

India wait on pace duo

 Cricket
AP, Melbourne

India are expected to wait until just before Monday's toss to name their team for the first Test against Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, giving injury-prone pace bowlers Zaheer Khan and Ishant Sharma a chance to prove their fitness.

India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni said Khan and Sharma "are shaping up well, hopefully they would all be available for selection" for the first match of the four-Test series. The visitors have not won a Test series in 64 years of touring Australia.

Batsman Sachin Tendulkar will renew his quest for his 100th international century in the first Test, having been stuck on 99 since

March. Dhoni said Tendulkar's main emotion when he finally reaches the milestone will be relief.

"He will get it at some point in time, whether it's this series or the next series," Dhoni said. "I don't think there's any added pressure on him. But of course if he gets it soon he will feel a bit relieved. The whole of cricket, all over the world, people will really cherish the moment when he gets his hundredth done."

On Sunday, both teams held light batting sessions and the Australians had a family Christmas luncheon.

Wicketkeeper Brad Haddin, who took his son with him to the luncheon, says Australia have put their embarrassing loss to New Zealand in the Hobart Test behind them. Australia lost eight wickets for 74 on the final day in a seven-run loss to the No. 8-ranked Kiwis two weeks ago.

BPL AUCTION Big names sign up

SPORTS REPORTER

Big-hitting West Indies batsman Kieron Pollard is among the 25 players who have signed up with Game On Sports to be auctioned for the Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) Twenty20 competition.

Other notable names to have agreed to be put up for auction, which will be held next month are former Sri Lanka stars Muttiah Muralidaran and Sanath Jayasuriya and former India captain Sourav Ganguly and countryman Pragyan Ojha.

Dwayne Bravo and Shoaib Malik are also among the big Twenty20 names to have signed up for the auction.

Fountain may join Pakistan tour party

PTI, Karachi

Julian Fountain, front-runner for Pakistan's fielding coach position, is likely to join the team ahead of its departure for the forthcoming Test and ODI series against England in the United Arab Emirates.

Sources in the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) confirmed that negotiations with the Australian fielding coach Fountain are in final stages and he is expected to visit Lahore soon to sign his contract with the board.

"Financial issues were the main hurdle between Fountain and the board as he had demanded a monthly pay of between 10,000 to 15,000 dollars but now that matter has been sorted out. He will come to Lahore soon to finalise things," the source said.

The PCB is hunting for a new coaching staff for the national team after Waqar Younis resigned on personal and health grounds last September leaving the board to appoint chief selector, Mohsin Khan as interim coach of the team.

Mohsin has also been retained as interim coach for the series against England.

But the source said while Dav Whatmore would only join the team after the England series, there are strong chances that Fountain will be on the coaching staff for the series in the UAE.

"Captain Misbahul Haq and Mohsin have both supported the idea of having a specialist fielding coach with the team before the England series and Fountain is the obvious choice," the source said.

Fountain has worked before with the Pakistan team for short periods.

He said Fountain might visit Lahore during the national team's short conditional camp being held in first week of January and accompany them to Dubai and Abu Dhabi for the series.

The board has confirmed that Whatmore will also soon be visiting Lahore to hold negotiations with them with reference to the job of head coach.

The source said that Whatmore had informed the board that he would only be available for his long-term assignments with the Pakistan team after completing his obligations with the Kolkata Knight Riders in the 2012 Indian Premier League season.

"This is one issue that the board is facing with Whatmore and second is that he is demanding around Rs 2 million a month for his coaching assignment which the PCB feels is on the high side and want to negotiate with him on this," the source added.

The source also confirmed that it has been decided that the board would appoint a Pakistani as assistant coach to Whatmore as it wants someone to learn and progress for the future.

The assistant coach position is likely to go to either Sabih Azhar or Aaqib Javed.

SA seek to seal series

Durban Test against SL starts today

 Cricket
REUTERS, Durban

South Africa and Sri Lanka both have the opportunity to put an end to unwanted records when they clash in the second Test at Kingsmead in Durban from Monday.

The hosts have not won a home series since they beat Bangladesh 2-0 in 2008 while they have lost three consecutive Tests at Kingsmead.

Sri Lanka have suffered a wretched run of form in Test cricket and have not won in 15 matches with their last victory coming against India in Galle in July 2010 in what was off-spinner Muttiah Muralidaran's last Test match.

The Proteas will take a lot of confidence into the second Test after securing a thumping innings and 81-run victory in the first Test and the home side will be anxious to nail down the series before the third and final Test in Cape Town.

South Africa batsman Ashwell Prince said that complacency may have been the reason for the Proteas' recent inability to win home series.

"We've had a few opportunities in the last few series to put them away and for some reason or other we haven't been able to do that. Perhaps there has been a bit of complacency when we have been in good positions," Prince told a news conference.

