

Cronje may 've to compensate 'em

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 28 (Internet Report): However much money Hansie Cronje earns from assorted interviews and book deals, at least some of it may have to be used to pay the legal costs of his former teammates.

Weekend reports suggest that both the United Cricket Board (UCB) and South African players are considering instituting civil claims against Cronje to recover costs incurred by their appearances before the King Commission of Inquiry.

The Sunday Independent quotes Ali Bacher, managing director of the UCB, as saying that combined legal bill of the UCB together with current and former South African players is in excess of 1-million rand.

Miller in Aussie side for Kenya tournament

MELBOURNE, Aug 28: Colin Miller was Monday added to the Australian squad for the ICC Knock-out one-day cricket tournament in Kenya in October, reports AFP.

Miller was added to the 13-man squad that drew a one-day series against South Africa here this month for the October 3-15 Kenya tournament.

It continued the 36-year-old journeyman's remarkable late blooming as an international, following his Test debut in October 1998 against Pakistan.

"It's another dream I've had for a long time, one I thought wasn't going to happen," he said Monday.

"You always think you're a chance... (but) if you look at the Australian World Cup team only 12 months ago, there's probably been six changes since then."

"Obviously it's in a rebuilding stage for the next World Cup, but I thought, as a 36-year-old, I'm not going to play the next World Cup. Maybe time had passed the by."

Miller put his surprise selection down to his ability to bowl medium pace and off-spin, saving the wickets would probably turn in Kenya.

He will go over as the back-up spinner to Shane Warne, who bowled at his best against the South Africans this month. Up to now, Miller has thought of himself as a medium pacer who spins, but said that would probably change during the Australian summer.

SQUAD Steve Waugh (captain), Adam Gilchrist (vice-captain), Michael Bevan, Jason Gillespie, Ian Harvey, Brett Lee, Shane Lee, Damien Martyn, Glenn McGrath, Colin Miller, Ricky Ponting, Andrew Symonds, Shane Warne, Mark Waugh.

Bans, fines slapped on two

Strydom exonerated



JOHANNESBURG, Aug 28: South Africa's cricketing authorities on Monday banned Herschelle Gibbs and Henry Williams from playing international matches for the rest of the year and fined them both for their role in the Hansie Cronje match-fixing scandal, reports AFP.

A United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) disciplinary committee fined Gibbs 60,000 rand (8,500 dollars) and Williams 10,000 rand (1,400 dollars).

Michael Kuper told a press conference in Johannesburg. Pieter Strydom was acquitted on charges of contravening a local cricketing rule forbidding betting on the outcome of matches, he said.

Strydom has admitted to talking about placing a 50-rand bet on the Centurion Park Test against England but nothing more serious than that.

The bans will end on December 31. Gibbs, 26, and Williams, 33, were found guilty of conspiracy and not match-fixing. Kuper said, explaining why the panel had decided to impose light sentences.

Media here had predicted bans ranging between one year and life for both. Cronje, the South African skipper at the centre of the scandal, was fired from the team in April and admitted to a commission of inquiry in often tearful testimony that he had received thousands of dollars from gamblers and bookmakers on five separate occasions between 1996 and 2000.

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AWAITING THEIR FATE: South African cricketers Herschelle Gibbs (foreground) and Henry Williams, co-conspirators in the match-fixing scandal, wait to be sentenced on Monday by the United Cricket Board for their role in the scandal.

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Uneasy times for Brazil boss

SAO PAULO, Aug 28: A whirl of scandal surrounded Brazil coach Wanderley Luxemburgo on Sunday when his former secretary Renata Alves claimed she had been his lover for three years, reports AFP.

Luxemburgo is already reeling on the sporting front from a wave of criticism of Brazil's tepid World Cup qualifying performances which have included two defeats to date.

In addition he is under investigation over alleged tax evasion and was last week accused of receiving payments for recommending players for transfer.

That accusation was made by Roberto Carlos Alves, a lawyer and father of Renata Alves, who is now fighting an employment lawsuit against Luxemburgo and demanding some 800 thousand dollars she says he owes her after she worked for him for four years.

In a radio interview Alves said she had a relationship with the coach between 1989 and 1992.

"We were practically living together," she added. Alves confirmed her earlier accusation regarding payments for player recommendations, saying she had proof.

"We were very rich," she said.

Scottish Premiership Celtic abase Rangers

GLASGOW, Aug 28: Celtic conjured up a magical display to blow away their arch-rivals Rangers 6-2 to give manager Martin O'Neill a memorable victory in his first Old Firm game at the helm at Parkhead, reports AFP.

