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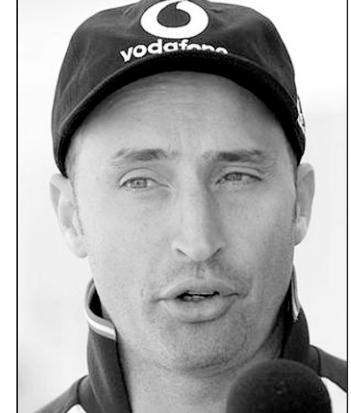
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Nasser Hussain

(England Test captain)
"The captaincy is not something I'm going to hang on to. If the selectors ring me tomorrow and say 'We think Vaughan's ready', that's fine with me."



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Ali rolls on

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National junior champion Mohammad Ali earned 4 points after the eighth round games in the 26th Asian Junior (Under-20) Chess Championship in Colombo on Wednesday.

Ali won his eighth round game against Chan Tez Wei of Malaysia.



NSC tries to make peace

SPORTS REPORTER

The National Sports Council (NSC) offered an olive branch to the Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF) a day after it ordered the demolition of the chess federation office.

The highest sports body in an official letter yesterday requested the chess body to shift their office to the third floor of the NSC building.

On Wednesday the NSC authorized the tearing down of BCF headquarters to make way for the construction of its 20-storied tower. The action on the most successful sports federation created widespread criticism.

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Waugh warns BD to be ready for worst

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, Cairns

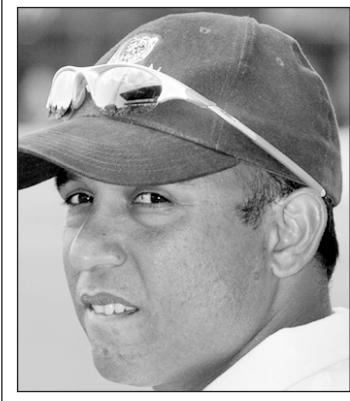
Bangladesh face a huge challenge in the second Test against world champions Australia starting here Friday. Australian skipper Steve Waugh warned Thursday.

The game's most-capped player said facing Brett Lee at 150 kilo-

metres an hour on a lively deck on Queensland's tropical far north coast was a welcome opportunity for Bangladesh to discover just how many of their players were Test match quality.

"There's a chance we'll bowl on that wicket. There's a bit of grass there," Waugh told a news conference on Thursday.

"There's certainly a bit of moisture in the pitch and it'll favour the quick bowlers."



KHALED MAHMUD

"We like to attack as a general rule, and we've got some good bowlers. But I don't mind what we do at the toss."

Waugh won the toss and elected to field in the first Test in Darwin as Australia skittled the tourists for 97 then scored 407 for seven declared.

"I'm not going to predict that (Bangladesh batsmen suffering injuries) but I expect us to go hard. It will be a very good test for the Bangladeshi batsmen out there,"

Mitchell said wet weather in Cairns had produced much more grass on the pitch than he had expected for the historic first Test in the far north Queensland city.

Waugh sounded a further ominous note for the tourists, saying his side had room to improve from Darwin.

"We've got a lot of improvement in us," he said. "People expect Bangladesh to improve from the first Test, but I expect us to improve more."

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Abahani run riot

REUTERS, Karachi

Hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

Abahani's Ashraful Islam Shishu hits one of his four goals against Wari Club in their Green Delta Premier Division encounter yesterday.

Wasim's no to farewell

REUTERS, Karachi

Pakistan's Wasim Akram is unlikely to come out of retirement to make a farewell appearance against South Africa in October.

"I am grateful to the Pakistan Board that they have offered me this final chance to play for Pakistan and in front of my home crowd. But I think once you have retired it is over," Wasim told Reuters on Wednesday from England.

The Pakistan board responded to Wasim's retirement announcement earlier this year by offering the pace bowler a chance to play against South Africa as a tribute to his contribution to Pakistan cricket.

"The Board has told me that they want me to play one final match for Pakistan and want to make it a farewell and tribute to me in front of my home crowd."

"So far I have not given them any reply. But I am not really keen on playing any international match again. As it is doctors have advised me (to) rest for the time being."

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Zia shares 2nd place

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Zia won his board against English Fide Master David Howell. It was his second win against a draw in the prestigious competition.

Meanwhile, International Master Enamul Hossain Rajib also kept his good work going in the meet. He won against Adam Ashton of England. But it was bad news for FIDE Master Sheikh Nasir Ahmed as he went down to GM Aaron Summerscale of England after two consecutive victories.

On the other hand, IM Abdullah Al Rakib defeated Gordon Meyer of South Africa to raise his tally to 1.5 points.

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individually in Darwin but picked out Mohammad Ashraful as the outstanding talent of the Tigers.

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Tigers excite Aussie skipper

Cricket

INTERNET SOURCE, Cairns

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which will develop as they acquire match practice in pressure situations."

Test cricket's most successful captain was very impressed by the promise Bangladesh showed

At tea, South Africa were 265

without loss, with left-hander Smith 107 not out off 167 balls, with 17 fours while Gibbs was on 143 not out, made from 184 balls with one six and 24 fours.

The Western Province duo's stand was a new first wicket record for South Africa against England, surpassing the 260 set by Bruce Mitchell and Jack Siegle at Cape Town in 1930-31.

But Gibbs was dropped on 94 and 125, England failing to take

Gibbs was first to his fifty, cutting Andrew Flintoff for four and bringing up his half-century in 96 balls including nine boundaries.

And when paceman Flintoff gave Gibbs width he steered a square drive behind point for another four.

In the same over Smith reached his fifty with an on-driven four off Gough.

In all 17 runs came off the over as South Africa reached 14