

Lee scares

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to the World Cup, the match is looming as a pivotal moment in Daryl Tuffey's resurrection as a New Zealand new ball bowler.
The last time the 28-year-old played for New Zealand it was a disastrous two-over spell against Australia which conceded 25 runs.
In the six games played so far for the Chappell-Hadlee Trophy -- named after two of the most famous cricketing families on either side of the Tasman -- Australia have won three, New Zealand two and one match was washed out.

TEAMS
NEW ZEALAND (from): Stephen Fleming (captain), Lou Vincent, Ross Taylor, Scott Styris, Craig McMillan, Jacob Oram, Brendon McCullum, Daniel Vettori, James Franklin, Shane Bond, Daryl Tuffey, Mark Gillespie, Jeetan Patel.
AUSTRALIA (from): Michael Hussey (captain), Matthew Hayden, Shane Watson, Brad Hodge, Brad Haddin, Michael Clarke, Phil Jaques, Adam Voges, Cameron White, Brett Lee, Brad Hogg, Mitchell Johnson, Nathan Bracken, Glenn McGrath.

Bremen sound

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Frings then underlined Werder's superiority when he took a Klose pass and stroked in, with Johnny Heitinga just failing to clear.
Werder should really have added more goals -- Diego and Hugo Almeida both missed sitters in the final 20 minutes -- but coach Thomas Schaaf was not about to complain after the team bounced back from two successive league defeats.
"We showed tonight that we're back on form," Schaaf told reporters. "We really had them up against it."

Gunners win a humdinger

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Bolton manager Sam Allardyce criticised referee Chris Foy for red-carding Ben Haim. "Far more and far worse went on than what Ben Haim did," said Allardyce. "He shouldn't have been sent off. I can't fault my players because I thought they were different class."
"But Freddie Ljungberg's has scored a terrific goal and that really hurts."
Bolton had lost just one of the previous eight meetings between the two clubs yet Wenger continued his preference for second-choice goalkeeper Manuel Almunia in domestic cup competitions.
Having lost on their last three visits to the Reebok, that undefeated run ought to have been tested more severely yet the visitors rarely looked in danger once they eased into an early lead cour-

Cruciani is here

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The three players -- central defender Marino Carlos Caporale, attacking midfielder Marino Cesar Sanchez and striker Hector Hernando Parodi -- have experience of playing in the Americas and Europe.
"Caporale is a born leader who loves to control the game from the back. He is also good in the air. Sanchez will be the free midfielder and he is very skilled when moving the ball is necessary."
"But my bet would be on Parodi, who is an intelligent striker with rich background. He played for first division side Racing -- one of the big five in Argentina -- in 2004 and also played in France and Costa Rica. He returned to Buenos Aires last year but had to play in second division where he has scored 21 goals. Before coming here, He scored a hattrick in a friendly game," informed Cruciani.
Caporale was last playing in Mexico while Sanchez in Italy.
"I was told to bring three because bringing more would mean dropping good local players. Still, if I think we need more, we will see to that."
He added that a promise made to Abahani official Ashrafuddin Chunnu that he will join them, brought him back to Bangladesh. "I kept that promise and I also missed the country during the last five months."
Cruciani was involved in his own business in recently but said he has signed a contract with a Georgian first division club based in Tbilisi where he will join his guru Cayetano Rodriguez.
When asked whether transformation from the national team to club was a challenge, Cruciani replied: "I have nothing to prove to the BFF. All I have to do is work for

my team. I have just over two weeks to prepare Abahani but the advantage is that I know most of the players and they also know what I would want from them. I think the Argentines would be able to build a rapport with them quickly."
He led Bangladesh to finish runners-up in the SAFF Championship in Karachi, which was followed up by a 1-0 away win over Pakistan that earned the country a place in the 2007 Asian Cup qualifiers. The Argentine, however, was barred from sitting in the bench in the rest of the tournament due to his attack on a referee. His last assignment was in Colombo, where Bangladesh failed to pass the group stage in the South Asian Games.

