

No respite for Hoddle

LONDON, Oct 19 (Reuters/Internet): English football coach Glenn Hoddle, struggling to stay afloat in a sea of criticism, was forced on Monday to counter bizarre claims that a tape recording had been made of his post-match criticism of the national team.

Hoddle, criticised non-stop since England failed in the World Cup this summer, repeated his determination to pull England out of a slump in form and challenged the existence of a tape alleged to contain a row between him and England captain Alan Shearer.

"It is results that will decide whether I get the sack or sign a new contract," said Hoddle, who has watched England gain just three out of nine possible points in

European Championship qualifiers.

Hoddle, who published a book packed with revelations about his players after England were knocked out of the World Cup in the second round in France, has become the target of a vicious media campaign apparently aimed at unseating him.

A radio talk show host said at the weekend that an England player had recorded an argument between Hoddle and Shearer last week after England's 3-0 victory over Luxembourg, in which Shearer was alleged to have said Hoddle was responsible for some of England's problems.

Hoddle and Shearer praised each other in glowing terms.

"He truly is a fantastic captain and my relationship with him is first class," said Hoddle.

Shearer told the media he had no problems with Hoddle as either a manager or a man. "I have a first class relationship with him and back him fully," said the England skipper.

The English FA, anxious to calm the baying howls for Hoddle's head, called on

Danny Baker, the radio show host, to "put up or shut up" by publishing the tapes.

Baker said on his radio programme that England players had been laughing at the recording.

Becker declines invitation

OSTRAVA, Czech Republic, Oct 19: German veteran Boris Becker, who had obtained a wildcard, has decided against playing the million-dollar ATP event in Ostrava, tournament director Peter Kovarcik said Sunday, reports AFP.

Former world number one Becker will play a children's benefit match but his place in the draw will be taken by Czech qualifier Radek Stepanek, who will make his Tour debut.

Alec driven by Ashes



LONDON, Oct 19 (AFP): Captain Alec Stewart jets out to Australia with the rest of a 17-man England party on Wednesday determined to bring the Ashes back after 11 years of failure against the old enemy.

Stewart enjoyed a triumphant start to his captaincy by leading England to their first win over major opposition in a five-Test series since their last Ashes success in 1987 by beating South Africa 2-1 in the summer.

It was a success tarnished by Sri Lanka's 10-wicket victory at The Oval in a match which completed the international season.

Like the rest of his generation of England cricketers, the prize Stewart yearns for more than any other is the Ashes.

Since making his Ashes debut in Brisbane in November, 1990, Stewart has tasted only three Test victories over Australia — two of which were achieved last year when England won the first and last Tests in a one-sided 3-2 series defeat.

For the first time in his 81-Test career, however, Stewart has the opportunity to lead from the front in his first Ashes campaign as captain and galvanise his side into ending a miserable cycle of Australian dominance since Mike Gatting surprised critics by returning victorious from the 1986-7 tour.

"They are the best side in world cricket and they have been for a while and we know we are going over there as underdogs," conceded Stewart, who spent two winters earlier in his career playing club cricket in Perth.

"All I will be asking is that if we can repeat and improve on the performances we showed in the second half of the series against South Africa, we will challenge and be competitive against Australia."

"I haven't seen them play since they were here, so I can't say if they have improved but there is a gap between the two sides without a doubt — that's just being honest..."

"What we have got to make sure is that we reduce that gap by performing consistently."

"We have beaten them in the first Test and we have beaten them in the last Test so we know we can beat them, but it is

obvious that we have not beaten them over a five-match period for a long time."

To aid in achieving that aim, England have enlisted the help of former Australian leg-spinner Peter Philpott to join them on the tour and assist in their attempt to combat the massive threat posed by Shane Warne — should he recover from his shoulder operation — and of



ALEC STEWART
New South Wales' Stuart MacGill, who made a match-winning contribution to Australia's innings victory in the first Test against Pakistan in Rawalpindi.

Philpott will join an already impressive team of coaching back-up headed by David Lloyd and including manager Graham Gooch, one of Stewart's predecessors as captain who struggled to break Australia's dominance, and specialist bowling coach Bob Cottam.

But the professional team assembled to aid the Ashes challenge may count for nothing if England make a similar start to their last Australian tour as in 1994, when Michael Slater and Mark Taylor raced to 26 off the first four overs of the series in Brisbane en route to Australia's emphatic 184-run triumph — a win which effectively set the tone for their 3-1 series victory.

