



Did U Know?

Great England all-rounder Ian Botham made his theatrical debut as The King in a production of Jack and the Beanstalk in 1991.



Maurice Odumbe

(Kenya cricket captain)
"I tell you what, you feel like hiding when (Lance) Klusener is batting like that. I had bowled eight overs for 21 runs and I thought 'Maurice, good figures here'. And then all of a sudden—boom, boom, boom."
After he was smashed for five fours off consecutive deliveries in his ninth over by the South African left-hander during the Standard Bank tri-series match.



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India v Kenya
Sixth one-day international
Standard Bank Tri-series
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Rahman sounds sensible

SPORTS REPORTER

The new government would ring some changes in different sports federations in a bid to make the arena transparent instead of politicising it.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman on Tuesday revealed his government's policy to reporters yesterday.

On his first day at his National Sports Council office, Rahman also urged the present committees of different federations including Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) to go on with their scheduled programmes and not to worry about what would be the changes.

"Some changes are on the cards for sure. But, at the moment, I can't tell you about the extent of the change. You have to give me some time to settle in first," said Rahman.

He plans to look into the irregularities that took place in different federations for the last five years before deciding where changes are required.

Rahman however singled out the BCB to praise the organisation's success and management under the leadership of Saber Hossain Chowdhury.

"Cricket has united the nation. This game has given Bangladesh a

special identity on the world map, and the credit certainly goes to the leadership," said the sports boss. "Those who are really competent will remain in the Board. But those who have entered through political influence and unfair means will have to go."



FAZLUR RAHMAN

The state minister also added that he was fully aware of the confusion over who would represent Bangladesh in the ICC meeting in Kuala Lumpur on October 18. "Someone must be going there. But we have still two days in hand. By then, we would be able to pick one," he said.

When asked whether he would dissolve the elected federations to appoint ad-hoc committees, Rahman said the elections were held in undemocratic way and if required he might put ad-hoc committees in place of present bodies.

"Such replacement may only take place in case of widespread corruption and irregularities done by the federation concerned. Otherwise, the present committee would continue with their jobs. What I want is to ensure transparency and accountability in all sports bodies," he said.

About his aim for next five years, Rahman said that he does not believe in failure. "If I fail as state minister for sports, I would let down my government. As I don't want that to happen, I want success."

He also sought cooperation of the media to help him guide Bangladesh sports to glory.

"I know people have great expectations from sports. And, I have to admit at the same time that I have hardly any knowledge on how to succeed in sports. But don't worry, people from all corners of the country's sports have assured me of co-operation. Hopefully things will go all right," he said.

Bang A-CCI one-dayer today

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh A team will begin their month-long India tour with a limited-overs match against Cricket Club of India (CCI) President's Eleven at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai this morning.

The second string national side, which is led by former Bangladesh all-rounder Khaled Mahmud, are scheduled to play seven limited-overs matches and three three-day matches in the tour arranged as part for their preparation for next January's Busta Cup in the Caribbean.

Among the home team players leg-spinner Sairaj Bahutule is the only one with Test experience.

PROBABLE TEAMS

BANGLADESH A: Khaled Mahmud (captain), Mehrab Hossain, Mohammad Ashraf, Tushar Imran, Sanwar Hossain, Hasanuzzaman, Anwar Hossain, Mohammad Rafique, Moshfiqur Rahman, Bikas Ranjan Das, Mashrafe bin-Mortuza Kowshik and Fahim Muntasir.

CCI PRESIDENT'S ELEVEN: V Samant (captain), Sairaj Bahutule, Robin Morris, Swapnil Hazari, Sachin Sawant, Digvijay Singh, Rahul Thakur, Chetan Ladiwala, Deepak Sawant, Sanhit Pande, Bravish Shetty, Kunalakar and Rishi Rupani.

Wisden coming to India

REUTERS, Bombay

Publishers of the Wisden Cricketers' Almanack will launch their monthly magazine in India in December, taking it outside Britain for the first time.

