



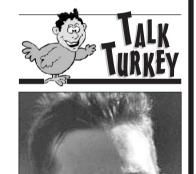
This cricketer bats left-handed, bowls right arm, deals cards with his left hands, hammers a nail with the right and brushes his teeth with either. The name of this world's greatest ambidexterist is David Gower of England.



ESPN Australia v Sri Lanka 5th ODI, VB Tri-series Live from 11:28 am Cricket Programming Super Selector Repeat at 3:15 pm Blackburn Rovers v Man United English Premiership Live at 7:55 pm **Everton v Liverpool** English Premiership Live at 10:00 pm Australia v Sri Lanka 5th ODI, VB Tri-series highlights at 12:30 am

STAR Sports

India v New Zealand Second Test, Fourth Day Live from 3:55 am Lunchtime Show Live at 6:00 am Sachin Tendulkar Speaks on World Cup stars Repeat at 12:00 pm & 8:00 pm Gillette World Sports Special International Sports News 12:30 pm India v New Zealand Second Test, Fourth Day Highlights at 2:30 pm Harsha Online Cricket Talk Show Repeat at 4:30 pm



BCB names list of 20 No room for Aminul, Akram

appearance. ICC Cricket World Cup The Board, which is maintaining South Africa 2003 the policy of announcing captain

> before every tour or competition. also retained Khaled Mashud for the most demanding job.

But the hope to play in another The BCB (Bangladesh Cricket World Cup was over for former Board) yesterday announced a captains Aminul Islam and Akram short list of 20 cricketers for the Khan along with slow left-armer World Cup to be held in South Africa Enamul Hoque. Aminul, not being considered for one-day side in The Board will have to announce months, led Bangladesh to two wins

the mandatory list of 15 players by in the England World Cup. December 31, the deadline for Right-arm paceman Hasibul naming the World Cup squads by Hossain was the other experienced player who failed to impress the But the choice of twenty players

Khaled Mahmud also won back a place after being ignored for the one-day series against the West Indies.

The selectors also kept their faith in paceman Mashrafee-bin-Murtaza. The 18-year-old tearaway from Narail is now on a comeback trail after being out of action for nearly a year due to a series of injuries.

Experienced national opener Javed Omar, who was not considered for the home series against the Caribbeans, also got the nod. He was dropped from the 1999 World Cup for his reputation of being a very slow run-getter with limited stroke-play.

The World Cup hopefuls will start training at the BKSP from December 24. They have been asked to report to manager ASM Faruque at the Board's Bangabandhu National Stadium office at 10 am on Tuesday.

Bangladesh have been placed with Canada, West Indies, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Kenya and hosts South Africa in one group. They will play their opening match

against Canada at Kingsmead in Durban on February 11.

WC HOPEFULS

Khaled Mashud (captain), Habibul Bashar, Javed Omar, Al-Shahriar, Ehsanul Haque, Sanwar Hossain, three-man selection committee, Khaled Mahmud, Monjurul Islam, Mohammed Rafique, Mushfiqur The lone notable inclusion in an Rahman, Hannan Sarker, Mohaotherwise youthful list is Mushfiqur mmad Ashraful, Tushar Imran, Rahman. The Rajshahi medium Anwar Hossain, Mohammed pacer has been out of the national Anwar Hossain (wicketkeeper), team for a long time. He last played Tareq Aziz, Taposh Baishya, Alok Kapali, Mashrafee-bin-Murtaza and Talha Jubair

SORRY, YOU'RE OUT! New Zealand's Daryl Tuffey makes a desperate but abortive attempt to regain his ground on the third day of the second and last Test against India at the Westpac Park in Hamilton vesterday.

Hamilton buries batsmen Second Test set for dramatic finish (2-20) and off-spinner Harbhajan But he firmly drove the fifth Cricket

AFP, Hamilton India's woeful batsman collapsed to pace again on Saturday, but they were consoled by New Zealand's

A battered New Zealand side Test needing 136 runs to win the Test, after finishing off India's first innings for 99 runs and claiming all 10 Indian second-innings wickets

In between the Kiwis crashed to 94 in their first innings, their lowest ever total against India, on a pitch that turned out to be a batsman's nightmare and seamer's delight.

history that the two teams have each been dismissed for less 100 in the first inning India were shot out for 99 after point. resuming at 92-8, with the quick fall of the final two wickets giving a hint of the carnage to follow. Left-arm fast bowler Zaheer Khan (5-29) caused the most damage, taking five wickets for 29 runs in a career-best haul that brought the Indians back into the match. New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming top-scored with 21, while Mark Richardson (13), Scott Styris (13) and Daryl Tuffey (13) were the other batsmen to reach doublefigures Left-arm seamer Ashish Nehra

Singh (2-20) were the other Indian wicket-takers

New Zealand's total of 94 was their worst batting performance against India in 42 Tests.

