Lee facing hearing

AFP, *Adelaide*

Australian paceman Brett Lee was to appear before a disciplinary hearing later Sunday charged with excessive appealing during the second Ashes Test against England at Adelaide Oval.

Lee was charged with a level one offence by match referee Jeff Crowe for running down the wicket and celebrating what he thought was the wicket of England's Kevin Pietersen early on day two.

Umpire Steve Bucknor rejected the Australian appeal.

Lee faces being fined his match fee of 12,500 dollars (9,250 USD) if found guilty.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) is expected to announce the hearing's outcome at its Dubai headquarters later Sunday.

Lee's report is the latest to have blighted Australia's on-field disciplinary record over the past 18 months.

More woes

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Irene Sukandar, WFM of Indonesia.

Bangladeshi judoka Pushpa Mamtaj lost to Turkmenistan's Salaeva Nakaeva in the women's 70kg category.

It was no surprise that the Bangladesh footballers bowed out of contention when they crashed 5-1 to Bahrain in their second Group B match late night on Saturday at the Al-Arabi Football Stadium.

Bahrain and South Korea, who blanked Vietnam 2-0 earlier on the same day, both reached the last eight from the group with six points each.

For table-toppers Bahrain, two-goal Ismaeel Abdullatif opened the scoring after 27 minutes while Mohamed Husain, who also notched a brace, doubled the lead from a 39th minute penalty.

Trailing 2-0 in the first half, Bangladesh conceded three goals inside eight minutes, the same pair scoring in the 72 and 75 minutes before Mohamed Adnan adding the fifth in the 80th.

Bangladesh, who lost 3-0 to Korea in their opener, claimed a late consolation goal for Bangladesh through substitute Zahid Hossain two minutes from time. Bangladesh will play Vietnam tomorrow in the last match.

The hockey team will begin their campaign against India today.

Kapali, Rajin

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lost their first two wickets for only eight runs and then later were shakily placed at 65 for three after an hour's play.

Alok Kapali joined his captain Rajin Saleh at that point and went about resurrecting the visitors' innings. Kapali, batted steadily and reached his hundred in 168 balls. The wristy batsman was in decent form all season but gave it his all in this important partnership.

Rajin reached his ton in four hours time, hitting 16 boundaries. He was soon dismissed by Dhaka's most successful bowler Mohammad Sharif who took four wickets on the day. Kapali and Rajin shared 192 runs for the fourth wicket. Two more wickets fell as Sharif picked the wicket of Sadikur Rahman for 19. When day ended, Sylhet were at 313 for six at stumps, with Kapali on 128 and Rajin's brother Rezaul Haque unbeaten on nought.

BRIEF SCORES

BARISAL: First Innings: 93 all out in 54 overs (Imran 0, Hannan 4, Mithun 0, Bashar 22, Sonnet 0, Arman 0, Arafat 37, Shaheen 6, Hasan 11, Tapash 6*, Sajidul 0; Shahjada 5-21, Shuvo 5-30).

RAJSHAHI: First Innings: 94-2 in 36 overs (Jahuurl 44*, Farhad 5, Anisur 31, Naeem 4*; Sajidul 1-3, Sonnet 1-26).

CHITTAGONG: First Innings: 241 all out in 83 overs (Tamim 34, Salahuddin 57, Nazimuddin 17, Dhiman 8, Ehsanul 9, Faisal 66*, Wasel 1, Sunny 10, Sabbir 0, Tariq 23, Saju 0; Manzarul 6-47, Kabir 1-28, Ziaur 1-44, Sadik 1-49).

KHULNA: First Innings: 17-0 in 5 overs (Sadat 10*, Sajjadul 0*).

SYLHET: First Innings: 313-6 in 90 overs (Rahman 4, Imtiaz 34, Mithun 0, Rajin 100, Kapali 128*, Mabud 8, Sadikur 19, Rezaul 0*; Sharif 4-100, Sunny 1-53, Musharraf 1-88).

