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Waugh stands by Goodwin

AFP, Sydney

Australian skipper Steve Waugh Thursday backed controversial comments by Murray Goodwin that Zimbabwe's black players were getting a free ride into the country's Test cricket team because of their

Former Zimbabwe international Goodwin, now with Western Australia, has been charged by his state association with a breach of Cricket Australia's code of behaviour for making the comments on the 7imbabwean side's selection criteria.

Punishment for players found to have breached the public comment rule range from a reprimand to a match ban or a fine of up to 5,750 dollars (4,000 USD) for a first

Kallis keen

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able results and have a good bowling attack in Shoaib Akhtar and Mohammad Sami.

Kallis said: "Quality fast bowling always gets me going and the boys are also very confident after the way we came back from the death in the

Kallis, who has appeared in 69 Tests making 11 hundreds, said South Africa was on a huge rebuilding process for the 2007 World

On the security concerns surrounding the tour to Pakistan, Kallis felt that the players had done what their cricket board wanted them to

"It was scary stuff for the players. But we found everything in place as promised by the Pakistan board," he

"But it is a huge price for players to pay to go and play in areas of security concerns."

Smith upbeat

FROM PAGE 13 Pakistan will have a new captain in Shoaib Akhtar

The home team also recalled former captain Moin Khan after their regular wicketkeeper Rashid Latif pulled out of the Tests due to family commitments.

Smith promised to put behind them the ill-feeling from the onedayers.

Punishments over various spats included a ban of a one one-day match and two Tests for South African all-rounder Andrew Hall and suspending Smith for a one-dayer.

"We crossed the line and we got punished. We have discussed it and we have learnt from our mistakes," Smith said

"Andrew Hall's absence is a big loss to the team as he is a strong character and has a big heart," he

Smith agreed Inzamam's absence was a significant setback for Pakistan. "The younger players will be under pressure to perform,

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Kabir c Read b Johnson

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Extras: (b-7, lb-8, nb-6, w-3)) :	24
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Giles	21	7	52	1
Batty	17	5	47	1

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Note: Matthew Hoggard (England) and Talha Zubair (Bangladesh) will bowl and field only as the 12th man

of their respective teams



Akram bids final bye

Cricket

BBC ONLINE, undated

With 15,000 fans cheering his every move, Wasim Akram brought down the curtain on his career in a charity match in Lahore on Wednesday.

end of a charity match in Lahore on Wednesday.

Announcing his retirement in England earlier this year after a 19year international career, the great left-arm paceman promised to make a farewell appearance on home soil. The game was arranged to raise

money for the Zindagi (meaning 'life') Trust, which is run by popular Pakistan singer Shahzad Roy.

Wasim led a Pakistan Eleven against a Rest of the World side. Contemporaries like West

Indians Courtney Walsh and Jimmy Adams, Australia's Dean Jones, former Lancashire teammate Neil Fairbrother and Indians Robin Singh and Venkatesh Prasad all accepted his invitation to play.

Pakistan's official sponsors Pepsi, arranged a special ceremony for Wasim following the national side's one-day match against South Africa in Rawalpindi last weekend.

South Africa's Shaun Pollock said

Wednesday he was enjoying his new

role as a motivator after being dumped

ity from being the captain of the team,

now I just focus on my game and my

new role to try help the young guys as

much as possible for the good of South

come through and win matches for us

I am quite pleased playing my role,

Friday's first Test against Pakistan.

Pollock. 30. told reporters ahead of

comes from a renowned cricketing

Pollock, born in Port Elizabeth,

"It's important they (young players)

"Obviously it's a lot less responsibil-

Cricket

AFP, Lahore

as captain in March.

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But it was a muted affair as Pakistan's defeat in the game - and the series - meant many supporters left the ground before the ceremony took place.

