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The first Englishman to score a century in a World Cup match was Dennis Amis. Amis made 137 against India at Lord's on June 7, 1975.



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Talk Turkey



Mohinder Amarnath
(Indian all-rounder)
"I have played against Pakistan. And I have fond memories of playing against them. But in the present scenario, I feel talks are ok, but not matches."



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BFF forms committee

BSS, Dhaka

The Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday formed a 33-member Dhaka Metropolitan Football League Committee with Abdul Rahim as chairman and Mozammel Haque Mukta secretary.

The committee also comprises five vice-chairmen, a secretary, three joint secretaries, two assistant secretaries and 21 members.

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20 probables for Aussie tour

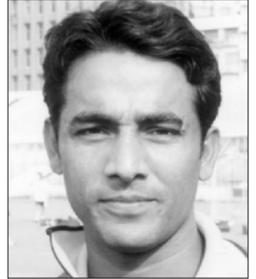
Moniruzzaman, Shahriar included

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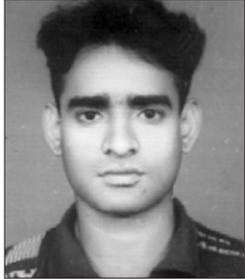
The return of almost forgotten Shahriar Hossain and first ever call up for prolific opener Mohammad Moniruzzaman were the highlights when Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday named a 20-man preliminary squad for Bangladesh's maiden Test tour of Australia next month.

The list was disclosed after newly appointed national coach Dav Whatmore had an hour long meeting with the selection committee at BCB's Navana Tower

office in the afternoon. Khaled Mahmud, who is likely to retain his captaincy, and BCB advisor Mahubul Anam were also present at the meeting. Mahmud was given the responsibility for the series against South Africa following the stepping down of his predecessor Khaled Mashud. It seems unlikely that a new captain for the tour Down Under would be picked in such short a time. Although it was expected that



SHAHRIAR HOSSAIN



MOHAMMAD MONIRUZZAMAN

the Board would name 25 players for the residential camp, scheduled to begin at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) from Monday. Whatmore wanted the list trimmed down to 20 as training time was of the essence. The final squad will be a 15-member one. "We have only 15 to 16 days of training as the team is scheduled to leave on June 22. It would be tough for me to see 25 guys within this short period. That's why I asked for

20 men," explained Whatmore who has been made a part of the selection process. "Involvement in the selection makes my job as coach easier," added the Sri Lanka born Australian who arrived in the capital yesterday morning.

The only new face in the 20-man list is 27-year old City Club opener Moniruzzaman.

The stockily built free-stroking right hander, a product of the BKSP, finally received a long overdue call up following a superb season for the Premier Division runners up in which he amassed over 850 runs, easily the highest of the league.

Moniruzzaman has constantly been among the top ten run-getters over the past three seasons but surprisingly never caught the attention of the selectors.

He will face stiff competition though from fellow opening candidates Shahriar Hossain, Javed Omar, Hannan Sarkar and Al-Shahriar.

Shahriar's last appearance for Bangladesh was in the inaugural Test against India in Dhaka on November 2000. Shahriar also

Together with opener Zia, Shahriar put on 148 for the opening stand. Earlier put into bat, Chittagong were restricted to 170-9 in 50 overs with opener Nafees Iqbal hammering highest 28. Number nine Sabbir Khan (27) and former national captain Akram Khan (25) were the other notable run-getters for Chittagong. Narayanganj will now face defending champions Biman in the semifinals tomorrow at the same venue.

SCORES IN BRIEF
CHITTAGONG: 170 for 9 in 50 overs (Nafees 28, Sabbir 27, Akram 25; Jewel 2-21, Sohel 2-28)
NARAYANGANJ: 173 for 2 in 42.4 overs (Shahriar 100 n.o., Zia 32, Munna 13 n.o.)
Result: Narayanganj won by eight wickets.

Shahriar propels N'ganj into semis

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER

Shahriar Hossain celebrated his inclusion in the 20-member Bangladesh primary squad for the tour of Australia, with an unbeaten century to propel Narayanganj into the 26th National Cricket Championship semifinals with an eight-wicket win over powerful Chittagong in their last Group B clash at the Comilla Stadium yesterday.

The former Bangladesh opener scored exactly hundred before retiring hurt as Narayanganj, chasing a not so impressive Chittagong total of 170 in 50 overs, scored 173 for two with more than seven overs to spare.

The right-hander faced only 80 balls for his 100 that featured four sixes and a dozen of boundaries.

BCB to correct chuckers
SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has short-listed ten bowlers with dubious actions. BCB advisor and cricket committee chairman Mahubul Anam disclosed this yesterday. "There are some bowlers who are chucking continuously. We need to correct them," said Anam adding that they have already prepared a list of around ten bowlers who would be asked to rectify their actions under BCB's bowling review committee during the off season. "After the correction process, the actions of those bowlers would be monitored closely next season and if they are found to be at fault still, we might have to take harsh measures including imposing bowling bans on them," Anam said. When asked who were on the list, Anam opted not to reveal all the names but said that bowlers like Suja Irfan and Saifullah Khan Gem were in it.

