

## Nafees gets Test

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In the case of Kapali who skipped the BCB XI in the lone practice match, Selectors were ready to give another chance. May be the other possible reason for his inclusion was if Bangladeshi captain Habibul Bashar failed a late fitness test on the injured thumb.

"We are desperately hoping Bashar recovers in time for the Test. If necessary we will wait until the day before the first Test before making decision. It goes without saying his presence in the team is a source of inspiration," said Faruque.

Bashar, who complained of pain in the right thumb during the net session on Thursday, couldn't bat yesterday either at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

## Jennings acting

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internationally for a national coach, and that Jennings would be part of that process.

Jennings has tasted success with provincial team Easterns, who led to the Super Series first-class championship in 2002-03, and with South Africa A.

"We are fortunate to have a man of Ray's experience to call on," the statement quoted UCB chief executive Gerald Majola as saying.

"He was a fine player and has proved with Easterns and in his brief time with the South Africa A team that he is a top class coach."

Speculation that Omar Henry would be sacked as selection convenor came to nought, at least as far as the tour to India was concerned.

"His (Henry's) continuation in that position is conditional on him submitting a report in which he sets out his selection plan through to the World Cup in 2007," Majola was quoted as saying.

"We have now received that report. It will be discussed by the Board of Cricket SA (Pty) Ltd after which his future as convenor will be discussed with him."

"Omar will remain in the position for now, and will convene the panel to select the squad to tour India."

South Africa have won one of their last five Test matches, drawing two, and have lost 13 of their last 15 one-day internationals.

Overall with Simons as coach, South Africa won 14 of 24 Tests and 33 of 62 one-day internationals.



PHOTO: STAR  
Chief cricket selector Faruque Ahmed (C), flanked by the other two members of his panel Golam Nowsher Prince (L) and Athar Ali Khan, announces the squad for the first Test against New Zealand at BKSP yesterday.

## Hussain likes Vaughan

### Cricket

BBC ONLINE, undated

Former captain Nasser Hussain says Michael Vaughan's laid-back style suits the current England side to a tee.

Hussain said his successor's approach would not have worked when he was in charge of the side from 1999 to 2003.

"Back then people would have just gone through the motions and possibly walked all over Vaughan being so relaxed," Hussain told BBC Five Live.

"I don't think Vaughan's style would have worked but I don't think my style would have worked now."

In 1999, when central contracts were still in the future, Hussain said England players would turn up to a Test match, hunt around for freebies and then go back to the county who employed them not particularly worried if they had failed.

It was Hussain's "bad cop" approach when he took the helm which began to instil discipline and get England on the winning trail again.

But now, it is a different scenario.

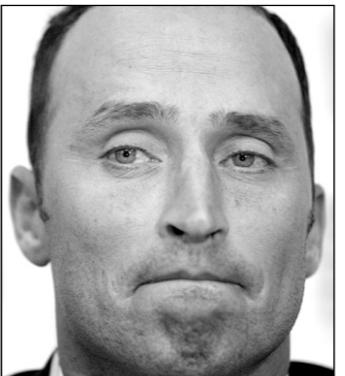
Hussain said: "One of the reasons I had to pack it in was because the likes of Andrew Flintoff, Steve Harmison and Andrew Strauss needed to be let go and released to express themselves."

"That's where Vaughan has been

exceptional. He's given them the confidence to go out there and enjoy their cricket."

"That's exactly what Harmison and Flintoff need. You can see how they have progressed -- they needed me to take them to a certain level and then Vaughan to take them that extra distance."

Hussain struggles to understand why England are touring Zimbabwe



NASSER HUSSAIN

in November.

"Nothing's really changed -- it seems to be fudged again," he said, referring back to the 2003 World Cup match in Harare when he was still captain and in which he and his players refused to play.

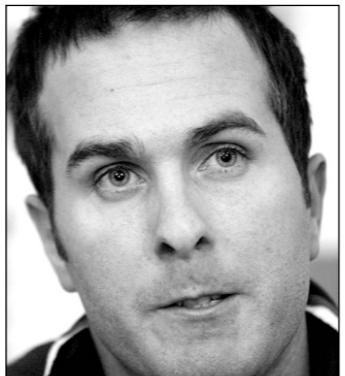
"I just don't understand the honesty any more and the promises

that were made. It seems to be 'well we better go just because of the finances'."

"Harmison has said he's not going because nothing has changed and the situation has got worse if anything."

"It's almost like an England B team playing against a Zimbabwe C team."

"The captain doesn't particularly



MICHAEL VAUGHAN

want to go and his bosses are telling him he has to go. What sort of a state will the team be in?"

"The people don't really want you to go, the government doesn't really want you to go."

"What is the point of going except for the financial situation?"

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## All-Russian final

### Tennis

AFP, Moscow

The Kremlin Cup final will be an all-Russian affair for the first time after defending champion Anastasia Myskina beat new world number one Lindsay Davenport of the United States here on Saturday.

Myskina, also the French Open champion, had already met Davenport four times but on this occasion the second seed's ill health was a factor in the Russian's 6-4, 7-6 victory, her first over Davenport, in 1hr 18min.

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