It was a different story in Lahore as the crowd rose to give a final salute to their beloved star. "When I retired I received a lot of

telephone calls and e-mails from fans that I should have done so in a match on home soil and I have fulfilled their demands," said an elated Wasim. "I owe it all to my fans, whether

they live in Pakistan, England or

anywhere in the world - no cricketer can become a great player until he is motivated by fans." The 37-year-old took a record 502 wickets in 356 one-day internationals and finished with 414 wickets

And when he walked on the Gaddafi Stadium pitch to toss up alongside Sri Lanka's Sanath

Jayasuriya, hundreds of camera captured the moment. "It's a great feeling, I led my country with distinction and this one

last chance brought it all back," said He skippered Pakistan to the

family. His uncle Graeme Pollock was

a great batsman and his father Peter

Pollock was South Africa's finest

change after his side failed to progress

beyond the first round in this years

World Cup with his country as one of

the job but I think you got some stan-

dards and if I was not the right man

going forward, you have to accept that.

time and we didn't play up to our

taken 302 wickets in 74 Tests and

averages 35 as a top of the tail bats-

set goals never put extra pressures of

"It was not nice to be forced out of

You cant be the right choice every

As a frontline pacer Pollock has

"It's nice to reach goals but never

Pollock said he accepted the

'Motivating is nice'

bowler in the 1960s

three host countries.

potential in the World Cup.

Nat'l cricket

FROM PAGE 13 Bangladesh Police v BUET Venue: DCS

POLICE: 251 for 8 in 50 overs (Rana 60, Shahid Khan 50, Mohsin 45, Maruf 4-50)

BUET: 113 all out in 42,4 overs (Razi 23, Badal 3-30, Arafat 3-2) Result: Bangladesh Police won by 138 runs.

Mymensingh v Rajbari Venue: Comilla Stadium. MYMENSINGH: 152 for 9 in 50

overs (Salauddin 30, Uttam 29, Rumon 2-7, Khairul 2-15) RAJBARI: 129 all out in 48.2 overs

(Mujib 29, Sohel 28, Rashedul 3-22, Result: Mymensingh won by 23

Thakurgaon v Nilphamari Venue: Natore

THAKURGAON: 43 all out in 18.5

overs (Rokon 10, Apu 5-15, Raihan NILPHAMARI: 46 for 1 in 10.2 overs (Alam 28 n.o, Humayun 12)

Result: Nilphamari won by nine

wickets Habiganj v Moulvibazar

Venue: Sylhet MOULVIBAZAR: 74 all out in 32.5 overs (Elahi 14, Rony 5-8, Sami 2-

HABIGANJ: 75 for 8 in 34.4 overs (Rintu 17, James 12, Kamal 3-13) Result: Habiganj won by two wickets.

Chittagong v Cox's Bazar Venue: Chandpur

COX'S BAZAR: 79 all out in 37.4 overs (Yunus 32, Morshed 3-14, Arafat 3-13. Dalim 2-22) CHITTAGONG: 80 for 1 in 11.2

overs (Al-Shahriar 42, Mithu 32) Result: Chittagong won by nine

Opening record

He completed his hundred with an aggressive shot, sweeping Kumble for a four.

Richardson looked in command. handsomely driving Indian seamers and spinners on both sides of the wicket during his long stay at the

The stand-in Indian captain rotated his bowlers in short spells, but none looked sharp enough to trouble Vincent and Richardson.

India made one change from the team that played at Ahmedabad. bringing in one-day specialist Yuvrai Singh in place of Ganguly.

Yuvrai was given his Test cap on his home ground after playing 73 one-dayers for India. The tourists replaced Jacob Oram, suffering from a calf injury,

with fast bowler lan Butler. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at stumps on the open-

ing day of the second and final Test between India and New Zealand on

NEW ZEALAND: First innings Richardson not out Vincent Ibw b Kumble Styris not out Extras: (b-13, lb-16, nb-2, w-1) 32 Total: (For 1 wkt in 90 overs) 247

Fall of wicket: 1-231 To bat: Fleming, Astle, McMillan, Hart, Vettori, Wiseman, Tuffey, Butler

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INDIA: Dravid, Sehwag, Chopra,

Tendulkar, Laxman, Yuvraj, Patel, Kumble, Harbhaian, Zaheer, Balaji Toss: New Zealand Umpires: David Shepherd (England) and Rudi Koertzen (South

Aussies put to test

Cricket

REUTERS, Sydney

The cricket world will get a sneak preview into Australia's future when the world champions take on Zimbabwe in the second and final Test starting on Friday.

