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SAF games preps in full swing

KATHMANDU, Aug 22 (India Abroad News Service): Preparations for the ten-day South Asian Federation (SAF) Games, to be held here from September 25, are being given final touches. Physical infrastructure and other arrangements, including security of the players and officials, are being finalised on a war-footing, officials say. Some of the infrastructure, including the swimming pool, for the games have been constructed with the cooperation of the Chinese government. The events will be held at different venues.

More than 1,600 competitors from the seven South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) nations would participate in the Games, the biggest sporting event in the region. At stakes are a total of 528 medals, including 161 golds, in 12 disciplines — football, boxing, athletics, kabaddi, karate, volleyball, swimming, shooting, taekwondo, wrestling (Kusti), weight lifting and table tennis.

The maximum number of gold medals, 35, are in athletics, while swimming comes second with 29 golds. Football, Volleyball, and Kabaddi have one each gold medal. The host country Nepal and India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh are taking part in all 12 sporting events, while players from Bhutan and Maldives are expected to participate in only five games each, according to organising committee officials. The first SAF Games, also held in Kathmandu in 1984, had 62 gold medals while second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh Games had 93, 116, 111, 142, 117, 143 golds respectively.

"Peace, Unity and Hinduism" will be the main theme at the colorful opening ceremony of the Games in this predominantly Hindu Himalayan Kingdom, said chairman of the Games Organising Committee of the SAF Games Bishnu Gopal Shrestha. He said in order to symbolise peace, the organising committee would bring the SAF Games flame from the eternal flame of the Lumbini Garden, the birth place of Lord Buddha.

The competitors would be subjected to random doping tests for the second time in the games' history. "We have arranged for the screening of athletes for banned substances," said Dawa Gurung, public relations official at the SAF Games secretariat. The tests were first held when the Games were held in Pakistan.

Cup gets the E-scoreboard

Sports Reporter

The electronic scoreboard at the Bangabandhu National Stadium has finally been granted to the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) for use during the 2nd Bangabandhu Cup, scheduled to begin in the capital from August 27.

Eleven teams from across the globe and the hosts will take part in the gala event, which will be declared open by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The decision about the giant display board, installed during the nine-nation cricket tournament last year, came after yesterday's visit to the venue by the State Minister for Youth and Sports, Obaidul Quader.

Although Quader, who is also the chairman of the National Sports Council (NSC), had earlier turned down BFF's application to use the electronic equipment for 'technical reasons', had a change of heart in the wake of widespread criticism from the fourth estate. Wisdom ultimately prevailed on the sports supremo.

"I have talked to the experts and they have informed me that they are capable of using the scoreboard for football during the Bangabandhu Cup," said Quader to the state-run news agency yesterday. But he did not elaborate on taking so much time in making up his mind.

Meanwhile, the BFF is work-

ing round the clock to make the tournament a success. An hour-long colourful opening ceremony, the highlight of which will be a choreographic display by Bharateswari Homes, is planned.



In another development, the BFF has announced the list of the Nepalese national team and the Carulet FC of Hungary.

The 28-member Nepal side includes 22 players, five officials and a journalist.

They are: Upendra Man Singh, Sanjeeb Joshi, Binod Kharal, Sandesh Shrestha, Samir, Nemkul, Rakesh, Shrestha, Narayan Manadhar, Dev Narayan Chandra, Sunil Tuladhar, Basant Thapa, Sant Gauchan, Deepak Amatya,

Kumar Thapa, Bal Gopal Maharajan, Deepak Lama, Naresh Joshi, Hari Khadka, Rajan Rayamajhi, Narottam Gautam, Ananta Thapa, Dilli Ram Shrestha, Sukra Tamang, Amir Gharthe (Manager), Stephen Constant (Coach), Maheswor Mulami (Coach), Raju Shakya (Assistant Coach), Dambar Khadka (Doctor) and Summan Malla (Journalist).

The Hungarian side, reportedly the oldest team in the Hungarian league, will include 18 players and six officials.