Boo-boys

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But Emerson said Capello has told him to stay just in front of the back four and not to venture forward.

He is in good company, though, as his international team-mate and three-time world player of the year Ronaldo was also jeered by fans last season.

Ronaldo

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United were ahead again within two minutes thanks to Darren Fletcher's second goal of the season, a close range header from Ryan Giggs' centre, as Boro fell to a classic sucker punch to cut their celebrations short.

Ferguson added: "This was a very important result for us. The lads showed a great deal of character and resolve to bounce back after Middlesbrough equalised.

"As we know from past experience this is a difficult place to play, but our form's fantastic, which it needs to be with things being so tight with ourselves and Chelsea. We're showing the consistency you need to win championships and if we maintain it then we've got a great chance."

China start domination

AFP, *Doha*

China built on its opening day gold medal momentum at the Asian Games Sunday, and grabbed the event's first world records when Chen Yanqing set three new marks in the women's weightlifting.

After winning 16 of the 20 gold medals on Saturday more of the same was expected Sunday and China had snagged four more midway through the day.

But it wasn't all one-way traffic. Kuwait bagged two gold medals and Kazakhstan one. They all came on the shooting ranges.

World records fell to Chen in the snatch, clean and jerk and overall disciplines of the women's weightlifting 58kg category.

The 27-year-old Olympic champion lifted 111kg in the snatch, beating the previous record set by compatriot Wang Li by 1kg.

Chen then entered the clean and jerk at 131kg, taking her overall total immediately to 242kg, beating the previous world record of 241kg held by compatriot Gu Wei.

She went on to lift 137kg on her second attempt before hoisting 140kg in her final effort to beat Gu's previous record of 139kg.

Her new world record in the aggregate of the two disciplines now stands at 251kg.

The Games action though was marred by its first doping scandal with India withdrawing woman shot putter Seema Antil after she reportedly tested positive for a banned drug in pre-competition tests.

Antil, 23, was sent home from a training camp in Muscat last week after tests conducted by the Sports Authority of India in November showed an unspecified banned drug in her urine sample.

"Seema will not be taking part in the Asian Games," a team official who declined to be identified told AFP. "It appears traces of steroid beyond permissible limits were found in the A sample of her urine test."

On the ranges, Kuwait won both the team trap title and the individual final through Naser Meqlad while Kazakhstan took the men's 50m Rifle Prone team event.

China chipped in with the men's 10m Air Pistol team gold and women's 10m air pistol team.

But the wind was howling and world trap shooting champion Manavjit Sandhu lashed out at Games officials after he failed to win.

"Shooting in these conditions is ridiculous," said Sandhu, who managed only two silvers in an event he was expected to finish on top.

After snagging the men's gymnastics team title, China's world beating women, led by world vault champion Cheng Fei, took to the floor Sunday and few were betting on anything but victory.

They have won this particular gold at the last eight editions of the Asian Games.

In the pool, Japan and South Korea announced their intentions to gate-crash China's swimming party, staking strong claims to four of the six medals on offer on the second day of competition.

China took five out of six titles on Saturday's opening day but the going looks much tougher from now on with Japan unveiling its big guns of men's and women's swimming.

Japan's double Olympic champion Kosuke Kitajima made his debut over 50 metres, cruising into the finals from his heat. The final is later Sunday.

A second Japanese gold should come from women's backstroke star Reiko Nakamura, 26, the Olympic relay silver medallist who later Sunday will be defending her 200m backstroke gold.

Another competitor looking to upset the Chinese is South Korea's Park Tae-Hwan, who took freestyle golds over 400m and 1,500m at the PanPacific championships in Canada in August.

Seventeen-year-old schoolboy Park qualified easily from his 200m freestyle heat for the final and said he wanted four gold medals here in the 100, 200, 400, 1,500 metres.

"It is doable," said Park. "I'm in good shape."

