

'Get Sachin down the order'

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Mohammed Azharuddin said Sachin Tendulkar could be more effective if he bats down the order.

Speaking to reporters Azharuddin said, "a change in Sachin's batting order might work for the team."

Tendulkar has opened in all four ODIs against Australia with 40 in Mohali being his highest.

Azharuddin, a former India captain and now a Congress MP from Moradabad, said selectors should treat seniors equally and dubbed the current side as a "50-50" team.

"On one day the batting clicks and the other day the bowlers are a hit. Very seldom bowlers, batsmen and fielders click together which cannot make this side a champion side."

Magura football

SPORTS REPORTER

Jessore Sonali Otiti Club beat Magura District team 6-5 in tiebreaker in the first match of the second round of the inter-district Deputy Commissioner Gold Cup at the Magura Stadium yesterday.

The match rolled into a tie-breaker after the teams were tied 1-1 after regulation 90 minutes. Anwar opened the scoring for Sonali Otiti in the first half while Topu equalised for Magura in the second.

Chaudhanga District XI will take on Meherpur District XI at the same venue today.

Gazi Tank

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Four ducks and two scores of one in the CCS innings. Biman lost six wickets in the chase with contributions from all down the order.

In another rain-affected match at Fatullah, Kalabagan won against Khelaghar by three wickets. Aslam Ali and Ashraf Nahi scored to half-centuries to help Khelaghar put on 218 for six in 50 overs. But rain stopped the game for a while and the readjusted target for Kalabagan was 203 runs in 48 overs, which they chased down with one over to spare and three wickets remaining. Opener Nazmus Sadat was the architect of the chase as he scored match-highest 58 off 71 deliveries.

Tamim

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The team management informed that there was nothing wrong in the X-ray and MRI reports, though there is hardly any chance for him to take the field immediately. He is unlikely to play the next few games for Mohammedan in the ongoing Premier Division Cricket League.



Did U Know?

A total of 58 teams have competed in La Liga, nine of which have been crowned champions. Since the 1950s, Real Madrid and Barcelona have dominated the championship. The former have won the title 31 times while the latter have won it on 18 occasions.



Younus Khan

"Shahid Afridi is a fantastic performer and it's wonderful to see him perform like this. He batted like he always does, aggressive, and when he has the ball in his hands he aims to take wickets."

After winning the first one-day international against New Zealand in Abu Dhabi on Tuesday.

