

ACB rejects inquiry call

SYDNEY, July 25 (AFP) The Australian Cricket Board has rejected calls from Imran Khan to order a fresh inquiry into admission by Shane Warne and Mark Waugh that they accepted money from a bookmaker during the 1994 tour to Sri Lanka.

The two players were subsequently fined by the ACB but former Pakistan captain Imran Khan has questioned their claim that they received money from a man known as John for pitch information.

He told ABC Television's 'Four Corners' programme: "With hindsight, it makes no sense. Why would bookies just give money to anyone for just giving a pitch report?"

ACB chief executive Malcolm Speed responded by ruling out any fresh inquiry unless new evidence comes to light.

"Imran Khan says he's not happy with the way it was dealt with and wanted it reopened, but gave no basis for that, other than saying he wasn't happy with it," Speed said.

I inherited this matter, I've been asked a number of times why we don't reopen the Shane Warne-Mark Waugh matter.

"We simply can't do that unless there is new evidence. We've said a number of times if there is new evidence, we're happy to deal with that."

The Waugh-Warne affair was not made public for four years, prompting criticism of an alleged cover-up by the ACB.

The pair attended a news conference in Adelaide in 1998 at which Waugh admitted receiving 6,000 Australian dollars from an Indian bookmaker and Waugh said he had accepted 5,000 (A\$) dollars.

Both men denied ever having been involved in any match-fixing or bribery relating to cricket matches.

Waugh's twin brother Steve, the current Australian captain, has dismissed Imran's allegations.

Taxmen looking into documents

MUMBAI, July 25: Income tax officials have begun a scrutiny of documents seized here during searches conducted last week on ten premises of cricketers, their close relatives, administrators, bookies and those connected with the game, reports PTI.

"We will open the sealed bank lockers in a day or two and in some cases we may like the owner to be present," director general (investigations) PK Sarma said here yesterday.

According to tax officials, they expect a former Indian captain and his wife, whose premises were searched and evidence of lavish lifestyle and huge investments in property was found, to be present after their return from London by the first week of August.

India's first female GM

HYDERABAD, July 25: Women's national champion Vijayalakshmi yesterday became the first female Grand Master in Indian chess history when she drew with P Harikrishna (Ind) in the ninth round of the Wipro Grand Masters (GM) Tournament here, reports PTI.

The 21-year-old Chennai girl, who had 3 points, split the points in a kings Indian attack opening to achieve the distinction of getting 3.5 points in eight games. (She had a bye on Sunday).

"I am quite happy with the achievement," an elated Vijayalakshmi later told reporters.

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to a drinking problem after being suspended for his involvement in a bar-room brawl in Sydney.

But a promotion to the vice-captaincy would be an obvious signal that the ACB believes he learned from that and mended enough fences to warrant the job ahead of the leading contender, wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist.

"Hopefully, I've done enough since then to show that I have grown up and matured," he said.

"If the decision does go my way then obviously they've forgotten about it, if it doesn't then maybe it's still playing on their minds a little bit."

OTTEY MIGHT GET SECOND CHANCE

KINGSTON, Jamaica, July 25: Jamaican athletics star Merlene Ottey missed out on an automatic 100m berth at the Sydney Olympics, but might yet make her farewell run in the event in place of compatriot Beverly McDonald, reports AFP.

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Figo = 56 million dollars

MADRID, July 25 (Reuters/AP) Luis Figo became the world's most expensive player — and probably the most unpopular — as he completed a 56.1 million dollars move from Barcelona to Real Madrid yesterday.

Real, delivering on a campaign promise by newly elected President Florentino Perez, paid the Barcelona buy out clause Monday of 10 billion pesetas plus the 1.6 billion pesetas (nine million dollars) in Spanish value added tax.

"I hope that I will be as happy as during the years I spent with Barcelona," Figo told reporters before holding up a Madrid jersey with his Number 10 on it. Figo then strolled, swamped by reporters, through the hall of Madrid trophies at the Bernabeu stadium after the brief presentation.

