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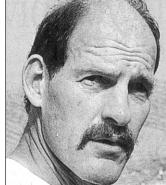
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Clive Rice

(South African cricket great) "Nowhere in the world are players chosen on a quota system. believe up and coming players in this country are crucified by politicians who are trying to get votes." On his country's selection pol-



The Haily Star Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm Feb 1, 2002 and draw

shortly afterwards

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Class..... Roll No.....

Asghar being sensible well. The under-19 team is also not Cricket doing well as we have thought. I the standard of playing so far. don't want to say anything about A team now. So, it's very much clear

The entire cricket set-up in the country is going to experience a major shake-up at the end of the current international schedules, promised BCB president (Bangladesh Cricket Board) Ali Asghar

But he would not rush things as he had intended to do earlier.

HASAN MASOOD

"I will now take some time because we have to follow the procedure. I don't want to invite troubles after making the changes," said Asghar, adding that he might hold a new election at the end of this season instead of dissolving the present committee.

Talking to reporters at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. Asghar also expressed his dissatisfaction over the management of the national team.

He said that the national team should have a permanent manager instead of making members manager by rotation from directors as per the Board policy.

"You see, everything looks disorganised at the moment. The national team is not performing

ICC U19 CRICKET WORLD CUP

he ICC Under-19 World Cup

ielded another surprise on

hursdav as holders India were

efeated by Bangladesh in

The unpredictability of cricket at

is level has come to the fore during

is tournament with Bangladesh's

sult coming after Nepal and

amibia defeated Pakistan and Sri

India begun their defence of the

orld Cup with convincing wins over

nada and South Africa, but their

m deserted them as Bangladesh

n their first match of the tourna-

anka respectively on Tuesday.

FP, Christchurch

uckland.

that the path we are following is wrong," he said.



ALI ASGHAR

"We must have a permanent manager for the national team like we had in the past. I want to change the current policy of the Board which only allows the directors to become the manager. I think, a former player is ideal for this kind of job," he observed. Asghar earlier threatened to

review the very performance of

BD boys bewilder India

ment, clinging on to triumph by two

India with opener Paul Valthaty

taken to hospital suffering from a cut

on his head after being struck in the

face by a bouncer from Shafaq Al-

then took 3-17 as India were dis-

pose a serious challenge to

Bangladesh with Siddhanth Trivedi

taking three wickets as India

reduced their opponents to 52 for

Sharma then took a wicket apiece as

Bangladesh lurched to 64 for eight

still requiring another 14 runs for

Manvinder Bisla and Abhishek

missed for just 77 in 32.4 overs.

Fast bowler Ashiqur Rahman

However, the modest total was to

The day got off to a bad start for

coach Trevor Chappell as, he felt, the Australian had failed to better

"I still believe that we must have a coach for the national team who can communicate with the boys and one who can really understand the problem of the team," said Asghar.

He also expressed his serious concern at the way the injury to voung fast bowler Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza and top batsman Habibul Bashar was handled by team physio John Gloster.

You give me some times. I will get things in order," promised Asghar, who has passed over two months at the office already.

He has planned to sit with all the members of three teams-national. A and under-19-- soon and listen to their problems directly from

When asked about the controversial change of A coach Dipu Rai Chowdhury just ahead of the team's tour to West Indies, Asghar said he was not aware of this matter, as he was busy with his family affairs for the last few weeks.

"I was not aware of this. I don't know how it happened. I know Dipu and I will personally look into the matter," assured the cricket boss. "We need to change this trend. No

Tailender Ali Arman saw his side

home with a vital unbeaten 12,

however, the victory was not enough

to earn Bangladesh a place in the

Super League, but their confidence

will be sky high going into the Plate

with Canada because we came here

aiming to get into the Super League,

said GS Hasan Chowdhury, man-

winning the Plate competition and

this has given us a lot of confidence. I

will now work my players very hard

and we will be focused on winning

the plate which would mean a lot to

fied for the Super League at the

In Christchurch Sri Lanka quali-

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ager of the Bangladesh team.

Bangladesh.

"It's unfortunate we could only tie

"Now we are concentrating on

Championship next week.

Confidence Chess Rani, Shabana share lead

SPORTS REPORTER

International Women Master Rani Hamid of Biman and Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa of Al-Baraka Bank are jointly leading the race in the Confidence Cement 23rd National Women Chess Championship with 6.5 points each at the end of the 7th round yesterday.

