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BFF picks 25

SPORTS REPORTER
Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) picked 25 players for final selection yesterday to participate in the AFC U-14 Festival Football Tournament in Kathmandu, Nepal from December 20-30.
Players: Suman Dey, Jahangir Alam, Abul Kashem, Monir Hossain, Mamun Hossain, Nandu Chandra Das, Morsalin Parvez, Shipu Balmiki, Saber Barkat, Zahedull Islam, Shai Larma, Shankar chandra, Ahsan Habib, Sujon Mahmud, Shah Alam, SM Rajib, Rajan Mian, Zahid hossain, Mithun Chowdhury, Shakawat, Akramur zaman, Rezvi, Shariful Islam, Rubel Ahmad, Abdullah Al Shakil.

Bashar, Al-Shahriar face axe

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Country's top batsman Habibul Bashar and opener Al-Shahriar are likely to be dropped for the second one-dayer against West Indies at the Bangabandhu National Stadium tomorrow.

The selectors are actively considering of making a change at the top of the order following its inconsistent performance.

Chief selector Aliul Islam indicated that he might give two youngsters a chance while expressing his discontent over what he called irresponsible batting by the two experienced batsmen.

Talking to a group of reporters at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday, the bespectacled former Abahani captain said that he expected a more responsible approach from Bashar and Al-Shahriar. He was especially unhappy with opener Al-Shahriar, who only made ten in the first-one dayer. His scores in the last five innings read 0,0,1,0,10.

"We expect more consistency from an experienced player like Al-Shahriar. But the way he has been playing is not satisfactory. I can overlook mistakes from a youngster but not from a player of his repute," said Aliul.

The 24-year-old right hander, has

played 21 one-day internationals and has scored a total of 320 runs with two fifties, averaging 16.

Aliul was also critical of Bashar. "He should have stayed at the wicket in Friday's match and guided (Mohammad) Ashraf. But he looked completely out of the game," said Aliul on the dependable right-hander who was caught behind off Drakes after scoring only two.

place in the team. If he fails repeatedly he has to make way for the juniors."

Although, Aliul did not specifically mention who would replace Al-Shahriar and Bashar if there was any change, it is assumed that opener Ehsanul Haque and middle-order batsman Tushar Imran will be the ones to replace them.

Aliul, however, appeared happy



HABIBUL BASHAR

Bashar, the most successful batsman of the country, scored 548 runs with six half-centuries from his 26 ODI appearances. He also boasts a healthy average of 21.07. But Aliul said that he expected a matured show from him.

"No one should think that he is indispensable. It's only performance through which one has to ensure his



AL-SHAHRIAR

with the performances of Ashraf and Naimur Rahman in the rain-abandoned first one-dayer.

"Ashraf was my gamble and it clicked while Naimur also looked committed," said Aliul who is set to keep the same bowling attack for tomorrow's match.

He said that the final eleven would be announced on Sunday.

BD likely to take part in Bhutan meet

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh national football team, under the banner of 'BFF Eleven', is likely to participate in the Jigme Dorji Wangchuk Memorial Gold Cup football tournament to be held in Bhutan from December 14-22.

Some leading teams from India, Nepal and hosts Bhutan are expected to take part in the meet.

"If the tournament has an standard, our team will participate as part of our preparations for the third SAFF Championship," BFF acting secretary Sirajul Islam Bachchu said yesterday.

The seven-nation third SAFF Championship will be held in Dhaka from January 10-20.

However, the national team will play a preparation match with services' champions Bangladesh Army at the Army Stadium today at 2.30pm.

A two-member delegation of AFC marketing agent, Asian Marketing Limited, comprising Ain Mathie and Jaime Tong will visit SAFF venue Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium Monday afternoon to see the facilities there.

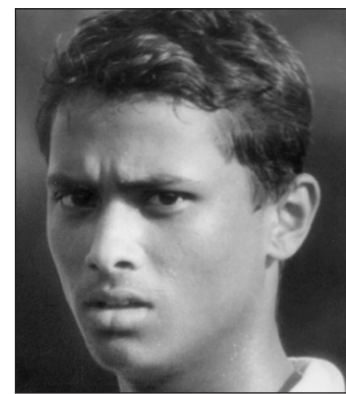
State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman and BFF president SA Sultan will also be present during the visit, BFF sources said.

Enamul jr in 30 probables

ICC Cricket World Cup SOUTH AFRICA 2003

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday announced a



ENAMUL HAQUE (jr)

preliminary 30-player list for the 2003 World Cup.

Seven new players have been added to the earlier announced 23 players for the series against West Indies.

Yesterday was the last day for submitting primary lists by each of the 14 participating countries to the

organisers of the month-long South Africa carnival.

The only new face was young left-arm spinner Enamul Haque (jr), who performed well in the recent Challenge Trophy. Playing for the BCB Development Squad, he took nine wickets against the national team.