Lara praises Bichel

Cricket
REUTERS, St George's

Australia boast Glenn McGrath, Jason Gillespie and Brett Lee in a fearsome three-pronged pace attack, but it is fourth choice bowler Andy Bichel that is giving the most cause for concern for West Indies captain Brian Lara.

Bichel has dismissed Lara seven times during Australia's tour to the Caribbean, prompting Lara to say on Thursday: "Bichel is definitely a top class performer in a top class team and I have gained a lot of respect for him."

In the latest dismissal, in the fifth one-day international last Sunday, Bichel halted Lara's progress when he was homing in on a rare century on his home turf at Trinidad's Queen's Park Oval.

Lara was on 80 and in full flight when Bichel had him swiping at successive offside deliveries, the third of which carried for a catch. "I was in a groove. I'd seen (all

the bowlers) and maybe looking to go after the ball, and carve it through the covers. Then (Bichel) comes back and bowls wicket-taking balls," Lara said.



ANDY BICHEL

"I don't think Bichel has a hold on me, but he lulls you into a false sense of security. Glenn McGrath and Jason Gillespie keep you on the defensive, and there is Brett Lee with his pace. Bichel then comes on and offers scoring opportunities, but he mixes that with wicket-taking balls," Lara added.

Bichel removed Lara four times in Australia's 3-1 Test series victory, and has so far taken the West Indies most valuable wicket three times in the one-day series.

Bichel's successful end to a hectic Australian tour follows a successful World Cup, in which the 32-year-old made a major contribution with both bat and ball.

"You have to admire players like that. He may not have the greatest ability in a world class team, but he is able to pop up in a test match and pick up six wickets or something," Lara said.

"His dedication and discipline have to be top class. He's gained a lot of respect from me over the years, but getting me out this many times has definitely sealed it."

Lara believes that unwary West Indies batsman may fall into the trap of relaxing against Bichel if they survive against Australia's top three pace bowlers.

Aus 193/6

STAR SPORT MONITOR

West Indies struck back after brisk start by Australia in the sixth and penultimate one-day international at the Queen's Park Oval in St George's, Grenada yesterday.

Australia were 193 for six in 40 overs after Ricky Ponting won the toss and decided to bat.

The world champions rattled up 90 runs in the first 15 overs before left-handed opener Matthew Hayden was out for 37-ball 29 that featured four fours. Ponting was sent back early after being run out for two runs.

When the dangerous Adam Gilchrist was next to go with 64 off 66 balls, the score was 105-3 in the 18th over.

The Australians then staged a brief recovery with Andrew Symonds and Darren Lehmann putting on 44 runs for the fourth wicket.

The big-hitting Symonds was dismissed for 16 runs off 27 balls and Darren Lehmann made 43 before being caught and bowled by off-spinner Chris Gayle.

Australia, who lead the seven-

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Moles offered Kenya job

INTERNET, Nairobi

World Cup semifinalists Kenya have offered former Warwickshire batsman Andy Moles the chance to become the new coach of the national team.

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Full marks to Marsh

Cricket
AFP, London

Australia great Dennis Lillee has said England have trumped their oldest rivals by making his friend and former teammate Rodney Marsh a selector.

"Marshy's got one of the best cricket brains in Australia and will do a great job," Lillee insisted.

"I could never have imagined Marshy being an England selector 20 years ago," added legendary fast bowler Lillee who together with wicket-keeper Marsh formed a potent attacking partnership at both state and Test level.

"It just begs the question of why it never happened in Australia," Lillee also told Thursday's edition of the London Evening Standard.

"He's coached enough young kids but was never made a selector which makes you wonder."

Earlier this month Marsh, for-

merly Australia's academy coach before being put in charge of England's equivalent when it was formed in 2001, replaced Test captain Nasser Hussain as a selector.

Since retiring from international cricket in 1984 with a then world record 355 Test wickets to his name, Lillee has become a noted fast bowling coach, setting up a special school for promising quicks in Madras.

England have not beaten Australia in a Test series since 1986-87 but Lillee believes the crop of young fast bowlers currently coming through will help them turn the tide.

"England will win the Ashes again because everything changes. James Anderson has come from the Lancashire leagues to Test cricket in 12 months which is amazing. I c a n



RODNEY MARSH

And Lillee said he was looking forward to meeting his fellow

Western Australian to find out how he was getting on. "I'm not sure what his first impressions are but he's always pretty positive. "I'll be going for a few sherbets (alcoholic drinks) with him next week so I will let you know," added Lillee, in England to promote his autobiography, 'Menace'.

