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Mark Boucher

(South Africa wicketkeeper)
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5. How many Test tons has Steve...

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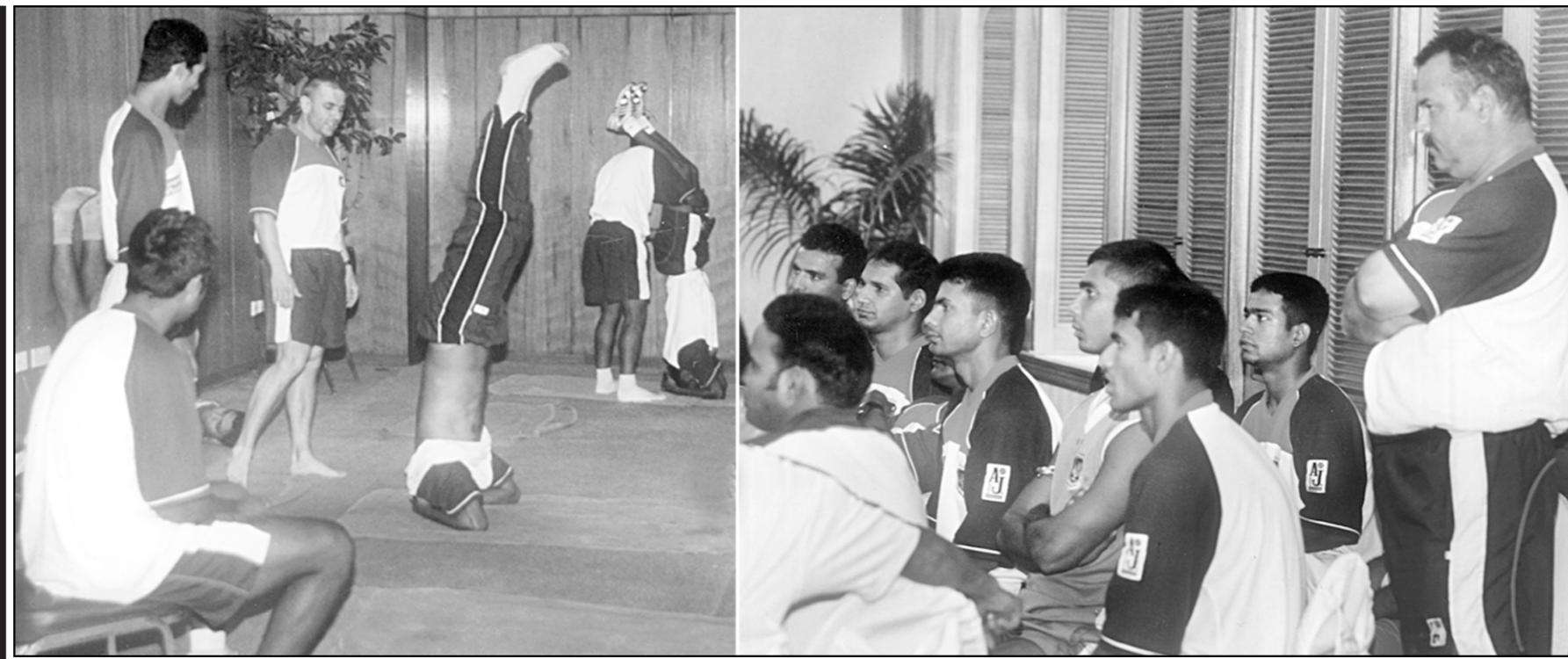
Shane skips training to avoid media

REUTERS, Melbourne

The pressure on Shane Warne mounted on Tuesday as he skipped a training session with Victoria, avoiding a media pack keen to ask the Australian leg-spinner about his latest telephone sex allegations.

Johannesburg mother of three, Helen Cohen Alon was quoted in South Africa's Sunday Times news

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(L) IT'S BEEN A HARD DAY: Bangladesh cricketers have a workout at the gym of Sonargaon Hotel yesterday. (R) LEARN FROM THE MISTAKES: Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore (R) and his charges watch the videotapes on their tour of Australia at the hotel.

