

### Kenya's new cricket body formed

AFP, Nairobi

A new cricket body was formed in Kenya on Sunday following the decision to dissolve the old Kenya Cricket Association (KCA), which had been hit by financial scandals and mismanagement, officials said.

"The former KCA council has approved, Cricket Kenya, as the sole body to manage, run and administer the game of cricket in Kenya," said its chairman Samir Inamdar after the meeting held in Mombasa.

"It was a unanimous decision taken by all the four provinces."

The decision comes three days before former KCA chairman Sharad Ghai goes on trial on charges of stealing 240 million shillings (3.3 million dollars) from the KCA. The case will start on Wednesday.

Inamdar, who succeeded Ghai in May 2005, said his new administration had inherited huge debts and had found it difficult to get new sponsors to the game.

He said the government had given its approval for the formation of Cricket Kenya and had consulted with the International Cricket Council on the matter.

### Div I cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Young Pegasus maintained their all-win record in the First Division Cricket League when they beat Dhanmondi Club by 27 runs at the City Club ground yesterday.

Pegasus remained on top of the table earning 28 points.

Table-toppers rode on half centuries by Sharif (72) and Sagar (53) to score 219 all out in 47 overs while Dhanmondi, in reply, were bundled out for 192 in 45 overs.

At the Dhaka University ground, second-placed Partex Sporting Club, who along with Pegasus almost confirmed their Premier League berths, got walkover against Uttara Sporting Club. Partex increased their tally to 26 points.

According to bylaws Uttara were demoted to the second division as their absence was considered as 'refuse to play'.

### Chappell greets Inzy's 'hundred'

BBC ONLINE, undated

India coach Greg Chappell accepted with good grace Pakistan captain Inzamam Haq's 25th Test century on Sunday, which pushed the former Aussie captain out of the all-time top 10.

"That's fine. He's a very, very good cricketer," Chappell told BBC Radio Five Live's Sportsweek programme.

"The standard of cricket around the place is pretty solid."

"Bearing in mind that what I did was last century, I'm not surprised I've finally fallen out of the list," added Chappell, who played 20 fewer Tests.

### TOP 12 TONNERS

Batsman	100s	Tests
S Tendulkar	35	127
S Gavaskar	34	125
S Waugh	32	168
B Lara	31	121
D Bradman	29	29
R Ponting	28	100
A Border	27	156
G Sobers	26	93
M Hayden	25	79
Inzamam H	25	107
G Chappell	24	87
V Richards	24	121

### Naved doubtful for third Test

REUTERS, Faisalabad

Pakistan pacer Navedul Hasan will consult a specialist to find out if a nagging shoulder problem will keep him out of the third Test against India from January 29.

"He couldn't play the second Test because of his shoulder problem. He will consult the specialist to find out if he can be available for the third Test in Karachi," Pakistan Cricket Board director Abbas Zaidi told Reuters on Sunday.

### Dravid defends

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Saturday said it was the nature of the pitch that prompted the Indian team management to drop Ganguly from the Faisalabad Test but averred that the former Indian captain would be in contention for the next Test as also the ODI squad.

"The team management wanted to go with five specialist bowlers and so they dropped Sourav. It is a strategic decision taken in view of the nature of the pitch," Bhupinder said.

"But this should not be misinterpreted by concluding that the doors will henceforth be shut on him," he said.

Bhupinder said that Ganguly stood a chance of making it to the final eleven in the next Test as also in the ODI squad.



David Beckham (R) of Real Madrid celebrates his superb strike against Cadiz during their Primera Liga clash at the Bernabeu on Saturday.

### PRIMERA LIGA

## Real see off Cadiz

Football

REUTERS, Madrid

Real Madrid recovered from a goal down to beat Cadiz 3-1 thanks to spectacular strikes by Roberto Carlos and David Beckham and a breathtaking effort from Robinho in their Primera Liga match at the Bernabeu on Saturday.

Real looked to be in trouble after the modest Andalucians had grabbed the lead 10 minutes into the second half when striker Alexandre Medina steered home past keeper Iker Casillas.

But the home side turned the game on its head with two set-piece goals in four minutes, the first a Roberto Carlos rocket shot and the second a sweetly struck Beckham curler.

Robinho, who has failed to live up to his Galactico billing since joining Real from Santos at the start of the season, capped a much-improved performance with an

impressive dipping lob seven minutes from time.

