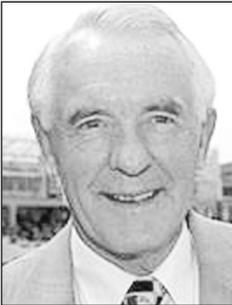




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SERIES SNIPPETS

Cricket

HASAN MASOOD

Young Tushar Imran's exclusion after only one match made some critics sceptical about the selection policy, which is said to be designed at finding the core of a youthful one-day side for the 2003 World Cup in South Africa.

The exciting top-order batsman, who in the A team's India tour recently became the first Bangladeshi to score a double hundred on foreign soil, perished for only six runs on his international debut in the first one-dayer in Chittagong.

"It is just because of our team tactics we have left Tushar out of this match. We have taken four seamers today (Sunday) sacrificing one batsman. We had to make a choice out of Sanwar and Tushar," said Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad, a selector and the team manager.

Saad was found to be more concerned at the loss of toss yesterday. "We needed to win the toss badly as there would be fog after sunset," he said.

Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud lost all tosses in his two matches in charge.

U-19 CRICKETERS BACK IN TOWN

Bangladesh under-19 cricket team returned home late Saturday night after a six-week tour of Australia.

During their trip, they spent most of their times at the famous Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy in Adelaide and also played eleven one-day matches against different Australian selections including Australia under-19.

The youngsters impressed all winning eight out of their eleven matches there.

Talking to this correspondent, coach Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury said the tour was specially designed to avail methodical training for his boys in the Australian Cricket Academy. He is confident that it would help Bangladesh cricket a lot in the future.

Sri Lankan Carlton Barmerdus is the other proud coach who accompanied the team in Australia.

BUSY SCHEDULE FOR BANGLADESH

Bangladesh cricketers will not get any break before February next year as they will have to face Pakistan in two Tests and a three-match one-day series at home as soon as they return home from New Zealand.

Bangladesh team, leaving for New Zealand on November 30, will return home either on January 1 or 2 after playing two Tests and two first class matches.

Talking to this correspondent, BCB director Syed Ashraf Huj said yesterday that Pakistan would also arrive in the capital in the first week of January. He also said that the itinerary would be finalised by early next month.

"We are waiting for an official confirmation from the BCCI on whether India would come or not to play in a tri-nation limited-over series along with Bangladesh and Pakistan. We plan to hold the tri-nation series before the start of the Test series," said Ashraf last night. If Indian government declines to send its team to play against Pakistan here, there might be a change in the one-day schedule, he

McMillan's plan

REUTERS, Hobart

Craig McMillan has said on Sunday he will try to build on his record fifth-wicket partnership of 97 with New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming on Monday to shield the lower order from a possible collapse against the second new ball.

Their stand bettered the previous fifth-wicket record of 92 for the Kiwis in Tests against Australia which was set by Nathan Astle (66) and McMillan (45) in the first match of the three-Test series in Brisbane earlier this month.

"Tomorrow they'll have the new ball (three overs old) so that's an important stage for us," McMillan said.

"We want to get through this spell because we don't want to expose the lower order to the new ball.

"It was a tough start when we lost those early wickets (after resuming at 71 for two in reply to Australia's 558 for eight declared).

"When you're chasing a follow-on target of 360-odd you need some solid partnerships.

"I thought they bowled very well, they are very demanding bowling that channel just outside off stump and the ball was doing a bit so it made life tough.

"We realised that we had to put our heads down and we've still got a big job to do tomorrow."

The aggressive 25-year-old right-hander from Canterbury said the constant rain delays, which have washed out almost 10 hours of play in the Test including the entire evening session on Sunday, were unsettling for the batting side.

said.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN AT BNS PRESS BOX

An army of vote-seekers for the forthcoming Dhaka Reporters Unity election targeted the sports journalists on duty at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

When Bangladesh bowlers were sent for leather hunts across the ground, a huge number of DRU candidates thronged the press box to seek votes.