Cruciani would the sixth foreigner to have coached both national team and local club after Iranian World Cupper Nasser Hejazi (Mohammedan), South Korea's Man Young Kang (Muktijoddha and Mohammedan), Iraqi World Cupper Samir Shakir (Abahani and Mohammedan) and Austrian George Kottan (Muktijoddha).
Eto'o won't
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while Marca said "Barcelona explodes."
Papers speculated on the consequences of the affair, with Mundo Deportivo saying Eto'o had caused "the first serious blaze in the dressing room" since Rijkaard took charge in 2003.
"It is possible that nothing will be the same again but for Barcelona's sake efforts must be made to avoid this having a definitive effect on the dressing room," the paper said in an editorial.

Chittagong make up final 8

SPORTS REPORTER
Chittagong became the last team to qualify for the 3rd JFA Cup final round when they edged Comilla by a solitary goal in an exciting zonal final at the Comilla Stadium.
Mohon Pal separated the two sides with a 20-minute goal upset the hosts.
Chittagong join Khulna, Kishoreganj, Dhaka, Chuadanga, Sirajganj, Natore and BKSP in the eight-round finals, which is expected to begin on February 23 in Dhaka.
The eight teams will be split into two groups in the robin league.

LOCAL SNIPPETS

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Premier League at the Kabaddi court.
The firemen beat Sonali Bank 14-11 without any lonas while in the other match of the day, Azad Sporting Club crushed Jatrabari Faruq Smriti Sangsad 51-25 with three lonas.
Fire Service joined Bangladesh Rifles, Army and Police in the semifinals which takes play today.
NATIONAL JUNIOR CHESS
Minhazuddin Ahmed, Shamima Akhter, Sharif Hossain and Abdullah Al Saif are all in the lead of the Basic Bank 28th National Junior Chess competition at the Federation hall room.
Minhaz defeated Saimon Siddiqur Rahman, Shamima beat Nipu, Sharif beat Mahin while Saif trounced Shafkat as they all lead with four points each.

Rajshahi well

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Nazimuddin 5, Ehsanul 5 batting, extras 4, Shafaq 1-15, Mushfiq 2-4).
SYLHET FIRST INNINGS: 170 all out in 59.3 overs (Rahman 3, Imtiaz 4, Enamul 12, Saif 48, Alok 29, Maola 2, Mabud 16, Rezaul 28, Nazmul 8, Hasibul 6, Nabil 0, extras 14, Sajjudul 1-40, Salahuddin 4-40, Arman 2-14).
BARISAL FIRST INNINGS: 93-5 in 36 overs (Imran 14, Hannan 29, Rakibul 0, Mehdi 13, Shahin 21, Raisul 13 batting, Iftekhar 0 batting, extras 3, Hasibul 1-27, Nazmul 1-9, Enamul 1-11, Nabil 2-19).
KHULNA FIRST INNINGS: 104-4 in 43 overs (Imrul 25, Sajjudul 5, Nahidul 43 batting, Monirul 5, Manzarul 15, Asadullah 3 batting, extras 8, Talha 1-32, Mahbubul 1-24, Arafat 1-22, Sharifullah 1-18).

Matthaeus wants

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Bayern, currently fourth in Germany's top league and 11 points behind leaders Schalke 04, sacked Felix Magath at the end of last month and appointed former coach Ottmar Hitzfeld until the end of the season.
Matthaeus told Bild that Bayern should concentrate for now on regaining stability and beating Real Madrid, their next opponents in the Champions League.
But he said that if Bayern offered him the coaching job he would be prepared to negotiate a solution that was beneficial to all.
"I am convinced Lothar will have a great career and he'll one day be Bayern coach," the newspaper quoted Hitzfeld as saying.

Barca chaos

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Nou Camp and they have played three times. I would like to keep this record."
Reds captain Steven Gerrard added: "We have to have belief in our ability and we must not spend too much time worrying about Barcelona.
"If you do that you will give yourself nightmares because they are a great side. We know what we are capable of and we know the performance we can come up with on the big occasion.
"We would love to go there and win, we are not a team that goes anywhere to play for a draw. But it would not be a bad result for us.
"A lot of our lads have plenty of experience of playing in the Nou Camp, so there is no fear factor."