"But we have another opportunity and hopefully we can kill it off before we

go to Newlands," he added.

South Africa's vice-captain AB de Villiers said that the Proteas poor record at Kingsmead is something that the team are well aware of and will be doing utmost to rectify.

"We haven't been playing good cricket here [Kingsmead] of late. We want to turn that around and win a few games here, and win this Test match. It's something that we have talked about," said de Villiers.

Sri Lanka batsman Kumar Sangakkara felt that his team could draw confidence from South Africa's poor record at Kingsmead.

"Every Test is an opportunity for us to change things around and we need to change it around now," said Sangakkara.

"Losing, like winning, can become a habit. For us to go into this Test match, knowing that South Africa doesn't have a great record here, is good but it is up to us to deliver."

Sri Lanka endured a miserable time with the bat in the first Test in Centurion, being shot out for 180 and 150 in their two innings, and talk out of the tourists' camp is that wicket-keeper/batsman Dinesh Chandimal will make his Test debut in Durban in place of Causal Silva.

The 22-year-old Chandimal has played in 17 one-day internationals and has scored two centuries in that format, including a match-winning 105 not out against England at Lord's in July this year.

"I think he is one of the fine youngsters that we have found over the last few years," Sri Lanka's captain Tillakaratne Dilshan said.

"We have discussed giving him a Test debut and he can gain some valuable experience by playing against South Africa's attack. Personally I think he is good for the team and he can be groomed for the future."

The visitors took a physical and mental battering during their heavy defeat at Centurion and Sangakkara said that it was vital that he and his teammates were in the right mental state for the second Test.

"The difference between the best performing teams and the ones chasing them is probably the mental side of things. It is not skill or technique but being tough when the pressure is on," he said.

TEAMS

SOUTH AFRICA (likely): Graeme Smith (captain), AB de Villiers, Jacques Rudolph, Hashim Amla, Jacques Kallis, Ashwell Prince, Mark Boucher, Vernon Philander, Dale Steyn, Morne Morkel, Imran Tahir.

SRI LANKA (from): Tillakaratne Dilshan (captain), Angelo Mathews, Tharanga Paranavitana, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene, Thilan Samaraweera, Kaushal Silva, Thisara Perera, Rangana Herath, Chanaka Welegedara, Dilhara Fernando, Ajantha Mendis, Lahiru Thirimanne, Dimuth Karunaratne, Dinesh Chandimal, Dhammika Prasad, Kanishka Alvitigala.



বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড

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Memo No. Hathazari 100MW/LW/2011/207(Ctg)Date: 17.12.2011