Back on dry land, and the men's and women's team table tennis finals were due to place. China are the current world champions and are hot tips for gold again.

Punter bets against odds

Cricket

AFP, *Adelaide*

Ricky Ponting holds hopes of a come-from-behind victory over England with the Australians still to overcome the follow-on target after another tough slog in the second Ashes Test on Adelaide's back-breaking pitch Sunday.

Australia need another 40 runs to get past the follow-on figure of 352 at 312 for five in reply to England's imposing first innings of 551 for six declared.

At the close, Michael Clarke was on 30 and Adam Gilchrist on 13.

England has dominated the Test since winning the toss on Friday, but still have to close the deal on a docile pitch that has offered nothing to the bowlers.

Eleven wickets have fallen in three days with a total of 863 runs scored.

"I think Michael Clarke looked terrific and Gilly's (Gilchrist) started off really well so the first hour tomorrow (Monday) is going to be crucial for us," Ponting said.

"If they can get a good partnership then we're going to be right back in the game.

"We just have to keep batting and get a little way in front and try and bowl them out as the best way (to win) at the moment.

"If we can get somewhere near their total or maybe a little bit in front that would be great."

Ponting said he may declare behind the first innings in a bid to gamble on winning on Tuesday's fifth and final day.

"We might do that if we lose early wickets in the morning," he said.

"We've still got Brett Lee and Warney (Shane Warne) to come. They're more than capable on that sort of wicket because as we've seen there's not much happening at all for the seamers and there's certainly not much for the spinners either.

"If there's something there that we can think we can chase we'll have a go at it for sure, but it all just depends on that first hour tomorrow (on Monday)," he said.

Ponting became Australia's pinnacle Test centurion with his 33rd hundred in his knock of 142.

It was 31-year-old Ponting's 10th century in his last 13 Tests -- he has played in 107 in all -- and took him past previous captain Steve Waugh's 32 centuries off 168 Tests.

Ponting now ranks outright all-time fourth behind Sachin Tendulkar (35), Brian Lara and Sunil Gavaskar (both 34) as the scorer of most hundreds in Tests.

But he does not reflect on his personal cricket milestones.

"I don't think about that at all, I've never been one for stats. I just don't pay attention to that at all," he said.

"I know a lot of other players carry stats around in their bags and check out how they're going and compare themselves to other players, but that's something that's just never concerned me.

"I think all players when they finish playing look back and measure themselves against other players but hopefully I've still got a few more years in me yet."

Ponting leads fightback

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"It's disappointing to have a dropped catch but you can back Ash to catch 99 times out of a 100. If you didn't have catches dropped in cricket it would be boring old game, it's not anything personal," Hoggard said.

Ponting and Hussey restored the Australian innings with a 192-run partnership after the loss of two wickets had them a nervous 65 for three.

It was 22 runs short of Australia's record fourth partnership at the Adelaide ground, set in 1988-89 by Dean Jones and Allan Border.

Ponting, who has been the bane of the England bowlers in the series with scores of 196 and 60 not out in the first Brisbane Test, was finally out caught behind in Hoggard's first over of the second new ball.

That swelled his series tally to 398 runs at an average of 199 and lifted his career Test average of 60.06 in his 107th Test match.

Only Hussey has a greater Test average among contemporary Test cricketers.

Ponting, who batted for 353 minutes and faced 245 balls with 12 boundaries, was also close to being run out on 46 when Paul Collingwood's direct throw just missed the stumps at the bowler's end, with the Aussie skipper well out of his ground.

Hoggard also claimed the wickets of Matthew Hayden (12) and Damien Martyn (11) and following Saturday's wicket of Justin Langer (4) finished the day with 4-76 off 27 overs.

"We know it's still going to be hard work, we've got 250 runs to play with, we've got five wickets to get, it's been hard work to get wickets on that wicket, so it's going to have to be a good professional performance tomorrow," Hoggard said.

"We will be trying to get five wickets reasonably quickly and then we have to reassess from there.

