# The Daily Star

## **BFF's step to** groom young booters

#### BDNEWS, Dhaka

In a bid to groom juvenile footballers across the country, the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has decided to organise long-term training camps for 12-14 age group.

The six-month camps are scheduled to start from July 15 in 20 districts under the supervision of ten local coaches with AFC C-License.

The BFF informed yesterday that they have finalised the panel of ten coaches on Tuesday and has primarily selected 20 districts for the camps.

He said that the rest of the districts would gradually be brought under the programme.

Each coach, who will draw Tk 7,500 as monthly salary, will take responsibilities of two districts with 25 booters selected for each camp. The coach will provide training for two days every week.

The selected coaches are: Riazuddin, Altaful Haq, Ahsanuzzaman, Mahbubur Rahman, Dipok Chandra Nath, Nurul Hag Manik, Mohammad Mala, Abdul Maeen, Mahmud Alam and Arifur Rahman.

The preliminary selected districts are: Narayanganj, Munshiganj, Narsingdi, Tangail, Jamalpur, Faridpur, Meherpur, Chuadanga, Barisal, Bhola, Feni, Comilla, Chandpur, Rangamati, Moulvibazar, Rajshahi, Natore, Chapainawabganj, Gaibandha and Narail.

# Bangladesh's Mr

FROM PAGE 12 Cup debacle in South Africa.

His technical input has hardly been addressed to the cricket fans and Nasu was quite enthusiastic to bear his soul to this reporter during Tuesday's training session at the St. Lawrence cricket ground in Canterbury

"Basically, I use two software, one for practice and the other for matches. My first job is to take ball by ball videos in a match. Suppose a bowler is bowling, I need to fill about 35 boxes of different queries programmed in the software. For instance I have to follow where the ball was pitched, the batsman who played the shot, how many runs had been scored of that delivery and so on. Believe it or not I have to complete these between every delivery.

"Sometimes it is very tough for me when a fielder misfields on the boundary. Beside, when the spinners operate, it becomes hellish. only enjoy when it is a dot ball," said the 43-year-old Nasu.

He said that he also has to ensure video clips of Bangladesh's next opponents so that the coach and the captain get all the answers in advance going into a series. "Our next series is against Sri

Lanka and I have already made arrangements to record their games against the West Indies so that I can later analyse the style of batting or lightning. bowling of every Sri Lankan play-

Zola calls it a day

special ceremony in Rome.

Rome's Olympic stadium.

His last appearance for Italy was in

top flight.

Chelsea

## Football

#### **REUTERS**, Milan

Italian forward Gianfranco Zola announced his retirement on Wednesday bringing to an end a 21vear alittering career that graced the English Premier League and Serie A

"I think this is the right thing to do," local news agencies quoted the 38year-old as saying. "Some time has passed since the end of the (Serie A) championship but I needed to reflect a

"Now that my career is finished I can say that I am happy with what I have achieved. Not everyone can say that they set themselves an objective and reached it -- I did that and it is very satisfying" said Zola who ended his career with Cagliari on the island of Sardinia where he was born.

Zola, whose diminutive frame contained abundant trickery, humour and quile, made his name at Italian Serie A side Naples as understudy to Diego Maradona and then won the UEFACup with Parma in 1995.

He joined English premier league side Chelsea in 1996 to begin a sevenyear stint in which fans came to adore him and opposition defences grew to fear him.

Team mates frequently commented on Zola's dedicated approach to training and personal fitness even in the final years of his career when he enjoyed most of his success.

But the striker, who will celebrate his 39th birthday on Tuesday, said that his years in the game had simply been great fun.

"It has been great. I didn't go through all these years thinking of it as work but simply as enjoyment.

"When people have asked what has been the secret behind such a long career in the game I have always replied that I played for fun and that it was a pleasure to train and to enter the field on a Sunday." said Zola.