"Outside Britain, India are the biggest market," Robin Bevan, chief executive officer of Wisden Online, told reporters in Bombay on Tuesday.

"It will be lively, have some of the best articles and a distinct Indian flavour," Bevan said. The publishers plan to print 50,000 copies, with about 20 per cent circulated in England, Australia, the Gulf countries, Bangladesh, Pakistan and the United States.

Doharty enters last eight

SPORTS REPORTER

William F Doharty of JIBB's moved into the quarterfinals of the Gulshan Club President's Gold Cup Billiards and Snooker Tournament ousting national champion Rifat H Rezi of Narayanang Club by four frames to two on Tuesday.

In the other matches, Ziaur Rahman Azad beat Manzurul A Parvez of Chittagong Club by 4-2 frames, SA Russell of Gulshan Club Shahabuddin Raj of Chittagong Club by 4-3 frames.

Cronje's date with destiny

REUTERS, Pretoria

Former South Africa captain Hansie Cronje will learn on Wednesday whether his appeal against a life ban from the game has been successful. Justice Frank Kirk-Cohen will begin delivering his judgement in the Pretoria High Court at 0800 GMT and the verdict is expected to take about an hour to be delivered.

Cronje was banned for life by his former employers, the United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa, after admitting to taking over 130,000 dollars in bribes from illegal bookmakers to influence the course of matches.

Cronje's lawyers claimed in the High Court three weeks ago that he had been entitled to a hearing before the ban was applied and that the ban infringed on his personal rights and South African labour law.

Sharjah tri-series Lanka bring in two rookies

AFP/AP, Colombo

Sri Lanka Monday named a 15-member squad led by Sanath Jayasuriya for the tri-nation Sharjah Cup cricket tournament.

The selectors picked two new medium-pace bowlers — Prabhat Nissanka and Charitha Buddhika to support pace spearhead Chaminda Vaas.

Pakistan and Zimbabwe will be the other countries playing in the tournament which will run through October 26-November 4.

Organisers of the event reaffirmed on Monday that the meet would not be disrupted because of security concerns in the region.

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PHOTO: INTERNET

Chief executive officer of Wisden Online Robin Bevan displays a mock-up of the Wisden cricket magazine to be launched later this year in India during a news conference in Mumbai yesterday.

Fleming hits form

Cricket

REUTERS, Brisbane

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming led by example with an unbeaten century as the touring side made 297 for eight on the first day of their Australian tour opener against the Queensland Academy of Sport on Tuesday.

Fleming, who made 133 not out, punished the young Academy attack by hitting 102 runs in boundaries as he lifted the tourists from 83 for four, with opener Mark Richardson providing the other early resistance with 40.

Fleming, with a reputation in Test matches of failing to build major scores, was always in control against the Academy, whose decision to field seemed to have paid off when the tourists slumped from 69 for one.

The 28-year-old was in touch from the beginning, backing up his comment on his team's arrival that New Zealand's hopes of beating Australia rested heavily on the senior players.

Fleming had support from

Richardson and from Craig McMillan who looked sharp until, on 33, he scooped a lazy drive to Scott O'Leary at mid-on from the bowling of James Hopes.

New Zealand's other top-order batsmen never settled, with Nathan



STEPHEN FLEMING

Astle making a duck, Matthew Bell going for eight and Mathew Sinclair plodding to 17 before being bowled by Damien Mackenzie, who took four for 54.

New Zealand arranged the four-day match after their Test tour to Pakistan was cancelled because of

India-Kenya tie today Two-match ban on Odumbe

REUTERS, Port Elizabeth

Kenya captain Maurice Odumbe has been banned for two matches for making critical public comments about an umpire.

At a news conference after Kenya's nine wicket loss to South Africa in Kimberley on Sunday, Odumbe accused one of the umpires of contravening the spirit of cricket.

"I must point out that there was one gentleman out there who was not very friendly towards us and I've put that in my report," Odumbe said.

On Tuesday match referee Judge Ahmed Ebrahim said Odumbe had been banned for two matches.

