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In 1979 a cricketer tried to take his ba through the French customs at Calais. He explained what it was used for, but the cricket-ignorant official was completely baffled by it. He then handed him a list of a thousand items, inviting him to select a suitable category. Eventually the bat was admitted into France by paying 1.25 francs.



#### **ESPN**

**Bangladesh vs West Indies** First Test. Day Two Live at 9:30 am Sportscentre Hindi

> Sport News Live at 8:30 nm Cricket rogramming Super Selector Repeat at 9:00 pm

#### STAR Sports

English Premier Football League Man United vs Arsenal Taped Version at 12:30 pm **Sportsline Tonight** 

Sport News Live at 8:00 pm Harsha Online Cricket Talk Show Same Day Delay at 11:00 pm **English Premier Football League** Sunderland vs Man City Live at 1:55 am (Tuesday)





#### **Steve Waugh**

(Australia Test captain) The one point I disagree with totally is the notion that money keeps you playing."



The Haily Star Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm Dec 13, 2002 and draw

shortly afterwards Who clinched the DC Gold Cup

Tangail M'singh N'ganj

2. Who lifted the Shanghai Tennis Masters Gup? Agassi Ferrero

in the 6th ODI between India and West Indies? Dravid Gavle Agarkar

3. Who was the man-of-the-match

4. Pakistan won the Test series

5. Brazil won the friendly match

<del>l South Korea by?</del>

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

#### **Black Caps** draft rookie Mason

AFP, Napier

Fast bowler Michael Mason on Sunday was a surprise inclusion in New Zealand's squad against India for the opening Test, starting at

Wellington on December 12. TEAM: Stephen Fleming (capt), Nathan Astle, Mark Richardson, Craig McMillan, Jacob Oram, Scott Styris, Robbie Hart, Daryl Tuffey,



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

CRACKING KAPALI! Bangladesh batsman Alok Kapali majestically pulls one during his maiden Test half-century

innings for the first time at any level,

made 42. That inspired Aliul's men

not only to give the right-hander his

first Test cap but also to thrust upon

the huge responsibility of opening

# **Senseless selection**

Cricket

AL-AMIN

The new selection committee seems to be hurrying at certain things that are sure to do more harm than good to the country's cricket.

With the World Cup drawing nearer and the other teams busy playing with their set selections, the think-tank in the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has been chopping and choosing at will that gives the impression chief selector Aliul Islam is destined for a Catch 22 situation.

Aliul and his two colleagues, Omar Khaled Rumi and GM Nowsher Prince, made four changes for the three one-dayers. They have also applied the same method for the first Test.

The most worrying aspect of the whole affair was little or no homework was done while naming the various squads. It also appeared the selectors were oblivious of each player's track record and the conditions where they performed focused on the performance of

Zim name WC

Zimbabwe, one of the 14 countries

competing in the cricket World Cup

next February and March, named a

provisional 30-man squad here on

before a series of three one-day

internationals against another

will play a crucial part in settling on

the final squad of 15 to be named by

December 31 in terms of the

International Cricket Council (ICC)

includes captain Heath Streak,

batsmen Andy and Grant Flower,

Alistair Campbell, Andy Blignaut,

wicketkeeper Tatenda Taibu, Guy

sidered wide open. Nearly all of the

other 22 have had Test and/or

with injuries in recent weeks, mainly

to bowlers. Streak, their main seam

bowler, was badly injured in a rick-

shaw incident at Colombo earlier

this year and is in a rehabilitation

programme. He is expected to be fit

injuries, added to indifferent form by

batsmen, resulted in a drubbing by

Pakistan in November's two tests

and a series of five internationals.

Much will depend on how fitness

levels can be retained in the next

weeks. Zimbabwe is one of the three

Heath Streak (capt), Andy Flower,

Grant Flower, Alistair Campbell,

Barney Rogers, Hamilton Masa-

kadza, Guy Whittall, Andy Blignaut,

Brian Murphy, Douglas Hondo, Dion

Ebrahim, Tatenda Taibu, Travis

Friend, Sean Ervine, Mluleki Nkala;

Craig Wishart, Craig Evans, Stuart

Matsikenyere, Henry Olonga,

Douglas Marillier, Richards Sims,

Guy Croxford, Charles Coventry,

Blessing Mahwire, Mark vermeulen,

Waddington Mwayenga, Stuart

Carlisle, Gavin Rennie, Gavin

Ewing, Gary Brent.

countries hosting the World Cup.

