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CBI to interrogate Shastri, Gavaskar

NEW DELHI, July 11: The CBI has suspecting far examined nearly 30 bookies across the country suspecting their alleged involvement in the cricket match-fixing scandal, agency sources said here on Monday, reports PTI.

The agency was planning to question a few former skippers including Ravi Shastri and Sunil Gavaskar, the sources said. CBI will request Shastri to appear before it once he returns to India after completing his assignment as commentator for the ongoing Singer Cup tournament in Sri Lanka, they said.

The sources said bookies were examined by the sleuths of Special Crime Branch in cities like New Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Calcutta and Lucknow.

Pakistan might not play today

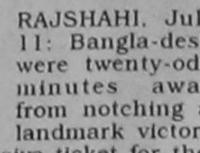
PCB accused Reid of being biased against Pakistan and

is fair. And we have conveyed our feelings to ICC, we are even considering not playing against South Africa on Wednesday If he continued to remain match referee," PCB chairman Tauqir

Zia was quoted as saying Younis was suspended for one match and fined 50 per cent | England - was still fairly ordiof his match fee by Reid on July | nary. 9 for lifting the seam off a ball

Column One Hosts so close yet so far

From Hasan Masood



11: Bangla-desh minutes away from notching a landmark victory

Championship. But their dream did not come true as Iraq came from behind to hold the home side to a 1-1 draw at Rajshahi Stadium here tonight, only to sneak into the

Bangladesh got a realistic chance of making it to the finals of the championship for the first time when striker headed the home side into the lead in the 25th minute amidst deafening cheers from a packed quarters of the country.

depths of despair when substitute Iraqi forward Ahmad Abbas struck the equaliser in the

The goal saved the blushes of the Asian football giants, who will now take part in the 10-nation final round to be held in Iran from November 12 to 26. This is however for the sec-

ond consecutive time Bangladesh were denied a final round berth on goal aggregate. Bangladesh embraced the same fate in the previous qualifying round held in Sri Lankan in

Although Iraq survived by the scruff of their neck, it was the spirited boys of coach Abu Yousuf who won the hearts of Rokonuzzaman Kanchan the audience with a display of attacking football, especially in The home side could have

audience in the northern head- taken the lead in the 8th minute when left wing back Tito came But the vociferous 20,000 up with a dipping cross that re-

partisan crowd was thrown in bounded off after hitting the cross bar.

> Bangladesh continued to press hard with Monwar operating like a true general down the middle. Their perseverance eventually paid off in the 25th minute when Monwar delivered a imaginative cross from the edge of the box to an unmarked Kanckan, who made no mistake to fire onto the left-hand roof of

the Iraqi post. The margin could have been doubled in the 41st minute when Kanchan, having completed a brilliant run down the right flank, unleashed a cross into the danger area. But, much to the disappointment of the nimble forward, none could run up there to cash in on it.

After the breather, the physically strong Iraqis regrouped themselves and drove the hosts to their den by launching a series of offensives. But Bangladesh custodian Titumeer See page 15

"So, clubs should be given at

least one month to do the

groundwork. In no way we

would be able to hold the League

in one and a half months," said

Jahangir, adding that another

86 days would be needed to

complete Premier and First Di-

retary Harunur Rashid MP, who

clined to make any comment. "I

will not say anything now be-

cause we have an important

meeting tomorrow. What I can

was going to refuse to take over

the BNS for such a short time.

who was also shocked to know

that NSC gave the permission to

remove the topsoil of three

pitches at BNS, plans to host a

triangular series in November.

It was rumoured that BFF

Bangladesh Cricket Board.

not happy with the news."

arrived here this morning, de-

Meanwhile, BFF general sec-

team, he said.

vision Leagues.

Maldives, Nepal share points

From Sports Reporter

RAJSHAHI, July 11: Nepal and Maldives shared points in their last match of the Group Four qualifiers in the 32nd Asian Youth (Under-19) Football Championship with a barren draw at the Rajshahi Stadium today.

In an eye-soring affair, both teams, who were already out of the race, remained confined to their own halves without making any initiative to bother

Maldvies could have easily taken the advantage of a tenman Nepal in the second session but their body language did not suggest they were willing to Nepal midfielder Naresh

Shrestha got the marching order after committing second bookable offence in the 46th With the draw, both Nepal

and Maldives earned their first point in three matches of the four-nation meet.

In the first half, Nepal created some opportunities but their goal-blind forwards could not cash in on it. However, their forward Hari Thakuri was later named the man-of-the-match.