The win, Real's second in five league games, lifted them to third place, level on points with Valencia and 10 behind reigning champions and leaders Barcelona, who host basement side Alaves at the Nou Camp on Saturday.

Earlier, an aggressive Atletico Madrid earned their first win in 11 league games after goals from Maxi Rodriguez and Fernando Torres gave them a 2-0 win at Real Zaragoza.

It was also a first win for Atletico's new coach Pepe Murcia who took charge when Carlos Bianchi was sacked this month.

Cadiz, accompanied by over 5,000 raucous fans, made an ambitious start as they laid siege to Real's area.

The home side responded well, though, and Cadiz keeper Armando had to produce two fine saves to stop centre-back Sergio Ramos' dinked header and a powerful half-volley by Julio Baptista.

But they ran out of steam towards the end of the first half and after going close several times Cadiz seized the lead when Medina steered past Casillas at the second attempt after good work by fellow Uruguayan Fabian Estoyanoff on the right.

Real coach Juan Ramon Lopez Caro reacted by sending on Italy striker Antonio Cassano for midfielder Thomas Gravenes but it was from two set pieces that the home side turned the game.

The first came from Roberto Carlos, the Cadiz wall splitting open allowing the fullback to fire a sizzling effort low into the corner after Beckham touched a free kick into his path.

The Brazilian returned the favour from another free kick four minutes later, slipping the ball to the England captain who curled a fine shot beyond Armando into the top corner.

Cadiz's hopes of a comeback were extinguished when Robinho scored with a dipping 25-metre lob seven minutes from time.

### Rijkaard rubbishes reports

AFP, Madrid

Barcelona coach Frank Rijkaard denied Saturday that he would leave the Spanish champions at the end of the season and take over at AC Milan.

Spanish sports daily Marca on Friday linked the Dutchman with a switch to the Italian giants claiming he was being lined up to replace Carlo Ancelotti.

"I have a contract with Barca (until June 2009) and I am not thinking of anything else," said Rijkaard.

"And I don't want to talk anymore about other people and other clubs."

In its report, Marca claimed that if Rijkaard went to AC Milan he would be succeeded at the Nou Camp by compatriot and current Dutch national team boss Marco van Basten.

The 43-year-old Rijkaard has coached Barcelona since June 2003.

### USA target Rossi

INTERNET, undated

Bruce Arena is reportedly trying to tempt Manchester United starlet Giuseppe Rossi into playing for the United States.

Rossi was born in America, but also has an Italian passport having joined The Red Devils from Parma in 2004.

A prolific scorer in the reserves, Rossi has also broken into the first team squad at Old Trafford and impressed in the FA Cup replay win over Burton Albion in midweek.

The 18-year-old's displays have caught the eye of USA coach Arena, who is thought to be considering a call-up for Rossi.

Arena wants to assess the young striker at closer quarters, with a view to possibly selecting him for his World Cup squad.

But Arena's difficulty will be in convincing Rossi that his international future would be best served by playing for the USA.

It is thought Rossi would rather wait for a call from Italy before committing himself to a national team.

### Eriksson in 'corruption' revelation

AFP, London

England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson and his agent have accused several unnamed English Premier League clubs of corruption, according to a report in Sunday's News of the World.

Eriksson allegedly branded, what the paper said was a "struggling Premiership outfit, as being, in his words, the 'worst at taking backhanders'."

Meanwhile another club was labelled a "cesspit" by Eriksson, who accused it of "paying far too much for certain players because of illegal deals with agents."

Another team, described by the NoW as one of "England's most famous", was accused by Eriksson's agent, Athole Still, of having a manager who was involved in a transfer "scam".

However, the newspaper refused to name the three clubs allegedly involved for legal reasons.

The England coach's remarks were the latest set of comments to be drawn from the News of the World's 'sting' operation that led Eriksson to announce Friday he was taking legal action against the British Sunday tabloid.

### India beast of cricket: Atherton

PTI, London

Former England captain Mike Atherton has criticised the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) decision to deviate from the Future Test Programme (FTP), and called the rest of the cricketing nations to firmly stand behind the International Cricket Council (ICC) on the issue.

The BCCI had recently announced that it would play Australia every year home away between 2007 and 2009 and that it would not participate in the Champions Trophy from 2007 on as it brought losses to the host nation.

