

Vuvuzela blares into Oxford

Vuvuzelas, the plastic horns that provided the soundtrack for the World Cup in South Africa, have blared their way into a dictionary containing the latest in the English language, published

The deafening trumpets are one new entry in the latest edition of the Oxford Dictionary of English, which is based on how language is really used.

The new accolade for the horns, whose buzzing has been compared to a hornets' nest, came after "vuvuzela" was voted the word of the World Cup in a survey of global linguists last month.



Nazimuddin back after 2 years

BCB announces provisional squad for NZ series

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Nazimuddin has been recalled to the national fold when Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) announced a 26member provisional squad for the upcoming five-match one-day series against New Zealand at home.

started with lot of promise but soon jeopardised his international career by joining the banned Indian Cricket League (ICL). Quitting the ICL, the Chittagonian made a fresh start and could finally draw the attention of the national selectors by performing well in the domestic circuit and with the Bangla-desh A team.

"He (Nazimuddin) played well in the domestic tournament to find a place in the A team. He was brilliant with the A team against West Indies A and South Africa A teams. He deserved a national call," explained chief selector Rafigul Alam.

Left-handed opener Shahriar Nafees also found a place in the long list but allrounder Alok Kapali failed to make it to the 26-man squad.

"We considered regular in and out players in the provisional squad. Actually we

were not in a position to make any massive changes in the team because this young team has been playing very good cricket in the last one and a half years," said Rafiqul.

"Kapali's performance was below average and he was out of international cricket for last three years. Fitness was also an issue but still he has a chance to get a place in the World Cup squad if he show The right-hander had something special in the coming domestic competitions," he added.

There was much talk about the World Cup preparations but understandably the selectors announced the squad for the next assignment as the team think-tank has been thinking on a series by series basis.

"Though we made the provisional squad for the New Zealand tour but you can consider it a shadow World Cup side. But still some players may be included when we announce the 30-member squad for the World Cup," said Rafiqul adding this current team is progressing slowly but steadily. BCB's technical commit-

tee discussed the team and preparations yesterday where coach Jamie Siddons gave the board officials some ideas about his plan and programme with the team.

"We told Jamie to go

according to his plan," informed BCB's media committee chairman Jalal Yunus.

Jalal also informed that the technical committee proposed the name of Tanjib Ahsan Saad as a team operations manager till World Cup.

The selected cricketers are

Siddons at the GP-BCB National Cricket Academy on Saturday at 11:00am. SQUAD

Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, Shakib Al Hasan, Tamim Iqbal, Zunaed Siddique, Imrul Kayes, Mohammad Ashraful, Mushfigur Rahim, Mahmudasked to report to Jamie ullah Riyad, Abdur Razzak, Rahman and Sahagir Hossain.

Shafiul Islam, Rubel Hossain, Jahirul Islam, Rokibul Hassan, Naeem Islam, Nazmul Hossain, Syed Rasel, Shahadat Hossain, Faisal Hossain, Nazimuddin, Shahriar Nafees, Mahbubul Alam, Dollar Mahmud, Sohrawordi Shuvo, Robiul Islam, Shamsur



HERE IS YOUR FIENDLING COACH: Bangladesh cricket team's Australian coach Jamie Siddons (C) introduces the new fielding coach Englishman Julian Fountain (L) to captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza at the dressing room of the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Loadshedding disrupts Tigers training

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As the whole country has been going through an acute power crisis, the cricketers have been no exception.

Because of loadshedding, the practice at the Mirpur indoors has been hindered especially when rain interrupted it at the outdoor nets as the authorities are yet to install any generator to ensure uninterrupted power supply.

"Yesterday the practice was interrupted for several times as the power was off for nearly four hours," moaned one of the coaching staff.

"We didn't face this kind of problem earlier as it was under national grid but it has been snapped due to construction work of the stadium for the World Cup," Morshedul Alam Chowdhury, manager of indoors and facilities management, explained the reason behind the problem.

BCB's media committee chairman Jalal Yunus informed that coach Jamie Siddons raised the issue yesterday during the technical committee meeting.

"We learnt the matter from Jamie [Siddons]. And definitely we will solve this problem soon after discussing with the concern authorities. We are going to purchase a generator very soon," assured Yunus.

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Football returns to business

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The national footballers are all set to resume camp will help the players ahead of the residential camp after passing the off- season and make the players more or less fit. season playing various exhibition tournaments and watching the FIFA World Cup in South Africa. But the time for fun and games is well and truly over as the focus now shifts firmly to the upcoming Asian Games, which will be held in Guangzhou in China in November.

All 32 players except winger Mobarrak Hossain, who recently underwent an operation, reported to head coach Saiful Bari Titu yesterday at the BFF House and are set to travel to Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) today.