They are: Istavan Bodor, Csaba Felföldi, Gyula Hegedus Jr, Laszlo Herczeg, Szabolcs Kiss, Norbert Kovacs, Jozsef Lipfak, Robert Morvan, Tibor Markus, Attila Orban, Tamas DEZA, Attila Sagi, Illes Sikku, Laszlo Szepessy, Andras Szolosi, BalazsTordai, Dr. Laszlo D Horvath, Lajos Schroth, Gabor Simon, Laszlo Guban, Dr. Miklos Gulyas and Sandor Czenke.

Meanwhile, the referees committee of the BFF has announced a list of 10 local referees for the Bangabandhu Cup. They are: FIFA referees -- Ehsanul Haq, Ram Krishna Gosh, Tayab Hasan, Abdul Rakib, Ibrahim Nesar, Tajul Islam; FIFA assistant referees -- Suwash Rai, Golam Mostafa, Faizul Islam and Shamsuddin Ahmed.

Comprehensive win for world champs

GALLE, Sri Lanka, Aug 22: Australia continued with their World Cup winning form and easily beat former champions Sri Lanka by 51 runs in the first match of the 3-nation Awa Cup one-day tournament Sunday, reports AFP.

Chasing a victory target of 212, a revamped Sri Lanka under new captain Sanath Jayasuriya failed to click and were bowled out for 160 in 37.4 overs. Jayasuriya scored just one run but bowled magnificently to capture five wickets for 28 runs. Put in to bat first after losing toss, Australia scored 205 for nine wickets off 43 overs in a rain-curtailed match. Match referee Cammie Smith of the West Indies added six bonus runs to Australia's total under new rules guiding rain-shortened matches.

Bonus runs are added to the score of a team batting first and hit by rain.

Hoping to end a poor batting run in the recent past, Sri Lanka disappointed the home crowd losing quick wickets and slumping to 41 for four. Pace bowler Jason Gillespie claimed the wickets of Avishka Gunawardana, Marvan Atapattu, Mahela Jayawardana and Damien Fleming set back Jayasuriya.

Romesh Kaluwitharana and debutant Indika de Saram put up some resistance and added 37 runs for the fifth wicket when de Saram was out after scoring 24. Kaluwitharana followed soon at his score of 33.

The Sri Lanka tailenders could not stand up to the Australian bowling might. Gillespie claimed career-best three for 26 off 6 overs.

Gillespie was backed by leg-spinner Shane Warne and paceman Damien Fleming, who took two wickets apiece.

Warne became Australia's highest wicket-taker one-day internationals with 204 in 126 games, beating Craig McDermott's 203 from 138 matches.

Earlier, Australia were off to a flying start playing their first match after winning the World Cup in Britain, but some superb fielding and excellent spin attack restricted the score.

Gilchrist survived a confident leg-before appeal off Chaminda Vaas when he was at 16. Sri Lanka umpire Ashok de Silva thought the ball would have missed the leg stump.

Four runs later Gilchrist was lucky when he lifted Vaas. Ma-

hela Jayawardana held the ball on the deep mid-wicket boundary line, but could not keep his balance and conceded a six instead.

The pair kept up the run rate and at the end of 10 overs, Australia 59 for no loss.

Sri Lanka's first bowling change came when Vaas was rested (5-0-34-0) for another pace bowler, Suresh Perera. He made Waugh play a rising ball and Upul Chandana took a simple catch at square leg.

Waugh faced 33 balls for his 28 which had three fours. Gilchrist followed soon when he was adjudged run out by Sri Lankan third umpire DM Pathirana in a photo finish. Gilchrist faced 29 balls for his 27 which had one four and a six.

With the departure of both the openers, Australia's scoring rate dropped. Only 34 runs were scored in 9.1 overs by Ricky Ponting and Darren Lehmann since the dismissal of Gilchrist and the completion of the 20th over.

But Sri Lanka's next success came from a superb throw by Chaminda Vaas from the deep cover that saw the end of Lehmann who was given run out. Lehmann faced 40 balls for his 26 which had two fours.