The Australians have spent the better part of the last decade steamrolling their opponents but the end may soon be in sight. Although the Zimbabweans

should pose few problems for Steve Waugh's team, the second Test could signal the end of an era in Australian cricket. Half the team's regular big names are missing through injury or suspension, giving the selectors the

Australia have lost players in almost every department. Legspinner Shane Warne is serving a

12 month ban for doping and his

replacement Stuart MacGill has been ruled out with a calf injury.

Australia's fast bowling stocks have also been hard hit with their two front paceman. Glenn McGrath and Jason Gillespie, unavailable because of injury. Middle-order batsman Darren Lehmann is also out with an Achilles problem.

Lehmann, 33, only got his chance to press his claims for a permanent place after Mark Waugh was dumped a year ago and fears he may not get another chance.

"Things have been going pretty well the last two years for me and now (there's) a situation where you're sort of back to square one a little bit," Lehmann said. Australia's injury crisis has

forced selectors to choose a newlook team from the side that crushed Zimbabwe by an innings and 175 chance to look at a new crop of runs in Perth last week. MacGill is replaced by Brad

Hogg, paceman Brad Williams will be making his Test debut in Gillespie's absence and Simon

Australia should have few problems scoring enough runs against a modest Zimbabwean bowling attack. In the first Test, they scored 735-6 in their only innings, with Matthew Hayden scoring a world record 380.

But Waugh, whose own career is expected to wind up in the next 12 months, said he was concerned about his bowling ranks.

"If you miss the top bowlers out of each attack then the attacks certainly lack penetration," he said.

Zimbabwe have got their own njury problems with fast bowler Doug Hondo in doubt with a strain, forcing the tourists to delay naming their side until the morning of the match.

Zimbabwe forced the first Test into a fifth day, a feat only a handful of teams have achieved in the past two years, and coach Geoff Marsh said they were optimistic about their

"We've come here to win. If we don't come here to win and play to win then we shouldn't be here," Marsh

Imran lauds SA skipper

Cricket

Cricket legend Imran Khan lauded South African skipper Graeme Smith Thursday for lifting his team after its World Cup debacle, but criticised Pakistan's efforts to rebuild its side

"Smith has changed the South African team," the former Pakistani all-rounder, now an MP, told this news agency.

"They have only changed the captain after the World Cup, which is a short-term remedy, and with the same coach Eric Simons, Smith has lifted the team. His impact is big on the team," he said.

But he slammed his home team's attempts to rebuild.

"Pakistan seems clueless and playing with a changed team is not rebuilding, its a process which needs a base too many changes is not rebuilding, it's not sensible," said Imran, who played 82 Tests for Pakistan from 1971 to 1992.

South Africa and Pakistan made unceremonious first round exits

from this years World Cup and have since started reorganising. Pakistan looked panicky Sunday

after losing a five-match one-day series with South Africa 3-2, with the first of two Tests starts starting in Lahore on Friday. With captain Inzamamul Haq ruled out due to hamstring injury, the

home team looked out of sorts. They also surprisingly played leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed in the first one-day rather than using him as a secret weapon in Tests "Had I been South African captain, I would have been happy that Pakistan has too many changes

after the one-dayers," said Imran,

who led Pakistan to 1992 World Cup

"They are bringing the same players dumped after the World

Former captain Intikhab Alam also had few kind words for the Pakistan team

"Selectors are at sea who to play, they get panicky after defeats and I am hearing this rhetoric of rebuilding for the last four years," he said.

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possibility that one of the pair might

win a place in the first Test squad with an additional pacer coming into the line up.

This is what the first Test squad might look like: Khaled Mahmud (captain) Hannan Sarker, Javed Omar, Habibul Bashar, Rajin Saleh, Alok Kapali, Mushfiqur Rahman, Khaled Mashud (wicketkeeper), Mohammad Rafique, Mashrafeebin-Mortuza, Tapas Baishya, Fahim Muntasir and Mosaddek Hossain.

