

## Bigger King Commission

JOHANNESBURG, July 22: South Africa's King Commission of inquiry into match-fixing has broadened its investigation to include the financial affairs of players involved in all the matches covered by its terms of reference, reports Reuters.

Commission secretary John Bacon confirmed on Saturday that the commission was serving subpoenas on members of the party that toured India in 1996, the players who turned out against England during their recent tour to South Africa and those who subsequently toured India.

He said the subpoenas, requesting details of their financial affairs in South Africa and abroad during the periods in question, extended to team management as well and covered a period up to April 19 this year.

The 1996 tour formed part of the commission's initial frame of reference because the last match of the tour, a benefit game for Indian Test star Mohinder Amarnath which was upgraded to the status of a one-day international at the last minute, was a match which the team was offered money to throw.

## Bicknell

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for 50. But Lancashire look like seeing off Durham after a late rally gave them control at Old Trafford.

The hosts earned a 75-run first-innings advantage as they totalled 445 in their first innings, having resumed on 299 for four. Graham Lloyd (86) and Warren Hegg (38) added to the earlier good work of Jolin Crawley, Saurav Ganguly and Mike Atherton.

Michael Gough and John Wood both picked up four wickets for Durham, who were in good shape at 86 for one but closed on 123 for six — three wickets apiece from Gary Keedy and Gary Yates restricting the visitors to a narrow lead of 48 to take into tomorrow's fourth and final day.

At Portsmouth, Giles White carried his bat for an unbeaten 80 as rock-bottom Hampshire made 136 in their second innings, leaving Kent needing 208 to win.

Kent, for whom former England slow left-arm Min Patel took five for 46, look good value for the victory, closing on 117 for one, with Robert Key (41 not out) and Rahul Dravid (25 not out) sharing in an unbroken second-wicket stand of 50. They need another 91 runs to win on Saturday.

## Raids testify

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dian cities on Thursday and Friday.

Those raided included former captains Kapil Dev and Mahamud Azharuddin and players Ajay Jadeja, Manoj Prabhakar, Nikhil Chopra, Navjot Singh Sidhu and Ajay Sharma.

The former chief of the International Cricket Council, Jagmohan Dalmiya, was also targeted.

"Whatever we have seen so far proves that there is a connection to match-fixing. As far as our department is concerned we are interested in collecting the tax due which will be 69 per cent of the unaccounted money," the minister said.

He said the income tax department also got hold of "certain other information" which would be "useful for other agencies to establish the allegation of match-fixing."

The Indian cricket board has welcomed the raids, the biggest such clean-up exercise against cricketers so far, and called for stern steps against those found guilty.

Indian Sports Minister Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa said players implicated in match-fixing should be banned for life from the game.

"I will support a code of conduct which imposes a life ban on players found guilty of match-fixing charges," Dhindsa said in New Delhi.

This is an apt punishment on a guilty player as he has taken the whole nation for a ride by fixing a match when the public thinks that it was watching a honest game.

## Luxembourg under pressure

# All is not well in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 22 (Reuters/AFP): Brazil are in disarray after Tuesday's shock 2-1 World Cup qualifying defeat in Paraguay.

Furious Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) president Ricardo Teixeira has backed coach Wanderley Luxemburgo, who is involved in a spat with captain Cafu, and lambasted the players for lack of fighting spirit.

Central defender Antonio Carlos, who missed the game through suspension, has stirred the pot of discontent by criticising his teammates' performance.

Brazil were expected to qualify easily for the 2002 tournament after being losing finalists in 1998, but they have slumped to fifth in the South American group with two wins, two draws and one defeat from five games. They are seven points behind leaders and arch-rivals Argentina, who will be firm favourites when the two sides meet in Sao Paulo on Wednesday.

The Brazilian public has been angered by the lacklustre performances, particularly from players such as Roberto Carlos and Rivaldo who are accused of failing to live up to the form they show for their Spanish clubs.

Luxemburgo is under fire for chopping and changing the team.