As per the five-year FTP agreed to by the Test playing nations, India were to play Australia only twice until 2011.

In his column in 'Sunday Telegraph' titled 'Selfish India must be made to toe the line', Atherton termed the BCCI as "big beast of cricket" and compared its strong posturing against the ICC to some of the superpower nations bullying the United Nations.

### PREMIERSHIP

## Chelsea finally held at home

Football

AFP, London

Premiership leaders Chelsea were held to a shock 1-1 draw by London rivals Charlton as their 11-match home winning streak in the league this season came to an end at Stamford Bridge here Sunday.

The result left reigning champions Chelsea 17 points clear of second-placed Manchester United and 18 points ahead of third-placed Liverpool, who have two games in hand, before their nearest rivals' Premiership meeting later Sunday at Old Trafford.

Chelsea, who finished with 10 men, seemed set for another win when they took a 19th minute lead through Iceland international

Eidur Gudjohnsen.

But despite subsequently dominating the match they failed to add a second before substitute striker Marcus Bent, on his Charlton debut, headed in a 59th minute equaliser.

And 10 minutes from time Chelsea saw defender Ricardo Carvalho sent-off for a second yellow card following a foul on Darren Bent.

Charlton nearly went ahead in the 83rd minute when Darren Ambrose found himself one-on-one with Petr Cech only to be denied by the Chelsea goalkeeper.

Meanwhile, at the other end, Thomas Myhre preserved the Addicks' point with two minutes left when he saved England midfielder Frank Lampard's shot.

### AFRICAN NATIONS CUP

## Eto'o takes club form to Egypt

Football

AFP, undated

Samuel Eto'o transferred his Barcelona club form onto the international stage here on Saturday as a sublime hat-trick saw Cameroon to a 3-1 victory over World Cup qualifiers Angola in Group B of the African Nations Cup.

The Barcelona ace's achievement came on a day when three of the continent's five World Cup finals hopefuls looked anything but candidates to emulate either Cameroon or Senegal's march to the 1990 and 2002 quarterfinals respectively.

The only one of the three to win was Ivory Coast and that was thanks to a penalty by Didier Drogha as they scraped a 1-0 win over Morocco, who like Cameroon will not be in Germany in June.

The day's late match in Group B also saw another of the 2006 qualifiers Togo outclassed in a 2-0 defeat by the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The on-form Barcelona striker completed his hat-trick in the Group B clash - which saw captain Rigobert Song celebrate his 100th cap at the relatively tender age of 30 - after 78 minutes while Angola's goal was netted by Amado Flavio from the penalty spot.

"It's personally satisfying to score three goals but what was even more crucial was that we won our first game. We hope to keep on winning," said Eto'o.

"We're focused after we failed in Tunisia two years ago and also failed to qualify for the World Cup."

The indomitable Lions put pressure on their opponents from the start of an open, attacking game in which both sides were out to prove their critics wrong.

Cameroon deservedly took the lead when midfielder Andre Macanga brought down the lively

### Scolari eyeing England job?

AFP, London

As Sven-Goran Eriksson suggested Sir Alex Ferguson had stayed too long with Manchester United, Luiz Felipe Scolari revealed his interest in replacing the Swede as England coach after this year's World Cup.

"I would analyse with interest if I receive an invitation to work in England but I will only be able to talk about that at the end of my contract," Scolari said.

He also told Britain's Observer Sunday newspaper: "I get happy when my name is mentioned for a job with a club or the England team but we must respect our fellow professionals."

Although Eriksson's England contract does not expire until 2008, speculation is growing that the Swede will leave the job after the World Cup finals in Germany, which start in June.

Meanwhile Scolari, whose Portugal contract expires after the World Cup, added that "joy and simplicity" would be the biggest contribution a Brazilian coach such as himself could bring to English football.

Jean Makoun outside the box and Eto'o converted the ensuing free kick in the 20th minute.

Angola drew level from the penalty spot through Flavio in the half hour after a goal-bound skipper Akwa had been brought down by goalkeeper Hamidou Souleymane inside the box.

Eto'o scored his second goal of the night on 38 minutes when he firmly headed home Douala's measured cross from the right flank. The Barcelona star was denied a hat-trick just before the break by the foot of goalkeeper Ricardo.

