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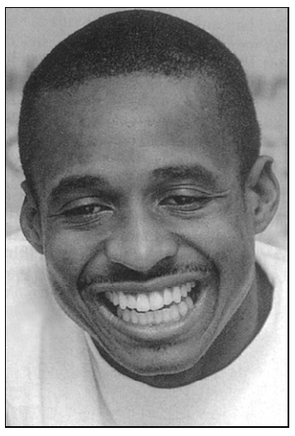

Tim Montgomery
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3. Who was the man-of-the-match in the 6th ODI between India and West Indies?
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4. Pakistan won the Test series against Zimbabwe by?
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Asghar waits for good

Contract with national cricketers

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

President of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Ali Asghar said he would be delaying his promised declaration regarding the new payment system of the national players as there was room for offering a better deal to the cricketers.

The BCB boss had earlier made a vow to finalise a new contract with the national crickets before the home series against West Indies, which starts with the first one-day international in Chittagong on November 29. The BCB's previous contract with the national cricketers expired in August this year.

But following a meaningful discussion with the players including national captain Khaled Mashud at his Gulshan resident last night, Asgar said that the contract would definitely be signed before the Eid-ul-Fitr.

" I will return home on November 29 and I'm confident that the paper work would be finalised by that time. It might take a couple of days more for the contract to be signed but I believe it would be in the best interest of the players", said Ali Asghar to the Daily Star Sport yesterday.

The BCB chief was scheduled to leave for Malaysia last night to attend a meeting of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) of which he is the president.

Khaled Mashud also sounded optimistic after attending an iftar party at the board president's house, where the unscheduled meeting took place.

" It was a very cordial meeting and we have made some observations regarding a fresh deal with the Board", said Mashud over telephone.

The Bangladesh wicketkeeper also appreciated the Board's gesture of discussing this important matter with the players before a final deal was struck. Mashud however refused to go into details.

" We will make our points known to the BCB and together we hope to formulate a pay system for the national players. So, during negotiation process we have agreed not to discuss about it in public", said Mashud.

" We have requested the President to take into consideration the career-span of an international. Career of a professional player in other sports tend to be longer. But the career of a cricketer is mostly short. So,we believe a cricketer deserves a preferential treatment regarding his earnings", pointed out Mashud.

The meeting was also attended by chairman of BCB's cricket committee Mahbubul Anam and a number of national cricketers.

Highlighting the discussion Mahbub claimed that it was a unique event.

" Previously salary structures were forced upon the players. The present Board policy is against the idea of imposing anything on the players", said Mahbub adding that the BCB would consult a lawyer after finishing the paper work so that there are no legal loopholes.

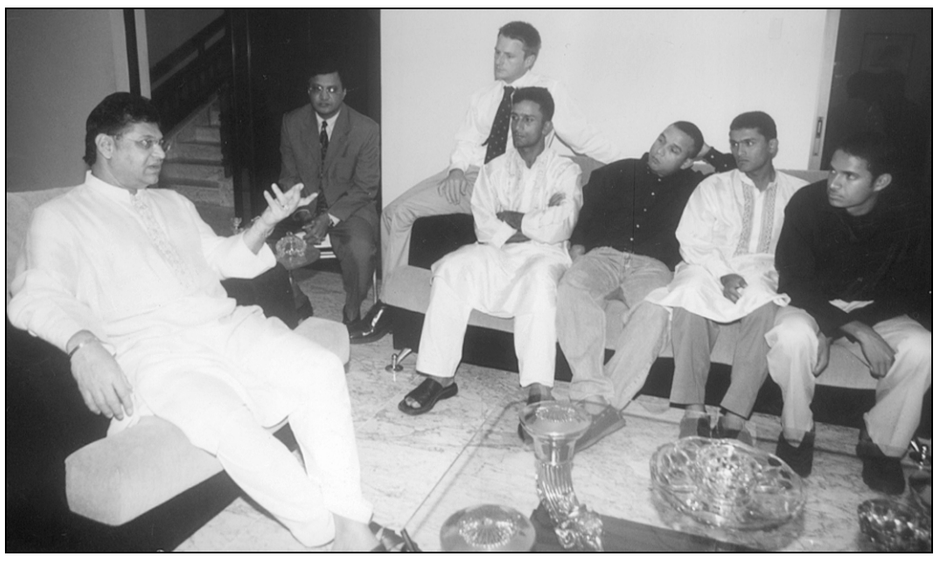

PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh Cricket Board president Ali Asghar talks with national team players during an iftar party at his residence yesterday.