Colts off to Pakistan

Sports Reporter

A 16-member Bangladesh team left Dhaka yesterday to take part in the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Under-17 Championship, scheduled to be begin in Karachi from July 15.

Nafees Iqbal will lead Bangladesh in the first of its kind event, where nine another nations including hosts Pakistan will be taking part.

Placed in Pool A Bangladesh will take on fancied Pakistan in the inaugural match at the Karachi National Stadium on Saturday. They will play Nepal on July 19, the following day they face Malaysia and end their first round fixtures against Kuwait on July 21

The other group includes Sri Lanka. UAE, Singapore and Saudi Arabia. The top two finishers from

each group will play in the semifinals to be held on July 23. The final will be held on July 25.

SQUAD

Nafees Igbal (captain). Nasiruddin Faruq, Shafiul Alam, Ashraful, Shariful Islam, Ali Arman Rajon, Kuntal Chanda, Anwar Hossain (wkt). Prosenjit Bosh. Monjurul Islam, Sabuj Islam, Mahabubul Alam, Sharif, Talha Zubair, Golam Faruque Chowdhury (coach) and Sailab Hossain (manager).

Green Delta Hockey League from July 21

Sports Reporter The Green Delta Insurance Senior Division Hockey League

yesterday welcomed back defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club. Mohammedan had earlier threatened to boycott the League

in protest against the suspension imposed by the Bangladesh Hockey Federation on three key players slapped by the during the Ragib Ali Gold Cup tourna-The ice finally melted during

a meeting in which the BHF agreed to reconsider lifting the suspension order against the Mohammedan trio. The three players, found guilty of creating a nuisance in the Super Four match against Usha Krira Chakra, would have to first apologise to the BHF. Indies and Zimbabwe on

The decided to start the twotier League - Premier and First Division - from July 21 with Mohammedan facing Sonali Bank in the opening Premier League match, starting at 4pm. All the matches of the of the

16 team League - nine in the Premier and seven in the First Division - will be held at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium. The nine teams taking part

in the Premier League are: Mohammedan SC, Abahani Krira Chakra, Usha Krira Chakra Mariner Young's Club, Ajax SC Azad SC, Farashganj SC Bangladesh Sporting Club and Sonali Bank.

The First Division League will comprise: Sadharan Bima Bachelors Club Bangladesh Railway, Wari Club, Victoria SC. Dhaka Wanderers and Mukta Bihanga.

Independent champs From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, July 11: Independent Cricket Club became champions in the Econo Cricket League at the Magura Stadium today.

In their final match Independent recorded a 26-min victory over Shaheed Mintu Sangha.

away prizes.

Batting first Independent | panel studied his case. made 134 all out in the stipulated 35 overs. a chance to present our case but In reply, Shaheed Mintu at the moment there is some scored 108 all out in 34.5 overs. confusion as the procedures AKM Rafigul Islam, Deputy

Speed said the ICC's proce-Commissioner of Magura, gave dure to date had been flawed -

Pakistan take on SA in 'semifinal' today

Lanka trounce Proteas



eight-wicket de- was set up by the spinners in the feat against Sri morning session when they Lanka on Tuesday to resurrect Pakistan's dying

campaign in the Singer Cup, reports AFP. The hosts shot out South Africa for a meagre 167 and

then cruised home in the 28th over to record their fourth successive win in the tri-series. Opener Avishka Gunawardena led Sri Lanka's charge

with 87 off 75 balls which contained 16 powerful boundaries. The left-hander was, how-

ever, denied his maiden oneday century - and the first by any player in matches between South Africa and Sri Lanka when he was trapped leg-before order.

