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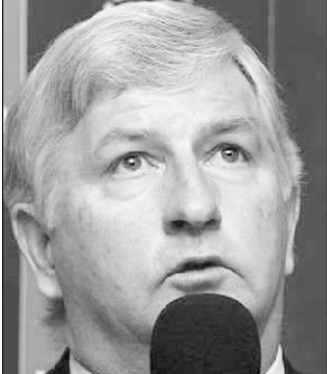
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Duncan Fletcher

(England cricket coach)
"It requires a lot of hard work to succeed in India. Not like in England where once you get 40-plus you can be confident and tend to relax. Here, one has to work through a long way and the process has to go on and on."

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1. Who became FIFA's World Player of the Year?	Beckham	Figo	Raul
2. Which team scored the lowest one-day international total?	Bangladesh/Zimbabwe/West Indies		
3. How many wickets did Chaminda Vaas take in a one-day match to set a new world record?	Seven	Eight	Nine
4. In how many Test did Anil Kumble take 300 wickets?	88	66	76
5. Who won the Sri Lanka tri-series?	West Indies/Sri Lanka/Zimbabwe		
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Pabna soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Ishwardy TSA defeated Al-Helal Club 4-1 in the Radhuni Second Division Football League at the local stadium yesterday.

Masum and Zahid netted two each for the winners while Sultan pulled one back for the losers.

Trevor under the axe



SPORTS REPORTER

Axe hangs over the head of national cricket coach Trevor Chappell as BCB (Bangladesh Cricket Board) president Ali Asghar has vowed to evaluate the performance of the Australian on his return from New Zealand.

Trevor's charges are now battling to save yet another innings defeat against the Black Caps in Wellington.

Talking to reporters at his Bangabandhu National Stadium office yesterday, Asghar, who was appointed Board president a month ago, said that it is about time the Board reviewed the very performance of its coach.

"You see, the performance of Bangladesh team in New Zealand is zero. They can not survive even three complete days. And as their coach Trevor has to bear his share of responsibility," said a visibly dejected Asghar. "His job was to improve the standard of the team, and, in my view, he has completely failed to do it."

Youngest of three Chappell brothers, Trevor took over the job in March last year and had so far four frustrating assignments that included home and away series against Zimbabwe and the Asian Test Championship.

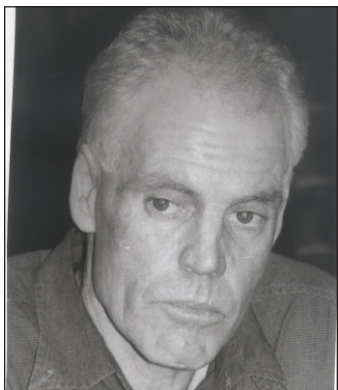
A former fielding coach of Sri Lanka, Trevor has a contract with the Board up to 2003 World Cup, but Asghar said that the Board has

the authority to terminate any contract at any time.

"We need someone younger and more efficient who has a fair idea about the condition and culture of the sub-continent and its people as well. We also expect that a coach should have a sound knowledge of his area of work," said the bespectacled BNP legislator from Khulna.

Asghar hinted that the Board might look for a West Indian for the job.

"We actually do not need a



TREVOR CHAPPELL

Pakistani or Indian for this job. A West Indian can very well motivate the boys because their weather and conditions are similar to what we have here," he said.

He said that the contract of the cricketers would also be reviewed after the current tour of New Zealand.

Asghar even took a swipe at the

present selection policy of the national team without mentioning anything particular. When asked whether he would interfere in the job of selectors, he refrained from giving any satisfactory answer.

He also revealed that he would have to terminate contracts with all the four Sri Lankan coaches working in Bangladesh at different age-group levels for shortage of fund.

He observed that local coaches were good enough to develop boys at these levels.

He also opined that local cricket was completely ignored in the last couple of seasons because of the international schedule and he would try his best to bring the local cricket back on its old track.

"It is unfortunate that we are playing international cricket for last two months but the domestic cricket has just begun two days back," he said.

Earlier, Asghar had a meeting with the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) at the conference room of Bangabandhu National Stadium.