"It's an honor to be here presenting such a great player as Luis Figo," said Perez at the start of the press conference Monday.

Figo will play for Madrid starting with the upcoming season.

Figo's joining Real Madrid has been rumored for days in the Spanish press following an agreement he reportedly signed early this month with Perez as the latter campaigned to become Real Madrid's president.

Perez ultimately won, unseating Lorenzo Sanz.

Figo arrived in Madrid Monday on a private jet for final meetings with Madrid executives and to undergo the compulsory medical exam.

The deal eclipses the 55 million dollars price tag on Argentine striker Hernan Crespo, paid to AC Parma by Lazio — a world record until Monday.

The signing of Figo, one of the stars of the recent Euro 2000 tournament won by France, received a vigorous thumbs down from press in his home country.

"Figo represented the little that was left of purity and romanticism in soccer," said daily Diario de Noticias, calling the winner the last great casualty of soccer's moneygrabbing.

Luis Figo — must have learned that the world he inhabits permits him to seek profit, disdaining morality and niceties," commented sports daily A Bola.

The announcement came hours after Joan Gaspart was elected president of FC Barcelona, succeeding Josep Luis Nunez after serving as his loyal understudy for 22 years.

Controversial is hardly the word for a transfer that has dominated the presidential elections at the two clubs, divided fans and sent Gaspart threatening a transfer war between the two century-old rivals.

There have been moves between the clubs before, including high-profile players such as

Michael Laudrup, Bernd Schuster and Luis Enrique.

But never has a transfer been so bitterly contested, with one of Barcelona's most respected and successful players poached by a Real Madrid president pre-

The irony is that few people in Spain believe Figo truly wanted to move to Real Madrid.

The contract signed with Florentino Perez during the Real Madrid election campaign is thought to have been no more than a tactic to put pressure on Barca to improve his contract.

At that time, no one expected Perez to be successful in his bid to unseat Lorenzo Sanz but the very fact that he had Figo signed up saw him to an unlikely victory.

Perez wisely inserted a clause in the contract requiring Figo to pay Real a 5,000 million pesetas (28.05 million dollars) fine if he did not go through with the deal. That left him no choice but to make the move to the Bernabeu.

Fans of both Barcelona and Real will find it strange to see Figo in a white shirt next season. In his five years at the Nou Camp, no one gave more effort or commitment, a fact illustrated in the clearest terms during last season's Champions League semifinal.

With Barcelona trailing 4-1 from the opening leg against Valencia which Figo had missed due to suspension, the Portuguese toward put his career at risk by agreeing to play despite carrying a serious leg muscle injury.

On that occasion he failed to save his side, but his overall contribution at the Catalan club was immense.

In five seasons, Figo played 172 league games and scored 30 goals. He helped the club to two league titles, two Spanish Cups, the European Super Cup, the Spanish Super Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup.

There are fears in my eyes as I write this.

The largest transfers in football history

Luis FIGO (Portugal) Barcelona to Real Madrid (2000-2001 season) 56.6 million dollars

Hernan CRESPO (Argentina) Parma to Lazio (2000-2001 season) 54.16 million dollars

Christian VIERI (Italy) Lazio Roma to Inter de Milan (1999-2000) 42.7 million dollars

Gabriel BATISTUTA (Argentina) Fiorentina to AS Roma (2000-2001) 36 million dollars

Nicolas ANELKA (France) Real Madrid to Paris Saint-Germain (2000-1) 33.5 million dollars

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Liverpool on Ziege trail

LONDON, July 25 (Internet report): English Premier League club Liverpool on Monday made a bid of 5.5 million pounds in the long-running saga to prise Christian Ziege away from Middlesbrough.

The Riverside club have refused to comment on the latest bid for the German defender. Ziege is believed to have a clause in his contract that allows him to speak to any club who bid more than five million pounds for his services.

