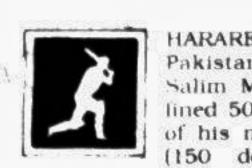
More trouble for Malik



HARARE, Feb 17 Pakistan captain Salim Malik was fined 50 per cent of his match fee (150 dollar) on

Friday for suggesting that umpire lan Robinson had interfered with the ball during the second day's play in the third Test against Zimbabwe on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Salim was also handed a two-Test suspended sentence while opening batsman Aamir Sohail was given a severe reprimand for the same offence but escaped a fine.

The statement released by match referee Jackie Hendriks and Zimbabwe Cricket Union chief executive Don Arnott said that the umpires — Robinson and the Australian Steve Randell — had reported the players after they had suggested that the Zimbabwean Robinson "had wet one side of the ball, currently in use, or interfered with it in some

Hendriks concluded that both players had breached sections of the International Cricket Conference's code of conduct and expressed "extreme displeasure and disappointment" with Salim.

The fine comes at the end of an unhappy week for Salim who denied on Wednesday newspaper allegations that he had offered bribes to Australian spinners Shane Warne and Tim May to lose the first Test in Karachi last year.

RIO DE JANEIRO.

Feb 17: Romario's

sudden exit from

the Brazilian nati-

onal team has

raised doubts about when - or

even if — he will return, re-

clearly irked at Romario's re-

against Slovakia next week.

luctance to play in a friendly

World Cup hero from the

squad, saving Romario didn't

show the "national team

Zagalo said. "The desire to play

is fundamental. We did him,

rday, when Zagalo named his

22-man roster for the Feb 22

match. Romario was among

nine World Cup champions on

ing he was concerned only

with playing for his new club.

He claimed to have an un-

KUALA LUMPUR.

Feb 17: Malaysia

on Friday ordered

eight soccer pla-

vers and a coach

into internal exile

derstanding with Brazilian led

in a climax to its battle against

soccer corruption. Deputy

Home Minister Megat Ayob

He said more would follow.

stricted residence orders of

eight non-Muslim players and

a non-Muslim coach today."

Megat told reporters in the

Malaysian capital of Kuala

players and two coaches

Malaysia said it would banish

for their role in a huge corrup-

Megat said restricted resi-

dence orders for seven Muslim

players will be issued after the

end of the Ramadan, the

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be hamshed once the police

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tion scandal in the Malaysian

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I have signed the re

said, reports Reuter.

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But Romario begged off, say-

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"It's no use forcing things,"

The confusion began Tues-

Coach Mario Zagalo was

On Wednesday, he cut the

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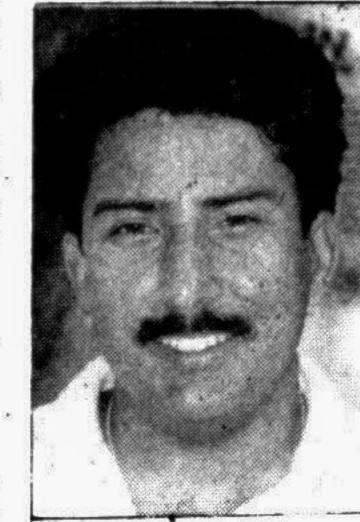
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Flamengo.

BAD NEWS FOR ZIMBABWE

Meanwhile. Zimbabwe could be without strike bowler Heath Streak when play resumes after Friday's rest day.

Streak strained his side while batting late on Wednesday afternoon and even if he is able to bowl when Pakistan begin their second innings on a Saturday, it is unlikely to be at



SALIM MALIK

cket partnership between Paul Strang and David Brain steered them to a first innings total of

Streak's injury will be a blow to Zimbabwe's chances of capping their first win in Test Cricket with a series victory.

Brazil without Romario

eration president Ricardo

Teixeira to be absolved of na

tional team duties until 1996.

when Brazil expects to com-

pete in the Olympics. It wasn't

clear if he meant all games or

Flamengo club President

Kleber Leite immediately ap-

proached his star forward and

persuaded him to recant. But

"Without desire, Romario

wouldn't produce satisfacto

rily," he said. "We won the

(World Cup) because we man-

aged to create a national team

spirit, and we can't break

Zagalo said Romario's per

In recent weeks, Romario

has been accused of hitting

ening a news photographer. A

Barcelona woman said he fa-

thered her child, and his wife

Romario's brilliance on the

FAM's war enters last stage

14 days before banishing them.

"The players can take along

their families to their place of

Under the country's re-

stricted residence act, the

home minister can banish in-

dividuals to a remote district

of the country for up to two

placed under police supervi-

sion and must stay indoors

from dusk to dawn. They must

ers who confessed to receiving

bribes have been referred to

the Football Association of

Malaysia (FAM) as police do

med have enough evidence to

names to the FAM and it is up

to the FAM to decide whether

to allow them to play in the

and coaches would be tried

due to insufficient evidence.