**SQUAD** 

The absence of other bowlers with

The remaining places are con-

Zimbabwe have been plagued

Whittall and Henry Olonga.

international experience.

in time for the World Cup.

The main body of the squad

World Cup hopeful Kenya.

The announcement comes just

Performances in these matches

probables

AFP, Harare

regulations.

#### **ANWAR HOSSAIN**

the innings in the longer version too. The promising cricketer, very understandably though, wilted under the pressure of a totally different ball

He made only two before playing an expansive drive to perish behind the wicket. Now, should not the selectors be held guilty of making a premature selection in Anwar? Anwar is not the only victim of

their weird wisdom. How will the players in the recent Challenge selectors explain the dropping of Trophy. This unique four-day tour-Habibul Bashar from the third and nament was organised purely as a build-up to the series against West final ODI? The same could be said of Tushar Imran. The attacking righthander played very well for the last The selectors surprised everybody when they picked young one year since his debut against Zimbabwe. The selectors for some Anwar Hossain from the reserve list reason drafted him for the third oneto play in the third one-day match. day, where he scored a duck. And The 19-year-old, opening the

> The case of opener Al-Shahriar was even funnier. Though it was understandable that the stylish right-hander needed a break from the one-day version of the game after going though a lean patch, but his omission from the opening Test was absurd.

> he was not considered for the first

Had the selectors been prudent enough to go through the first wicket partnerships of Bangladesh in fiveday cricket, the records would have shown that Al-Shahriar and Hannan Sarker shared 52 runs in the last Test against South Africa, which is the second best opening stand in the country's 15 Tests so far. Beside. their second innings stand of 33 was the fifth best in our fledgling history.

So, all these mindless acts only suggest that the selectors do not have any yardstick. Rather they got their judgement all jumbled up by mixing the concept for both forms of

Many feel the science of selection is not in order. The experimentation has been going on so indiscriminately that apart from captain Khaled Mashud no one is a certainty for the mega event starting in South

## Always Alok

Cricket

**SPORTS REPORTER** 

For Alok Kapali it has become a habit to bat when the chips are down. And the right hander from Sylhet proved that point with a brilliant 52 against West Indies vesterdav. "I always bat under pressure these days. So, it's nothing new for me," said

the in-form middle order player at the end of day's play. Kapali, who made his debut last July in the second Test against Sri Lanka at the SSC ground in Colombo, made an immediate impact scoring 39 and

The 19-year-old right-hander, who was initially considered as a legspinner and could bat a bit lower down the order, has gradually established himself as genuine middle-order batsman on the tour of South Africa

The mild-mannered cricketer scored 35, 10, 38 not out and 23 in his four Test innings in trying conditions and one of the best pace attacks in the world. And his immense talent was finally unlocked in the third one-day international against West Indies where he scored a superb unbeaten 89 off 93

His half-century in only his fourth Test is further testimony that the young Kapali is at home in both forms of the game "It's good to score some runs. It would have been even better had I con-

verted my fifty into a hundred," said Kapali "No matter what the situation I try and play my natural game. I also know that I have always be ready to bat under pressure.

He however admitted that it would have easier to play more freely had the top order made runs. "I love to bat at number six. But most of the time I arrive in a difficult situa-

tion. Definitely I could more easily if the top order could manage at least two hundred runs." he said. When asked who was his favourite Bangladesh batsman, Kapali said that ne liked the way Al-Shahriar batted.

"Rokon bhai (Al-Shahriar) is a good stroke-maker especially his 71 against South Africa," remarked Kapali adding Sachin Tendulker was his idol n the international arena.

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				23
1.	8/12/2002	WI	BNS	52

# Bishop with a difference

lan Raphael Bishop. Once upon a time this name spelled terror in the hearts of batsmen around the world. Standing at an imposing six-footfive and built like rock, this man from Trinidad & Tobago was considered the planet's quickest bowler in the early 90s.

Born in Belmont, Port-of-Spain in 1967, Bishop was hailed as the next great thing when he made his Test debut in company of West Indies legends Malcolm Marshall, Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh at an age of 21 against India at Georgetown in1988/89. Bishop never looked back and promptly went on to become the fastest West Indian to take 100 wickets in Test cricket. But a career-threatening back injury curtailed a highly promising future and he retired from the game in 1997/98 at the young age of 30 with 161 Test wickets from just 43 appearances. Bishop also made his mark in one-day internationals where he scalped 118 wickets from 84 matches.