Invitation for Tenders

1.	Ministry/division	:	Power, Energy & Mineral Resources, Power Division.	
2.	Agency	:	Bangladesh Power Development Board.	
3.	Procuring entity name	:	Project Director, Hathazari 100MW Peaking Power Plant Construction Project.	
4.	Procuring entity code	:	Not used at present.	
5.	Procuring entity district	:	Chittagong.	
6.	Invitation for	:	Tender	
7.	Invitation Ref No.	:	Hathazari 100 MW/L.W/2010/207(Ctg).	
8.	Date	:	17.12.2011.	
KEY INFORMATION				
9.	Procurement method	:	OTM (NCT).	
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10.	Budget and source of funds	:	Development Budget, GOB.	
11.	Development partners (if applicable)	:	N/A.	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12.	Project/programme code (if applicable)	:	9705.	
13.	Project/programme name (if applicable)	:	Hathazari 100MW Peaking Power Plant Construction Project.	
14.	Tender package No.	:	WD-6, WD-8, WD-9.	
16.	Tender package name	:	(A) Construction of 2 (two)-storied staff dormitory at Hathazari 100MW Peaking Power Plant Construction Project, BPDB, Chittagong. (B) Construction of 4 (four)-storied Officer's Dormitory at Hathazari 100MW Peaking Power Plant Construction Project, BPDB, Chittagong. (C) Construction of 2 (two)-storied Officer's & Staff Club cum Canteen at Hathazari 100MW Peaking Power Plant Construction Project, BPDB, Chittagong.	
16.	Tender publication date	:	17.12.2011.	
17.	Tender last selling date	:	10.01.2012.	
18.	Tender submission date and time	:	11.01.2012 within 12.00 noon.	
19.	Tender closing date and time	:	11.01.2012 at 12.00 noon.	
20.	Tender opening date and time	:	11.01.2012 at 12.30pm.	
21.	Name & address of the office(s)	:		
	- Selling tender document (principal)	:	Office of the Project Director, Hathazari 100MW Peaking Power Plant Construction Project, 11 Mile, Hathazari, Chittagong.	
	- Selling tender document (others)	:	a) Project Coordinator (CE), 820MW Peaking Power Plant Project, BPDB, Biddyt Bhaban, Level-12, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka. b) Project Director, Hathazari 100MW Peaking Power Plant Construction Project (Camp Office), BPDB, Biddyt Bhaban, Level-12, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.	
	- Receiving tender document	:	Office of the Project Director, Hathazari 100MW Peaking Power Plant Construction Project, 11 Mile, Hathazari, Chittagong.	
	- Opening tender document	:	Office of the Project Director, Hathazari 100MW Peaking Power Plant Construction Project, 11 Mile, Hathazari, Chittagong.	
21.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	:	N/A	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
22.	Eligibility of tenderer	:	This invitation for tender is open to all eligible tenderers or JVCA as mention below: 1. Contractors/construction firms who have minimum 3 (three) years of general experience. 2. Experience in successful completion of at least 1 (one) number building construction work with cast-in-situ pile under government/semi-government/ autonomous organization with last 3 (three) years in a single tender. 3. As per PPA-2006, PPR-2008 & as stated in the TDS.	
23.	Price of tender document	:	(a) Tk. 1,000.00 (one thousand) (b) Tk. 2,000.00 (two thousand) & (c) Tk. 1,000.00 (one thousand) only (non-refundable).	
24.	Brief description of works	:		
Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time in weeks/months
A.	Construction of 2 (two)-storied Staff Dormitory at Hathazari 100MW Peaking Power Plant Construction Project, BPDB, Chittagong.	11 Mile, Hathazari, BPDB, Chittagong	Tk. 1.50 lakh (one lakh fifty thousand) only	150 (one hundred fifty) days
B.	Construction of 4 (four)-storied Officer's Dormitory at Hathazari 100MW Peaking Power Plant Construction Project, BPDB, Chittagong.	11 Mile, Hathazari, BPDB, Chittagong	Tk. 2.00 lakh (two lakh) only	180 (one hundred eighty) days
C.	Construction of 2 (two)-storied Officer's & Staff Club cum Canteen at Hathazari 100MW Peaking Power Plant Construction Project, BPDB, Chittagong.	11 Mile, Hathazari, BPDB, Chittagong	Tk. 1.40 lakh (one lakh forty thousand) only	150 (one hundred fifty) days
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
25.	Name of official inviting tender	:	Md Shafiquil Islam.	
26.	Designation of official inviting tender	:	Project Director (SE).	
27.	Address of official inviting tender	:	Hathazari 100MW Peaking Power Plant Construction Project, 11 Mile, Hathazari, Chittagong & Camp Office, Biddyt Bhaban, Level-12, 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka.	
28.	Contact details of official inviting tender	:	Tel. 02-9559582, E-mail: shafiqu4459@gmail.com.	
29.	(a) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without showing any reason whatsoever. (b) Price of tender document and tender security in the form of a Pay Order or Bank Draft on any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Project Director, Hathazari 100MW Peaking Power Plant Construction Project. (c) The tenderers who intend to participate in the tender shall have to produce the experience certificate during the purchase of the tender document & with the prior permission of the head of the concern office. (d) The tenderer will quote the rate for all items of works both in figures and words. (e) If it is proved at any stage that any information furnished in the tender by the tenderer is false and the tender is signed and submitted in way fraudulent practice instead of signing the same by the actual tenderer/their authorized signatory, their tender/work order/contract will be outright rejected/canceled and action will be taken as per "The Public Procurement Act (PPA) 2006" and "The Public Procurement Rule (PPR) 2008" and their tender security/performance security will be forfeited. (f) If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstance, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time and same venue.			
30.	Tenderers may visit the site before submitting the tender.			
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Md Shafiquil Islam Project Director (SE) Hathazari 100MW Peaking Power Plant Construction Project				



Sachin Tendulkar (3rd from R) shares a joke with teammates during a practice session at the Melbourne Cricket Ground yesterday, ahead of the first Test against Australia starting here today.

Don't concede lead: Akram

 Cricket
PTI, New Delhi

It has been declared India's best ever chance to upstage Australia in their backyard but former Pakistan captain Wasim Akram feels the task is easier said than done and Mahendra Singh Dhoni's men would struggle to avoid conceding a decisive early lead to the hosts.

"Any team will struggle in Australia, especially in the first two Tests. It takes a lot of time for visiting teams to get into the groove of playing under those conditions. Be it New Zealand, Pakistan or India, you are bound to find it hard to

play there. "I toured Australia 10 times and we found it very tough for the first two games. So, India will also struggle and better be careful, they do not want to be 2-0 down straight away," Akram said.