The Coca-Cola Series gave them an ideal opportunity to get most of the sports reporters in town at the same place and at the same

time. The DRU election is scheduled to be held on November 30.

FOURTH 300-PLUS
Sunday's 305 for six at the Bangabandhu National Stadium was Zimbabwe's fourth three hundred-plus innings in eight one-day internationals against Bangladesh.

The Zimbabweans scored 310 for six against Bangladesh in the Meril Cup in March 1999 at the same venue.

Bangladesh, in reply, were all out for 184.

The Southern African scored 308 for 4 against Bangladesh in Bulawayo in April this year with Grant Flower hammering a brilliant 142 not out.

Bangladesh then gave a respectable reply scoring 272 for eight in 50 overs.

Zimbabwe also scored 305 for 4 against Bangladesh in the President Cup Triangular Series in Kenya in October 1997. It was the two Flower Brothers -- Andrew (81) and Grant (79) -- who bloomed to the full in that innings.

In reply, Bangladesh, who were playing their first match after ICC awarded ODI status earlier in the same year, replied with 257 all out in 47.1 overs.

BANGLADESH-ZIMBABWE SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the second one-day international between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Sunday:

ZIMBABWE:		R	B	4	6
Grant Flower b Monjurul Islam		22	19	3	0
Dion Ebrahim run out (Javed Omar)		121	140	11	0
Stuart Carlisle run out (Sanwar Hossain)		44	59	4	0
Andy Flower c Al Shahrir b Khaled Mahmud		10	9	2	0
Craig Wishart b Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza		68	60	2	3
Douglas Marillier b Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza		5	6	0	0
Sean Ervine not out		6	4	1	0
Heath Streak not out		23	7	2	2
Extras: (b-1, lb-2, w-3, nb-4)		10			
Total: (For 6 wickets in 50 overs)		309			
Fall of wickets: 1-25 (G Flower), 2-133 (Carlisle), 3-145 (A Flower), 4-269 (Wishart), 5-276 (Ebrahim), 6-286 (Marillier)					
Did not bat: Travis Friend, Mluleki Nkala, Gary Brent					
Bowler		O	M	R	W
Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza		9	0	48	2
Monjurul Islam		6	0	35	1
Hasibul Hossain		3	0	27	0
Mohammad Rafique		10	0	82	0
Khaled Mahmud		9	0	44	1
Habibul Bashir		9	0	47	0
Mohammad Ashraf		4	0	23	0
BANGLADESH		R	B	4	6
Javed Omar c Andy Flower b Heath Streak		27	28	5	0
Al Shahrir run out (Gary Brent)		15	20	3	0
Mohammad Ashraf b Travis Friend		14	21	2	0
Habibul Bashir b Sean Ervine		66	95	5	0
Sanwar Hossain run out (Douglas Marillier)		52	88	1	0
Khaled Mahmud c Travis Friend b Gary Brent		38	4	1	1
Mohammad Rafique b Sean Ervine		4	5	0	0
Hasibul Hossain b Heath Streak		0	1	0	0
Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza b Gary Brent		1	2	0	0

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Of course it wasn't to be the same for the visitors as for the home side, Zimbabwe still had some support at the Bangabandhu National Stadium during the second one-day international against Bangladesh on Sunday.

Asgar set to become new BCB boss

SPORTS REPORTER

BNP lawmaker Ali Asgar Lobi is likely to be made Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president in the next couple of days, a reliable source disclosed yesterday.

Asgar, an MP unopposed in the by-election from the Khulna 2 constituency, might take over the mantle of Bangladesh cricket on Wednesday replacing Energy and Mineral Resources secretary Akmal Hossain.

Akmal was made interim Board president by the caretaker government in August in place of Saber Hossain Chowdhury, who set a high standard in governing the game for five years.

It was gathered that the decision of appointing Asgar for the high profile job was taken by the ruling party high command on Saturday. A government notification is likely to be circulated by the morning of Wednesday, the source confirmed, adding that necessary papers have already been processed in the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

The owner of the Banani's Hawa Bhaban, Asgar however shows an uncommon quality in his affiliation with clubs. He is a director of Abahani and also a governing body member of their arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club.