The green half of Glasgow had not celebrated a victory against their rivals in the last seven meetings but in a wonderful first-half display they found themselves three goals ahead after just 11 minutes.

Lubo Moravcik, chosen ahead of Eyal Berkovic, held centre stage and had a hand in all three early goals - although the first had a hint of offside about it.

The ball fell to Chris Sutton after the Slovakian's free-kick bounced around the box and Sutton was clearly in an offside position but the assistant referee kept his flag down and Sutton tapped the ball into the empty net.

Celtic doubled their advantage after eight minutes. Again it was from a curling Moravcik cross and the Bulgarian was given the freedom of Glasgow to head past Rangers keeper Stefan Klos.

Premiership Chelsea, Villa share honours



LONDON, Aug 28: Belgian striker Luc Nilis made a memorable start to his Aston Villa career before Chelsea fought back to claim a share of the spoils in a 1-1 draw at Villa Park on Sunday, reports AFP.

Nilis, making his Premiership debut following a free transfer from PSV Eindhoven, hammered home a left foot shot in the 10th minute to give John Gregory's side the lead.

But Chelsea showed more spirit than in their midweek loss at Bradford and were level just before the half hour. Marcel Desailly heading home Dennis Wise's corner as David James failed to collect.

Chelsea's problems increased in the 25th minute when Mario Stanic became the second apparently self-inflicted injury victim, the Croatian looking to have twisted his knee as he attempted to turn with the ball near the corner flag.

That brought Jody Morris into the action and just four minutes later and against the run of play, the visitors were level.

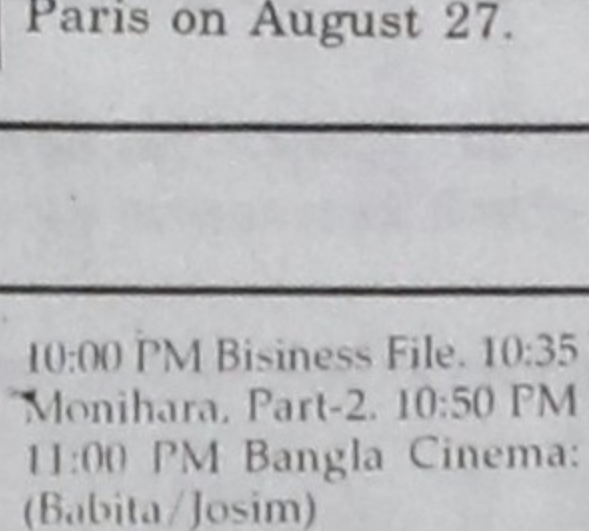
Dennis Wise's long range effort was deflected wide by Gareth Southgate and from the resulting corner Wise found Marcel Desailly arriving late to head home as James came off his line but failed to get near to the ball.

Nilis again got the better of Leboeuf in first half injury time but Desailly just got back to cover and block the Belgian's shot on goal.

There was little goalmouth action in the second half but it was Chelsea's Tore Andre Flo who came closest to breaking the deadlock in the second half.

Put clear by second half substitute Eidur Gudjohnsen, the Norwegian attempted to chip James as the goalkeeper came off his line but saw his shot drift inches wide of the far post.

French First Division Anelka delivers for PSG



PARIS, Aug 28: It can still get much better for Paris Saint Germain fans as they chase a third league title - but Sunday will do for starters after Nicolas Anelka marked the club's 30th birthday with two goals in a 3-1 Parc des Princes stroll past Bastia, reports AFP.

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Lille and ahead of Nantes on goal difference while Bastia, who had won three of their opening four matches, slid to fifth.

Bastia had never won at the Parc des Princes in 18 previous top-flight visits and it was clear they would go away empty-handed once Laurent Robert had broken the deadlock after 20 minutes.

Robert tried a long-distance effort parried by keeper Eric Durand before Anelka fired over from an acute angle in the second minute on the rebound.

The overworked Durand then stretched to his right to keep out a long-range rocket from Talal Al Karkouri as PSG continued to force the pace.

The pressure was constant and Bastia eventually had to buckle.

The Corsicans did so in the 20th minute but none of the visitors were at fault as Robert picked up a loose ball 40 yards out, strode forward and unleashed a ferocious right-foot drive which appeared to take a slight deflection before burying itself in the net.

But Bastia fought back and PSG keeper Dominique Casagrande had to react smartly to get his fists to a low effort from Pierre-Yves Andre.

Frederic Net then scooped an ambitious attempt just over.