With Australia on 110 for three off 23.1 overs, rain came forcing stoppage of play for nearly 30 minutes. The match was reduced to 43 over a side.

When play resumed, Australia lost Tom Moody with the team score at 119. Moody was lured by Jayasuriya and wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwitharana stumped him.

It was again Jayasuriya who struck when he bowled his Australian counterpart Steve Waugh on 6 and later made Ponting to come forward. Wicketkeeper Kaluwitharana stumped him. Ponting made 38 off 71 balls and Australia were 160 for six.

Left-handed Michael Bevan provided a useful late flourish hitting an unbeaten 42 off 43 balls.

Andrew Symonds soon followed Ponting when he was run out from a superb throw from

Upul Chandana. He made eight. Jason Gillespie could not open his score when he was stumped by Kaluwitharana off the bowling of Jayasuriya.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the Awa Cup one-day triangular tournament match between Australia and Sri Lanka on Sunday:

AUSTRALIA				
Gilchrist run out	27			
Waugh c Chandana b Perera	28			
Ponting st Kaluwitharana b Jayasuriya	4			
Lehmann run out	38			
Moody st Kaluwitharana b Jayasuriya	6			
S Waugh b Jayasuriya	6			
Bevan not out	42			
Symonds run out	8			
Warne c Chandana b Jayasuriya	3			
Gillespie st Kaluwitharana b Jayasuriya	0			
Fleming not out	4			
Extras: (lb-4, w-8, nb-5)	17			
Total: (Nine wickets in 43 overs) 205				
Fall of wickets: 1-60; 2-62; 3-110; 4-119; 5-127; 6-160; 7-171; 8-182; 9-182				
Bowler				
Vaas	9	0	61	0
Zoysa	8	2	39	0
Perera	7	0	25	1
Muralitharan	9	0	38	0
Jayasuriya	9	0	28	5
Chandana	1	0	10	0

SRI LANKA

Jayasuriya c Moody b Fleming
Gunawardene c Gilchrist b Gillespie
Atapattu b Gillespie
Jayawardene c S Waugh b Gillespie
De Saram b Moody
Kaluwitharana c Gilchrist b Fleming
Chandana run out
Perera c Bevan b Warne
Vaas not out
Zoysa c Lehmann b Warne
Muralitharan c Ponting b Lehmann
Extras: (lb-4, lb-6, w-5)
Total: (All out in 37.4 overs) 160

Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-17; 3-25; 4-41; 5-78; 6-98; 7-145; 8-149; 9-154

Bowler				
Gillespie	6	1	25	3
Fleming	9	0	40	2
Warne	9	1	39	2
Moody	7	1	21	1
Lehmann	6.4	0	24	1

Result: Australia won by 51 runs.

Note: Sri Lanka's target revised to 212 off 43 overs.



Australians gather after getting rid of Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya during the opening match of the tri-nation Awa Cup in Galle yesterday. —AFP photo

Meghna Life Nat'l Athletics

Sports Reporter

The Meghna Life 6 Summer National Athletics will be held on September 2, 3 and 4, at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Mirpur, says the Bangladesh Amateur Athletic Federation.

All the districts, divisions, universities, education boards, Army, Navy, Air Force, Ansars, BDR, Police, BJMC, Customs, Railways and Bangladesh T&T have been invited to the tournament.

No blackout at Bangabandhu

Bangabandhu National Stadium area will be free from loadshedding during the second Bangabandhu Cup international football tournament, DESA Chairman Sharfuzzaman Bhuiyan said here yesterday, reports BSS.

The DESA chairman told BSS that there would be no power-cut during the tournament in the stadium area to help run the matches uninterrupted.

Nat'l pairs bridge from Sept 3

National pairs duplicate bridge championships for Khandkar Fazle Sobhan Trophy will be held on September 3 and 4 at Hotel Sheraton at 3 pm, reports BSS.

The championship is conducted by the Bangladesh Bridge Federation (BBF) every year.

Interested players have been requested to enlist their names with Salahuddin (phone: 9347567) or the chief tournament director AKM Azizur Rahman (phone: 9341911) by September 2.