Former national captain Akram Khan, who was overlooked by the selectors for the home series against West Indies, also got a chance to prove a point.

The selectors also took a gamble on injured paceman Mashrafe-bin Mortuza by retaining him in the list of probables. The country's fastest bowler has been out of action for nearly a year due to knee injury. The preliminary list: Khaled Mashud, Al-Shahriar, Hannan Sarker, Ehsanul Haque, Habibul Bashar, Sanwar Hossain, Alok Kapali, Mohammed Rafique, Taposh Baishya, Monjurul Islam, Mohammed Ashraf, Naimur Rahman, Tushar Imran, Anwar Hossain (wicketkeeper), Aminul Islam, Fahim Muntasir, Mazharul Haque, Anwar Hossain Munir, Enamul Haque, Javed Omar, Khaled Mahmud, Enamul Haque (jr), Akram Khan, Hasibul Hossain, Hasanuzzaman, Rafique Islam, Mushfiqur Rahman, Tariq Aziz, and Mashrafe-bin Mortuza.

Faisal outshines Grant

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, Harare

Faisal Iqbal struck an unbeaten century to steer Pakistan to a comprehensive win over Zimbabwe in the fourth one-day international on Saturday.

The opener scored 100 off 97 balls, including 10 fours and three sixes, as Pakistan totalled 211 for two in reply to Zimbabwe's 210 to win by eight wickets with 14.3 overs to spare.

The victory ensured Pakistan take an overwhelming 4-0 lead in the five-match.

Kamran Akmal and Iqbal added 53 runs for the first wicket before the former was caught behind by wicketkeeper Tatenda Taibu of the bowling of medium-pace Douglas Hondo for 44 in the eighth over.

Iqbal and Younis Khan then added 156 for the second wicket in a busy stand that took Pakistan to within two runs of victory.

It ended when Younis was run out for 56 by Brian Murphy in the covers in the 35th over as the batsmen attempted a tight single that would have earned Iqbal his century.

Earlier, Zimbabwe skipper Alistair Campbell won the toss and, declaring the wicket full of runs, decided to bat.

With veteran pacemen Waqar Younis and Wasim Akram taking a break, the attack was spearheaded by Shoaib Akhtar and Mohammad Sami with devastating results.

Zimbabwe were 13-4 inside half an hour and 41-6 not much later with Grant Flower keeping out a possible Sami hatrick after the Pakistan quick had accounted for Campbell as well as Andy Flower with both

men failing to score. Grant Flower showed admirable determination as he moved on to his sixth one-day international century. However, he was fortunate to find one good partner in Travis Friend, who hit 48, in a seventh-wicket partnership of 84 for the seventh wicket. Flower's 105 not out came off 146 balls.

SCOREBOARD

Full scoreboard of the fourth one-day international between Pakistan and Zimbabwe at the Harare Sports Club on Saturday:

ZIMBABWE					
Ebrahim b Akhtar	2				
Vermeulen lbw b Akhtar	9				

READERS' ZONE

Strange selection

Do you have any observation regarding sports and its management in Bangladesh? Do you feel certain issues need to be addressed before time runs out? Then, hurry up and send us your burning questions, critical views and thoughtful suggestions not in excess of 400 words. Let your thought buzz at your corner, the Readers' zone. ---Sports Editor

The West Indies batsmen were made to work hard against Bangladesh in the first one-day international on Friday.

When all apprehended that Chris Gayle and Wavell Hinds would easily take the inexperienced bowling attack apart in Chittagong, Manjurul Islam and Taposh Baishya still maintained an excellent line and length barring from one over in their first spell.

Besides, Khaled Mashud's captaincy has been improving with every game and it was evident when his field changes paid off to get Hinds out. Naimur Rahman

Campbell c Misbah b Sami	0
A Flower c Inzamam b Sami	0
G Flower not out	105
Ervine c Younis b Zahid	5
Taibu c Akmal b Sami	0
Friend b Afridi	48
Brent b Sami	8
Murphy c and b Zahid	7
Hondo c Zahid b Mushtaq	5
Extras: (lb-2, nb-7, w-11)	21
Total: (All out in 49.5 overs)	210

Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-13, 3-13, 4-13, 5-36, 6-41, 7-123, 8-149, 9-164, 10-210

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Akhtar	10	1	41	2

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Lal Bahadur hockey BD meet Air India today

UNB, Dhaka

Visiting Bangladesh national team take on Air India in their last group match of Lal Bahadur Shastri hockey tournament at the Shibaajee Stadium in New Delhi today.

Bangladesh registered a 5-3 victory over Oil and Natural Gas Company in their second match on Friday after making 2-2 draw against Central Reserve Police in Group-B of the eight-team final round.

We want the World Cup

SPORTS REPORTER

Cricket lovers in the capital are likely get a feel of the World Cup during the current series against West Indies.