Germans

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tonight there were a lot of situations where there were fouls in the game that weren't fouls," said Smith, who controversially walked out on being Scotland manager to resume control at Rangers.
However while he was left unhappy his predecessor at Rangers Le Guen was all smiles as a sub strength PSG were more than good enough for AEK 10 years after the coach went there as a player with PSG and won 3-0.
"We stepped up to the plate against a very good team, who had beaten AC Milan and Lille here in the Champions League this season," he said.
"We performed the task with great courage and I think we are the better team but we still have work to do."
That could be said for all the sides.

Dreams shattered

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would have been better had I not been picked for Zimbabwe. Then I could have played in the domestic league and maybe a hundred or two here would have got me a World Cup ticket like some of the others," said Tushar.
Despite the feeling of frustration, the 24-year-old refused to allow disappointment to get the better of him. "I take this as a challenge. I will try to perform well for the Bangladesh A team against England A if I am selected and hopefully I will make a comeback for the national team sooner rather than later."
Mehrab Hossain (Jr.), the 19-year-old opener, took his exclusion sportingly but admitted that it was not expected.
"I could not perform in the last series but before that I though I had formed a good opening role with Shahriar Nafees in the home series against Zimbabwe and Scotland. So it came as a shock to me. But I believe the selectors chose the squad for the greater interest of the country. Now my job is to concentrate more on my work and hopefully I will return shortly."
It is a mystery for Mohammad Sharif why he is not in the World Cup squad.
"I was extremely hopeful even yesterday night that I was going to the West Indies. But the chief selector (Faruque Ahmed) called me in the morning to tell me that I was not in the side because of my injury."
"Actually right now I have no injury problems at all. I had a hamstring cramp in the second ODI and that

healed the same day. Team physio Paul (Close) has also given me a green signal about my fitness," claimed Sharif.
It's a completely different emotion story for Rahim, Tamim, Javed, Saleh, Rasel and Tapash.
"I was pretty confident about making the squad after my performance in Zimbabwe. I have got my reward. Obviously I am delighted," said Rahim. He also brushed aside suggestions that he will be under pressure to step in the shoes of Mashud, someone who can be regarded as one of the very best behind the wicket in international cricket.
"There is no pressure. You can call it a challenge which I am absolutely determined to win by performing to my level best."
This has been a make-believe season for opener Tamim.
"Before the start of the Premier League if someone had told me that I'd be going to Zimbabwe with the national squad, I would have laughed it off. Imagine what my reaction would be at this (World Cup selection). This is beyond my imagination," said Tamim.
"After the Zimbabwe tour I saw a glimmer of hope as I played reasonably well in the last ODI. So when I found my name in the World Cup squad on Channel i it was unbelievable. Now all my friend and close ones will celebrate this occasion with a 'Bachelor's Party' tonight."
Tamim, the youngest member of the side at 17, also promised to play in his natural aggressive way in the World Cup. "I can not guarantee

success but I can assure you that my approach will be the same."
Experienced campaigners Javed and Saleh were the relatively surprise inclusions in the World Cup squad. For Javed the World Cup has always been like a mirage. On the last two occasions he had been in the running only to be left out at the last moment.
"I had performance under my belt yet I could not get the call up in the last two tournaments, so I was overjoyed when I heard that I am in the 2007 squad. I was optimistic because I have been performing well in the domestic league."
"It was not an unexpected call up for me but I could not believe my ears when I first heard it from skipper Habibul Bashar. Thanks to the Almighty," said Saleh who has been in excellent batting form lately in domestic cricket.
Left arm pacer Syed Rasel was rather philosophical.
"I knew that my chances of playing in the World Cup were 50-50. I was quite disappointed when I was dropped from the national team for the Zimbabwe tour despite a decent success rate. So this time I want to cement my place in the team. Regarding World Cup? I dream of playing at least one match if not all!"
Rasel's fellow paceman Tapash heard the good news from one of his friends who saw the squad being announced on television. "At first I could not believe it. However this is not the time to celebrate or feel satisfied. I want to celebrate this call up by performing well in the World Cup."

