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Indies today.

Chittagong

The new selection committee

headed by Aliul Islam is all set to

make a couple of changes in the

national team when they announce

the first one-day squad against West

But chief selector Aliul said that

The West Indies are likely to

ne was against the idea of upsetting

the core of the national team that

arrive here on November 25 to play

internationals in Dhaka and

play with. The recently concluded

Challenge Trophy gave us the

opportunity to know about the

positives and negatives of the pres-

"We do have a lot of options to

in two Tests and three one-day

toured South Africa last month.



Triple hundred and a hundred in the same match, what a fantastic feat it could be for a cricketer! Graham Gooch of England was the man who achieved the glory. He scored a marathon 333 and 123 against India at



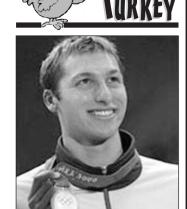
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English Premier Football League West ham United vs Man United Repeat at 9:30 am Football Asia Repeat at 11:30 am Western Union World Football Repeat at 12:30 nm Pakistan vs Zimbabwe Second Test, Day Fou Highlights

Repeat at 1:00 pm Sportscentre Hindi Sport News Live at 9:00 pm

STAR Sports

Primera Liga Real Madrid vs Real Sociedad Taped Version at 10:30 am Asia Sport Show Int'l Sports News Repeat at 5:00 pm **Sportsline Tonight** Sport News Live at 8:00 pm



Ian Thorpe

(Australian swimming superstar) "You know I'm a little bit different to what most people would consider being an Australian male. That doesn't make me gay."



The Haily Star Win attractive prizes

Nov 22, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who won the 18th Federation Cup Football Tournament? Mohammedan Abahani Muktijoddha

2. Who clinched the Delta Life handball title? Viguarunnissa Maple Leaf Mirpur Ideal 3. West Indies defeated India in

14-runs 4-wkts 2-wkts 4. Who lifted the Paris Masters Series title? Safin

Sampras Hewitt

5. Who won the Fed Cup tennis title?

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

Magura soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Sreerampur Friends Club blanked Babukhali Ekadash 3-0 in the Econo First Division Football League at the Magura Stadium

Rashed, Shameem and

Udayan Sporting Club take on



National football coach George Kottan (L) chats with Bangladesh captain Razani Kanta Barman (R) while other squad members listen at the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) office yesterday prior to their departure for

Rajani at the helm

Football

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Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday appointed defender Rajani Kanta Barman as the new national football team captain replacing forward Alfaz

The announcement came prior to the team's departure for Myanmar last night. The 23-mem-ber team will play in two friendly matches against the Myanmar national team in Yangoon on November 22 and 25 as part of their build-up to the next January's South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship

A diminutive Muktijoddha Sangsad central defender, Rajani has been serving the national team

since 1998. His inspirational performance in the 1999 SAF Games helped Bangladesh lift the gold for the first time

His Muktijoddha teammate and defender Hasan Al-Mamun has heen made his deputy. BFF however made these

appointments only for the two friendly matches against Myanmar. The team is scheduled to return home on November 25 and resume their residential camp at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protis-

than from the following day. BFF also confirmed yesterday the size of its advisory and organising committees for the SAFF Cham-

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman heads a 40-member advisory committee and State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman leads an 86-member organising committee

The SAFF Championship starts at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur from January 10 and runs up to the 20th

Though Afghanistan has been included this time in the sevennation regional event after being instructed by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), but the warravaged country is yet to confirm their participation.

SQUAD Biplab Bhattacharya, Aminul Haq, Titumeer Chowdhury, Rajani Kanta Barman, Nazrul Islam, Mohammad Suion, Mahmudul Hasan, Hasan Al-Mamun, Firoz Mahmud Hossain, Abdul Qaiyum Sentu, Monwar Hossain, Arman Miah, Faisal Mahmud, Arif Khan Joy, Rokonuzzaman Kanchan, Parvez Babu, Saifur Rahman Moni, Mehdi Hasan Uzzal, Alfaz Ahmed, Mujibur Rahman Ritu, Ariful Kabir Farhad, Murad Ahmed Milan and Saiful Islam

SA made to sweat

Cricket

AFP, Centurion

South Africa scrambled to a tense three-wicket win over Sri Lanka on the fifth day of the second and final Test at Centurion Park Tuesday.

