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Nasser Hussain

(England cricket captain)
"India is the toughest tour for England."



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4. How many Test centuries has Sachin Tendulkar scored?	30	22	
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Mainul under fire

Masood made captain for NZ tour



SPORTS REPORTER

Khaled Masood has been named captain for the tour of New Zealand next month. The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) took the decision in a meeting held at its Gulshan office on Tuesday.

The Board also chose prolific middle-order batsman Habibul Bashar as vice-captain for the two-Test tour.

Bangladesh will fly down under on November 30. The first Test is in Hamilton starting on December 18. The second Test commences in Wellington from December 26. The tour will also involve a three and four-day match before the Test series.

Ahmed Sajjadul Alam, a Board director, will be the team manager while Ahmed Jamal will act as assistant manager.

The selection of Jamal, a director from Rajshahi, once again exposes the silly and outdated policy of picking officials who hardly possess any cricketing background.

Besides, the post of assistant manager is unheard of in the other Test-playing nations. This goes against the spirit that former BCB president Saber Hossain tried so hard

to instil. He wanted to stop the practice of sending Board members on tours by rotation.

The main focus of the meeting however was the unbecoming act of chief selector Mainul Huq, who clearly crossed the line while announcing the squad for New Zealand at Chittagong on Monday.

Mainul went on record saying that he could bowl just as good as

a bowler. He is just rolling his arm which even I can do".

The Board deemed his remark out of context and norm, and it decided to issue a strong show cause notice on Mainul, a former national player.

In another decision, the Board appointed ex-cricketer GS Hasan Tamim as manager of the Bangladesh Under-19 team that will



MAINUL HUQ

axed captain Naimur Rahman while justifying his panel's decision to drop the 27-year-old all-rounder both as skipper and player.

Mainul was even quoted in a number of Bengali national dailies as saying: "Naimur has no future as



KHALED MASOOD

play in January's World Youth Cup in New Zealand.

Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury, who is currently in Australia with the youth team, has been retained as coach for the New Zealand carnival.

Div team lack star flavour



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Former national captain Minhazul Abedin will lead a Chittagong Divisional cricket team against Zimbabwe in a limited-overs exhibition match at MA Aziz Stadium here today.

The warm-up match for a local selection against a visiting Test side will start at 9am.

But the Chittagonians will miss seeing another local hero Akram Khan, who ruled himself out for personal reasons.

Akram was named vice-captain of the 14-member divisional team, but the experienced middle-order batsman flew to New Delhi instead.

The national selectors on Monday dropped the former Bangladesh captain both from the first one-day to be played here on Friday as well as for the tour of New Zealand starting next month.

The axe fell on Akram after he scored just seven runs in two innings

of the second Test, which Zimbabwe won by eight wickets.

Young sensation Mohammed Ashraf also declined to play in the friendly match due to what he termed as 'illness'.

Veteran left-arm spinner Enamul Hoque also wanted a break after being over-bowled in both the Dhaka and Chittagong Tests.

His refusal however enraged the officials of CDSA (Chittagong

Divisional Sports Association) who told the press that they would ask the Bangladesh Cricket Board to impose a two-year suspension on Enamul.

Obviously, the absence of the trio will certainly draw a smaller crowd. But, still the return of into the field after a long time Minhazul is always something to look forward to.

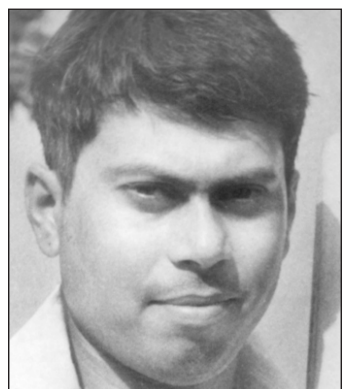
The veteran right-hander has not played a competitive match since leading Mohammedan to lifting the Premier League title last season.

"We have nothing to lose in the match and we will try our best to entertain the home crowd," said Minhazul at a press briefing yesterday.

Both teams had their nets at venue yesterday.

