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Holder had said the previous day that it was 'about time we win a World Cup', but with dangerous sides like Ireland and Netherlands in their qualifying group, it may be about time that they focus on getting to England first.

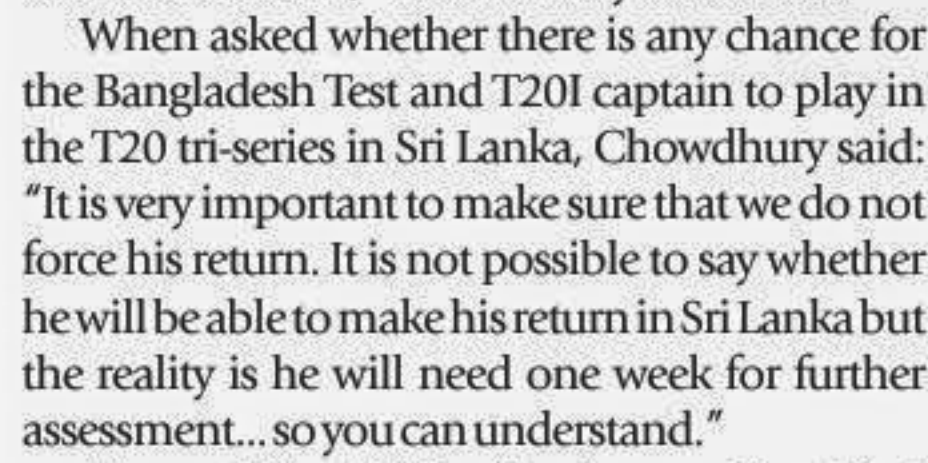


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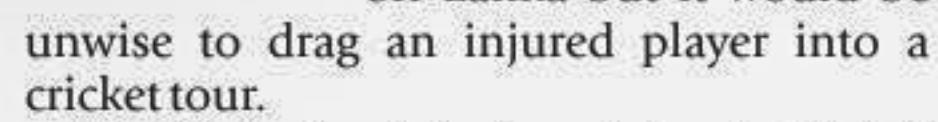
The appeal will be heard by March 14 as per the period stipulated in the Pitch Monitoring Process and will be determined by Geoff Allardice, General Manager – Cricket, and Anil Kumble, Chair of the Cricket Committee.

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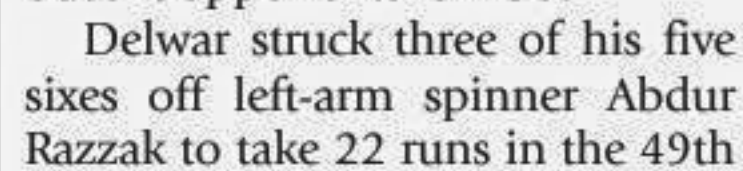
"He went for a checkup.

hope is that there is a possibility that he will play. The first [match] may be 50-50," Akram said. Bangladesh will play their first match against India on March 8 in the T20I tri-series in Colombo.



Shakib had sustained an injury to his left little finger during the ODI tri-series final in Mirpur on January 27 and missed the Test and T20I series against Sri Lanka, both of which the home side lost badly. However, it is now believed that it was not a wise decision for him to start fitness training on February 22, which has ultimately aggravated his condition.

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Chasing a target of 239,

However, after Rafsan Al Mahmud dismissed Abul for 76 off 107 balls, which included three sixes and four boundaries,

Pacer Hasan Mahmud bagged three while off spinners Robiul Islam and Anjum Ahmed took two wickets each for the bowling side.

KHELAGHAR V KALABAGAN

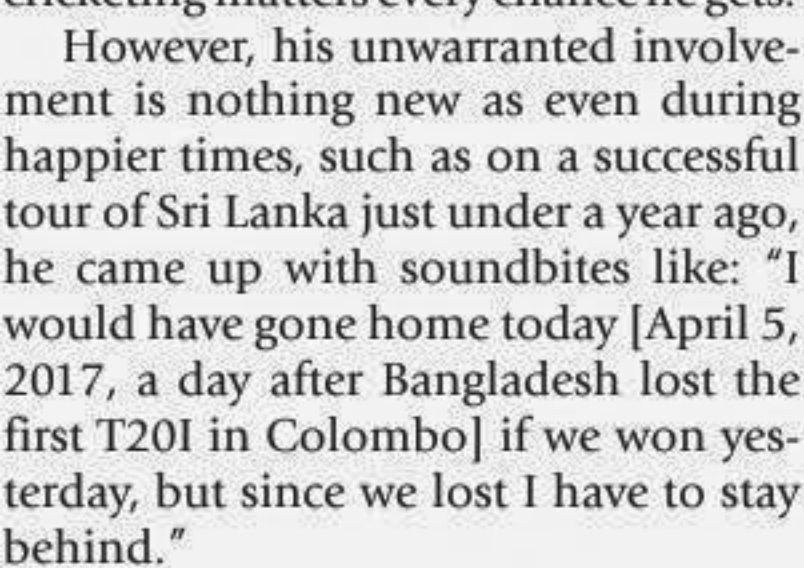
SHINEPUKUR V BROTHERS UNION
SHINEPUKUR CC: 288 for 8 in 50 overs (Kaul 19, Afif 68, Shuvagata 116, Minhaz 24; Khaled 2-57, Suhrawardi 3-68)
BROTHERS UNION: 289 for 5 in 49.1 overs (Mizanur 37, Myshukur 88, Junaid 31, Das 75,

Yasir 45 not out; Raihan 2-49)

Result: Brothers Union won by 5 wickets

Result: Prime Bank won by 42 runs.

SAKEB SUBHAN



It was Hassan's decision to alter the squad selection procedure, which sowed the seeds of Bangladesh's current poverty of resources. He included then coach Chandika Hathurusingha in the process even though the Sri Lankan did not stay in the country during the national team's downtime to view domestic talent, resulting in a stagnancy in the pipeline of new players. That led to the exit of a strong voice in selection -- then chief selector Faruque Ahmed -- and saw the instalment of a puppet selection panel headed by Minhajul Abedin.



Hassan was not content having blurred the lines between selection and coaching; he stepped in as selector

And now that Hathurusingha has left, a bad situation has become worse as the puppet selection committee is now open to even greater undue interference from the president, who does not even have Hathurusingha's nous. Rather than setting up good systems that promote a separate selection

His over-the-top involvement, while problematic, may have at least been tolerable if he retained a modicum of consistency in his positions or if the team was actually benefited by his overarching presence. But that is far from the case. For example, having risked team destabilisation by talking Mashrafe Bin Mortaza into T20I retirement in Sri Lanka last year, he now wants Mashrafe to come back. At least

In Monday's press address, where the 16-man Bangladesh squad was announced, Hassan said that he had not only finalised the squad but also the possible playing eleven. He also announced that Bangladesh pace bowler coach and legendary former West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh will be the interim coach for the Sri Lanka tri-series. Walsh, having witnessed Hassan's nose-poking style of administration, is probably aware that he will not have the full run of the team in Sri Lanka.

Against this backdrop, there is not a high chance that they will do well against Sri Lanka and India in the tri-series, which is just as well, because if the team do manage some success it will only serve to entrench Hassan in his role of interferer in chief -- and if the past holds any clue, that will only be to the team's detriment.