

Anil may join Middlesex

AFP, London

India's most successful spinner Anil Kumble could be on his way to Middlesex for the 2004 county championship season.

"We are looking to sign him. We just need to get confirmation from the Board of Control. He is happy to come," John Embrey, the coach of the English side, told the BBC website.

If the deal gets the go-ahead, Middlesex would be the 33-year-old's third county following previous spells with Northamptonshire and Leicestershire.

Kumble, currently on tour with India in Australia, has 370 Test wickets and 313 victims in one-day internationals.

The player needs permission from the Indian Cricket Board of Control to play in the English County Championship.

Tigers' training

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BCB's cricket committee chairman Mahbubul Anam informed yesterday that the camp would continue till January 25. Bangladesh will leave for the African nation of Namibia on January 28 for a pre-tour conditioning camp.

The Tigers' two-week stay in Namibia will see them take on the hosts in three limited-over matches and a three-dayer.

Bangladesh will land in Zimbabwe on February 10 to play two Tests and five one-day internationals.

The four-member selection committee led by Faruque Ahmed has already called up a 17-member preliminary squad for the camp.

PRELIMINARY CALL-UPS

Khaled Mahmud, Habibul Bashar, Khaled Mashud, Tashap Bishya, Hanna Sarker, Shahriar Hossain, Rajin Saleh, Alok Kapali, Mohammed Ashraful, Ehsanul Haque, Mohammad Selim, Mohammed Rafique, Tareq Aziz Khan, Manjul Islam Rana, Anwar Hossain Monir, Mushfiqur Rahman and Hasibul Hossain.

Nalbandian sidelined

AFP, Adelaide

Top seed Argentine David Nalbandian on Saturday pulled out of the Australian hardcourt championships starting here on Monday with a wrist injury.

Javed blames

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pressure earned him praise from skipper Stephen Fleming.

"We were under a lot of pressure but Eden Park is a tough ground to defend and as long as we had Scotty there I knew we were in with a chance," said Fleming.

Sylhet start

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Fall of wkt: 1-133, 2-34, 3-53, 4-53, 5-130, 6-77, 7-84, 8-107, 9-128, 10-101, 11-105, 12-105, 13-105.

Bowler O M R W

Jakwan 12 4 35 0

Nayem 10 4 10 2

Parvez 8 4 14 2

Nabil 15 5 23 3

Imtiaz 5 0 16 2

Ejaz 7 0 22 1

SYLHET: First innings

Imtiaz c Shahin b Tariqul 46

Mabud batton 42

Nayem batton 1

Extras: (lb-4, nb-4, w-4) 12

Total: (For one wkt in 24 overs) 101

Fall of wkt: 1-95

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