"Maurice Odumbe has been suspended for two matches," Judge Ebrahim told reporters. "He's been found guilty of breaching code 8C of the ICC (International Cricket Council) code of conduct which precludes team officials and players from making public comment about umpires. There are proper channels for this to be done."

Odumbe will miss Kenya's match against India in Port Elizabeth on Wednesday and their final game against South Africa in Cape Town on October 22. He will be available for selection for their final group match against India in Paarl on October 24.

Kenya are bottom of the Standard Bank triangular tournament after heavy defeats in their opening three games.

Test batting line-up along with front-line bowlers Dion Nash and Daniel Vettori.

The visitors named their regular

safety concerns in the region.

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Scoreboard

Scoreboard at close on the first day of a four-day tour match between Queensland Academy of Sport and New Zealand Tuesday:

NEW ZEALAND: First innings				
Richardson c Hartley b O'Leary	40			
Bell lbw b Johnson	8			
Sinclair b Mackenzie	17			
Fleming not out	133			
Astle c Hartley b Mackenzie	0			
McMillan c O'Leary b Hopes	33			
Parore lbw b Mackenzie	22			
Nash c Hartley b Mackenzie	0			
Vettori c Carseldine b Johnson	15			
Tuffey not out	12			
Extras: (nb-4, b-5, lb-8)	17			
Total: (For 8 wks in 97 overs)	297			
Fall of wickets: 1-36, 2-69, 3-77, 4-83, 5-142, 6-201, 7-203, 8-247				
Bowler				
Johnson	22	8	78	2
Hopes	29	10	74	1
Mackenzie	21	7	54	4
O'Leary	11	3	36	1
Hauritz	14	3	42	0

Reds make a recovery

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Red team staged a fightback against the Bangladesh Green team at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Tuesday.

On the second day of the four-day practice match, the Naimur Rahman-led Reds, trailing the Greens by 94 runs in the first innings, closed the day at 124 for one to gain them a slim lead of 30 runs with still nine wickets in hand.

The Reds, who were bundled out for merely 87 in the first innings on Monday, rode on opener Javed Omar and one down Al-Shahriar.

The pair have added 78 runs for the unbroken second wicket stand. They came together after opening batsman Hannan fell for ten.

The tall Al-Shahriar took the Green bowlers to the sword. The right-hander helped himself to a six and five fours during his unbeaten 55 off 90 balls.

Javed was on the other hand more sedate. His 48 off 116 balls included six boundaries.

Earlier, the Greens of national wicketkeeper Khaled Masood, who

resumed their first innings on 30 for one, were all out for 181.

Local hero Akram Khan scored a brilliant 60 off 91 balls. In his 91-ball stay at the crease, the robust right hander smote six boundaries.

Among others, opener Ehsanul Haq chipped in with 38.

For the Greens, medium-pace Neeeyamur Rashid returned with a five-wicket haul conceding 20 runs in 7.4 overs. New-ball bowler Mohammad Sharif and veteran left-arm spinner Enamul Hoque took two wickets each.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the second day of the four-day practice match between Bangladesh Red and Bangladesh Green at the MA Aziz Stadium on Tuesday:

BANGLADESH RED: First innings 87 all out in 42.3 overs (Hannan 19, Naimur 16, Al-Shahriar 15, Tareque 3/34, Hasibul 2/16, Mosaddek 2/9, Alamgir 2/24)

BANGLADESH GREEN: First innings (Overnight 30 for one in 13 overs)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hasibul	10	2	27	0
Alamgir	7	1	23	0
Sabbir	5	0	24	0
Tareque	7	2	18	1
Mosaddek	10	2	27	0

Bashar c Sajjad b Neeeyamur 4

Akram Khan c sub b Neeeyamur 60

K Masood b Enamul 16

Sabbir c Al-Shahriar b Enamul 13

Hasibul c Hannan b Neeeyamur 13

Alamgir c b Neeeyamur 0

Tareque not out 0

Extras: (b-5, nb-3, w-2) 10

Total: (All out in 66.4 overs) 181

Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-57, 3-68, 4-76, 5-77, 6-106, 7-142, 8-178, 9-181