BD booters draw 1-1

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh drew their second friendly match against Myanmar under-23 team 1-1 at the Youth Training Centre in Yangoon yesterday.

But the faxed message received here in the evening failed to state any details of the match.

It could only be gathered that Bangladesh conceded the goal at the stroke of the final whistle.

Bangladesh lost their first match 0-1.

The team, which went to Myanmar as part of their preparation for the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship, is scheduled to return home today.

The SAFF Championship is scheduled in the capital from January 10 to 20.

Bangladesh are likely to play a few more practice matches against the Sporting Bengal United of London later next month.

PHOTO: STAR

ON COMEBACK TRAIL: Although fast bowler Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza has been out of action for almost a year now, he came to the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday to have some cricket. The picture shows national team's Mohammad Ashraful (L) and Naimur Rahman (2nd from L) watch him bowl in the nets. Mashrafee is nursing a knee injury.

Sultan counts on Munshi

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) president SA Sultan is optimistic that the AFC (Asian Football Confederation) would consider their application for holding the election in March or April.

Sultan was inspired after his meeting with All India Football Federation president and AFC legal committee chairman Priyaranjan Das Munshi on Saturday, where he discussed at length over the issue.

On his return from Kolkata, West Bengal, yesterday, Sultan claimed that Das Munshi was very convinced with their proposal and he assured that a case will be taken up in Legal Committee's next meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on December 9.

"What I have tried to make him understand was that it is not possible for us to have an elected president unless the NSC Act is amended. I have told him that the Act is to be amended in the Jatiya Sangsad's next session in February or March and then it would take another 30 days more to hold an election," said Sultan.

"He assured me that he would contact AFC secretariat immediately regarding this matter and also take up the case in Legal Committee's next meeting."

The AFC, in their last letter to BFF on October 28, has asked the federation to complete its election as per the AFC prescribed format immediately after the Eid vacation.

According to the AFC prescription, the 31-member committee will be reduced to 21 and the president will also have to be elected instead of being nominated by the government.

Confused CJKS

Target of ticket sale shrouded in questions

Cricket

SHAHIDUL ISLAM, *Chittagong*

There seems to be a funny game being played by the Chattagram Jila Krira Sangstha (CJKS) regarding the capacity of the MA Aziz Stadium.

Fans suspect that some CJKS officials are more interested in a 'hide and seek' policy while dealing with the selling of tickets.

This question has surfaced among the conscious fans for the last few days.

"We are used to getting suspicious whenever information is provided by the local organisers prior to any international events at this ground," said Nazrul Islam of Chawkbazar area while talking to this correspondent.

"They never reveal publicly either the actual capacity of the stadium nor exactly how many tickets would be sold."

Two cricket-loving brothers, Aslam and Parvez, were also equally doubtful about the honesty of the organisers.

"We apprehend the organisers will want to sell more tickets than the capacity of the venue."

Most of the newspapers had earlier reported that the CJKS would be selling about 30,000 tickets for the two international matches, the first one-day and the second Test, in Chittagong and no officials at that time raised any objections to those reports.

Now, it seems the same persons are offering conflicting statements.

Hafizur Rahman, the joint secretary of CJKS, said that they would sell 21-22,000 tickets.

Surprisingly, he was not sure about the capacity of the stadium. He made a wild guess saying it could be around 20,000.

"Perhaps it was our fault since we did not try to know the exact capacity," he admitted.

Syed Shahabuddin Shamim, a treasurer, on the other hand believed that the capacity was 24,000 but still we are going to sell 20,000 tickets."

Of the 20,000, the number of gallery (international, west and east) tickets would be 19,000 and the rest are for the pavilion, he said.

Meanwhile, a 56-member ESPN-Star Sports production crew arrived here yesterday. They have planned to set up as many as 16 cameras at different parts of the venue.

Sourav Jain, technical manager, and Michael Bevan, technical engineer of the popular international sports channel, expressed their satisfaction over the condition of the stadium.

"It is an ideal international venue," they said to a group of local journalists here in the afternoon.

Pakistan flay Zimbabwe

Cricket

AFP, *Bulawayo*

Pakistan batsmen were on a Sunday outing at the Queens Sports Club and built up a mammoth score of 344-5 off the inexperienced and hapless Zimbabwe attack.