Like last season, Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) have taken the initiative to bring the national players' fitness in shape before the start of the season through the Federation Cup in October and the national assignment of the Asian Games. The tournament has historically been an unhappy hunting ground since Bangladesh went down in all three, group, games against Korea Republic (3-0), hosts Qatar (3-0) and Vietnam (5-1) in 2006.

"Our target is to make the national players fit before the start of the season as the players got the benefit through such training programs last season both at international and domestic level," said Badal Roy, chairman of the national team management committee.

The players will stay in the camp for one month and return to their respective clubs before the Federation Cup. However if the clubs start practice and want their players, we will release them for their club duties," said the former national footballer hoping that Croatian coach Robert Rubcic would be coming this month.

Star striker Enamul Haque believes the

"It is important for the players, who are hardly aware of their fitness in the offseason despite being a professional player. I myself could not practice to keep myself fit since the league ended," said striker Enamul, the highest scorer of the professional football league last season.

Wali Faisal said, "The players will again focus on football though it is almost two month before the start of the season and I think the upcoming players will be getting used to playing in the national teams and it will help both the old and new players."

Defender Mohammad Sujan, who has been in the national wilderness for two years due to a knee injury, is one of the four senior players in the U-23 squad and hoped that he would come back into the national fold.

The veteran defender, however, believes the upcoming players are very talented and they have good potential in the national

Goalkeeper Aminul Haq thinks Bangladesh would be able to perform better in Asian Games if they could keep the momentum they gained during the SA

Games. Nevertheless, coach Saiful Bari Titu is also focusing on the players' fitness. He informed he would mainly focus on aerobic, anaerobic, endurance and tactical training during

the one-month camp. Anisul Islam Sweet and Shafiqul Islam Bipul were called for the first time in the national camp and both of them expressed their determinations to secure a place in the final squad through hard work.



Bangladesh football team players share a light moment at the BFF Bhaban yesterday. The called up 32 booters will start a residential camp at the BKSP today as part of their preparation for the Asian Games which will take place in the Chinese city of Guangzhou from November 12.

Fountain in town

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Julian Fountain arrived in Dhaka yesterday to start his stint with the Tigers as the national team's fielding coach.

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) appointed the 40-yearold Fountain, who has been in cricket coaching for nearly two decades, eyeing the 2011 World Cup where Bangladesh is one of co-hosts along with India and Sri Lanka.

His contract with the BCB will run till the end of the World Cup.

"But there is a possibility to extend the tenure," Fountain told the reporters in an impromptu press briefing at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

The new fielding coach doesn't have enough knowledge of the young Bangladesh side.

"I watched a few matches in TV and read about them but I don't have in-depth knowledge about the team. I'm looking forward to joining the team and working with them," confessed Fountain, who has previously worked as a fielding coach for the West Indies, Pakistan and England.

Replying to a question, he said that he has yet to set any specific plan for the Tigers

ahead of the World Cup. "One has to have the agility, athleticism and speed to become a good fielder. This is a young side and I hope it will be a great experience for me to work with them. However I didn't set any specific plan or target," he said.

> Fountain is the first baseball **SEE PAGE 18 COL 6**

Archers finish fourth

YOUTH OLYMPICS

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Bangladesh and Spain became fourth in the mixed team event of archery in the First Youth Olympics Games in Singapore yesterday.

Bangladesh archer Emdadul Haq Milon pairing with a Spanish archer went down 19-20 to the pair from Greece and Slovakia in the semifinal and had to be content with a fourth place.

Bangladeshi Milon, however, will play the quarterfinals against Finland's Johny Hautamaki on Saturday.

Tigers take on Canada, Pakistan in warm-ups

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Bangladesh will take on Canada and Pakistan in their two warmup games ahead of the 2011 CricketWorld Cup.

The Tigers will take on the North Americans in Chittagong February 15.

England will take on Canada, also in Dhaka on February 16 while England also play their other practice match, against Pakistan, on February 18 in Dhaka.

schedule yesterday for the warm-up games ahead of the tournament. The fourteen teams in the fray will play two games each, from February 12 to 18. The tour-

Cricinfo adds: The ICC announced the

nament gets underway on the 19th. Bangladesh opener Tamim Iqbal looked forward to playing in front of home crowds in the World Cup. "This will be my second World Cup but definitely the one I am longing for. In front of our own fans, families and friends we have the opportunity to make the country proud and deep inside every Bangladesh cricketer is a burning desire to excel," he said.

"There is no other competition like the February 18: England v Pakistan in Dhaka

World Cup and it is knocking at our door. Bangladesh will be the centre of the cricket world six months from now and I am excited like anyone. Just imagine what it is like for the kids aspiring to be cricketers? The legacy of this ICC Cricket World Cup will be ours to cherish and my message to the public is to make every moment memorable and share your enjoyon February 12 and Pakistan in Dhaka on ment with others. You may not get another chance," said Tamim who was instrumental in Bangladesh's upset win against India in their opening game of the 2007 World Cup.