Stewart stressed: "You always want to get off to a good start. You can be negative and say we won the first Test against Australia at Edgbaston two years ago and still lost the series, but I would like to turn things into positives — we went

1-0 down against South Africa and won 2-1."

"In the past it has been shown that if you give the Australians an inch, they take a mile."

"They will start as favourites and will be looking to walk all over us and we have got to make sure that we match them in everything they do and make sure we do it a little better."

"They play their cricket to try and dominate the opposition so it won't come as any surprise and we have to be ready for them, but also make sure that we are on top of our game."

The outcome of this winter's conflict, which begins in Brisbane on November 20, may well depend on the fitness of Australia's key men as much as how England withstand the inevitable pressure from an outstanding opposition.

Warne has been pencilled in to make his return to first-class action in Victoria's Sheffield Shield match with Tasmania in Melbourne on October 21 and has already stepped up his rehabilitation by bowling with tennis balls to build up the strength in his spinning fingers.

There is also a doubt over outstanding fast bowler Glenn McGrath, who has only just returned to the Australian side after a lengthy injury absence, while Jason Gillespie has yet to return after a long-standing battle with back trouble.

ITINERARY

Itinerary for the England tour to Australia 1998/99

Oct 22: England team arrive in Perth.

Oct 23-28: Practice/acclimatisation.

Oct 29: v ACB Chairman's XI, Liliac Hill.

Oct 31-Nov 3: v Western Australia, Perth.

Nov 7-10: v South Australia, Adelaide.

Nov 13-16: v Queensland, Cairns.

Nov 20-24: 1st Test, Brisbane.

Nov 28-Dec 2: 2nd Test, Perth.

Dec 5-8: v Victoria, Melbourne.

Dec 11-15: 3rd Test, Adelaide.

Dec 17: v Prime Minister's XI, Canberra.

Dec 19-22: v Australia XI, Hobart.

Dec 26-30: 4th Test, Melbourne.

Jan 2-6: 5th Test, Sydney.

January 7: Onwards limited-over triangular series with Australia and Sri Lanka.

Warne hoping against hope

MELBOURNE, Australia, Oct 19: Shane Warne hopes he can prove his fitness in two remaining Sheffield Shield matches to make Australia's team for the opening Ashes Test against England next month, reports AFP.

Warne was passed over for Victoria's Shield opener against Tasmania here starting Wednesday after failing to bowl at club level over the weekend.

The leg-spinner has only matches against New South Wales, starting on November 4, and Western Australia, from November 13, to show he has fully recovered from major shoulder surgery for the Brisbane Test starting November 20.

Warne has been sidelined since surgery in May to repair torn cartilage and ligaments in his bowling shoulder.

"I don't think I'm too far away," Warne said today.

"But obviously the team all things comes first and the best thing was for me not to play."

"I can't bowl and my batting is not good enough to hold down a position."

"Hopefully for the second match (against NSW) I will be okay. We've got two Shield games before the first Test and if I play both I will monitor how I pull up after two matches and that will be enough to see if I'm ready."

Danish Open Peter, Camilla capture singles titles

VEJLE, Denmark, Oct 19: Peter Gade Christensen and Camilla Martin completed a home double by winning the two singles titles at the 120,000-dollar Danish Open badminton tournament on Sunday, reports Reuters.

World number one Gade scored a 15-8, 17-14 victory over second-seeded Dong Jiong of China, the Olympic silver medalist, in the men's final.

Second seed Martin overturned the seedings in the women's final when she defeated Chinese world number one Ye Zhaoying, the world champion, 13-10, 11-8.

Gade, 21, took the first set in 23 minutes, capitalising on his own aggressive smashes and the unforced errors of Dong, the world number seven.

In the second set the Dane needed just nine minutes to go 9-2 ahead but Dong, 25, came back strongly. He saved one match point at 12-14 and tied the score at 14-14.

But Gade rediscovered his punch, hammering home furious smashes and forcing back-hand errors from Dong to take the next three points and the title.

The final was over in 47 minutes, Gade winning 9,600 dollars and taking a 3-2 lead in five encounters with Dong, the 1996 Olympic silver medalist at Atlanta.

"I played almost flawlessly until 12-14 in the second set," Gade said. "In the end I managed to get my game together after a weak spell."

Martin, 24, led her first set 7-3 and Ye never looked a serious threat despite recovering to level the score at 10-10.

