

ABC jr. basketball ROK cagers reign supreme

Masood Akhtar Mobaraki South Korea became champions of the 16th ABC men's junior championship with a comfortable 28-point win in the final over China at the Maba Stadium in Kuala Lumpur last week.

The Koreans banked on the strategy of converting as many three pointers as possible against the six-time champions and favourites China to complete a 120-92 victory.

Seven Korean players had the distinction of scoring three pointers.

China champions of the previous meet held at Calcutta, failed to live up to their reputation as the leading force in Asian basketball and looked at bay against the fast movement and sharp shooting of their opponents.

The Korean attacking trio of Bang Sung Yoon, Kim Hak Seop and Kim Il Du repeatedly penetrated the Chinese defence.

On the other hand, China tried their best to put up a fighting display with Wang Bo and Zhang Jixing but to no avail.

Kim Jae Won, the inspirational South Korean coach was adjudged the best coach of the tournament while Bang Sung, who scored 23 points in the final for Korea was declared the most valuable player of the competition.

The ten-day event started at the Malaysian capital with 16 teams divided into 4 groups.

Dr. Carl Chung, president of ABC, the president of Malaysian Basketball Association, and Tom MacCarthy of ABCP witnessed the final and distributed prizes among the teams.

Final standings:
(1) Korea, (2) China, (3) Taipei (4) Japan (5) S Arabia (6) Hong Kong (7) Qatar and (8) Kuwait.

Note: The writer is a basketball journalist and a contributor.

Hingis back to business

CARLSBAD, California, Aug 2: World number one Martina Hingis reached the third round of the \$35,000-dollar WTA Acra Classic with a 6-2, 7-6 victory over Belgium's Dominique Van Roost here Tuesday, reports AFP.

The Swiss teen, defending champion here, is competing in her first event since a Wimbledon quarterfinal loss to eventual champion Venus Williams.

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form — 11 defeats in the last 12 Tests — suggests England will rarely get a better chance.

Dominic Cork, meanwhile, will also be another England player looking forward to Thursday.

With Andy Flintoff struggling with a back problem, Cork was recalled after a 20-month absence at Lord's and took seven wickets in the match with his right-arm swing bowling before securing a dramatic victory with an undefeated 33 not out, including a six and four fours.

Cork, unusually for an Englishman, seems to enjoy playing West Indies.

On his 1995 debut, he took seven for 43 against them in the second innings. Two matches later, at Old Trafford, he took eight wickets in the match, including a hat-trick.

TEAMS
ENGLAND (from): Michael Atherton, Marcus Trescothick, Nasser Hussain (captain), Graham Thorpe, Graeme Hick, Michael Vaughan, Alec Stewart, Craig White, Andrew Caddick, Dominic Cork, Robert Croft, Darren Gough, Matthew Hoggard.

WEST INDIES (from): Sherwin Campbell, Chris Gayle, Adrian Griffith, Wavell Hinds, Brian Lara, Jimmy Adams (captain), Ramnaresh Sarwan, Ridley Jacobs, Mahendra Naganootoo, Courtney Walsh, Curtly Ambrose, Franklyn Rose, Reon King.

Umpires: Doug Cowie (New Zealand) and Peter Willey (England).

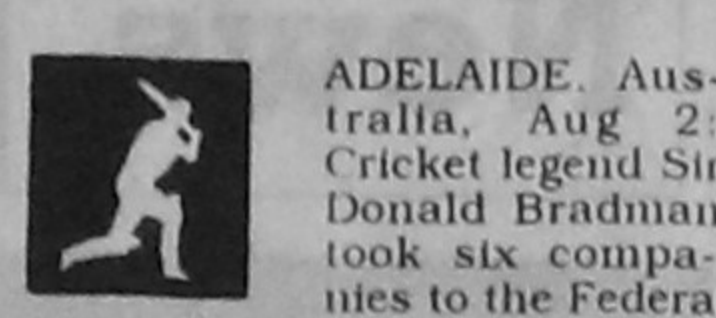
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Bradman sues six cos



ADELAIDE, Australia, Aug 2: Cricket legend Sir Donald Bradman took six companies to the Federal Court Wednesday to protect his name and reputation, reports AFP.

The action, brought by Sir Donald, 91, and The Bradman Foundation, alleges the companies and two directors used his name to mislead the public into believing they were associated with the world's greatest cricketer.

In a 20-page statement of claim, it was claimed using the name 'Bradman' breached the foundation's registered 'Bradman' trade marks and the company directors 'aided and abetted'.