Asgar, who had been lobbying hard to get the most lucrative post in local sports since BNP was voted to power, is also the president of the Khulna Mohammedan Sporting Club.

UCB changes its mind?

AFP, Centurion

South Africa's support for the unofficial Test against India to be reinstated as an official match appeared to be wavering Sunday.

Percy Sonn, president of the United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa, said his board had not yet made a decision over the Test which has not been sanctioned by the International Cricket Council (ICC) after both India and South Africa said they would not play the match if Mike Denness was the referee.

Denness had caused a furore in India after punishing six Indian players following the second Test.

"We are keeping our options open," Sonn said.

His comments to journalists during the third day's play at Centurion Park contradicted a statement on television on Thursday South Africa would push at the next ICC board meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in March for the match to be given official status.

Sonn's apparent change of heart follows comments by South African captain Shaun Pollock, who said his players did not regard the match as a full Test.

Pollock said after the first day's play Friday he did not support moves to have the match reinstated as a Test.

"I don't think that will happen and I don't think it should. You need to know before the start of the game what it stands for," said Pollock.

Rajshahi cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Lord's A and Al-Rashid Cricket Academy A won their respective matches of the seventh Birshrestha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir Smriti Gold Cup cricket tournament at the local stadium yesterday.

In the first match, Lord's beat Bijoy Ekadash by eight wickets.

Batting first Bijoy made 76 in 21.2 overs.

In reply, Lord's reached the target conceding two wickets.

In other match of the day, Al-Rashid defeated Raninagar Cricket Training Centre by two runs.

Al-Rashid batted first and made 130 for nine in stipulated 23 overs.

In reply, Raninagar managed 128 losing all the wickets in 22.4 overs.

Q'land on top on Day One

AFP, Brisbane

Champions Queensland were just 38 runs from first innings points after only the opening day of their Sheffield Shield cricket match with New South Wales at the Gabba here Sunday.

In reply to the NSW total of 146, Queensland were 109 for four when the umpires called a halt after 82 of the scheduled 96 overs were bowled.

Clinton Perren (37 not out) was unbeaten at stumps after surviving a testing stint from the Blues, who reduced Queensland to 90 for four when one-day international Andrew

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Craig Wishart of Zimbabwe, who scored a whirlwind 68 off 60 balls, hoists one over long-on for a six against Bangladesh on Sunday.

SAFF set for Indo-Pak opener

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Runners-up Bangladesh have been placed in the Group B along with Nepal, Maldives and Bhutan for the first round of the third South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship to be held in Dhaka from January 26 to February 5.

The draw of the seven-nation regional meet was held in Kuala Lumpur yesterday in the afternoon with FIFA general secretary Michel Zen Rufynan present as chief guest.

Defending champions India lead the other group that also includes Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The tournament gets underway with India taking on their arch-rivals Pakistan on January 26. Hosts Bangladesh begin their campaign on the next day against Nepal.

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) assistant general secretary and SAFF secretary Sirajul Islam Bachchu, SAFF president Ganesh Thapa and Asian Football Confederation (AFC) general secretary Peter Velappan were also present in the draw.

Date	Match	Time
Jan 26	India v Pakistan	4:30 pm
Jan 27	Maldives v Bhutan	3:00 pm
	Bangladesh v Nepal	5:30 pm
Jan 28	India v Sri Lanka	4:00 pm
Jan 29	Nepal v Bhutan	3:00 pm
	Bangladesh v Maldives	5:30 pm
Jan 30	Pakistan v Sri Lanka	4:00 pm
Jan 31	Nepal v Maldives	3:30 pm
	Bangladesh v Bhutan	5:30 pm
Feb 3	First semifinal (A1 v B2)	3:00 pm
	Second semifinal (B1 v A2)	6:00 pm
Feb 5	Third place play-off	2:30 pm
	Final	5:30 pm

'Kandy Man' does it

Cricket

AFP, Kandy

Sri Lanka broke the 'Kandy jinx' with a 131-run victory over the West Indies on an absorbing fifth and final day of the second cricket Test here on Sunday.