Hayden, who struggled in last year's series with 318 runs, inflated by his 138 in the fifth Test, followed an outswinger and edged to wicketkeeper Geraint Jones leaving Australia 35 for two.

Martyn, whose Test place is under growing pressure following his 29 in Brisbane and a poor Ashes series last year, followed in the 23rd over when he was snapped up low down by Ian Bell in the gully.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close on the third day of the second Ashes Test between Australia and England at Adelaide Oval on Sunday:

ENGLAND: First innings 551 for 6 decl (Collingwood 206, Pietersen 158, Bell 60; Clark 3-75)

AUSTRALIA: First innings (28 for 1 overnight)

Langer c Pietersen b Flintoff	4
Hayden c Jones b Hoggard	12
Ponting c Jones b Hoggard	142
Martyn c Bell b Hoggard	11
Hussey b Hoggard	91
Clarke not out	30
Gilchrist not out	13
Extras: (lb-2, nb-7)	9
Total: (For 5 wkts in 97 overs)	312

Fall of wicket: 1-8, 2-35, 3-65, 4-257, 5-286

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hoggard	27	2	76	4
Flintoff	22	4	74	1
Harmison	13	4	46	0
Anderson	14	2	49	0
Giles	16	2	45	0
Pietersen	5	0	20	0

Toss: England

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (WIS), Rudi Koertzen (RSA)

Match referee: Jeff Crowe (NZL)

Proteas pound India

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Tendulkar scored only four off the first 40 deliveries he faced as he and the left-handed Dinesh Mongia rebuilt the innings with a third wicket stand of 85.

Tendulkar's first boundary came in the 16th over and it was the start of a more characteristic display from India's master batsman, who hit seven more boundaries before slapping a short ball from Justin Kemp to cover, where AB de Villiers took a diving catch.

Mongia made 41 but the only other significant innings came from Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who made an aggressive 44 off 49 balls before falling to a sensational diving catch by Andre Nel off Makhaya Ntini in the 48th over.

Ntini took three for 32, taking all his wickets in his final two overs, but Pollock was the most impressive bowler, taking two for 17 in his ten overs.

It completed a fine series for Pollock, who took ten wickets for 83 runs in 36 overs in four matches. He was named man of the series.

It was the fourth successive time South African captain Graeme Smith won the toss but the first time he decided to send in the opposition.

It was also South Africa's fourth successive big win. After the first match was rained off, they won the next three matches by 157, 106 and 80 runs.

For India, it was the climax of a sequence of demoralising performances. They will need to regroup ahead of a three-match Test series starting in Johannesburg November 15. They play a four-day match against the Rest of South Africa in Potchefstroom starting Thursday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the fifth and final one-day international between India and South Africa at Centurion Park on Sunday:

INDIA

Sehwag c Boucher b Pollock	11
Tendulkar c De Villiers b Kemp	55
Laxman c Smith b Pollock	0
Mongia b Kemp	41
Dhoni c Nel b Ntini	44
Karthik c Boucher b Nel	11
Pathan b Kallis	7
Harbhajan c Pollock b Ntini	1
Zaheer not out	16
Kumble b Ntini	1
Extras: (lb-5, w-8)	13
Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs)	200

Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-18, 3-103, 4-127, 5-154, 6-173, 7-183, 8-183, 9-200

Did not bat: Sreesanth

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pollock	10	4	17	2
Ntini	10	1	32	3
Kallis	10	1	56	1
Nel	10	1	34	1
Peterson	5	0	33	0
Kemp	5	0	23	2

SOUTH AFRICA

Smith c Karthik b Harbhajan	79
De Villiers not out	92
Pollock not out	16
Extras: (lb-4, w-5, nb-5)	14
Total: (For 1 wkt in 31.2 overs)	201

Fall of wicket: 1-173

Did not bat: Gibbs, Kallis, Prince, Boucher, Kemp, Peterson, Nel, Ntini

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Zaheer	7	1	46	0
Sreesanth	3.2	0	31	0
Pathan	6	0	48	0
Harbhajan	8	0	39	1
Kumble	7	0	33	0

Result: South Africa won by nine wickets and take the 5-ODI series 4-0.

