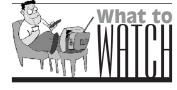


batsman Dilip Vengsarkar for his half-adozen sixes in the Irani Cup match in 1975-76, which earned him Test selection. Critics compared him with Col C K Nayudu. The nickname stuck to him to his displeasure.



ESPN English Premier Football League

Liverpool vs Sunderland Repeat at 11:00 am Cricket Programming Super Selector Repeat at 2:30 pm **English Premier Football League** Man United vs Newcastle United Live at 6:00 pm

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STAR Sports Australia vs England

Second Test, Day Three Live at 6:27 am Pakistan vs Zimbabwe First ODI Live at 1:30 pm Australia vs England Second Test, Day Three

Highlights Same Day Delay at 10:30 pm





Anna Kournikova

(Russian tennis glamour girl) "Not only did the fans here wish me to win, but so did fans all over the world." After losing the final of the

Shanghai Open.



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Dravid Gayle Agarkar 4. Pakistan won the Test series

5. Brazil won the friendly match

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Bangladesh Cricket Board president Ali Asghar (L) and Brand Manager of Coca-Cola Soumendra Sankar Das (R) display the logo of the forthcoming series between Bangladesh and West Indies at the BCB office yesterday.

BCB gets things rolling

Tk 1.75 cr earmarked for WI series

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The BCB (Bangladesh Cricket Board) has earmarked Taka 1.75 crore for the forthcoming tour of West Indies

Board president Ali Asghar revealed this at a press conference arranged in connection with the tour that begins with a one-day international at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on November 29.

While giving out details of the tour, Asghar said the expenditure would be met through earnings from the title sponsorship, TV and other revenues. Coca-Cola, the title sponsor of the tour, will pay a little over Taka 50 lakh.

Apart from the official broadcaster ESPN-Star, a Hong Kongbased satellite TV production company, the Bangladesh Television will also provide the live telecast and the Bangladesh Betar ball by ball commentary.

Asghar apart, two Board advisors Mahbubul Anam, Jalal Yunus and secretary of the media committee for the West Indies tour Rizwanbin-Faruque and Coca-Cola Brand Manager Soumendra Sankar Das

The West Indies, now touring India, are scheduled to arrive in Dhaka on November 26 to play in three one-day internationals and two Tests. Two players, Daren Ganga and

Daren Powel, will arrive in the capital from West Indies on November 25 and the rest of the 13member tour party reaches here the next day. They will be flown straight to Chittagong for the first one-dayer. The official media conference of

both teams takes place in Chittagong on November 27. The second and third onedayers will be held under lights at

the Bangabandhu National Stadium

on December 2 and 3

The first Test will also be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from December 8 and the second Test ensues in Chittagong starting from December 16.

Clad in a red panjabi, Asghar also disclosed that the Board has invited West Indies great and now Board president Wes Hall to visit Bangladesh during the series. Hall, who played Test matches at the then Dhaka Stadium against Pakistan in 1954, has accepted the Answering to another query,

Asghar said that he would sit with the national cricketers in couple of days and formulate a new payment system for them

He also said that his Board is still hopeful of a tri-nation series, involving South Africa and India next April and the Asia Cup later next year.

Later, Asghar unveiled the logo

Indo-WI ODIs being bet?

Cricket

AFP. New Delhi

Cricket's anti-corruption investigators must surely know, but the best indication how a series will pan out comes strangely from bookmakers.

Many in India's illegal, but thriving gambling industry had predicted even before the first ball was bowled that the one-day series between India and the West Indies will be locked 3-3 going into Sunday's final match.

Which is precisely what happened as hosts India snatched a series-levelling win in Thursday's sixth match at Jodhpur to keep the interest alive till the end.

"This series has been a bookmaker's dream," said Delhi businessman Rajat Vaid, a selfconfessed punter who bets a rupee on every cricket match played anywhere in the world.

"The market was certain even before the first one-dayer it would be 3-3 after six matches. I don't know how they knew, but they knew."

