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Kevin Pietersen
(Star England batsman)
"He's respected around the world, he's a fantastic cricketer, a fantastic leader, one of the best who have played the game captaincy-wise." On Stephen Fleming who announced to retire from international cricket after the third and final Test against England next month.



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Live from 3:00am (Sunday)

'Give Yuvraj more time'

PTI, New Delhi

Former cricket captain Kapil Dev on Friday said out of form batsman Yuvraj Singh should be given a long rope to rediscover his touch but the left-hander should not take his place in the team for granted.
"Of course, he should be given enough chances but it should not be lost to him that players earn their places because of their performance," Kapil said. "When you play you are blocking the place of someone else. If you play well, nobody can leave you out. If you are not playing well, naturally you cannot be in the team," he added.

The former all-rounder heaped praise on the young Indian bowlers for their "excellent" performance in Australia but advised them to ensure injury did not affect their promising careers.

"They are bowling excellently in Australia. They have proven that they have the talent to unsettle the best batsmen in the world."

"They are all young and in order to sustain their top form, they should take care of their body so that they stay away from injury," Kapil said.

"My message to the young bowlers is that when you are injured, the country suffers. Indian bowlers have been injury-prone for a long time, so they have to take care of themselves and see that injury does not break their sustained peak form."

Dipali, Mohakhali draw blank

UNB, Dhaka

Dipali Jubo Sangha played out a goalless draw with Mohakhali Ekadash in the day's lone match of the Metropolitan Senior Division Football League at the Bir Shreshtha Shaheed Sepoy Mohammad Mostafa Stadium at Kamalapur yesterday.

Both the teams got several scoring chances but failed to convert any of those into goals.

In today's match, Wari take on City Club and Youngmen's Club face Purbachal Parishad at the same venue.

SA focus on cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

South Africa will put the recent selection controversy behind them and concentrate on cricket in Bangladesh to extend their good run in what has already become a very successful season.

Flying high after a rare series victory in Pakistan, the Proteas arrived here on the back of convincing home wins against New Zealand and the West Indies and captain Graeme Smith admitted they are looking forward to maintain the winning run during the Two Tests and three one-day internationals against Bangladesh.

"I think it's fair to say that on paper we are probably the stronger team. But due to the conditions, Bangladesh are going to be a formidable force. I've noticed in our first net practice that things are pretty dry. The Test wickets looked pretty dry too," observed Smith.

"Conditions are going to be slightly different than we are used to back in South Africa. Not to say we can't be successful here, I really believe we can. Just need to make some work up front," he warned at a press briefing at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Although the exclusion of pre-

mier batsman Herchelle Gibbs has created storms in teacups, the South African opening batsman said they have brought their strongest team.

"It's just as important for us to perform well here. We have brought up wonderful record so far this season. We won in Pakistan and at home against New Zealand and West Indies and on the road it's just to show the respect we have for playing in the subcontinent."

"We know how difficult it can be, especially in the Tests. I think in the one-day format we might probably use a lot more young guys to give them a chance to gain experience. But in the Tests we really believe that we have got to work in and do well."

Smith's men, who tour India next, enjoyed the weather on their first nets and the captain believes "the bit of winter" would be a blessing.

"In subcontinent conditions we have had success. But subcontinent is subcontinent. We have the experience and I think the experienced players have to carry a lot more."

Smith said the team were glad to be on tour although he felt sorry for the players who "have been thrown away like pawns" during the quota

row.
"There's a lot of pressure for what happened back home but we should concentrate and play the tough cricket we are capable of. That's what we are doing here," he said referring to the selection dilemma.

"We really want to get away from it and don't make headlines as individuals. We want to make it for cricket. It's our living. At the end of the day our job is to play cricket."

"We want to do well for South Africa. It means a lot to represent our country and that's what we really want to show in the next couple of weeks."

To Smith, facing spin attack in the sub-continent is like Bangladesh playing fast bowlers on tour to South Africa.

"Spinners in this condition are always going to be a factor. It's just a thing to find out a way to play. We have just won a series in Pakistan, the third team in 27 years to do so. I think we are much more comfortable to get spin."

Coach Mickey Arthur, who won a battle against board president Norman Arendse over selection to have things his way, said they have put these things behind.

"That's all behind us. Let's put



UNITED WE SWING: South Africa captain Graeme Smith (R) swings his legs with his teammates before a practice session at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

MSC keep losing

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

If the loss to BKSP was a shock, then defending Twenty20 champions Mohammedan Sporting Club's consecutive defeat to no-hopers Kalabagan by four wickets in Savar yesterday must be their final wake-up call. One more loss and they would be facing a premature exit to disappoint their large fan base, who would ask where all the money have really gone.

