

'You're not grown up!'

REUTERS, Karachi
Pakistan's cricket officials have called on coach Javed Miandad and head selector Aamir Sohail to show more maturity after a series of rows between the two men.

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Tauqir Zia is to hold a meeting to try and mend fences after the latest spat broke out before the team's series against New Zealand.

"He will meet with both and try to resolve this issue over selection matters," Pakistan Cricket board (PCB) chief executive Rameez Raja told this news agency on Sunday.

"It is a case of communication breakdown between the two and I think we need a more mature approach from them."

Miandad and Sohail exchanged words after the selectors announced a pool of players for this month's series without consulting captain Inzamamul Haq or Miandad.

"We try to discuss things with them as much as possible. But we don't need to talk to them every time we select," Sohail said.

Two other members of the selection committee, Saleem Yousuf and Shoaib Muhammad, have also complained that Sohail didn't wait for their approval before publishing the squad.

Miandad and Sohail were also involved in a public spat during the October series against South Africa, when the chief selector took a swipe at Miandad's coaching methods. Miandad told Sohail to mind his own business.

What to Watch

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 - Live at 8:30 pm
 - STAR Sports**
 - Primera Liga
 - Real Madrid vs Sevilla
 - Repeat at 10:00 am
 - Bangladesh vs England**
 - Second ODI
 - Live at 1:30 pm
 - Sportsline Tonight**
 - Sport News
 - Live at 9:30 pm
 - English Premier Football League**
 - Blackburn Rovers vs Everton
 - Live at 1:55 am (Tuesday)

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players have taken more responsibility and worked hard. We just need that vital win."
The ex-manager's sentiments were at odds with those of the Board of Directors, who said in their statement they "felt they had given Nicky Law as long as they could to turn the current form around," despite pressure from supporters for him to be sacked.

Stuttgart march

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"We played with real passion and deserved to win," explained Toppmoller. "I hope this is the start of better things in the future."

A delicate 53rd minute finish from Argentine ace Bernardo Romeo put Hamburg ahead but the lead was shortlived as Danny Schwarz equalised four minutes later.

However, Romeo grabbed a second and a Mehdi Mahdavi's penalty sealed the spoils for the hosts.

Meanwhile, Hertha Berlin tasted victory at the Olympic Stadium for the first time this season edging a 2-1 win over Borussia Monchengladbach.

Brazilian World Cup victory Luizao cancelled out an early Gladbach opener before Alexander Madlung popped up to score the winning goal four minutes from time.

"The team improved after going behind and fought hard for the win," enthused Hertha manager Huub Stevens. "The fans were great and really got behind us today."



PHOTO: AFP
Australia's Michael Bevan, who was later named man-of-the-match, here plays and misses one against New Zealand during their TVS Cup one-day international at Guwahati yesterday.

NZ just can't beat 'em



REUTERS, Guwahati
An understrength Australia proved too strong for New Zealand in a 44-run victory in their TVS Cup one-day tri-series match on Sunday.

One-day specialist Michael Bevan top-scored with 84 not out while captain Ricky Ponting made 52 as the world champions, who had rested regular openers Adam Gilchrist and Matthew Hayden, made 225 for seven after being put in.

New Zealand's top-order then caved in before the side were dismissed for 181 on a flat pitch with 4.3 overs to spare.

Australia's sixth straight win over their trans-Tasman rivals had looked unlikely after their modest batting effort but fast Nathan Bracken (three for 34) once again struck early as New Zealand were reduced to 88 for five.

In-form Scott Styris, batting at four, top-scored with 54 following his man-of-the-match effort in Thursday's victory over India but New Zealand were always up against it in the final overs before a couple of run outs settled the match.

New Zealand's hopes of reaching the November 18 final against Australia now depend on their beating India in the final group game on Saturday.

Australia play the hosts in their final game on Wednesday.

Ponting said his team would not take Wednesday's final group game against the hosts lightly.

"The opponent doesn't matter for us in the final and we are not bothered

about it," he said. "It is important we keep on playing well."

Having been put in, Australia were anchored by the left-handed Bevan, who struck seven fours in a busy 96-ball effort after Ponting had scored his first half-century of the series.

Bevan, 33, put on 78 for the fifth wicket with Ponting after fast bowlers Daryl Tuffey and Kyle Mills both struck twice to reduce the world champions to 61 for four in the 13th over.

Left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori then picked up two wickets in mid-innings.

He claimed his 100th wicket in one-day internationals when he had Ponting caught at long-off and finished with figures of two for 20 from his 10 overs.

However Bracken, the tournament's highest wicket-taker with a tally of 13, removed opener Chris Nevin (2) and Lou Vincent (12) with clever pace variation before Ian Harvey deceived Fleming with a slower ball to have him caught and bowled for 29.