Former West Indian great, Michael Holding, in his own understated fashion, added fuel to the growing fire of speculation by hinting all may not have been above

Writing in the Hindustan Times, Holding took a swipe at the West Indians for being shot out for 201 in the 47th over at Jodhpur.

"It was imperative that the lower order, led by Ridley Jacobs, concentrated on occupying the crease for 50 overs," he wrote. "That could not have been

uppermost in their minds, as Jacobs certainly would not have taken a single at the beginning of an over to expose (tail-ender) Pedro Collins for the next five deliveries. "Those three-and-a-half the

West Indies missed out on could have given them another 15-20 runs that could have made a big "But then again, a win for the

WIndies would have meant a 'dead' seventh one-daver at Viiavawada." Holding wrote.

Holding, covering the series as a television commentator, even wondered whether India's stand-in captain Rahul Dravid had really won the toss in the crucial tie.

"Though the newspapers will cion, unfairly putting even the as predicted, elected to bat second, could someone please let us know who really won the toss?," Holding wrote at the start of his column.

"It is not a well-known fact, but some doubts have been raised over the toss," he wrote, without elabo-

India squeezed out a narrow three-wicket win in the only lowscoring game of the series so far despite missing three top players in captain Saurav Ganguly, Sachin Tendulkar and Zaheer Khan.

Cricketers have been under increasing scrutiny ever since the match-fixing scandal broke two years ago and led to life bans on three captains -- Mohammad Azharuddin of India, the late Hansie Cronje of South Africa and Salim Malik of Pakistan.

a risky stroke is eyed with suspi-

innocent players in the dock.

It may just be the unpredictable nature of one-day cricket, but the last three series played on Indian soil over the past 12 months have all gone down to the wire

India drew with England 3-3 in January, beat Zimbabwe 3-2 in March and now find themselves locked all square against the West

This against a touring side minus star batsman Brian Lara, who were thrashed 2-0 in the Test series and given virtually no chance in the one-dayers.

Yet, Carl Hooper's men led 2-0, India hit back to make it 2-2. the West Indies again made it 3-2, before India drew level a second time at Jodhour.

Punter Vaid said his bookmaker was still to offer odds on the result at Vijayawada on Sunday.

PCB pardons Shoaib

Cricket

INTERNET, Karachi

found guilty of ball tampering. He was given a severe reprimand by match referee Clive Lloyd



SHOAIB AKHTAR

earlier this month after the umpires against Zimbabwe in Harare.

been scratched," Lloyd said.

report about the matter to the Board. But officials have decided that no further punishment in necessary.

Khawaia Nasir subsequently sent a

Llovd just reprimanded Akhtar we find the issue not big enough. We PCB general manager Zakir Khan.

with any of the seams or the surface of the ball."

It is also illegal to "use any implement, or take any other action whatsoever which is likely to alter the condition of the ball." Pakistan captain Waqar Younis

is the only player ever to have received a ban for ball-tampering. He was given a one-match suspension two years ago after he was seen lifting the seam during a

in the five one-day internationals in Zimbabwe because of a knee

Team management does not want to aggravate the problem ahead of the tour to South Africa which follows, but the PCB are sending a doctor to Zimbabwe to check on his condition.

Sultan, Imam to see Munshi

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) president SA Sultan and his vice-president Zafar Imam could head for the Indian city of Kolkata, West Bengal, today to meet Indian Football Association boss Prviaranian Das Munshi who is the new chairman of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC)'s Legal

The purpose of the BFF top brass' trip is to convince Munshi and buy more time before holding the election of the federation.

The AFC has directed the BFF to hold the election in December immediately after the Eid-ul-Fitr. The AFC directive also clearly states that a president has to be elected. That puts the BFF in a fix as it is bounded by the controversial National Sports Council(NSC) act that says the president will be appointed by the Government.

Although the BFF has requested the NSC to amend the constitution, changes, if any, are impossible before a parliamentary session next

Sultan and Zafar will try to convey this situation during their meetng with Munshi.

"We have learnt that Munshi is now in New Delhi but is scheduled to get back to Kolkata soon. If we get the confirmation that he has returned, we will set off for India tomorrow. Otherwise we might wait for a day or two," said Zafar yesterday.