Legal firm Allen Allen and Hemsley said proceedings had begun after attempts to resolve the matter out of court failed.

It said Sir Donald and the foundation wanted the court to restrain the companies from misleading conduct, order steps be taken to change their company names and for other relief including an order for costs.

The Bradman Foundation, a charitable organisation, operates the Bradman Museum at Bowral in New South Wales.

The national icon also Wednesday demanded an Adelaide restaurateur drop plans to

name an establishment after him.

Allen, Allen and Hemsley wrote to owner Lyn Mounsey saying Bradman is uncomfortable with his name being associated with the sale of alcohol.

The letter alleges trademark infringement, misleading and deceptive conduct and passing off a product.

"Sir Donald Bradman and his family are personally very concerned about your unauthorised conduct," said the letter.

"Our client has at all times deliberately avoided any association between the name 'Bradman' and the production, promotion or sale of alcohol and this conduct represents a



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grave abuse of our client's reputation and standing."

Mounsey bought Luciano's restaurant on Murrumbidge Road in Adelaide in May.

She planned to rename it Bradman's Cafe/Restaurant after the master batsman agreed to the road being renamed Sir Donald Bradman Drive.

Mounsey told reporters she had spent 5,500 dollars (3,300 US) on signage and asked Bradman to reconsider the matter.

"All my intentions were honourable right along the way. I feel fairly deflated now," she said.

Bradman became a national icon during the depression years of the 1930s. Known as "The Don," his achievements are unlikely to be equalled.

He scored 6,996 runs in 52 Tests from 1928 to 1948, hitting 29 hundreds and 13 half-centuries for an average of 99.94. His highest score was 334 in the first innings against England at Leeds in 1930.

Bradman had only seven ducks in Tests, with his most famous one coming in his last Test innings against England at The Oval in 1948. If he had hit one more boundary in any of his Tests he would have averaged 100.

He was born in New South Wales but has lived in Adelaide since the 1930s.

Pak judge rebukes PCB



KARACHI, Aug 2: Former Supreme Court Judge Javed Iqbal rebuked the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) for taking action against players on the basis of an inquiry report, reports AFP.

"The Judge made mere recommendations and all the allegations were not substantiated and yet the PCB took action against players," Iqbal told a seminar on match-fixing in cricket.

A Lahore High Court judge, Malik Mohammad Qayyum conducted investigations into match-fixing allegations from September 1998 to October 1999.

Following the report life bans were imposed on former captain Salim Malik and Aftab Khan while six others — Wasim Akram, Mushtaq Ahmed, Saad Anwar, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Waqar Younis and Akram Raza — were fined in May this year.

Iqbal questioned the release of the report.

"The findings should have

been handed over to the authorities and should not have been made public," he said.

"We have condemned no less than eight or nine top level players besides tarnishing our image in international cricket on all personal suspicions," Iqbal, a key Pakistani jurist said.

"There should be an inquiry on why these findings were made public," he said.

Ebrahim himself conducted a one-man inquiry against Malik in 1995 after Australian trio Shane Warne, Tim May and Mark Waugh alleged Malik offered them a bribe to under perform in matches played in Pakistan in 1994.

Ebrahim had absolved Malik on lack of evidence after Australians refused to turn up to testify.

"Shane Warne did not turn down Malik's offer and the next day Pakistan won the Test from a difficult position," he said, referring to the Karachi Test in the 1994 series in which Pakistan beat Australia by one wicket.

Warne and May had alleged, Malik offered them \$50,000 dol-

lars each to bowl badly on the last day of the Test.

PCB Chairman General Tauqir Zia told the seminar no country was above suspicion in match-fixing.

"I wonder if there is any country above suspicion in match-fixing, it has tarnished cricket's image badly," he said.

Zia said PCB took action to clean the game.

"We took actions on Judge Qayyum's recommendations for the good of cricket and like to see a pure game for posterity," he said.

Former PCB chief Arif Abbasi blamed South African cricket boss Ali Bacher and International Cricket Council chief executive David Richards for spreading the menace.

"Bacher and Richards deviated the guilt towards us, corruption lay in India and corrupted are in Australia and South Africa," he remarked.

Abbasi observed match-fixing was hard to eliminate.

"Match-fixing is a strong force, it cannot be eliminated but it can be controlled," he said.

Andre falters, Pete thru'



TORONTO, Canada, Aug 2: Top seed Andre Agassi, playing his first match since injuring his back in a car crash was ousted from the Tennis Masters Series event here Tuesday while second seed Pete Sampras scraped through, reports AFP.