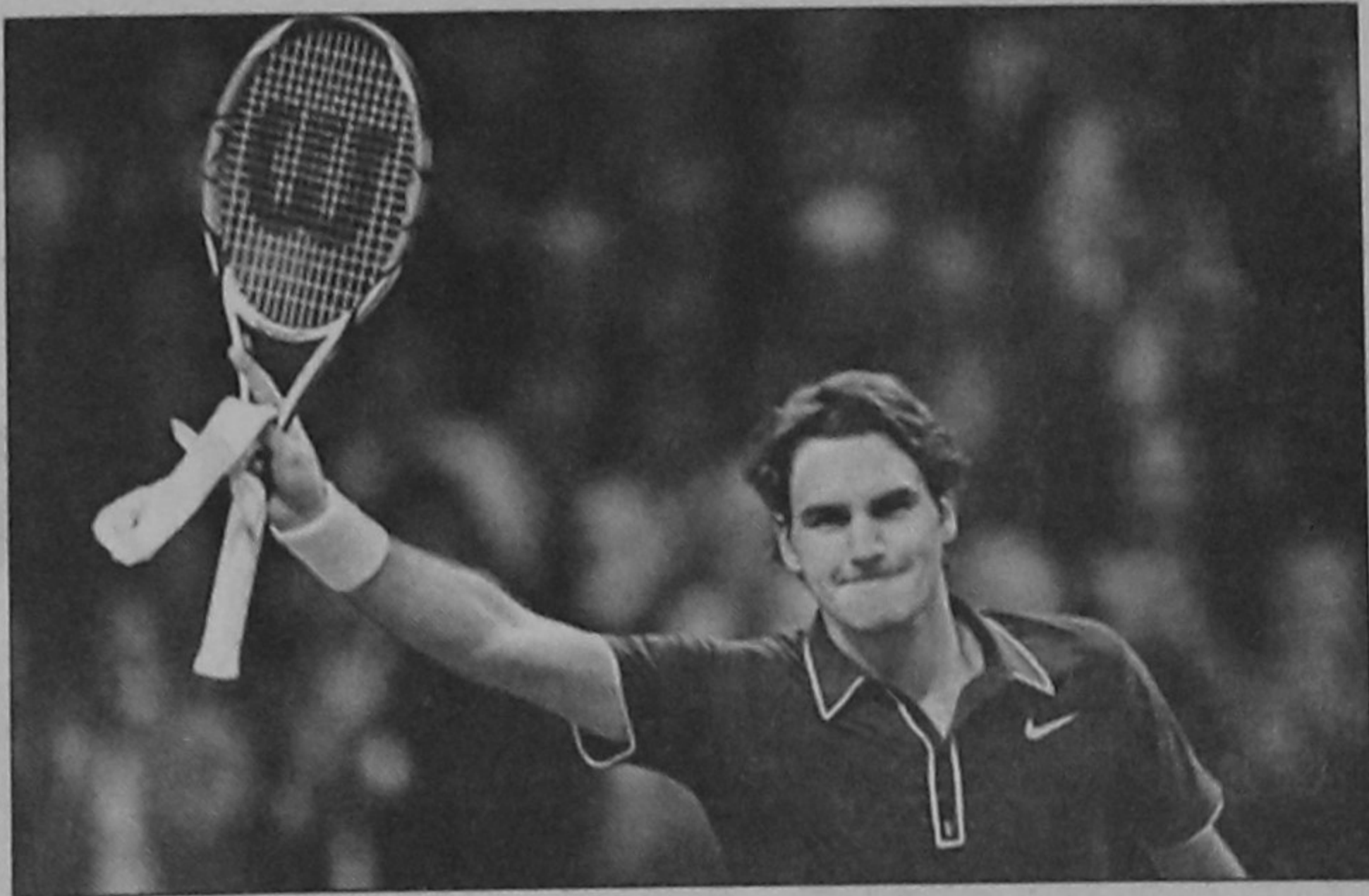


PHOTO AFP

World number one Roger Federer of Switzerland greets the fans after winning his round of sixteen match against Italy's Andreas Seppi at the Davidoff Swiss Indoors in Basel on Wednesday.

Roger eases into Rd 3

Tennis

AFP, Basel

Roger Federer took just an hour to crush Andreas Seppi 6-3, 6-3 for a sixth straight victory against the Italian to reach the quarterfinals of the Swiss Indoors here on Wednesday.

The top seed, a hometown hero at the St Jakobshalle, was invincible as he reached the last eight, winning his 17th straight match in Basel and his 57th of the season.

The winner of the last three editions has not been defeated at the tournament since 2003 when he lost to Ivan Ljubicic, who went out here on Wednesday having come to the tournament in form having won the Lyon title last Sunday.

"It was a straightforward match, similar to my first round," said a relaxed Federer.

"But tonight I had to save break points, it was a bit tougher."

"I was able to raise my game when I needed to, it was a good performance."

Federer saved two break points in the routine win, with Seppi yet to win a set in their encounters.

The Swiss improved to a 31-6 record in his career playing at home and has now won 36 of his last 37 matches.

Federer will await a winner from Russian Evgeny Korolev and France's Jeremy Chardy, who beat slumping American James Blake, 7-6, 6-7, 6-4.

"He served well and I didn't do my job of putting pressure on his serve," said the 41st-ranked Blake who had to deal with 24 aces from his opponent.

"That made a big difference. If you don't do that, you have a tough time putting any pressure. I had one lapse early in the third set and he took advantage. He didn't let up on his serve at all during the match."

Croatian fourth seed Marin Cilic stayed in touch

for a possible place in the year-end final as he began with a defeat of Philipp Petzschner 6-4, 6-4.

The German, also a first-round loser last week in Vienna, has gone a month without a decent result dating back six weeks ago to Metz, when he reached the quarterfinals against Richard Gasquet.

Gasquet was also in action on Wednesday and qualified for the second round with victory over Argentine Horacio Zeballos 7-6, 6-4.

Gasquet earned a narrow win over the 42nd-ranked Zeballos with nine aces, saving both break points against his serve.

The Frenchman finally won a match after losing five of his previous eight, with the victory snapping a two-match losing streak in the first round.

Cilic, losing finalist at the weekend in Austria to home favourite Jurgen Melzer, needs a massive performance in the last three weeks of the regular ATP season if he is to make a run for the eight-man ATP World Tour Finals in London from November 22.

The Croatian remains provisional 12th in the sprint for the last two spots in the year-end final, needing to nudge in front of provisional eighth-placed Spaniard Fernando Verdasco.

He must start with a title in Basel, no easy ask with Federer on hand and in lethal touch.

Cilic will face his second-round challenge against Serbian Viktor Troicki.