Having won the first one day international the previous day by seven runs, Pakistan can feel assured of a much more substantial victory to follow in the second of five in the series.

Saleem Elahi, whose form has been rapidly improving since his stuttering start to the tour, made a thumping 107 in 111 balls. His partner Taufeeq Umar, who is not quite so comfortable with one-day cricket as he is with Tests, played second fiddle with 76 in 113 balls and they put on 159 for the first wicket.

Pakistan went through a relatively subdued middle period with the arrival of left-arm spinner Grant Flower, but once Yousuf Youhana came to the crease it was fireworks all the way to lunch.

Youhana had helped himself to 141 not out the previous day in Pakistan's seven-run victory. This time he smashed an undefeated 76 and lifted eight sixes out of the ground as the scoreboard operators struggled to keep up.

The Zimbabwe bowlers were simply swept away. Captain Alistair Campbell referred at the toss, won by Waqar Younis, that he does not have six bowlers available and that was a portend of the runs' glut to come.

Zimbabwe were forced to give schoolboy Waddington Mwayenga his first cap after only two first class domestic matches, a measure of their desperation after Andy Blignaut and Henry Olonga reported knee problems.

Pakistan gave a first chance of the tour to Faisal Iqbal and they were strengthened by the return of

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Pakistan 2-0 up

SPORTS REPORTER

Pakistan took a 2-0 lead in the five-match one-day international series against Zimbabwe yesterday. They won the second game by 104 runs under the Duckworth-Lewis system. When rain stopped play after 33 overs the home side were 140 for six.

Hockey team off to Kolkata

SPORTS REPORTER

A 16-member Bangladesh hockey team finally left the capital last night for Kolkata to take part in the Lal Bahadur Shastri Hockey Tournament in New Delhi.

The participation in the tournament, starting from November 27, however became uncertain because of the delay in obtaining government order. Having applied for the GO on November 16, the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) got it only on Saturday.

Bangladesh will reach Kolkata tomorrow morning and straightway board the Rajdhani Express for New Delhi.

Bangladesh, led by Musa Miah, are scheduled to play in their first match on the 28th.

Bangladesh have been directly placed in the final round, but their opponents are yet to be known.

TEAM

Mahbubullah Chowdhury Shakil, Asiqul Haq Rinku, Isa Miah, Shamsuddin Tuhin, Hedayetul Islam Khan Rajib, Yamin Hossain, Shahidullah Tito, Musa Miah, Towfiqul Islam Rana, Zahidul Islam Rajan, Ashraful Islam Shisu, Muksed Alam Habul, Shawkat Ali, Rahul Kanti Roy, Mazharul Islam Moksed and Abdur Rahman.

Officials: Nurul Amin (manager) and Nurul Islam (coach).

Windies win in style

Samuels, Lawson thrash India

Cricket

AFP, *Vijayawada*

Marlon Samuels smashed an unbeaten 108 off 75 balls as the West Indies thrashed India by 135 runs in the seventh and last one-day international to clinch the series 4-3 here on Sunday.

India, chasing 316, floundered against fast bowler Jermaine Lawson (4-57) before being shot out for 180 in the 37th over to lose their first one-day series this year despite a fighting 68 from Yuvraj Singh.

The West Indies owed their series win to Samuels and Lawson who produced their best in a pressure match to stun an experimental Indian side.

India were without star batsmen Sachin Tendulkar and Sourav Ganguly, and bowlers Zaheer Khan, Anil Kumble and Harbhajan Singh.

Man-of-the-match Samuels, 21, put the Indian attack to the sword in an awesome display of clean and hard hitting as he cracked five sixes in his maiden century in 36 one-dayers.

His fellow Jamaican Lawson, 20, then drove home the advantage as he ran through the top-order Indian batting with four wickets in his first seven overs to make sure the target remained elusive for the hosts.

"Samuels played an exceptional knock. It was one of the best innings I've seen in one-dayers," said West Indies captain Carl Hooper.

"Lawson then bowled very well, especially after coming back from a back injury. The toss was important, but we knew once we had a big total on the board that we could win if we grabbed our chances."

The match deviated from the norm in that it was the first time in the series a team lost while chasing the target.

Lawson played a big role in reversing the trend as he dismissed Virender Sehwag, Dinesh Mongia, Venkatsai Laxman and Rahul Dravid to send India reeling at 67-4 in only his third one-dayer, and the first since December 2001.