Navy v'ball

KHULNA, Aug 22: BNS Titumir annexed the title of Bangladesh Navy volleyball championship beating BNS Issa Khan in 3-1 sets. The four-day championship concluded here at BNS Titumir Thursday. ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

The winners took three sets in 25-18, 25-22 and 25-19 while conceding defeat in the second set 21-25.

MA Rahmat of BNS Titumir was adjudged the best player of the championship.

Bhuttia hopes to debut in Sept

CALCUTTA, Aug 22: Star striker Baichung Bhuttia yesterday said that he expected to take the field for English Second Division club Bury from the second week of September, reports PTI.

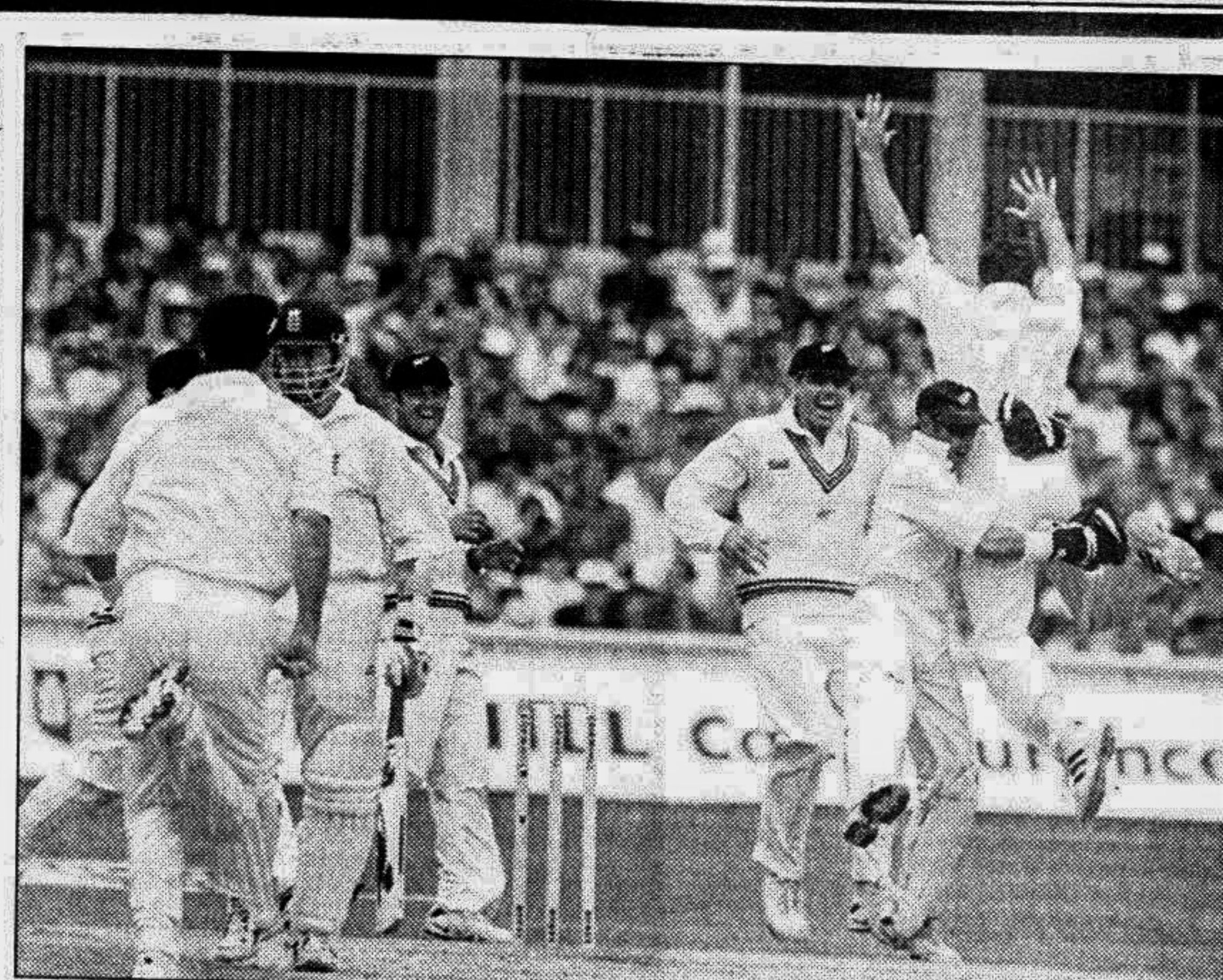
Bhuttia, the first Indian footballer to sign for a European football club, said there was a big difference between the standard and playing style of India and England and as such he would have 'really work hard' to succeed.