Unlike many players whose skill and stamina fade with age. Zola arguably found his best form at Chelsea, scoring 80 goals and helping the current English champions to six trophies, including the European Cup Winners' Cup, but not the league title. Chelsea's fans voted him their

best ever player in 2003 before he A career which began in the left to join Italian side Cagliari, regional leagues with Sardinian club helping them to promotion to the Nuorese ended back on home soil with Zola helping Cagliari re-establish Last year, he was awarded an OBE themselves in Serie A. for services to British soccer in a

He scored 13 goals in the Serie B promotion campaign and then But while adored in west London helped Cagliari to the semi-finals of and admired throughout the game, the Italian Cup and a comfortable mid-table finish this season. Zola only won 35 international caps for Italy and made just six appearances

"Everyone knows that I came to for the Azzurri during his years at Cagliari full of passion and with a dream -- to give my help to the team in getting back to Serie A and staying the goalless draw against England in a there. We did it and that fills me with World Cup qualifier in October 1997 at pride," he said.

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Slovenia, Mali and the English Channel islands of Jersey and Guernsev have been granted membership of the International Cricket Council (ICC), the start of a journey that could one day pit them against the world's best. The four will join nations like Iran

REUTERS, London

new members

Sport

and Panama as affiliate members who can compete in ICC regional development games and potentially qualify for the World Cup, cricket's one-day international showpiece.

The ICC also elevated Botswana, Japan, Kuwait, Belgium and Thailand to associate member status at its annual conference at Lord's on Tuesday, putting them on a par with Scotland and a notch down from full members such as Australia

The leading lower tier sides compete for the ICC Trophy in Ireland next month with the five best teams from that competition qualifying for the 2007 World Cup in the West Indies

The ICC has 54 affiliate, 32 associate and 10 full members.

## **Olympic** champ Lewis retires

#### AFP, London

Denise Lewis, Olympic heptathlon gold medalist at the 2000 Sydney Games, has quit athletics.

The 32-year-old had been expected to compete at both the World Championships in six weeks and chase a third title in the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne next March. Lewis claimed her first major title

at the 1994 Commonwealth Games and retained the title four years later n Kuala Lumpur.

The victory in Malaysia came only weeks after winning the European title in Budapest and the following year, as she shrugged off injury problems, she finished runner-up at the World Championships. Then came her Olympic Games

success in Sydney, where she battled against a recurring Achilles injury which at one stage looked like preventing her from completing the

Lewis has been hit by injury since and it was three years before she contested her next competition, finishing fifth at the World Championships.

She has not competed this year and although she claimed she wanted to compete in August's World Championships, she had not attained the qualifying standard of 6.100 points.

quickly, especially when they are life-changing," she said Wednesday.

semifinal showdown on Friday. "I have thought it through and I The match-up will be the latest in a long-running series of bruising

beat Brazilian goalkeeper Renan. The Brazilians dominated the first-half without really threatening their rivals goal and it was the Argentines who hit the back of the Argentina scored a goal three net a second time only for it to be minutes into injury-time to condemn ruled out for offside against Neri

Cardozo However Brazil finally levelled in the 66th minute when a Renato freekick took a deflection off Pablo Zabaleta to beat Ustari

**Argentina see off arch rivals** 

Justice was done, though, when Zabaleta sealed the Argentines place in the final late in injury-time who put away a fine centre from Aguero.

Argentinian coach Francisco Ferraro praised both sides for what he termed a great match fit for the 15,000 spectators

"It is always special to beat Brazil especially in this classic match." he said

"And even more so because saw us get to the final.

"I would like to congratulate both eams for such a great show. "Unfortunately there had to be a

loser and happily it wasn't us." His viewpoint could hardly have been more different from that of his Brazilian counterpart Rene Weber, who didn't take defeat squarely on the chin and reverted to the usual defence of a loser that it was the referee's fault.