'CS' passes on

INTERNET, New Delhi

Cottari Subbanna Nayudu, the great cricketer of the Holkar era and younger brother of India's first Test captain CK Nayudu, passed away at a hospital in Indore early Friday

The 88-year-old Nayudu was ailing for some time. He leaves behind two sons and two daughters. Born on April 18, 1914 at Nagpur, Nayudu or CS as he was known,

made his Test debut at the relatively

voung age of 19 years and 262 days against England at Calcutta. He was a much better player than his record suggests. He played 11 Tests in all (four against Australia and seven against England) scoring

147 runs at 9.18 while also claiming

two wickets at 179.5. In Ranji Trophy, he played for Central India, Baroda, Holkar, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh in 56 matches, scoring 2575 runs at 30.29 and claiming 295 wickets at 23.47 by bowling his right-arm leg-

breaks and googlies. In 1944-45, he bowled 156.5 sixball overs for Holkar against Mumbai which remains a record for the highest number of overs in a firstclass match to date.

His cremation took place in the evening. The Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association officials and the cricketing fraternity of Madhya Pradesh have condoled his death.

Indian punters captured in Nepal

AFP, Kathmandu

Police in Nepal have arrested a group of Indian bookies who were organising illegal cricket betting, a report said Friday.

Four men were caught at their homes in Kathmandu while the betting was going on, the English daily Space Time Today said They were organising bets totalling 500,000 rupees (6,410

dollars) on Thursday's match between India and West Indies which took place in India "However, the deal goes to as far one million rupees," the newspaper

said. All betting is illegal in Nepal. The men were using laptop computers, mobile phones and faxes to organise the bets, Rajendra Bhandari, superintendent of police in the crime investigation depart-

Strong start for NSW

ment, told the newspaper.

AFP, Hobart

New South Wales, led by captain Simon Katich's 84, were 280 for six after the first day of their Sheffield Shield cricket match against Tasmania here on Friday. Michael Bevan made 70 and Mark

Waugh 48 on a day where fortunes

fluctuated after NSW were sent in. The big-name Blues appeared to have finally got on top late in the day as Katich and Waugh broke the

each other to leave honours about SEE PAGE 15 COL 8

A change of heart

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Dropped in the evening, Khaled Mahmud was drafted in the reserve pool of cricketers for the forthcoming Coca-Cola series late in the Thursday night.

Selectors preferred spinner all-rounder Naimur Rahman to pacer allrounder Mahmud when the selectors disclosed a 14-man Bangladesh squad and seven reserves for the one-day series against West Indies on Thursday. But the three-man selection panel headed by Aliul Islam had a change of heart about the combative performer in the Challenge Trophy later and asked

him to join the team. "We in fact have added two in our reserve list of seven. One is Mahmud and the other is young left arm spinner Enamul Haque junior," said Aliul while talking to The Daily Star Sports last night.

"We have given a second thought about Mahmud and decided to see his progress in the training. That's why we called him back. But we will take decision that is best for the team.

"We can always make changes as being the home side. Besides, Mahmud is still in our consideration. Aliul is learnt to have contacted the all-rounder on that night and asked him to join the national team's training. Mahmud instantly responded to the call and joined the training yesterday morning.



GONE YESTERDAY, HERE TODAY: Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud (C) and opener Al Shahriar (R) have a talk with all-rounder Khaled Mahmud during a practice session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Mahmud was omitted from the national cricket team on Thursday, but was again taken in as stand-by yesterday.

Myanmar U-23 beat BD 1-0

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh lost their first friendly match against Myanmar under-23 team 0-1 at the Youth training centre in Yangoon yesterday.

Bangladesh conceded the goal in the 85th minute.

According to a faxed message received here last night, Bangladesh spoiled some good opportunities in either halves.

The visitors will meet the same opponents tomorrow in their last

friendly match at the same venue. The two practice matches have been arranged as part of Bangladesh's build-up to the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship, starting in Dhaka from January 10.