Shabana beat Feroza Haque Chowdhury Poppy of Chitta-

Afroza Khanam Bably of Bangladesh Ansar drew with her teammate Zakia Sultana to remain in the second position with 5 points. In other matches, Masuda Begum of Barisal beat Shamiha Sharmin Shimmi and Mahmuda Haque Chowdhury Moly of Chittagong defeated Shamima Akter Liza of Narayangonj.



A KHALEDS EFFORT: Wicketkeeper Khaled Mashud (L) and bowler Khaled Mahmud rush towards each other after effecting a stumping to dismiss Azhar Mahmood during the Coca-Cola second one-day international between Bangladesh and Pakistan at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday.

BANGLADESH-PAKISTAN SCOREBOARD

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Scoreboard of the Coca-Coal second one-day international between Bangladesh and Pakistan at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday:							
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Naved Latif c Monjurul Islam b Mohammad Sharif 2		10 0	1		5		
Shahid Afridi c Khaled Mashud b Mohammad Sharif		4 0	1		5		
Younis Khan c Javed Omar b Enamul Hoque 5		73 0	8		3		
İnzamamul Haq c Sanwar Hossain b Monjurul Islam 0		3 0	2		3		
Azhar Mahmood st Khaled Mashud b Khaled Mahmud		12 0	2		5		
Yousuf Youhana not out 12		112	1	0	8		
Abdur Razzaq not out		49	3		5		
Extras: (lb-4, w-10, nb-4) Total: (For 5 wickets in 50 overs)		18 281					
Fall of wickets: 1-21 (Naved), 2-23 (Afridi), 3-29 (Inzamam), 4-48 (Mahmood), 5-183 (Younis) Did not bat: Rashid Latif, Wagar Younis, Saqlain Mushtaq, Shoaib Akhtar							
Bowler R	o W	M					
Monjurul Islam 29	10	1					
Mohammad Sharif 59	10 2	2					
Tareq Aziz 56	9	2					
Khaled Mahmud 50	10	1					
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hrab Hossain		1	0	
BANGLADESH R B	4	6		
Javed Omar run out (Shahid Afridi) 12	18	2	0	
Mehrab Hossain c Rashid Latif b Abdur Razzag 2	22	36	2	0
Al Shahriar b Saglain Mushtag 41	74	5	0	
Tushar Imran c sub (Shoaib Malik) b Saqlain Musht	taq	65	9	Ę
Sanwar Hossain b Saglain Mushtag 5	8	0	0	
Khaled Mahmud b Shahid Afridi 13	20	1	0	
Khaled Mashud Ibw b Shahid Afridi 0	2	0	0	
Enamul Hoque c Saglain Mushtag b Shahid Afridi 1	12	21	0	0
Mohammad Sharif not out 5	17	1	0	
Tareg Aziz not out 7 17	1	0		
Extras: (lb-7, w-8, nb-12) 27				
Total: (For 8 wickets in 50 overs) 209				
Foll of wickets: 1.16 (Omer) 2.75 (Mohreh) 2:	126 (1)	Shahriar)	4 141 (Sanwar)	5 170

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ahmud), 6-180 (Mashud), 7-193 (Imran), 8-196 (Enamul)								
Did not bat: Monjurul Islam								
Bowler O	M	R	W					
Waqar Younis	6	2	10	0				
Shoaib Akhtar	5	0	45	0				
Abdur Razzaq	8	1	37	1				
Azhar Mahmood	7	0	29	0				
Saqlain Mushtaq	10	1	32	3				
Naved Latif	5	0	25	0				
Shahid Afridi	7	3	12	3				
Inzamamul Haq	2	0	12	0				
Result: Pakistan won by 72 runs and lead the three-math series 2-0.								

Man-of-the-match: Yousuf Youhana

Umpires: Showkatur Rahman and Sved Mahabub Ullah (both Bangladeshis). TV Umpire: Mahbubur Rahman (Bangladesh) Match Referee: Brian Hastings (New Zealand)

Toss: Pakistan.

ACB backs brain" Waugh

The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) was forced to defend captain Steve Waugh on Thursday as South African journalists accused him of making an insensitive remark about fast bowler Steve Elworthy's brain

Elworthy ducked into a bouncer from Australia's Glenn McGrath during Tuesday's limited-overs international at Sydney Cricket Ground and was taken to a Sydney hospital.