SQUAD

Minhazul Abedin (captain), Azam Iqbal, Sanwar Hossain, Ehsanul Haq, Shafiuddin Ahmed, Mohammed Sharif, Golam Murtaza (wicketkeeper), Anisul Hakim, Mohammed Tareq, Masum-ud Doula, Sabir Khan, Sumon Barua, Suja Irfan and Mohammed Alamgir.



MINHAZUL ABEDIN

D'gupta, Dravid draw Test



AFP, Port Elizabeth

Deep Dasgupta and Rahul Dravid earned a draw for India when they shared a 171-run second wicket stand on the fifth and final day of the second Test against South Africa at St George's Park Tuesday.

India, set to make an improbable 395 to win, were 206 for three when bad light stopped play with 10.4 overs due to be bowled. An earlier 75-minute break for bad light and rain had cut a further 19 overs of play.

The result meant that the teams go into the third and final Test at Centurion starting on Friday with the series undecided. South Africa won the first Test in Bloemfontein by nine wickets.

India will go into the final match without Virender Sehwag, who made a century on his Test debut in Bloemfontein.

Sehwag, one of six players controversially disciplined by match referee Mike Denness, was suspended for one match for excessive appealing, intimidating an umpire and using abusive language during Sunday's play.

The emotion generated by the action taken against the Indian players, including Indian star Sachin Tendulkar, who was fined 75 per cent of his match fee for interfering with the match ball while he was bowling, threatened to overshadow the action on the field.

The results of the disciplinary hearings were announced shortly before the start of the final day's play.

But Dravid and Dasgupta produced an outstanding batting performance to bolster Indian pride.

Dasgupta, who was fined 75 per cent of his match fee for excessive appealing and intimidating the umpire, made 63, while Dravid made 87 before he was caught behind off Morantau Hayward in the fifth over with the second new ball.

By that stage the light was poor

and at the end of the over the umpires offered the batsmen the chance to go off. Rain started falling soon afterwards but it cleared and a further 11.2 overs were bowled during which Dasgupta was caught at second slip off Hayward.

Dasgupta and Dravid, who came together after Shaun Pollock took a wicket in the first over of the final innings Monday, batted for more than five hours. The pair played solidly but cautiously as they scored at barely two runs an over, with victory clearly not a realistic option.

South Africa had high hopes of clinching the three-match series when play started under sunny skies despite a weather forecast that there was an 80 percent chance of rain showers.

But the South African bowlers were unable to make any impression on two determined batsmen with the pitch not offering the bowlers any unusual assistance.

Because of time lost to rain and bad light earlier in the match, a theoretical minimum of 105 overs was available to the South African bowlers.

Dravid, playing in his 50th Test, had made only 15 runs in his first three innings of the series, but he

played an innings more in keeping with a man who has a career Test batting average above 50. He made his 87 in 312 minutes, facing 241 balls and hitting 12 fours.

Dasgupta, 24, showed skill and impressive temperament as he made his maiden Test half-century. Playing in only his second Test, the Indian wicketkeeper was pushed into service as an emergency opening batsman.

Dasgupta ducked into a bouncer from Jacques Kallis and was struck on the back of his batting helmet

when he had 32 and survived close lbw appeals by left-arm spinner Nicky Boje and Pollock. But he was seldom troubled in a marathon innings of 322 minutes, during which he faced 270 balls and hit seven fours.

Despite doubts about the potency of South Africa's bowling, which has relied almost entirely on Pollock, the selectors announced an unchanged squad for the final Test. It means the bowling will be unchanged with the only possible change in the starting team being the inclusion of batsman Jacques Rudolph for Boeta Dippenaar.

Pollock took 16 of the 33 wickets claimed by South Africa in the first two Tests.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fifth day of the second Test between India and South Africa at St George's Park Tuesday:

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 362 (H Gibbs 196, M Boucher 68 not out; J Srinath 6-76)

INDIA: First innings 201 (V Laxman 89, S Ganguly 42; S Pollock 5-40)

SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings 233-5 declared (J Kallis 89 not out, S Pollock 55 not out)

INDIA: Second innings (overnight 28-1)
Das c Boucher b Pollock 0
Dasgupta c Kallis b Hayward 63
Dravid c Boucher b Hayward 87
Tendulkar not out 22
Ganguly not out 4
Extras: (b-10, lb-7, nb-12, w-1) 30
Total: (For 3 wkts in 96.2 overs)206

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DRAVID... on reaching 50

Asian Club Cup Mukti-Anyang match today

SPORTS REPORTER

Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra will take on South Korean champions Anyang in the second-leg away match of the 21st Asian Club Cup Championship in Seoul today.