Apart from his bowling is his steadfast courage in the face of disastrous misfortune returning after two years being on the sidelines to take seven wickets and the man-of-the-match award in his first Test back against England in 1995.

Now Bishop is a well-known cricket commentator with ESPN and as he did with the cherry, he is also making his presence felt with the microphone in hand. He has already made a name through his straightforward and honest views on the game and West Indies cricket.

Bishop is now in Dhaka to cover the West Indies' tour of Bangladesh. RABEED IMAM of THE DAILY STAR SPORT caught up with the former deadly fast bowler turned eloquent speaker during the second one day international at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Daily Star Sport (DSS): You've been in Bangladesh before in 1998 as a player with the West Indies A team. Now you're here again as a commentator. What difference have you noticed in terms of standards of the Bangladesh side?

Ian Bishop (IB): The side I played against had the likes of Aminul Islam, Akram Khan and a few others who are not in the present squad. It's sad to see that they have not gone on to establish themselves at interna-tional level because a lot must have been invested on them. However I've seen Monjurul Islam, who, I think, has a lot of talent and of course the young Md Ashraful, who to me looks a batsman of undoubted class. It augurs very well for Bangladesh.

DSS: The young West Indies

team are fresh from a successful one-day series against India. They've continued in the same vein here also. As a former international cricketer, where do you like to see the West Indies between now and the World Cup?

IB: They really did very well in India. I'd like to think that some of the young guys who have been together for around two years now have gained the necessary experience and formulated an attitude that is conducive to be successful at this level. But the bowling needs to be a lot more consistent and the fielding also requires a lift. I'm sure coach Roger Harper is working on that particular area. There are two factors -- the bowling and fielding -- that I feel should be addressed seriously



IAN BISHOP

that they can compliment the batting at the World Cup. If that happens, West Indies can be right up there among the top four in South Africa. DSS: As a fast bowler of the 'golden era' of the West Indies, how

do you rate the present crop of

Drakes? IB: He is not a young man

Indies fast bowling

Caribbean pacemen?

IB: There is enormous potential.

Marvyn Dillon has come in leaps and

bounds over the last few years. He is

still not the finished product and it

has taken him longer than expected to realise his potential. Pedro Collins

compliments him

very well. He has the pace and the

ability to bring the ball back in

Jermaine Lawson and Darren

Powell are the 'green' pacemen,

new-comers with a lot of talent. All in

all the prospect is tremendous.

These four are the future of West

DSS: What about Vasbert

anymore. He's probably 32-33 That's why you can't say he is one for **SEE PAGE 15 COL 2** 

wickets in three one-day matches to

Drakes however had to wait for

He played five matches against

be judged as the man-of-the series.

long seven and a half years for his

Test cap after making his one-day

his maiden one-day series at home

against Australia and then lost in the

wilderness. During that period, the

33-year-old Barbadian played eight

season in South African local cricket

for Border. He was recalled in the

West Indies team last September in

And he got four wickets for 58 in

the ICC Champions Trophy.

debut in March 1995.

#### Rhodes the rescuer

AFP, Durban

Jonty Rhodes hit 98 as South Africa staged a thrilling recovery in the first one-day international against Pakistan at Kingsmead Sunday.

South Africa made 272 for seven after being sent in. They were tottering at 151 for six before Rhodes and South African captain Shaun Pollock (57 not out) put on 99 for the seventh

Veteran Pakistan left-arm pace bowler Wasim Akram was the man who caused South Africa's early troubles. He took three for 19 in his ten overs

Pakistan captain Waqar Younis took his 400th one-day international wicket in his 252nd match when he had Rhodes caught by wicketkeeper Rashid Latif in the penultimate over. He and Akram are the only bowlers to have reached the milestone. Akram took his tally to 488 in 348

Waqar and fellow pace bowlers Mohammad Sami and Abdu Razzaq were expensive but Rhodes

#### **LATEST**

REUTERS, Durban

South Africa cruised to an easy 132-run victory over a lacklustre Pakistan in the first one-day international here on Sunday.

South Africa scored 272 for seven and then skittled Pakistan out for 140 in 42.5 overs. Pakistan batted without

urgency and were never in the hunt. Salim Elahi's 31 was their top score.

