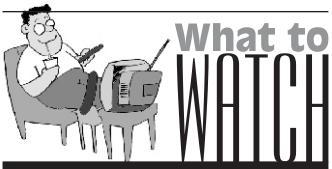




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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong Police Institute won their opening encounter of the Igloo Mahanagar School Handball League with a comprehensive 21-7 win over Bangladesh Export Processing Zone (BEPZ) Public School yesterday.

The Police Institute led the first half 9-2.

Farhad top-scored with 7 goals while Shah Alam got 4 goals for the winners. On the other hand Niaz and Shakil scored two goals each for Public School.

Come out of the cage

Cricket

CHIPS MACKINOLTY, from Darwin

The determination of both Bangladesh and Australia to play good, positive, aggressive cricket on the eve of their historic first Test match was summed up last night by star Bangladeshi batsman Al-Shahriar.

"This is an exciting time for us to play the number one team it is a dream come true.

"We will all do well this is our challenge to play well, the team will do well, we are all excited," he said.

Successfully recovering from a bout of toothache the only fitness doubt in the team Al-Shahriar is looking to both individual and team improvement.

"Fully I hope that I and the rest of the team will play better every time we play," he said. "I want the people at home to pray for us that's it."

It was a sentiment shared by captain Khaled Mahmud, who said "definitely we are facing one of the best teams in the world but we are

not nervous, rather we are excited to play in Darwin".

There has been considerable commentary in the international cricket media that the forthcoming match will be too one-sided. A former Australian Test player, David Hookes, has claimed tomorrow's game will not last more than a single day.

"We don't think about it too much, we just think about what we want to improve and we want to improve on individual performance," said Mahmud.

"That's what we are looking for, we are not talking about what is one-sided or whatever."

Australian captain Steve Waugh agreed, saying that the criticisms were "sledging by the media".

"Bangladeshi players respect us and we respect them.

While Australia announced their team yesterday, Bangladesh were holding their final line up secret until an hour before the first ball.

According to team manager Lt Col MA Latif (retd), this was "to keep everyone on their toes and the

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C'MON TIGERS! (Clockwise, from far left) Bangladesh batsman Al-Shahriar contemplates facing his 'dream' attack. Khaled Mashud (L) and Habibul Bashar (R) simulate the behind the wicket scenario when the Aussies will bat. Papri Saleh (C) and her fellow expatriate Bangladeshi friends sport confident smiles in front of the Tigers' dressing room. These photos were taken during yesterday's training session at the Marrara Oval in Darwin.

It's never too late to mend

Cricket

AFP, Darwin

executive James Sutherland to tell captain Waugh to rein in his players' emotions.

The confrontations during the Antigua Test, including a face-to-face clash between rival captains Waugh and Brian Lara on the second day, raised questions about Australia's ability to control its emotions in tight matches.

Waugh said he did not expect any of that kind of behaviour tainting Friday's first-ever Test with Bangladesh at the new Marrara Oval venue.

Premier pace bowler Glenn McGrath was widely condemned for his mid-pitch rage at West Indian batsman Ramnaresh Sarwan during the Antigua Test.

The images of McGrath finger-pointing and screaming at Sarwan over something he apparently said prompted Cricket Australia chief

"We have some things to work on, we've talked about that, we've talked about that for the last couple

of years, but occasionally things get out of control.

"We've spoken about it as a group, it's about taking responsibility for the actions you perform out on the field and it's up to every individual. It's not something that has cropped up recently."

Waugh and his team received damaging publicity over the McGrath-Sarwan confrontation, for which McGrath has apologised.

McGrath admitted his outburst didn't do Australia any good in the cricket world but he did not believe the world champions could be labelled sore losers.

As a general rule the team is pretty well behaved on the field," Waugh said on Thursday. "The team we play respect us and we respect them, occasionally things do happen but we're trying to rectify that.

Asked at the time if Australia had

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Waugh alone more than Bangladesh!

AFP, Darwin

Steve Waugh has played more Tests, taken more wickets and accumulated more runs than the entire Bangladesh team put together.

The 38-year-old Test campaigner, who will lead Australia into the first Test at Marrara Oval here on Friday when mighty Australia take on minnows Bangladesh, officially the world's worst team.

The gulf in experience between cricket's leading team and the Test minnows is graphically illustrated in Waugh's 18-year record.

His 160 Tests eclipse the 126 played by the whole Bangladesh touring party, who have scored only 4,508 Test runs between them well under half of Waugh's 10,265 runs.

Even Waugh's part-time medium-pacers have netted him 91 wickets compared to the 71 extracted by cricket's newest Test nation.