Man-of-the-match: Shaun Pollock.

Man-of-the-series: Shaun Pollock.

Toss: South Africa.

Umpires: Billy Doctrove and Ian Howell.

Lefties rule

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Williams lbw b Rafique	61
Chigumbura c Mashud b Rafique	10
Dabengwa not out	19
Brent lbw b Mortuza	4
Utseya not out	4
Extras: (b-3, lb-5, nb-2, w-11)	21
Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs)	217

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-54, 3-70, 4-146, 5-171, 6-188, 7-198.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mortuza	10	0	41	2
Shahadat	10	1	51	1
Razzak	10	0	39	0
Rafique	10	2	34	2
Saqibul	10	0	44	2

BANGLADESH

Nafees c Williams b Chigumbura	67
Mehrab c Taylor b Utseya	54
Aftab c & b Williams	12
Hasan run out	36
Bashar not out	31
Ashraful not out	4
Extras: (b-1, w-11, nb-2)	14
Total: For 4 wkts in 42.4 overs)	218

Did not bat: Mashud, Rafique, Mortuza, Razzak, Shahadat.

Fall of wickets: 1-104, 2-126, 3-175, 4-198.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Rainsford	6	0	31	0
Mahwire	5	0	28	0
Brent	4	0	26	0
Utseya	10	0	38	1
Chigumbura	5	0	32	1
Williams	4	0	24	1
Dabengwa	8.4	0	38	0

Result: Bangladesh won by six wickets and lead the series 2-0.

Man-of-the-match: Sean Williams.

Toss: Bangladesh

Umpires: Enamul Haque (BAN) and Nadeem Ghauri (PAK)

TV umpire: Ziaul Islam ((BAN)

Match referee: Ranjan Madugalle (SRI)

Third one-dayer: At Bogra on Tuesday

Dilip hits

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Mumbai are now playing the Ranji Trophy Elite group B encounter.

Vengsarkar said if remeadial measures were not initiated immediately regarding the nature of the pitches, the standard of the game would go down further.

On the Indian team's ongoing trip to South Africa, Vengsarkar said the side would have benefitted had it got "a couple of more" warm-up games.

DAVIS CUP FINAL

Nalbandian makes it 2-2

AFP, *Moscow*

David Nalbandian kept Argentina on track for their first ever Davis Cup title by beating Russian Nikolay Davydenko to level the final 2-2 here on Sunday.

Nalbandian, the blond-haired world number eight, won 6-2, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 in two hours 39 minutes to record his fifth win over Davydenko in their seven head-to-head meetings.

With Russia taking a 2-1 lead after Saturday's doubles rubber, the 24-year-old Nalbandian had no choice but to step up to the plate and deliver to keep his country in contention.

World Cup rehearsal

Cricket

REUTERS, *Rawalpindi*

Pakistan line up against the West Indies in the first of a five-match one-day international series on Tuesday, with both teams eager to improve ahead of next year's World Cup in the Caribbean.

The sides also play the first match of the 2007 tournament in Jamaica on March 13.

"The series against Pakistan is important for us because it will allow us to judge where we stand as far as our preparations for the World Cup are concerned," West Indian skipper Brian Lara told reporters on Sunday.

Pakistan captain Inzamamul Haq echoed Lara's sentiments while adding that the series represented a good opportunity to build confidence after a first round exit at the recent Champions Trophy in India.

"The series is a chance for us to recover from our recent inconsistent form, particularly in the Champions Trophy," Inzamam said.

"We have just 10 more games, at home and in South Africa, before the World Cup and they are our last chance to settle on a formation for the big tournament."