SPORTS REPORTER

Fourteen players remained atop the Dhaka zonal qualifying round of the 29th National Chess Championship after winning their third successive matches at the NSC chess room

yesterday. In the third round, Kazal, Uten, taher, Mithu, Hanif, Naser, Mohan, Alamgir, Mujibur, Shamim, Lipon, Moni, Ilyas and Masud won their respective matches and raised their

The fourth round starts at the same venue today at 3 pm.

England batting hero Michael Vaughan was cleared on Friday of shoulder damage after he was struck twice by deliveries in the second Ashes Test against Australia

in Adelaide Vaughan underwent X-rays after complaining of soreness in his right shoulder following his innings of 177

which was the highest by an Englishman in Australia since Mike Denness scored 188 in the final Test in Melbourne in 1974-1975, as the best of his career.

Walpole said the scans revealed no further problems for Vaughan.

The 28-year-old Yorkshire opener was off the field on Friday during Australia's first innings

Ricky Ponting led Australia's charge towards a big total in the second Ashes Test here Friday as England surrendered their opening day

batting collapse. Coming into the second day at 295 for four, the tourists, needing to avoid defeat here after losing heavily in Brisbane, undid all their good work of Thursday to unravel and be all out for 342, their last six

wickets tumbling for 47 in 26.2 Australia made it look easy in reply as their top order hummed along at four runs an over to chip away at England's first innings total

with every batsman getting a start

and silencing the boisterous Barmy

Army England following. At the close, Australia were 247 for two -- 95 runs behind England's total -- with Ponting unbeaten on 83 and Damien Martyn, dropped twice

by Alec Stewart, not out 48. Front-line bowler Andy Caddick, needing to lift and lead an inexperienced attack, was toothless with his 10 overs conceding 61 runs with four no-balls and six wides.

"It's probably showed in the first

two matches, they're all good quality

players, but the plans we've got on all their players are close to spot on and it's just a case of executing them," said Australian paceman Jason Gillespie. Ponting raised his 17th Test halfcentury following up his sweetly-struck 123 in Brisbane and his

partnership with Martyn steadily put Australia in command, their 133-run stand came up in 159 minutes. "We played some good cricket vesterday, we were in a good position and we hoped we would be well into the late-400s, but that's how it's gone, we have to put it behind us," said England coach Duncan

Fletcher. England had minor successes along the way. They removed inform opener Matthew Hayden for a relatively cheap 46 and his partner Justin Langer for 48.

Yet up to then the two lefthanders had bounded along to their seventh century partnership in 15 months. Their stand of 101 came up off just 72 balls in 99 minutes. Hayden was man-of-the-match

in Australia's comprehensive 384-

run victory in Brisbane scoring 197

and 103, so getting him out for 46 on

Friday was something of an achievement for the English Hayden threw his wicket away going after Craig White only to spiral

a catch to Caddick at deep mid-off. Langer fell 16 minutes later when he went to cut and appeared to bottom edge to 'keeper Alec Stewart giving off-spinner Richard Dawson

his first wicket of the series. Hayden was dropped twice in his typically-belligerent stay at the crease, offering Mark Butcher a difficult high chance at cover point

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Every dropped catch, run out or

Fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar will not face any action from the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) after being



reported him during the first Test "The umpires and I inspected the

ball and it was clear to us that it had Team manager Brigadier "Since the match referee Clive

think the matter is closed now." said Law 42.3b states that it is "unfair for anyone to rub the ball on the ground for any reason, or interfere

one-day international against South Africa in Sri Lanka. Shoaib, meanwhile, will not play

shackles against an accurate Tasmanian pace attack. But they fell within two runs of

Aussies take charge

AFP, Adelaide

initiative with another spectacular



An in-the-air Ricky Ponting square-cuts during his knock of 83 not out on the second day of the second Ashes Test at Adelaide yesterday.

when on 22 off Steve Harmison and

29th National Chess 14 lead the pack

tally to three points each.

Vaughan okay

AFP, Adelaide

on Thursday's first day Vaughan described his knock,

Team spokesman Andrew

his place taken by Andy Flintoff.

Cricket