Waugh and the rest of the Australia side will receive 11,000 dollars (7,200 USD) each per Test.

The Bangladesh players earn about 1,700 dollars (1,100 USD) a game, captain Khaled Mahmud said here on Thursday.

Leading Bangladeshi players are contracted at 1,000 USD per month. The top-ranked players under Cricket Australia contract scheme earn 20 times that amount.

While the Bangladesh wages appear dwarfed compared to those paid to Australia's cricket elite, they appear lucrative in Bangladesh.

Mahmud said he is content with his remuneration, because Bangladesh is a new cricket nation.

"As a start it is not bad, I think, because we just started cricket," Mahmud said.

"Australia have a big reputation from more than 125 years. We are

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A test by Aussie fire

Cricket

AFP, Darwin

Bangladesh's modest record of 19 Tests for 18 losses and a rain-affected draw since their debut in 2000 have pundits declaring a rout of spectacular proportions is in the offing.

Former Australian batsman and new commentator David Hookes fired off that there was the potential for the five-day Tests in Darwin and Cairns this month to turn into one-day events with a flurry of Test records to fall.

The Australian team have not been part of the public denigration of the Bangladeshi novices, speaking of their respect for the developing Asian team as Test cricket is played for the first time in Australia's tropical north 'dry' season.

Australian captain Steve Waugh, a great cricket traditionalist, has called the outpourings of scorns "sledging by the media".

"They're much better than what's been written."

Watmore knows the great challenge that confronts his untried

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Muktis enter NFL round

SPORTS REPORTER

Muktijoddha Sangsads Krira Chakra will make their first appearance in the Nitol-Tata third National Football League when the second leg of the final round begins at the Sylhet Stadium tomorrow.

The all-reds face Mohammedan Sporting Club of Sirajganj. Bangladesh Television will provide live coverage of all five matches at the venue. The kick off on each match day is 4pm.

Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club will play their second match against Arambagh Krira Sangsads the following day.

The holders made a flying start to the tournament with a 6-0 thrashing of Jamalpur Jagarani Club at Chittagong's MA Aziz Stadium while Arambagh drew 1-1 with Jhenidah Mohammedan.

However, the shock of the first leg was title aspirants Abahan's 1-1

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An unlikely Test venue

Cricket

REUTERS, Darwin

Darwin was chosen to host this week's match to help Australia fulfil their commitment to the ICC's World Test Championship, which decrees that all 10 Test-playing nations must play each other home and away within a five-year period.

With the annual summer schedule all heavily booked in advance, Cricket Australia decided to break with tradition and play Bangladesh in the winter in the country's tropical north, where the sun shines all year round and crocodiles outnumber people.

There are only two seasons in Darwin - wet and dry - and cricket is played in the dry winter months when the temperatures normally hover around 30 degrees Celsius. But, while the weather was not a problem, staging a Test in such a remote region did present huge

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by Kirsten above his head at slip off Willoughby and went on to make 39 before having his off-stump knocked back by a Zondeki yorker in the first over after lunch.

Keith Parsons was dropped by Herschelle Gibbs before being picked up by the same player at third slip for one to give Zondeki his second wicket.

On only his 14th first-class appearance Zondeki then added Ian Blackwell to his victims after a mistimed hook.

From 100 for none, Somerset had subsided to 144 for four.

Mike Burns (35) and Carl Gazzard

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Zondeki lights up Day 2

Cricket

AFP, Taunton

South Africa's Monde Zondeki claimed a career-best five for 64 on the second day's play of his country's tour match against Somerset.

The 20-year-old Zondeki had the Surrey batsmen in trouble as they replied to South Africa's 326 for four declared with 245 for seven before declaring themselves 81 runs adrift with Matt Wood top-scoring with 55.

At stumps South Africa's advantage had extended to 207 by posting 126 for two. Veteran opener Gary Kirsten followed up his first

innings 66 with a 42, while Boeta Dippenaars was 52 not out.

However there was another failure by Kirsten's opening partner Herschelle Gibbs, who was out for 17.

With one day to go a draw looks the likely outcome.

Somerset resumed on 38 for no wicket after rain had delayed the start and the opening pair of Wood and South African James Bryant took the total to 100 in the final over before lunch before being parted.

Wood's first 50 of the season, off 76 balls, with 10 fours, came to an end when trapped lbw by a full length delivery from left-arm seamer Charl Willoughby.

Bryant had been dropped on 18



Action from the Green Delta First Division Hockey League match between Bachelors and ShishuKishore Sangha at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

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