Styris, who hit his second consecutive fifty, was dropped on 52 by Bevan on the long-on boundary off Brad Hogg, but the left-arm spinner removed the batsman later in the over.

Craig McMillan was adjudged caught down the leg-side for no score and one-day all rounder Chris Harris struck 38 before becoming the first of the two run-outs.

SCOREBOARD
Complete scoreboard of a TVS Cup triangular one-day cricket series match between Australia and New Zealand at the Nehru Stadium on Sunday:

AUSTRALIA
Harvey c Nevin b Tuffey 25
Maher lbw b Tuffey 3
Ponting c McMillan b Vettori 52

Martyn c McCullum b Mills 0
Symonds c McCullum b Mills 18
Bevan not out 84
Clarke c McMillan b Vettori 2
Hogg c Styris b Harris 9
Bichel not out 15
Extras: (lb-9, nb-1, w-7) 17
Total: (For 7 wickets in 50 overs) 225
Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-33, 3-34, 4-61, 5-139, 6-141, 7-164

Did not bat: Kasprovic, Bracken

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Tuffey	10	1	60	2
Mills	8	0	36	2
Oram	10	0	47	0
Vettori	10	0	20	2
Styris	9	1	38	0
Harris	3	0	15	1

NEW ZEALAND
Nevin c Ponting b Bracken 2
Fleming c and b Harvey 29
Vincent c Hogg b Bracken 12
Styris c Ponting b Hogg 54
McMillan c Maher b Bichel 0
Oram lbw b Hogg 14
Harris run out 38
McCullum c Maher b K'wicz 7
Vettori run out 0
Mills c Maher b Bracken 4
Tuffey not out 0
Extras: (b-4, lb-6, nb-2, w-9) 21
Total: (All out in 45.3 overs) 181
Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-38, 3-66, 4-68, 5-88, 6-143, 7-169, 8-170, 9-181

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Bracken	7.3	0	34	3
K'wicz	8	0	28	1
Bichel	7	0	21	1
Harvey	4	0	14	1
Hogg	10	0	39	2
Symonds	4	0	14	0
Clarke	5	0	21	0

Result: Australia won by 44 runs.
Man-of-the-match: Michael Bevan.
Toss: New Zealand.
Umpires: David Shepherd (England) and K Hariharan (India).
Next match: India v Australia, Nov 12.

BD U-19s beat ACC selection

UNB, Dhaka
The Bangladesh Under-19s won the first limited-overs match against the visiting Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Under-19 side by 30 runs at the Khulna Divisional Stadium yesterday.

The home side scored 166 runs all out in 47 overs after deciding to bat.

The ACC combined team, in reply, bundled out for 136 runs in 47.5 overs.

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Ali Asghar inaugurated the match.

The touring side will also play two more one-day matches and a two-day match in Khulna. The tour will come to end with another two-day match in Dhaka.

Rugby WC Eng, France in last four

AFP, Sydney
France and England took contrasting routes Sunday into a World Cup semifinal clash that will give the winner a shot at becoming the first northern hemisphere side to win the William Webb Ellis Cup.

The Six Nations aristocrats meet in Sydney next Sunday with reigning world champions Australia taking on New Zealand in the same city the previous day to decide who represents the south.

France made it through with a surprisingly easy 43-21 win over a disappointing Ireland.

England then were given an all mighty shock by wonderful Wales, trailing 3-10 at half-time and badly rattled before dusting themselves down to claw their way back to a 28-17 win.

It meant that the top four ranking teams in the world were in the semifinals setting up renewals of two rugby classics steeped in decades of history.

PCB ponders shortened match

REUTERS, Karachi
Pakistan are seeking International Cricket Council (ICC) permission to stage a shortened one-day match against New Zealand later this month, fearing the game will otherwise be decided by the toss.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said that an 8.30 am start at Faisalabad in the first game of the five-match series on November 22 would heavily favour the side bowling first because of extravagant early seam movement.

"We have seen recently in the Asian under-19 championship and also in the triangular series in India that an early start of around 8.30 am gives unfair advantage to the team fielding first," PCB official Rameez Raja.

He added that the problem could be avoided with a later start and the game cut from 50 overs a side to 45 or even 40.

Pakistan also want to put forward the start times of the other four matches, all day-nighters, in Rawalpindi (November 24 and 25) and Lahore (Nov 29 and Dec 1), this time because of evening dew.

Day-night matches normally begin at 2 pm but the board would like to begin three hours earlier.

"The dew becomes very heavy by evening in Punjab at this time of the year and it would ruin the games," said Raja.