Opinion polls show that Brazilians are divided on whether their football federation should keep faith with Luxemburgo.

Luxemburgo admitted that "something is missing from this team" but with Argentina coming to Sao Paulo next week he might be missing himself by

the end of the campaign.

An opinion poll showed 43.1 per cent wanted Luxemburgo to be jettisoned but 44.3 per cent continue to back the man who took over from Mario Zagallo after the 1998 World Cup final thrashing by France.

However, 63.5 per cent agreed that Luxemburgo was failing to get the best out of his players and 68.7 per cent said



they were unhappy with team selection.

Some 46 per cent of respondents cited Luiz Felipe Scolari, who has just left Palmeiras to take over at Cruzeiro, as their favourite for a new face at the helm.

Zagallo was next favourite at 16.9 per cent.

Fans said the players looked lost and uncertain during the first half of their first defeat against Paraguay in 21 years and only their second ever in a World Cup qualifier.

The repercussions of Tuesday's defeat began when the team returned to the border town of Foz de Iguaçu to begin training for the Argentina match.

Captain Cafu, sent off against Paraguay and therefore, suspended from Wednesday's match, walked out of the team hotel and was criticised by Luxemburgo for deserting his teammates.

Several players, including Roberto Carlos, expressed surprise at Cafu's behaviour.

But on Thursday, Cafu gave a news conference in which he said he had the coach's permission to have some time off.

"If Wanderley had told me to say, I would have done," said Cafu, whose national team future is in serious doubt.

The rest of the team spent the whole of Thursday locked up in the team hotel, apparently washing their dirty laundry. A planned training session was cancelled.

Antonio Carlos, who could take over the captain's role against Argentina, upset his colleagues by implying they had not given their all in Asuncion.

"When you pull on the national team shirt you have to have character," he said.

Although many feel a defeat against Argentina could cost Luxemburgo his job, CBF president Teixeira put the responsibility firmly on the shoulders of the players.

"The first half against Paraguay made me ashamed," he said. "I can accept a bad performance but not a lack of fighting spirit."

Wanderley is capable of qualifying the team and has my backing.

## Swedes surge ahead

BAASTAD, Sweden, July 22: Sweden looked almost assured of retaining their place in the Davis Cup elite after taking a comfortable 2-0 lead over India on the opening day of their World Group play-off here on Friday, reports AFP.

They overpowered the hapless Indians in both the opening singles, with 19-year-old Andreas Vinciguerra enjoying his Davis Cup debut with a 6-3, 6-1, 6-1 rout of Harsh Mankad.

The Swedish left-hander never faltered, despite the 1hr 41min rain delay and cruised to victory.

An old head on young shoulders, Vinciguerra, ranked 39th in the world, said: "Never in my life have I won such an important match so easily."

It was even more of an exhibition in the second singles when Mikael Tillstrom took to the court against Prahlad Srinath and allowed the Indian just three games in the 1hr 24min encounter, which he won 6-2, 6-0, 6-1.

Tillstrom could clinch the tie on Saturday when he teams up with Nicklas Kulti in the doubles against Mashed Bhupathi and Syed Fatahuddin.

## Figo Real's?

MADRID, July 22: Newly-elected Real Madrid president Florentino Perez has reportedly insisted that Luis Figo will join the European champions on Monday for an estimated world record fee of around 56 million dollars, reports Reuters.

"On Monday I will have Figo, we will deposit the money with the Spanish Football League (LFP) and we will present him as a Real Madrid player," Perez was reported as saying in Spanish sports daily As on Saturday.

He was responding to reports that the Barcelona midfielder, one of the stars of Euro 2000, was attempting to extricate himself from a personal transfer agreement with Perez.

Debt-ridden Real Madrid will have to deposit 10,000 million pesetas (56.14 million dollars) with the LFP on Monday morning to buy out Figo, who will reportedly earn another 8.4 million pesetas (47.16 million dollars) over six years.