Swiss sixth seed Stanislas Wawrinka beat Ljubicic 6-7, 6-3, 6-4 despite dealing with a shoulder problem for which he received treatment on court.

"I was able to make a comeback even with my physical problem," said Wawrinka.

"It was a good victory and it wasn't easy."

"I managed to produce the tennis I needed. I stayed aggressive in the third set and put on the pressure."

Czech Radek Stepanek joined Federer in the last eight, defeating Florent Serra of France 3-6, 7-6, 7-6.

Aussies deny rescheduling claims

ANI, Hyderabad

Powerbrokers of Cricket Australia (CA) have denied wanting the volume of fixtures against India to be reduced, though they are intent on shaving matches off a cramped international schedule.

Cricket Australia chairman Jack Clarke, who has been in the subcontinent to watch part of the seven-match series, said the International Cricket Council was attempting to reduce the amount of cricket played.

That included reshuffling the World Cup, Champions Trophy and World Twenty20 tournaments they are contractually bound to until 2015.

Under the ICC's deal with rights-holder ESPN, there will be an ICC event every year until then.

The ICC is presently drafting its Future Tours Program (FTP) for 2013-2020, but players' unions have expressed concern that the schedule does not appear likely to get any less cramped, judging by the early drafts.

"It is not fixed yet as to what's going to happen, that's been one of the hold-ups in releasing the FTP, the ICC events. So, hopefully less will be more, and I'd be surprised if there's an ICC event every year, going forward in 2013-2020," Fox Sports quoted Clarke, as saying.

It is well known that Australia must maintain strong relations with the all-powerful Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), due to the close link between Cricket Australia's financial fortunes and those of India.

Since the remarkable 2001 and 2003-04 Test series, the two boards have locked into agreements to drastically increase the number of matches between the countries, with Australia squeezing limited over tours to India or a neutral venue in 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009 and again in 2010, in addition to four Test series in 2004 (India), 2007-08 (Australia) and late 2008 (India).

Clarke remains doubtful

Cricket

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Australia's injury crisis could yet have ramifications for the first Test against West Indies at the Gabba with Michael Clarke in doubt, according to Australia's physio Alex Kountouris. Peter Siddle has already declared that he will be ready for the Test, although Ricky Ponting is concerned over the fitness of his fast-bowling brigade in general.

Clarke will be one of the most closely watched players in the lead-up to the Test, which begins on November 26, as he continues to deal with back soreness that ruled him out of the tour of India. He has a history of back problems but Kountouris said this particular injury was slightly different.

"He gets back soreness that usually only takes him two or three days to get over," Kountouris told the Age. "That is what has made this one unusual. It didn't come right so quickly. He's not doing anything too elaborate right now. He's running again, which is a good sign. He still has 20 or so days before the Test but I can't say anything is certain."

The Australians are hoping Clarke is fit to turn out for New South Wales before the first Test, although his opportunities are limited and he hasn't had a net session since September. The Blues play a one-day match on November 15 and a Sheffield Shield game starting two

days later, and those will be the only chances for Clarke to give his back a proper trial before the Gabba Test.

His New South Wales teammate Brad Haddin has made his return to first-class cricket this week, following surgery on a broken finger, and should be a certain starter for the Test series. However, it is the fast-bowling stocks that Australia will be especially keen to monitor with only three weeks until the first of six Tests this summer.

Brett Lee was sent home from India with an elbow problem and is expected to be bowling again soon, perhaps next week, while Siddle's side stiffness raised questions about his short-term future. However, after arriving back in Melbourne, Siddle said he was confident that his soreness would not keep him out of the first Test.

"It's nothing bad," Siddle said. "I just pulled up a little bit tight, with a bit of soreness, from the last match and they decided the best thing with the first Test coming up was just to come home and rest up and make sure I am 100 per cent and ready to go for that. There's no worries at all, just a bit of soreness, and the selectors and coaches thought it was the best thing to stay off for the rest of the game and come home and take it easy."

But the captain Ricky Ponting said Siddle's injury was a concern, because stiffness and tightness in a fast bowler's side could sometimes lead to a six- to eight-week lay-off.

Tendulkar's poetic 175

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Marsh, 26, shared 145 runs for the opening wicket with Watson and another 91 runs with captain Ricky Ponting (45) after the world champions won the toss and elected to bat in the day-night encounter at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium.

The left-handed opener clobbered eight fours and two sixes in his run-a-ball knock for his maiden one-day hundred, reached with a clipped two to deep square leg off paceman Ashish Nehra (1-79).