"We can just restrict them to

remote districts based on the

Malaysta mounted a major

evidence we have the said.

soccer league again," he said.

We have referred the 48

He said none of the players

Megat said another 48 play-

report to the police daily.

recommend exile.

Those banished will be

exile." he said.

reportedly has filed for di-

restaurant patrons and threat

sonal problems weighed in the

decision to release him.

Zagalo said don't bother.

just friendly matches.

Since his Test debut in Pakistan last year, the 20-yearold trainee game hunter has moved swiftly up the world rankings with 39 wickets in nine Tests.

In Zimbabwe's historic win in the first Test in Harare he took six for 90 in the first innings and three for 15 in the second as Pakistan slumped to an innings defeat,

In Bulawayo, where the tourists levelled the series with an eight wicket win. Streak took five for 70.

He took four for 53 in the first innings of this Test to take his tally for the series to 18 wickets.

"He has got to be the most improved and exciting fast bowling prospect in world cricket," Zimbabwe coach John Hampshire said. "He is young and strong and wants to bowl fast and as much as pos-

'He's totally unfazed by anything. All he believes in is playing cricket at the best of his ability against any kind of opposition. He is going to develop into a real world class bowler over the next two or three years."

Streak, who played rugby Zimbabwe hold a 12-run for Zimbabwe at under-19 level. is due to go to Madras at the end of the season to former Australian great Dennis Lillee's fast bowling school.

Scores: Pakistan 231 (Inzamamul Haq 101; Heath Streak four for 53). Zimbabwe 243 (Andy flower 37; Aaqib Javed four for 64).

field also has dimmed. He has

been slow and ineffective since

transferring to Flamengo from

ments, his personal problems,

the difficult psychological

moment he's going through

and decided to cut him," said

Zagalo. "We don't want to pres-

sure him. Besides, he's not in a

good phase, physically or

at the way Romario had an-

nounced his decision — on live

about not playing for the team

in 1995. Teixeira didn't know

anything, either," he said. It

Romario had looked me up and

asked to be dispensed, I would

have done it. But not through a

doubts whether he will take

part in the continent-wide

Copa America July 5-23 in

Faria said no decision had been

made about Romario's future.

crackdown on soccer corrup-

tion late last year, in all detain-

ing 83 players, two coaches

and six bookmakers for ques-

been exiled to remote districts

of Malaysia for up to two years

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laws originally drafted to deal

with Chinese tried criminal

Sunday, FAM deputy president

Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad

Shah, said the crackdown was

only the beginning of the

country's war on soccer cor-

"It is only the beginning. We

The soccer bribery scandal

have to see how effective this

line of action is in one or two

in Malaysia and Singapore

came to light when Singa-

pore's anti-corruption officials

arrested Czech striker Michael

Vana and a Singaporean ref-

eree in August last year on

charges of fixing six matches

in Malaysia's 16-team profe-

ssional league in which Sin-ga-

year's time," he said.

Speaking to reporters on

gangs and secret societies.

Three bookmakers have

Romario's dismissal leaves

Team supervisor Americo

television interview.

But Zagalo also was irritated

"He never told me anything

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"We evaluated his state-

FC Barcelona in January.

Boon not boon

AUCKLAND, Feb. 17: David Boon - one of Australia's most consistent batsmen - is stumped by a form slump, reports AP.

Boon has not passed 25 in his last six Test innings for Australia and another failure in Wednesday's centenary series limited-overs match against South Africa caused further consternation for the chunky Tasmanian. Australia have matches

against New Zealand (Sunday) and India (Wednesday) before the final of the centenary tournament, but Boon said he plans to continue to bat in the middle-order. It has been suggested he

should ask for a return to the opener's role in a bid to get a long stint at the crease.

"I don't think that's something I have to do." Boon said Friday. "I'm still hitting the ball well in the nets, so I feel pretty good about my game.

"What I probably need is to hit one or two in the middle (of the bat) and I'll be away from there.'

Boon's slump since his century in the Boxing Day Test against England have concerned the 34-year-old, who asked national coach Bob Simpson to look over his stroke-making.

Simpson reassured Boon there was no technical prob-

his disturbing, but it's one of those things that happens. Boon said. Twe had five good years so you have to expect a ican spell.'

India play South Africa in the next match of the quadrangular centenary series in Hamilton on Saturday.

Vampire Vinny!

LONDON, Feb 17: Claiming it was prank, Wimbledon defender Vinny Jones said Friday he regretted biting a reporter's nose in the aftermath of the riot by English fans in Dublin, reports AP.