It was agreed in principal that the domestic season next year would begin from October with the commencement of Damal Smrity tournament.

CCDM chairman and BCB director GS Hasan Tamim, BCB directors Syed Ashraf Haq, Mahmud UI Haq, Mahbulul Anam and organisers of different Dhaka clubs were present in the meeting.



PHOTO: STAR

CRICKET COMING TO TOWN: A worker is mowing the field of the Bangabandhu National Stadium, which is getting ready for Pakistan's upcoming tour, on Friday. Pakistan will play two Tests and three one-day internationals against the home side.

Asghar's Khulna mission

SPORTS REPORTER

Khulna might become the third Test venue of the country after Dhaka and Chittagong.

This was hinted by BCB president Ali Asghar on Friday.

Asghar, who also hails from Khulna, said that he had long cherished the dream of making Khulna a Test venue and hopes to fulfil that during his tenure as BCB supreme.

"We have two good hotels in Khulna where international players would have no problem staying. What we lack is a good ground. I will personally look into the matter so that we have a venue there by the end of 2003," Asghar said.

Asghar also said that Rajshahi might become a Test centre if proper international standard accommodation could be arranged there.

Umpires camp for ex-players

SPORTS REPORTER

A ten-day umpires training course began in the city yesterday under the auspices of the umpires panel of the Bangladesh Cricket Board.

Thirty-one cricketers including former national captain Faruque Ahmed, left-arm seamer Golam Nowsher Prince, Dr Asaduzzaman Misha and Mizanur Rahman Babul are taking part in the course.

BCB president Ali Asghar inaugurated the course as the chief guest.

Busta Cup 2001-2002 BD A's first challenge WI B



SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh A team will take on West Indies B in their first round match of the Busta Cup 2001-2002 at Edgar Gilbert Park in the St. Kitts according to the schedule announced by the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB).

The match, scheduled for January 25-28, will be one of four opening round fixtures taking place simultaneously at four different venues of the West Indies.

The Busta Cup is the premier first class competition of the West Indies and Bangladesh A have been invited as a guest team by the WICB in this year's tournament which also features Barbados, Guyana, Windward Islands, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Leeward Islands and West Indies B.

The first seven rounds of the competition is called the Busta Cup and the champions, runners up, third and fourth placed teams advance to the semi finals. The finalists then play for the Busta International Shield crown.

Jamaica are the current holders of the Shield while Barbados are the Cup champions.

Meanwhile the Bangladesh A squad is scheduled to leave Dhaka for the Caribbean islands on January 20. This was disclosed by Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) director Syed Ashraf Haque yesterday.

Asghar also revealed that the team would be announced after the first Test between Bangladesh and Pakistan at Dhaka which ends on January 13.

Asghar hinted that the side for the historic first ever cricket tour to the West Indies, will be selected after analysing the performances of Bangladesh A members who play against touring Pakistan in a three-day game on January 7-9. Besides, some cricketers from the Test team

No Bond in Bangladesh



AFP, Wellington

New Zealand were headed for their third home Test win in a row after dominating cricket minnows Bangladesh on Day Three of their second Test here Friday.

The Kiwis look set to finish the job on Saturday with Bangladesh 67 for five in their second innings, still 142 short of making New Zealand bat again at the Basin Reserve.

The win will continue a dominant run at home for New Zealand, following an innings and 185 run hiding of Pakistan in March and last week's innings and 52 run win over Bangladesh in Hamilton.

After day two was washed out Thursday and 90 minutes were lost on Friday morning due to rain, New Zealand's batsmen racked up 341 for six declared at 3.9 runs an over for a 209-run first innings lead.

They then did enough damage with the ball in 24 overs to all but finish the match.

Paceman Shane Bond was the star, knocking over the first three creasebound batsmen to end with three for 13 off seven overs while Daniel Vettori and Chris Drum chimed in with a wicket each.

New Zealand's top seven batsmen all made a start to set up the likely innings win, but none carried on to the magical three figures.

Opener Mark Richardson led the way with 83 to boost his average to

54.4 in 14 Tests. The left-hander was never troubled by the Bangladeshis and perished by his own hand when poised to convert his eighth Test half-century into his third ton.