Liverpool's latest move is a clear attempt to see whether Ziege is prepared to insist that the terms of his contract are honoured.

Boro manager Bryan Robson only last week said he had spoken to Ziege who said he was happy on Teesside and was ready to resume pre-season training.

But Liverpool boss Houllier, who has flown to Switzerland with his squad for a week of intensive training, clearly believes Ziege will be tempted to play alongside fellow German internationals Dietmar Hamann and Markus Babbel.

If Houllier is successful with his bid, it will take his expenditure through the £50m barrier.

Houllier's spending this summer has reached £9m. He signed Nicky Barnby from Everton for £6m and French star Bernard Diomede for 3 million pounds.

Inter deny Ronaldo switch

MILAN, July 25 (Reuters/Internet): Inter Milan said on Monday that Ronaldo would not be joining Brazilian club Flamengo on loan.

The daily Gazzetta dello Sport had quoted Ronaldo, currently recovering from a knee injury, as saying a loan move to Flamengo may be the best way to regain his full fitness.

"There is no chance of Ronaldo going to Flamengo that is for sure," an Inter spokesman said. "Ronaldo wants a light comeback and he agrees with our ideas. A loan move would be the opposite of a light comeback. We want to look after Ronaldo and allow him to return without pressure and in his own time."

Ronaldo underwent an operation in April after his latest injury setback when he ruptured a knee ligament barely seven minutes after coming on as a substitute in the Italian Cup final against Lazio.

The game was Ronaldo's first for more than five months and the former Barcelona striker is not expected to be fit again until February.

In the Gazzetta interview Ronaldo said the loan idea was "something to be looked into".

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Sprint kings in US relay squads

SACRAMENTO, California, July 25: World record holders Michael Johnson and Maurice Greene, whose hotly anticipated 200-metre showdown ended in mutual injury, were both named yesterday to US relay squads for the Olympics, reports Reuters.

Johnson, the US trials' 400-metre winner, was chosen for the 4x400-metre relay and 100-metre winner Greene was picked for the 4x100-metre relay with the expectation that they will recover from hamstring injuries suffered in Sunday's 200-metre final. US men's coach John Chaplin said in an interview.

"They're both world champions anchor men, and if they're not hurt, we are going to run them," Chaplin said.

Joining Greene in the sprint relay camp will be trials' 200-metre champion John Capel and the first six finishers behind Greene in the trials' 100 metres: Curtis Johnson, Jon Drummond, Brian Lewis, Kenny Brokenburr, Tim Montgomery and Bernard Williams.

Coby Miller, the third-place finisher in the 200 metres, or Terrence Trammell, who was third in the 110-metre hurdles, will accompany the 4x100-metre relayers to Europe "just because we will run two teams there," Chaplin said.

The American sprinters will hold a relay camp in Berlin in late August and compete in the Berlin Golden League meet on September 1. Chaplin said.

Park won't quit

SEOUL, July 25: Park Seh-jik, head of the South Korean 2002 World Cup Organizing Committee, has strongly rejected government pressure to step down, calling himself the best man for the post, reports AFP.

Park told a news conference yesterday he was "the most appropriate person" to be chairman of the Committee. Yonhap New Agency reported.

He noted that he served as the top organizer of the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games and had been working in his current post for 26 months now.

A graduate from the South Korean Military Academy, Park also served as sports minister and Seoul mayor during the previous military-backed government.

"It will be a national loss to relieve me of the seat," he said. He stressed that he had been re-elected for another three-year term in January.

He made the statement after Culture Tourism Minister Park Ji-won said the government was considering dismissing Park.

Boro hope to buy Dani

LONDON, July 25 (Internet report): Middlesbrough hope to unveil as their spectacular summer signing Barcelona striker Dani.

Rumours have been rife on Teesside that Boro are close to pulling off a deal that will send shudders through the footballing world, with Nicolas Anelka and Robbie Fowler tentatively mentioned as possible candidates recently.