South Africa, set to make 121 to win, crashed to 44 for five before Neil McKenzie played a crucial innings of 39 to take his side to within nine runs of victory.

South Africa won the series 2-0. They won the first Test in Johannesburg by an innings and 64 runs. It was South Africa's sixth win in seven Tests against Sri Lanka in

On a dramatic day, 14 wickets fell for 189 runs.

Fernando took four wickets in a devastating opening spell.

on 29 for the sixth wicket before wicketkeeper and vice-captain Mark Boucher helped McKenzie add 39 for the seventh wicket.

As the tension mounted, Sri Lankan fast bowler Chamila Gamage received an official warning from umpire Daryl Harper for walking into McKenzie between overs.

Sri Lanka lost seven wickets for 65 runs Tuesday, collapsing from an overnight 180 for three to be dismissed for 245. Makhaya Ntini and Jacques Kallis both took four wickets.

South Africa took two wickets in

the first ten balls of the day to expose

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THAT WAS CLOSE! South African captain Shaun Pollock (L) and wicketkeeper Mark Boucher celebrate the winning runs against Sri Lanka in the 2nd Test at Johannesburg yesterday.

ICC in search of solution

Cricket

AFP, New Delhi

The sponsorship issue involving cricketers and administrators is expected to be settled ahead of next year's World Cup in South Africa, a top official said here on Tuesday. "We are not looking for confronta-

tion, but solution to this issue. I don't see any reason why we can't find a creative solution," International Cricket Council (ICC) chief executive Malcom Speed told reporters. "We want the best players to

participate in the World Cup," said Speed, who will meet Indian cricket board officials and sponsors on his two-day visit to the country. The contract row nearly led to the

withdrawal of some of the world's best cricketers, especially from India, from the ICC Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka in September.

India took the longest to resolve the crisis, threatening to send a second-string team if the top players did not sign the agreement with the ICC. They named their best squad just three days before the tourna-

The Indians, including Sachin Tendulkar and Saurav Ganguly, had initially refused to sign contracts that



MALCOM SPEED

prevented them from endorsing products which conflicted with

official ICC sponsors for 30 days before and after the event. The period was later reduced to following an agreement reached between the sport's world governing body and the Indian players in London in September.

"That was a pragmatic solution at that time," said Speed.

"We are here to discuss the issue again and working together with the Indian board to resolve it much before the World Cup. We haven't set a deadline for anyone to sign the contract, but hope to find the solution soon.

Speed said he would be meeting only the board officials and not Indian cricketers who have endorsement deals that are in conflict with the ICC official sponsors. "The ICC deals with the boards

and the boards deals with their players. We talk to the players only when asked by the board," Speed said, referring to the ICC officials' meeting with Indian cricketers in The international body then

intervened after the Indian board said it had no power to deal with its players since it was an ICC contract.

for Ryan

Lawson in

REUTERS, Baroda

West Indies fast bowler Jermaine Lawson is joining their one-day team in India on Monday as replacement for the injured Ryan Hinds, the team's management said on Monday.

There are two matches remaining in the seven-game limited overs series, in Jodhpur on Thursday and Vijayawada on Sunday, with West Indies leading 3-2 after Monday's five-wicket win in Baroda.

Hinds tore ligaments in his right knee when fielding during Friday's fourth match at Ahmedabad and will need four to six weeks to heal. He is expected to return home on

"We have been struggling with injuries to our fast bowlers and Jermaine is coming out to help cover us there," said West Indies manager Ricky Skerritt. "The team's medical advisor, Dr

Akshai Mansingh, has been doing a marvellous job of managing the injuries, but he believes from the next match we will have the full squad fit and available for selec-

Lawson returned to Jamaica after the three-Test series against India ended in Calcutta on

English injury misery on

REUTERS, Adelaide

England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff and left-arm spinner Ashley Giles will miss the next two Ashes Tests through injury, team spokesman Andrew Walpole said on Tuesday,

Walpole said neither player would be available for the second Test starting on Thursday or the third beginning in Perth on Friday week England, beaten by 384 runs

within four days in the first Test in Brisbane, have already lost their leading strike bowler Darren Gough and promising paceman Simon Jones for the remainder of the series.