"Even the one-field movements are vastly dissimilar. I have to cope with those," the Sikkimese footballer told Doordarshan in an interview here.

However, he said that his forte was speed, which his club officials have found satisfactory.

Asked about his feelings after he stuck the hattrick for his club in a friendly tie which led to his signing a three-year contract, the nimble-footed footballer said "Oh, it was great they were finding it difficult to believe that I was from India."

On the chances of other Indian footballers to emulate his example, he said, "There is not much difference between my standard and their standard. But they should have more confidence in their abilities."



New Zealand players celebrate the dismissal of Alec Stewart on the fourth day of the fourth and final Test against England at The Oval yesterday. —AFP photo

England bow to Black Caps

LONDON, Aug 22 (AFP): New Zealand crushed England by 83 runs in the decisive fourth Test at The Oval on Sunday, sealing a 2-1 series victory and plunging English cricket into yet another crisis.

The Kiwis took just 13 balls after lunch to claim the last three England wickets after yet another inglorious collapse by the home team.

England lost their last eight wickets for 39 from just 105 deliveries and 77 minutes as they were bowled out for 162 in their second innings.

The big setback in Nasser Hussain's first series as captain plunged England to the bottom of the unofficial Test league.

It was only New Zealand's second series victory over England following the one in 1986-87.



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In which the Kiwis won the middle Test at Trent Bridge and drew the other two.

Cries of "What a load of rubbish!" came from the throng gathering in front of the pavilion after England's capitulation.

New Zealand all-rounder Dion Nash ripped through the England middle-order in the opening session to leave the hosts struggling on 157 for seven at lunch.

Nash claimed Mike Atherton, Mark Ramprakash, first ball and Alec Stewart in the space of 12 deliveries at a cost of just four runs.

Andy Caddick then looked unlucky to be given out to short leg catch off Daniel Vettori just before the break.

Atherton and Graham Thorpe had earlier looked to have put Hussain's side on the road to a series victory after taking England to 123 for two after resuming the day at 91 for two.

Thorpe, playing his last Test innings for at least 10 months after pulling out of the winter series in South Africa, was undone for 44 in 71 balls when Shayne O'Connor found the edge for Kiwi captain Stephen Fleming to take a catch at first slip.

At 143, the England crisis really set in. Atherton, 64 in 158 balls and England's big hope of victory, was caught behind by Adam Parore after pulling at Nash and next ball, Ramprakash pushed forward and Parore took his second catch in successive balls.

Ronnie Irani avoided the hat-trick, but Stewart (12) was then caught at square leg by Matthew Bell and the die was cast.

Irani was caught behind off Daniel Vettori, straight after the break and defeat was then only minutes away.

Phil Tufnell was run out for a duck and finally Alan Mullally was caught by Roger Twose off Chris Cairns and the kings of collapse had fully earned their title.

A defiant Hussain bewilderingly saluted his side's fighting spirit despite their woeful batting.

Greeted by boos from England fans at the post-match presentations, Hussain said: "I'm very proud of my team and the way they fought."

"If they play like that and fight like that, especially in the field, they won't go too far wrong in the future."

Hussain singled out England man-of-the-series Caddick for praise but the England skipper did admit that shortcomings in the batting department had proved costly again.

"As a batting unit we really didn't perform and that's where we've let ourselves down in the end," he said.

"We lost to a better side in a great Test match and New Zealand played well throughout the tour."