Proteas win 3-1

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for this victory and our feet are still firmly on the ground."
Pakistan captain Inzamamul Haq bemoaned a poor batting performance on a good pitch and admitted there was much to do before the World Cup. "We've got two weeks. We'll look at our weaknesses and God willing we will play well at the World Cup."
On a pitch with the most bounce seen in the series, Pakistan were in trouble from the first over when Pollock had Mohammad Hafeez caught behind.
Imran Nazir went on the attack to make 22 off 22 balls. He hit Pollock for a six over midwicket before an attempted repeat sent the ball high in the air for Pollock to take a return catch.
Pollock followed up with the wickets of Pakistan's three senior batsmen. He bowled Younis Khan, trapped Mohammad Yusuf leg before with a ball which swerved back into the batsman, and had Pakistan captain Inzamam-ul-Haq caught at second slip.
Kamran Akmal fell for 22 when he pulled powerfully against Charl

Langeveldt and Ashwell Prince dived to his right in front of the square leg umpire to hold a reflex catch. At that stage Pakistan, who won the toss, were 83 for six.
Only Shoib Malik, who made 43 not out off 70 balls, provided sustained resistance to the South African attack.
South African wicketkeeper Mark Boucher, who equalled the world record when he held six catches in the fourth match in Cape Town, followed up with five catches as South Africa secured a second successive win by a large margin.
The result meant South Africa reinforced their ranking as the second-best one-day side in the world behind Australia, with the gap closing following Australia's recent defeat by England in the triangular series in Australia.
It was the last competitive cricket for both teams ahead of next month's World Cup.
SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the fifth and final one-day international between South Africa and Pakistan at the Wanderers Stadium on

Wednesday:
PAKISTAN: 153 all out in 40.5 overs (Malik 43 not out, Nazir 22, Akmal 22; Pollock 5-23, Kallis 2-19)
SOUTH AFRICA
Smith c Akmal b Asif 0
De Villiers not out 71
Kallis not out 71
Extras: (lb-3, nb-6, w-5) 14
Total: (For 1 wkt in 28.2 overs) 156
Fall of wicket: 1-1
Did not bat: Gibbs, Prince, Boucher, Kemp, Pollock, Hall, Langeveldt, Ntini

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Asif	5	0	24	1
Iftekhar	7	2	26	0
Naved	5	0	40	0
Razaq	5	0	25	0
Malik	4.2	0	29	0
Hafeez	2	0	9	0

Result: South Africa won by nine wickets and clinch the 5-ODI series 3-1.
Man-of-the-match: Shaun Pollock.
Man-of-the-series: Shaun Pollock.

YOUR SAY ON TIGERS SELECTION

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Yes, we need Ashrafal in the team because of the miracles he can make happen, we also need Khaled Mashud because of the resistance he can put at the lower order and the confidence he can spread among team mates and supporters. Khaled Mashud's batting average (21.9) is right there with other specialist batsmen's (Bashar -22.0, Ashrafal 20.4, Rajin 23.8, Javed 23.9). There is no doubt that he is the victim of personal vendetta of the selectors. Right when everything was looking good for Bangladeshi cricket, this controversy, on the eve of the world cup will bring, Bangladesh cricket no good.
For us, non-resident Bangladeshis, who stare at the internet screen on numerous sleepless nights and ardently follow Bangladeshi cricket, this is a disheartening prospect. Khaled Mashud Pilot will be 'Dear Pilotita' to us for many days to come. I will never forget his 'good bowling, Moni bhai, that's the line, Moni bhai' shouts from behind the stumps. We demand the inclusion of Pilot in the National Team. We still believe in his abilities in delivering when it matters the most, which he had done many times before, and will never forget his contribution in Bangladeshi cricket.
Shahed Iqbal
4.
It's obvious that Mashud's performances with the bat weren't up to the standards. However, we have to ask ourselves, what has Mushfiqur Rahim done to warrant a place instead of him. Does performance against Zimbabwe, the worlds' worst top-tier bowling attack, count as being successful enough? His wicketkeeping has enough lacking which cannot be covered by his batting. We are a spinner dependent attack and we need a good wicketkeeper. Do we lack so much faith in our top-order batsmen that we need to back them up with a keeper who is as good as his batting?
Also, I can see no justification in playing Javed Omar. Pretty soon, he will be out of the selection frame and this just seems a stage for him to bid farewell. Rajin, I can understand, is