Earlier this month Argentine striker Hernan Crespo moved from Parma to Lazio for a world-record 54.16 million dollars. Following his election earlier in the week, Perez said that the club's financial state was even worse than he had feared, with debts said to have reached 45,000 million pesetas (252.6 million dollars).

Perez, nevertheless, is confident he can resolve the problems. Immediate relief came with the transfer of Nicolas Anelka to Paris Saint Germain for 31.25 million dollars, and further transfers are expected next week.

## Not quite golf?

ST ANDREWS, Scotland, July 22: Three people were arrested Friday as streakers defied warnings not to run on to the golf course during the British Open at St Andrews, police said, reports AFP.

One man pulled off his clothes at the ninth hole shortly after 10:00 a.m. (0900 GMT), and two women did the same elsewhere on the course later.

A police spokeswoman declined to give details of the individuals, who will appear in court Monday.

The streakers' antics took place after police chiefs warned Thursday that they would not tolerate the behaviour and would arrest anyone who did it.

Streaking is often seen as a cheeky bit of fun which does no harm, and is a sporadic if entertaining hazard at major sporting events.

When a man streaked at the Wimbledon tennis tournament earlier this month, he was merely ushered away.

Officials at the Open had been on full alert after warnings that the warm weekend weather could attract streakers eager to win a reported 10,000-pound (15,000 dollar) reward for baring all.

Last year a lap dancer was arrested for embracing golfing superstar Tiger Woods on the 18th green.

## Captain America isn't happy

# Spaniards gain control

SANTANDER, Spain, July 22: United States captain John McEnroe on Friday questioned his team's commitment to Davis Cup after going down 2-0 to Spain on the opening day of their World Group semifinal here, reports AFP.

The home team are now

their best player (Juan Carlos Ferrero), said McEnroe.

"Gambill played well, but I couldn't get Todd to dig within those reserves and do what he did at the Open. I think his type of game can beat Costa. But you have to play well."

And he questioned his ad-hoc team's commitment to Davis Cup.

"Ideally we should have got

The opening day demolition was a further blow for the squad who had been counting on Martin, who has a 13-2 record against Spaniards in clay, to get them off to a winning start.

But the Florida-based player, who has been absent from the circuit for most of this year because of injury, failed to deliver and could not match the power of clay-court specialist Costa, going down in just over 2hrs.

The 30-year-old Martin, serving first in the second set, got off to a flying start, by breaking his opponent's serve in the second game to go 2-0 up. But the Spaniard came back immediately, broke Martin's serve in the third game and went on to take the opening set 6-4 with an ace in 39 minutes.

In the second set there were five service breaks in the first seven games, three in favour of the Spaniard, ranked 16th on the ATP list, and the American, ranked 29th, could not match his opponent's skill on clay and strong baseline play, going on to lose the second set 6-4.

The crucial game in the third set was the ninth when the 25-year-old French Open quarter-finalist broke his American opponent's serve and went on to win the rubber.

So it was left to Wimbledon quarter-finalist Gambill, ranked 37th, to turn the situation around and there was a glimmer of hope when the 23-year-old wrapped up the opening set 6-1 in just 33 minutes.

But in-form world number seven Corretja, 26, fresh from his Swiss Open win last Monday and buoyed by the enthusiastic home crowd, was soon back on track winning the second set 6-3 in 59 minutes, and then adding the following two 6-4, 6-4 with relative ease to take the match in 3hr 18min.

Gambill brushed aside their late arrival in Spain as a reason for their failure on clay. "We could have been here a month and it wouldn't have made a difference, there guys are so tough on dirt."

While Corretja said that the Spaniards, who pulled out of Wimbledon in a row over seeding, had taken advantage of their time to practice more at home, "We're very ambitious and the Davis Cup tie is very important for all of us. It's much better than an individual prize for the Spanish people."

The USA, who have won the Davis Cup more than any other country on 31 occasions, must now win Saturday's doubles if they are to stay in this tie, and come from behind as they did twice this year.

Sunday's reverse singles, will be Corretja versus Martin, followed by Costa versus Gambill.