In the second set, world number three Martin advanced from 4-4 to 8-4 but allowed Ye to get back to 8-8.

However, the Dane regained the initiative and did not concede another point. Ye hitting a back court smash pith the net on the second match point.

Martin won in 38 minutes to take the 8,280-dollar first prize and claim only her third victory over Ye in 10 encounters.

"I did nearly everything well. This is the way I want to play," a jubilant Martin said.

Ye complained of tiredness. "I was not in very good shape," she said.

The men's doubles was an all-Indonesian affair from the semifinals. In Sunday's final, third seeds Ricky Subagia and Rexy Mainaky defeated second seeds Limpele and Eng Hian 15-10, 15-6 in 37 minutes.

Fourth-seed Qin Yiguan and Tang Hetian beat top seeds Yang Wei and Huang Nanyan 15-17, 15-10, 15-11 in an all-Chinese women's doubles final.

European roundup

Rome teams hog headlines

LONDON, Oct 19: It was a glorious weekend for Rome's two Serie A teams as nine-man AS Roma scored two late goals to stun leaders Fiorentina 2-1 while Lazio pulled off a remarkable 5-3 victory over Inter Milan at the San Siro, reports Reuters.

In Holland Ajax Amsterdam showed good form ahead of this week's Champions League matches. Away in Russia, Spartak Moscow clinched the league title.

ITALY
Inter, AC Milan and Juventus failed to take advantage of Fiorentina's slip-Inter in spec-

tacular style.

Two goals from Sergio Conceicao and one each from Aron Winter, Roberto Mancini and Pavel Nedved had Lazio 5-1 up in an action-packed game that also saw red cards for Inter's Diego Simeone and Lazio's Nedved.

German Oliver Bierhoff had a penalty saved as AC Milan slipped to a 1-0 defeat at Cagliari while Juventus drew 1-1 at Vicenza — Alessandro Del Piero equalising with his first league goal in six months.

THE NETHERLANDS
A first half hattrick by Greek international Nikos Machlas gave Vitesse Arnhem a 3-2 victory over Willem 11 Tilburg and sent them level on points with Feyenoord at the top of the Dutch league.

Feyenoord, who have a game in hand over Vitesse and lead on goal difference, drew 0-0 with Roda JC Kerkrade after playing much of that match with 10 men after defender Kees van Wonderen was sent off in the 25th minute.

Ajax finally found their form to thrash Twente Enschede 5-0 while injury-hit PSV Eindhoven continued to struggle as they came from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 NEC Nijmegen.

NORWAY
Rosenborg Trondheim beat Sogndal 4-0 on Sunday to win Norway's elite division title for the seventh successive season.

Rosenborg have 62 points with one round to go. Molde are second on 54 and Stabæk third on 50.

RUSSIA
Spartak Moscow won 3-1 against Rotor Volgograd to win the league title in a match marked by violence.



Australian skipper Mark Taylor (L) receives his cheque during the prize-giving ceremony of the second Test in Peshawar yesterday.

Taylor's Test ends in draw

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Oct 19 (Reuters/AP/Internet): The second Test between Pakistan and Australia ended in a tame draw on Monday despite 426 runs from Australia captain Mark Taylor.

Australia, with a lead of 19 runs on the first innings after Pakistan had declared on Sunday at 580-9, batted all day before the two captains agreed to a draw with the visitors' second innings score on 289-5.

Taylor, who had sprung a surprise by declaring Australia's first innings closed with his own score on 334 just 42 runs short of Brian Lara's record, missed an elusive century in the second innings.

He was out for 92 when he got an inside edge off left-arm spinner Aamir Sohail. Once Taylor was out, the interest in the game fizzled out. Mark Waugh was bowled by Shoib Akhtar for 43 and Ricky Ponting went lbw for the same score.

Steve Waugh remained 49 not out and Ian Healy 14 not out when stumps were drawn seven overs before schedule.

"Unfortunately for us and fortunately for Pakistan their batsmen clicked, it's not easy to bat under pressure with 599 runs load on you, but they (Pakistanis) batted superbly," Taylor said after receiving rupees 40,000 (870 US dollars) player-of-the-match award.

The Australian captain defended his decision not to go for

Brian Lara's world record on the third morning of the match. "I thought we won convincingly at Pindi in the first Test and I wanted to get the momentum going and that was the only way I thought Pakistan could come under pressure by declaring the first innings," Taylor said.

