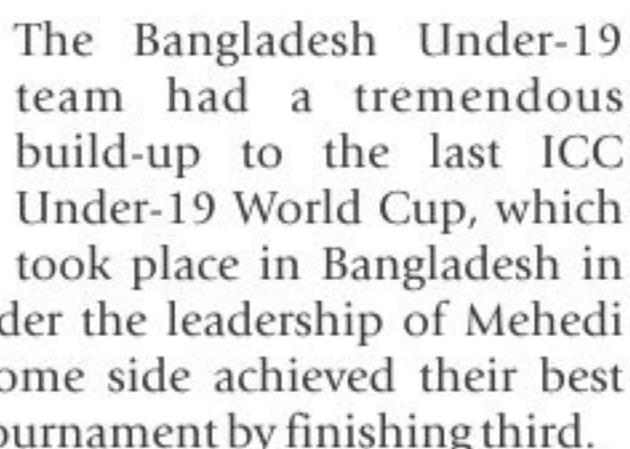




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The Under-19 cricket team is always in focus as a number of the current national stars showed glimpses of their calibre during stints with the junior side before breaking into the senior team.

The group of budding cricketers started their preparations for the mega event almost nine months ago and the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has already hired Australian Damien Wright to fill the position of head coach and nurture them.

There were plans of playing a tri-series in India involving Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and the hosts, but that fell through which is why the young cricketers are now scheduled to play some matches against local selections in Khulna involving players from the High Performance squad.

A photograph of two Indian cricket players in green uniforms and helmets. The player on the right is batting, holding a bat and a ball, while the player on the left is wicket-keeping, crouching behind the stumps. Both players have the word 'भारत' (Bharat) on their jerseys. The background shows a green field and a dark blue tarp.

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"I am absolutely responsible as CEO of the board. We have a four-year plan with New Zealand but they were unable to honour it this year. However, it will happen next year. We are also negotiating with the West Indies for an A team series. We are discussing a long-term programme with our Indian, Australian and England counterparts as well," informed Nizamuddin.

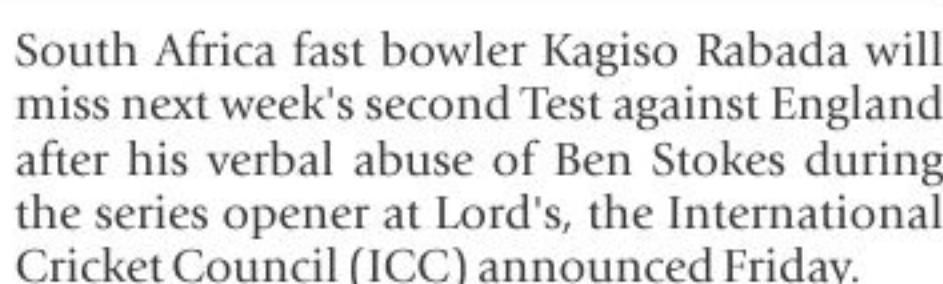


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Mashrafe Bin Mortaza arrived at the BCB Gymnasium yesterday with his two children in tow. Most of the day was spent in good fun and the Bangladesh skipper apparently even taught his son how to properly grip a ball.

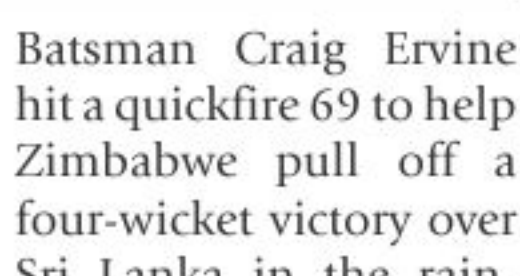
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The ICC said Rabada had admitted the offence on Friday and accepted the sanction.

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Chasing a Duckworth-Lewis revised target of 219 in 31 overs, Zimbabwe rode on Ervine's 55-ball unbeaten knock to win with 10 balls to spare at the Mahinda Rajapaksa International Stadium.

The left-handed batting duo had put on a 229-run match-winning stand in the previous ODI on Thursday at the same venue but their efforts went in vain the second time around.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Dickwella, who scored 102 on Thursday at the same venue, played a patient 118-ball knock laced with eight boundaries before being trapped lbw.

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