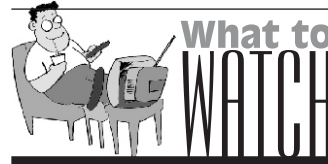




Did U Know?

Sledging is a common practice in the modern version of the game of cricket. It is the action when fielders standing in close catching positions try to either provoke, irritate or distract the concentration of a batsman by the use of words. In the days when the sport was truly a 'gentleman's game' such practices were considered unethical and below the dignity of the game. However, over time, as the game became increasingly competitive and fierce sledging is not uncommon especially during Test matches. And Australia is the master of this art.



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Tickets on sale from Nov 27



SPORTS REPORTER

The tickets for the second and third one-day internationals between Bangladesh and West Indies goes on sale at different branches of Prime Bank from November 27. The two one-dayers will be held under lights at the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) on December 2 and 3. The first limited-overs match commences in Chittagong on November 29, tickets of which will be sold from counters at the MA Aziz Stadium from the early morning of November 27.

Prime Bank, which has won the rights to sell tickets of all the international matches in Dhaka for the next one year, will put tickets for the first Test on sale soon. Prime Bank will pay Taka 20 lakh for their one-year contract with the Board. However, tickets of any tri-nation series are excluded from the contract.

The BCB (Bangladesh Cricket Board) disclosed this at a press conference yesterday. Chaired by Board advisor and chairman of the Ticket and Sitting Committee Shah

Nurul Kabir Shaheen, the briefing was also attended by Prime Bank Managing Director Shah Nurul Alam and Khandkar Jamiluddin, secretary of the ticket committee.

The Board expects to sell 35,805 tickets for each of the two ODIs in Dhaka.

A spectator will have to spend

DHAKA TICKET RATE

ONE-DAYERS	
Gallery Rate of tickets	VIP Tk 400
Executive Enclosure	Tk 300
Club House (West)	Tk 150
Club House (East)	Tk 100
Special Enclosure	Tk 50
International Gallery (East)	Tk 75
International Gallery (West)	Tk 100
Western Gallery	Tk 30
Eastern Gallery	Tk 20
TEST (Daily tickets)	
VIPTK 150	
Club House (West)	Tk 75
Club House (East)	Tk 50
Special Enclosure	Tk 20
International Gallery (East)	Tk 50
International Gallery (West)	Tk 70
Western Gallery	Tk 15
Eastern Gallery	Tk 10

Taka 20 for an eastern gallery ticket for one-day internationals and Taka 10 daily for Test match. A ticket at the western gallery will cost one Taka 30 for one-dayers and Taka 15 for the Test match.

For the Test match in Dhaka, the Board has also package offer. A set of western gallery tickets for five days will cost only Taka 50. A package offer for eastern gallery will be up for grabs for Taka 30.

There will be as many as 18,000 western gallery and 12,000 eastern gallery tickets for each of the two ODIs. For the Test match, the number of tickets will be reduced to 12,000 and 6,000 respectively.

"We wanted to be realistic. We don't want to waste money by printing too many tickets for no reason," said Khandkar Jamiluddin, secretary of the ticket and sitting committee.

"We have offered 5,000 western gallery tickets in package for each day. Another 7000 will go on sale daily although we have 13,000 capacity."

He also revealed that a new gallery named Executive Enclosure has been introduced for the first time with 400 seats underneath the Press Box.

BCB now names ODI team today

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh selectors yesterday deferred the announcement of the cricket team for the three-match one-day series against West Indies by a day.

Though chief selector Aliul Islam on Tuesday had confirmed they would disclose names of the squad for the first one-dayer through media release, but his Board now had a change of heart.

Aliul and his co-selectors will now disclose the squad for the whole one-day series through a media briefing at the Bangabandhu National Stadium conference room today.

The three-member panel faltered in their maiden stint as selectors to live up to their earlier forecast, leaving many to ponder whether they are at all being allowed to do their job without the influence of Board high-ups.

The West Indies, now touring in India, are likely to arrive here on November 25 to play in two Tests and three one-dayers in Dhaka and Chittagong.

The first one-day internationals will be held at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong November 29 while the next two day-night affairs will be played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on December 2 and 3.

The first Test will also be held in Dhaka from December 8. Cricketer will then fly to Chittagong to play in second Test starting from December 16.

The Test squad is learned to be announced after the one-day series.

Gough desperate to save career

REUTERS, London

Injured England fast bowler Darren Gough is to fly to the United States next week in a bid to salvage his career, the Daily Telegraph reported on Wednesday.

The newspaper said the 32-year-old, who has not played a Test match for more than a year and whose long-term knee problems ruled him out of the Ashes tour, plans to consult an American surgeon after three failed operations.