"The Argentines committed a lot of fouls that weren't punished with yellow cards in the first-half while

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the referee penalised us. "Certain anti-sporting gestures by the Argentines also went unpunished. "The Argentinians defended too

much to make it a great match and waited for us to make mistakes." he moaned.

against Australia being a major

factor, English and Bangladeshi

players have had a stage on which

to parade their talents. Mohammad

Ashraful's outstanding century

against Ricky Ponting's side and his

follow-up 94 against England in the

NatWest Series may put him in

contention for the one-day squad.

Steve Harmison's 5-33 against

Australia in the same competition

will remind selectors of his limited-

overs credentials, which could see

him challenge for the one-day

squad, to go with the Test berth he

In keeping with the tradition of

naming a captain from within a

squad of players, the skipper or

possibly skippers, of the ICC World

positions in the international game.

Ashraful a possibility

international players between Caribbean. With the ability to perform

meetings. This has the potential to result in new players from outside the first squads of 30 being included if the panel believe performances demand it.

"Current form has to be taken into consideration and so players involved in recent series in the Caribbean and those playing in England will naturally come under our scrutiny," said Sunil Gavaskar.

Players with claims in this category could include West Indies captain Shivnarine Chanderpaul, who has been in outstanding batting form since taking over as skipper from Brian Lara. The Guyanese lefthander is averaging 77.52 in his last 13 Tests and has a career average of 42.5 against Australia. Another captain, Sri Lanka's Marvan Atapattu, may also come into the reckoning with 899 runs from his last

XI teams will not be named until the final squads are selected in mid-10 Tests at 52.88 including four August. The squads will be supported be In the one-day game, South a specially selected coaching and Africa's Boeta Dippenaar has management team, with key posistaked a late claim with more than tions likely to be filled by individuals 300 runs at 105 and a strike rate of already holding similar high profile

7-6 (7/2).

currently holds.

Federer, Hewitt in last four

92, in the recent series in the

encounters stretching back to 1999 and featuring 16 clashes with double defending champion Federer ahead 9-7.

Federer, the winner here in 2003 and 2004, reached the semifinals by racking up a 34th successive grass court win courtesy of a 7-5, 6-2, 7-6 (7/2) win against Chile's Fernando

Hewitt, the 2002 champion, me so far." booked his place in his second

Storm spoils rehearsal

Hayden out and the furious bats-

in apology.

interestina.'

It was a curious way to try to run

# Cricket

## AFP, Birmingham

Rain had the final say as England and Australia's NatWest Series davnight one-day international at Edgbaston here Tuesday ended in a no-result washout.

England, chasing 262 for victory, were eight without loss after three overs when fears of a storm saw the umpires take the players off the field after several bursts of Rain then kept the players off

**BRIEF SCORES** man let fly with some angry words at Jones, who had raised his hand AUSTRALIA: 261 for 9 in 50 overs (Symonds 74, Hussey 45, Martyn 36, Ponting 34; Gough 3-In the mid-innings interval the 70, Harmison 2-38, S Jones 2-26-year-old Jones, told Sky Sports: "It's part of the game.

Thursday

ENGLAND: 37 for 1 in 6 overs You've got to be aggressive but obviously I didn't mean to hit him. (Strauss 25: McGrath 1-24) Result: Match ended as no-"But it got the crowd going and I think that makes the game more

Australia captain Ricky Ponting tried to calm his team-Tigers want mate. But Havden was clearly

result.

"I don't come to major decisions

am clear. I am sitting here and I am happy. I am thinking about my future

ICC World XI to be named on July 2

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Football

arch-rivals and holders Brazil to a 2-

1 defeat here on Tuesday in the

World Youth Under-20-

Argentina - for whom first goal

scorer Lionel Messi was outstand-

ing - will meet Nigeria in Saturday's

final here after they trounced

opportunity, a 30 metres freekick

from Roberto which was well held by

goalkeeper Oscar Ustari, it was

Argentina who took the lead through

Barcelona's 18-year-old Messi in

the seventh minute who unleashed

a fierce 20 metres left foot shot that

While Brazil had the first scoring

Championships semi-finals.

AFP, Utrecht

Morocco 3-0.

