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# SPORT

# **Div I cricket**

### SPORTS REPORTER

Partex Sporting Club recorded an emphatic eight-wicket victory over Kathalbagan GCC in the First Division Cricket League at the Dhaka University ground yesterday. Ragibul made highest 52 as

Partex raced to 110-2 in reply to Kathalbagan's 106-10. In the day's other matches,

Eskaton Sabuj Sangha (203-5) defeated Dhanmondi Club (201-10) by five wickets at the City Club ground and Lalmatia Club (217-4) registered a comfortable six-wicket victory over Dhaka Wanderers Club (216-7) at BKSP.

# Ref assaulted in Barisal

### BDNEWS, Barisal

Referee Ehsanul Haq was physically assaulted by a foreign booter during the final of the First Division Football League between Barisal Mohammedan SC and Kirtonkhola I at the local stadium on Monday.

The player named Kadavel featuring for the Kirtonkhola side. assaulted the match official follow ing a decision that went against him. Kirtonkhola became champions with a solitary goal victory.

# NZ looking for the Lee-way

### AFP, Wellington

New Zealand's cricketers are desperately searching for ways to combat Brett Lee's devastating pace in Wednesday's second one-day international against Australia after he ripped through their fragile batting at the weekend.

Lee, taking on the mantle of Australia's senior bowler in the absence of Glenn McGrath, smashed New Zealand's top order in Auckland on Saturday, taking three for five as the hosts collapsed for 105 while chasing a moderate target of 252.

New Zealand all-rounder Scott Styris said Monday it was up to each batsman to devise a way to handle Lee's 155 kilometre-per-hour (97 mph) thunderbolts. "We had a bit of a chat about ways to

combat him, he obviously is a threat to us," Styris said "For some players it might be to

attack him, for others it might be to see him off (with defensive shots). The guys will look to implement what we talked about and hope it works. Styris said the team is determined to

be tougher in the second match in Wellington after the big loss in the first of the three matches in the Chappell-Hadlee series. "We just want to put up more of a

fight. We were pretty disappointed it happened that quickly. It shouldn't really happen at that level," he said.

Team manager Lindsay Crocker said no thought had been given to rushing skipper Stephen Fleming back into the side after he scored 62 for his provincial side Wellington on Monday.

Fleming is proving his fitness after to remove a benign tumou from his face, with spinner Daniel Vettori standing in as captain. Fleming was earlier ruled out for at least the first two matches of the oneday series.

PHOTO: AFF

Juventus striker David Trezeguet celebrates his strike against Fiorentina during their Serie A clash at the Franchi Stadium in Florence on Sunday.

### SERIE A

Juventus coach Fabio Capello admitted his team were very fortunate to escape with a 2-1 victory at Fiorentina on Sunday which stretched their lead at the top of

Italy's Serie A to eight points. Fiorentina hit the woodwork three times but ended up emptyhanded as Mauro Camoranesi's

88th minute winner secured Juve's 13th win in 14 matches. "Given the number of chances Fiorentina had it should have been a draw," said Capello after his side

home record.

"We didn't deserve to lose," said the 28-year-old Italy international. "When my shot was rolling

Juve edge past Fiorentina Football back off the post."

### AFP, Rome

no repeat of the crowd trouble that overshadowed Thursday's Italian Cup tie between the two sides. their 14 matches played, eight more

than second-placed AC Milan who crashed to a surprise 2-1 defeat at Chievo on Saturday. Fiorentina are tied for third place on 29 points with Inter Milan, 1-0

home winners over Ascoli on Saturday. Livorno climbed to fifth after their

2-0 win at Udinese, while Palermo threw away a two-goal lead before had ended Fiorentina's 100 percent drawing 2-2 at home to Cagliari. An 80th minute goal from Albanian striker Igli Tare sealed a 3-

Fiorentina striker Luca Toni, Serie A's leading scorer with 16 2 home win for Lazio against Siena and Reggina eased their relegation goals, cursed his bad luck after worries by defeating struggling striking the crossbar with a header and the post with a right-footed shot. Parma 2-1

towards goal I was convinced it was going in, but unfortunately it came

recovering from a two-goal half-time A massive police presence deficit to draw 2-2 at home to Roma. inside and outside the Artemio In Florence, Fiorentina came

Franchi stadium ensured there was within inches of the perfect start when Toni's powerful header rattled the crossbar Juventus broke swiftly to take the

Juventus have 39 points from lead in the eighth minute.