As South Africa captain Shaun Pollock told an after-match news conference the scan had cleared Elworthy of any serious injury, Waugh was overheard to remark to ACB media manager Brian Murgatroyd: "Yeah, and I bet they didn't find a brain either."

South African journalists were highly critical of Waugh, describing the remark as "callous"

"When you say it as coldly as that it can come across as a bit offensive," South Africa selector Mike Proctor was quoted as saving in the Herald Sun newspaper on Thursday. "From a team point of view there

was nothing said at breakfast (on Wednesday). The atmosphere and knowing the way things are said, it could have been taken out of con-"Knowing Steve Waugh, he's a

good guy but the timing was wrong. I know our journalists are taken aback Murgatroyd said: "Steve is the

last person to relish it when a fellow

player is injured "He was also the first to Elworthy after he had been hit by the ball," Murgatroyd added

The Daily Telegraph newspaper sprang to Waugh's defence. "Yes, Waugh's comment was silly

but, really, it was just a flippant remark said every day in X-ray clinics across the nation.

Shoaib goes to hospital

SPORTS REPORTER

Pakistan speedster Shoaib Akhter was injured after being struck on the head by a missile thrown from the stands during the second one-day international against Bangladesh at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday.

The match stopped for 40 minutes as the Pakistan team returned to the dressing room. The incident took place in the 17th over of the home side's innings with the score on 77 for

Shoaib, who was fielding on the fine leg boundary, lay still on the ground for a while and then walked back to the dressing room assisted by team-mates and team doctor Riaz. However the express bowler was hurried to the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) under worrying circumstances after vomiting thrice in the dressing room.

However, x-ray and CT scan revealed nothing serious and the player was in perfect health according to CMH sources. Still, as a precautionary measure, the attending doctors have decided to keep Shoaib at the hospital for the night. He is expected to be released in the morning.

BCB president Ali Asghar and Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)'s director Brig. Munawar Rana visited the CMH last night to see the latest condition of Shoaib.

After Shoaib was hit, the Pakistan team clearly shocked by the unfortunate incident, refused to take the field anymore but following requests from State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman and BCB president Asghar, the visitors made the sporting decision to play after assurance of more security arrangements on the

During the stoppage, BCB director Syed Ashrafl Huq made an emotional speech to the crowd and urged them not to repeat such silly acts which might threaten Dhaka's status as an international cricket venue.

Meanwhile, police arrested a 15year old school boys in connection ith the incident.

SERIES CHIPS

Cricket

HASAN MASOOD

Maybe Bangladesh has seen Wasim Akram in action for the last time. He returned home on Thursday morning after a disappointing tour.

The 36-year-old sultan of swing, pulled a hamstring on the opening day of the first Test against Bangladesh after bowling just 2.4

A source close to Pakistan camp confirmed that Akram would not be considered for the two Test series against West Indies in Sharjah.

MASH GOING TO INDIA

Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza on Monday goes to India for treatment at the Hosmat Hospital in Bangalore.

The right-arm paceman, who tore a back muscle during the tour of New Zealand last month, will be under the supervision of Dr Thomas Chandi, an orthopaedic surgeon known to many Bangladesh sportspersons.

Former national captain Shafiqul Haq Hira will accompany the Narail

Ironically, Bangladesh team physio John Gloster, whom many hold responsible for making the injury worse, leaves on January 27, a day after the series against Pakistan ends.

The Australian, who works on return in time for the away series

against Sri Lanka next July.

NO SCORE ON SCOREBOARD!

The electronic scoreboard at the Bangabandhu National Stadium went out of order yesterday.

It happened during the 42nd over

of the Pakistan innings. The scoreboard blinked for a while before going totally blank. Strangely, there was no alternative manually operated scoreboard,

which is usually kept at international cricket venues When asked, a grounds official of the BCB said that he never though of keeping an alternative as the elec-

tronic scoreboard had never given any trouble before Meanwhile, a member of Fyber Associates, the local firm that is responsible for operating the scoreboard, said that the whole system suddenly collapsed and it would

take some time to install a new programme. He, however, could not confirm whether the board would function again during the final match of the

SAME OLD PATAL

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman Patal paid a surprise visit to the press box during the first session of the game.