"I was a bit tired," he said jokingly. "But I think to finish the match with 420 odd runs is not bad."

"The pitch was very good for batsmen as there was even bounce and I think if the batsman once goes on it he could play a big innings," he said.

Pakistan captain Sohail said: "We made a respectable reply to Australia and I am glad that our batsmen Ijaz Ahmed and Inzamam-ul-Haq got amongst the runs. Saeed Anwar was brilliant."

"The final Test is vital, we have got to bowl well and bat well to try and level the series."

The third and last Test starts at Karachi on Oct 22.

SCOREBOARD

Final scorecard from fifth day of the second cricket Test between Pakistan and Australia on Monday:

AUSTRALIA: First Innings
599-4 (M Taylor 334 n.o., J Langer 116, R Ponting 76 n.o.)

PAKISTAN: First Innings
580-9 (Ijaz Ahmed 155, Saeed Anwar 126, Inzamam-ul-Haq 97)

AUSTRALIA: Second Innings
289-5 (S Waugh 49, I Healy 14, M Waugh 43, R Ponting 43, M Taylor 42)

PAKISTAN: Second Innings
289-5 (S Anwar 116, Ijaz Ahmed 101, M Sohail 101, S Saeed 101, M Waugh 101)

Result: Draw

Player-of-the-match: Mark Taylor

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies)/Mohammad Nazir (Pakistan)

Yohanna b Mushtaq	14		
M Waugh b Akhtar	43		
S Waugh not out	49		
Ponting lbw b Ijaz	43		
Healy not out	14		
Extras: (lb-4, nb-9)	289		
Total: (for 5 wickets)	289		
Fall of wickets: 1-39; 2-67; 3-170; 4-179; 5-269			
Bowler:	OM	RW	
Shoib Akhtar	16	2	68
Azhar Mahmood	3	0	18
Mushtaq Ahmed	20	1	59
Mohammad Zahid	10	2	42
Aamir Sohail	10	1	35
Salim Malik	15	1	30
Ijaz Ahmed	14	1	33

Mark misses another mark

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Oct 19 (Reuters/Internet): Australian captain Mark Taylor fell short of becoming just the second player to score a triple century and a century in a Test match by just eight runs on Monday.

Taylor, after scoring 334 not out in the first innings of the second Test against Pakistan, scored 92 in his second innings, just falling to match a record held by Englishman Graham Gooch.

Australia were 209 for four at tea — a lead of 228 — as the match headed inexorably towards a high-scoring draw.

Resuming after lunch at 93 for two with Taylor on 42 and Mark Waugh on 14, the tourists' captain eventually fell to Aamir Sohail, playing the ball onto his stumps.

His innings lasted 218 minutes during which he faced 159 balls and hit 11 fours.

Taylor scored 426 runs in the match, second only to opener Gooch who made 333 and 123 to make 456 runs in a match at Lord's against India in 1990.

Waugh's rebuttal

SYDNEY, Oct 19 (Reuters/Internet): Australian cricketer Mark Waugh has denied claims that he had been involved in match-fixing and illegal betting on games.

Australian media reported on Monday that the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has on its files a letter alleging links between Waugh and former Australian batsman Dean Jones and an unidentified bookmaker.

The reports said the letter, described as confidential and from Australia, was being investigated by PCB legal advisers.

"I've never had a bet on a cricket match in my life," Waugh was quoted as saying in The Australian newspaper.