Emerson released Zlatan Ibrahimovic down the right and the giant Swede rolled the ball across goal to give David Trezeguet an easy tap-in

Tomas Ujfalusi's shot came back off the bar before Fiorentina equalised six minutes before the break.

Stefano Fiore fed the overlapping Manuel Pasgual down the left touchline and his cross was met by Gianpaolo Pazzini whose bullet header flashed past Christian Abbiati

Toni saw his shot rebound off the post before Camoranesi floored Fiorentina with a sucker punch, running on to Trezequet's header Two goals in the last 12 minutes before coolly slotting home

Luxemburgo gets the sack

### AFP, Madrid

Real Madrid on Sunday sacked their Brazilian coach Wanderley Luxemburgo and replaced him temporarily with Juan Ramon Lopez Caro, previously coach of the Spanish giants' reserve team "Luxemburgo will not continue as

Real Madrid coach." the club said on its website. "The club has already been in

contact with Luxemburgo and Real Madrid captain Raul Gonzalez to break the news "Juan Ramon Lopez Caro takes charge of the team on a provisional

basis," said the nine-time European champions and 29-times Spanish eaque winners. Luxemburgo was Real's fourth

coach in two-and-a-half years.

### PRIMIERSHIP City enjoy Goal feast AFP, London

Two goals from Andy Cole topped and tailed Manchester City's 5-2 win over Charlton at The Valley here Sunday. Victory strengthened the visitors

grip on eighth place in the Premiership but Charlton's sixth successive defeat in all and fifth on the bounce in the league was not the way manager Alan Curbishley would have wanted to mark his 700th game in charge of the South

London club. Cole put Stuart Pearce's side ahead in the 25th minute only for Marcus Bent to draw Charlton level in the 36th minute. But less than 60 seconds later City were ahead

again through Trevor Sinclair. Joey Barton scored from the rebound after seeing his 69th minute penalty-kick saved by recalled Charlton keeper Dean Kiely only for Jay Bothroyd to give the Addicks fresh hope four minutes later when he beat England international David

James from distance. But further goals from England forward Darius Vassell and Cole sealed the match for City as Charlton stayed in 12th place.

# WA duo spoils **Protaes' plans**

### AFP, Perth

South Africa's hopes of striking an early psychological blow to arch-rivals Australia in the lead up to their threematch Test series were dented during their opening tour game here on Monday following a defiant stand by two local players.

Western Australian state batsmen Adam Voges and Marcus North piled on a 146-run partnership just as the visitors seemed to be taking control on the first day of their three-day clash at the Western Australian Cricket Association Ground.

At stumps Western Australia were

# Lucky Barca stay atop The visitors did not appear to miss injured midfielder Xavi or coach Frank Rijkaard who was

absent with illness Riikaard's number two Henk Ten Cate said: "We have a great squad, with a lot of quality. Our style of play is always the same and I believe we are now more mature than we were last vear.'

tinue to defv the odds and took the lead against Malaga when Cameroon striker Pierre Webo scored with a well-taken solo effort n the 23rd minute.

Malaga's Paco Esteban sprang the offside trap and squared for Nacho to equalise in the 37th minute, before visiting midfielder Valdo sealed the win with a header four minutes before the break.

Third-placed Celta Vigo have 26 points after sending Real Betis to the foot of the table with a 2-1 home victory on Saturday, when Real Madrid scraped a 1-0 win over Getafe in the Bernabeu to go fourth

on 25 points. An improving Valencia moved up to 25 points but go fifth on goal difference. Valencia's early dominance saw them take the lead through midfielder Miguel Angel Angulo after 15 minutes and Spain striker David Villa added a typical

poacher's strike two minutes before the break. Argentine playmaker Pablo Aimar scored the third in the 61st minute after Villa had sped clear and

laid the ball off Espanyol pulled back a goal through Ferran Corominas two minutes later but not even the dismissal of Valencia's David

Albelda 13 minutes from time was enough to put the home side back in contention. Villarreal are sixth while

Deportivo Coruna moved up to seventh after beating nine-man Sevilla 2-0. All three sides have 23 points.