The Federation Cup champions qualified for the second phase with a 3-0 aggregate win over Maldives' New Radiant Club earlier this month.

This will be the first time the all reds would be meeting a top Korean side. The winners of the two-leg encounter will advance into the quarterfinals.

The return leg will be held in Dhaka on October 28.

The former Premier League champions have two foreign booters including ace Nigerian marksman Emeka Achilefu, who was the League's top-scorer this season.

Muktijoddha's 20-member squad flew to the South Korean capital on Sunday.

SQUAD

Hasan-al Mamun (captain), Aminul, Zia, Rajani, Prodeep Poddar, Prodeep Barua, Motiur Munna, Rakib, Nayan, Nazrul, Mizanur Rahman, Monju, Emeka, Farhad, Shamsher, Sumon, Moni, Abdullah Osalio, Atiqur Rahman (coach)

Dalmiya shocked

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, from New Delhi

Indian cricket board chief Jagmohan Dalmiya on Tuesday described as "shocking" the harsh punishment meted out to six Indian players, including Sachin Tendulkar and skipper Sourav Ganguly.

"It is definitely shocking," said Dalmiya, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), in Kolkata when asked to comment on the punishment handed out to the Indian players by match referee Mike Denness, a former England Test captain.

Dalmiya, the former president of the International Cricket Council (ICC), said the board would decide the next course of action only after receiving a written report from the Indian team management in South Africa.

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Biman atop alone

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Biman took the lead in the Mercantile Bank First Division Chess League at the Chess Federation auditorium yesterday.

The national airlines, who blanked Farashganj Sporting Club 4-0, are now at top of the table with 17 points on completion of the fifth round.

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman, International Master Reefat-bin-Sattar, Abdullah-al-Rakib and Enamul Hossain all won their boards against Nurul Alam, Aminul Islam Polash, Santanu Laheri and Kazi Taherul Islam respectively.

Overnight co-leaders Tias Club slipped to the second position with 16 points. The holders beat Nakhapara Jubo Kalyan Sangha 3-1.

Saifuddin Lavlu, Syed Ruhul Kabir and Mehdi Hasan of Titas won against Shafiq Ahmed, Chanchal Kumar Gosh and Debaraj Chatterjee.

But the shock defeat of GM Niaz Mursheed spoiled Titas' clean sweep. He ran out of time against Prosenjit Dutta.

Kamlapur Samaj Kallyan and Krira Sangha hold the third position with 14 points. They defeated Anirban Chess School by 2.5-1.5 points.

Sonali Bank drew with Bangladesh Ansars. CJ Arbind and Pritom Sharma won against Khondaker Aminul Islam and Shawkat Hossain.

However, Abu Sufian Shakil and Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon turned the tables on Shikder and Masudur Rahman Dipu of Sonali Bank.

In other results, Leonie Chess Club drubbed Crescent Club 4-0, Anu Memorial Club also recorded an identical 4-0 score against Bangsal Progati Samaj Kalyan Sangha, Mohakhali Prodip Sangha beat Narayanganj District Chess Players Association 2.5-1.5 and Dhaka University Chess Club drew with Dhaka Daba Ghar.

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Pabna soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Sathia Khelower Kallyan Samity defeated Sonar Bangla Club 4-3 in a Radhuni Second Division Football League match at the local stadium yesterday.

Madpur Krira Chakra will take on Ambagan Krira Chakra today at the same venue.



WE ARE BEHIND YOU: Young Indians hold a poster of Sachin Tendulkar as a posture of their support in Bombay yesterday. The batting maestro was on Tuesday sanctioned by ICC match referee Mike Denness for an alleged ball tampering.

Tendulkar tampered



AFP, Port Elizabeth

Six Indian national cricket players including batting maestro Sachin Tendulkar, were punished on Tuesday for irregularities during the second Test against South Africa in this east coast city here.