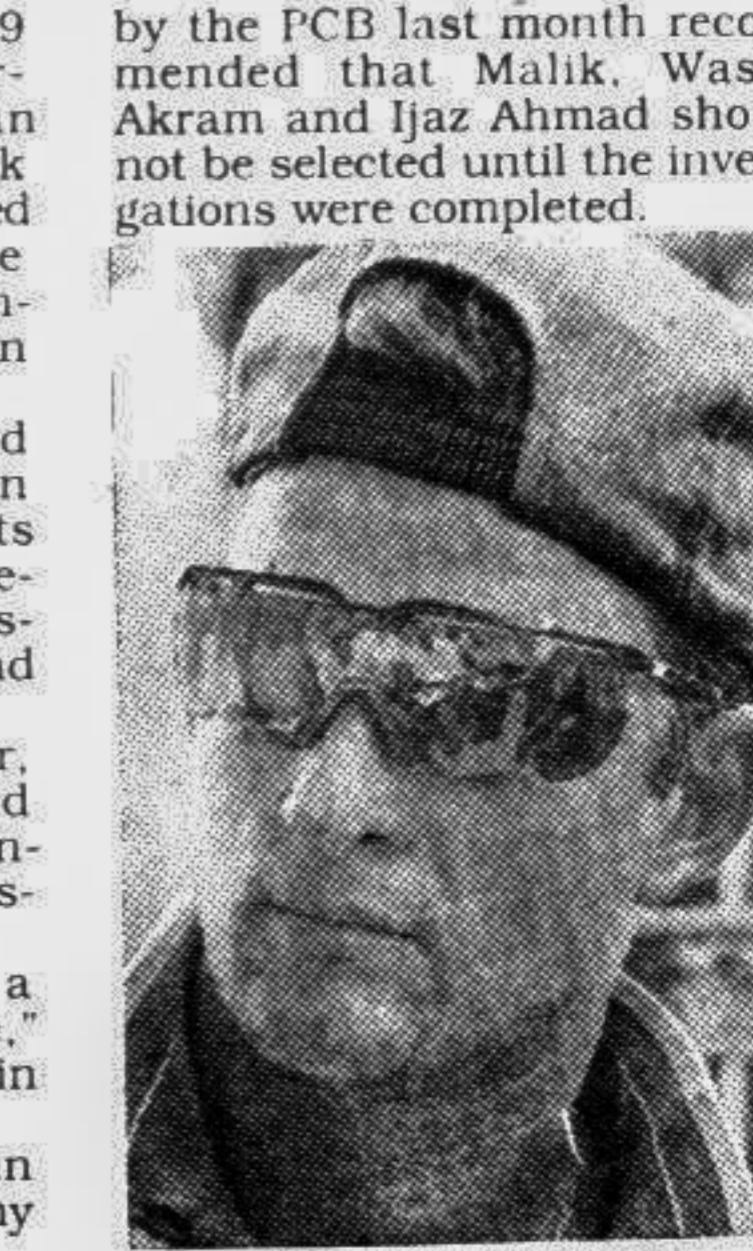
"I've never been involved in match-fixing at any time in my life."

Waugh is currently with the Australian team playing in Pakistan.

In 1994, Waugh and teammates Shane Warne and Tim May accused Pakistan batsman Salim Malik of offering them a bribe to "throw" a test in Karachi which Pakistan eventually won by one wicket.

Waugh two weeks ago repeated his allegations to a judicial commission investigating those charges.

An interim report released



by the PCB last month recommended that Malik, Wasim Akram and Ijaz Ahmad should not be selected until the investigations were completed.

MARK WAUGH
Jones last week also denied allegations he was forced to retire from international cricket in 1994 because of involvement with betting or match-fixing.

Former Pakistan bowler Sarfraz Nawaz was reported to have made the accusation in a sworn statement to the High Court Commission of Inquiry in Pakistan.

Jones labelled Sarfraz's claim "absolute hogwash" and an insult.

Ferrer Salat passes away

BARCELONA, Spain, Oct 19 (Reuters): Spanish International Olympic Committee (IOC) member Carlos Ferrer Salat has died of a heart attack aged 67, state radio reported on Sunday.

Official sources said Ferrer Salat, who was also the president of the Spanish Olympic Committee and head of the country's chamber of commerce, died at his home near Barcelona after suffering a heart attack in his sleep.

Ferrer Salat was prominent in Barcelona's successful bid to get the 1992 Olympics and was part of the bidding committee to bring the 2008 Olympics to Seville.

He played Davis Cup tennis for Spain and was a wealthy businessman, formerly the president of Spain's Banco de Europa.

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch, also a Catalan, was among the first to express condolences.

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- The youngest Test-playing nation is Sri Lanka Zimbabwe Bangladesh
- What is meant by 'down under'? All out Australia Third man
- Sachin Tendulkar was born in the year 1973 1974 1975
- The England-Australia 'Bodyline' series was played in 1932-33 1935-36 1948-49
- When it started ICC's 'T' stood for International Imperial Intelligent

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Yesterday's answer



Juventus' Zinedine Zidane attempts to go past the challenge of a Vicenza player on October 18.

CRYPTOQUIP

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B F P T V D T Q W Y T K Y R Q Z S

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THIS SIGN MIGHT BE SEEN AT A MASSEUR'S: WE WON'T RUB YOU THE WRONG WAY.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: G equals B

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.