The glittering Trophy crafted in silver and gilt and valued at 62,000 dollars, is now being showcased in India. But the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is trying its best to



bring it here before it goes back to South Africa, where 14 teams will fight for the right to own it for the next four years.

BCB president Ali Asghar has already contacted his Indian counterpart Jagmohan Dalmiya and ICC officials to try and make sure the coveted cricket prize crosses the border before travelling elsewhere. If the World Cup comes, it will be on display at the Bangabandhu National Stadium either during the two ODIs or in the first Test, starting on December 8.

Div I chess from Dec 12

UNB, Dhaka

The First Division Chess League, organised by Bangladesh Chess Federation, will begin from December 12 with the participation of 16 teams.

The league will be held in round robin basis.

The teams are: Biman, Titas Club, Ansar, Sonali Bank, Nakhapara JKS, Leonine Chess Club, Kamalapur SKKS, Mohakhali KS, Narayanganj City Club, Anirban Chess Club, Dhaka University Chess team, Farashganj SC, Anu Memorial Club, Bangshal PSKS, Anushilan DKC, Monipur Chess Club.

The number draw of the participating teams will be held on December 11.

All teams have been asked to enroll their names with Tk 660 as entry and registration fee before December 4. Players' list and registration forms must be submitted before Dec 10.

Cairns lets 1st India Test go

REUTERS, Auckland

New Zealand all-rounder Chris Cairns has ruled himself out of the opening test against India starting in Wellington on December 12, it was announced on Saturday.

Cairns, who underwent his second serious knee operation in March, was back playing a first class championship match for Canterbury against Otago on Friday but only bowled five overs without success.

The medium-fast bowler and attacking batsman had earlier informed the chairman of selectors, Sir Richard Hadlee, that he was doubtful for the full two-match test series against India, and was targeting the one-day series which begins in Auckland on December 26.

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GETTING READY FOR THE WINDIES: The Bangabandhu National Stadium pitch is being rolled yesterday. International cricket is again coming to the big bowl tomorrow with Bangladesh taking on West Indies in the second one-day international.

Asia Cup in Dhaka?

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The venue for the next Asia Cup will be decided in January when the cricket chiefs in this part of the world meet in Dhaka.

This was disclosed by president of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Ali Asghar on his return from Malaysia yesterday after attending a meeting of the Asian Cricket Council.

Bangladesh played host to the biennial event two years ago.

Asghar, who is also the president of the ACC, confirmed that a tri-nation one-day tournament involving India, South Africa and hosts Bangladesh will also take place here in next April.

The BCB chief said that the latest meeting in the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur was very significant

for both financial and organisational reasons.

"We will be receiving Taka three crore from the ACC for the development programme of our cricket," said Asghar while talking to some reporters.

Asghar, who appears to be finally getting into his stride after a year of inertia, is also very confident of staging the 2004 World Youth Cup in Bangladesh.

"We are using the opportunity to construct several international venues outside Dhaka. Mymensingh, Rajshahi and Sylhet will be our primary locations," said the BCB chief.

Turning his attention to next year's World Cup in South Africa, Asghar said that he had finalised the appointment of a psychiatrist and physical trainer from Australia.

"They will arrive two months before the World Cup to raise our performance-level in the mega

event."

When asked how contract talks with the players were progressing he preferred to be tactful.

"I can assure you that we are not going to scrap the payroll system. In fact, there will be at least seven players still on it," he explained without disclosing their names.

Meanwhile, chairman of the cricket committee Mahbubul Anam, who has been entrusted to negotiate with the players, feared that putting pen to paper would be delayed for another two weeks.

Earlier, the Board president said that the sticky issue would be resolved before Eid.

"An understanding has been reached regarding certain points like the payment of incentive bonus and appearance fees," said Mahbub adding that players have already started receiving those incentives from the time they were in South Africa.

Win awaits Australia

Cricket

AFP, Perth

Australia are poised to wrap up the Ashes series against England after dominating the second day of the third Test in the five-match series here Saturday.

The Australian batsmen flayed England's depleted attack in making a first innings total of 456, 271 ahead of the visitors' paltry 185.

Then Australia, who have a two-ni series lead after big wins in Brisbane and Melbourne, snapped up opener Marcus Trescothick (four) as England lurched to 33 for one wicket at stumps, leaving them needing another 238 runs even to make the home team bat again.

Trescothick fell to demon paceman Brett Lee, England's first-innings tormentor.

Together at the end of another traumatic day for Nasser Hussain's

side were Michael Vaughan and night-watchman Richard Dawson, who each have eight runs.

If Australia win here, they will record an eighth successive Ashes series triumph.

The only England player to emerge from the day with a full measure of credit was persistent medium-pace Craig White, who toiled for 23.1 overs in warm conditions to snatch 5-127 -- his second five-wicket haul in Test ranks and first against Australia.