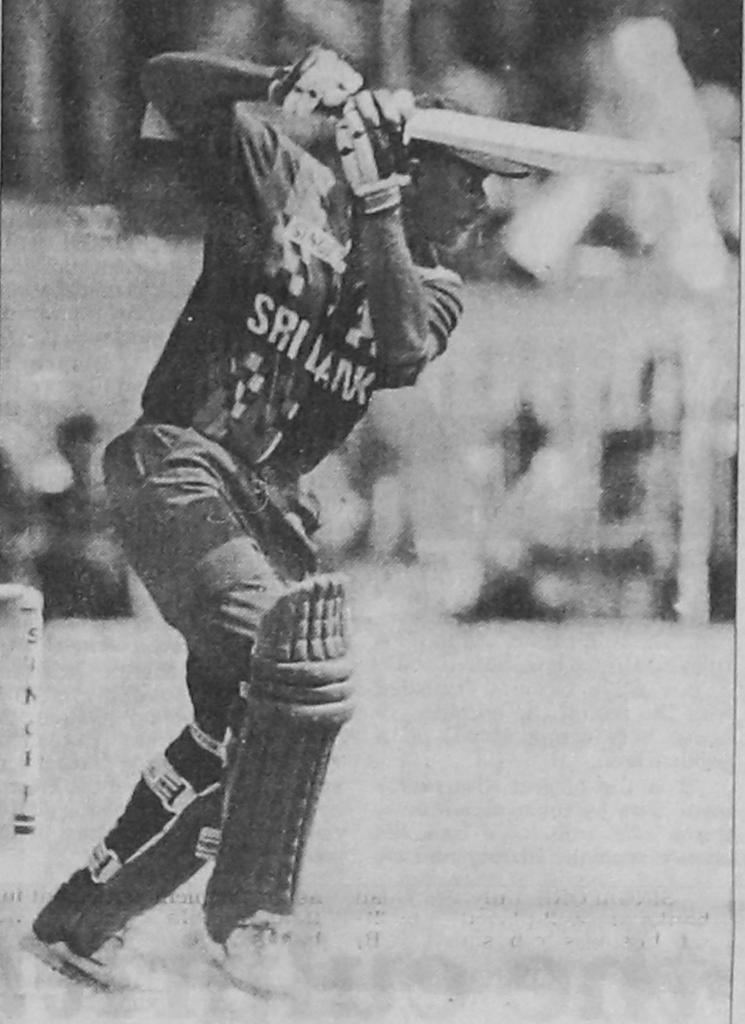
COLOMBO. July themselves back in contention final. 11: South Africa despite three successive defeats. Šri Lanka's impressive win

> spun a web around the South African batsmen. Leg-spinner Upul Chandana grabbed 2-20 from 10 overs and off-spinner Kumar Dharmasena finished with 2-37 as

South Africa were bowled out with four balls to spare. Jacques Kallis hit an unbeaten 83, but found no assistance at the other end as the tourists collapsed to 110-7 before Nicky Boje led a minor re-

Boje made 19 during an eighth-wicket stand of 38 with Kallis, but it came too late after a reckless display by the top-

We'd be gone if we bat as



Sri Lanka opener Avishka Gunawardena, who was adjudged man-of-the-match, drives one on way to scoring his career-best 87 against South Africa yesterday.

-Internet photo

Marvan Atapattu, who added 129 for the second wicket with did today," Pollock said. Gunawardena, remained unbeaten on 44 as Sri Lanka completed a facile win at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground.

Had South Africa won, they would have knocked Pakistan out of the race and qualified for Friday's final against Sri

Instead, Shaun Pollock's men face a virtual semifinal here on Wednesday against Pakistan, who suddenly find

badly against Pakistan as we

The conditions were good. even if it was very humid, so we won't have any excuses if we lose again. Sony Max will show

today's match with transmission starting from 9:50am BST.

Sri Lankan captain Sanath Javasuriya said his team was looking forward to winning the

"We don't want this winning streak to go," he said. "It means nothing to win four games if we lose the final."

South Africa, sent to bat in their 200th one-dayer, lost the openers by the third over and failed to build on the thirdwicket stand of 60 between Andrew Hall and Kallis.

The gamble to open with Lance Klusener backfired as the left-hander was out to the first ball he faced, driving Pramodya Wickremasinghe straight to

The other opener Gary Kirsten was bowled by Nuwan Zoysa in the third over, but Sri Lanka had to wait till the 14th for their next success.

Hall hit 32 off 34 balls when he pulled Dharmasena to square-leg where Mahela Jaya-

wardena picked up the skier. South Africa slipped from 84-3 to 94-5 as Daryll Cullinan and Jonty Rhodes were run out attempting risky singles again-

st the alert Sri Lankan fielders. Chandana opened up the tail with the wickets of captain Pollock and his deputy Mark Boucher in the 28th over. Boucher failed to keep a

drive down and was snapped up by Jayawardena in the covers. Pollock did not judge the line of a top-spinner and was leg-before without scoring. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Singer Cup

one-day international between South Africa and Sri Lanka on Tuesday: SOUTH AFRICA

Kirsten b Zovsa Klusener c Atapattu b W'singhe 0 Hall c J'wardena b Dharmasena Kallis not out

Cullinan run out Rhodes run out Boucher c J'wardena b Chandana Pollock Ibw b Chandana Boje st Sangakkara b Dharmasena Hayward run out Ntini b Jayasuriya

Extras: (lb-1; nb-4; w-3) Total: (All out 49.2 overs) 167 Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-4, 3-64, 4-84, 5-94, 6-110, 7-110, 8-