Watson too thrived in batsmen-friendly conditions, hitting nine fours and three sixes in his 89-ball effort before being caught at deep mid-wicket as he tried to slog sweep off-spinner Harbhajan Singh (1-44).

Cameron White then hit a sparkling 57 off 33 balls to complete a run-feast by the injury-hit Aussies, missing nine of their regular one-day players due to various niggles.

India's bowlers were left with little answer to the Aussie

onslaught as reflected in the dismal figures of fast bowlers Nehra and Munaf Patel (0-73). Praveen Kumar picked up two expensive wickets at the cost of 68 runs in nine overs.

The visitors were off to a flying start with Watson and Marsh laying the platform for the huge total with their aggressive stroke-making.

Marsh, dropped on 29 by wicketkeeper Mahendra Singh Dhoni and on 52 by Virender Sehwag, was finally dismissed by Nehra who had him caught by Gautam Gambhir at long-on.

Australia, who had only 13 fit players to choose from after five were sent home due to injuries, brought in newcomer Clint McKay, Adam Voges and Ben Hilfenhaus in place of Mitchell Johnson, Moises Henriques and Peter Siddle.

India made two changes from the side that lost the fourth game in Mohali, leaving out Virat Kohli and Ishant Sharma to play Gambhir and Patel.

The Indians would need to score at 7.02 runs an over if they are to go 3-2 up in the seven-match series.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Australia innings in the fifth one-day international against India at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium in Hyderabad on Thursday:

AUSTRALIA

Watson c Jadeja b Harbhajan 93
Marsh c Gambhir b Nehra 112
Ponting b Kumar 45
White c Tendulkar b Kumar 57
Hussey not out 31
Extras: (lb-6, w-5, nb-1) 12
Total: (For 4 wickets in 50 overs) 350
Did not bat: Voges, Manou, Hauritz, Bollinger, Hilfenhaus, McKay.
Fall of wickets: 1-145, 2-236, 3-270, 4-350.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Kumar	9	0	68	2
Nehra	10	0	79	1
Patel	9	0	73	0
Jadeja	5	0	44	0
Harbhajan	10	0	44	1
Yuvraj	7	0	36	0



Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

Headquarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) from International Consulting Firms

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) intends to develop the existing Cox's Bazar Airport with a view to enhance operational facilities of the Airport for safe and smooth operation of wide body aircrafts as well as to help the promotion of the tourism sector of the country. The work mainly includes extension, widening and strengthening of existing Runway and associated infrastructure development works in/c necessary Electro-Mechanical and Nav-aid equipment works. Since the Airport is situated beside the sea, the Runway is to be extended towards the sea shore. In this connection, CAAB decides to engage reputable international consulting firm to have the consultancy services for implementation of proposed work. The consultancy services include Planning, Design, Documentation, Estimating, Supervision works etc. as detailed described in EOI form. In order to prepare a short-list of consulting firms for the works, interested reputable international consulting firms are invited to provide information in sealed envelope indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar operating conditions, availability of appropriate professional qualification and experience among technical staff etc.) following the prescribed EOI application form for such consultancy services prepared by CAAB as per following schedule:

1.	Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
2.	Name of procuring entity	: Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh, Headquarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh.
3.	EOI Ref No & date	: 01/2009-2010 (Cox's Bazar).
4.	Source of fund	: GOB & CAAB own fund.
5.	Eligibility for consultancy services	: i. Reputed international consulting firms having 15 (fifteen) years of experience in consultancy services. International consulting firms are encouraged to seek participation and obtain full range of entities by associating with local consulting firm(s) or entities in a joint venture or sub-consultancy, as appropriate. ii. The international consulting firm should have experience of successfully completion of consultancy services covering planning, design and supervision of Runway Pavement works in/c. Electro-mechanical & Nav.-aid equipment works in a single contract/work order of at least 1 (one) Airport Project costing US\$ 20 (twenty) million during last 7 (seven) years. The local associate (if any) should have experience in consultancy services of pavement project costing Taka 500 (five hundred) million in any govt/semi-govt/autonomous organisation in a single contract/work order during last 10 (ten) years. iii. Joint Venture/Association/Consortium (JVCA) is allowed to participate in the competition. However, the Nos. of firms in a JVCA shall not be more than 3 (three).
6.	Name and address of the offices selling EOI application form	: a) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong. b) Superintending Engineer, P&D/QS Circle, CAAB, Dhaka. c) Executive Engineer, Civil Division-3, CAAB, Dhaka. d) Accounts Officer, CAAB, Headquarters, Dhaka. e) PA to Member (Ops. & Pins), Headquarters, CAAB, Dhaka. f) PA to Chief Engineer, Headquarters, CAAB, Dhaka.
7.	Designation of official inviting expressions of interest	: Chief Engineer, CAAB.
8.	Address of official inviting expressions of interest	: Office of the Chief Engineer, Headquarters, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh. Tel: +88-02-8914224, 8802-8961477, Fax: +88-02-8913322.
9.	Name and address of the office receiving EOI application	: Office of the Chief Engineer, Headquarters, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
10.	Closing date & time for selling EOI form	: 30/11/2009 up to 12.00 hours.
11.	Closing date & time for submission of EOI application	: 07/12/2009 up to 12.00 hours.

