special part of life."

Defaulter may face $2m fine

Cricket

REUTERS, *London*

A fine of 2 million dollars or more could be imposed on countries who fail to fulfil their fixtures in the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Test tour programme.

The ICC's Executive Board will be asked to approve the proposal at a meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia next week.

A non-complying country would be hit by a 2-million-dollar fine or if greater, the budgeted gross revenue for the tour, if the proposal is agreed.

But countries would be exempt from penalties where fixtures had been cancelled due to such things as natural disaster, war or where the safety of players was proved to be at risk.

"The aim of the penalty proposals is to protect the integrity of the Future Tours Programme," ICC communications manager Mark Harrison told this news agency on Thursday.

"There will be exceptions. Obviously, it would be grossly insensitive to make a team go to a country where security cannot be guaranteed.

"But I would underline that they are just proposals at the present time and not policy."

Under the 10-year 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.

For Test tours, under the proposals the non-offending country would also receive two ICC Test Championship points, as though it had won the series.

Next week's meeting will also discuss proposals to introduce tougher measures on player discipline and the feasibility of a one-day international world rankings system.

A wide range of other issues will be discussed in Kuala Lumpur.

"We have asked the board to increase penalties for on-field misbehaviour," said ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed. "We seek to remove the limit on the referee's ability to fine players, currently limited to 75 percent of the player's match fee.

"We have asked it to remove the limit on the period of suspension, currently limited to three Test matches or six one-day internationals. There will be no upper limits on fines and suspensions."

Speed said the ICC did not want to change the fiercely competitive nature of international cricket.

"What we seek is to remove sledging (verbal abuse) and excessive appealing from the game entirely," he said.

The corruption scandal, which has tarnished the game's image since former South Africa captain Hansie Cronje admitted taking money from bookmakers last year, is also on the agenda.

"We are realistic enough to know that betting on cricket matches will continue," Speed said.

"In excess of 250 million dollars is wagered on each one-day international match, with similar amounts bet on Test matches, incredible figures that are steadily rising.

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

Kenya hit new low

Cricket

REUTERS, *Bloemfontein*

Kenya were shot out for 90 -- their lowest total in one-day internationals -- as India took control of the fourth match in the Standard Bank triangular series on Friday.

Paceman Ajit Agarkar captured four for 27 and leg-spinner Anil Kumble took three for 14 as Kenya were trapped on an unusually lively Bloemfontein pitch.

The Kenyans were even the recipients of a controversial act of charity from umpire Dave Orchard and India's captain Saurav Ganguly.

Already five wickets down with just 41 on the board, Thomas Odoyo was given run out by Orchard after a mix-up with Martin Suji.

Television replays indicated that Odoyo had made his ground, and the batsman was recalled by Ganguly following a consultation between Orchard and the Indian skipper.

However, the laws state an umpire may change his decision "provided that such alteration is made promptly." There was a lengthy interval between the decision to give Odoyo out and then to recall him.

Agarkar picked up three wickets with the new ball, bowling both Ravindhu Shah and David Otieno for ducks and then snapping up the dangerous Steve Tikolo, caught behind for one.

Kumble then struck three times, including captain Maurice Odumbe lbw for six shortly before Kenya reached the 15-over mark on 25 for four, including 11 extras.

Kennedy Otieno (14) also fell leg before to Kumble and after Odoyo had been given his reprieve, he added just three more runs before he, too, was adjudged lbw for 12.

Agarkar returned to attack to take the seventh wicket, Martin Suji lbw for one, and Harghajan Singh dismissed Collins Otieno thanks to the fifth lbw decision.

Javagal Srinath wrapped up the innings, emphatically bowling both Jimmy Kamande and Peter Ogondo.