Their fines and suspensions were announced by Gerald Majola, chief executive of the United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa, at a press conference on Tuesday.

Tendulkar was fined 75 per cent of his match fee and given a suspended one-match ban, valid until December 31 for interfering with the ball, while newcomer Virender Sehwag was fined 75 per cent of his match fee.

Sehwag was also banned for one

one-match bans for showing dissent and attempting to intimidate the umpire by charging.

Their ban was suspended until the end of January next year.

Ball tampering has a long history in cricket, widely practised in the past by bowlers -- armed with bottle tops, fingernails and vaseline -- to try and make the ball swing or seam more.

Match officials have cracked down on the practice in recent years and the issue remains an emotive one.

Former England captain Michael Atherton and Pakistan pace bowlers Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis were all accused of doctored the ball during their careers.

Wasim, who like Waqar was never found guilty, threatened to go to court over the allegations. Atherton, while not found guilty of

that Tendulkar cannot have doctored the ball, whatever television pictures suggest, since the umpires make regular checks of the ball. The same argument was used by Atherton's supporters.



Denness's definition

AFP, Port Elizabeth

Match referee Mike Denness revealed further details Tuesday of his controversial decision to give Indian cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar a fine and a suspended ban for interfering with the match ball during the second Test against South Africa at St George's Park.

In a statement issued on behalf of Denness, United Cricket Board of South Africa chief executive Gerald Majola said the decision to ask for video footage of Tendulkar and then



These video grabs spoke against Tendulkar.

Test for showing dissent, attempting to intimidate the umpire and abusive language.

Indian captain Sourav Ganguly was given a suspended ban of one Test and two one-day internationals for failing to control his players.

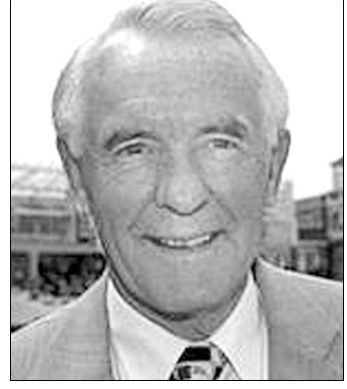
Three other players, Harbhajan Singh, Deep Dasgupta and Shiv Das, were fined 75 per cent of their match fees and given suspended



changing the state of the ball, was fined for breaking the rules by rubbing dirt from his pocket on to the ball.

Denness had summoned Tendulkar to a hearing after television pictures of Sunday's play appeared to show him interfering with the seam of the ball with his fingernail.

The Indian argument, however, is



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Outrage in India



AFP, New Delhi

India should cancel its ongoing cricket tour of South Africa following the fines and suspensions handed out to Sachin Tendulkar and five others, an Indian newspaper said on Tuesday.

Reactions to the decision of match referee Mike Denness to punish the Indians during the second Test at Port Elizabeth ranged from accusations of racial bias to indignation that the nation had been insulted.

The verdicts against Tendulkar, a demi-god in cricket-mad India, and the others horrified the media and officials alike.

The 28-year-old Tendulkar, seen by Don Bradman as his natural heir, has played 86 Tests and 280 one-day games.

"After the disgraceful, draconian action taken by match referee Mike Denness our team should return home immediately and to hell with the consequences," the Mid-Day newspaper said in an editorial.

"We should call off the tour to protest in the strongest possible terms against an unprecedented autocratic action, which palpably violates all canons of natural justice, and which will rank in the annals of the game as a heinous scandal which is as, if not more, despicable than the match-fixing drama."

"The decisions are patently prejudiced, especially in the light of the repeated, intimidating appeals during the Indian innings at Port Elizabeth by South African skipper Shaun Pollock against whom no action has been taken."

"Much as one hates to believe it, cricket continues to be the Brown Man's burden -- witness the allegations of suspect bowling action concerning Harbhajan Singh, Muttiah Muralitharan and Shoab

continent for disciplinary action and forgetting the misdemeanour of cricketers from other countries.

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Gavaskar, who is now in South Africa as a television commentator, insisted that he felt Sachin was removing dirt and grass from the seam of the ball and did not indulge in tampering.

In fact, Sachin was a model cricketer for his on and off-field conduct, Gavaskar added.

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