The Yorkshire player, who last featured for England in August 2001, has taken 228 wickets in 56 Tests and also played 111 one-day internationals.

Gough flew out to Australia with England for the five-Test Ashes series but was ruled out of the tour after failing to prove his fitness.

Injury-struck Zimbabwe

REUTERS, Bulawayo

Injuries have badly weakened Zimbabwe for the first two one-day internationals against Pakistan to be played in Bulawayo on Saturday and Sunday with most of their strike attack missing.

Regular captain and leading bowler Heath Streak has been out of action since he dislocated his shoulder in a traffic accident during the Champions Trophy in Colombo in September.

Paceman Douglas Hondo and Travis Friend have not played since that tournament due to a shoulder injury and a stress fracture of the leg respectively.

"They are three of our main bowlers, and we are definitely missing their contribution," Zimbabwe Cricket Union managing director Vince Hogg told Reuters on Wednesday.

There are doubts whether batsman Mark Vermeulen, who dislocated a finger while fielding in his debut Test in Bulawayo, which Pakistan won by 10 wickets on Tuesday, will be fit for the weekend's matches.

SQUAD
Alistair Campbell (captain), Stuart Matsikenyeri, Andy Flower, Grant Flower, Barney Rodgers, Guy Whittall, Tatenda Taibu, Andy Blygnaut, Craig Evans, Mluleki Nkala, Henry Olonga, Richard Sims, Waddington Mwayenga, Campell MacMillan, Sean Ervine, Mark Vermeulen.

Merv may not play today

REUTERS, Jodhpur

West Indies paceman Mervyn Dillon may have to sit out of the sixth one-day international against India on Friday due to a back injury, the team's manager has said.

Trinidadian Dillon had also missed the last game in Baroda. "Dillon is still struggling with his lower back injury," Ricky Skerritt told reporters on Thursday.

"He will continue to get treatment today. We will be able to decide only later if he can play."

Seamer Corey Collymore had played in Dillon's place in Baroda, where West Indies won by five wickets to take a 3-2 lead in the seven-match series.

Jacobs WI skipper



REUTERS, St John's

Ridley Jacobs will captain West Indies on a tour to Bangladesh in the absence of Carl Hooper, who faces a knee operation, the selectors said on Tuesday.

Jacobs, wicketkeeper and batsman, is vice-captain of the West Indies tour of India. Skipper Hooper is to undergo corrective surgery on his troubled knees in Australia.

The selection panel omitted fast bowler Cameron Cuffey from the 15-strong squad named on Tuesday for three limited-overs internationals and two Tests.

Jacobs has previously captained the Leeward Islands in the West Indies championship.

Daren Ganga takes Hooper's place in the squad.

Daren Powell was chosen in preference to Cuffey, who has made only limited appearances in India.

Ricardo Powell, Vasbert Drakes and Corey Collymore, all picked for the limited-overs sector of the Indian tour, may now have the chance of a Test appearance.

West Indies face Bangladesh in limited-overs matches at

Chittagong on November 29 and Dhaka in day-night contests on December 2 and 3.

The Tests will be played in Dhaka from December 8 to 12 and Chittagong from December 16 to 20.



RIDLEY JACOBS

SQUAD

Ridley Jacobs (captain), Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Pedro Collins, Corey Collymore, Mervyn Dillon, Vasbert Drakes, Daren Ganga, Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds, Jermaine Lawson, Mahendra Nagamootoo, Mervyn Powell, Ricardo Powell, Marlon Samuels, Ramnaresh Sarwan.

Booters reach Yangon

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh national football team reached Yangon yesterday in the morning to play two friendly matches against Myanmar national team.

The team was received by U Tin Aung, the general secretary of Myanmar Football Federation, on arrival.

The first match will be held on November 22 and the second on November 24.

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National youth cricket from Dec 15

BSS, Dhaka

The 22nd National Youth Cricket Championship begins at divisional level from December 15 at different venues.

All district sports associations and educational boards have been requested to send their entries to Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) office by December 5.



Shah Nurul Kabir Shaheen, BCB advisor and chairman of the Ticket and Sitting Committee, briefs the press yesterday.

Adelaide Test from today

Gillespie, Crawley the worries



AFP, Adelaide

England will give injured batsman John Crawley until the morning of the second Ashes cricket Test to prove he can play against Australia at Adelaide Oval on Thursday.

The Hampshire middle-order batsman has been in discomfort with deep-seated bruising after he was struck on the hip by a delivery during an unbeaten 55 against Australia A in Hobart last Sunday.

Team coach Duncan Fletcher on Wednesday rated Crawley's chances of playing as very doubtful and Kent batsman Robert Key was the logical standby after his unbeaten 174 against Australia A.