Dani is committed to staying at the Nou Camp, but the appointment of new president Joan Gaspart may convince Boro to try again for the 10-million-pound Spaniard.

The 26-year-old was not a regular last term, following his move from Real Mallorca, but Barca may be even more reluctant to lose him, after seeing star man Luis Figo depart for arch-rivals Real Madrid.

"We are getting a little bit closer all the time and, hopefully, our efforts will bear fruit very, very shortly," revealed Boro's assistant manager Viv Anderson.

"But it would be unfair to the fans to name names because we don't want to let anybody down if anything goes wrong."

That comment would appear to suggest that Anderson is confident the club are close to getting their man -- and Dani really would be an extraordinary piece of business for the ambitious North-Easterners.

However, sources in Spain are still insisting that Dani will stay at the Catalan club next season, and Barca are hardly short of cash following Figo's record defection.

Brazil's test of credibility

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 25: Brazil, who have made a stuttering start to the World Cup qualifiers, face an ominous task tomorrow when they take on a rampant Argentina, reports Reuters.

Under fire from all sides and with coach Wanderley Luxemburgo quickly becoming one of the country's most unpopular figures, Brazil need to turn their fortunes around against a side that has won all five of their games so far.

The two great rivals have never met in a World Cup qualifier.

Brazil are fifth in the South American group — a position that would force them into a playoff with the winners of Oceania region — with two wins, two draws, one defeat from five mundane, colourless performances behind them.

Luxemburgo, who has failed to settle on a team and has abandoned the successful attacking philosophy from his club days, has taken the brunt of the criticism and could lose his job if results and performances do not improve quickly.

The coach will have defender Antonio Carlos and midfielder Emerson Ferreira back after both missed last week's 2-1 defeat away to Paraguay.

Critics, however, see Emerson as one of the fundamental Brazilian problems, complaining that his only qualities are destructive and that Luxemburgo should be searching for more inventive players.

Antonio Carlos is expected, to be made captain in the absence of Cafu, who was sent off

against Paraguay and then involved in a slanging match after leaving the team. Cafu insisted he was given leave while Luxemburgo claimed the right-back had let down his team mates.

Brazil, eight points behind Argentina, have promised they will win the match in Sao Paulo and go on to finish top of the group, in which they have 13 more games to play.

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The final match is on Thursday in La Paz where Bolivia face a Paraguay team buoyed by last week's shock win over Brazil.

DD Sports/National will telecast the Brazil-Argentina match live from 06:40 am BST (Thursday).

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Real bid to own Owen

MADRID, July 25 (Internet report): Real Madrid will persist in their efforts to prise Michael Owen away from Liverpool despite Gerard Houllier on Saturday saying there is 'no chance' of the striker leaving Anfield.

New Real president Florentino Perez is eager to sign a central striker after selling Nicolas Anelka to Paris St Germain and sees Owen as the perfect replacement.

Fergie tells how it happened

LONDON, July 25 (Internet report): Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has revealed reasons for his rift with star England midfielder David Beckham last season despite saying previously that the incident "would never be brought up publicly".

The matter is explained in an updated version of his autobiography which is being serialised in The Times newspaper.

"It doesn't matter to me how high a player's profile is," writes Ferguson.

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"I had to think that David wasn't being fair to his teammates. Nicky Butt, Phil Neville

and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer can not count on being regulars in our first team, but they are model pros who never miss training," Ferguson continues.

Beckham had arrived late for training on account of his son Brooklyn being unwell, but Ferguson deemed this not to be "a satisfactory reason for being absent."

At the time it was felt that Ferguson saw the incident as a symptom of the celebrity lifestyle that Beckham was leading — his wife Victoria was not available to look after Brooklyn as she had been out in London.

As a result, Beckham was left out of the side to face Leeds — Ferguson goes on to explain his decision.

Ferguson is a no-nonsense manager.

"There was no washboard consider including Beckham in the team to meet Leeds."

বাংলাদেশ উন্মুক্ত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

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