



Squad to be finalised today

Official announcement tomorrow

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Dav Whatmore will sit with the national selectors today to finalise a 15-man Bangladesh squad for the tour of Australia.

It is almost certain that three players, dropped after the World Cup in South Africa, are set to return.

Khaled Mashud, who has been dogged by controversy since return-

ing from South Africa, will reclaim his position behind the stumps.

Mashud, who stepped down as captain after Bangladesh failed to win a single match in the World Cup, lost his place to young Mohammed

Salim after a couple of matches in the TVS Cup tri-series and went on to miss the home Test series against South Africa.

The man from Rajshahi has remained the country's number one wicketkeeper for the past twelve years.

Free stroking batsman Al-Shahri is also expected to make a comeback to national duties after being dropped from the TVS Cup and the GrameenPhone Test series following a poor World Cup. But even if he returns, his batting position might change. He has been regularly made to open, although many feel his style is more suited for the middle-order.

Hannan Sarker is likely to partner opener Javed Omar in the testing conditions of Australia although there are two other candidates to fill the opening slot. They are young Moniruzzaman and former national opener Shahriar Hossain.

But the general feeling is that it's not wise to expose Moniruzzaman, the highest run scorer in domestic cricket this season, to the hostile conditions in Australia as the 27-year-old has no previous international experience.

On the other hand Shahriar, who has been out of international cricket

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Mohammad Ashraful (C) attempts a catch while Shahriar Hossain watches. The Australia bound squad trained on the astro-turf of the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

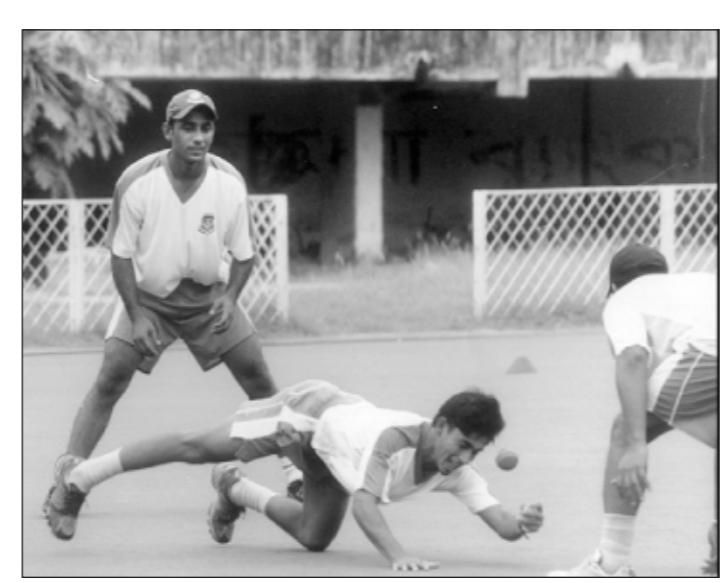
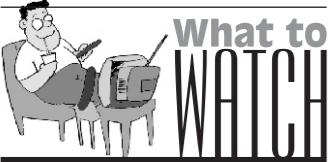


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PHOTO: ANURIS RAHMAN
ASTRO-TURF CRICKET! Coach Dav Whatmore positions himself at slip as Khaled Mashud plays a back-foot defence at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The record for the most goals in a World Cup final is seven, when Brazil beat Sweden 5-2 in Stockholm, Sweden on June 29, 1958.



ESPN

Football Focus

Repeat at 11:00 am

West Indies vs Sri Lanka

Second ODI

Repeat at 1:30 pm

Sportscentre Hindi

Sport News

Live at 8:30 pm

STAR Sports

Sportsline Tonight

Sport News

Live at 7:00 pm

West Indies vs Sri Lanka

Third ODI



TALK TURKEY



Steve Waugh

(Australia Test captain)

"I'm a little embarrassed by it all, to be honest, but it is nice that this is part of the recognition that has been given to me and it is nice for cricket."

After winning the Order of Australia award.



Tick the correct answers, post

The Daily Star

Competition closes at 8 pm
June 13, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who clinched the national youth hockey title?
Dhaka BKSP Dinajpur

2. How many Test matches has Wasim Akram played?
112 104
205

3. Who became UEFA Cup champions?
Celtic Porto
Dortmund

4. How many Grand Slam titles does Pete Sampras have?
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Dev Cup Hockey Dhaka's

SPORTS REPORTER

Dhaka lifted the Development Cup Under-14 Hockey Tournament with a 5-2 win over Rangamati in the final at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 2-1. Mohammad Faisal scored a hattrick for Dhaka while Arif and Kabir added one each. On the other hand, Bikram Marma reduced the margin for Rangamati with two goals.

Bangladesh Hockey Federation president Air Vice Marshall Fakhrul Azam witnessed the final and gave away prizes among the winners.

Flower flays Pakistan

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Andy Flower showed Zimbabwe what they were missing as he hit an unbeaten 115 in Essex's 50 run victory over Pakistan in their one day match on Monday at Chelmsford.

The former Zimbabwe skipper - who retired from international cricket after the World Cup following his black armband protest against the regime of President Robert Mugabe's regime - proved the impetus behind the county's total of 284 for six.

However Pakistan can take little consolation from even getting to 50 runs of the total as they were facing a below strength Essex outfit, for whom wicketkeeper James Foster scored 60 to boost his claims to play in the upcoming one day series should Chris Read not recover from his broken thumb.

The only Pakistan batsman to make a fight of it was Yasir Hameed, who took advantage of being dropped on ought to go on and make an attractive 82 off 89 balls including nine fours.