Bowler

Monjurul 12 2 26 0

Sharif 12 2 27 0

Naimur 10 2 36 1

Neeeyamur 7.4 1 20 5

Enamul 18 1 44 2

Taposh 4 0 11 0

Aminul 3 0 12 0

BANGLADESH RED: Second

innings

Javed Omar not out 48

Hannan c Bashir b Tareque 10

Sharif 12 2 27 0

Al-Shahriar not out 55

Extras: (lb-5, nb-6) 11

Total: (For 1 wkt in 39 overs) 124

Fall of wicket: 1-46

Bowler

Hasibul 10 2 27 0

Alamgir 7 1 23 0

Sabbir 5 0 24 0

Tareque 7 2 18 1

Mosaddek 10 2 27 0

England must not worry

Cricket

AFP, New Delhi

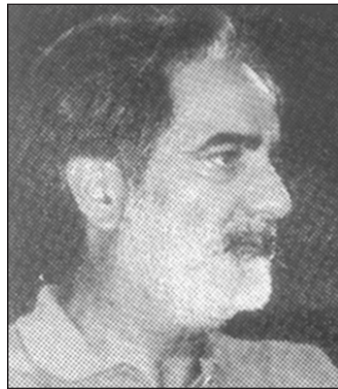
England's cricket team should not cancel next month's tour of India as it would be playing at "one of the safest venues in the world," a top Indian official said on Tuesday.

Indrajit Singh Bindra, president of the Punjab Cricket Association which hosts the first Test at Mohali, said reports of security concerns surrounding the tour were exaggerated and unfounded.

"Mohali is one of the safest venues in the world," Bindra told this news agency. "We are only seeing the war on CNN, but there is no impact here."

"If Punjab could successfully host the West Indies at the height of Sikh militancy in the 1980s, there is no reason why the England match

cannot be held." Doubts over the tour arose following the US strikes in nearby



INDERJIT SINGH BINDRA

Afghanistan amidst fears of a backlash from Muslim fundamentalists. England and Wales Cricket

Board (ECB) chairman Lord Ian MacLaurin said on Monday the tour would go ahead only if there was considerable improvement in the situation.

Bindra scoffed at British media fears that the northern town of Mohali was too close for comfort to the war zone in Afghanistan.

"We are 500-600 miles from the Afghan border, we have no Muslim community here, the airbase nearby is not being used for anything to do with Afghanistan, and we have a moat around the ground which no spectator has ever crossed," Bindra said.

"We are ready to host England. Cancellation of the tour would send wrong signals. I see no reason why it should be called off."

England are scheduled to arrive in India on November 14 for a three-

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PHOTO: INTERNET

Afghanistan national cricketers offer prayers during a break on the second day of their two-day match against Nowshera Cricket Association (NCA) at the Gymkhana Ground in Peshawar yesterday. The visiting side lost the match by 10 wickets. (Scores: Afghanistan 125 all out and 197 all out v NCA 224 all out and 99 without loss)

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Kournikova
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Hayward recalled

REUTERS, Port Elizabeth

Eastern Province fast bowler Mornantau Hayward has been added to the South African squad for their Standard Bank one-day international against India, due to be played in East London on Friday.

Hayward's inclusion was announced in a press release from the United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa on Tuesday.

The convenor of national selectors, Rushdi Magiet, said the selectors would meet in East London on Friday to re-assess the squad for the match against Kenya in Cape Town on October 22 and the final of the triangular tournament in Durban on October 26.

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



RODNEY MARSH

Academy will be based, was as partisan as anyone when he was a player but said his attitude changed when he began coaching.

"I saw some guys coaching who were so intense about winning and I realised that was the wrong way to go. What matters is how the players are developing."

Marsh added that he hadn't taken to job out of pity for England, said of spectacular catches of the likes of fellow Western Australian Dennis Lillee for his country's Test teams of the 1970s and early 1980s.

Also a combative left-handed batsman when Marsh retired in 1984 it was with a then Test record