"We were outplayed," said stand-in India skipper Dravid. "It was never easy after losing early wickets while chasing a big total. That put pressure on us, but they played better cricket than us."

Spinner Chris Gayle (3-22) and paceman Corey Collymore (2-30) also chipped in as the West Indies raised the level of their performance when it mattered most.

In contrast, Indian bowlers were on the receiving end as Samuels, Ramnaresh Sarwan (83) and opener Wavell Hinds (58) all made merry on an easy-paced track after their team had been put in to bat.

Off-spinner Sarandeep Singh was the only bowler to command respect, giving away 31 off 10 overs in his first match of the series.

Samuels put the Indian bowling in proper perspective after the dismissals of Gayle and Shivnarine Chanderpaul for 16 runs. He went on the rampage in the closing stages to help his team plunder 120 in the last 10 overs.

He ruined paceman Javagal Srinath's bowling figures with 21 in one over during his 109-run stand for the fifth wicket off 10.1 overs with Ricardo Powell (30).

Samuels consolidated his team's position after Sarwan had steadied the innings with his impressive fifth half-century.

Sarwan added 116 for the third wicket with Hinds and 50 for the next with Samuels after early setbacks. He received valuable support from Hinds, who hit seven fours in his 10th half-century.

Sarwan was adjudged leg-before while attempting to cut a straight ball from seamer Ajit Agarkar, but not before creating a pressure-free situation for Samuels.

SCOREBOARD

Complete scoreboard of the seventh and final one-day international between India and the West Indies at the Indira Gandhi Stadium on Sunday:

WEST INDIES

Gayle c Kaif b Srinath	5
Hinds b Sehwag	58
Chanderpaul c Kartik b Agarkar	6
Sarwan lbw b Agarkar	83
Samuels not out	108
Powell st Dravid b Sehwag	30
Hooper c Kaif b Sehwag	13

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PHOTO: AFP

MAN-OF-THE-MATCH: West Indies' Marlon Samuels is about to loft one during his whirlwind innings against India in the seventh and final one-day international yesterday.

Aussies victors as usual

Cricket

AFP, *Adelaide*

Glenn McGrath took the catch of his life and captured four wickets to spearhead Australia to an innings and 51-run thumping of England in the second Ashes cricket Test at the Adelaide Oval here on Sunday.

The Australians, comprehensive 384-run winners of the first Brisbane Test, are now one match away from claiming the Ashes for an eighth consecutive series and that's likely to come in the third Perth Test, starting on November 29.

On the evidence from the opening two matches, both completed inside four days, there is a considerable gap between the two traditional Ashes foes, and a good prospect of a 5-0 series whitewash.

"It's difficult to imagine us playing much better," said Australian skipper Steve Waugh.

"Our bowling has been fantastic over the last 10 Test matches and we've scored runs quickly which gives us the opportunity to put pressure on the opposition. We've played superbly."

Just like in Brisbane, where England were routed in the second innings for 79, it was Australia's unrelenting pressure which broke down the English batting on a day interrupted by rain.

"I repeat what I said after the last Test match," said England captain Nasser Hussain. "If you don't get your disciplines right here you will get blown away.

"We just have to look at them, there's no disgrace in being beaten by the best side in the world ... I have no shame in saying we can learn from this Australian side.

"It's not a mental thing, it's a technical positive thing and that's where we're being outplayed at the moment in how you play the game of cricket, it's a technical ability thing."

England paid for a couple of indisciplined shots from batsmen who needed to just occupy the crease with the threat of rain looming for most of the day.

Craig White played a rash shot just after lunch, swotting at a high McGrath delivery to be caught comfortably by substitute Brett Lee for five.

Stewart, who had played a fighting innings from the start of the day, fell next ball, the first of Warne's 21st over.

He played forward with his pad and was given out by South African umpire Rudi Koertzen for 57.

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PHOTO: AFP

SUPERMAN! Australia's Glenn McGrath flies towards the ball to take the 'miracle' catch on the fourth day of the second Ashes Test against England yesterday.

Fazlur visits BNS

UNB, *Dhaka*

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman yesterday visited the Bangabandhu National Stadium to see the progress of renovation ahead of the tour of West Indies.

He talked to Mohsin Kamal, the Bangladesh coach, and also the players at the stadium.

Chief selector Aliul Islam also talked to the players after their morning practice and gave them suggestions ahead of the first one-day international in Chittagong on November 29.