English spinners

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"I lost my wicket at the wrong moment for my team. I had to stay in the middle after completing the hundred but everything went wrong because of a sudden rush of blood,' said Nafees.

He also expressed his gratitude to the selectors.

"They had encouraged me even after my failure in the first three-day match. Chief selector Faruque Ahmed told me to play my natural game in this game." he said.

When asked whether he was relishing the prospect of making an entry into the Test side, the Chittagong player denied making any comment.

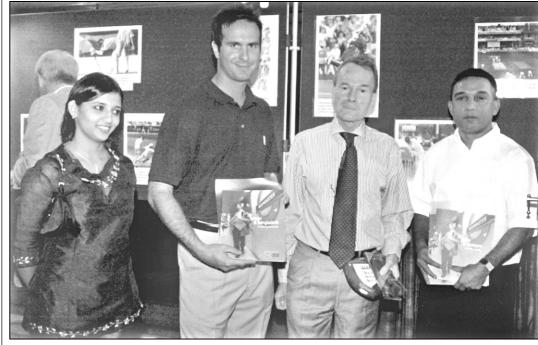


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Bangladesh cricket captain Khaled Mahmud (R) and his England opposite number Michael Vaughan (2nd from L) are seen with British High Commissioner (BHC) Dr David Carter (C) during a reception to the cricket teams at the residence of the diplomat on Tuesday. On the left is Millie Sen Gupta, head of Press and Public Affairs of the high commission. Mahmud holds a copy of the BHC publication Britain and Bangladesh A Winning Partnership's Bangla version, which Carter launched at the function. Vaughan was presented with an English version of the book.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF ONE IS EXPECTED
TO KEEP TRACK OF BOXING STATS, HE'D BE A FIGHT DATA RECORDER. l'oday's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals S

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for

another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the

puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe

give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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Younis, with 28 Tests behind him and a batting average of 37, was omitted by the selectors after indifferent form in the one-day series which South Africa won 3-2.

ceded he was not consulted by the member Test squad.

batsman and should be in the team," Youhana suggested questions

"I just work in this system and I have more to worry about (in the form of) cricket," he said.

the first time in a Test, indicated Pakistan would play three spinners including the two leg spinners Mushtaq Ahmed and Danish Kaneria with Shoaib Malik as backup and two fast bowlers Shoaib Akhtar and Mohammad Sami

At a pre-match media confer-

selectors in the finalisation of the 16next day. Younis is a experienced

on the selection and the delegation of powers were put to the cricket board or selectors.

Yousuf

said he would have included batsman Younis Khan to boost his nexperienced side

1999 World Cup final, only to lose

the job for the third and final time

later that year in the wake of the

beyond the first round of the 2003

World Cup and it marked the end of

contract with English county side

Hampshire, only to have to cut it

He subsequently accepted a

But Wasim looked in fine fettle in

Lahore, hitting four boundaries in

making 18 off 11 balls and then

dismissing Jayasuriya with the

fourth ball of the World XI innings as

his side fittingly won the 40-overs-a-

on 260 runs for 8 after winning the

toss. The world stars were restricted

and the void he has left in interna-

tional cricket will be hard to fill,"

former Aussie batting great Jones

goals and just focus on the game and

Pakistan demanded hard work.

Pollock said different conditions in

"We have to play well to win the

Tests as we are playing in different

conditions. We beat Pakistan in 1997

with greats like Wasim Akram, Saeed

Anwar and Aamir Sohail in their side

and this Pakistan side is young," said

under these conditions you need to

play well but take the example of

Wasim Akram who took so many

wickets by working hard," said Pollock

Tests in their country last year and won

a three-match series here in 1997-98.

South Africa beat Pakistan in both

"Very different conditions and

No Pakistan fan would argue

The local side batted first and put

"Wasim has entertained millions

Pakistan failed to progress

Qayyum match-fixing inquiry.

Wasim's international career.

short because of ill health.

side match by 44 runs.

with his sentiments.

contribute," he said.

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ence on Thursday, Youhana con-

"No, I was not consulted by the selectors and I just got the team the

Youhana, leading the team for