As England laboured without paceman Chris Silverwood -- sidelined from the match with an ankle injury -- and two more catches were squandered, all of the Australian batsmen contributed to their team's formidable score.

Home town hero Damien Martyn led the way, fashioning a cultured 71, a three-and-a-half-hour knock embellished with 13 sweet boundaries.

Martyn, a stylish right-hander

enjoying his most successful patch in international company, would have been annoyed to flick a catch to gloveman Alec Stewart when only 29 runs short of his sixth Test century and his third against England.

Martyn said Australia would be aiming to wrap up the match Sunday to establish an unbeatable three-nil lead in the series.

"That is certainly our goal," he said. "We are here to win the Test."

"With our attack, and with Brett Lee fired up so much, we want to win tomorrow."

"Tomorrow could be a big day for Brett."

Australian number three Ricky Ponting, who resumed with 43, completed an exciting 68 (10 fours, one six) before playing onto his stumps a delivery from White early in the day.

Left-hander Darren Lehmann, striving to establish a secure place in the side, began like a tornado, clubbing seven fours and a six.

But over-exuberance cost him his wicket when he had rattled up 42 from 61 balls.

He fell to the last wicket before lunch, hooking a short ball from White to Steve Harmison at fine leg. Skipper Steve Waugh, who was troubled overnight with an upset stomach, seldom looked completely comfortable as he put together 53 in just over two hours, but there were several convincing drives among his 10 boundaries.

Left-hander Adam Gilchrist pounded a scintillating 38 (seven fours, one six) from 28 balls before being dismissed in dramatic circumstances.

He hooked a ball from White to fine leg, where Alex Tudor gathered a fine catch, apparently just inside the boundary.

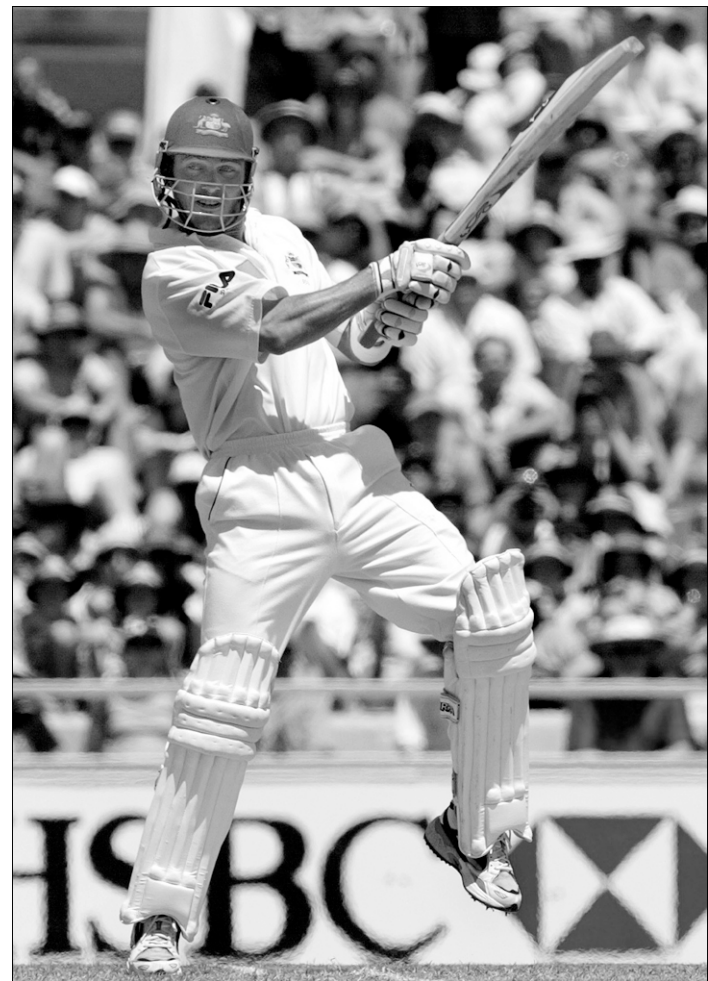
Gilchrist began to walk off, but after strolling about 15 metres returned when he looked up at the big screen and saw a replay suggesting Tudor could have stepped on or over the boundary rope while taking the catch.

An Australian Cricket Board official confirmed later umpire Rudi Koertzen had told Gilchrist to remain on the field while TV umpire Daryl Harper studied TV footage.

Harper was satisfied the catch was taken within the field of play, and Koertzen and co-umpire Steve Bucknor ruled Gilchrist was out.

Tail-enders Lee (41), Shane Warne (35) and Jason Gillespie (27) added to England's misery with lively hitting at the end of the

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Australia's Damien Martyn follows through on a savage square-cut during the second day's play of the third Ashes Test against England at WACA yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP