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Steve Waugh
(Australia Test cricket captain)
"It's hard to understand why Pakistan's batting capitulated. It's a bit concerning that one of the best sides in the game goes down in the 50s twice in one match."
On the Pakistan debacle in the second Test at Sharjah last week.



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4. How many Test matches will West Indies play against Bangladesh in November-December?

Two Three Four

5. How many goals did Ronaldo score on his Real Madrid debut?

One Two Three

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DC Gold Cup soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, M'singh

Sherpur outplayed Jamalpur 5-0 in the inaugural match of the Dhaka Divisional Commissioner Gold Cup Football tournament at the local stadium yesterday.

Milon scored three goals while Anwar and Ashish scored one each.

S A Sultan MP, president of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), inaugurated the match as chief guest.

Netrokona will take on Kishoreganj at the same venue today.

Mixed bag on Mainul



SPORTS REPORTER

The 'resignation' of chief selector Mainul Haq on Sunday raised a lot of confusion among the local sports buffs as well as organisers.

No standing committees exist in the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) ever since the High Court has suspended all the activities of its Board of Directors in early August. So, how could Mainul Haq resign? This was asked all around the sports arena yesterday.

"I have tendered my resignation today after knowing that the selection of Bangladesh A team for the Challenge Trophy was made without my knowledge," said the former national cricketer and the head of the three-member selection committee to The Daily Star Sport over telephone on Sunday night.

He added that he submitted his resignation letter to BCB president Ali Asghar in the evening before the latter departed for Khulna.

But the Board president said Mainul could not resign legally since there was no selection committee after the Court ruling.

"It's beyond my knowledge how he can resign since we don't have a selection committee in place following the Court ruling," said Asghar over telephone last night.

Upon a writ petition by a councillor Rafiqul Alam, the Court in its ruling also empowered Asghar with absolute authority to run the Board for the interim period, during which time he was asked to clarify why his present Board of Directors would not be declared illegal.

Asghar however revealed that he would form an advisory panel of selectors to finalise squad for the home series against West Indies.

Though Mainul claimed his other colleagues also resigned, but



MAINUL HAQ

Faruque Ahmed was still in confusion whether they can step down legally.

"I am pretty much sure that there are no standing committees in operation at present. So, it is clear that we don't exist," said the former national captain and a member of Mainul's selection committee.

The other selector, Dr. Asaduzzaman Misha however said that he supports Mainul Haq's action as he was not consulted with before the selection of the team for the South Africa tour.

"I was in Japan for three months. I gave my opinion over telephone from there regarding the selection. So, I thought we were there at work."

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Chess Olympiad BD team leaves on Oct 23

BSS, Dhaka

A 12-member Bangladesh chess team will fly to Slovenia on October 23 to take part in the 35th World Chess Olympiad.

The world's biggest chess competition will be held in Bled, some 30 kilometres from the Slovenian capital Ljubljana, from October 26 to November 10.

Bangladesh has been taking preparations for last four months under the supervision of Latvian Grand Master Irgors Raustis.

General secretary of the Bangladesh Chess Federation Syed Suja Uddin Ahmed expressed his satisfaction at the preparations so far.

"The players have practised in several tournaments. This time we are going to take part in the Olympiad with two Grand Masters and three International Masters," he said.

Niaz Murshed, the country's first Grand Master, is going to take part in the meet after a long absence.

"We could not include Niaz for several earlier editions because he did not

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Waqar finds it wrong



REUTERS, Sharjah

The resignation of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Tauqir Zia would not help cricket in his country, Pakistan skipper Waqar Younis said.

Zia submitted his resignation to Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf after the team lost the second Test against Australia inside two days on Saturday.

"I don't know what's going to happen, but his resignation is sad news. I really don't think the chairman should take the blame for our defeat," Waqar told Reuters.

"Since I don't have more details I can't comment further."

Pakistan lost the second Test after making a total of just 112 runs - the fourth worst in Test history. Their first innings of 59 on Friday was a record low for the country in a Test, but that mark lasted for just one day. After Australia had made 310 in reply, Pakistan were skittled out for just 53 in their second innings.