Team officials said Crawley would undergo a fitness test at the ground before the England team was decided.

England may make up to three changes, and all injury-enforced, from the one thrashed by 384 runs in the opening Gabba Test.

Yorkshire off-spinner Richard Dawson will get an unexpected opportunity to play after front-line spinner Ashley Giles broke his wrist when batting in the nets on Tuesday.

Alex Tudor, who was not named in the original tour party, is likely to replace sidelined paceman Simon Jones, who ruptured knee ligaments during the Brisbane Test.

It is Crawley's seniority in the side and his valuable experience which the England team are reluctant to discard prematurely and they hope a night's rest and treatment may get him to play.

"Crawley's not looking too good. He got that knock on the hip and it

Magura soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT

A brilliant hat-trick by Sujan enabled Mohammadpur Ekadosh to blank Udayan Sporting Club 5-0 in the Econo First Division Football League at the Magura Stadium yesterday.

The first half ended goalless. Milon and Zahir shared another two goals.

Madanpur Horizan Smriti Sangsad take on Shafiq Smriti Sangsad today at the same venue.

hasn't reacted too well," Fletcher said on Wednesday.

"It's right on the top of the hip bone, it got him smack on the bone and there's a problem with bruising there and it just doesn't seem to be getting better.

"The medical staff thought the bruising might have got a bit better, but he struggled again today in the nets as soon as he applies any weight on to that leg there's a bit of a problem.

"At the end of the day Crawley has done well for us, he's batted really well and he's been an experienced campaigner, he does play spinners well which is important so it's not easy to just replace experience."

Injuries have dogged the touring party since their arrival in Australia, although their gamble to bring unfit members, paceman Darren Gough and all-rounder Andy Flintoff, has backfired.

Gough has returned home with a chronic knee injury while Flintoff will be left out of the next two Tests in a bid to fully recover from a hernia operation prior to the Australian campaign.

Faced with a crippling run of injuries and a relentless Australian team, Fletcher said England had no choice but to stick to their guns for the remainder of the five-match Ashes series.

"You just keep at it. That's one of the strengths of this side," he said. "We've taken a few knocks and the guys just keep coming back. There's good morale still in the side."

"Giles' injury gives young Dawson

an opportunity to play and hopefully he can rise to the occasion."

Fletcher, who with skipper Nasser Hussain must devise a way of getting England back in the series, said Dawson would not have played if Giles was fit.

The Australian team has also adopted a cautious stance on the fitness of fast bowler Jason Gillespie, who has been given until the morning of the Test to prove he can last the five days of the Adelaide match.

Gillespie had been troubled by calf muscle soreness before the Ashes series and a decision on whether he plays in his hometown Test will be made between him and team physio Errol Alcott.

TEAMS

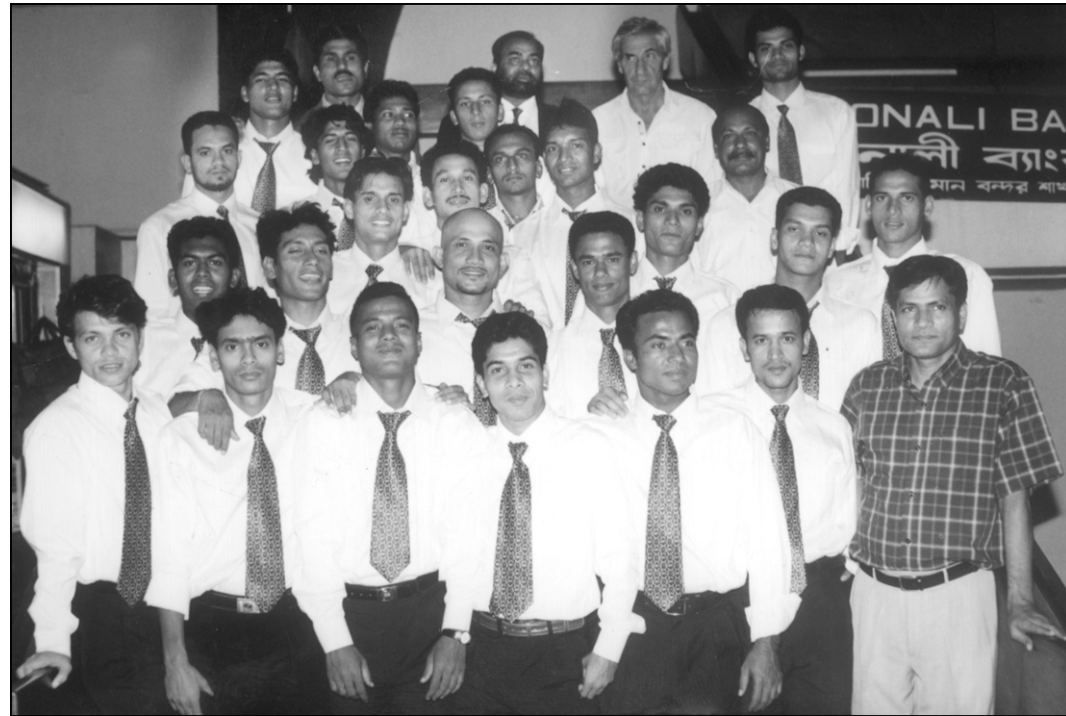
AUSTRALIA (from): Matthew Hayden, Justin Langer, Ricky Ponting, Damien Martyn, Steve Waugh (captain), Darren Lehmann, Adam Gilchrist, Shane Warne, Jason Gillespie, Andy Bichel, Glenn McGrath, Brett Lee.