# Big guns under threat

picked up on Saturday.

defence

UEFACup final.

again.

Maldini recovers from a muscle strain

If the 37-year-old former Italy

international fails to recover Dutchman

Jaap Stam will likely partner

Alessandro Nesta in the centre of

or a win to advance if, as expected,

PSV Eindhoven beat Fenerbahce.

Schalke need a high-scoring draw

They should draw inspiration from

Manchester United, twice

European champions. have mustered

only one victory in five Group D

matches but will take heart from the

fact that it came against Benfica at Old

a return to the scene of their greatest

triumph, when they overcame Inter

Milan in the second leg to win the 1997

CHAMPS LEAGUE

PRIMERA LIGA

Football

The Catalans have 31 points, the

Both of Barca's goals were a

touch lucky with the first, on 23

minutes, an own goal by Villarreal

defender Juan Manuel Pena after

keeper Sebastian Viera parried

Ronaldinho's free kick against him

deflected off Pena's shoulder to fool

Viera. It was Villarreal's first defeat

Rafael Marquez sent off two min-

Deco's shot in the 63rd minute

Barca had Mexico defender

same as Osasuna who beat Malaga

2-1, but are first on goal difference.

REUTERS, Madrid

on Sunday.

and into the net

utes from time

in 10 league outings.

### REUTERS, London

AC Milan, Manchester United and Porto are the former Champions League winners most under threat of failing to reach the knockout stages in this week's final round of group matches.

Milan lead Group E on goal difference from Tuesday's opponents Schalke 04 with PSV Eindhoven just one point behind, while Manchester United probably need to beat Benfica in Group D to advance to the last 16 for the 10th successive season.

Arsenal, Barcelona, Olympique Lyon, Real Madrid, Juventus, Bayern Munich, Ajax Amsterdam, Chelsea, Inter Milan and defending champions Liverpool have already reached the knockout stages.

Milan, six-times European champions and beaten by Liverpool on penalties in last season's final, have problems going into their match against Schalke at the San Siro.

The teams drew 2-2 in Gelsenkirchen and Milan need a win or a low scoring draw to reach the last 16 but they have lost two of their last three Serie A matches, including a surprise 2-1 defeat by Chievo Verona on Saturday.

"We absolutely have to refind our energy and take on Tuesday's match with great concentration and the desire to bounce back," coach Carlo Ancelotti said.

Ancelotti will hope captain Paolo

A 2-0 victory by Barcelona at Villarreal, their seventh consecutive league win, moved the champions back to the top of the Primera Liga

Javier Aguirre's Osasuna con-

Bratislava, which they must win and hope Inter Milan beat Rangers to progress Inter are assured of finishing top and may be tempted to rest players for

Tuesday's trip to the Glasgow side, who will become the first Scottish team to qualify for the knockout stages if they beat the Italians Group C winners Barcelona travel

to Italy's Udinese, who need a point to join their opponents in the next round. If Barca win, however, Werder Bremen would advance by beating

Panathinaikos in Germany. "I'm looking forward to it," said Elsewhere, the stakes are not as Schalke manager Rudi Assauer. "We high as most of Europe's elite clubs had our greatest success there and I jostle merely to decide the final group hope we can achieve something placinas

Chelsea play Liverpool on Tuesday to determine who tops Group G in a repeat of last season's semi-final Arsenal bid to complete their sixth successive Group B victory against fellow qualifiers Ajax on Wednesday. Bayern Munich and Juventus are

Trafford. Ruud van Nistelrooy struck five locked together at the top of Group A, minutes from time to earn United a 2-1 which will be decided by their final win but they have failed to find the net matches on Wednesday at Club Bruges and Rapid Vienna respecin three games since and the 0-0 draw with Villarreal was their seventh blank tivelv score sheet in eight Champions Group F winners Lyon host Rosenborg, and second-placed Real

League matches. Benfica have serious injury prob-Madrid travel to Olympiakos in their first game since Brazilian coach ems, however, with strikers Simao Sabrosa and Fabrizio Miccoli and Vanderlei Luxemburgo was sacked on Sunday. midfielders Giorgios Karagounis and Brazilian Geovanni doubtful for a game they need to win to reach the last

Porto, European champions in 2004, are bottom of Group H going into their match against Artmedia

Play finally at Chepauk

### Rivad stops FROM PAGE 12

### Imtiaz contributed 26.

Alok Kapali made 38 and Golam Mawla chipped in with 31. Sylhet however missed the services of the their captain Rajin Saleh, who was asked to rest his knees by national team physio Paul Close.