Pollock took three for 12 and left-arm spinner Nicky Boje three

was in top form, scoring his runs off 92 balls with 12 fours and two sixes. Pollock made his 57 off 51 balls with two fours and three sixes.

South Africa made a bad start when in-form opening batsman Herschelle Gibbs was caught behind for nought off Akram. Fellow opener Graeme Smith, who made 56, was the only top order batsman who succeeded before Rhodes came in.

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#### Pak incentive

AFP, Karachi

Pakistani cricketers will earn a cool million-dollar bonus if they win next year's World Cup, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) announced Thursday.

"Pakistan's 15 players would get huge cash incentives if they win the World Cup next year," PCB spokesman Samiul Hasan said. The PCB concluded it would

offer a total package of 60 million rupees, or roughly one million dollars, for players, coaches, manager and other national team offi-Players would be guaranteed a

but performance-related rewards would also be offered. Hasan said. Pakistan's only Cup win in 1992 under legendary cricketer Imran Khan fetched players handsome cash awards besides land plots in

minimum of 1.5 million rupees each,

the capital Islamabad. The eighth World Cup is SEE PAGE 15 COL 1 | yesterday.

### **SERIES SNIPPETS**

HASAN MASOOD

Habibul Bashar yesterday became the first Bangladesh cricketer to score one thousand runs in Test

The prolific right-hander, who has not missed any of the 16 Test matches that Bangladesh played so far, reached the four figure mark when he scored ten runs on his way to 24 on the first day of the First Test at the Bangabandhu National Stadium vesterday.

The 30-year-old middle-order scored 1014 runs in 31 innings with a century (108 against Zimbabwe in Chittagong last December) and nine fifties at an average of 33.8.

Opener Al-Shahriar and Aminul Islam are the two other Bangladesh batsmen to have scored more than five hundred runs in Test cricket.

Al-Shahriar, who was dropped from this Test for his poor form in the

Anwar c Jacobs b Drakes

Ashraful c Jacobs b Collins

Bashar c Ganga b Collins

Naimur c Gayle b Collins

Taposh c Jacobs b Drakes

Total: (All out in 54.1 overs)

WEST INDIES: First innings

Fall of wkts: 1-0, 2-4, 3-25, 4-40, 5-

Extras: (lb-5, w-1, nb-3)

Aminul Ibw b Lawson

Kapali Ibw b Drakes

K Mashud b Drakes

Enamul b Collins

Talha not out

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one-day series despite scoring 18, 71, 30 and 27 in his last four Test innings in South Africa seven weeks back, has scored 588 runs in 13 Test matches. Aminul on the other hand has scored 513, also from 13

#### **CONTRASTING DEBUT**

Anwar Hossain became the latest (29th) Test cap of Bangladesh cricket team yesterday.

Selectors preferred the 19-year-

old to experienced opener Al-

Shahriar for his remarkable 42 in the

final one-dayer against West Indies last Wednesday But the debut of the promising right-hander turned sour when he

fast bowler Vasbert Drakes, Anwar faced only five balls to score only 2. Incidentally, it was also Drakes' debut match. But the difference is

that Drakes is having a dream run

against Bangladesh. He took twelve

his debut innings. Not a bad start by any means! GORDON GONE was caught behind the wicket off Godron Greenidge has left

Bangladesh on Saturday, a day after the Eid. The West Indies great, who coached Bangladesh from 1997-

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#### **BD** to tour Namibia next

month SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh will go to Namibia next month as part of their preparations for the 2003 World Cup to be held in neighboring South Africa from February 9. Bangladesh Cricket Board advisor Mahbubul Anam revealed yesterday.

According to the itinerary, the tour will be held between January 12 to 31 but team manager ASM Faruque informed that the Board has opted not to let the team stay in Namibia for more than 15 days.

"There are too many matches according to the programme but we want to play a maximum of four to five games. We want to practice more than playing matches," said **SEE PAGE 15 COL 1** 



LOOK, ONE DISMISSAL DOESN'T MAKE YOU A POOR BATSMAN! The legendary Vivian Richards rubs off some of his vast cricketing wisdom on Bangladesh batsman Mohammed Ashraful (R) at the Bangabandhu National Stadium

#### **BD-WI SCOREBOARD** Scoreboard on the first day of the first Test between Bangladesh and West Indies at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Sunday: BANGLADESH: First innings Hannan b Collins

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14, 6-117, 7-118, 8-124, 9-135, 10-139

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