Inzamam misses the opening contest as he sits out the final game of a four-match ban for bringing the game into disrepute at the Oval Test in August.

Younis Khan, who led the side at the Champions Trophy in Inzamam's absence, will captain the team in the first game in Rawalpindi.

Pakistan have lost nine of their 19 games this year and the West Indies have a slightly better record with 15 victories in 24 contests, including two wins over world champions Australia.

However, Lara's side were outclassed in the Champions Trophy final by Australia as well as in a warm-up tournament in Malaysia by the same opposition.

"We have played well in one-day games," Lara admitted.

"We have performed as a unit but we have also suffered sudden collapses. Against Pakistan, we need to work on this and try to be good finishers in crunch situations."

The West Indies, who lost the Test series 2-0, have also been rocked by the loss of two key players for the one-dayers, batsman Ramnaresh Sarwan was ruled out with a fractured foot and all rounder Dwayne Bravo left the tour for personal reasons.

Their places have been taken by opener Daren Ganga and experienced paceman Corey Collymore, both men drafted in from the Test side.

"Sarwan and Bravo have been key players for us in our recent one-day matches and their absence will definitely be felt," Lara added.

"But it is an opportunity for others to come forward and take up the challenge.

"The main thing is we have been performing as a team and we need to continue doing that to do well in the World Cup."

For Pakistan, explosive all rounder Shahid Afridi was axed from the side, his place taken by specialist leg-spinner Danish Kaneria, who the selectors see as a key player in the Caribbean.

Khan agrees with Yousuf

Cricket

AFP, *Karachi*

Prolific Pakistan batsman Mohammad Yousuf has found spiritual strength from his faith, which helped him achieve commendable batting feats against the West Indies, former great Imran Khan said Saturday.

"Yousuf's feat is commendable and all Pakistan is proud of his world record achievements," said Khan of Yousuf, who scored 665 runs in three Tests to help Pakistan beat the West Indies 2-0.

The 32-year-old right-handed batsman hit a century in each innings to guide Pakistan to a 199-run victory against Brian Lara's team in the third and final Test, which finished here on Friday.

Yousuf accumulated 1,788 runs in 11 Tests -- the new world record for most runs in a calendar year -- beating the previous record of 1,710 runs held by the West Indies great Viv Richards set in 1976.

"It is not just the amount of runs and records, it's the elegance and the class of his batting which stands him out and helped him achieve those records," said Khan, now a member of Pakistan's parliament.

Khan, who joined politics in the mid-1990s by forming his own party, said Yousuf's faith had given him strength.

"Those who talk about a balance in religion and cricket should realise that the composure, the focus, the discipline and the calm way he negotiated crisis show that his faith has given him spiritual strength," said Khan.

"His faith has suddenly raised his game to different level and I think he is batting at the peak of his career," said Khan, who played 82 Tests for Pakistan and led the country to its only World Cup victory in 1992 in Australia.

"Alongside Inzamamul Haq, Younis Khan, Yousuf's form will be crucial, and these three hold the key for Pakistan's batting performance in the World Cup next year," he added.

Yousuf, formerly known as Yousuf Youhana, converted to Islam from Christianity last year -- a move widely covered in the world's media.

Since then the Lahore-born batsman has been on top scoring form, averaging nearly 92 runs per innings in the 14 Tests since his conversion, up from an average of 48 in 59 Tests before, and has attributed his achievements to Allah's will.

"It is my firm belief that whetever you get, runs or any other thing, it comes because of Allah's will," Yousuf said on Friday.

He also equalled legendary Australian great Don Bradman's record of scoring six centuries in successive Tests -- although it took him only five matches compared with Bradman's six.

Yousuf's nine hundreds in a calendar year is also a new world record which was previously held jointly by Richards and Sri Lankan batsman Aravinda de Silva.

PHOTO: AFP

Argentine tennis player David Nalbandian jubilates after beating Russian Nikolay Davydenko in the final of the Davis Cup in Moscow on Sunday.