Earlier, Rajshahi could add only six runs to their overnight score of 236 before losing their last two wickets in the morning.

Hasibul was the most successful Sylhet bowler with 4-40.

### SCORES IN BRIEF DHAKA-CHITTAGONG

CHITTAGONG: First innings 377 all out in 105.4 overs (overnight 334-6) (Masum 73, Nafees 6, Salahuddin 47, Nazimuddin 86, Ehsanul 0, Faisal Hossain 91. Dhiman 8 Hasan 11, extras 29; Munir 2-54 Mosharraf 2-57, Sharif 1-64, Rafique 4-72).

DHAKA: First innings 190-5 in 72 overs (Anwar 31, Mehrab 0, Al-Shahriar 10. Mosharraf 6. Ashraful 33, Rivad 62 not out, Sajjad 23 not out, extras 25; Palash 1-33, Rashed 1-14, Yasin 2-49, Ehsanul 1-11).

### KHULNA-BARISAL

KHULNA: First innings 379 all out in 107.2 overs (overnight 305-8) (Saiful 3, Jamaluddin 5, Bashar 18, Tushar 34, Manjarul 108, Sagir 56, Razzak 56, Rasel 26, Ziaur 29 not out, Monjurul 23, extras 20; Anisur 1-74, Sajid 3-54, Salahuddin 1-32, Nadif 1-79, Marshal 2-58).

BARISAL: First innings 167-5 in 70 overs (Imran 41, Nafees 64, Humayun 27, Marshal 13 not out, Shahin 4 not out, extras 8; Jamaluddin 4-40, Monjurul 1-10).

### **RAJSHAHI-SYLHET**

**RAJSHAHI:** First innings 242 all out in 93.3 overs (overnight 236-8) (Farhad 48, Anisur Rahman 26 Naeem 58, Hasanuzzaman 23 Masud 12. Mushfigur 15, Alamgir 23 not out, extras 26; Nazmul 3-58, Hasibul4-40, Enamul 3-53). SYLHET: First innings 232-6 in 84 overs (Moniruzzaman 86, Imtiaz 26, Mawla 31. Kapali 38. Mabud 22. Rezaul 5 not out. Enamul 2 not out. extras 19; Farhad 2-57).

# The complete captain

with their bowling on slow tracks.

Inzamam also broke batting

Faisalabad before completing 8,000

been in such a good batting form. If

"I don't remember I have ever

Test runs in the final match.

during his 24 Test hundreds.

in 2003. said Raia.

Faisalabad.

gave Sampdoria a 2-0 win over

Empoli, while Treviso were held to a

Lecce remain bottom despite

goalless draw at home to Messina.

Cricket

AFP, Lahore

Few thought Pakistan capable of winning their home Test series against England, but Pakistani captain Inzamamul Haq changed all that.

The reliable batsman played a key role in his team's 2-0 victory over the Ashes-winning England side, amassing 431 runs and winning praise from former teammate and captain Rameez Raja.

"His prolific form in the England series has not only raised his stature as a batsman but also as captain because when he performs, he goads others to do well," the former

player said. Inzamam, whose skills as captain seemed to improve throughout the series, described defeating Michael Vaughan's side as one of

the highlights of his career. "Winning against England is great. It is one of the biggest wins of my career," said Inzamam, who

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"The CCDM will meet the clubs on December 7 where we will discuss about power play and super-subs

besides the bylaws. We have also decided to play the super-six matches with white ball and coloured dress as it will help the national players for their home series against Sri Lanka," he added.

### A new lease FROM PAGE 12

"Akhtar is always an asset when he is fit and playing. He had some issues to resolve when he arrived and he had resolved them. He is now delivering and it is good for both the team and for him," said Woolmer.

Woolmer said Akhtar had promised to be a "new Shoaib" and he fulfilled the promise. Akhtar thanked his teammates for their support.

"When I was in Australia every member of the team called me and inquired about my fitness. Everyone wanted me to play against England and I thank them for their support," he said. "With this kind of support I will

continue to perform and play my part in wins.

scored a century in each innings of captain as he was a role model as the drawn second Test at batsman."