After 210 confident minutes he played his first false stroke, a mistimed pull off Hasibul Hossain which lobbed to mid-on.

He and Matthew Horne added 104 for the first wicket before Horne was caught behind for 38, while Lou Vincent was dropped on 12 before edging a wide delivery on 23.

The New Zealand innings finished with two entertaining partnerships, 130 off 149 balls between Stephen Fleming and Craig McMillan and another of 56 between Chris Cairns and Mathew Sinclair.

McMillan blazed away for 70 off 71 balls after registering his 15th Test half-century off 42 balls. He even adopted a bizarre front-on stance to try and further unsettle spinner Aminul Islam after smashing him for three fours in an over.

Fleming cruised to 61 in slower time and was dismissed for the 32nd time between 50 and 100 with a fine edge to the wicketkeeper.

Cairns took over for the final stanza, hammering three sixes over the mid-wicket region and nearly flattening umpire Brent Bowden with a straight hit four off Bangladesh's best bowler, Monjurul Islam.

His 36 came off 31 balls before he skied a catch, leading to Fleming

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Ctg poised for victory



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Chittagong right-arm seamer Tareq Aziz Khan grabbed his second five-wicket haul to wrest the initiative from Dhaka on the penultimate day of the four-day Ispahani Mirzapur Tea National League at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.

The home side who trailed the visitors by 50 runs, shot out the visitors for 155 in the second innings. At stumps chasing 204 for victory, Chittagong winners of the first-class competition in 1999, its inaugural year were 18 for one inn nine overs.

The capital outfit made 285 in the first innings with the medium-pace of Tareq taking five for 68. He finished the match with ten for 112 runs.

Resuming the day on 198 for five, Chittagong finished their first innings on 235. They lost their last five wickets in 15.4 overs adding another 37 runs.

Former national captain Minhazul Abedin, who was batting on 69, added another nine runs to his account before being caught behind.

He hammered ten boundaries. Former Bangladesh captain

Naimur Rahman was the most successful Dhaka bowler taking four for 68.

Opener Anisul Hakim of Chittagong is batting on 13 and Masum Ud Dowla on one respectively.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the four-day National Cricket League match between Chittagong and Dhaka at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Friday.

DHAKA: First innings 285 in 99.1 overs (Menrab 60, Halim Shah 57, Neeaymur 37, Jahangir 28, Tareq 5/68)

CHITTAGONG: First innings (over-

night 198 for 5 in 78 overs)

Anisul lbw b Saiful	27
Azam c sub b Naimur	63
Ehsanul c Mehrab b Mosaddek	2
Minhazul c Sajjad b Saiful	78
Akram lbw b Mosaddek	10
Masum b Naimur	1
Sabbir c Sajjad b Naimur	31
Ahsanullah lbw b Saiful	0
Mortuza c Sajjad b Bikash	10
Tareq not out	0
Shafuiddin b Naimur	0
Extras: (b-4, lb-7, nb-4)	15
Total: (all out in 93.4 overs)	237

Fall of wickets: 1-69, 2-80, 3-145, 4-162, 5-167, 6-220, 7-220, 8-236, 9-236.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Bikash	16	4	50	1
Saiful	21	5	50	3

Neeaymur	12	3	25	0
Naimur	29.4	7	68	4
Mosaddek	15	2	33	2

DHAKA: Second innings

Mehrab c Masum b Tareq	4
Shahriar c Mortuza b tareq	6
Jahangir lbw b Shafuiddin	19
Sabbir run out	8
Naimur b Tareq	2
Halim Shah c Minhazul b sabbir	21
Sajjad Qadir c Mortuza b Tareq	2
Neeaymur c Mortuza b Tareq	37
Mosaddek lbw b Ahsanullah	11
saiful not out	21
Bikash b Sabbir	18
Extras: (lb-1, nb-4, w-1)	6
Total: (all out in 60.5 overs)	155

Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-29, 3-40, 4-40, 5-49, 6-51, 7-98, 8-113, 9-127.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Tareq	16	4	44	5
Shafuiddin	15	2	40	1
Ehsanul	9	4	14	0
Ahsanullah	7	1	22	1
Sabbir	13.5	4	34	2