Their previous lowest total against India was 100 in the opening Test at Wellington in 1980-81. But in an omen the Kiwis will be hoping to draw on, they still managed to win that match.

In India's second innings, New Zealand paceman Tuffey (4-41) was the main destrover, rattling the top order and then never allowing the batsmen to settle down with his probing line and length.

The tourists were immediately in trouble when Tuffey bowled makeshift opener Parthiv Patel for nought in his opening over and then held a return catch to dismiss Saniav Bangar (7) in his third.

Rahul Dravid top-scored for India with a 99-ball 39 before he fell cutting seamer Jacob Oram to

delivery straight to Tuffey who took a superb catch at mid-off. Skipper Saurav Ganguly also fell

to a brilliant catch when wicketkeeper Robbie Hart dived to his left to hold the ball inches off the around

Needing 160 to win, New Zealand were 24 for no loss in their second innings at stumps on the third day as the match headed for an exciting finish at the Westpac Park.

The hosts require 136 more runs to win the match and series 2-0. Mark Richardson was batting on 18 with Lou Vincent on six.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the second and final Test between India and New Zealand at the Westpac Park in Hamilton on Saturday

INDIA: First innings (overnight 92-8)

Bangar c Oram b Tuffey Sehwag c Richardson b Bond

Asghar okays player payroll SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Ali Asghar yesterday gave his approval to the new pay structure of the national cricketers.

Although the details of the new scale were not available, but a source close to the Board said that seven cricketers would be included in the payroll which will be effective

from January 1. Though the names of the seven contract players were yet to be finalised, it was learnt that the 'lucky seven' would be earning a monthly salary of 40,000 taka.

The new arrangement came four months after the old deal expired on August 31.

According to the source cricketers involved in three tours during that period will each receive a month's salary per their previous grade. Furthermore the new contract is expected to involve an expenditure of Taka two crore annually.





AMINUL ISLAM from the provisional list of 30 has

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in February-March.

the 14 contestants

already made sure there would be no room for most of the cricketers who represented Bangladesh in the 1999 World Cup in England. Only four cricketers -- Khaled

Mashud, Khaled Mahmud, Mohammed Rafique and Monjurul Islam -- are still in the frame of making a second World Cup

for Bangladesh in the tour of Zimbabwe in April 2001. Besides, gutsy all-rounder

BCCI doesn't accept it

leading players sign the terms by

sation claims. India must submit its

final 15-strong World Cup squad by

AKRAM KHAN

headed by Aliul Islam.

leading players sign the terms by ICC Cricket World Cupanuary 14 or face heavy compen-South AFRICA 2003

REUTERS, Calcutta The Indian cricket board faces hefty

fines after refusing to accept an ultimatum by the sport's world governing body over sponsorship deals for next year's World Cup. A meeting of the Board of Control

for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Friday sought more concessions from the International Cricket Council (ICC) for its endorsement-rich players to play in the tournament in southern

December 31. Dalmiya criticised the ICC for making public the details of its final offer. "All along we were hearing

everything is confidential," he said. 'Our office-bearers are shellshocked by the public announcement of the new terms. We feel a little let down

"A point of impossibility is coming," he added. "They (the ICC) are pushing us. On one hand, they want us to send the best team and yet they

even if he is less than 100 per cent, a

answer to that is Shane," said

can't answer that. The only guy who

will know whether he is right or not is

performance. He won't go to the

SHANE WARNE

World Cup if he's not right.

has enough time.

'The only person who knows the

"I can't answer that, the experts

"He has a lot of pride in his own

notion Waugh rejects.

Waugh.

Shane.