Jones, who once earned a record fine from English soccer officials for making a video that glamourized violent play bit Daily Mirror journalist Tee Oliver after drinking chainpagne for breakfast at a Dublin hotel Thursday morning.

The incident occurred as the tense city was recovering from the fan violence that forced abandonment of the Ireland-England game the night before.

Oliver's bloody nose was featured on a full-page photograph on page one of the Mirror tabloid Friday morning.

"Vinny clamped my nose with his teeth and shook me like a dog with a dead rabbit, Oliver wrote. "Blood gushed from lang holes on either side of my nose. Vinny laughed."

Oliver, who said he had ar anti-tetanus shot and an AIDS test after the incident, wrote "If the stars behave like animals, what can we expect from

Jones, who tried to brush off the incident Thursday, fi nally owned up to it Friday morning in an interview with Sky News television.

"I had champagne when we were there." Jones said. "May be if I hadn't had so much champagne I wouldn't have bitten him so hard. It was a prank and I apologized to him straight after. He has said his piece.

An English Football Association official witnessed the incident, and the FA has said it will investigate.

"I know I have a tendency that things always seem to go wrong when it's me," Jones said. "It was a prank and I have come out on the wrong end. would have been down the rabbit hole if I had done it maliciously."

Hagi sidelined

MADRID, Feb 17: Romanian World Cup star Gheorghe Hagi has torn a muscle in his left leg during training and may be out of action for a month. making coach Johan Cruyff's search for new foreign talent at Barcelona all the more usgent, reports Reuter.

"It's bad, I'm shattered," the midfielder said.

SOB games

The national games of Special Olympics, Bangladesh was held at the Dhaka University playground yesterday reports BSS.

Vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University Professor Emajuddin Ahmed inaugurated the games as the chief guest.

British High Commissioner Peter J. Fowier, Canadian High Commissioner Jon J. Scott and chairman of Special Olympics Bangladesh. Ashraf-ud-Dowla were, among others, present in the inaugural function.

More than sixty students from different mentally retarded schools took part in different events of the meet.

A sports team, selected from this games, will take part in the Special Olympics to be held in the United States in July this year.



English fans begin to chant during the friendly match against the Republic of Ireland at Lansdowne Road in Dublin on Feb 15. The match had to be abandoned after rioting broke out with Ireland leading 1-0 at the time. - AFP photo

FA looks over hooliganism



English football ant message to the rest of the world: "We can

host a trouble free European Championship next year. The country's football au-

thorities, police, the clubs due to host the matches and ground and ticketing experts are all agreed that next year's championship must go ahead despite the outbreak of violence by English thugs in Dublin in Wednesday night, reports Reuter.

The English authorities have been given initial backing by FIFA, world soccer's governing body, and UEFA, the European federation despite the fact that Wednesday's violence caused the friendly in ternational between Ireland and England at Lansdowne Road to be abandoned after 27 minutes.

Around 250,000 foreign lans are expected in England next summer and tournament director Glen - Kirton is promising: "We will redouble our efforts to ensure their safety.

Kirton says: "Security is always a major concern for anyone organising terrorism and football in the past has had its hooliganism.

"But there is no country in the world more sophisticated in dealing with these things than England. "We will redouble our ef-

forts, look at what happened in Ireland, learn lessons and make sure it does not happen next year. Assistant chief constable

Maicolni George, the head of Britain's anti-hooligan police operation, agreed the tournament must go ahead. "Based on our experience

and the fact we have been planning for the European Championship for the last 12 months, and bearing in mind the expetise that we have developed. I think we're the best place to host it. But I know we face a difficult task in 1996."

the English FA has already sold around 10.00 million pounds (15.68 million dollar) worth of tickets, the income from just 275,000 of the 1.3 million which will be available for the finals which run from

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June 8 to June 30. has issued a defi- 7,000 tickets available to each Holland regularly come here of the 15 qualifying countries for each of their games, which will take place at eight venues

around the country.

Pall Worsop, the managing director of Synchro Systems, the company responsible for issuing the tickets, said there were 10 major security steps being taken to ensure that tickets were not sold to known, or potential troublemakers. To avoid black market touting, the tickets would not be despatched until May

"The most important measure is that the name of everyone applying for a ticket is checked off against a database held by the authorities of known trouble-makers.

The name of everyone buying a ticket is on the ticket to aid identification and with the help of closed circuit TV we can effectively tell who is sitting in every seat in the ground."

Simon Inglis, an expert on football stadiums and a member of the football licensing authority, is also convinced the tournament must be held in England.