Bankers in Super Five



SPORTS REPORTER

Impressive Sonali Bank snatched a valuable point from giants Usha Krira Chakra to confirm their 'Super Five' berth in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

The bankers came from behind to hold Usha to a 1-1 draw in the crucial match.

The youthful bankers increased their tally to 13 points from seven matches while Usha are one point behind playing the same number of outings.

In the other match, Mariner Young's Club outplayed Bangladesh Sporting Club 9-1 to keep their slim hopes alive but they

have to win their next matches against Mohammadian Sporting Club and Usha.

This was the second victory for struggling Mariner. They have collected eight points from seven matches while their opponents are still yet to open their account.

Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra and title aspirants Mohammadian Sporting Club have already confirmed their places in the next phase. Both boast their all-win records.

Also in the race are Ajax Sporting Club with ten points from seven matches and Dhaka Railway on eight points from same number of outings.

In a keenly fought match, Usha Krira Chakra led the first half 1-0 when Indian Mobinur Rahman scored a field goal in the 18th minute.

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Whatmore clarifies



SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore has clarified why certain players were not called up for a short camp before the team leaves for Pakistan to play three Tests and five one-day matches.

Opening batsman Moniruzzaman, off-spinner Fahim Muntasir and wicketkeeper Mohammad Salim were overlooked on Monday when the Bangladesh Cricket Board announced a 22-member preliminary list to attend a five-day camp that started yesterday.

Talking to some journalists, Whatmore said that trio should not be disheartened because they had already proved their ability but more importantly the Sri Lankan-born Australian wanted to assess new players instead.

"They (Moniruzzaman and Fahim) are very much in the running for selection in the coming six months. But I was recommended by the selectors to see a few new faces. And about Salim, well, he's the number two wicketkeeper and so we don't need to see him in training."

All three players were kept as reserves for the tour of Australia.

Of the 22 players who reported to the World Cup-winning coach in the pouring rain, only Naimur Rahman, the former Bangladesh captain, came to the Bangabandhu National Stadium apparently unprepared.

The casually dressed off-spinner before leaving the BNS, reportedly told Whatmore that as he learned of his call-up belatedly, so he was unable to attend before Wednesday.

Seeing that the conditions would make net practice impossible, Whatmore shifted the camp to the

Sonargaon Hotel in the morning. At the five-star hotel's gymnasium, physio John Gloster asked one group of players to stretch while the others watched video footage of the team's performance in Australia.

"If the weather remains the same, we will have some outdoor practice at Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium tomorrow morning," said Whatmore.

Asked if the inclement weather would affect the cricketers' form, Whatmore said he is not unduly worried about that prospect as most

of his players were still match-fit because they had been on international duty even last week.

Captain Khaled Mahmud also said that rain would not affect their performance as they have regularly trained in Australia for the last one and a half months. He believed his team would not face any problem adjusting to conditions in Pakistan.

When asked what was his target in the coming series, especially in the one-dayers, Mahmud said that there can be only two results in one-day matches and they would defi-

nately play for win.

"Our last victory was against Pakistan in the 1999 World Cup. Who knows, if we can motivate ourselves like four years ago, we might win a match or two," said Mahmud who was man-of-the-match in that historic victory at Nottinghamshire.

The new selection committee led by Faruque Ahmed will sit with Whatmore today to finalise the 15-man squad for Pakistan. The Tigers are expected to fly off to Karachi on Saturday night.



WHERE ARE HIS TRAINING CLOTHES? A casually dressed former national captain Naimur Rahman chats with Bangladesh skipper Khaled Mahmud (2nd from R) and Khaled Mashud (R) at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Naimur, who was called up to join a 22-man preliminary camp for Bangladesh's tour of Pakistan, came unprepared for training which started yesterday.

No-entry for BFF at BNS

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has shut the doors of the Bangabandhu National Stadium for the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) which wanted to hold the 'Super Six' matches of the Nitol-Tata Third National Football League at the multi-purpose stadium.

"It is not possible for us to fulfill the BFF request with England touring in October and next year's Under-19 World Cup. We have already informed them about our decision," BCB president Ali Asghar told The Daily Star Sport last night.

But secretary of the tournament committee Manjur Hossain said

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MICHAEL VAUGHAN

England's batsmen have also struggled, with Vaughan's 156 at Edgbaston and Andrew Flintoff's defiant 142 in a losing cause at Lord's the only two innings of substance.