## Andrei wins then loses

STUTTGART, July 22: Former French Open finalist Andrei Medvedev upset a two-time Grand Slam champion in the morning but fell apart against an Argentine outsider in the afternoon to exit the one-million-dollar Mercedes Cup Friday, reports AFP.

The Ukrainian's attempt at a daily double was thwarted in the quarterfinals by Gaston Gaudio 6-1, 7-6 (7/3).

Medvedev, who lost the 1999 finale at Roland Garros in a heartbreaker after leading Andre Agassi but letting it go, couldn't reproduce his world-beating form twice on the same sunny day at the Weissenhof club.

Hours earlier, Medvedev had completed an upset of second seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov, finishing a tight-back which began Thursday night in the second round when the Russian served for victory leading a set and 5-2 up.

The Ukrainian levelled the match, but was interrupted by fading light.

On Friday, Kafelnikov had little to offer in the rapid-first third set, dropping to 0-3 in a blink and ending on the short end of a 6-7 (4/7), 7-5, 6-3 scoreline.

# Anelka confirms PSG deal

PARIS, July 22: Real Madrid striker Nicolas Anelka will sign for Paris St Germain tonight, the French club said in a statement, reports Reuters.

PSG said agreement had been reached with the French international's Spanish club and he would officially sign a six-year contract before a friendly against Brazil's Corinthians at the Parc des Princes.

No financial details were given but French newspapers have put the figure at around 220 million francs (31.25 million dollars) — a French record but slightly less than Real Madrid paid Arsenal for striker Thierry Henry last year.

The confirmation on Friday ended a long-running saga over the deal and brought to an end Anelka's rollercoaster year

with the European champions.

The deal will see him return to his first professional club. Anelka confirmed the deal on his website saying, "I will return to PSG. Things went on little, but discussions finally finished late on Friday."

The deal, which has been several weeks in the making, had looked likely to fall through on Thursday, when Anelka's brother and agent, Didier Anelka, said the 21-year-old was planning to stay in Spain.

That proved to be false. Anelka returned to Paris from holiday in Martinique on Friday but did not comment on the deal.

He grew up in the Paris suburb of Tremblay and played for PSG before joining Arsenal as a 17-year-old in 1997.

The striker was transferred from the English Premiership club to Real Madrid for 35 mil-

lion dollars but his stay was dotted with controversy.

Anelka became embroiled in a number of rows with Real officials and coach Vicente del Bosque, who said the player needed to grow up.

At one stage Anelka was suspended after refusing to train but he bounced back from that incident to play a key role as Real beat first Bayern Munich and then Valencia to become European Champions.

He was a member of the French squad that won Euro 2000 earlier this summer but was not a regular starter.

Anelka will join two former French youth international teammates — Petr Lucin and Stephane Dalmat — at a new look PSG team for the season which starts next Friday.

Lucin and Dalmat both joined PSG from Marseille in the off-season.

# Matthaeus to stay with MetroStars

NEW YORK, July 22: German star defender Lothar Matthaeus has agreed to return to the New York MetroStars next week after meeting for three hours with Major League Soccer and club officials on Friday, reports Reuters.

Matthaeus, who had been in a war of words with MetroStars coach Octavio Zambrano, has been sidelined with a back injury and is expected to return to training with the club on Monday or Wednesday.

Matthaeus, 39, looked tired after the meeting but appeared to be happy with outcome. "I think we can go a good way together for the next three months," he said. "This coach waits for me. I hope I can give him my best effort."

Matthaeus, captain of Germany's 1990 World Cup championship team and the all-time leader in international appearances (150), has been at odds with the MetroStars for two weeks since injuring his back.

He will be examined by MetroStars team doctors in consultation with his German physician.

"We have yet to play very important matches," MetroStars coach Octavio Zambrano said. "It would be beneficial to us to have the players that have the kind of experience and maturity Lothar Matthaeus has. We look at the big picture and the big picture calls for a possible championship game down the line."