"We have made tremendous advances in this country since the Hillsborough disaster in 1989 and in many ways our major stadiums are now years ahead of those on the conti-

Valencia dump Real

VALENCIA, Spain, Feb 17: Valencia sealed the exit of league leaders Real Madrid from the Spanish Cup on Thursday with two goals in the last three minutes for a 2-1 home win in the third round second leg match, reports Reuter.

The visitors seemed to have fallen asleep in the 87th minute as Pedrag Mijatovic drove home a goal, followed three minutes later by one from Valencia's captain Fernando Gomez to knock Real Madrid out 4-2 on aggregate.

On Tuesday. Barcelona were also eliminated by Atletico de Madrid on 5-4 aggregate.

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They are making around from Italy, Germany and to see the way we are doing things. They know English police are battle hardened and have the latest systems and knowledge to reduce the affect of the hooligan element. "With the help of closed

circuit TV and since the football offences act of 1991, we have made great strides in coping with hooliganism. In English grounds at least, hooligans know they are going to get caught." Newcastle United's mod

ernised St Jame's Park ground is due to host matches next year and the club's general secretary Russell Cushing has little doubt his club can stage them with no problems.

Between August and November last year Newcastle put on 12 home matches including two European ties and not one arrest was made in the stadium, Cushing said.

"We have an overall strategy already worked out with the local police force and a great deal of planning and intelligence is already in place.

"St James's Park has been completely rebuilt as an allseater stadium and we have superb facilities which should ensure maximum safety for everyone. I ain confident there will be no trouble here.'

Games are also scheduled for Hillsborough, the home of Sheffield Wednesday, where in 1989. 96 people lost their lives at an FA Cup semifinal between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest

Since then the ground has been transformed and club secretary Graham MacKrell said: "We are confident we can maintain security. There have been little or no problems in England in the last few years and we are confident of our own ability: "Despite what happened in

Dublin there isn't a better country in Europe to host the games in terms of the stadia available."

With officials from FIFA and UEFA also lending words of support to England, it seems certain that the tournament will go ahead as planned and that the authorities will not have to tangle with a logistical nightmare of getting it re-organised elsewhere.

Return to Dublin, not now

LONDON, Feb 17: England will not be returning to Dublinin the foreseeable future, despite Ireland manager Jack Charlton's plea to rearrange the match, abandoned afterhooligans rioted on Wednesday night, reports Reuter.

Charlton suggested the match could be rescheduled before the end of the season, but England's Football Association (FA) consider the idea impractical.

"It's a little bit early to start, rearranging the match." FA spokeswoman Clare Tomlinson, said on Friday. "There is still a lot of work

to be done on finding out what went wrong and why it went, Charlton admitted he cried

with anger when the riot forced the referee to abandon the Landsdowne Road friendly after 27 minutes with Ireland leading 1-0. "We can't let the thugs win,"

he told a national newspaper. "We have got to get back."

and play the game again. We. should consider it even before the summer. We can stage it. again ... and control it."

He was also angered by calls, from some quarters that England should not be allowed to host next year's European Championship finals.

"The whole of the nation could suffer because of the stupidity of a few," said Charlton, a member of England's World Cup winning team in 1966 when his country last staged a major international soccer tournament.

Carter's offer ATLANTA, Feb 17: Former

President Jimmy Carter reiterated Thursday that he's ready to help mediate the baseball strike, reports AP. "We offered to help with the

baseball strike. We made it clear The Carter Center would be available. Our offer stands," Carter said. "I'd be delighted Carter, a postseason visitor to owner Ted Turner's box at

knew of one way to shake up negotiators. "Obviously, if President Clinton were to announce, "I favor revoking the antitrust exemption," that would be a

Atlanta Braves games, said he

major factor in getting it considered more seriously." Carter said.

In the name of their daughter BUCHAREST, Feb 17: The

parents of a young Romanian gymnast beaten to death by her trainer have asked the supreme court of justice to change the man's eight-year jail eonviction for manslaughter into a tougher murder sentence, reports Reuter.

Gymnast Adriana Giurca, 11, was savagely beaten by her coach Florin Gheorghe during a training session in November 1993. She died several hours later in hospital.

Maria Giurca, the girl's * mother, said on Thursday she had filed an appeal with the supreme court of justice, asking that Gheorghe be sentenced for murder instead of manslaughter.

The supreme court has yet to set a date for the appeal hearing, under Romanian law a murder conviction carries up to 20 years in jail.

court found Gheorghe, 25, guilty of manslaughter and sentenced him to eight years in jail. It was Romania's first court case of violence in sports training.

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54 Marilu, in letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it "Evening will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to 55 Archerylocating vowels. Solution is by trial and error. bow wood



the Dhaka University playground yesterday. - Star photo