In its latest offer, the ICC has offered to reduce the period after the event when the ambush marketing clause will be in force to five days. Previously the period was 30 days either side of the event and also during the tournament. However the BCCI insists that

Indian players can only abide by the terms during the World Cup.

The ICC has also cut by half the six-month period during which official sponsors can use player mages, but the BCCI wants this to be reduced to two months.

A clause in the contracts prohibits personal endorsement deals in order to protect the interests of the

equally ugly display at the crease as 22 wickets fell in a sensational day of Test cricket here. emerged from the third day of the

for 154.

It was the first time in Test



Shane Bond (New Zealand fast bowler) "We started doing homework on the Indians when they were in Sri Lanka.



UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Air Force yesterday lost to Bangladesh Navy 18-25, 19-25, 21-25 in their last league match of the Victory Day Top Four Volleyball Tournament but they still booked a place in the final

In the final, they will meet the winner of today's match between Bangladesh Rifles and Bangladesh Army.

Johannesburg. However, it has been suggested selectors should name the 33-yearold in Australia's 15-man squad

rica in February and March. The BCCI will give its final

response to the ICC next week. "The player terms have been undergoing changes, they can of the year. change more taking into account the particular difficulties of Indian plavers." BCCI president Jagmohan Dalmiva told reporters after a mara-

Warne, out after dislocating his

But Waugh believes the selec-

"They (South Africa) would

"There's no point sendina him if

Warne, who has taken 288

The initial diagnosis indicated he

would be back bowling within four to

six weeks, leaving him little time to

regain full fitness with Australia

scheduled to open their World Cup

on February 11 against Pakistan in

week on his right shoulder.

bearers

with the interest of official World Cup sponsors, are central to the conthon meeting of the top BCCI officetracts dispute which arises from a seven-year ICC rights deal worth The BCCI will hold an urgent 550 million dollars for its events up to 2007.

general meeting on Wednesday after a teleconference with the ICC Indian players have refused to on Monday before finalising its accept the ICC stipulation that response, he said. existing individual sponsorship The meeting followed Thursagreements be frozen if they clash day's offer by the ICC, which gave with official World Cup sponsoran ultimatum to the BCCI that its ships

insist the players sign the new terms." official sponsors.

"Let us see," replied Dalmiya Leading Indian players threatened to boycott the ICC Champions when asked if the BCCI would announce its 15-man squad the end Trophy in September and only backed down when a last-minute The Indian players, who have

compromise was agreed. endorsement deals which conflict Talks have been ongoing since then, and ICC president Malcolm Gray claims "significant concessions" have already been made by the tournament sponsors.

But Dalmiya insisted: "Before the Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka, ICC officials had assured (us) that they would sort out the sponsorship issue keeping in mind the contract system of Indian players. They have failed to honour their word.'

Saturday he considered Western

Australian-born MacGill would have

MacGill had few opportunities to

make a late impression in New

South Wales' Sheffield Shield game

against Victoria here on Saturday,

with NSW thrashed by nine wickets.

captured 3-56 from 25.5 overs in

Victoria's first innings, including a

The 31-year-old leg-spinner

to be the favorite for the vacancy.

BD-Sporting

Bengal tie

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today

Mirpur today.

substitute Michael Mason at deep

Oram (4-41) provided crucial support as India failed to put on a big stand required to put pressure on the hosts

Batting superstar Sachin Tendulkar (32) fell just when he had begun to look dangerous as he inside-edged a Tuffey delivery on to his stumps.

Virender Sehwag (25), an opener, was sent in at No 7 to score briskly but fell immediately after plundering 14 runs off four balls against fast bowler Shane Bond.

Australian one-day captain Ricky

Ponting has vowed his World Cup

champion team will not take strug-

gling Sri Lanka lightly in Sunday's

Victoria Bitter tri-nation series

limited-overs clash at the WACA

Cricket

AFP, Perth

Dravid c Hart b Tuffev Tendulkar c Styris b Tuffey Ganguly c Fleming b Tuffey Laxman b Bond Patel c Hart b Oram Harbhaian b Bond Zaheer b Oram Nehra c Fleming b Bond

Yohannan not out Extras: (lb-12, nb-4) Total: (All out in 38.2 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-11, 3-26, 4-34,

5-40, 6-70, 7-91, 8-92, 9-93 SEE PAGE 15 COL 2 Waqar Pakistan captain for WC

AFP, Rawalpindi

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Waqar Younis will retain his captaincy of Pakistan's national team for the upcoming World Cup, the country's cricket chief announced Saturday. "I have no doubts in my mind that

Wagar will lead Pakistan in next year's World Cup," Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Lieutenant SEE PAGE 15 COL 4

Aus take SL seriously

time "Ponting said

"Fernando has played 40 games now, and he has done well as an

"We all know how well Vaas can bowl, and the conditions in Perth help him a bit as well. There's the bounce and a bit of swing. He is a quality performer.'