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Ferreira falters

French Open
AFP, Paris

The French Open ended in dramatic fashion for South Africa's Wayne Ferreira Friday when he collapsed in agony after stretching wide for a forehand in his third round match against Germany's Rainer Schuetler.

The number 22 seed was leading 3-2 in the fourth set but was two sets to one down when he chased down a punched drive to the backcourt from his rival. Slipping on the red clay, he lost his balance, did the splits and went sprawling on his back.

A concerned Schuetler, seeded 11 and leading 6-3, 1-6, 7-6, 2-3, raced round to the other side of the court one arena to see if his rival could continue.

But stretcher bearers were called as Ferreira lay poleaxed for several minutes at the back of the court and they carried him off.

Ferreira acknowledged the crowd's sympathetic applause with a wave, but it was then announced he had been forced to abandon, sending the German into the last 16 where he will play either Martin Verkerk of the Netherlands or Vince Spadea, one of only two remaining Americans.

"I saw he fell and I saw he stayed down and was lying there," said Schuetler.

"I asked if I should get him some ice and he said yes. I had a feeling it was bad because he didn't move at all."

It was a sad end to what was turning into an enthralling contest between two players clad in near identical red shirts.

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PHOTO: AFP

American Serena Williams returns the ball to Austria's Barbara Schett in the third round match of the French Open in Paris yesterday.

thon-man Younes El Aynaoui of Morocco 6-2, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 in 2hrs 50mins.

The big man from Rabat, who went into the record books with his five set loss to Andy Roddick in the quarter-finals of the Australian Open in Melbourne in January, had looked out of sorts under a hot Centre Court sun in the first two sets.

But egged on by the French crowd and shouting encouragement to himself he dredged up a new effort to win the third and when he broke the Zabaleta serve to lead 5-4 in the fourth he looked likely to take the game into a deciding set.

But he then served poorly, allowed Zabaleta to equalise at 5-5 and from then on in the spirit drained away from him and the South American easily won the tie-break.

Next up for Zabaleta will be

compatriot and one of the tournament favourites Guillermo Coria, the winner of the Hamburg Masters, the last build-up event for Roland Garros.

Coria looked in fine fettle scoring a comfortable straight sets win 6-4, 6-1, 6-1 over Attila Savolt of Hungary.

"It's a very important win for me and I am so pleased with my tournament so far," said Zabaleta who equalled his best effort in reaching the fourth round last year.

El Aynaoui said he had no excuses.

"I had the break and served for the set, but I didn't kick my first serve well and paid the price."

"I felt he was going down a little bit and I should have taking that opportunity."

In the women's singles top seed

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Javed in contract limbo

Cricket
INTERNET, undated

Two months into his fourth spell as Pakistan coach, Javed Miandad has yet to sign a contract with the Pakistan Cricket Board.

"I have not signed any contract with PCB, but I am hopeful the matter will be solved before the team's departure for England," Miandad told Pakistan's Dawn newspaper.

He denied suggestions that money was the sticking point.

"There are some other reasons except that of money. I have no lust for money and more important dear to me are dignity and honour. I did not take a single rupee from PCB since rejoining the team as coach."

Miandad added that he would be happy to do the job under the terms of his previous contract. "That was a good package and I have no objection against that."

As befits a role that has changed hands ten times since 1998, there is confusion over the way that the coach is paid.

Miandad is believed to be being rewarded on a match-by-match basis, with his salary equal to that of a senior player. Richard Pybus,

his predecessor, was paid a daily rate. Quite how much influence Miandad has in selection was thrown into doubt when he skillfully sidestepped questions regarding the side picked to tour England for three one-day internationals in June.

"The team selection is the job of the national selection committee

if they asked for it." Meanwhile, a report in the Pakistan-based International News claims that Abdul Razaq was left out of the side to tour England because of his attitude, despite originally being included in the 16-man squad.

Apparently Razaq was originally picked by the selectors, but told them he would only be able to join the squad three days before the first of the three one-day internationals as he was committed to playing for Middlesex. He did much the same in the recent triseries in Sri Lanka, linking up with the side two days before the tournament began.

The situation was further clouded with a claim that the decision was made to replace Razaq with Bilal Asad, an uncapped allrounder, after two of the selectors had returned home, and that Rashid Latif, Pakistan's captain, had been a key instigator of the change.

The report quotes a source close to the selectors as claiming that Razaq was only included because of his experience, and the general feeling was that he had become stale. When Razaq tried to dictate his own terms, it is suggested that the change was made as it was felt that allowing him to do as he wanted would be detrimental to the team's morale.

and finalising the playing XI is the responsibility of the captain," he said.

"I am bound to give advice to both the selectors and the captain



PHOTO: AFP
(L-R) Indian spin bowlers Bhagwat Chandrasekar, Bishen Singh Bedi, Erappalli Prasanna and Srinivas Venkatraghavan pose in Calcutta yesterday. The legendary quartet were attending a meeting organised by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).