"And also since two matches are in the Ramadan month of fasting, we need to have an extended drinks break of 10 to 15 minutes in the second innings to allow people to break their fast," he told this news agency, adding he hoped the ICC and New Zealand would agree to the changes.

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SCORES IN BRIEF
Mymensingh v Sylhet
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium
MYMENSINGH: 241 for all out in 50 overs (Ovishek 19, Arifur 17, Osman Gani 22, Harun-ur-Rashid 73, Fahim Muntasir 29, Saiful 42; Rezaul Haq 2-39, Sajid Sami 2-41, Enamul 4-34).
SYLHET: 201 for all out in 45.5 overs (Parvez Ahmed 16, Nahid 121, Hadi 32, Shahriar 4-34, Zakir 2-29).

Chittagong v Kushtia
Venue: Mymensingh Stadium.
CHITTAGONG: 177 for eight wickets in 48 overs (Masum 78, Al Shahriar 18, Azam Iqbal 49, Ahmed Kamal 4-24, Ahmed Kabir 2-21).
KUSHTIA: 116 for all out in 41.1 overs (Nishan 43, Shimul 14, Tonu 18, Sumon 3-14, Kamal 2-20, Masum 2-24).



PHOTO: STAR
Scene from the first limited-overs match between Bangladesh under-19 team and an ACC selection at the Divisional Stadium in Khulna yesterday.

India to tour Capriati, Mauresmo reach last four



AFP, Los Angeles
Jennifer Capriati and Amelie Mauresmo claimed the last two semifinal berths at the 3 million-dollar WTA Tour Championships Saturday, Capriati with a three-set victory and Mauresmo without hitting a ball.

Capriati retained her perfect record against Anastasia Myskina, posting a 7-5, 5-7, 6-4 victory over the Russian to grab the last place in the semis.

Mauresmo advanced courtesy of another Russian, Elena Dementieva, whose 4-6, 7-5, 6-1 victory over American Chanda Rubin left the Frenchwoman as the second-place finisher in the round-robin Red Group.

In the semi-finals, Mauresmo will face Belgian Justine Henin-Hardenne, the double Grand Slam champion whose move into the final four assured her of the year-end world No. 1 ranking.

Capriati will take on defending champion and current world No. 1 Kim Clijsters as the top four players in the elite eight-woman event all advanced from the first phase of competition.

And all eight will go home with at least one win after Japan's Ai Sugiyama, already eliminated, salvaged her pride with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Henin-Hardenne in the final round-robin match.

Capriati, who suffered a hip muscle strain in her opening victory over Sugiyama and was steamrolled on Friday by Henin-Hardenne, appeared to be moving a bit more freely Saturday.

"I just did everything I could to make myself feel better," said Capriati, who gauged her fitness at about 80 percent.

"It wasn't my best tennis," she added. "But I did what I had to do. I tried to come to the net more, finish the points a little quicker."

She earned the key break of the opening set in the 11th game. The tenacious Russian rebounded to take the second set but gave up a break in the first game of the third and could never get ahead.

"I did a couple of really stupid mistakes," said Myskina, who had two break points in the next game but couldn't capitalize.

"If I would have won the game," she said of that break chance, "it would have been one-all."

"After this game I was kind of upset, and then I lost concentration a little bit."

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Ljungberg makes the day

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Ljungberg's winner for Arsenal came with 11 minutes left. Collecting a pass from Nigerian international Nwankwo Kanu, the Swede let fly with a shot that took a wicked deflection off Stephen Carr's boot on its way past Kasey Keller.

Pires had equalised ten minutes earlier after Anderton had toe-poked Spurs ahead after just four minutes.

Midfielder Gary O'Neil scored twice for Portsmouth as Leeds collapsed in the second half at Fratton Park.

Pompey went ahead on 17 minutes when Serbian defender Dejan Stefanovic headed home a Patrik Berger corner from the right.

Alan Smith equalised for Leeds within two minutes but a 20-yard volley from O'Neil on the stroke of half-time gave the home side the edge and they ran riot after the interval.

Australian Hayden Foxe made it 3-1 on 63 minutes. O'Neil grabbed his second eight minutes later and Czech international Patrik Berger made it five on 75 minutes. Nigerian Yakubu Ayegebi scored four minutes from time to wrap up a remarkable rout.

Charlton moved up to fourth place after an impressive 3-1 win at home to London rivals Fulham, with Finland striker Jonatan Johansson hitting a second-half brace.

The victory lifted Charlton above Birmingham City, who were held to a 1-1 draw at Wolves earlier in the day.

Charlton had gone ahead after 10 minutes when ex-Everton midfielder Graham Stuart lashed the ball past Edwin Van der Sar from the edge of the box.