Matthaeus left the MetroStars for the European Championship in mid-May. While he was gone, the MetroStars added several players and went from the worst team in the 12-team league to the best. They are in first place in the Eastern Division with a league-best 12-7-2 record and 38 points.

Matthaeus, however, will have to earn back a starting position.

"We don't guarantee a player a starting position," Zambrano said. "When you are dealing with this type of injury, you can't gauge anything until you see him on the field and see his fitness. It is important that he is 100 per cent fit."

Asked if the team considered releasing Matthaeus, MetroStars general manager Nick Sakiewicz said: "The decision about his future was really up to him. When it concerns a player with his skill and talent, we don't do stupid things."

"We think Lothar is the type of player who can help us win a championship."

Matthaeus had criticised Zambrano, saying he could not play for the coach in several interviews this past. But he backed down at that stance.

"We have an understanding with Lothar," Zambrano said. "We are pretty clear about that. Nothing is irreparable. Our relationship is as good as it ever was."

"It's a lot misunderstanding and a lot of things taken out of context. Lothar understood I was not the kind of coach to get into a tit-for-tat."

Matthaeus, the leading vote-getter among defenders for the MLS all-star game, indicated that he might play in the match in Columbus, Ohio, on July 29 if he was healthy.

## TV Guide

### Sunday 23rd July

(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

### BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement, Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline 3:15 Patriotic Song 3:20 Open University Prog. 4:00 Bangla News 4:05 Animation Film: Jim Henson's Animal Show 4:30 Pusti Thatto 4:45 Aalor Payra (Magazine For Children) 5:10 Sastho Thatto (Health Developing For Mother & Children) 5:25 National Television Debate Competition 6:00 Bangla News 6:05 Mitho Surr 6:30 Transmission From Chittagong Center 7:00 News For Weather 7:05 Mati-O-Manus 7:25 Shatker Shatosmriti 8:00 News At 8 (Bangla) 8:20 Eitias Katha Kaoy (Based On Liberation Fight) 9:00 Package Serial: Sanghat #13/13 (\*Afsana Mimi, Azizul Hakim, Toni Deyes, Chhobi) 9:30 Comedy Series: Molla Nasruddin (Bangla Dub) 10:00 News At Ten (English) 10:20 Samahar (Magazine) 11:30 Bangla News 11:35 English News 11:40 A) Programme Outline For Monday B) National Song 11:45

### Closing

### EKUSHEY

2:00 Newspaper Headlines 2:10 Andha Shikari 2:35 Bauliana 3:00 Ekushey News Headlines 3:02 Bangla Cinema: Shukhe Thako 5:30 Drishti Public View 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:02 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 6:30 Chharidhe 7:00 Ekushey News Headlines 7:02 Newspaper Headlines 7:10 Cartoons 7:20 Jana Anaja 8:00 Serial: 7:45 Ekushey News 8:20 Ei Shoptah 8:30 Noorjahan 9:30 New Drama Serial: Nepotithyo Nayok 10:00 BTV News 10:20 Shorashori 11:00 Ei Shoptaher Bishwa 11:30 Ekushey News Headlines

### CHANNEL-1

#### Morning

6:15 Drama Everyday: Ek Tukro Megh-Episode-1 6:50 My Channel-1 7:00 Music Next Generation 7:40 Maintaining Quality of Shrimp from Farm to Factory 8:05 Sasoy Barita 8:15 Openi Bayscor 9:00 Galpo Theke Naya: Drama: Poka 9:50 Focus 10:00 Reciting from Holy Quran 10:10 Music 10:40 71

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#### Evening

6:00 Reciting from Holy Quran 6:10 Fram of Changes 6:40 Artho oh Nithi 7:15 Drama Everyday: Ek Tukro Megh-Episode-2 7:50 My Channel-1 8:00 Sajai Sapner Ghar 8:40 Ponds Alakito Nari Guest A Froza Banu 9:05 Sasoy Barita 9:15 Job Line 10:00 Anar Chobi 10:50 Focus 11:00 Bangla Cinema: Agamion