ENGLAND (from): Marcus Trescothick, Michael Vaughan, Mark Butcher, Nasser Hussain (captain), John Crawley, Robert Key, Alec Stewart, Craig White, Richard Dawson, Andrew Caddick, Matthew Hoggard, Alex Tudor.

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and Rudi Koertzen (South Africa).



THEN, WHY IS HE THERE? Australia Test opener Matthew Hayden inspects the Adelaide Oval pitch during the team's practice session yesterday. The second Ashes Test begins here today.



The Myanmar-bound national football team at the ZIA yesterday.

Windies want it now



AFP, Jodhpur

India are in danger of losing their first one-day series this year as the buoyant West Indies strive to kill off the home team's challenge in the sixth match here on Thursday.

A victory for Carl Hooper's tourists will give them a decisive 4-2 lead in the seven-match series and the captain wants to leave nothing to chance for the final game in Vijayawada on Sunday.

"I want to win tomorrow and wrap

up the series," Hooper said at the Barkatullah Stadium on Wednesday.

"We don't want to keep the series alive till the final match. We don't want to give India a chance to come back."

The West Indies, powered by opener Chris Gayle's three brilliant centuries in five matches, have the cushion of a 3-2 lead going into Thursday's game.

India will not only have to halt the West Indian batting juggernaut, but win the two remaining matches to avoid a rare reverse on home soil.

It's a task easier said than done in the absence of captain Saurav

Ganguly, batting star Sachin Tendulkar and frontline seamer Zaheer Khan, all of whom are being rested due to minor niggles.

In one-day series over the last 12 months, India beat Zimbabwe and the West Indies, drew 3-3 at home with England, won the NatWest series in England and reached the rain-abandoned final of the Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka.

"We are obviously keen not to spoil the good record just before the World Cup," said stand-in captain Rahul Dravid.

"Injuries happen, we can't do anything about that, but the boys are very keen to give their best and win the last two matches."

India have fielded different combinations for the first five one-dayers as the selectors attempt to finalise the squad for next year's World Cup in southern Africa.

All-rounders Reetinder Sodhi and off-spinner Sarandeep Singh have been summoned for the last two matches while seamer Ajit Agarkar has been recalled after being omitted for the fourth and fifth games.

Sodhi returns for his 18th one-day after being overlooked for more than a year. Sarandeep last played for India against Zimbabwe earlier this year.

India are scheduled to play seven one-dayers and two Tests during next month's tour of New Zealand, but Dravid stressed the World Cup squad had to be short-listed during the current series itself.

"We will not be able to experiment away in New Zealand, so the present series against the West Indies was our last chance to test our bench strength," Dravid said.

"I think we have identified areas where we need to work on, so this series has been very useful in that sense."

TEAMS

INDIA (from): Rahul Dravid (captain), Virender Sehwag, Venkatesh Laxman, Dinesh Mongia, Yuvraj Singh, Mohammad Kaif, Sanjay Bangar, Harbhajan Singh, Reetinder Sodhi, Ajit Agarkar, Javagal Srinath, Murali Kartik, Parthiv Patel, Ashish Nehra, Sarandeep Singh.

WEST INDIES (from): Carl Hooper (captain), Wavell Hinds, Chris Gayle, Marlon Samuels, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Ricardo Powell, Ridley Jacobs, Mervyn Dillon, Vasbert Drakes, Pedro Collins, Corey Collymore, Cameron Cuffey, Mahendra Nagamootoo, Darren Ganga.

Umpires: Asoka de Silva (Sri Lanka) and K Hariharan (India).



FRIENDS TODAY, FOES TOMORROW: West Indies' Mervyn Dillon (sitting) and Harbhajan Singh, who are on a break, watch their teammates train during their practice sessions at the Barkatullah Khan Cricket Stadium in Jodhpur yesterday.