Inzamam hoped Pakistan could In five Test innings, he made 53, build on its England success for the 72, 109, 100 not out and 97 to future remind Vaughan that all was well not

"We have been doing well in onedayers, but our performance in Tests needs to be lifted. I see the great Javed Miandad's Pakistani England success as a big step record of 23 Test centuries at forward," he said.

"Our coach (Bob Woolmer) has been very supportive. Whenever a player has a problem he goes to Woolmer, who does his best to solve

you score for your team then it is the biggest satisfaction," said Inzamam, Inzamam said his team's aim whose team has won 17 times was to do well against India in Test and one-day series at home early Although not a natural leader, next year. Inzamam has improved consider-

"We have tougher tasks ahead and need to be on our toes. Winning ably since taking over the captaincy the one-day series (against "Inzamam may not be a born England) is very important and then leader, but he has now established Test and one-day series against himself as a very good captain. He India, so we need to keep the momentum," he said.

Pakistan take on England in the and that helps the team." he said. first of five one-day internationals here on December 10.

306 for five with David Bandy not out on 59 and debutante Shawn Gillies on 10.

The South Africans had threatened to run away with the game after striking a series of early blows to have the home side reeling at 67 for 3 before Voges and North steadied the innings.

Most significantly, regular Test opener and Western Australian captain Justin Langer was dismissed cheaply, bowled by Charl Langeveldt for 21 after an unsteady start against strike bowlers Shaun Pollock and

Makhava Ntini. It was the early breakthrough the Proteas had wanted after earlier signalling their confidence of becoming the first team to beat Australia in a Test series on their home soil since the

West Indies in 1992. Inzamam's

## aspiration **REUTERS**, Lahore

Inzamamul Haq, man-of-the-series in Pakistan's 2-0 Test series win over England, is keen to play in English county cricket. "I would like to play once in county cricket, that is something I

have not done as yet. Last year there was an offer from a county but I was not in a position to accept it," he told Reuters on Monday. The 35-year old Pakistan captain

has been in prolific form this year, completing 1,000 runs in his last eight matches at an average of 83.33. "I have always said that I don't

plan ahead, I go step by step and series by series. But playing in the World Cup is an ambition and so is playing for some county," he added.

Pakistan are due to tour England next year. playing four Tests and five one-day internationals, but the players have a rest period in May.

Pakistan's Younis Khan. Mushtag Ahmed, Saglain Mushtag, Navedul Hasan. Azhar Mahmood and Danish Kaneria played county cricket in 2005.

Many leading Pakistan players including Imran Khan, Javed Miandad, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Zaheer Abbas, Mushtaq Mohammad and Asif Iqbal enjoyed long stints playing in England.

FROM PAGE 12 not coming on to the bat which does not make batting easy

"It will be great if Sachin gets a 100 here. He usually gets one in Chepauk so it is certainly not an impossible task.'

Former India captain Sourav Ganguly returned to international cricket after being dropped from the one-day side as the hosts left out young middle-order batsmen Yuvrai Singh and Mohammad Kaif from the playing X1.

The sun broke out over the drenched southern metropolis for the first time in three days, allowing the groundstaff at the Chepauk to remove the covers from the wicket and parts of the outfield.

Umpires Daryl Harper and Mark Benson waited till they were satisfied that conditions were perfect before ordering play to start at 3pm (0930 GMT)