The England attack has been unable to contain the tall left-hander, who combines a solid defence with a range of clinical strokes, predominantly through the leg-side.

James Kirtley is likely to be handed his debut in place of the retired Darren Gough, joining forces

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Collingwood set for return

AFP, London

Durham and England all-rounder Paul Collingwood is due to make his return to action after four months out with injury.

England one-day international Collingwood, 27, dislocated his right shoulder while fielding in a pre-season friendly against Lancashire on April 16.

But he is now fit enough to play in Durham's reserve team fixture against Warwickshire which starts on Wednesday.

Collingwood said Tuesday: "I don't think I've ever trained as hard in my life. It's good to get back playing again and I can't wait to get cracking."

Taufel pays for hurting Tigers

SPORTS REPORTER

Simon Taufel
T he Bangladesh team management upheld the country's honour on the Tigers' recent tour down under by making an exemplary protest against a third umpire's conduct during the first Test against Australia in Darwin.

According to sources, The Sunday Territorian newspaper of Darwin published a short report in its July 20 edition where third umpire for the first Test Australian Simon Taufel ridiculed Bangladesh.

The report under the heading 'Third ump's comedy hour' went like this: Doubts about the Bangla-desh cricket team's ability to withstand the Australian bowling attack in the inaugural Darwin Test match was certainly widespread. On Friday

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Karachi Test at stake



AFP, Karachi

Karachi's cricket authority challenged in court Tuesday a Pakistan Cricket Board decision to withdraw its rights to host Tests and one-day matches, putting next week's Test against Bangladesh in jeopardy.

The Karachi City Cricket Association (KCCA) filed the suit in the Sindh High Court, KCCA lawyer Arshad Tayyab Ali said. It was due to be heard on August 15.

The action challenged a Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) decision last month to set up provincial cricket associations to organise cricket matches at district level, effectively ending the KCCA's rights to host Tests and one-day games.

The PCB also announced that the newly formed Sindh Cricket Association (SCA) would host a Test against Bangladesh in Karachi due to start on August 20.

KCCA has refused to accept the decision saying the formation of SCA was "unconstitutional". Ali described the board's move as "an unjust action against the KCCA".

If the court issues an injunction order on the KCCA petition, the PCB cricket schedule and the Bangladesh Test could be jeopardised.

"We had no other option but to go to the court as our last resort and would still not want to disrupt the Test match," KCCA secretary Sirajul Islam Bukhari told this news agency.

PCB spokesman Samiul Hasan expressed dismay over KCCA's action.

"It is disappointing and on the eve of a hectic home season we should have spent our energies on organising the Test," Hasan told AFP.

However he played down the matter, saying "at the moment there is no threat to the Test match."

Pakistan is due to hosts South Africa for three Tests and as many one-day games after the series against Bangladesh.

Nasser rebukes critics

Cricket

BBC ONLINE, London

Former England captain Nasser Hussain has described criticism of his approach to the Lord's Test against South Africa as "absolute drivel".

Hussain shocked the nation by resigning three days before the game, with one-day skipper Michael Vaughan stepping up to fill the gap.

He was involved in a verbal altercation with South African skipper Graeme Smith during the game and questions were asked about his general on-field demeanour.

"Every time I've put on an England shirt on, I've given it my absolute utmost for the country and I will carry on doing that for as long as England want me," Hussain told the British Broadcasting Corp.

"I'll always be an ear there for Vaughan, for Fletch [Duncan Fletcher], for any young player as you saw when someone got stuck into Jimmy Anderson, I was there for him because I believe young players need that backing."

"I've done that for James Foster in the past and I'll do it with any young player in the future. But the

last thing Vaughan needed on his first game in charge was me going round telling people what to do and where to bowl."

"The bottom line for me is that there's only one important goal and that's England getting back into this series and the England team doing well."

"Any talk about me being quiet or



NASSER HUSSAIN

down is "absolute drivel".

England's performance at Lord's, where they lost by an innings and 92 runs, prompted former Test batsman Geoff Boycott to query coach Duncan Fletcher's position.

He accused the Zimbabwean of



Action from yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League clash between Usha and Sonali Bank at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

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