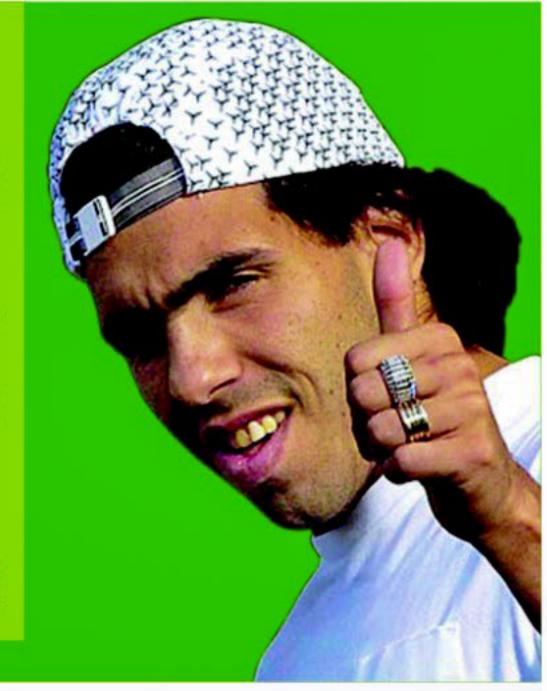
Tevez fined for speeding

Multi-millionaire footballer Carlos Tevez has been fined £60 (68 euros, \$94) after pleading guilty to speeding. The Manchester City striker, who is reportedly paid a weekly wage of £250,000 (284,587 euros, \$390,686), was caught driving in his Bentley Continental GT at 38 miles per hour (61 kilometres per hour) in a 30mph zone in Manchester after a match against Birmingham on November 13 last year. **Tevez was not at Oldham Magistrates** Court to hear his sentence, but his lawyer confirmed he would pay the £60 fine, £35 in court costs and a £15 "victim surcharge".



'More to choose from'

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Chief selector Akram Khan observed that the performances in the just concluded BCB Cup opened up selection options for the upcoming home series againstWest Indies.

"I am not happy with the bowling performances but I must say, except two or three all the batsmen showed good signs during the competition. Some of them gave us food for thought regarding the selection (for the West Indies series). There are more options now," said Akram.

All-rounder Alok Kapali was the centre of discussion after the tournament, especially following his scintillating innings in the final of the tournament but Akram was not fully satisfied with the right-hander's performance.

"We have confidence in him (Kapali) because he is a quality player and that's why we brought him to the camp. He looked good in the tournament, but honestly speaking he failed to fulfill our expectations. But I hope he will show much better performance in the future," observed Akram.

The former national skipper was also impressed by the competitiveness among the players in the pre-season tournament, which however saw two matches spoiled due to rain.

"It was really a good initiative by the board. It was really encouraging for us, the way the players took the opportunity to prove their worth in the tournament and there was no shortage of competitiveness among the players," he said, suggesting that the board should continue this kind of pre-season tournament.

He also believes that the players regained their confidence after their dismal performance in Zimbabwe where the Tigers lost both the one-off Test and five-match one-day series.

"It's my observation that this tournament helped the players regain their confidence after the disastrous tour to Zimbabwe. The confidence was really low during the Zimbabwe tour," said

He also informed that they will announce the national team after the four-day practice match which will start from September 26 at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

"We are yet to receive guidelines about whether we are to announce separate teams for the T20, three onedayers and two Tests, but I guess there would be three separate teams as we are the home side. We will announce the team after the four-day practice match," informed Akram.

The players will get back to business tomorrow after a two-day break. The BCB had already announced a 23member preliminary squad for the series against West Indies and three more players will be included from the academy side to split the team into two groups. Apart from the four-day match starting on September 26, the players will play two one-day matches -- one at Mirpur on October 3 and the other at Fatullah on October 6, under the banners of Red and Green.



Bangladesh captain Mushfigur Rahim (R) and bowler Sohrawardi Shuvo celebrate the run-out of Bangladesh A batsman Rokibul Islam, who was sent on his way while backing up, during the BCB Cup final at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on Wednesday. By endorsing the run-out the new captain may have missed the ideal opportunity to prove himself a true leader. PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh A to tour

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Windies

The Bangladesh A team will go to the West Indies next month to play a full series against their West Indian counterparts.

The second string Bangladesh side will fly on October 30 to play two fourdayers, two T20s and three one-day matches spread out over four islands.

It is yet to be decided when the camp for the A team will start as the National Cricket League (NCL), the lone firstclass competition in the SEE PAGE 17 COL 1

Second tier in limbo

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation is seemingly struggling to roll out the second-tier competition of the Bangladesh League onto the field in time as no clubs have yet to confirm their participations until yesterday, with just one day left to meet the deadline.

Besides, the Bangladesh League Committee has yet to finalise the rules and regulations of the second-tier league of the professional football league and the arrangement of some Tk 70 to Tk 80 lakh to operate the league seems to be a major headache for the football's governing body.

The second tier league was supposed to be introduced after the first two editions of the Bangladesh League but the BFF has yet the second tier league. to produce it even after the completion of

the fourth edition of the Bangladesh League. The second tier league is scheduled to get underway from November.

The clubs, who had earlier expressed their desire to play the second-tier league and had been selected for the competition were asked to re-confirm their participations after being placed under some terms and conditions at the directive of the executive committee of the BFF.