"I think they're a very strong team. Their captain (Stephen Fleming) led by example. Chris Cairns got wickets when they needed them and all the way down they played good cricket."

New Zealand skipper Fleming said the dismissal of Atherton was the turning point in his team's victory.

Fleming said: "We were waiting again for another cameo from Mike Atherton but we got his wicket and then got on a bit of a roll."

"It was emotionally draining. We knew we had four months riding on the result of today's cricket. It went our way and we probably deserved it."

Fleming also reserved special praise for his bowlers, particularly Nash, whose four for 39 sealed the match.

"We talked about one person making the day special and Dion said he hoped it was him," added Fleming.

"It was him, and it was an outstanding spell. He's an emotional player and when he gets it right he's superb."

nings 236 (S Fleming 66 not out, D Vettori 51)

ENGLAND: First innings 153 (C Cairns 5-31)

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings

Horne lbw b Giddins 10
Bell c Irani b Caddick 4
Fleming c Thorpe b Caddick 4
Astle c Irani b Giddins 5
Twose c Stewart b Giddins 0
McMillan lbw b M...
Parore b Caddick
Cairns c b Mullally
Nash not out 10
Vettori c Ramprakash b Tufnell 6
O'Connor b Tufnell 6
Extras: (lb-4, w-1, nb-5) 10
Total: (all out) 162

Fall of wks: 1-15; 2-15; 3-22; 4-22; 5-37; 6-39; 7-79; 8-149; 9-156

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Caddick	17	4	35	3
Mullally	11	2	27	2
Giddins	10	3	38	3
Tufnell	16	3	58	2

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ENGLAND: Second innings (overnight 91-2)

Atherton c Parore b Nash 64
Maddy c Fleming b Nash 5
Hussain c Parore b O'Connor 44
Thorpe c Fleming b Vettori 4
Stewart c Bell b Nash 12
Ramprakash c Parore b Nash 0
Irani c Parore b Vettori 9
Caddick c Bell b Vettori 3
Mullally c Twose b Cairns 3
Tufnell run out 1
Giddins not out 0
Extras: (lb-2, lb-3, nb-7) 12
Total: 162

Fall of wickets: 1-23; 2-45; 3-123; 4-143; 5-143; 6-148; 7-157; 8-160; 9-161.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Cairns	15.1	3	50	1
Nash	14	3	39	4
Vettori	16	6	36	2
O'Connor	11	3	32	2

Result: New Zealand won by 83 runs to win the series 2-1.

First Test (Edgbaston): England won by seven wickets.

Second Test (Lord's): New Zealand won by nine wickets.

Third Test (Old Trafford): Drawn.

Man-of-the-match: Chris Cairns.

Men-of-the-series: Chris Cairns (NZ), Andy Caddick (Eng).

Don to replace queen on coin?

SYDNEY, Aug 22 (AFP): Local heroes such as cricket legend Sir Donald Bradman will replace Queen Elizabeth II on Australian coins if the country votes this year to become a republic, it was reported here Sunday.

But it is a big if, according to recent opinion polls and to former prime minister Bob Hawke who warned Sunday that the push for a republic is in danger from rogue republicans who want to sever links to Britain only on their terms.

The Sunday Telegraph quoted government sources as saying that if Australians vote for a republic in the November 6 referendum, currency carrying the queen's image would be phased out over five to 10 years.

It would be replaced by the



SIR DON BRADMAN

faces of notable Australians such as Bradman, scientist Sir Gustav Nossal and Aboriginal

artist Albert Namatjira. The new president, whoever he or she is, would not be an automatic choice.

Although Prime Minister John Howard is a monarchist, his support for Bradman's place on the currency would be highly likely.

Howard is a cricket devotee who has described Bradman as the greatest living Australian. Surveys show a majority of Australians agree with him.

But the prime minister's role as de facto leader of the referendum "No" campaign is also seen as one of the major reasons why Australians will not vote to dump the queen.

Recent opinion polls have consistently shown that while there is majority support for a republic, divisions among republicans will kill its prospects