CHITTAGONG: second innings

Anisul batting	13
Azam run out	4
Masum not out	1
Extras	0
Total (for 1 wkt in 9 overs)	18

Fall of wicket: 1-16.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Saiful	3	0	10	0
Naimur	4	2	5	0
Bikash	2	0	3	0

Kumar, Thilan run riot



AFP, Colombo

Thilan Samaraweera and Kumar Sangakkara hammered centuries as Sri Lanka buried Zimbabwe under an avalanche of runs in the first cricket Test here on Friday.

Samaraweera (123 not out), Sangakkara (128) and Hashan Tillakaratne (96) were not the only batsmen to thrive on a mediocre Zimbabwean attack, with lower-order batsman Chaminda Vaas also chipping in a career-best 74 not out to help Sri Lanka post 586-6 declared.

Zimbabwe lost Hamilton Masakadza (three) before reaching 14-1 in reply at stumps on the second day, with skipper Stuart Carlisle (six) and Trevor Gripper (four) at the crease.

The Sri Lankan batting was entertaining throughout the day, which produced 375 runs after the home team had resumed at 211-3.

Zimbabwe grabbed two wickets in the morning session with the second new ball before being thwarted by Sri Lanka's depth in batting.

They had to wait for more than a session for their third wicket, but not before being reduced to a state of helplessness by the Sri Lankan batsmen.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Sangakkara, 24, hardly looked in trouble against an all-seam attack, driving and cutting firmly on the way to his third Test century in 17 matches. He struck one six and 22 fours.

The 34-year-old Tillakaratne, dismissed just once while scoring 403 in four Test innings against the West Indies in a recent home series,

maintained his run-scoring spree with yet another impressive knock.

He put on 130 for the sixth wicket with Samaraweera before being caught behind off Heath Streak to miss his second successive Test century, and 10th overall.

Tillakaratne, who had scored his only double-century in his last Test innings early this month, hit 14 fours in his 168-ball knock.

Vaas then continued the good work, smashing two sixes and nine fours to surpass his previous best of 57 against New Zealand at Dunedin in 1997.

He added 136 for the unbroken seventh wicket with the 25-year-old Samaraweera, who hit one six and

12 fours in his second Test century in six matches.

The morning session belonged to Sangakkara, who exposed the Zimbabwean bowling limitations with his attacking display.

Sangakkara, 62 overnight, put on 79 for the fourth wicket with Russel Arnold (13) and 71 for the next with Tillakaratne as the tourists struggled for wickets on a batting pitch.

Zimbabwean seamers struck twice with the second new ball, but failed to contain runs as Sangakkara, Tillakaratne and Samaraweera continued to play shots.

Streak met with instant success

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PHOTO: AFP

Sri Lanka's Thilan Samaraweera is all set to sweep on way to scoring a magnificent 123 not out on the second day of the first Test against Zimbabwe in Colombo on Friday.

AFC not satisfied

SPORTS REPORTER

Asian Football Confederation far from satisfied with recent developments at the BFF (Bangladesh Football Federation), has sought another clarification on why the head of the local organisation was removed.

New BFF president SA Sultan made the disclosure while talking to the Daily Star Sport at his Bangabandhu National Stadium's office on Friday.

The National Sports Council, which had appointed Sultan as BFF president last month, last Thursday (December 20) dissolved the elected executive committee and installed an ad-hoc committee for a provi-

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Kamal leaves USHA for MSC

SPORTS REPORTER

National hockey star Rafiqul Islam Kamal broke his long standind tie with Usha Krira Chakra and joined Mohammedan Sporting Club for the coming season on Friday.

On the penultimate day of the four-day long inter-club transfers, Kamal's change of allegiance was the main attraction.

It was learnt that Mohammedan has also confirmed the services brothers Isha and Musa Miah of Mariner Youngs Club.

Mohammedan has already asked for transfer on commission for the duo.

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PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh Cricket Board president Ali Asghar speaks at the opening ceremony of the umpires' training course in the city on Friday.