Vaas India, meanwhile, retained the

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer ACROSS 34 Greek DOWN 19 Mined 1 As well mountain 1 Gets to over 5 Min 35 Energy matter the bot fraction 36 Small tom of 21 Bishopric 8 Belliger spot of things? 23 Take ent deity land 2 Old as one's 12 "— et 37 Serving to Italian own bread mon droit 24 Top-notch embellish (British 40 Gordius's 3 Penn or 25 For fear Connerv that royal noser 41 Deadly 26 Alkali motto) 4 Sur-13 Afternoon 45 "Phooev!" passed in neutral 47 — polloi social retailing izer 14 Miles of 49 Organ-5 "King 27 Fashion film ism's body of All 28 Formal 15 "Consarn 50 Aunt Media 32 Kind of it all!" Bee's 6 Slithery pillow 33 Sleeping 16 Wapiti charge sort 17 Mountain 51 Bambi's 7 Baker's sickness shortcut carriers goat aunt 18 Polygraph 52 Squared 8 Birdlike 35 Expert 53 Borscht 9 Counter 36 Adjective component maker's argument suffix 38 Beginning 10 Prior to 20 Jacob's need 54 Roulette brother 11 Clinton's 39 Trojan 22 Serving to instru-War epic bet embellish 55 Fax 42 Steer a ment 26 Saunter ship a Solution time: 25 mins certain 29 Fade out way 30 Place 43 Congre kicker's gational call pride 31 Unfriendly 44 Crow's-32 "The nest crv 45 Filch Simp 46 Mimic sons' 48 "A Chorus network 33 Prepares Line' song leather

same 15-man squad for the second Fernando Test starting at the Ferozeshah Muralitharan Kotla ground on December 10. Bandara

The third Test will be played in SRI LANKA: Atapattu, Jayawar-Ahmedabad from December 18-22. dene, Sangakkara, Dilshan, Sama-Clear weather is forecast in both raweera, Mubarak, Fernando, Muralitharan, Vaas, Gunawardene, cities this month

Bandara Toss: India

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2-1 ahead.

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth Umpires: Daryl Harper and Mark day of the first cricket Test between Benson India and Sri Lanka at the Chepauk in Chennai on Monday: Davis Cup glory

INDIA: First innings 0 Gambhir b Vaas 36 Sehwag c Atapattu b Vaas 30 Dravid not out Tendulkar not out 11 Extras: (b-8, lb-1, nb-4) 13 Total: (For 2 wkts in 32.3 overs) 90 Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-45 To bat: Laxman, Ganguly, Dhoni, Kumble, Harbhajan, Pathan,

Agarkar

Bowler

SCOREBOARD

On Saturday, Ancic and Ljubicic beat Hrbaty and Mertinak 7-6, 6-3, 7о м R W 10 4 15 2

6 following Friday's opening singles which had seen Liubicic beat Kucera 6-3. 6-4. 6-3 and Hrbaty see off Ancic 7-6, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4.

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### CRYPTOQUIP UKE APQHZLK LRK VKLKYLQHK ZOKUYB RZJ PKYKULNB ZVWALKV LRK JNWOZU "EK APB RZPVKP.' Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU FOLLOW A COCKTAIL WITH A DIFFERENT DRINK, I GUESS YOU MIGHT CHASE MANHATTAN. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals W The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for

another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal 0 throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

"We showed that spirit in Dhaka in 2003," said Aminul.

### SQUAD

"No doubt the spotlights will be GOALKEEPERS: Aminul Haque, on us, but we are very much Biplab Bhattachariya. focused on our duty. If we can play DEFENDERS: Faisal Ahmed, our natural game it would not be Mohammad Sujan, Rajani Kanta an impossible task to retain the Barman, Parvez Babu, Firoz "Our coach said that we have Mahmud Titu, Nazrul Islam, achieved seventy per cent fitness. Hassan Al Mamun.

but I must say that we are fitter MIDFIELDERS: Arif Khan Joy than that if you consider the stan-(captain), Arman Aziz, Arman Mia, dard that we are used to over the Matiur Munna, Abul Hossain. years. Actually, the modern fit-FORWARDS: Alfaz Ahmed, ness theory is something new to Mehdi Hasan Ujjal, Ariful Kabir us," said the shaven-headed Farhad, Shahajuddin Tipu, "It is true that we are yet to fully Rokonuzzaman Kanchan adopt the new style of football but andZahid Hossain Emily. you never know that we may add

"Inzamam is looked upon in the dressing-room as an icon. He got Mission retain title

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ing to a question.

# the respect even when he was not

definitely be on the Bangladesh

team as reigning champions but

they are ready to take the chal-

title." said the midfielder live wire.

some Latin flavour to our game,'

Bangladesh captain.

always keeps his cool in pressure

### he said

I don't feel any pressure with the Country's number one goaltag that we are going to take part keeper Aminul Haque, who also in the tournament as defending spoke at the briefing, said that champions." he added respond-Bangladesh have already proved that they can achieve anything if Captain Arif Khan Joy, howthey play as a unit. ever, said that the spotlight will