"India really have to work hard to do well and compete in the series, forget winning it for now. As I said earlier, the first two Tests they need to be very careful. It is extremely difficult to say which way the series will pan out but as of now it hardly looks like India will win," he said from Karachi.

The former left-arm pacer said he wants to see Virat Kohli taking the number six position considering his fine

hundred in the tour match against Cricket Australia Chairman's XI.

"My theory is whoever has hit a hundred under those conditions must be picked. Kohli is a good fielder and so is Rohit, but the former has peaked at the right time under Australian conditions," Akram said.

"Kohli's timely ton in practice game means his form is right up there and has the confidence that he can score on these bouncy tracks in Australia."

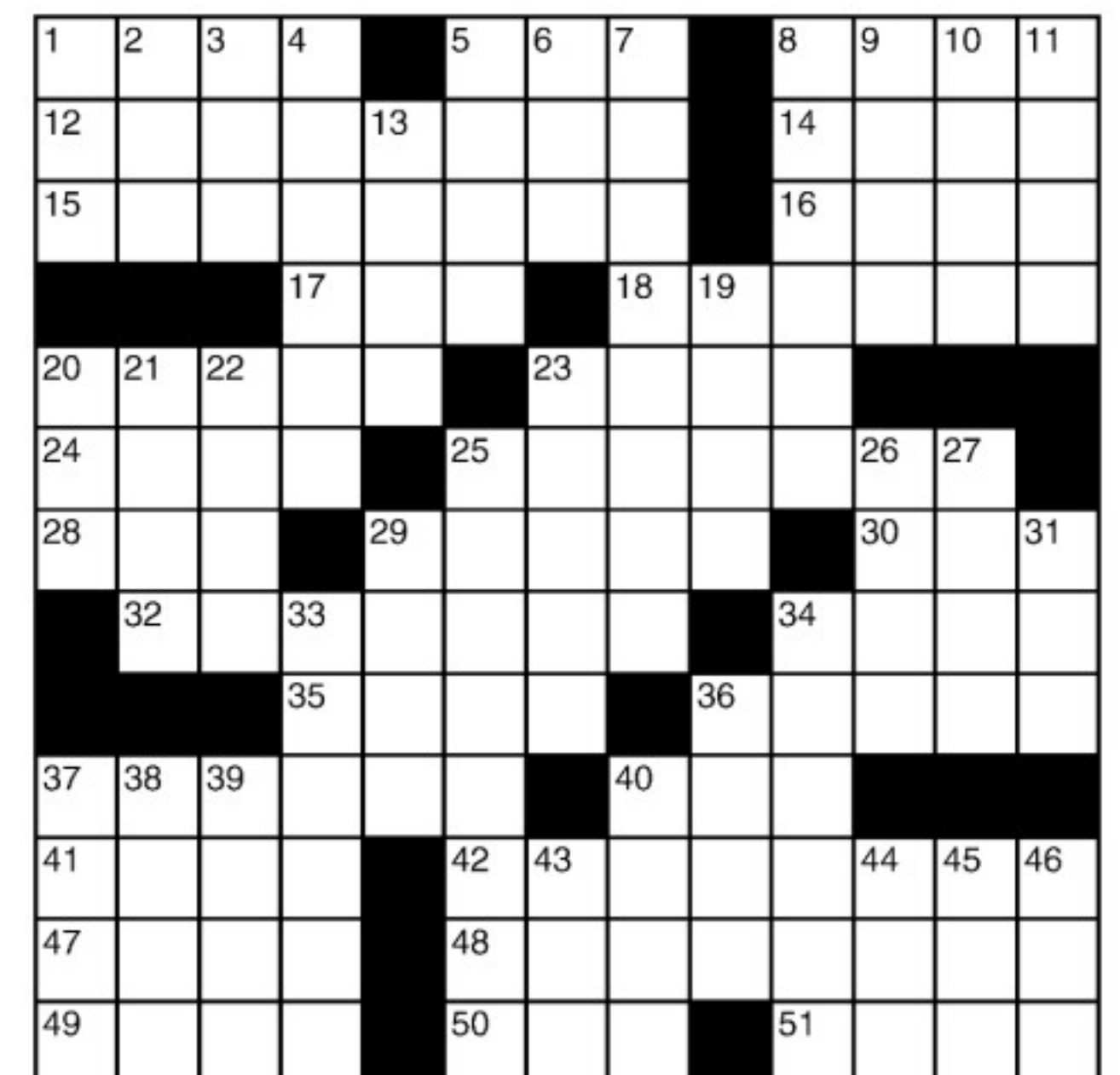
Akram said the conditions in Melbourne, where the opening Test would be played from tomorrow, will be tailor-made for the Australian fast bowlers to thrive.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Today's Cryptquip Clue: O equals T