On the second day of the Premier Twenty20 competition, the popular club from Motijheel could only manage 125-9 in their stipulated 20 overs. Then some inspired batting from Arif Reza Rajesh gave Kalabagan a much-needed victory, achieved with eight balls to spare.

In the early salvo, opener Imtiaz

Hossain gave Mohammedan a bright start with two huge sixes in his run-a-ball 28 but when he fell in the 10th over, the giants lost their way. Only Rokibul Hasan salvaged the innings with his 30 to give their total some respectability.

Man-of-the-match Nazmus Sadat's left-arm spin fetched three wickets.

Mohammedan's arch-rivals Abahani, at the same time but on the other BKSP ground, had Talha Jubair and man-of-the-match Rezaul Karim to thank as the two combined to take six wickets to bowl out strong Bangladesh Biman for 142 runs in 19.3 overs. In reply, Abahani were off to a flyer with Jahurul Islam hitting 26 off only 13 balls and then Nadif Chowdhury's 36 off 28 balls with a four and a six gave them the vital win.

Earlier on the day, Old DOHS opened their accounts with a tight three-run win over Sonargaon,

who suffered their second successive loss. Sent into bat first, man-of-the-match Mahub Alam's efficient 56 that was laced by two fours and a huge six got the Banani-based team to 120 in 19.3 overs. Mohammad Azim's 3-10 stemmed the flow of runs as Sonargaon went about their chase.

But only Arman Hossain's 40 stood out in an otherwise faulty batting display. All-rounder Sharifullah tried to wrest away the match in favour of Sonargaon but when he fell for 25 to Mehrab Hossain, the match was over. The DOHS captain took three for 20 with his left-arm spin.

In other matches, City Club (152-6) brought BKSP (116-5) down to earth with a 36-run win, Victoria (115-4) beat Young Pegasus (113-6) by six wickets and Surjo Tarun (94-8) continued their winning streak with a convincing eight wicket victory over Partex (93-8).

Shakib to lead BCB Eleven

SPORTS REPORTER

All-rounder Shakib Al Hasan will lead the Bangladesh Cricket Board Eleven in the three-day warm-up match against touring South Africa at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium from February 17.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Mushfiqur Rahim will act as his deputy.

Opening batsman Tamim Iqbal has been drafted in the side and will play subject to fitness. National coach Jamie Siddons will be the coach of the team and will be assisted by members of the Tigers' coaching staff.

TEAM
Shakib Al Hasan (captain), Habibur Bashar, Tamim Iqbal, Zunaed Siddiqui, Shahriar Nafees, Nazimuddin, Rajin Saleh, Aftab Ahmed, Mushfiqur Rahim (wicketkeeper), Enamul Haque, Sajidul Islam, Talha Jubair, Forhad Reza, Syed Rasel, Rokibul Hasan.

Missing Pollock

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

When Graeme Smith took over South Africa's captaincy from Shaun Pollock in 2003, he was the youngest ever to lead the country at 22 years.

And the attacking opener's first tour as captain was Bangladesh, where cricket was played in searing heat.

The Proteas will escape the scorching summer this time and have already begun to love the cooler but drier spring after their first day on field and feel its time to bloom.

"It's lot cooler than the last time I was here when the heat was incredible. It's nice to have a bit of winter," Smith told after the nets yesterday morning at the Sher-e-

Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

Not only the weather has changed, the trip without Pollock -- the ace all-rounder who retired following the series against the West Indies -- would never be the same.

"It feels different not having Shaun on tour. We used to have a man, a face on tours. We lost a man with a lot of experience."

"But it's also an opportunity for another young player to find his feet and really hope to step up and take the place of Shaun. You can't replace a man with that experience overnight," he told of his predecessor.

Captaincy, however, sometime is a burden on a batsman, he acknowledges.

"It definitely does add a lot of pressure on the individual, as a captain it does make your job of managing players a lot more diffi-

cult. The keys are I like to let the players to find their feet on tour, find their place, to get the best out of them, make sure they are competing at a level that is required. The thing is to make them believe, I think that's the key," Smith commented.

With the Indian Premier League (IPL) and the Indian Cricket League (ICL) inspiring cricketers to retire and rush to the sub-continent, Smith found it difficult to comment on the lure of Indian money.

"It's a difficult question for me to answer. No one really knows a lot about IPL. Obviously none of us involved in ICL, it's a banned league. Scheduling is obviously going to be the key for the IPL. This year we are playing a lot of cricket and have to tour England, India and Australia. So we have got a very tough season. But if it (IPL) is handled properly,

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Bangladesh under-19 cricket captain Suharwardi Shuvo (far left) stands alongside fellow captains during the opening ceremony of the ICC Under-19 World Cup in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Pakistan eye hattrick title

U-19 World Cup from February 17



AFP, Kuala Lumpur

Pakistan will bid for a third successive title when cricket's future stars take part in the under-19 World Cup, which starts in Malaysia on Sunday.