Ponting said if his players could



their first two outings in the contest. "Vaas and Fernando have done a good job for their side for a long

impact strike bowler.

handle the challenge presented by the pace pair, the sell-out match gave his side a chance to ram home



JAYASURIYA ... captain Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka ahead of next year's World Cup in southern Africa.

"Sri Lanka's confidence will obviously be down now," Ponting said. "We are playing some good cricket, and we would like to be able to continue that tomorrow -- and if we do the little things well, hopefully we can keep the pressure on, not only for this game but for the rest of

Sunday. their psychological advantage over England's two wins over Sri Lanka this week have propelled

Nasser Hussain's side to the top of the tournament ladder with 12 points, one point ahead of Australia. But England have played four games, two more than Australia.

After two clashes, Sri Lanka languish at the bottom of the table, with a solitary point.

STUART MacGILL

Saturday as the Victorians cruised "But he'll do the hard work to try to get there, but it's just whether he to an outright victory inside three davs.

Instead Waugh gave a ringing endorsement for Stuart MacGill to replace the injured Warne as selectors prepared to choose their team for the fourth Test against England. And Australian one-day captain the Boxing Day Test on Sunday. Ricky Ponting said in Perth

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spell of 3-16, but wasn't used on

However, Waugh believes MacGill's record in Test cricket -he's taken 82 wickets in 17 matches -- should count in his favour when the selectors announce the side for

the national team since their visit to Myanmar in the last week of November kicks off at 4.30pm. The match of the George Kottan's charges against the Sporting Bengal, a London-based

The national football team preparing

for the SAFF Championship will play

an exhibition match against

Sporting Bengal of England at the

Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in

The first competitive match for

football club of Bangladeshi expatriates, will launch the final phase of their preparation for the biggest football competition of this region.

Mukesh lifts **BD Open golf**

PRESS RELEASE

Mukesh Kumar captured the third

vesterday. Mukesh who started even with Digvijay Singh on the final day, left the latter five strokes behind for a final tally of 14-under 274. The 36year-old submitted a card of four-, under 68 on the final day. Mukesh bagged the winner's

che-que of Rs 2,59,200 while Digvijay was richer by Rs 1,79,200. SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

Ground. "We will have to play well to combat Sri Lanka's pace attack," Ponting said, referring to Chaminda Vaas and Dilhara Fernando, the pair

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edition of the Tk 20-lakh Dutch-Bangla Bank Bangladesh Open at the Kurmitola Golf Club Course

who shared seven wickets in Sri Lanka's 95-run loss to England here

Friday night. Fernando, 23, snapped up 4-48 despite having three catches missed -- and Vaas, 28, claimed 3-36, but the pair lacked support from

most of the other bowlers. Sri Lanka desperately need points from the Sunday match after being soundly beaten by England in the summer as well Australia will go into the match

without two key injured players -star wicketkeeper-batsman Adam Gilchrist and champion leg-spinner Shane Warne.

Gilchrist, who has become the world's most feared one-day opening batsman, will be replaced by Darren Lehmann, also a left-hander at the top of the order.

"Darren has done it before for us," Ponting said. "I left it up to him and Damien Martyn to see who wanted to do it the most, and Darren is the one.'

Replacement wicketkeeper Rvan Campbell, who also has a reputation as a powerhouse hitter, will bat down the order.

"We will see how the game pans out -- there might be a few guys in slightly different batting positions if the game allows that," Ponting said.

Left-arm spinner Bradley Hogg has been called into the Australian squad to replace Warne, but no decision had been made Saturday about whether he would play Sunday. "We'll think about this more

toniaht and tomorrow morning," Ponting said, "He is a chance,"

Sri Lanka were also expected to delay the naming of their team until