The BFF executive committee has raised question about the criteria and process the league committee followed to select eight clubs and asked the league committee to make clear some crucial issues. Chief among them is where from the clubs would be promoted to the second-tier league and where the clubs would play after being relegated as these things were not cleared in the bylaws of

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An opportunity missed

Cricket

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Former national captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza reserved perhaps the biggest compliment for Mushfiqur Rahim. In an article published in the leading Bangla daily Prothom Alo yesterday, Mashrafe termed the new Bangladesh captain as honest, sincere and a very good team man. And if he can add his own performance on the field, the little wicketkeeper-batsman with all these facets certainly has a bright prospect ahead.

But there is a thin line between having these qualities and putting them in front of 10,000 cricket fans at the Sher-e-

Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur, the Bangladesh captain got his first chance to demonstrate those qualities when left-arm spinner Sohrawardi Shuvo Mankaded (running a batsman out while he is backing up for a run) Rokibul for a vital breakthrough in the final between Bangladesh and the second string national team.

Rokibul, batting on 32 along with Bangladesh A captain Mahmudullah Riyad at that time, might have been very disappointed with the dismissal, but Shuvo had done exactly what is allowed within the laws of the game. Shuvo jumped in the air and everybody including Mushfiq ran to congratulate him. This is quite natural in any game where you practice. And on Wednesday night in only look for a positive result. But here I the skipper of all the players on the field think Mushfiq lost an opportunity to

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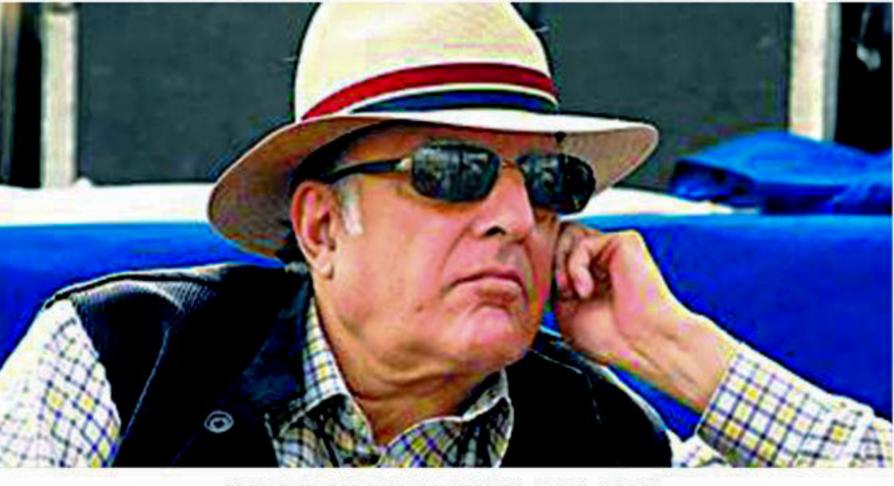
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think beyond the stereotype mindset and look at the bigger picture by first patting Shuvo for a smart job and then allowing Rokibul to continue his innings.

By doing that Mushfiq could have put a lot of logic to justify his decision. Firstly, it was a game where performance of every individual was more important than the result itself. So, by allowing Rokibul to bat he could have created an interesting option for the selectors, who took the game as an opportunity to weigh options for the final selection of the Bangladesh squads for the home series againstWestIndies next month.

Secondly, it allowed him to claim that he was not only the captain of 11 players he was leading in the match but SEE PAGE 17 COL 2



MANSUR ALI KHAN PATAUDI (1941-2011)

Pataudi passes away

Cricket

CRICINFO, New Delhi

Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi, who overcame an impaired eye to become a visionary and pioneering captain of the Indian Test team, has died in Dehli at the age of 70. He was suffering from interstitial lung disease. He is survived by his wife Sharmila Tagore, his son Saif Ali Khan and his two daughters Soha and Saba Ali Khan. Tagore, Saif and Soha are prominent actors in India's film industry.

Pataudi played 46 Tests between 1961 and 1975 and was arguably India's greatest captain. He was given the leadership in his fourth Test, when he was 21, in Barbados in 1962, because the regular captain Nari Contractor was in hospital after getting hit on the head by Charlie Griffith. Pataudi was the youngest Test captain, a record that stood until 2004. He led India in 40 Tests and had a successful career despite impaired vision in his right eye, which was damaged in a car accident. He also captained Sussex and Oxford University.

India won nine Tests under Pataudi and it was during his tenure that the team began to believe it could succeed. He advocated the multi-spinner strategy because he believed India needed to play to their strengths and used it to achieve their first overseas Test

win, in Dunedin in 1968. India went on to record their first away series victory, beating New Zealand 3-1. Pataudi was the Wisden Cricketer of the Year that year.

Pataudi scored 2793 runs at an average of 35 and made six centuries, the biggest of which was an unbeaten 203 against England in Delhi in 1964. However, many rate his 75, scored on one leg with one eye, against Australia in Melbourne in 1967-68 as his finest. Pataudi retired in 1975 after West Indies' tour of India. After retirement, Pataudi served as a match referee between 1993 and 1996, officiating in two Tests and ten ODIs, but largely stayed away from cricket administration.

Pataudi was the ninth and last Nawab of Pataudi until 1971, when the Indian government abolished royal entitlements through the 26th Amendment to the Constitution. He was also the editor of Sportsworld, the now defunct cricket magazine, and a television commentator in the 1980s but gradually withdrew from an active role, though he remained a strong voice in Indian cricket.

Since 2007, bilateral Test series between India and England have been contested for the Pataudi Trophy, named after his family for their contribution to Anglo-Indian cricket. Pataudi's father, Iftikhar Ali Khan, represented both England and India in Tests.

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