still young and might make it to the team someday. Tushar Imran should feel unlucky to be left out rather harshly. If he'd received half the chances as Ashrafal did, he'd have scored double the runs of Ashrafal, albeit with higher consistency, if not the same belligerence.
We brought back Minhazul Abedin in World Cup 1999 by popular demand, so it's really never too late for anything.
Nayef M Khan
5.
Most of the players who have been included in the Bangladesh World Cup squad automatically select themselves. Mushfiqur Rahim, Javed Omar and Rajin Saleh are the exceptions. Mushfiq battled well against Zimbabwe. Is there any guarantee that he will do the same against India or Sri Lanka in the West Indies? Mashud did not go to Zimbabwe, so we do not know how he would have fared. He has however played well in the West Indies in the past. Class, they say, is permanent, while form is temporary. Look at what happened to Sourav Ganguly. Greg Chappell and others are having to eat humble pie. As regards keeping wickets, Mashud is in a separate class. It would be silly to try to compare the two.
Mushfiq will find it difficult to stand up to Rasel. He will find it difficult to keep to Razaq and Rafique. Catches will be dropped. Stumping chances will go a-begging. The picture is not pretty.
Javed Omar is usually considered to be a Test player, because of his limpet-like qualities. In the one-day format his shots are limited to the square cut. When played uppishly it has often brought about his downfall. Tushar Imran should have got in, in place of Javed.
Rajin Saleh was at his best when we toured Pakistan. Since then he has lost it, despite a century against Kenya(?)
Sharif could have come in for Rajin. He would probably have scored as much as Rajin will, and bowled a lot better.
The impression I get from looking at the team is that the selectors have decided that we are not going to go beyond the 25th of March. Put up a fight against India and Sri Lanka;

which basically means don't lose all the wickets in the 50 overs, and beat Bermuda. That way Messrs. Faruque, G.M.N.Prince and A.A. Khan get to keep their jobs.
It is time to get rid of the bunch of clowns and make a fresh start. A message to the CTG (caretaker government). Since they have been successful elsewhere, why not here. Dilip Mukherji
6.
I think that calling up Javed Omar and Saleh are ok but in the same way, leaving out Khaled Masud Pilot was totally wrong.
The selection panel should be changed.
Touhid Islam
7.
Hello, Interest of country should come before personal interest. To be honest Bangladesh do not have much option. We do not have any match-winning batsman/bowler. It is all dependant on collective performance. Everyone has to chip in with the bat. Knowing Mushfiq can bat a little along with being not-a-bad keeper, the decision to pick him over Mashud was justified. As for others, we do have serious problem in terms of opening pair. I think they need to try out with England A team. Tamim is a good stroke player, but without a good defence, I call them good slog players. Anyway, he is our best bet along with Shahriar. May be we just have to waste one batsman. Best of luck to Bangladesh. Shalauddin Ahmed
8.
Bangladesh cricket team made a big mistake of eliminating Khaled Mashud. For this the Bangladesh team will suffer. He was a very good wicketkeeper but he had one problem that I can say that he scores less runs, sometimes even from the bowlers. Fasal Iqbal
9.
Mashud dropped...oh! Its just horrible, unexpected, unhealthy & really an injustice to Pilot & now its so much logical to throw the questions to the selectors that are they biased in someway to take a decision like this! The proper authority should