But Bastia were soon back on the defensive and a fine 50 yard lofted pass out to the left flank from Talal found none other than Anelka, who, faced with the kind of chance he loves, to run onto a ball placed ahead of him, slipped an accord finish past Durand.

It was the 31 million-dollar striker's first goal since he re-joined PSG from Real Madrid last month.

Just before the break Robert hit the bar after a freekick routine.

PSG stepped up the pace after the interval and Anelka flicked home the second goal after 50 minutes after Sylvain Distin sent in a long ball from the left.

Bastia got on the scoresheet finally when Ned fed substitute Prince, who scored from five yards after drawing Casagrande with 16 minutes left.

US OPEN NOTEBOOK

NEW YORK, Aug 28 (AP): When third-seeded Venus Williams and Anne-Gaëlle Sidot met in Arthur Ashe Stadium Monday night, it will mark the 25th anniversary - plus one day - of the first night match at a Grand Slam tournament.

On Aug 27, 1975, Orny Parin of New Zealand defeated Stan Smith 6-4, 6-2 in the first match scheduled to be played under the lights at the US Open.

While Smith, a serve-and-volley specialist, won the US Open on grass in 1971, the 1975 tournament was the first one played on a clay surface at the West Side Tennis Club.

In 1978, when the US Open moved to its present location in Flushing Meadows, the surface was changed to hardcourt.

NOW STARRING Mark Keil and Geoff Grant have been doing more than just playing tennis as they travel the ATP Tour circuit. They also have been shooting a behind-the-scenes, reality-based documentary of the professional tennis world.

The film, "Beyond The Baseline," had a preview screening last week in New York.

Among those appearing in the film are Andre Agassi, Boris Becker, Pete Sampras, Mark Philippoussis, Patrick Rafter, Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Marcelo Rios, Gustavo Kuerten and many more players from both the men's and women's tours.

THE FIRST Selima Sfar of Tunisia is the first player from her country to gain a spot in the main draw of the US Open.

Sfar got into the main draw by defeating Anna Zaporozhanova, a member of Ukraine's Olympic team, 7-5, 6-2 in the final round of qualifying.

"LUCKY LOSERS" The three highest-ranked losers in the final round of qualifying gained spots in the US Open main draw as "lucky losers. Olivier Rochus of Belgium, Jens Knippschild of Germany and John van Lottum of the Netherlands replaced three players who withdrew: Argentina's Mariano Zabaleta with a sprained ankle, Ukraine's Andrii Medvedev with a sprained ankle, and France's Nicolas Escude with a continuing illness.

WILD CARDS While the wild cards for the women's singles went to young American players, Martina Navratilova was awarded a wild card into the women's doubles with Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and into the mixed doubles with Rick Leach. Going into this year's tournament, Navratilova has won 15 US Open titles. Inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame earlier this summer, Navratilova will be playing in the US Open for the first time since 1995.

START OF SOMETHING Korea's Hung-Taik Lee got into the draw of the GHI Bronx Tennis Classic, a challenger event, as a "lucky loser."

He ended up winning the tournament, then continuing his winning ways as he qualified for the main draw of the US Open. When he plays Jiri Tarango in the opening round, Lee will be trying to run his match winning streak to nine.

TU Guide

Tuesday 29th August (All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.) BTU 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 Pusti Thaitoo 4:20 Sports Programme 5:10 Ranangon Ekattor 5:40 Sashtho Thaitoo (Health Developing For Mother & Children) 6:05 Sabar Janno Shikha 6:30 Transmission From Chittagong Center 7:00 Sambad (Bangla News) 7:05 Sangita (Aadhunka Song) 7:25 Tookhor (TV Quiz) 8:00 Bangla News - At 8:20 Drama Series: Satisfayer Gappo #8 (Tappo Pall, Soumitra, Anjon Dutt, Ranjit Mallik, Sonali Chokrobarti) 08:50 Serial: Bhanga Pather Raanga Dhulay #11/14 (Pigush Bondopadhyay, Shanta Islam, Tarin Iahan Toma) 10:00 News At Ten

(English) 10:20 Mancho Katha 10:55 Sur Lahori 11:30 Bangla News 11:35 English News 11:40 A) Programme Outline For Wednesday B) National Song 11:45 Closing

Prog 9:35 Musical Prog 10:10 Drama Movie: 6:32 ATN Music 7:10 Robocore 7:50 Drama Serial 8:25 Drama Serial 9:00 Special Prog 10:10 Drama Serial 10:45 Drama Serial 11:15 Bangla Film: Arpan

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