South Africa won the first two games of the series but were beaten by India in the third.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Kenya innings in the triangular series one-day match against India at Goodyear Park Friday:

KENYA

K Otieno lbw b Kumble	14
Shah b Agarkar	0
D Otieno b Agarkar	0
Tikolo c Dasgupta b Agarkar	1
Odumbe lbw b Kumble	6
T Odoyo lbw b Kumble	12
M Suji lbw b Agarkar	1
T Suji not out	18
C Otieno lbw b Harbhajan	16
Kamande b Srinath	5
Ogondo b Srinath	3
Extras: (lb-3, nb-5, w-6)	14
Total: (All out in 37.1 overs)	90

Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-5, 3-13, 4-25, 5-41, 6-44, 7-50, 8-73, 9-86

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Srinath	7.1	1	13	2
Agarkar	10	2	27	4
Ganguly	5	0	15	0
Kumble	10	4	14	3
Harbhajan	5	1	18	1

INDIA: Saurav Ganguly (captain), Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Jacob Martin, Yuvraj Singh, Virender Sehwag, Deep Dasgupta, Harbhajan Singh, Anil Kumble, Ajit Agarkar, Javagal Srinath.

Kirtley reported to ICC

Cricket

REUTERS, *Bulawayo*

England fast bowler James Kirtley has been reported to the International Cricket Council (ICC) for a suspect bowling action.

The referral was made by ICC match referee Colonel Naushad Ali from Pakistan after Wednesday's fourth one-day international in Bulawayo which England won by 70-runs.

Ali had told the media that he was going to scrutinise Kirtley's action after the first match in Harare last week.

But Kirtley, who played in the second game but was rested for the third, believes there is no problem with his action.

"This is a bit frustrating, but it's one person's opinion," Kirtley told a news conference.

"It's something he's following but it's a situation I've been in before and I think I've shown the mental strength in the past and I'll show it again and I'm sure the situation will be resolved."

Ali has informed both the England team management and the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) of the referral.

Kirtley, 26, was cleared by an ECB panel in November 2000 after tests at Brighton University following reports in 1999 that he had a suspect action.

"Brighton proved beyond any doubt that my arm is straight and I would have thought nothing has changed in 11 months," said Kirtley.

"My mother is a physiotherapist and ever since a young age I've had supple joints and my arm hyper-extends which explains people's doubts about my action.

"Every bowling action is unique and I take heart from other players who have been cleared."

The 26-year-old has taken three wickets in the series against Zimbabwe.

An ICC statement on Thursday said: "The ICC has a clear three-stage process for bowlers reported by umpires or referees.

"James Kirtley has been referred to stage one of the process which means that he can continue to play international and first class cricket."

Kirtley will spend six weeks working with an ECB appointed bowling coach -- in this instance Bob Cottam from Warwickshire.

A detailed report will be compiled and submitted to the ICC by the ECB within the six-week period.

If Kirtley is reported again within the next 12 months then he will have to work with an ICC appointed bowling coach and if that fails he could be banned from competing by a committee.

Five players have been reported for suspect bowling actions under the new ICC regulations since January -- the most high-profile being Pakistan's Shoaib Akhtar.

The process now is about helping the player rather than punishing him, and since its inception, no player has gone beyond the first stage.

Kirtley is available for selection for the final one-day international in Bulawayo on Sunday and coach Duncan Fletcher said he would not hesitate to play him.

"James' name will be in the hat for selection after practice tomorrow night," Fletcher said.

"Whether he plays or not has got nothing to do with this problem -- why should it be?

"As I said before we're happy with his action and Nasser (Hussain) and I will pick a side which we feel will beat Zimbabwe and give us a 5-0 series win."

England captain Hussain showed his support for Kirtley.

"I'm not here to comment on the match referee," Hussain said. "My main concern is James. He's been an absolute blessing for me on the tour.

"It's a very difficult time and the most important thing for him was to come on the tour.

"It was a highlight of his career and this has blown up in his face again. Duncan and I and the whole of English cricket back him and will carry on backing him."

PHOTO: INTERNET

England fast bowler James Kirtley (C), flanked by team manager Duncan Fletcher (L) and captain Nasser Hussain, speaks at a press conference in Bulawayo on October 11.

Last match today

Controversy due to competitiveness, says Hussain

REUTERS, *Bulawayo*

England captain Nasser Hussain has attempted to play down the controversy on the short tour of Zimbabwe, attributing it to the competitive nature of modern cricket.

"Whoever we play, we play hard," Hussain said as he reflected on the one-day series against Zimbabwe which ends with the fifth and final match on Saturday.

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