

# Asif, Hafeez boost for Pakistan

### **REUTERS**, Islamabad

Pakistan paceman Mohammad Asif and all-rounder Mohammad Hafeez will reinforce the touring squad in England before the fourth Test at the Oval starting on August 17, a Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) official said on Sunday

"They will be joining the team in next few days and will be considered for the fourth Test and one-day series," PCB director Abbas Zaidi told Reuters

Asif, who has taken 25 wickets in five Tests, returned home before the first Test at Lord's with an elbow injury. He has since recovered and passed a fitness Test on Friday.

Hafeez, 25, an opener and off break bowler has been called up after a string of good performances recently for the A side against the hosts, New Zealand and India.

team against India in April 2005 while the last of his last three Test appearances was against Bangladesh in 2003.

# Ys take it away

then gloved England's quickest

Yousuf batted for 344 minutes. facing 261 balls with two sixes and 25 fours.

comparison with his fellow righthander as they elegantly dismantled a listless England attack, lacking inspiration in the absence of injured all-rounder Andrew Flintoff, with a succession of well-struck boundaries albeit on an increasingly flat pitch.

At lunch, Pakistan were 331 for two having saved the follow-on with Yousuf 160 not out and Younis unbeaten on 122.

Boundaries continued to flow as they'd done before the break, even against the new ball, with Younis leg-glancing Matthew Hoggard for four and Yousuf hooking firstchange Mahmood.

driven four off Harmison.

unleashed a scorching cover-drive off Harmison.

Neither Younis, 64 not out overnight, and Yousuf, unbeaten on 91, gave a chance in Sunday's first session after Pakistan resumed on 202 for two.

But things might have been different had Collingwood taken a low slip chance Friday off Harmison when Yousuf was on five and Pakistan 42 for two consulted television umpire

# SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the third day of the third Test between England and Pakistan at Headingley in Leeds on

# Sunday:

AFP, Washington winning British teen sensation Andy Murray rallied from a slump to win the final five games and defeat Dmitry Tursunov 6-2, 7-5, Saturday, advancing to the final of the 600,000-dollar ATP Washington

Classic. The 19-year-old Scotsman will try to take his second career ATP title Sunday against France's Arnaud Clement, who defeated former world number one Marat

Tennis

event. "I've played better in all my

Hafeez last played for the senior

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bowler down the legside to wicketkeeper Chris Read.

But Younis lost little by way of

Younis went to 150 with an on-

After Yousuf's exit, Inzamam

with Rudolph short of his crease. Square-leg umpire Aleem Dar

Tyronne Wijewardene on whether Tharanga had fielded the ball cleanly near the boundary. When Wijewardene ruled in

Safin 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/4) in the other semifinal at the US Open warmup

matches and I hope to play better I got a little bit nervous and he again," Murray said. "If I play like I managed to get back in." did tonight I have a good chance of In his first tournament under new coach Brad Gilbert, Murray Seventh seed Tursunov, runnerhas greater confidence than when

up last week in Los Angeles, broke eighth seed Murray in five points in the sixth game and led 5-2 before the lanky lad answered with breaks in the ninth and 11th games. "After the first two points at 5-3, I

knew I had a chance," Murray said. Tursunov netted a forehand, the last of 36 unforced errors, to give

Murray a match point he converted on a service winner for victory after 84 minutes

"I felt like I was controlling the when the week began because he match pretty much the whole way feared a debut flop with Gilbert, through," Murray said. "He played who guided Andre Agassi and Andy an unbelievable game to break me.

Roddick to Grand Slam success. "To get to an ATP final at 19 is huge, and in my first week with him," said Murray. "Now I feel we know each other a bit better. I'm more relaxed than I was at the start of the week

prior ATP final.

can win a tournament."

"My first couple matches I was pretty nervous. Brad Gilbert is my coach. If I had been knocked out in the first round of a small tournament, I'd feel bad."

Murray will have the chance to avenge his five-set ouster from last year's US Open against Clement, who lost the third and fourth sets but won the last at love after nine weeks of play and a five-set first match caught up with Murray.

"I did get tired but it was a little bit understandable. It was still a good match," Murray said. "It's a pretty even matchup. It will come down to who plays the big points better."

Neither man has dropped a set this week

The 57th-ranked Frenchman won half the points off Safin's second serve and took advantage of 40 unforced errors to reach his ninth ATP final.

Clement, the 2001 Australian Open runner-up, has captured four ATP crowns but none outside his homeland, winning last February at Marseille as well as in 2000 at Lyon and 2003 in Metz. Clement likes his chances this time, however.

"I just want to play a good match. I have a good chance to win if I play good tennis," Clement said. I feel great about my game."

Safin became the third ATP veteran in a row that Clement defeated for the first time in his 10year career, having earlier ended hexes by Slovakian Dominik Hrbaty and Australian former world number one Lleyton Hewitt.

"It feels very special. It's a fantastic feeling for me," Clement said. Clement, 28, lost his only prior

SRI LANKA: First innings 321 match against Safin in 2001 at Wimbledon but rallied from a break (Kapugedera 63, Maharoof 56, down in both sets against the 92nd-SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings ranked Russian. "It was disappointing," Safin

Tendulkar

players to recuperate.

the entire tour of the West Indies.

Regarding Chappell's comments

bowler." "There are about 10 more

days to go (for the triseries in Sri

Lanka) and there are two warm-up

matches," he said, indicating that

there was enough time for both the

Germany from scoring the

equaliser. So if you win, everything

is right. Sometimes, its not the

performance, it's the result that

matters. You also need a bit of luck

These were naturally words of a

But Cruciani was still hopeful

about his future and said he wanted

requires a long time. Maximum

Bangladeshi players lack football

knowledge. They take time to

when the players are with them.

eight senior players."

to be with the national team.

to have result."

man under pressure.

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said. "It slipped away from me.'

# **Murray survives a scare** Simon not likely for **Ashes**

AFP, London

SPORT

England paceman Simon Jones' he beat Australian Lleyton Hewitt 2hopes of making the Ashes series in 6, 6-1, 7-6 (7/3) to win the San Jose Australia are slim according to an title in February. That was his only English cricket spokesman.

Jones, who took 20 wickets in the "I'll be a little more relaxed this thrilling 2-1 Ashes series win last time. I lost the first set pretty quickly," Murray said. "I've got more year, had said following knee surexperience since then and I know I gery in June that he was optimistic of being fit for the start of the first

Murray, who will improve on his Test in Brisbane on November 23. current career-best 35th in the However a spokesman for the rankings, is also less nervous than English Cricket Board told the Mail on Sunday that there was no hope of that happening. "If everything goes to plan there

is a slim chance he could be fit for the final two Tests (held over Christmas and New Year)." he said. Jones would be desperately

short of match practice in any case as he has not played for a year, after suffering bone spurs in his ankle then twisting his left knee in February

As long ago as March, England team doctor Peter Gregory rated Jones' participation in the Ashes as "extremely unlikely".

England have numerous injury problems with captain Michael Vaughan struggling with a persistent right knee injury but it is in the bowling department that they have

been hardest hit. Aside from Jones, inspirational all-rounder Andrew Flintoff has an ankle problem, while support bowlers James Anderson and Liam Plunkett have back and side injuries

respectively. Leading spinner Ashley Giles -another player instrumental in the Ashes victory -- has just undergone hip surgery but says he is determined to be fit for the series.

# Waugh's wife under knife

## CRICINFO, undated

The wife of Australia's former captain, Steve Waugh, has undergone surgery for a blood clot on her brain. Lynette Waugh, 38, was rushed to Prince of Wales Hospital in Randwick on Thursday and underwent the operation the following morning.

Steve and Lynette have been married for 15 years and have three children, Rosie, 10, Austin, six, and Lily, four. She is "fighting and fighting very well," her father-in-law, Roger Waugh, told the Nine Network, while Steve's twin Mark and his wife Kim have both visited

# **Carrick injury rocks United**

# Football

### AFP. Amsterdam

Michael Carrick is facing a race against time to be fit for the start of the Premiership season after suffering an ankle injury just 14 minutes into Manchester United's 1-0 victory against Ajax in Amsterdam on Saturday.

Carrick, making only his second appearance for United since completing an 18.6 million pounds (35.5 million dollars) transfer from Tottenham last Monday, limped out of the action after coming off worst in a challenge with Ajax captain Kenneth Perez.

He was later seen hobbling along the touchline on crutches. United manager Sir Alex Ferguson was forced to field inexperienced youngsters Danny Simpson and Jonathan Evans, as well as fringe players Liam Miller and Kieran Richardson, against the Dutch giants after losing four key players in the opening game against FC Porto on Friday night.

Red cards for Wayne Rooney and Paul Scholes saw the pair ruled out through suspension, while Rio Ferdinand and John O'Shea were left nursing injuries sustained before and during the

game against Porto. The Amsterdam Tournament had already become a nightmare for United but it only got worse when Carrick was forced out of the

game after just 16 minutes. Carrick, one of the few experi-Sar, facing his former club, kept the score level when he beat out enced players in the starting lineup, appeared to suffer the injury to Thomas Vermaelen's bullet header on 50 minutes his left ankle after being hit with a crude challenge from behind by

one denied Ajax again nine minutes Perez. Although the England midfielder later when he dived to his right to attempted to continue and play keep out Klaas Jan Huntelaar's through the injury, he was forced to penalty, which had been awarded concede defeat just two minutes after Liam Miller had been harshly later when a clearly concerned judged to have fouled Hedwiges Ferguson replaced him with young-Maduro. United rallied in the latter ster Lee Martin.

Copenhagen next week

With United set to start their stages, however, and Scotland Premiership campaign against international Darren Fletcher Fulham at Old Trafford on August should have scored on 72 minutes 20, Carrick is now facing an anxwhen substitute keeper Kenneth Vermeer failed to hold on to Rossi's ious wait to discover whether he will 20-vard strike. be fit in time for the bia kick-off. Despite the absence of so many

The ball dropped to Fletcher six vards out but he shot wide of goal. of their star names. United carved out a series of chances to open the Aiax then survived another nervous scoring against an Ajax team moment when midfielder Garcia preparing for a crucial Champions Roger headed Evans's close range League qualifier against FC volley off the line.

But United made sure of the Ryan Giggs and Giuseppe victory when Giggs's 20-yard free-Rossi both went agonisingly close kick went in off the underside of the to scoring in the first-half, with crossbar on 77 minutes to claim the Giggs hitting the bar and forcing Amsterdam Trophy for Ferguson's keeper Maarten Stekelenburg to tip team

## **Debinash's first death** anniversary today

The Pally Star

another effort onto the post. Rossi,

meanwhile, was denied when

Stekelenburg produced a reflex

save to keep out the Italian's close

United keeper Edwin van der

And the Netherlands number

range vollev.

### SPORTS REPORTER

Former footballer Debinash Sangma's first anniversary of death will be observed today at his birthplace Dhairpara village, Dhubaura upazila in Mymensingh.

A prayer meeting will held in the honour of Debinash, the only Bangladeshi (then East Pakistan) footballer to play in the Pakistan national team in the 1963 pre-Olympics in Iran.

Debinash, who played for Mohammedan Sporting Club for 12 years and also played for Victoria and Wanderers during a career spanning from 1956 to 1969 died at 75 off bladder cancer

# **Cronje inquiry** starts today

PTI, Durban

Investigation on allegations that the aircraft crash in 2002 in which former South African cricket captain Hansie Cronie died may not have been an accident, will be launched when the inquest into his death starts on Monday.

The inquest will be heard by High Court Judge Siraj Desai and a senior assessor in Cape Town.

reported to have been made in the

British media because at the time

of the crash Cronie was about to

disclose to the police in India full

details of those involved in the

has said that most of the evidence

would be obtained from the report

by the Civil Aviaition Authority

(CAA) investigation into the

court as interested parties have

the right to cross examine wit-

nesses and no doubt the Judge

and Captain Hyde will have a few

questions of their own." Judge

CAA investigation did not find any

evidence of sabotage but found

that serious faults were found with

wires had been disconnected

from vital navigational equipment

The worst of these was that

the aircraft's navigation system.

According to reports here, the

Desai's spokesperson said.

"There may be some action in

But the office of Judge Desai

match-fixing saga.

crash.

The murder allegations are



PHOTO: AFP Inter Milan striker Adriano (front) runs with the ball during their match the hospital. "We've seen her," said against FC Porto in the Amsterdam Tournament at the Arena on Saturday

South African batsman Herschelle Gibbs miscues a cut shot as Sri Lankan captain Mahela Jayawardene (L) looks on from the slips during the third day of the second Test at the P. Sara Stadium in Colombo on Sunday.

# Teams evenly poised FROM PAGE 17 SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 361

the ball raced to the fine-leg region. (Prince 86, De Villiers 95, Pollock 57 Tharanga dived near the boundnot out; Muralidaran 5-128, Malinga ary to stop the ball and rifled in a 3-81) direct hit to break the striker's wicket

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Harmison	26	1	121	0
Mahmood	19	3	92	0
Panesar	33.5	9	89	1
Pietersen	1	0	14	0
Collingwood	8	0	29	1
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# Rahim replaces FROM PAGE 17

of selecting no-playing managers for the national teams, the reason behind the mass resignation of the NTMC members including its chairman Salahuddin

MFLC secretary Mojammel Haque Mukta, who has been named as its new chairman, will be the manager of the national team for its 2007 Asian Cup home and away qualifiers against Qatar. BFF member Shafiqul Islam has chosen as the team leader.

The BFF also decided to delay the start of the final round of the Jubok Phone National Football Championship by a week to give the players enough time to return from the SA Games and take part in the competition

# U-23 team

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against Nepal on August 14, meet Afghanistan on August 16 and play their last group match against archrivals India on August 19.

### TEAM

Atiqul Islam Tareq, MN Shakil, Feroz Mahmud Titu, Faisal Mahmud. Mehdi Hasan Ujjal, Arman Aziz Zahid Hasan Emily, Abul Kashem, Ariful Islam, Arafat Ali Ronny, Zahid Hossain, Mohammad Robin, Mohiuddin Ibnul Siraii, Zahed Parvez Chowdhury, Mehdi Hasan Topu, Zahirul Islam, Wali Faisal. Shahriar Abdullah Rintu. Enamul Hague Sharif and Abdullah Al Parvez.

Rudolph run out ir of the fielder, he was also asked to give a verdict on the run out. Television pictures showed Rudolph well short of his crease and Dar raised his finger. As the Sri Lankans celebrated, Rudolph stood his ground since the South African dressing room indicated Tharanga had touched the rope while fielding the ball and the umpires should award four runs. **Bowler** Vaas

day of the second Test between Sri Lanka and South Africa at the P Sara Oval in Colombo on Sunday:

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warm-up match against Army and I think my team will improve," he said. In Colman's absence, Cruciani had to look after the fitness part as well.

"Like every coach, I know very well about fitness. Having a trainer helps share the heavy workload because working alone is difficult. I have introduced more stronger fitness training than my assistant and the response is good. Players are in good condition for the next

tournament. "Some officials have raised questions about my method, why I work five days and give players two days rest. In the last three months. they have trained two sessions per day and needed enough rest for recovering. After one year here, I found out that Bangladeshi players need more recovery time. Why, very simple, they do not have the physical base because they did not start to go to gym early. So they cannot

put up one big effort without rest. They can do it but after a certain period, they need longer recovery time. We cannot give them same job, same plan like my country, because they are not ready yet. "In future, all clubs must start with

#### one fitness programme, especially for young boys and send them to gyms as early as at 14 years. Bangladeshi players need the physical base," he explained.

"Now I think my boys are very serious candidate for trophy because all opponents except Bhutan and Afghanistan are of same level," he said adding that the Indian side, who played in AFC Challenge Cup last April in Chittagong, and hosts Sri Lanka would be the main challengers.

Amla run out Prince c and b Muralidaran De Villiers c Dilshan b Muralidaran 33 Boucher not out Pollock c Tharanga b Muralidaran Boje not out Extras: (b-9, lb-3, nb-1) Total: (For 7 wkts in 92 overs) 257 Fall of wickets: 1-76, 2-119, 3-131 4-161, 5-206, 6-207, 7-235 OMR

(overnight 6-0)

# SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at stumps on the third

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Vaas 64; Steyn 5-82, Ntini 4-84)

Hall c P Jayawardene b Maharoof

Gibbs c Jayasuriya b Muralidaran 92

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# Cruciani wants result

#### "I know my opponents better this

time than the SFF Championship. Talking about his side, the 42-yearold admitted that the defence is vulnerable.

"I've tried many combinations but Wali and Arif seems the best choice in central defence. after a good show in the last match. I'll give them another chance in the practice match in Thailand.

Feroz Mahmud Titu, who has been named captain, will play leftback and Siraji at right while Arman Aziz and Rintu will play the role as holding midfielders. Uijal and Faisal Mahmud are the attacking midfielders as Cruciani switches formation to 4-4-2 from 4-3-12 he had used for the senior side. Emily and Topu, both with experience for the national team, would be the striking pair. The coach said he has

faith in both his keepers, Tareq and Shakil Cruciani added that he would not put the players under pressure to

"The pressure is inside. Each player has to deal with it because it's pride, challenge and future for them also. If Bangladesh get one success, it's better for players' life. They will get more help from officials, its ry, very important."

Having said that, the Argentine confirmed he would not tell his side to play attractive football like he did in the SAFF Championship and

rather concentrate on result. "I will make one combination this time, a clever style and sometime playing good. I put my focus on result now because players need result, I need a result as well as the fans and federation. I told them to play strong and fighting tournament. That is the change from the SAFF

# Mark. "She's going well."

Waugh, 41, was named Australian Father of the Year last year, but lauded Lynette's role one-day series against England and during the years he spent away on tour. "While I was away for a lot of years playing cricket, [Lynette] was on Irfan Pathan, Shah said, "he is a basically the lone parent." he said. little tired. But we need him as a fast

"So I congratulate Lynette, this award is probably more for you than me."

# Showdown

FROM PAGE 20 one of nine break points. "But by the time I broke her, it was too late "I had chances in our long game,

but everything went her way. Clijsters, the reigning US Open champion took her US hardcourt winning streak to 24 matches.

Vaidisova, who lost to Clijsters in "Not only here, everywhere they the semi-finals at Stanford last discuss losses, even if they have weekend, reached her fifth semifinal played good. Nobody says anything this season but got no further.

if the team play ugly and win. However, the 17-year-old will be Argentine coach Jose Pekerman in the top 10 for the first time when would have been called 'very intellithe WTA rankings are released on Monday gent Jose' in our country if his ploys in the last 15 minutes could stop

Zimbabwe loss

He agreed that it was not good for an injured player to stay with the team but he had to do as the board had

"After a long international experience I have the knowledge that it is

today to join the team in Kenya in the place of Bashar where the Tigers will play three one-day internationals

# Jose fears

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ship this year.'

understand movements in a game. 'A draw would have been a fair For my system and style. I need result. We trained twice a day with time. If I stay and receive help from real intensity in LA and the players everybody, I can change many haven't recovered from that. things. I also need help from clubs

'We knew it was going to be difficult against a fit team.' Andriy Shevchenko had an

"My next target would be to win unproductive debut for the Blues. the SAFF Championship as well as He said afterwards: playing very attractive football. This 'This is only our first game and under-23 would be the base of the we are still getting ready. 'But we future team, which will have seven expect to win our league champion-

Football **INTERNET.** undated

> Obafemi Martins was the star in Inter's 3-2 victory over Porto for the Amsterdam Tournament on

Saturday The Nerazzurri had started fairly well in the friendly competition with Fridays 1-1 draw against hosts Ajax, but really stepped up a gear 24 hours later, even if again they looked short on steam in the closing stages.

It was a bright opening for Roberto Mancini's men, who broke through early on when Adriano's fierce strike was parried into the

# **Martins inspires Inter win**

path of David Pizarro.

By the time the clock turned to the eighth minute of play, the Italians were 2-0 up thanks to Martins hooking a long ball forward and sliding his left-foot finish past Vitor Baia.

Alan struck the upright for Porto and Inter's midfield seemed to struggle a little with three left-footed players Cesar, Santiago Solari and Esteban Cambiasso balanced out only by Pizarro on the centre-right. Nonetheless, Adriano again forced a fine save from the goalkeeper before Martins took advan-

tage of a defensive error to make it 3-0 with a powerful effort.

Khan.

Time to search Maradona

supportive to this project. We need

help from all the quarters," Zakir

He introduced former national

Tipu informed that he and his

footballer and national coach Golam

Sarwar Tipu as the head coach of

three assistant coaches -- Rezaul

Haque Jamal, Mahbubur Rahman

Litu and Milon Molla -- will bring a

total of 120 14-year-old footballers

From this group, 36 players will

launching ceremony.

the project.

FROM PAGE 17 would provide its support to the project of talent hunting.

Emirates' acting area manager Abdullah Bin Shahin and Clifton Group managing director Sirajul Haque mentioned they would extend the help beyond the first vear if it became a success.

"Its now time for the Bangladeshi young footballers to aim for the sky. It is a cloudy ambition but not unrealistic. It leaves you with high hopes in all areas. If the Bangladesh cricket team can beat world champions Australia, there is no reason their football team could achieve the same success against football world champions one day," said the British High Commissioner who took it as a personal challenge to bring a top English football club to Bangladesh when he was asked whether he could help bring teams like Liverpool or Manchester United to boost the country's football

from all the divisions for a month-"What we need is suggestions, long camp in Dhaka. complete ideas, not just government to aovernment but from be selected for the final one-year people to people. It's better to link long camp where everything includpeople through people. If we get ing their education, lodging and food

will be taken care of. The ultimate specific demands from you, we can try to help you," he said in reply to a aim of this project is to guide these auestion whether the English FA players into playing at the profescould help football in Bangladesh. sional clubs in Bangladesh. The programme is expected to

on the plane.

"Two FA qualified UK coaches start talent hunting in six divisional headquarters this month, informed will assist me and also train the other Canary Wharf's community and coaches. We will take the very best, sports development manager Zakir the few exceptional players, among the lot to UK for orientation with the "I would thank Kazi Salahuddin, the best ever footballer to be proinfrastructure and the system of duced in Bangladesh, for being modern football," Tipu told.

Zakir Khan informed that they will rent grounds or buildings for the announced while pointing to a host of ex-national booters present at the project and not build any structures.

"If the first year becomes successful, we will continue the project for at least four years. We will not make any financial benefit when we will offer the local clubs to take these players. Already, top clubs like Abahani, Mohammedan and Brothers Union have offered their help. We are interested in quality, not quantity and if one player goes to play professional football in the UK, we will take it as a very big achievement." he added.

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told him

not a good for a injured player to stay with the team. I also felt very

bad but board requested me to stay

there and players also told me that it will helpful for them." he informed.

"If the federation does not like me, why send me to Sri Lanka? I Meanwhile, Tushar Imran will fly want to stay with national team.

When I came here last year, I told I

#### need minimum three years to improve the team by changing style and habits of players. This job