# Cricket

ICC MEDIA RELEASE

The names of the 20 leading international cricketers selected for the International Cricket Council World XI Test and ODI squads for October's Johnnie Walker Super Series will be announced by the ICC on July 2

Sunil Gavaskar's selection panel of former greats is set to meet in London to tackle the challenge of which stars to leave out from the initial squads of 30 players named in May.

"We're all aware just how difficult it's going to be to leave out 10 players from each squad when every one of them is either a proven, outstanding performer or a young player who has shown great promise in making it into our initial squads," said Gavaskar, the ex-India captain who chairs the sixman selection panel.

Adding to the complexity of the task will be the panel's commitment to review the performances of all

Roger Federer and Lleyton Hewitt,

who have monopolised the

Wimbledon title in the last three

vears, will clash in a potentially epic

AFP, London

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from a two-set deficit. Gonzalez.

"I played a great match today,' said Federer who hasn't lost to Hewitt since a 2003 Davis Cup tie where the Australian came back

career Wimbledon semi-final seeing

off Spain's Feliciano Lopez 7-5, 6-4,

"It's my third semifinal in a row and Wimbledon has been good to Federer beat Hewitt here in the quarterfinals in 2004 but the third-



ers," said inasu.

Nasu is busy in England giving his input to the cricketers because of the non-availability of Sky Sports, which is the only sport channel covering cricket, at the team hotel.

Skipper Habibul Bashar after being dismissed early in a match thought his head was down while playing that particular shot. So, he went straight to Nasu just to confirm whether his fears were correct.

Nasu's software provides super slow motion of an action and can be used as still picture. At times, that helps to solve arguments.

"Javed got out playing across the line against England and the coach argued that he should have played the shot in a way similar to the attempt that had brought him a boundary in the same over. Javed said that he had played exactly that shot. I played the replay and it was discovered that Javed was very much correct and the only difference was that his head was not as down as it was in the previous shot."

Nasu has every answer to every query and the cricketers find it a great help like every other cricket team does. Now they can not think of a day without the laptop that once evoked a lot of humor when an innovative Woolmer first used it.

the field for over an hour-and-half before the match, a dress rehearsal for Saturday's Lord's final, had resumed with England needing a further 192 in 30 overs to reach their revised victory target of 200

Andrew Strauss then struck former Middlesex teammate Glenn McGrath for four fours to the delight of a hardy, 21,000 capacity crowd who'd braved the bad weather, 17 in all coming off the

first over back. There was still time for Strauss to hole out to Jason Gillespie at mid-on off McGrath before rain forced a second stoppage with England 37 for one. Earlier Simon Jones and

Matthew Hayden were involved in an incident that threatened to have longer-term consequences for the forthcoming Ashes Tests.

World champions Australia were 35 for one when, off the last ball of the sixth over, Hayden played the ball defensively to bowler Jones. The Glamorgan quick picked it

up and threw it one bounce towards the striker's stumps where it easily missed the wicket and instead hit Hayden, 14, on the left shoulder.

rattled and lasted just seven more runless balls before Jones had him plumb lbw with a textbook inswinger.

However, Ponting insisted Jones' effort was not a sign of a 'harder' England, ready to avenge a run of eight successive

Ashes series defeats. "Anyone can stand there and throw a ball from a couple of metres away. That doesn't make you any mentally stronger or

physically tougher. England captain Michael Vaughan, said of the Jones-Hayden flare-up that the bowler had immediately apologised.

"Simon apologised straight away but it was good to see the England team all together, as we have been for two years." Earlier, Andrew Symonds took

Australia to 261 for nine. Birmingham-born Symonds

top-scored with a near run-a-ball 74 and put on 101 in 91 deliveries with Michael Hussey (45), a fellow Test exile, after Australia were faltering at 123 for four. It was another impressive display by the 30-year-old

Queenslander, who scored a man-of-the-match winning 73 in Australia's 57-run victory against England at Chester-le-Street on FROM PAGE 12

bowling very well.