France's Jerome Golmard eliminated Agassi 7-6, 7-6 while Sampras struggled before beating French qualifier Michael Llodra 5-7, 6-2, 7-6 in first-round action at the rain-plagued 2.95 million-dollar tournament.

"My back obviously wasn't ready for the pounding," Agassi said. "I wasn't able to be at my best because of it. I'm just not quite there."

"It has been a few weeks for me since I really hit tennis balls. I expected it to be tough ... but I'm just not ready yet. There's no question I still have a lot of ground to cover."

Agassi's time is running out. He is set to compete at next week's Masters Series event in Cincinnati, then defend his title at Washington before opening the defence of his US Open

crown October 28.

A three-time champion here, Agassi had been out since his car was rear-ended July 9 in Las Vegas as he went home after losing in a Wimbledon semifinal. Agassi withdrew from Davis Cup and last week's ATP Los Angeles event.

Agassi's only other first-round loss this year came at Indian Wells.

Golmard, ranked 61st, won for the first time in four tries against Agassi and avenged a third-round loss to the American at Wimbledon.

"It's a dream for me," Golmard said. "I need a few days, maybe a few weeks, to enjoy this victory. I never thought in my mind I could beat the No. 1 in the world. I can't wait to tell my parents."

Rain had halted Agassi's match Monday and delayed play Tuesday for nearly three hours. Agassi double faulted on set point in the first tiebreaker and Golmard took the second set on his third match point.

Sampras, coming off his record 13th career Grand Slam title at Wimbledon last month,

struggled past Llodra, a 20-year-old ranked 142nd in the world.

The American lost the first set 5-7 against the hard-hitting Frenchman before taking control in the second. His greater experience proved crucial in the third as he won the decisive tie-break 7-4.

"I thought he came out and played great," said Sampras of Llodra.

"I give him credit. He's got a huge serve. It was a match that I didn't feel like I was in control. But I never felt like I was going to lose," he added.

The tournament's number three seed, Magnus Norman of Sweden lost his first round match on Monday, while the fourth seeded Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil went through.

Joining Kuerten and Sampras in the second round was Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov. The fifth seed prevailed in a late match Tuesday against up-and-coming Spaniard Fernando Vicente 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (7/0).

In another late match, Wimbledon finalist Pat Rafter of Australia needed three sets to defeat British number three Arvind Parmar.

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Indian officials call to hurry up inquiry

NEW DELHI, Aug 2: Indian cricket officials on Tuesday urged the government to hasten the investigations into the match-fixing scandal, saying it was putting needless pressure on players, reports AFP.

"The probe must conclude soon and the suspense got over with," cricket chief A.C. Muthiah told sports minister Sukhdev Dhindsa during a two-hour meeting here.

"It is very demoralising for the team to play when you have a sword hanging over your head," Muthiah said, adding the minister's response to the demand was "positive".

Leading cricket stars like current coach Kapil Dev, former captain Mohammad Azharuddin and key player Ajay Jadeja are at the centre of a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation into allegations of match-fixing in Indian cricket.

The homes and offices of these and other players have been raided by income-tax officials as part of the investigation, which is expected to be completed by October.

The seven-member delegation of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), which met Dhindsa, submitted a report to the government detailing a five-year-plan for cricket in the country.

But there was no discussion on the contentious issue of retaining the tainted players in the national squad, Muthiah said.

The BCCI had earlier turned down Dhindsa's suggestion that Kapil, Azharuddin and Jadeja should be dropped till their names were cleared.

The Indian team for the Sahara Cup series against arch-rivals Pakistan in Toronto, Canada, in September will be picked by the selectors on August 10.

Kapil, Test cricket's leading wicket-taker till West Indian Courtney Walsh overtook him in March, completes half of his two-year term as coach in September.

Azharuddin, one-day cricket's leading scorer, and Jadeja are senior members of the team and played in India's last international outing — the Asia Cup in Bangladesh in May.

Job joins Boro, Boksic awaits medical

LONDON, Aug 2: Lazio's Alen Boksic is due to take a medical at Middlesbrough later today as the English Premier League club look to make the Croatian striker their third signing in 48 hours, reports Reuters.

No fee has been revealed for the 30-year-old international.

If all goes to plan, Boksic will make his debut in a testimonial match at Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium on Sunday, Middlesbrough's official website reported.

On Tuesday Middlesbrough completed the signings of strikers Joseph-Desire Job and Noel Whelan.

Cameroon international Job signed from French club Lens for around three million pounds (4.51 million dollars) on a four-year contract.