Cameroon continued to dictate the pace after the interval but Angola gradually fought their way back into the picture as they battled for an equaliser.

However, it was Cameroon who again found the back of the net when Eto'o fired home an unstoppable shot from the edge of the box in the 78th minute to complete his hat-trick.

## India off to bold start

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from Zaheer Khan that included three fours and a six, before smashing Kumble for a six over long-on to surpass his previous Test best of 141 against India at Chennai in 1999.

Afridi, who added 163 for the fifth wicket with Inzamam on Saturday, put on another 88 with Razaq before Kumble dismissed him.

The leg-spinner struck again in his next over when he had another first Test century Karam Akmal caught at mid-wicket without scoring.

Debutant Rudra Pratap Singh dismissed Razaq (37) caught behind to finish with the best figures of 4-89.

Inzamam, who couldn't resume his innings in the morning due to back problems, completed his 25th Test hundred with two runs off Rudra Pratap -- his third century in Faisalabad in as many innings -- after coming in at the fall of Akmal's wicket.

Inzamam, who scored a century in each innings against England here in November, batted with a runner to continue the good work of the first

day when Younis Khan and Mohammad Yousuf hit half-centuries.

Inzamam hit 12 boundaries and a six before edging paceman Zaheer's sharp outswinger to Dhoni.

Tail-ender Akhtar hit five fours and three sixes in his quickfire career-best 47 before holing out against Zaheer who finished with 3-135.

Kumble also ended up with three wickets after bowling Danish Kaneria to wrap up Pakistan's innings.

### SCOREBOARD

Scorecard at stumps on the second day of the second Test between Pakistan and India at the Iqbal Stadium in Faisalabad on Sunday:

PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 379-4)

	B	M	R	W
Malik c Dravid b Rudra Pratap	19			
Butt c Dhoni b Zaheer	37			
Younis c Yuvraj b Rudra Pratap	83			
Yousuf c Dhoni b Rudra Pratap	65			
Inzamam c Dhoni b Zaheer	119			
Afridi c Yuvraj b Kumble	156			
Razaq c Dhoni b Rudra Pratap	37			

Akmal c Sehwaq b Kumble 0  
Akhtar c Harbhajan b Zaheer 47  
Asif not out 6  
Kaneria b Kumble 0  
Extras: (b-3, lb-4, w-3, nb-9) 19  
Total: (All out in 136.2 overs) 588  
Fall of wickets: 1-49, 2-65, 3-207, 4-216, 5-467, 6-469, 7-509, 8-567, 9-584

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pathan	19	4	106	0
Rudra Pratap	25	3	89	4
Zaheer	32	7	135	3
Harbhajan	25	1	101	0
Kumble	35.2	5	150	3

INDIA: First innings  
Sehwaq sub (Farhat) b Razaq 31  
Dravid not out 46  
Laxman not out 28  
Extras: (lb-1, nb-4) 5  
Total: (For 1 wktn in 37 overs) 110  
Fall of wicket: 1-39

To bat: Tendulkar, Yuvraj, Dhoni, Pathan, Harbhajan, Kumble, Zaheer, Rudra Pratap

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### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Perkins' portrayal

6 Heads

11 Calder creation

12 Peaceful novel

15 Pamper

16 Calendar abbr.

17 First pig's construction material

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20 Calla lily family

22 Blue Belligerent deity

24 Saunter

26 Obscure place

28 Affirmative action

30 Caviar, essentially

31 Criticized sharply

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2 You can count on it

3 Frank McCourt book

4 Benevolent group

5 Airplane array

6 Corrida horseman

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8 Cartoonist Key

9 Withstand

10 Second prize, some-times concern

11 Sir's companion

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Solution time: 27 mins.

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ATE PICKLE BITY  
PENT PEACH  
TATAMI LOAHER  
PIANO MAYA  
TIMID ONE RED  
OMAN OOGLED  
GARLOUED AVOID  
AIE GILL TIE DIE  
GOS ODE ENEMY

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### CRYPTOQUIP

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TZPCYIS, SVZ FLCXZ  
VOMCZC CKGM VYD  
DZMSZMIZ GYSV IKMTYISYKM  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SOMEBODY SHOULD FAINT DURING A SNOWSTORM, I GUESS THEY WOULD BE KNOCKED OUT COLD.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals H  
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.