take a step to investigate the real instincts & make sure to eliminate all bad & wrong decisions because the performance of the national cricket team in the World Cup is a matter of national prestige & no one has any rights to weigh down our national pride.
Irfan Newaz Khan
10.
Why this unfair treatment for Pilot?
Bangladesh Cricket Board has recently announced the 15 members preliminary squad for the upcoming world cup cricket to be held in West Indies. Faruque Ahmed led selectors panel has already received good support from the cricket lovers of this country for their consistent unbiased selection of the national team. Merit is the only criteria for the inclusion of any player in the national team--that's what our chief selector has said time & again. Moreover he is also in favour of giving a chance to the experienced players. He wants to make a team with young & experienced players to give it a proper balance.
Nobody has ever raised any serious question about his selection of team in recent times. Because we know he is doing his job sincerely.
But with due respect to our chief selector, I would like to say that it was really unfair to drop an experienced player like Khaled Mashud Pilot ahead of such an important tournament like the World Cup. I know that Mashud's recent form is against his inclusion of the team. However I must say that no other guy is at present suitable to replace Mashud.
Mashud is a highly experienced cricketer & he is a genuine fighter. He can play crucial knock at critical times, he has proved it before & can prove it again. So to drop a guy of his stature ahead of the World Cup is unfortunate indeed. Pilot has given a long service to Bangladesh Cricket & he rightly deserves a honourable farewell. So I would like to request the BCB to include Khaled Mashud Pilot in the squad so that he can say goodbye to cricket in a respectable manner.
Nazmus Saquib
11.
Our team selectors are very much peculiar than the rest of the world.

Actually they have no real knowledge about cricket. We do not still set up an ideal battling line up for the team. Our selectors only know how to make debut new cricketers. I cant believe that Khaled Masud is not in the list for the world cup. I do not understand how they dare to take a risk like this in the world cup. I think Faruque is not perfect for this post. Anisur Rahman
12.
I am lost for words about Khaled Mashud's omission from the Bangladesh World Cup squad. No wicketkeeper in Bangladesh is even close to him in terms of ability and consistency and he has proven this on numerous occasions. Also, he makes invaluable contribution as the 'team-man' - always encouraging teammates and keeping the spirit high. One option could have been to take two keepers in the squad, which many other teams are doing. I think the honourable selectors will realize their mistake pretty soon. By then, it will be too late. I believe Mashud still has a lot to contribute to Bangladesh cricket. Also, young Mushfiqur Rahim will be under extra pressure due to Mashud's controversial omission.
Sami
13.
This is the best possible team for Bangladesh. And please stop creating a mess before the very crucial world cup for Bangladesh. Your reporters are writing some 'romantic novel' style report which is definitely not timely. No one is above the country. Please rise above the personal choices and try to support Bangladesh team. This sort of reporting will create division and destroy morale of the team.
Khondaker Mirazur Rahman
14.
Faruque and gang are at it again and this time it is at the expense of the one of the best wicketkeepers in the game of cricket. It is hard to believe that someone in the right state of mind would leave out Mashud for a tournament of the utmost importance as the world cup. Not to undermine the efforts of Mushfiqur Rahim or anything but when it comes to the big stage, most teams prefer to stick with their experienced bunch except