However, during his one-hour stay he did not want know about how the match was going on, but instead discussed the ongoing football

"We are trying hard to get the tour by tour basis, is expected to FIFA ban lifted," he said without elaborating.



crisis.

will also feature a closing ceremony

Bacher told a news conference

here cricket's World Cup would

stage the biggest opening cere-

mony, in the history of any South

African and African sporting event,

with about 5,000 volunteer perform-

anything that cricket has experi-

enced before and on a scale that all

South Africans should and will be

Africans and for them to take pride in

the fact our country is able to pro-

duce an opening ceremony of such

company running the show 'Cere-

monies for Africa' has the skills and

expertise to produce an event of this

"We want to embrace all South

"We have confidence that the

proud of," Bacher said.

splendour.

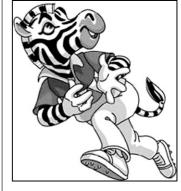
"I promise something bigger than

THAT'S NOT CRICKET: Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar being taken to the Combined Military Hospital after he was hit in the head by a projectile thrown by an 'unscrupulous' spectator while he was fielding in the fine-leg region during the Bangladesh innings yesterday.

'Ceremonies for Africa'

REUTERS/AFP, Johannesburg

The supremo of the 2003 Cricket World Cup to be staged in South Africa on Wednesday promised spectacular opening and closing ceremonies that will celebrate and



2000 Sydney Olympics.

For the first time, the World Cup

significantly empower black people Dr Ali Bacher, executive director of the ICC Cricket World Cup organising committee, said he had been inspired by what he experienced during the opening ceremony of the

magnitude. "It is envisaged about 5,000 volunteer performers will take part in the ceremony in front of an estimated 25,000 crowd.'

"In winning the tender to organise the event, the company gave assurances black people will be significantly empowered by this event," he

About 5,000 performers and

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EVERYBODY LOVES FOOTBALL: A human-chain was formed in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday with calls to the President, Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition to rescue the country's football.

Majestic Minhaz

ISPAHANI MIRZAPORE TEA **3rd National Cricket League**

UNB, Dhaka

Superb double century by Minhazul Abedin Nannu guided Chittagong to a massive 381 in their first innings of the Ispahani National League against leaders Dhaka on the second day yesterday at the

Mymensingh Stadium. The former national skipper nammered a career-best 210 off

225 balls hitting 21 fours. Minhaz, who began the day on 75, was finally bowled by a Pappy

Dhaka bowler claiming four wickets for 82 runs in 36 overs while Russell took two for 60. Dhaka reached 55 for three in 23 overs at stumps. Jahangir and Rubel were batting on 15 and 2

Saiful was the most successful

espectively.

BRIEFS CORES CHITTAGONG: 381 all out in 138 overs (Nannu 210, Anisul 32, Suja 29, Arif 24, extras 23; Saiful 4/82,

Russell 2/60). DHAKA: 55 for 3 in 23 overs (Sumon 10, Pappu 10, Jahangir batting 15, Rubel batting 2, extras 14; Sabbir 1/2, Suja 1/4, Debobrato

Away in Barisal, a brilliant 130 by national cricketer Rajin Saleh Alam



MINHAZUL ... 210

steered Sylhet to declare on 274 for eight in 113 overs in the first innings

Barisal had scored five without loss in 4.2 overs when bails were

On the first day the visitors scored 48 for two in 24 overs when the match was stopped due to rain.

BRIEF SCORES SYLHET: 274 for 8 in 113 overs (Raiin 130, Taposh 25, Tusher 24; Rahat 4/58, Selim Shaheed 2/58). BARISAL: 5 for no loss in 4.2

In Rangpur, Rajshahi took command over Khulna making a huge 332 in 132.2 overs in the first

innings. Khulna had lost seven wickets for 94 runs in 45 overs at the end of

BRIEF SCORES RAJSHAHI: 332 all out in 132.2 overs (Hasanuzzaman 72, Nuruzzaman 47, Biddut 41, Ujjal 27, extras 26; Tusher 3/81, Sohel 2/48).

(Parvez 41, Shawon 39, Jhoru

batting 4, and Biplob batting 4;

KHULNA: 94 for 3 in 45 overs

Mustakim 2/7).

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