The 16-nation tournament, featuring the most promising talent from around the world, has in the past provided a fair indication of the likely contenders for the big stage.

Former Test captains Brian Lara of the West Indies, Sanath Jayasuriya of Sri Lanka, Inzamamul Haq of Pakistan and Nasser Hussain of England burst on the scene at the inaugural event in 1988.

West Indian Chris Gayle emerged when the tournament was re-launched in 1998 and since then the two-yearly event has

thrown up stars such as Yuvraj Singh, Chris Cairns, Graeme Smith, Michael Clarke and Mohammad Ashraf.

International Cricket Council chief executive Malcolm Speed said at Friday's opening ceremony

that he was excited at the new talent the tournament will unearth.

"This event is designed to be a finishing school for young cricketers," he said. "It's an opportunity for these young players to test their

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GROUPS & SCHEDULE

Groups and schedule of the International Cricket Council's Under-19 World Cup starting in Malaysia on Sunday:

GROUPINGS

Group A: Pakistan, Zimbabwe, New Zealand, Malaysia (Johor)
Group B: India, West Indies, South Africa, Papua New Guinea (Kuala Lumpur)
Group C: Australia, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Namibia (Penang)
Group D: England, Bangladesh, Bermuda, Ireland (Kuala Lumpur)
Two teams from each group qualify for the quarterfinals.

SCHEDULE

Feb 17-22: Preliminary matches (Kuala Lumpur, Johor and Penang)
Feb 24: First Quarterfinal: B1 v D2 (Kinrara Oval, Kuala Lumpur)
Feb 24: Second Quarterfinal: D1 v B2 (Bayuemas Oval, Kuala Lumpur)
Feb 25: Third Quarterfinal: C1 v A2 (Royal Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur)
Feb 25: Fourth Quarterfinal: A1 v C2 (Kinrara Oval, Kuala Lumpur)
Feb 27: First Semifinal: Winner QF one v winner QF three (Kinrara Oval)
Feb 29: Second Semifinal: Winner QF two v winner QF four (Kinrara Oval)
March 2: Final (Kinrara Oval)

Schools cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Kanchipara Academy beat Gaibandha Government High School by three wickets in the opening match of the Standard Chartered Young Tigers school cricket competition at the local stadium yesterday.

Battling first, the government school only gathered 101 before being bowled out in the 29th over. Sajal top-scored with 26.

In reply, Kanchipara reached the winning target in 27.4 overs with Kamrul scoring 34.

Gilly's last show at WACA

Carries hosts to 63-run win

AFP, Perth



Local hero Adam Gilchrist scored a fairytale century in a man-of-the-match performance that lifted Australia to victory in their tri-series one-day game against Sri Lanka at the WACA Friday.

After his 118 helped the hosts make 236 from 49.4 overs, Sri Lanka blew the chance to go top of the tri-series ladder when several batsmen threw their wickets away as they were dismissed for 173 in the 46th over, giving Australia a 63-run win.

Classy left-hander Kumar Sangakkara anchored the Sri Lankan chase with 80 and was the last man to fall, but received no support and could do little but watch as poor shots cost wickets at the other end.

The tourists' last five men fell for just 14 runs as they handed Australia a bonus point and top spot on the ladder.

Spinner Brad Hogg (2-41) rocked Sri Lanka with two wickets in as many balls, seamer Nathan Bracken claimed 3-31 and Mitchell Johnson led the Australian fightback with the ball, taking 3-29.

But the match was all about Gilchrist, the 36-year-old left-hander quitting international cricket at the end of the series and playing his final innings at his home ground.

The wicketkeeper-batsman was given an emotional farewell when he eventually fell in the 44th over, holding out to Chamara Kapugedera at mid-off from a leading edge off impressive speedster Lasith Malinga.

He had faced 132 balls, hitting nine fours and three sixes to notch up his 16th one-day century, Australia winning every match in which he has reached three figures.

Gilchrist said it was a best way to end his career at the WACA.

"It turned out to be the perfect day, really," he said.

"A century in the last game and a win, it was a bit tense there for a while with the bowling but the guys really turned it on."

Sri Lankan captain Mahela



GOODBYE WACA: Australian superstar Adam Gilchrist, arms outstretched, celebrates his 16th one-day international hundred against Sri Lanka in the Commonwealth Bank Series at the WACA in Perth yesterday.

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