Flintoff has not played on tour after a hernia operation while Giles has been ruled out after his wrist was broken in the nets on Tuesday.

"The first ball that he faced from Stephen Harmison struck him on the left wrist." Walpole said. "The Xravs revealed a fracture and he'll be out for six weeks."

on Gillespie

for the second Ashes cricket Test with England will be made on Wednesday, team officials said on Tuesday. Gillespie bowled in the nets here

on Tuesday without any soreness in his troublesome calf muscle but Australian team physiotherapist Errol Alcott said he wants to see how the fast bowler pulls up overnight. Gillespie may then be required to

completely satisfy Alcott he is ready to play in Thursday's Test. If Gillespie is declared fit the selectors will have to choose between Brett Lee, who was axed

for the first Brisbane Test, and Andrew Bichel for the final fast bowling spot in the team. Australia lead the Ashes series

Pakistan sweep Zimbabwe

ALIUL ISLAM

be held at the Bangabandhu

The second and third one-day will

about a quality spinner, but unfortu-

nately we do not have a bowler of

international quality at the moment,"

Cricket

AFP/REUTERS, Bulawayo

Pakistan captain Waqar Younis finished with four wickets on Tuesday to inspire his team to a 10wicket victory over Zimbabwe on the fourth day of the second Test.

Few hope for hopefuls

Aliul & Co names first ODI squad today

ent national team. It has also helped

us to see a few players performing

really well for the Bangladesh A

the name of the individual perform-

He however declined to mention

"We are going to take the advan-

Bangladesh will start their

tage of being the hosts and select

team for every match. We will only

announce the first one-day team

maiden home series against the

Caribbeans with the first one-day in

change in the top order but also did

not rule out the possibility of experi-

menting with the middle-order. But

Aliul observed that the bowling

department in the national team still

looked good given the available

"We have some good bowlers still

nursing injuries. But the rest are not

He hinted that there might be a

Chittagong on November 29.

today," Aliul said.

resource

team," said the former batsman.

The Pakistan fast bowler took four for 78 in Zimbabwe's second innings of 281 after the home side had resumed on 171 for five. Pakistan scored the 57 they needed in 8.3 overs to win with a session and a day to spare.

Zimbabwe's most dangerous batsman Andy Flower lbw for 13.

Flower's replacement Andy

three fours and two sixes

the 12th over of the day, but then took two large steps down the pitch attempting to drive the next delivery down the ground and was easily stumped by wicket-keeper Kamran

Blignaut's whirlwind 41 came off 32 balls, and his dismissal ended a seventh-wicket stand of 55 with

Mluleki Nkala scored 14 before he was caught behind attempting to sweep a ball from Saglain and



A SATISFYING DAY'S WORK: Pakistan skipper Wagar Younis holds the series winners trophy after a 10-wicket victory over Zimbabwe in the 2nd Test at Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo yesterday.

Zimbabwe slumped to 265 for nine Blignaut launched an immediate assault on the bowling, striking when Ray Price was bowled for 12 by fast bowler Muhammad Sami Blignaut had reached 30 when The visitors had a scare half an he hooked Younis high towards the hour before lunch when Saglain square-leg boundary where Younis appeared to twist his right ankle Khan spilled a running catch. while fielding on the third-man He erased the deficit with a boundary. He resumed bowling pulled four off Saglain Mushtag in after receiving medical treatment.

Pakistan won the first match in the two-test series by 119 runs in Harare last Tuesday

National Stadium in Dhaka on

December 2 and 3. The first Test will

also be held in Dhaka from

December starting on December 8.

The second Test will be held in

Chittagong from December 16 to 20.

to face tough time in making choices

for the playing eleven as there would

be quite a few national hopefuls

waiting with their fingers crossed

Former national captain Aminul

Islam heads the list with a century

under his belt in the final of the

Challenge Trophy. But he only

stands a chance to walk into the Test

team as the Board intends to have a

with his leg spin, is also a candidate

to make a comeback in the national

team. Anwar Hossain, the 19-year-

old wicketkeeper-batsman who

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Ashraful, who made a statement

youthful one-day side.