Pakistan's new coach Richard Pybus was also concerned at the timing of Zia's resignation.

"I really am at a loss to say anything on this subject, but yes, this development could have a disruptive effect on our preparations for the third Test," Pybus said.

"I don't think by taking any reactive actions to our defeat is going to help this team in the long run."

Pybus insisted that the defeat had to be looked at in the proper perspective.

"I would ask people back in

Pakistan to keep in perspective the age of the players, the amount of Tests they have played and look at our opposition," Pybus told a press conference on Sunday.

He pointed out that only recently the second best team in the world, South Africa, were hammered by Australia, losing five matches in six Tests.

"And that South Africa side was much stronger than ours. So it's a

learning curve for our players, they are learning the literacy of Test cricket," he added.

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"If you have Younis (Khan) at three, (Yousuf) Youhana at fourth and Inzamamul Haq at five, this is a world class middle-order," Pybus said.

"Look at the amount of the pressure on Younis now because he knows he is looked at for runs and he has played just 23 Tests and is the only one who has an average of over 40."

Pybus also disclosed that he had spoken to Zia on Sunday morning.

"I gave my perspective on the defeat," he said. "It was a very disappointing performance but we can take positives from that - we have started to identify some players who can play Test cricket."

"I told (him) about where we are now and that I need the opportunity to work with the boys. I told him I am very confident that the future is very bright for Pakistan cricket."

"But we need to do things patiently."

Meanwhile, the Pakistan cricket team management turned down a request from their Australian counterparts to start the third and final Test a day earlier than the scheduled October 19.

Organisers confirmed that the Australian manager Steve Bernard had spoken to the Pakistan management and match referee Clive Lloyd to find if it was possible.

But Lloyd informed him that the request had to be made at board level.

However, the Pakistan team management is not in favour of starting the Test a day early and this has been conveyed to the Australians.



Asian Games mascot Duria floats over the stadium during the closing ceremony yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Four-day match Bangladesh on course

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh were closing in on a win against South Africa Country Districts in their four-day match in Bedford yesterday when news last came in.

On the third day, the home side, needing 252 runs to win, were reeling on 117 for six in when bad light stopped the day's play. Country Districts need another 135 to win with four wickets in hand.

Left arm seamer Monjurul Haq and right arm medium pacer Talha Jubair led the Bangladesh attack with two wickets each. Earlier, Bangladesh, resuming the on 97 for four in their second innings, were all out for 165 with middle order Sanwar Hossain, who scored 144 in the first innings, again scoring the highest 42.

Captain Khaled Mashud (31) and middle order Tushar Imran (21) were the other notable run getters.

Bangladesh scored 260 in their first innings while Country Districts scored 174.

Green Delta hockey

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka Young Star earned a convincing 3-0 victory over Uttara Hockey Club in the Green Delta Metropolis Second Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Ali struck twice, one in each half, while Ahsan netted the other goal for the winners.

In the day's other match, Combined SC drew one-all with Shishu Kishore Sangha at the same venue.

Jahangir put Shishu Kishore Sangha ahead in the 21st minute while Alam of Combined SC restored the parity in the 85th minute.

BD U-17s in SL Three-day meet starts today

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh under-17 will take on their India counterparts in the opening match of the three-nation three-day tournament in Kurunegala, Sri Lanka today.

Earlier, Bangladesh lost all of their four matches against India and Sri Lanka to finish third in the one-day tournament.

Their five-week tour to Sri Lanka will end with their last three-day match against the home team that from October 19 in Kandi.

Pollock relief for B'desh

REUTERS, Cape Town

Injured captain Shaun Pollock has not been included in the South African side to play Bangladesh in the first of two Tests starting in East London on Friday.

Pollock is receiving treatment for a knee injury and the selectors believe he will benefit from a rest. Wicketkeeper and vice-captain Mark Boucher will lead the side in his absence, the fourth time he has captained his country in Test cricket.

There was also a first cap for Northern batsman Martin van Jaarsveld, who made his one-day debut for South Africa against Bangladesh earlier this month.

"Van Jaarsveld is the form player at the moment and has proven himself a consistent run-scorer over a prolonged period," said convenor of selectors Omar Henry in a press statement.