if you are Bangladesh that is. What is more surprising than the exclusion of Pilot are the inclusions of players like Javed Omar and Rajin Saleh which took the total number of specialist openers in the team to five. This not only is a blatant error in the decision making process of the committee but also undermines their honesty as their reason for dropping Mashud was that they wanted a keeper who can perform with the bat. Rajin is slated to be the backup keeper of the team which makes you wonder about the true reasons behind the axing of Khaled Mashud.
I feel that we still have enough time to rectify this ghastly mistake and bring back the player who had given his heart and soul to Bangladesh Cricket. Faruque Ahmed has proven that he can not be trusted as a selector as he has failed to keep his personal issues away from the cricket field which can clearly hurt our Tigers in the upcoming world Cup.
Azeem Choudhury
15.
Some of the reasoning given by chief selector Faruque Ahmed behind the squad selection is very questionable.
Syed Rasel's pace is pedestrian. What good is it to bring variety to the squad if he is belted by the opponents for 50/60 runs. I reckon he will come as second or third change bowler. Remember, the WC has two power play options. So against his pedestrian pace the opponents will definitely have a go. I don't see him restricting runs. Bad choice.
Javed Omar has served Bangladesh for a long time. So has Khaled Mashud. Yet the reasons for picking and dropping each one is totally contradictory. Javed has been selected for his experience. His domestic season hasn't been worth mentioning. He is very limited in his stroke play and eats up a lot of balls. His cut shot can easily be stopped by putting players on the off side. His choice is a total disappointment. On the other hand, Mashud has been dropped, despite his wealth of experience, for his bad form. So is it form or experience that our selectors are looking at? Faruque is totally wrong in his selection and explanation.

Tushar Imran has been unlucky. One game against Zim and he is dropped. Has he done any worse than Mohammad Ashrafal, our prodigal son, who can't make any sort of score nowadays. Ashrafal's bloated ego and lack of ability to learn from his mistakes will bite back Bangladesh in the world cup.
Mohammad Sharif should have been picked. He can ball stump to stump.
Don't agree if Rajin plays as an opener. He is not a genuine opener. There's is ok.
Rubaiyat Kibria
16.
I wonder how Javed Omar gets a place in the national team while the selectors exclude Khaled Mashud. And I don't understand how Rajin Saleh is considered to be a stand-by wicketkeeper. I am sure the selectors are not playing it fair.
Shehzaad Shams
17.
Dear Sports Fan of Bangladesh, I am an avid fan of cricket, I was shocked like many of my fellow countrymen to see the blatant display of abuse of power by the Chief Selector Faruque Ahmed. When the country is going through major changes, when we are finally breaking the shackles of the BNP and AL corruption in the political front, through the abuse of power and lies Mr. Faruque Ahmed has again reminded us that in Bangladesh the impossible is still possible. We must not simply digest this insult, we must ask the proper authority to remove Mr. Faruque Ahmed from his current position for the abuse of power, we all know why he has a grudge against the whistle-blower Khaled Mashud. Someone from the fifteen-man squad must be dropped under the injury clause and replaced by Mashud. Habibul Bashar should remind himself that he does not have a stellar performance record either, it is a shame that he did not stand up for Khaled Mashud, should we assume then that he might have benefited from the sports deal as well.
Respectfully,
Tanvir Raquib
18.

Authority of BCB
I want Mashud as a team member of Cricket World Cup Squad. Its' not time to practice a young boy like Rahim. Kishor
19.
This can only happen in Bangladesh only! We can remember selectors did not pick Habibul Bashar for the inaugural Test match of the country. Pressure under all sorts of people & media helped him to get into the team. Later what he had done was history.
For the World Cup 1999 selectors did not take Minhajul Abedin into their consideration. Again pressure forced them to change their decision.
Now when Bangladesh is growing up as an emerging team in world cricket we would like to expect a little maturity from our selectors. Today I hit the cricinfo website and saw that the age of Khaled Mashud is only 31 years. Mushfiqur Rahim is only 18 and a half years. No doubt, Rahim has a bright future in the upcoming days. But Khaled Mashud cannot be neglected in any way. He is a talented cricketer. He has served the team for a long time. Selectors should take into consider that Mashud was dropped from the team twice or more. But his replacements could not perform even close to him. Selectors are now showing that Mushfiq has done well in the Zimbabwe tour. But this cannot be the logic to neglect the experience of Mashud. A team already proved as the worst team of the cricket world cannot be the scale to judge the performance. We are to face the teams like India & Sri Lanka in the world cup. Moreover world cup is something special for every cricketer. We don't know how Mushfiq can bear this pressure.
Lastly what Mr. Faruk said yesterday on the test century of Masud in West Indies has hurt us a lot. We firmly want that the decision be changed immediately.
Syed Sarwoer Rashid