The selection committee is sure

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the second Test between Zimbabwe and Pakistan on Tuesday: ZIMBABWE: First innings 178 (G Flower 54, Saglain Mushtag 7-66). PAKISTAN: First innings 403

(Yousuf Youhana 159, Kamran Akmal 56, Younis Khan 52; R Price

ZIMBABWE: Second innings (overnight 171-5) Ebrahim Ibw b Wagar Younis Vermeulen Ibw b Waqar Younis 26 Campbell b Muhammad Sami 62 G Flower b Shoaib Akhtar A Flower Ibw b Wagar Younis 13 Masakadza c Y Youhana b S Mushtag 16 Taibu c Youhana b Wagar Younis37 Blignaut st Kamran Akmal b S Mushtag 41 Nkala c Kamran Akmal b S Mushtaq

Price b Muhammad Sami Olonga not out Extras: (lb-5, nb-2) Total (All out) 281

38 12 61 47

0 PAKISTAN: Second innings Taufeeq not out Elahi not out Extras: (b-1, nb-4, w-1) Total: (For no wicket) Did not bat: Younis Khan, Inzamamul-Haq, Yousuf Youhana, Hasan

Mushtaq, Waqar Younis, Shoaib Akhtar, Muhammad Sami, **Bowler** Olonga 4.3 0 35 0 21 0 Result: Pakistan won by 10 wickets

Raza, Kamran Akmal, Saqlain

Man-of-the-match: Yousuf Youhana. Man-of-series: Saglain Mushtag. First Test: Harare -- Pakistan won

by 119 runs.

Time for a turnaround

Cricket

AFP, Adelaide

has backed his team to turn things around against the rampant Australians in this week's second Test here after their disastrous opening Ashes defeat England got off to the worst

possible start to breaking their

England captain Nasser Hussain

Ashes run of outs with a humiliating 384-run towelling in the Gabba Test and must perform in Adelaide to keep the five-match series alive. Hussain rejoined the tourists on Tuesday after travelling to Perth to be with his wife Karen for the birth

of his son Joel on Monday. "Yesterday I was in hospital all day and sometimes you need to get away and have a re-think." Hussain said at a press conference here on Tuesday

"But if anyone knows me there is only one focus now and that's "I'm not going to hide behind anything. I'm not going to stand here

and say 'the cricket has gone really well and we're playing really well'. "That's not the sort of captain

that I am. There have been a lot of injuries and we have not done the "At some time in the tour we

have to pinpoint that this is the time we turn things around. "Individually, someone will go

back to their room and say 'I'm going to get (Matthew) Hayden out' or someone like Rob Key says 'I'm

NASSER HUSSAIN

going to get 170'.

"I don't mind if it's an individual or a team basis but eventually someone has to say they're going to turn things around.'

Veteran wicketkeeper-batsman

revealing he had only one "meaningful" victory in 30 Ashes Tests.

seventh consecutive losing Ashes "I wouldn't worry too much about

fighter." Hussain said. "Losing becomes a habit and that's a thing we have to get out of

"If a decision goes against us, I have to look around and make sure as captain that people aren't thinking 'here we go again'. "Alot of us yet haven't shown the

character that is needed and I back them to show that. They have done it for me in the past and it needs to come out pretty soon." Hussain said the best way to

team got the simple things right. "How are we going to regroup?

By making sure we do the basics right on Thursday," Hussain said. "Cricket is a simple game, if you

vesterday.

The first half ended goalless. Shahidul scored one goal each for the winners.

South Africa

Sri Lankan fast bowler Dilhara McKenzie and Andrew Hall put

Aussies wait

AFP, Adelaide

A decision on the fitness of Australian paceman Jason Gillespie

bowl another spell in the nets to

after spanking England by 384 runs

in the Gabba Test.

Islam observed

Younis struck before a run had been added on Tuesday, dismissing

Alec Stewart sounded pessimistic on Monday as he spoke about his experiences against Australia, Stewart is trying to avoid his

Alec being down because I know the character. He's always been a

beat Australia was to make sure his

complicate it too much you start thinking about all these mind