The 28-year-old van Jaarsveld was delighted with his call-up for the Test side.

"It is a great feeling to receive recognition at Test level. I have worked for so long and suddenly in the last two weeks things have been happening," he said.

Fast bowler Morantau Hayward was recalled to the side for his first Test since the second Test against

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Special chess

SPORTS REPORTER

Shawpan Chawkidar and Kamal Hossain were jointly leading the table with six points after the sixth round of the Fourth Special Chess Tournament for the Visually Impaired at the BCF auditorium yesterday.

They are followed by eight players on five points.

The final round starts today at 1.30 pm. Prize-giving ceremony will be held at 5.30 pm.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman will attend as the chief guest.

Goodbye Busan It's Qatar in 2006



AFP, Busan

The curtain came down on the 14th Asian Games here Monday, with South Korea's basketball players

upsetting mighty China 102-100 in a dramatic last act of the continental sporting spectacular.

The Korean upset was the final event of day 16, where the last seven golds were settled.

China finished on top of the medal table, with 150 golds, while hosts Korea were a distant second with 96. Japan finished third overall

with 44, with Kazakhstan fourth.

The curtain came down on the Games with a two-hour closing ceremony inside a packed Busan Main Stadium as the flag of the tournament was lowered and handed over to representatives of the Gulf state of Qatar, where the 15th Asian Games will be staged in 2006.

The final day of the Games had at one point looked like being remembered for all the wrong reasons, after two more ugly confrontations on the badminton court sparked by poor line-calls.

Indonesian star Taufiq Hidayat angrily interrupted his men's singles final against South Korean Lee Hyun-Il for five minutes when leading 15-7, 9-8.

Hidayat, who stormed off the court last week during the men's team final, leading to a two-hour interruption of the game, again looked close to the edge in the singles final.

Hidayat's flare-up was followed in the women's doubles final, when China's Gao Ling and Huang Sui protested a call and their match against South Koreans Ra Kyung-Min and Lee Kyung-Won was halted for 10 minutes.

Reluctantly, the second-seeded Chinese pair continued and were well-beaten 11-8, 11-7.

Japan's Kosuke Kitajima, who broke swimming's oldest standing men's world record, was voted best athlete of the Games.

Kitajima, a triple gold medallist,

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Qatar's vice-president of the Doha Organising Committee Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani holds the Olympic Committee of Asia flag yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Pybus targets Waughs



AFP, Sharjah

If world champions Australia need an incentive to humiliate Pakistan with a clean sweep of the Test series, their rivals are just too happy to provide it.

First it was fearsome fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar who asked Australian batsmen to be brave and beware the reverse swing he was going to generate in the second Test here.

The Australians took up the challenge, gave Akhtar just one wicket for 42 runs, and wrapped up the Test in two days after bowling out Pakistan for their lowest scores of 59 and 53.

Then came Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) refusal to accept an Australian proposal to advance the final Test, due to begin on Saturday, by a day so that they could return home early to prepare for the upcoming Ashes series against England.

Now it's the turn of Pakistani

coach Richard Pybus to throw a challenge at the Waugh twins, saying their time at the top was up.

Pybus, an Englishman based in South Africa, suggested that even though Australia had wrapped up

"It will be easy for them to be comfortable after beating us, but in the Australian camp they will know that all is not well," he said.

This Australian team is at the end of an era, Pybus said, and warned the selectors to think about bleeding new players or risk the team becoming stale.

"The Waugh brothers look like they are under a tremendous amount of pressure," Pybus said of the 37-year-old twins who have played 277 Tests between them.

The brothers have already been dropped from Australia's one-day team, making them doubtful for next year's World Cup, and are struggling to regain their batting touch.

In the two Tests against Pakistan so far, Mark Waugh has made 55, 0 and 2. Captain Steve's tally is 31, 0 and 0.

"The Waugh brothers score in particular areas, if you shut down those areas it makes life very difficult," Pybus said.

"When you get limited in certain

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PHOTO: STAR

Contestants out to outwit each other during yesterday's round of the Fourth Special Chess Tournament for the visually-impaired at the Bangladesh Chess Federation auditorium.