148, 9-158 Bowler Zovsa Wisinghe Dharmasena Ma ditharan Chandana Jayasuriya 6.2

SRI LANKA Jayasuriya c Ntini b Pollock 1 Gunawardena Ibw b Boje Atapattu not out Jayawardena not out Extras: (b-4; lb-9; nb-1; w-8) 22

Total: (For 2 wkts in 27.3 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-140 Bowler Hayward Ntini Boje Klusener Cullinan

Result: Sri Lanka won by eight wickets. Man-of-the-match: Avishka

Gunawardena. Next match: Pakistan v South Africa, Colombo, July

Lee's action under scrutiny



SYDNEY, July 11: Australian express bowler Brett Lee will continue to play international cricket as he fights to save his career after

Lee's action will be investigated by the International Cricket Council's illegal deliveries committee following a just-revealed report against

as suspect Tuesday, reports

him during the series in New Zealand last March-April. The two Indian umpires who officiated in the series - Arani Jayaprakash and Srinivas Venkataraghavan — made their report to match referee Mike Denness, who has forwarded

his concerns to the ICC. Lee's captain Steve Waugh and the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) Tuesday defended the young tearaway with the Board turning the heat back on the ICC for taking so long to make the report available to the Australians.

Lee, 23 and just last week voted Wisden's international young cricketer-of-the-year. said he was shocked by the allegations and swore his action was "pure".

"I'm very shocked and very disappointed. I only found out about this last night (Monday) - I never thought it would come to this.

"It's been four months and not a word's been said." ACB chief executive Malcolm Speed said he had little information to work with and didn't yet know whether the

ACB would be able to defend Lee

when the illegal deliveries "I very much hope that we get

out by biomechanical expert

and the ACB will tape each of especially given that he was only made aware of the allegahis Lee's deliveries during next tions against Lee on June 27. month's one-day series against "It's fair to say the ACB is South Africa in Melbourne and

concerned with the some of the procedural aspects of the way the ICC has dealt with this matter - not least of which is the delay of some three or four months since the concerns were raised, and the ICC's failure to follow their own procedures. "We'll work with Brett to



BRETT LEE

mount the strongest, the most comprehensive and compelling case that there is, in fact, no problem with his action." The ACB intends to use the

evidence of fast bowling great Dennis Lillee who has worked with Lee, remodelling his action after the paceman broke his back as a 17-year-old.

"Having worked with Brett for many years. I've never seen a problem with his action. Lillee said A review will also be carried

but said he was not given any cause for concern during the New Zealand series. Speed was unsure when Lee's case would be heard and said

submit them to the ICC panel.

Lee previously had the finger

pointed at him when the Indian

team toured here last summer

the matter had been made more complex by the review of the illegal delivery laws following the furore over Pakistan's Shoaib Akhtar, who is vying with Lee as the fastest bowler in the world - both close to touching the 100mph (160kph) bar-

Akhtar was banned late last year when the panel ruled he used a throwing action when bowling a short-pitched deliv-

However, he later played one-day matches in Australia after Pakistan argued the shortpitched delivery was not used in limited overs matches.

The then ICC president Jagmohan Dalmiya overturned the committee's decision to suspend Akhtar and the panel's powers to suspend players for throwing were revoked by the ICC executive board in February.

Subsequently the law regarding chucking has been rewritten and a new law will come into action in October this

Speed said even if Lee were found guilty by the ICC's panel, he would not be suspended as the ICC now required the matter to be referred to the player's home country

"If the panel has a problem it will be referred back to the ACB to remedy," Speed said. Lee topped his team's bowl-

ing averages during the Test series against New Zealand. which Australia won 3-0. He took 18 wickets at an average of

field in front of the long leg-side NEW DELHI, July 11: Reacting sharply to the match referee's decision to suspend paceman Waqar Younis for balltampering, the Pakistan was run out for 51 from 38 Cricket Board has threatened to | balls, including five fours, a. pull out of Wednesday's tri-series match against South Africa | back of the fluent left-hander if John Reid continued to rewho made an unbeaten 95 in main in the job, reports PTI.

at Bristol last Thursday. said it would despatch a strong gertips to a fierce, high cut when protest letter to International Cricket Council (ICC) enlisting over from Nixon McLean, but its grievances against the vetthe half-chance escaped and the eran match referee, reports ball sped on for four. Website Narad Online. "I don't think this man (Reid) when an edge off Merv Dillon flew just wide of the diving

during the match against South off the last ball before the inter-Africa in Colombo.