Johansson doubled the lead after 69 minutes with a left-footed volley and made it 3-0 eight minutes later.

England under-21 midfielder Sean Davis scored an 89th-minute consolation goal for Fulham.

Middlesbrough's revival gathered pace with a 2-0 victory at Villa Park with Dutch international Boudevijn Zenden hitting his first goal for the club then winning a penalty which Michael Ricketts converted.

Wolves came from behind to secure a draw in their Midlands derby clash with Birmingham and another precious point in their fight for Premiership survival.

Birmingham had gone ahead through Finland international Mikael Forssell just after the restart but a scrambled 67th-minute equaliser from Norwegian Steffen Iversen ensured Wolves' earned a deserved draw.

Southampton's Anders Svensson was sent off late in the game at the Reebok Stadium but Gordon Strachan's men held on for a 0-0 draw against Bolton.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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| 1 Swanky | 36 Part of the foot | 3 Get all the | 22 Heavily involved with |
| 5 Right cross target | 37 Great quintet? | 4 Zoo howlers | 23 Trans-action |
| 8 Vicki Lawrence persona | 38 Fillbuster, maybe | 5 "West Side Story" | 24 Do surveil-lance on |
| 12 Sea greeting | 41 Clear the tables | 6 gang | 26 Corralled protection |
| 13 Mound stal | 42 Enthusi-astic, plus | 7 Pur-chaser's | 27 Secluded corner |
| 14 News-paper para-graph | 43 Dunk it! | 8 Cham-pagne drink | 28 Wind-storm |
| 15 Predictor of a sort | 44 Sightsee | 9 On | 29 Bits and pieces |
| 17 Oliver Twist's request | 48 Hostel | 10 Un-adorned | 31 Curve-gational |
| 18 Ph. bk. entries | 49 Comfort | 11 Congre-gational | 34 Pfizer product |
| 19 Unlock again | 51 Neigh-borhood | 16 "— your old man" | 35 Dancer's partner |
| 21 Gold-finger? | 52 "Wayne's World" | 20 Whirl-pool | 37 Haul |
| 24 Bankrolls | DOWN | 1 Launch site | 38 Farewell |
| 25 Change for a live | 1 Lauch site | 20 Whirl-pool | 39 Borodin's prince |
| 26 Dance done with castanets | Solution time: 21 mins. | | |
| 30 Depot (Abbr.) | B A A A D A P T O E D | 40 Libeline | |
| 31 Veron-ica's rival | I S M L I S T L E U R T | 41 Batter's ploy | |
| 32 Scull tool | T H O K S I N H T I C | 44 Lennon's lady | |
| 33 Debt-free condition | H A B B L E S E E K | 45 Year under | |
| | O U R I N N R O S E S | 46 Dos Passos trilogy | |
| | O T I S C H E F H A V E | 47 Decimal base | |
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CRYPTOQUIP

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V M F V E K Y J Y N M E F I Q F H Y

K T V F R N V F Q Y R T X V F F H

K T J Y T V F Q D ?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SHE FIXED US A TEX-MEX MEAL FOR LUNCH, BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE BORDERLINE CUISINE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals T

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.

Final scoreboard at the end of the fifth and final day of the first Test between Zimbabwe and West Indies on Saturday:

ZIMBABWE: First innings 507-9 declared (Streak 127 not out, Blygnaut 91, Taibu 83; Edwards 5-133)
WEST INDIES: First innings 335 (Hinds 79, Ganga 73; Price 6-73)
ZIMBABWE: Second innings 200-7 declared (Matsikenyeri 46, Wishart 34, Gripper 26; Drakes 4-68, Collymore 2-59)
WEST INDIES: Second innings Hinds c Carlisle b Streak 24
Gayle c Taibu b Price 13
Ganga b Price 16
Lara lbw b Streak 1
Sarwan st Taibu b Gripper 39
C'paul c Sibanda b Price 39
Jacobs not out 60
Drakes c Taibu b Blygnaut 4
Taylor c Matsikenyeri b Blygnaut 3
Collymore c Vermeulen b Price 1
Edwards not out 1
Extras: (b-1, lb-1, w-1, nb-3) 6
Total: (For 9 wickets in 83 overs) 207
Fall of wickets: 1-37, 2-37, 3-38, 4-73, 5-103, 6-171, 7-184, 8-194, 9-204

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Streak	15	7	28	2
Blygnaut	14	2	50	2
Price	38	11	88	4
Mahwire	2	0	10	0
Gripper	12	5	23	1
M'kenyeri	2	0	6	0

Result: Match Drawn.
Man-of-the-match: Heath Streak.
Toss: Zimbabwe.
Umpires: B Bowden (New Zealand) and S Tafel (Australia).