

BFF to go

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district sports associations despite many meetings between the BFF and the government. As a result, the district football leagues have yet to see light of day.

The BFF also plans to use 1.10 lakh dollars (US) from the FIFA fund for youth development programmes. The finance committee of the federation has submitted its budget to the FIFA, which gives a fund of 2.5 lakh dollars annually to BFF.

The BFF will need one-lakh dollars to run its office and the rest 40,000 dollars will go to women's football.

The federation also looks forward to solve the problem of extra budget for the synthetic turf to be built under FIFA's 'Goal project' in early January next year.

The FIFA budget for the turf at the ground adjacent to the BFF Bhaban is four lakh dollars but the cost has increased by 70,000 dollars.

FIFA development officer and AFC vice-president Manil Fernando is due to arrive in Dhaka on January 7 to discuss the issue. The BFF is contemplating to find sponsors to finish the task, providing it gets FIFA's permission.

## Vaughan not in Eng party



BBC ONLINE, undated

Former captain Michael Vaughan has missed out on a place in England's Test squad for the tour to the West Indies.

The selectors have kept faith with Ian Bell despite a poor tour of India, with Owais Shah providing batting cover.

Uncapped Yorkshire leg-spinner Adil Rashid is in the Test squad, as is seamer Ryan Sidebottom, who missed the India Test series with a side injury.

Uncapped Worcestershire wicketkeeper Steven Davies replaces Tim Ambrose in the one-day squad.

### TEST SQUAD

Andrew Strauss, Alastair Cook, Ian Bell, Kevin Pietersen (captain), Paul Collingwood, Owais Shah, Andrew Flintoff, Matt Prior, Tim Ambrose, Graeme Swann, Stuart Broad, Steve Harmison, James Anderson, Ryan Sidebottom, Monty

### ONE-DAY SQUAD

Kevin Pietersen (captain), James Anderson, Ian Bell, Ravi Bopara, Stuart Broad, Paul Collingwood, Steven Davies, Andrew Flintoff, Stephen Harmison, Dimitri Mascarenhas, Samit Patel, Matt Prior, Owais Shah, Graeme Swann, Ryan Sidebottom.

### LIONS SQUAD

Robert Key (captain) Gareth Batty, Ravi Bopara, Mark Davies, Stephen Davies, Joe Denly, Amjad Khan, Sajid Mahmood, Stephen Moore, Eoin Morgan, Samit Patel, Liam Plunkett, Jonathan Trott, Luke Wright.

### PCB tries to

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addition of Marco Maric, a Serbian defender who would be the first European to play in the country's professional league.

Mohammedan will stick to their old players after failing to confirm any new signings while Arambagh also replaced Kenyan Nicodemus and Liberian Jerry Weah with Siko Omeri of Indonesia and a Guinean player.

## Mendis

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The arrival of Mendis meant that it would be a double headache for the Tigers in the second Test after champion off-spinner Muttiah Muralidaran continued his surge against Mohammad Ashraful's men by taking six wickets in the first innings.

The 23-year-old army officer Mendis had tested the vaunted Indian batting line-up and played a key role in his team's 2-1 series victory at home in August this year, grabbing 26 wickets in his debut series.

He is also in line to become the fastest bowler to reach 50 one-day wickets, having already captured 48 in 18 matches. India's Ajit Agarkar currently holds the record, achieving the feat in 23 one-day internationals.

### New signings

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paid by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and not the regional associations. But at a recent meeting of the governing board, a proposal was put forward to scrap this system and instead increase the players' match fees.

## A Steyn-gum really

### Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

creating some history here," Steyn said after South Africa finished the day at 0 for 30, with 153 more required. "Everybody is very excited."

South Africa began the tour facing inevitable questions over their past failures against Australia but the Perth chase provided some unambiguous answers. Steyn said there was no chance the young side would be overawed at the prospect of beating Australia in a series at home for the first time.

"I've only played two Test matches against Australia so I've got no history that is on my back," Steyn said. "Many of the guys that are on this tour have also never lost to Australia. There's a fresh breed of players out there that are not really worried about the history. We're more worried about the way that we play cricket and what we've come to achieve on this tour and how we're going to get there."

Thanks to Steyn, "how we're going to get there" is now not a complicated route. He became the second South African after Fanie de Villiers to take ten wickets and score a half-century in a Test and it was an individual effort that he described as "leaps and bounds" above anything else he had achieved.

His previous two ten-wicket hauls came against New Zealand last November and it led into 2008 where Steyn has been the world's leading wicket-taker with 74 victims at 20.01. Finishing the year with his best match figures was still sinking in after stumps.

"This is big," Steyn said. "Coming into Australia and being able to do that against an Australian side is just fantastic. I always said before I came down here that I've achieved some terrific things that I've taken some good wickets against teams, I wouldn't say the minnows, but the lower order as rankings go."

"A Test wicket is still a Test wicket... but to be able to do it against the No. 1 team in the world in their backyard is something that I've only dreamt of. It probably will only

really hit me tonight."

Steyn bowled fast and with impressive outswing, and while he picked up three batsmen caught behind the wicket, he was surprised to have also made breakthroughs with deliveries that were not necessarily his best. He said the aggressive Australian batting approach meant a bowler never knew when his next strike would come.

"The way that the Aussies play, they really like to have the scoreboard ticking over and like to see boundaries flow and they've got those kind of players," he said. "Even though you're going at four an over you always feel like there's a chance is going to come somewhere along the line. Build up enough pressure, even with an old ball, and a bad shot will come along the way."

Provided his batting teammates don't copy Australia's approach, Tuesday should be a history-making day for South Africa and the Test Player of the Year might just have toppled the world's No. 1 team.

## S Africa smell victory

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decision-making. Kallis (2 for 57) popped in to bowl Lee and Nathan Hauritz and Morkel, whose bounce was testing, picked up 2 for 46.

Hayden's position becomes more doubtful by the innings and he started the day wanting to attack, speeding to 23 off 28 balls with a mixture of encouraging and frightening shots. Just as he looked to be feeling comfortable, hitting two fours from a Steyn over, he went for another and drove to JP Duminy at short cover. He showed slightly more emotion than usual as he left the pitch.

Steyn was then able to entice Katich (15) into slashing at an almost unreachable delivery outside off stump. The hosts were still 16 behind when Hussey's unfortunate match continued with Imran being the victim of an Aleem Dar mistake. Morkel's searing

bouncer thudded into Hussey's helmet and deflected high to Hashim Amla at square leg. Dar was convinced the ball had brushed Hussey's glove. It missed it by a long way, and Hussey left in a disappointed daze, rocking back his head as Ponting shook his head.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the second Test between Australia and South Africa at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Monday:

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings 394

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Second innings

Smith not out 25

McKenzie not out 3

Extras: (nb-2) 2

Total: (For no loss in 6 overs) 30

Fall of wickets: 1-37, 2-40, 3-

49, 4-145, 5-145, 6-165, 7-180, 8-212, 9-231, 10-247.

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