Flower had put on 90 with Foster for the second wicket and 95 with Ravinder Bopara for the fourth.

He played patiently throughout before accelerating at the end to reach 115 not out from 128 balls with 11 fours for his first century of the season.

While the world's fastest bowler Shoaib Akhtar is set to complete his ban for ball-tampering in the first one day international on June 17, he was able to play here and the 'Rawalpindi Express' took two wickets.

There were also two wickets for his opening partner Mohammad

Sami and spinner Shoaib Malik, including Bopara after a brisk 46.

After a narrow one-wicket win over Scotland in their tour open, Pakistan did little to improve their

confidence against a team containing only four capped players ahead of three one-day matches against England.

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PHOTO: AP

Essex's former Zimbabwean star Andy Flower drives on his way to his 114 not out against Pakistan at Chelmsford on June 9.

Hall to quit as WICB boss

CRICINFO, Barbados

The Reverend Wes Hall will step down from his role as president of the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) on health grounds within the next few days, according to a report in Barbados-based Sunday Sun newspaper.

Hall is understood to have advised all the various members of the board of his decision, and the timing of his decision means that a new president can be chosen at the board's AGM in Dominica next month.

Hall, 65, took over in July 2001 at a time West Indies cricket was suffering from infighting. His predecessor, Pat Rousseau, had resigned following a decision to reinstate team manager, Ricky Skerritt, who had been fired.

It is unclear who will emerge as Hall's likely successor. Val Banks, the current WICB vice-president, is not thought to be interested. Some reports have indicated that Tony Marshall, a former president of the Barbados Cricket Association and a WICB director, might throw his hat into the ring.

Woolmer slams Smith

Cricket

CRICINFO, Pietermaritzburg

Bob Woolmer, the former South African coach, launched a scathing attack on Graeme Smith, in

week ago.

Speaking at a benefit dinner for Dale Benkenstein in Pietermaritzburg, Woolmer said he was deeply hurt by the present state of affairs in South African cricket, before going on to point a finger at Smith, who had questioned Klusener's team ethic in a breakfast interview.

"I can't really believe that Lance has not been selected to tour England," said Woolmer. "It was because of him that we got to the semifinals of the 1999 World Cup in the first place. That man wins games for South Africa and then someone has the temerity to attack him at a breakfast."

Smith is the youngest man ever to lead the national side, and Woolmer was incensed by his lack of respect for a man who has been a mainstay of the team for over half a decade. "Graeme Smith has not been playing long enough and after five Tests he has no right to criticise someone whose track record for South Africa is so good," he said.

response to his disparaging comments about Lance Klusener a

Woolmer due here June 27

SPORTS REPORTER

Former South Africa coach Bob Woolmer will arrive in the city on June 27 on a five-day visit. The trip has been arranged by the ICC in order to develop the game in the country.

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Div I b'ball

BSS, Dhaka

Eagles Club defeated the Gregarious Club 84-55 in the First Division Basketball League at Dhamondi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday.

The first half scores were 36-30 in Eagles' favour.

Eagles' Indian recruit Amalendu scored the highest 30 points, while Shashad added 19.

In the other match of the day, Flame Boys Club beat Old DOHS (Saturn) 59-53.

The winners led the first half 32-27.

Sajib was the best marksman for Flame Boys with scoring 32 while Asif topscored for the losers with 24.

Windies squad for final ODI

AFP, Bridgetown

The West Indies Cricket Board on Monday announced a 15-man squad for the third one-day international against Sri Lanka at Arnos Vale in St. Vincent on Sunday.

Sri Lanka have an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series after their victory in Bridgetown on Sunday.

SQUAD

Brian Lara (capt), Ramnaresh Sarwan (vice-capt), Omari Banks, David Bernard Jr, Corey Collymore, Vasbert Drakes, Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds, Ryan Hurley, Ridley Jacobs, Daren Powell, Ricardo Powell, Marlon Samuels, Devon Smith, Jerome Taylor.

BKSP bury Barisal

SPORTS REPORTER

Zahid struck four times to propel BKSP Green to a resounding 5-0 thrashing of Barisal in the BKSP Cup Under-16 football tournament at Savar yesterday.

Emile scored the other goal for the sports institute team.

Earlier in the morning, Dhaka blanked Chittagong 3-0. Sagar, Roni and Mitun scored once each for the winners.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman declared the eight-team meet open as the chief guest.

ACB's appreciation

Cricket

BBC ONLINE, Sydney

The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) is to honour the country's 199 living Test cricketers at a special function in Sydney on Wednesday.

"The foundations of the game today and the commercial success that it now enjoys are a direct result of the efforts and achievements of all players who have earned the right to wear the baggy green," said Tim May, head of the Australian Cricketers Association.

"This function represents an ideal opportunity to not only recognise those players who have contributed to Test cricket's great history, but also to remind us of the depth of such foundations."

Australia recently beat West Indies 3-1 in the Caribbean to confirm their place as the world's top Test side.

Steve Waugh's team will return to action next month for two home Tests against Bangladesh.

It will be the first time Test cricket has been played in the northern Australian cities of Darwin and Cairns.

MSC to boycott GrameenPhone e ceremony

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammed Sporting Club will boycott today's prize distribution ceremony of the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League.

They took the stand to protest CCDM's (Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan) decision of declaring the Motijheel based club joint runners up along with City Club.

Although both clubs finished in equal second behind champions Victoria Sporting Club, Mohammedan maintained their claim that they have a better net run rate than the Mirpur-based club.

In a letter to Bangladesh Cricket Board president Ali Asghar