Whelan, 25, also signed a four-year deal. He cost Boro two million pounds (3 million dollars) from fellow Premier League side Coventry City.

Middlesbrough manager Bryan Robson said: "We were delighted when Lens allowed us to bring him (Job) over here on a couple of weeks training."

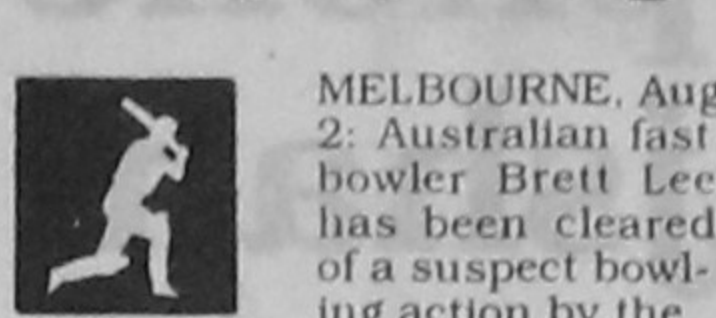
"That allowed us to have a closer look at him and we've been impressed with what we've seen."

"He is very lively, has good stamina, he's quick and is very direct."

"He is a forward who can play in any position along the front, either as a striker or a winger."

"One of the things I like best about him is that he is direct. If he has a one-on-one with a defender he will always take him on and try to get his shot in."

Lee let off the hook



MELBOURNE, Aug 2: Australian fast bowler Brett Lee has been cleared of a suspect bowling action by the International Cricket Council, the Australian Cricket Board said here Wednesday, reports AFP.

ACB chairman Malcolm Speed said at a press conference the ICC's illegal deliveries panel had given the all clear to Lee's action after meeting by international phone hook-up for 75 minutes on Tuesday.

The panel of former international cricketers had earlier scanned real time and slow motion video of his bowling action and ruled it was legal.

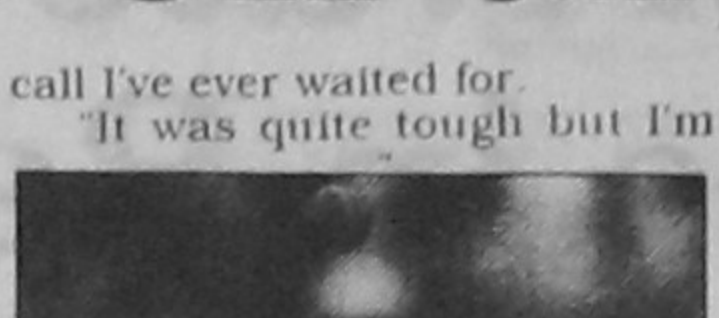
"The panel determined Lee did not have a problem with his bowling action," said Speed.

The decision means Lee does not need to undergo remedial coaching ahead of this month's three-match limited overs international series against South Africa here.

Lee said he was busting to have a crack at Shaun Pollock's South Africans in the indoor one-day internationals at Colonial Stadium on August 16, 18 and 20 after finally being able to shed the anxiety of his "chucking" charge.

"The most important thing is going out there and taking wickets and enjoying my cricket — I can't wait," Lee said.

"The call (from the ICC) last night was probably the longest call I've ever waited for. It was quite tough but I'm glad it's all over."



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He said he had fully recovered from ankle surgery in May and was ready to bowl at full pace against the South Africans.

"I've been training for the last two months and I'm back to full pace and will be ready to play in two weeks."

The international panel included chairman Sunil Gavaskar of India, a member of each Test playing country (10), and an umpires representative. Only Test-playing country members voted.

Lee participated in the international hook-up and Australian great Dennis Lillee also gave evidence in his defence.

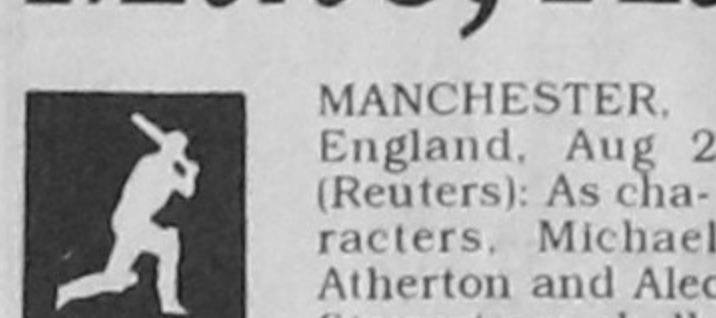
Lee's action was investigated following a report on him during Australia's Test and one-day series in New Zealand last March-April.