12.	Description of services	Location	Price of EOI form	Time for completion of consultancy services
	Consultancy services for development of Cox's Bazar Airport (Phase-I)	Cox's Bazar Airport, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.	US\$ 100 (US dollar one hundred) only (non-refundable) or Tk. 7,000/= (seven thousand) only (non-refundable)	30 (thirty) months
13.	Special conditions	i. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOI application(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever. ii. PPR/2008 shall be followed for appointment of International Consultants.		

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ICC confirms Irish desire

Cricket

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The International Cricket Council (ICC) has received notification of Ireland's intention to apply for full membership.

Ireland, currently an ICC associate member but with one-day international status, are pushing to join the game's elite group of 10 countries in the hope of playing Test cricket.

Ireland have made considerable progress on and off the field in recent years - the highlight being qualification for the last eight of the 2007 World Cup - but with success has come frustration.

The country is now regularly producing players good enough for first-class cricket but for them to have any ambitions of playing at Test level they must opt to play elsewhere.

Ed Joyce and Eoin Morgan have both earned England recognition after defecting and Cricket Ireland are anxious to avoid losing more

talent in the future.

ICC spokesman James Fitzgerald said: "We have received a letter from Cricket Ireland expressing their intention to apply for full membership."

"In the event of them doing that the matter will be discussed at the next board meeting."

The ICC's next board meeting is in February but any final decision would have to be made by the general council at annual conference and the process is a long one.

Bangladesh were the last country to be elevated in 2000 three years after first submitting their application while a Kenyan bid failed after four years.

Cricket Ireland, who recently turned down a place in England's domestic 40-over competition in 2010, must also satisfy a number of stringent criteria to qualify for full membership. Should they press on for Test status, they would need to establish their own domestic first-class competition.

Nat'l squash

SPORTS REPORTER

The matches of the Badla Benefit Open National Squash Tournament were held yesterday at the Dhaka Club squash court.

In Division A, Omar beat Towhid 11-2, 6-11, 11-8; Dulal beat Tariq 7-11, 11-5, 12-10; Karim beat Mamun 11-5, 7-11, 11-6.

In the under-18 category, Shaheen beat Sine 7-11, 11-5, 11-7 while Saju beat Shorful 11-1, 11-4.

Renault too may go

AFP, London

Renault have held an emergency board meeting in Paris to discuss pulling out of Formula One, on the same day as Toyota announced it was also quitting the sport, reports said Thursday.

The French car company was considering whether to remain in Formula One, switch to become an engine supplier only to teams, or exit the sport altogether, the BBC reported.

The outcome of Wednesday's meeting, attended by Formula One team bosses Bob Bell and Jean-Francois Caubet, was not immediately clear, the Guardian said.

Nayeem puts icing on cake

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"Brendan (Taylor) gave us a good position to win the match and our bowlers also did well but unfortunately we lost the match. We are now looking to our next assignment in South Africa," said Masakadza.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the fifth and final one-day international between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe at the Chittagong Divisional Stadium on Thursday:

ZIMBABWE
Masakadza c Zunaed b Razzak 10
Vermeulen c Zunaed b Razzak 7
Taylor not out 118
Chigumbura c Mushfiqur b Mahmudullah 38
Waller b Mahmudullah 0
Matsikenyeri c Mushfiqur b Mahmudullah 8
Mutizwa c b Shakib 5

Chibhabha c Zunaed b Shakib 0
Cremer b Shakib 10
Price lbw b Razzak 13
Mpfu not out 0
Extras: (lb-1, w-11) 12
Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs) 221
Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-18, 3-80, 4-80, 5-104, 6-113, 7-113, 8-145, 9-199.

BANGLADESH
Tamim run out 2
Zunaed c Waller b Mpfu 19
Ashraf run out 5
Rokibul st Taylor b Cremer 31
Shakib st Taylor b Matsikenyeri 20
Mushfiqur c Cremer b Matsikenyeri 23
Mahmudullah run out 33
Nayeem not out 73

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