The hosts, who had lost their last three Tests at this venue, owed their success to off-spin wizard Muttiah Muralitharan who grabbed six wickets to take his match-tally to 10.

Spinner Muralitharan's fourth successive haul of 10 or more wickets in Tests enabled Sri Lanka to clinch the series, following their victory in the opening Test at Galle last week.

The West Indies, needing 322 to win, could not even salvage a draw as they crashed to 190 in their second innings.

West Indian batting continued to wobble despite defiant knocks from Marlon Samuels (54), Brian Lara (45), who was dismissed in contro-

versial circumstances, caught off a bump ball, and Ramnaresh Sarwan (47).

Lara, West Indies' main hope of saving the match, was given out in the first over after tea.

'Kandy Man' Muralitharan never allowed the West Indies to build a

variations on a turning pitch.

Samuels raised the West Indies' hopes of saving the match with a 59-run stand for the seventh wicket with Mervyn Dillon in the last session, but Muralitharan soon swung the match in his team's favour.

The spinner broke the stand when he bowled Dillon (19) and then trapped Samuels leg before to end the tourists' late resistance, taking four wickets in his last four overs.

Muralitharan was well supported by left-arm spinner Niroshan Bandara-tilleke, who got the vital wickets of an experienced Carl Hooper and an in-form Lara to put the West Indies in deep trouble.

The West Indies' batting problems began in the first over when left-arm seamer Chaminda Vaas had Chris Gayle caught by wicketkeeper Kumar Sangakkara for no score.

Muralitharan then bowled opener Daren Ganga for his first wicket and continued to keep the pressure on the batsmen till his last

big partnership which they required to save the game with his clever

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Twin-ton up Proteas

Cricket

AFP, Centurion

Jacques Kallis and Shaun Pollock hit contrasting centuries as South Africa dominated India on the third day of the unofficial Test at Centurion Park Sunday.

When a thunderstorm ended play 13.5 overs early, South Africa had hammered 566 for eight in reply to India's first innings total of 232.

Kallis played a solid, risk-free innings of 110 as he continued a phenomenal run of batting form, while Pollock thrashed seven sixes and nine fours in a spectacular unbeaten 113.

Kallis, with an average in official Tests of 295 this season, batted for

almost five hours and faced 234 balls, hitting 18 fours in another classy performance.

Pollock, batting at number eight, faced only 109 balls as he pounded a tiring and ineffective Indian bowling attack. South Africa's dominance was underlined when Pollock and tailender Makhaya Ntini put on an unbeaten 121 for the ninth wicket at almost six runs an over.

Ironically for Kallis, he has not made an official Test century against India, even though he averaged 101 against the tourists in the two official Tests, hitting 202 runs for twice out with a highest score of 89 not out.

Earlier in the season, Kallis made 388 runs without being dismissed in three innings against Zimbabwe.

South Africa led what was scheduled as a three-Test series 1-0

New Zealand summon Drum

REUTERS, Hobart

Auckland pace bowler Chris Drum was called up to the New Zealand squad on Sunday as cover for injured seam bowler Daryl Tuffey.

Drum, 27, will fly to Perth on Monday to join the squad ahead of the third Test starting there on Friday, said chairman of selectors Richard Hadlee.

Tuffey, who injured his hamstring during the second Test being played in Hobart, will have his fitness checked on Monday but is unlikely to play in the third and final Test, officials said.

New Zealand were 190 for four in reply to Australia's first innings 558 for eight declared when rain interrupted play on the fourth day of the second Test on Sunday. The first Test in Brisbane earlier this month was drawn.

New Zealand sent home Shayne O'Connor (knee injury) and Dion Nash (stomach) after the first Test.

Drum made his Test debut against Pakistan in Christchurch in March, taking 1-21 from eight overs before injuring his collarbone.

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