### ALPHA BANGLA TV

6:00 Aalap 7:00 Grihasajja 7:30 Bharat Bhromam 8:00 Serial: Hiyaar Majhe 8:30 Serial: Ihara Samayer Upakatha 9:00 Serial: Samayer Sur 9:30 Bahari Aahar 10:00 Grihasajja 10:30 Sa Re Ga Ma 11:30 Aponader Jannay 12:00 Serial: Beauty Parler 12:30 Serial: Bhalo Basa Mondo Basa 1:00 Serial: Annay Bhubon 1:30 Cine News 2:00 Serial: Guest House / Jemon Bolben Sir 2:30

Bangla Movie: Duj Bhai 5:00 Serial: Amra Probasht 5:30 Aalap 6:00 Serial: Mojir Khela Kobitae 6:30 Moon Moon Sen 7:00 Serial: Gulli 7:30 News In Bangali 8:00 Serial: Shoni-Robi Mojir Chobi 8:20 Serial: Kichu Smriti Kichu Gaan 9:00 Serial: Agni Yuger Padatik 9:30 Serial: Iskabon Bibi #16 (Indrani, Shila Dittay) 10:00 News In Bangali 10:30 Serial: Half Chocolate #21 11:00 Serial: Majhar Khala Kabitay 11:30 Serial: Sanghaat 12:00 Serial: Aamra Probasht #21 12:30 Serial: Bhalo Basa Mondo Basa 1:00 Serial: Majhar Khala Kabitay 1:30 Bangla Movie: Duj Bhai 4:00 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 4:30 Serial: Shoni-Robi Mojir Chobi #20

### STAR SPORTS

7:00 Nba Inside Stuff 9:00 2000 7:30 Gillette World Sport Special 8:00 Cricket Magazine Stumped- Australia Vs India 8:30 Ecb International Cricket Netwest Series London, ENGLAND: Final, 10th Odi, H/L 9:30 Asian Football Show 10:30 World Wrestling Federation Metal 11:30 Cricket Up Close- Anil Kumble 12:00 Fivb Beach Volleyball - Canadian Open Toronto, ON CANADA Women's 3rd/4th Placing & Final 1:30 Futbol Mundial

2:00 Triathlon Sabah Triathlon 2000 Sabah, MALAYSIA Highlights 2:30 Asian Basketball Show 3:00 Sports India 3:30 Ecb International Cricket Netwest Series London, ENGLAND: Final, 10th Odi, H/L 4:30 Live- Fim World Motorcycle Championship 2000 MotoGP Sachsenring, GERMANY 250cc(L); 500cc(L); 125cc(S) 7:00 Atp Tour World Series Tournament Miller Lite Hall Of Fame Newport, RI USA Finals 8:30 International Motorsports News 2000 9:30 Formula One Highlights Spielberg, AUSTRIA Austrian Grand Prix 10:30 Sbk Supercycle Magazine Highlights 11:00 Pga Tour Golf- Bc Open Endicott, NY USA Day Three 1:00 Sports Unlimited

### ESPN

7:00 Motorsport Asia 7:30 British Open 2000 St. Andrews, SCOTLAND Third Round 10:30 Ecb International Cricket Netwest Series London, ENGLAND: Final, 10th Odi, H/L 11:30 Tour De France 2000 Stage #18 12:00 Cart Pole Qualifying Brooklyn, MI USA 1:00 U.S. Women's Open Golf Champs Libertyville, IL USA Third Round

4:00 Pba Basketball Pba Commissioner's Cup Game #3 5:30 Sportscenter: International Edition 8:00 Ecb International Cricket Netwest Series London, ENGLAND: Final, 10th Odi, H/L 9:00 Live- British Open British Open 2000 St. Andrews, SCOTLAND Final Round 11:30 Live- Cart Michigan 500 (Abe) Brooklyn, MI USA 3:00 Live- U.S. Women's Open Golf Champs Libertyville, IL USA Final Round

### DISCOVERY CHANNEL