> The two teams will square off in the opening match of the 2011 edition, in Dhaka.

WARM-UP MATCHES SCHEDULE

February 12: New Zealand v Ireland in Nagpur, Zimbabwe v South Africa in Chennai, West Indies v Kenya in Colombo, Sri Lanka v Netherlands in Pallekele, Bangladesh v Canada in Chittagong February 13: India v Australia in Bangalore

February 15: Australia v South Africa in Bangalore, Ireland v Zimbabwe in Nagpur, Kenya v Netherlands in Pallekele, Bangladesh v Pakistan in Dhaka February 16: India v New Zealand in Chennai,

Sri Lanka v West Indies in Colombo, England v Canada in Dhaka

Yousuf leads fightback

Cricket

AFP, London

Pakistan's Mohammad Yousuf marked his return to international cricket with a wellmade 56 before he became Graeme Swann's 100th Test wicket at The Oval here on Thursday.

Pakistan, at tea on the second day of the third Test, were 215 for five -- just 18 runs behind England's first innings 233 as they looked to fight back from 2-0 down in this four-match series.

Former captain Yousuf, playing his first Test since Ianuary following the overturning of an "indefinite ban" imposed by the Pakistan Cricket Board after he led the side on their winless tour of Australia, produced a wellpaced innings.

But shortly before tea he drove too early at a Swann delivery and was caught and bowled to end a 108-ball stay featuring eight boundaries.

It also meant Swann had taken his 100th Test wicket in his 23rd match at this level. Among off-spinners, only India's Erapalli Prasanna (20 Tests) and South Africa's Hugh Tayfield (22) had got to the landmark in fewer matches.

Yousuf, appearing in his 89th Test, was well supported in a fifth-wicket stand of 69 by Azhar Ali, appearing in only his fifth match at this level.

Ali, at tea, was 42 not out and Umar Akmal, who struck Swann for a straight six, 22 not out.

Swann, with only his second ball Thursday, had recalled opener Yasir Hameed caught behind for his overnight score of 36.

And Swann then removed stubborn nightwatchman Wahab Riaz for 27 when the impressive debutant was lbw on the sweep to the first ball of

Riaz, who bats righthanded but is a left-arm quick, resisted for nearly two hours after leading the attack with five for 63 after Pakistan lost the toss on Wednesday.

the bowler's second spell.

Pakistan had bowled out for record low scores against **SEE PAGE 18 COL 1**



Recalled Pakistan batsman Mohammad Yousuf finally returned to some sort of form. Here he looks up to the heavens after scoring a fifty on the second day of the third Test against England at the Oval in London yesterday.

Shakib six-for destroys Surrey

Cricket

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Shakib Al Hasan's six-wicket haul powered Worcestershire to their fifth win in the County Championship Division Two competition as they recorded a massive 238-run win over Surrey at the County Ground in New Road yesterday.

Requiring 369 runs in the second innings to win the match, Surrey were already in trouble coming into the fourth and final day, reeling on 66 for four with Shakib having picked up three quick wickets, those of Tom Lancefield, Stuart Meaker and the prized scalp of Mark Ramprakash for a first-ball duck -- a rare sight

in county cricket. With just four-and-a-half overs left of the day, Lancefield skipped down the pitch and drove obligingly - and quite unnecessarily - to mid-on. Stuart Meaker, the nightwatchman, was punished for thrusting his pad into his forward defensive stroke, before Mark Ramprkash was bowled, second delivery, by a lovely arm ball. It left the Bangladesh allrounder with three wickets in eight deliveries

without conceding a run. The left-arm spinner followed up his good

work on the third day by taking three more -captain Rory Hamilton-Brown, Steve Davies and the last wicket of Chris Tremlett -- to finish with figures of six for 42 from 11.4 overs as Surrey were bowled out for 130 runs in 33.4 overs on the fourth day. Shakib, the lone Bangladeshi playing county cricket, also picked up two wickets in the first innings.

Surrey actually started the final day rather well. Davies and Hamilton-Brown thrashed 46 in the first five overs of the morning. But it was short-lived. Davies, charging down the pitch and trying to hit Shakib over the top, succeeded only in lofting a catch to mid-off. Two balls later, Hamilton-Brown deposited the ball straight to the man on the long-off fence.

Shakib maintained a calm head despite the early assault, luring the batsmen into rash strokes by varying his pace and flight. It was his second five-wicket haul in three games and the 11th of his career.

Shakib now has 24 wickets from five outings, in addition to his 273 runs. Matt Mason took three wickets while Gareth

Andrew picked up the other Surrey wicket to The match was almost even for the first

three days of the match with Worcestershire

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