



A cheerful Pakistan football team pose for photographs at a hotel in the city after their arrival yesterday. Pakistan will take on Bangladesh in the first of the two-legged World Cup pre-qualifiers at the Bangabandhu National Stadium tomorrow.

WORLD CUP PRE-QUALIFIER

Pakistan, hopeful and inviting

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

The coach of the Pakistan national football team believes that there is no reason for Bangladesh to be concerned about the security situation in Pakistan for the second leg of the World Cup pre-qualifiers in Lahore on July 3.

who took charge of the team six months ago, after his first stint in 1985. "We are grooming a new generation of players while we need some senior players as well.

Djokovic, Murray on

AFP, LONDON

Second seed Novak Djokovic beat Michael Llodra of France 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 to reach the Wimbledon quarterfinals on Monday.

eight at Wimbledon since Vladimir Voltchkov in 2000. The teenager had already become the youngest man since Michael Chang in 1990 to reach the Wimbledon fourth round by defeating world number five Robin Soderling on Saturday.

Law for Tigers

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mutual commitment to jointly make the announcement. Jalal however was diplomatic when asked whether they were upset by the first act of Law.

"The financial package is more or less the same as Jamie Siddons," said Yunus adding that they will confirm the appointment of the support staff soon after the arrival of the new head coach.

India accepts 'UDRS'

Minnows to have their shot at WC

Cricket

AFP, Hong Kong

India agreed Monday to a modified version of the controversial Umpire Decision Review System (UDRS), bringing to an end a damaging row which threatened to tear apart international cricket.

posted on its website. Hot Spot, the "thermal imaging" technology now available and made mandatory in the UDRS, will mostly be used for close catches and edges.

India aim for series and history

AFP, Bridgetown

India are looking to wrap up their second straight Test series victory over West Indies in the Caribbean, when the second Test begins at Kensington Oval here on Tuesday.

ODIs brace for changes

Cricket

CRICINFO

The abolition of runners, the usage of new balls from each end in one-dayers, and regulation of when the batting and bowling Powerplays can be taken are among the key recommendations the International Cricket Council (ICC) chief executives' committee (CEC) has made after its meeting in Hong Kong Monday.

Maruf, Kala

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Kala said that he actually wanted to call Rahmatganj MFS secretary Tipu Sultan to explain the reason of withdrawing the defender and mistakenly called Maruf. He however said he never told Maruf to score goals or that he had withdrawn a player.

BRESNAN BACK First ODI against SL today

AFP, London

England called up Tim Bresnan to their squad for the forthcoming one-day series against Sri Lanka on Monday, following the Yorkshire all-rounder's recovery from a calf injury.

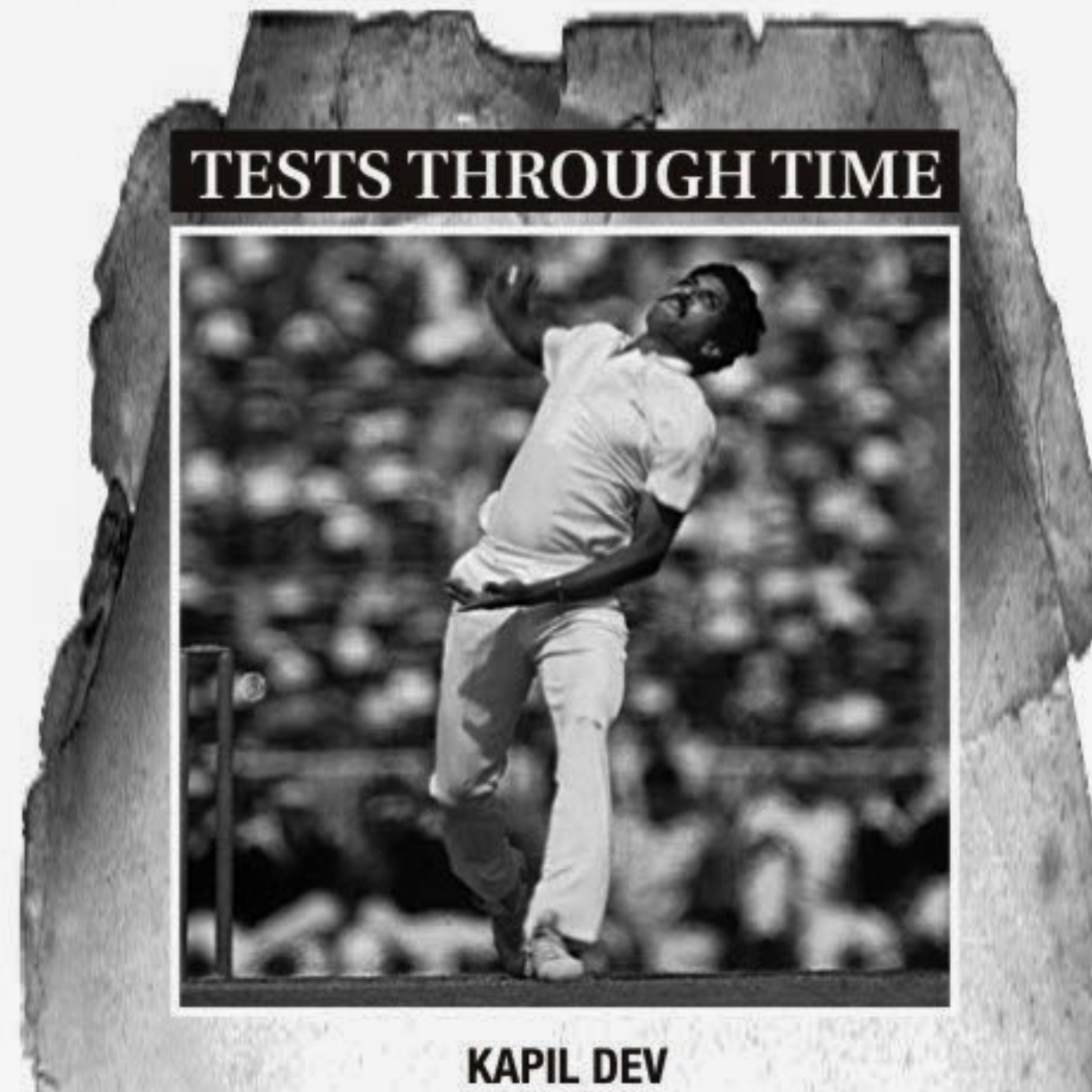
The Gregs crush Eagles

SPORTS REPORTER

The Gregs crushed Eagles by 103-37 points in the Citycell Premier Division Basketball League at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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TESTS THROUGH TIME KAPIL DEV

Bringing pace to India

Kapil Dev should have felt little pressure during his playing career. After all, his only motivation was a taunt he faced early in life during an under-19 trial. After bowling all morning, young Kapil asked for a second helping of roti and vegetables. But like Oliver Twist, he was turned down, the board official telling him that there are "no fast bowlers in India, so you don't get more food".

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A THRIFTY PERSON TENDS TO NEVER OVERSPEND, WOULD YOU CALL THAT WALLET-Y CONTROL? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals E