SPORT

Shoaib gets

ODI call-up

Pakistan selectors have included uncapped batsman Shahid Yousuf

and fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar in the

squad to play five one-day interna-

who has done well for the A side in

recent months in two maior tourna-

ments," chief selector Wasim Bari

has recovered well from his ankle

for the A side in the Eurasia Cup in

Abu Dhabi and the Top End series in

Australia this year and also played

against England last winter in

Akhtar, who has not played

international cricket since February,

had knee surgery in Australia and

then broke down with a stress

Efforts were made to play him in

the final Test at The Oval but Bari

be better for him to wait for the one-

who are monitoring his fitness, he

The decision when to play Akhtar

Batsman Faisal Iqbal and pacers

Shahid Nazir and Mohammad Sami

will return to Pakistan after the Test

series. Salman Butt, Taufiq Umar

released from the touring squad

Khan, Mohammad Yousuf, Shoaib

Malik, Mohammad Hafeez, Shahid

Yousuf, Shahid Afridi, Abdul

Razzaq, Kamran Akmal, Imran

Yousuf, 21, scored consistently

"Yousuf is a fine batting prospect

REUTERS, Karachi

tionals against England.

told Reuters on Sunday.

injury.'

Pakistan

day series.

added.

fracture of the ankle.

join the team this week

before The Oval Test.

SQUAD

September 10 at Edgbaston.

The Daily Star



PHOTO: INTERNET CAN'T WATCH: England batsman Alaistar Cook miscues a pull-shot during the fourth day's play of the final Test against Pakistan at The Oval in London on Sunday

Ball-tampering at The Oval

Cricket

AFP, London

Play in the fourth Test here at The Oval was overshadowed by a controversial decision by the umpires to penalise Pakistan five runs for ball tampering on the fourth day here Sunday.

The decision to invoke the penalty, the first time it had been awarded in a Test match, came at the end of the 56th over, bowled by paceman Umar Gul.

Following an inspection by the umpires. Darrell Hair and Billy Doctrove. Australia's Hair tapped his shoulder to signal the penalty runs and England's score rose from 230 for three to 235 for three.

There then followed an animated discussion, involving Pakistan captain Inzamam-ul-Haq, as England's batsmen chose a replacement ball as authorised by the playing regulations.

In the match itself England were 298 for four when bad light forced an early tea, a deficit of 33 runs, with Paul Collingwood 26 not out and Ian Bell nine not out in a four-match series the hosts had already won at 2-0 up

lqbal keeps up

the tradition

England had earlier lost Kevin Pietersen for a typically flamboyant 96. Dropped on 15 by Kamran

Akmal, Pietersen was brilliantly caught one-handed by the diving wicketkeeper off seamer Shahid Nazir, having bottom-edged a cut. His exit left England 277 for four after he'd dominated a stand of 59

with Collingwood and struck legspinner Danish Kaneria for a straight six. Pietersen faced a mere 114 balls

with two sixes and 13 fours before falling just short of what would have been his sixth Test hundred.

Alastair Cook had several slices of good fortune on his way to 83, having already made two centuries this series

But Gul deceived the 22-year-old Essex batsman with a yorker that pinned Cook lbw to end a 146-ball innings with 11 fours, England now 218 for three. Earlier Cook was fortunate not to

be given out on 33, was bowled off a no-ball on 40 and dropped on 47. Instead the only wicket England

lost in the first session was that of captain Andrew Strauss for 54. England, already an unbeatable 2-0 up in the series, resumed on 78 for one after rain delayed the start by 15 minutes

Strauss was 37 not out and fellow left-hander Cook 33 not out. Cook was still on his overnight score when he gave a pad/bat catch off Kaneria to Imran Farhat at silly

point. But West Indian umpire Billy Doctrove turned down the appeal.

Cook then had another lucky break when, on 40, he was bowled by former Essex teammate Kaneria off a no-ball. Replays indicated that this time Doctrove had got a tight decision correct.

Strauss, having completed his fifty, was given out lbw to a sharply spinning Kaneria delivery that pitched outside off-stump and might have missed leg to end a stand of 107 in 157 balls

Cook then had a huge slick of luck when he miscued a hook off Asif only for Faisal Iqbal to drop the gentle chance at square leg.

Then Pietersen, in on a pair, had made 15 when he edged a sharply turning leg-break from Kaneria but the ball went in and out of Akmal's gloves

Pakistan started Saturday in a strong position having made 504 in reply to England's 173 - a first innings lead of 331 - with Mohammad Yousuf's 128 his third century of the series.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the fourth day of the fourth and final Test between England and Pakistan at The Oval on Sunday:

ENGLAND: First innings 173 (Gul 4-47, Asif 4-56) PAKISTAN: First innings 504

(Yousuf 128, Hafeez 95, Farhat 91, Iqbal 58 no; Harmison 4-125, Hoggard 3-124) ENGLAND: Second innings (over-

night 78-1)	0	`
Trescothick c Akmal b Asif		4
Strauss Ibw b Kaneria		54
Cook Ibw b Gul		83
Pietersen c Akmal b Nazir		96
Collingwood not out		26
Bell not out		9
Extras: (b-8, lb-3, nb-10, p-	5)	26
Total: (For 4 wkts in 72 over	s)	298
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-115,	3-2	218, 4-
277		

To bat: Bell, Read, Mahmood, Hoggard, Harmison, Panesar Μ Bowler ο R 17 79 Asif 1 Gul 14

4

29

8

Hafeez

Nazir

Kaneria

70 Anne Worcester, the longtime 1 1 13 0 6 94 1 is deliahted. 26 1

Worcester said. "But it makes tennis more fan-friendly, more exciting and we're 100 percent sure we wanted to be a part of it."

Sunday and ends with title matches Aug. 26 in the coed field, the final

Test thrown into chaos after Pakistan's refusal to play

Pakistan coach Bob Woolmer

the former England all-rounder, said

at tea after seeing match referee

Mike Procter: "I went to see him but I

was told Procter wanted to discuss

board chief executive Rameez

Raja, commentating for Sky

Television, added: "The decision to

award penalty runs came as a huge

surprise because no plaver was

warned and it looks a very subjec-

this Test match, nobody was caught

Board should tackle this aggres-

sively because this could spoil a

and there seems to be no evidence.

"With so many cameras covering

"I think the Pakistan Cricket

Cricket's Law 42.3 states that in

"the event of any fielder changing

the condition of the ball unfairly .. the

umpires shall award five penalty

for anyone to run the ball on the

ground for any reason, interfere with

any of the seams on the surface of

the ball, use any implement, or take

any other action whatsoever which

is likely to alter the condition of the

this series also says that the bats-

men can choose a replacement ball

from a selection of six in the event

the match ball has been tampered

ball was scuffed around the seam

but there did not appear to have

been any obvious sign of tampering

by a member of the Pakistan fielding

players can be fined 50 percent of

their match fee and be banned from

was blighted by allegations of ball-

tampering with pace great Wagar

Younis, now Pakistan's bowling

coach, coming under intense scru-

received a one-match ban for ball

And in 2000 Waqar himself

international cricket.

If found guilty of ball-tampering

Television pictures showed the

Playing regulation 42.1.2 (b) for

The Law explains that it is "unfair

Former Pakistan captain and

the incident with Hair first."

tive decision

verv good series.

runs to the batting side."

Cricket

AFP, London

Pakistan risked forfeiting the fourth and final Test against England at The Oval here Sunday after refusing to come out for the last session of "We have decided to retain the fourth day after they'd been Akhtar for the one-day series as he penalised for ball tampering.

Pakistan were docked five runs for altering the condition of the match ball unfairly at the end of the 56th over which had been bowled by Umar Gul.

It was Gul's 14th over with England 230 for three when the umpires inspected the match ball.

Veteran Australian umpire Darrell Hair, standing with West Indian official Billy Doctrove, then signalled to the scorers that five penalty runs were to be added to England's total, taking it up to 235.

said the consensus was that it would Then, after an early tea had been taken because of bad light, the umpires walked back out onto the field only for no Pakistan fieldsmen would be up to team management, to follow behind them before walking back in

Television pictures then showed Yousuf and all rounder Shoaib Pakistan players in their dressing Malik, who also missed the Test room with the door shut behind series due to an elbow injury, will them

Minutes later the umpires returned followed by England not out batsmen Paul Collingwood and Ian Bell only for the Pakistan team to and pacer Samiullah Niazi were remain in their dressing room.

The batsmen and umpires walked back in, with Pakistan already a losing 2-0 down in the series - in danger of forfeiting the match

returned to the pavilion and the covers came on.

Cricket's Law 21.3 states clearly states "that, in the opinion of the umpires, a team refuses to play, the umpires shall award the match to other side."

This was the first time such a five-run penalty for ball-tampering had been imposed in Test cricket, an International Cricket Council (ICC) spokesman said.

Hingis walks on

"People are upset because there were so many withdrawals this week," Chakvetadze said. know it was not personal. I wish I could have played until the end but l just couldn't.

Hingis, the Rogers Cup champ in 1999 and 2000, will play for the title Sunday against the winner of the semifinal between Ana Ivanovic of Serbia and Dinara

tampering following a one-day international against South Africa in Sri Lanka while Azhar Mahmood was fined for "abetting" the infringment in the same match

Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar, ruled out of the current series with England because of an ankle injury, received a reprimand in November 2002 for the same offence after a Test match against Zimbabwe in Harare.

And the following year, in May, Shoaib was given a two-match ban for ball tampering after a one-day international against New Zealand in Dambulla.

But high-profile players from other countries have been banned for similar offences with India batting great Sachin Tendulkar receiving a one-game ban in November 2001 after a Test match against South Africa in Port Elizabeth.

Tendulkar's fellow India batsman Rahul Dravid was fined 50 precent of his match fee, after being found guilty of ball tampering during India's 24-run victory over Zimbabwe at Brisbane. Dravid was caught by the TV cameras rubbing a

cough lozenge on the ball. Then England captain Mike Atherton also caused controversy back in 1994 when he was spotted rubbing dirt from his pocket into the ball during a Test match against South Africa at Lord's.

However, the prompt intervention of then England chairman of selectors Raymond Illingworth, who fined Atherton, spared the opening batsman official punishment for the incident.

Andy powers into finals

AP. Cincinnati Pakistan's 1992 tour of England

Powering up his vintage serveand-volley style, Andy Roddick overwhelmed Chile's Fernando Gonzalez 6-3, 6-3 on Saturday night to reach the finals of the Western & Southern Financial Group Masters.

It looked and felt like old times. "I haven't felt like this on a tennis court in a long time," he said.

The American is back on the attack just in time for the US Open. He dropped out of the picture this summer, when he was sidelined by injury and hearing suggestions that he was a thing of the past at age 23.

"I haven't had good form the first six months of this year," said Roddick, who hasn't won a tournament this year. "But they were talking about my career in terms of it being finished almost, which was surprising to me."

Cricket was hurt: Sonn

Farhat, Shoaib Akhtar, Navedul Hasan, Rao Iftikhar, Mohammad Asif, Umar Gul and Danish Kaneria.

Tennis with a difference

> AP, Connecticut The tennis establishment is embrac W ing change by allowing on-court 1 coaching and instant replays. 1

director of the Pilot Pen tournament, "It was a major investment."

The first round gets under way

Tennis AP, Montreal

Martina Hingis reached the Rogers Cup final when Anna Chakvetadze quit during the second set Saturday because of an injured

right arm. Hingis led 6-3. 3-1 when her 19year-old Russian opponent

The one-day series starts in Cardiff on August 30 and ends on Both umpires removed the bails. Inzamamul Haq (captain), Younis

AFP, London

Pakistan middle-order batsman Faisal lobal admitted on Saturday that he's happy to carry on a family tradition of Test match backchat.

The 24-year-old has been engaged in a summer-long battle of wits fielding at short-leg during the ongoing series against England prompting comparisons with fiery, former skipper Javed Miandad who happens to be his uncle.

"I eniov fielding close in. I have always talked to the opposition," said Iqbal of his tendency to chat away to England's batsmen.

They give it back too me when I'm batting. It must be in my genes. It's natural and normal. I like to have a chat."

Iqbal hit an unbeaten 58 on Saturday in Pakistan's 504 all out in the first innings of the fourth and final Test at The Oval as the tourists look to salvage some pride after already losing the series 2-0

The Karachi middle-order batsman had endured a poor series up until Saturday making just 91 runs at an average of 15.16.

PFL still

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Acting BFF general secretary Monjur Hossain Malu however dismissed the demand, saying that everybody should consider the greater interest of the game before taking any tough stance.

already sent letters to the respective clubs where he mentioned that federation will compensate the clubs if it failed to start the league on time, but everything should be settled on mutual understanding," said Malu.

On the other hand Mizanuddin Ahmed, general secretary of Brothers Union Club, told the press that it was hard to keep faith in the

"We have agreed to play the Professional League because Kazi Salahuddin requested us to start it for the greater interest of the game. But the reality is the league chairman is no more with the federation," said Mizan.

director of Abahani Limited, Sheikh Ataur Rahman, vice-chairman of the Muktijoddha Sangsad, president of Sheikh Russel Nurul Alam Chowdhury, Mobinul Islam, general secretary of Arambagh Krira Sangha, were also present at the briefing.

World cricket boss Percy Sonn said on Sunday he was disappointed at South Africa's decision to abandon the tour of Sri Lanka for security reasons, but declined to impose

sanctions on the Proteas. "I am deeply disappointed at their decision to go home," Sonn, a

South African lawyer who heads the International Cricket Council, told a media conference in the Sri Lankan capital South Africa last week cancelled

AFP, Colombo

a limited-overs tri-series against India and Sri Lanka following a blast close to their team hotel on August 10 which killed seven people and wounded eight.

He said if he stayed two more years

in Bangladesh, he could improve

the level of football and the players.

But he suggested that the clubs

should a vital role to help the

the country has. But he is ageing. In

junior teams there are very few

skilled strikers. But we need tall,

strong men who will be dangerous in

the air and have powerful shooting.

Also our attacking midfielders have

same problem. I have seen the

league last year where foreign

mentally, but also technically.

Technique is natural and the coach's

job is to help you perfect it. You have

federation should take a long-term

good coaching manual. Even peo-

ple from Europe come to study in

our school of coaching, introduced

continue, its okay. But I'll feel very,

"If the BFF does not like me to

"In Argentina, we have a very

programme.

by Menotti.

"Bangladesh have to start

to practise long hours individually.

'Our players are weak not only

players dominating the scoring.

"Alfaz seems to be the only one

Cricket South Africa said the decision to pull out was based on reports from their own security officials and an ICC-commissioned

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booters.

ruled that "the current risk to the team in Colombo was at an unacceptable level." India, however, decided to stay

on in Sri Lanka to play three onedayers against the hosts in lieu of the cancelled tri-series following increased security and positive assurances from New Delhi's diplomatic mission here.

> "South Africa withdrew for reasons that had nothing to do with cricket." said Sonn, who took over as ICC chief last month from

independent assessment

Pakistan's Ehsan Mani. "That is not the spirit of cricket which says the game must go on in most circumstances.

"The cricketers are there to play the game and bring joy to millions of cricket fans around the world." Sonn, in Colombo at the invitation of Sri Lanka Cricket, however

wnicn said the governing body was not going to impose sanctions on the South Africans.

"We live in an imperfect world," he said. "Security is a sensitive issue and each team has to make a judgement

"But it is not for the ICC to judge off-hand whether the South Africans were right or wrong in pulling out. "We have a process at the ICC by

which the South Africans must sort out with the Sri Lankans if, and when and where, the tri-series can be played again.

"Both boards have a good relationship and I am certain the issue will be thrashed out soon.

"Only if the two countries are unable to arrive at a solution will the ICC step in. Since I will be the arbitrator then, it is not for me to say now what will happen in the future.

series in Sri Lanka earlier on the tour without incident. The home team won both matches against the tourists who were without captain Graeme Smith and all-rounder Jacques Kallis due to injuries.

cricket team had withdrawn from Sri Lanka over security fears.

tour in 1987 after an explosion in Colombo's Pettah district, which houses the main bus and train stations, killed 110 civilians and two policemen.

"To boost the game, the federaanother shock in 1992 when a blast outside their team hotel in Colombo killed the country's Naval chief Clancy Fernando. However, they went ahead with their two Test matches and three one-dayers.

Ronaldo can

were burning effigies of David at West Ham immediately after the 1998 World Cup.

"We navigated it and so did David and we will do the same again."

Even though Wayne Rooney has pleaded for fans to lay off his teammate, insisting he bears no grudges for Ronaldo's behaviour as he was sent off in Gelsenkirchen, it seems certain there will be an adverse reaction to the Portugal star

tuneup before the US Open. The event features defending champions Lindsay Davenport and James Blake

The Pilot Pen is part of the US Open Series that links 10 ATP and WTA Tour tournaments to the US Open, offering bonus money to those who finish atop the series rankings.

Earlier this season, both tours instituted instant replays for various tournaments, including the Pilot Pen. This year's US Open will be the first Grand Slam event to review disputed line calls electronically. Worcester called it the biggest innovation in the sport since the tiebreaker.

The fans and players seem to like it, but it comes with a price -- nearly 100,000 dollars. Worcester said tournaments need 40,000 dollars for the technology and about 50,000 dollars for a big-screen Jumbotron, but do get financial help from the US Tennis Association and both tours.

"Electronic line calling trialed in Miami and was found to be very entertaining for the fans," Worcester said. "As soon as the players call a challenge, all eyes go to the Jumbotron. The Pilot Pen also is one of only

two venues this season that the WTA has chosen to test on-court coaching. Players may request their coach on court once per set and during set breaks. During their on-court conference, they'll be wired for sound for the benefit of the television audience, Worcester said.

world's No. 1 plaver in Amelie Mauresmo, winner of two Grand Hardenne. She is coming off a knee since losing to Mauresmo in the Wimbledon final

The men's side includes Nikolay Davydenko, Marcos Baghdatis, Jarkko Nieminen and David Ferrer.

offers 600.000 dollars in prize money for the women's field and 650.000 for the men

informed the chair umpire she could not continue. Chakvetadze stopped after her fourth on-court visit from a trainer, prompting a smattering of boos from the Uniprix Stadium crowd.

"It's kind of disappointing to win a match like this, but I was already up a set and 3-1," Hingis said. "She was hurting, but she continued. You still have to keep your focus and make her play because you don't know how much it's hurting."

Chakvetadze was the seventh player in the tournament to either withdraw from a match or fail to finish because of injury. Several stars pulled out even before the hard-court event began.

The unseeded Chakvetadze was treated on court twice during the first set, again between sets and again after losing her service to trail 3-1 in the second.

Safina of Russia

Despite the retirement, Chakvetadze is projected to return to her career-high ranking of No. 24 with her performance this week Hingis will rejoin the top 10 for the first time since 2002. The Swiss

star was once ranked No. 1, and from 1996-02 won more than 40 tournaments, including five majors. She left the WTA Tour for three years because of foot and ankle injuries, but returned at the start of this year.

Bayern hunt FROM PAGE 20 Bremen managed to hold on to their

striker this summer, though despite the striker insisting he is "very happy" at the club, he still has his heart set on a move to one of Europe's top clubs.

"I'm assuming that Werder wouldn't stand in my way if I received a big offer in 2007" Klose added.

Messi picked FROM PAGE 20

Midfielders: Javier Mascherano (Corinthians), Pablo Zabaleta (Espanyol), Maxi Rodriguez (Atletico Madrid), Juan Roman Riquelme, Leandro Somoza (both Villarreal), Luis Gonzalez (Porto), Federico Insua (Borussia Moenchengladbach)

Forwards: Lionel Messi (Barcelona), Carlos Tevez (Corinthians), Sergio Aguero (Atletico Madrid), Daniel Bilos (St Etienne), Cesar Delgado (Cruz Azul)

Golden

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the shooting competition.

The hockey competition also starts today at Matale, some 15 kilometres away from the picturesque hill-station Kandy with Bangladesh facing Sri Lanka. The second ever hockey competition at the Games, first since 1995 at Madras, has lost its gloss after heavyweights India and Pakistan, who face off later today, have decided to send understrength squads.

BANGLADESH IN GAMES TODAY

HOCKEY: Bangladesh v Sri Lanka (at Matale)

SWIMMING (men's): Jewel Ahmed, Rafiqul Islam in 100m butterfly; Rubel Rana in 100m backstroke and (women's): Mahfuza Khatun in 100m freestyle

SHOOTING: Sharmin Akhter and Suraiya Akhter (women's 10m air rifle)

CYCLING: Aslam Bishwas, Mominur Rahman (men's individual time trial)

WEIGHTLIFTING: Azizur Rahman (85kg), Biddyut Kumar Roy (94kg) OTHERS: Boxing, squash, table tennis

PJOTO: AFP

Swiss star Martina Hingis reaches for the ball to volley towards Anna

Chakvetadze of Russia on her way to a semifinal win at the Rogers Cup in

Montreal on Saturday.

There are some logistics that have to be worked out. "Where do the coaches sit? How do we get the mike to the player? What if there's a foreign language? There's a thousand issues,' Worcester said. "It's just very much in its infancy. The jury is still out on whether it will be formally adopted." The women's field features the

Slam events this year, and the 2005 Pilot Pen runner-up, Justine Henininjury and playing her first tennis

The 1.25 million dollar purse

South Africa played a two-Test

It was not the first time a foreign

New Zealand abandoned their

The New Zealanders suffered

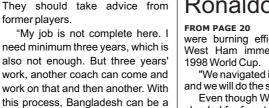
Cruciani wants to stay

"BFF president (SA Sultan) has

current BFF authority anymore.

grooming players from the age of 11 or 12 years. They should have a big league of junior players, teach them shooting, control....all the techniques. A good idea would be to put a foreign coach with local coaches to assist him. The local coaches also need foreign training. The

Ashrafuddin Ahmed Chunnu,



strong team in Asia in ten years," hoped Cruciani, under whom Bangladesh have played attractive football with Latin American flavour occasionally, but without much

very sorry to leave. I know the

players have the ability to play good

football although in brief periods.

Thirty years ago Bangladesh faced

strong oppositions but why not

now? Because football has been

going down here," said Cruciani

who has offers from clubs of

we have to fight with them. But one

thing is sure that even the officials in

our country know the game from

childhood. That is the difference

with our officials and in Bangladesh.

former players.

success

Argentina, Mexico and Europe.

tion must set a plan to improve the level. And I feel that ex-players should be associated with football. "In my country too, people who were not players are part of the football associations. Sometimes