The one-day series has been one of great disappointment for paceman Mashrafee bin-Mortuza, who has got only one wicket so far despite

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"The luck has not been with me in the series. This is the one last chance for me and I want to forget the bitter days with some wickets against Australia", said Mashrafee.

Ashraful was watching the washed out game between Australia and England at Edgbaston at a pub on Tuesday. He wanted England to beat Australia for a different reason.

"The match should go on and I want England to beat Australia because it will give us an opportunity to defeat Australia again and finish on equal wins with them," said the exciting right-hander.

It was definitely a high expectation to beat Australia twice but Ashraful certainly has the ability to devastate any bowling in the world and he has shown it in the tournament

"I don't know whether to start the same the way I did against them in the last two games. It will all depend on how many runs the openers put on the board. Luck has been on my side against them and if I can get a start I will definitely play a big innings," said Ashraful who considers Glenn McGrath as the toughest bowler in the world to hit.

#### and it is a future that does not include participating in athletics.

#### First point

Henry's shot before an Dipali's foreign recruit Idris Mutubi saw his header go inches wide of the target. The newcomers finally cashed in

on a rival defence lapse to break the deadlock in the 83rd minute. Wanderers defender Mustafizur fumbled to clear a poor goalkick from their own custodian Indrajit and Ugandan Idris, who snatched the ball, made no mistake to score his third league goal with an angular shot.

> But the joy was short lived as only two minutes as wanderers midfielder Jalaluddin equalised with a left-footer into the far post after meeting a back pass by Patrick on the top of the box.

Wanderers, however, were denied by woodwork twice in the second session as a Henry rightfooter hit the crosspiece before Masud Alam's effort also came off the post

Meanwhile, today's Premier League match between Abahani and last year's runners-up Sheikh Russel Krira Chakra has been postponed due to daylong hartal called by the Opposition. The match has been rescheduled for tomorrow.

# The first Bangladeshi

#### FROM PAGE 12

in Dhaka or indeed how long he lived in Dhaka before he was shipped off to public school in Rugby. But it does not take much to imagine a young English lad playing cricket, perhaps with his native chumps, in the dusty lawns of his fathers, bungalow in pre-mutiny Dhaka. While Bangladesh's Test status has been the subject of much sarcasm, BB Cooper's story shows that the link between Test match cricket and Bangladesh is about as ancient as it can get.

One of the things that I love about cricket is its unique sense of tradition, history and nostalgia. It is a sense which I find sadly lacking in Bangladesh though, as epitomised by the surrender to football of the Bangabandhu National Stadium, scene of not only our first Test match but also of seven Test matches

during the Pakistan era. If we are to become the best in the game, not only must we perform on the field, but we must also continue in the

ered by the powers that may be, Australia at the MCG! Who knows, with the likes of Mohammad Ashraful, Aftab Ahmed, Mashrafeebin-Mortuza and the ones to follow,

Barrister

number one, it will be like a final. I'll play my game and see what happens.

The 24-year-old Gonzalez, the first Chilean to reach the last eight here since Ricardo Acuna in 1985 came into his third appearance in only player in the tournament not previous rounds.

But he was quickly in trouble against Federer. He dropped his PHOTO: AFP serve in the fourth game but hit Roger Federer of Switzerland celebrates after winning a point against back to level at 4-4

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Chilean Fernando Gonzalez at the Wimbledon Championships vesterday.

seeded Australian is relishing renewing his rivalry with the Swiss world number one.

"It's great to reach my second semifinal here. The last time I

went on to win the tournament so hopefully that's a good omen,'

said Hewitt. "It will be a tough match against Federer, he's the world

a Grand Slam quarter-final as the to have dropped a set in the four

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best traditions of the game. With this thought in mind, I would like to propose that the trophy for the rubber in Test match cricket between Australia and Bangladesh should be named after BB Cooper. And while such a proposal is considshall dream of the day when the Bangladesh cricket captain holds aloft the BB Cooper Trophy after securing the series rubber against

that day may be sooner than one thinks!!

-- The author is a