Iraqis qualify for final round

RAJSHAHI, July

and the elusive ticket for the final round of the 32nd Asian Youth (under-17) Football

final phase from Group Four by virtue of their superior goal aggregate in the four-nation meet.

were twenty-odd

RAJSHAHI, July

11: Officials of the

Bangladesh Un-

der-19 team here

expressed their

deep shock at the

news of the allotment of Banga-

bandhu National Stadium to

the BFF (Bangladesh Football

Federa ion) for only about

a news today. They National

Sports Council (NSC) could

have done it tomorrow as be-

cause the news has shocked all

my players ahead of their im-

portant match against Iraq,"

claimed the youth team man-

ager and BFF assistant general

secretary Badal Roy before the

local sports, had confirmed in a

circular on Monday that the

rights of BNS would be shifted

to football from July 15 and

against West Indies here on

Tuesday in their triangular

series one-day international,

past 50 for the second time in

successive innings, was un-

beaten on 77 off a mere 78 balls

and captain Andy Flower was

elected to field but Jimmy

Adams' bowlers struggled to

find the right line while his

fielders had trouble keeping

their footing on a slippery sur -

Victory would guarantee

Zimbabwe a place in the Lord's

final on Saturday week and the

way Neil Johnson and opening

partner Guy Whittall went

about their business suggested

they would settle for nothing

the innings in place of the in-

jured Craig Wishart, and

Johnson moved purposefully to

50 off 49 balls before a disap-

pointing crowd of around 4,500.

Franklyn Rose, the West Indies

attack was handled comfort-

piece of fielding from Wavell

rain of a drab day halted play.

between square leg and mid-

three, although the shot was

pulling up over the slowish out-

Earlier, Hinds got his fin-

Slick running between the

wickets added value to several

shots while some of West Indies'

fielding - which had concerned

coach Roger Harper during

Johnson's dismissal came

Sunday's wash-out against

Ricardo Powell at slip.

Apart from paceman

Whittall, who was opening

face, dropping six catches.

West Indies won the toss and

Alistair Campbell, going

reports AFP.

seven not out.

CANTERBURY,

England, July 11:

Zimbabwe's bats-

men took their

team to an impre-

ssive 256 for four

The NSC, governing body of

"I did not expect to hear such

eleven weeks.

Furore over NSC act

From Sports Reporter cricket would get it back after September 30. The spur-of-themoment decision of the NSC neither satisfied the football nor cricket bosses, who are at loggerheads over the possession of the BNS for decades.

"The boys knew they would

they all know that there will be no match because we can not hold the Premier League in such a short time," said Badal. Terming it as an anti-football decision, Badal said, "I think the decision has been

play Premier League in Dhaka

after this tournament. But, now

made without being caring say at this moment is that I'm about football. BFF member and Dhaka Mahanagri Football League Committee (DMFLC) secretary Shawkat Ali Khan Jahangir said they needed 20 days for preparing the ground and holding player's transfer. After that clubs will also need another two weeks to form their

G. WHITTALL ... 83

for one, but the delay did not

threaten to be a long one and

soon the groundstaff were re-

moving the covering on the

pitch and surrounds for the

chance of a second wicket when

Murray Goodwin tickled a de-

livery from off-spinner Chris

Gayle and Jacobs spilled a

fairly straightforward chance

Zimbabwe moved to 100 af-

behind the stumps.

West Indies missed the

reumption half an hour later.

Zimbabwe pile on runs

Rose could not cling on to a

miss-hit drive one-handed

above his head. At the halfway point. Zimbabwe were well-placed at 110 for one, with Whittall on

Gayle got his reward when he

bowled Goodwin for 16 to leave Zimbabwe 118 for two in the 28th over. However, Whittall, dropped twice more by Sherwin Campbell at midwicket and by Hinds in the same position, continued

Zimbabwe's fine progress with excellent support from Alistair Campbell. Whittall was on course for a century when on 83 he was out to a fine running catch by Hinds

off Rose, Zimbabwe 214 for three in the 45th over He had faced 111 balls and struck five fours. Grant Flower went cheaply but brother Andy, dropped by

Jacobs off Rose, stayed with Campbell until the close. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard after the Zimbabwe innings in the NatWest triangular series oneday international between West

Tuesday:

ZIMBABWE

Johnson run out

G. Whittall c Hinds b Rose



New yellow-jersey Lance Armstrong of the United States is all smiles before the start of 11th stage of the Tour de ruption and left Zimbabwe at 89 France at Bagneres-de-Bigorre yesterday.