The two Indian umpires who officiated in the series — Arani Jayaprakash and Srinivas Venkataraghavan — made their report to match referee Mike Denness, who forwarded his concerns to the ICC.

Lee topped Australia's bowling averages during the Test series against New Zealand, which Australia won 3-0. He took 18 wickets at an average of 17.44.

The New South Wales fast bowler had an outstanding debut Test season last summer, capturing 31 wickets at an average of 16.06.

Mike, Alec the centurions



MANCHESTER, England, Aug 2 (Reuters): As characters, Michael Atherton and Alec Stewart are chalk and cheese. As cricketers, they have far more in common.

For one, their England appearance record is identical. Come Thursday, both will earn their 100th caps, against West Indies at Old Trafford.

Only five Englishmen — Graham Gooch, David Gower, Colin Cowdrey, Geoff Boycott

and Ian Botham — have reached that landmark before them.

Statistically, too, Atherton and Stewart go hand in glove.

Since his 1989 debut, Atherton has accumulated 14 hundreds and 6,713 runs at an average of 38.14. Stewart, who made his debut shortly afterwards, has 13 centuries and 6,733 runs at 40.56.

Both also had spells as captain. Atherton for a record 52 Tests, Stewart for 13. For a while, before Stewart sacrificed

his Surrey-born and bred Stewart, in contrast, is bright, combative and unapologetically up-beat.

At the crease, he has always favoured a more lavish game, his front-foot driving contrasting with Atherton's no-risk nudges. Among his peers, he is known as an accomplished sledger.

Stewart, who emulated his father Mickey by captaining his county and playing for England, crowned his career in Barbados in 1994.

His attacking knocks of 118 and 143 made him the first Englishman to score centuries in each innings against West Indies.

For more than a decade now, the two have been as good as permanent fixtures in the England side. There have been struggles, though.

Stewart's low point came last year when he lost both the captaincy and his place in the one-day side after England's World Cup failure.

Typically, however, he fought back.

In the recently-completed triangular one-day series with West Indies and Zimbabwe, he stood in as England captain after Nasser Hussain was injured and helped his side to the trophy with consecutive scores of 74 not out, 101, 100 not out and 97.

To that he added six catches in one match, equalling the world one-day international record for a wicketkeeper.

Atherton, meanwhile, who survived ball-tampering allegations at Lord's in 1994 after rubbing the ball with dirt from his pocket, has struggled for many years with a degenerative back condition.

That problem — which has also affected his headmaster father — is likely to force Atherton, five years Stewart's junior, to hang up his pads before his teammate.

Stewart, meanwhile, with one eye on Gooch's record of 118 Tests, has vowed to play on another three years until he is 40.

David Graveney, England's chairman of selectors, recognised the differences and the similarities.

"They are different characters," he acknowledges.

"But I regard them both as perfect role models for anyone who wants to play for their country."

Bacher quitting on October 1?

DURBAN, Aug 2: South African Cricket Board chief Ali Bacher, currently in the thick of a storm over match-fixing, intends to step down from the post of managing director of the United Cricket Board in a month or two, reports PTI.

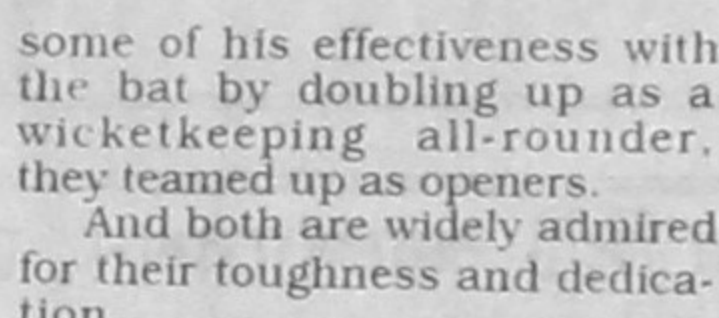
Bacher, a contender for the position of Sports Minister in the new South Africa and one of the strongest sports officials in the country, yesterday said he wanted to concentrate all his efforts on ensuring the success of 2002 World Cup which is to be held in South Africa.

Bacher said he would leave his office preferably on October 1, six months ahead of his retirement.

"That would give me about six months in which to help ease my successor into office," he said.

Six candidates have already been interviewed for the post and final decision would be taken by end September.

"As far as I am concerned, the sooner the better," he said.



some of his effectiveness with the bat by doubling up as a wicketkeeper all-rounder, they teamed up as openers.