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#### Bodi to fill in for Boje

REUTERS, Johannesburg

South Africa called up 22-year-old spinner Gulam Bodi to their squad on Wednesday for the one-day series against the West Indies.

The left-arm wrist spinner has been called in to replace the in-

jured Nicky Boje. "Gulam has had a very good season and he deserves his selection," Rushdi Magiet, the conve-

nor of selectors said. "The team needs a spinner who can bat and he has done that job very well for KwaZulu-Natal

during the season." Bodi took 18 wickets in South Africa's domestic one-day competition this season at an average of 22.27, with a best of five for 46. He scored 283 runs in the competition - including a highest score of 106 -

at an average of 25.72. Bodi is currently playing club cricket in the Lancashire League in England and will fly from there to Jamaica on Sunday to join up with the squad.

#### Bhutanese booters arrive Apr 21

SPORTS REPORTER

A 23-member Bhutan national 1 football team will arrive in the capital on Saturday for a threeweek training at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protishthan (BKSP) from April 22 as part of their preparation for the ninth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games and third South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship which are scheduled to be held in Islamabad and Dhaka next October and November respectively.

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has organised the training for the Bhutanese booters as a gesture of goodwill.

#### WA cricketer tests positive

AFP, Perth

The Australian Cricket Board's (ACB) anti-doping committee will meet in Melbourne Thursday to consider the case of a Western Australian player who reportedly failed a drug test.

ACB public affairs manager Brendan McClements confirmed Wednesday the meeting would take place but declined to name the player involved or give any further details.

It was not clear whether the player was an ACB-contracted player, however ABC radio reported he was not a member of the current Test or one-day squads.

We are not in a position to comment," said ACB public affairs manager. Brendan McClements late Wednesday.

#### Odumbe

FROM PAGE 13

matches for Mohammedan in the first round and scored 676 runs with two centuries so far.

Both Tikolo and Odumbe has previous experience of playing for Mohammedan during the 1998-99 season.

Odumbe had a tough practice session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Wednesday afternoon along with his other teammates prior to their today Super League opener against Dhanmondi Club at the same venue.

According to Mohammedan coach Osman Khan, Odumbe will bat at number six in the position of Pakistani Javed Hayat who has returned home.

#### → Bulawayo

FROM PAGE 13 six and four, he was optimistic about hitting form in the right time. "I just want to bat as long as possible. I'm not thinking about records but to contribute a lot for my team," he said.

#### GLOSTER FOR

MENTAL GAME Johan Gloster, the Australian Russian compatriot Yevgeny physio of Bangladesh, has already earned the respect of being a ruthless professional as far as fitness is concerned.

charges physically and mentally tough like those of other international teams in the world cricket.

physically capable of lasting for five days. It was actually the mental strength that can enable a player to carry through the five days," said Gloster.

county Surrey, Gloster observed against the Scandinavian, disthat it was the mental strength of patched him 6-2, 6-4 in 1hr 23 our cricketers, or the lack of it, that | min. needed to be improved a lot.

"They are too worried about little knocks. If they get a little bump and bruise they are looking man serve to canter into a 5-1 lead at those destruction when there as he sought to reach the third should not be a destruction at all. | round for only the second time in That worries me because these | five attempts. little things distract them from the game," said Gloster after the practice session on Wednesday.

He however hoped that the or later.

huge part in modern game and we are working hard on it," said Gloster, adding that there were no such injuries in his team that can take a player out of the field.

## Waugh being realistic

Cricket

AGENCIES, Undated

Australia's ageing cricket team requires young blood and its selectors will soon have to confront a transitional period, captain Steve Waugh admitted on Wednesday. "Yeah, I guess we're probably

looking for some younger guys to put their hand up." Waugh said.

"I guess it's just that these days you probably don't notice it so much because the guys are playing beyond 30, whereas 10 years ago they weren t.

"They were retiring and you could see the young guys coming through.

Waugh nominated Shane Watson, 19, a product of the Australian Cricket Academy who made his maiden first-class century for Tasmania against South Australia last month, as an example of the young talent available in Australian cricket.

However, Waugh admitted his Dad's Army side had been put on notice to produce the goods in the Ashes tour.

The current Test side is the oldest Australia has sent to England since 1909 with the exception of the post-war teams of 1921, 1926 and 1948, which were necessarily loaded with older, pre-war

"I don't see age as any problem at all. It's only a barrier if you let it be a barrier," he said. "If you're good enough, it

doesn't matter how old you are. "It is an ageing side but I believe it's still a very good side," he

and that's fair enough. We're professional players," he said.

perform then no one's got a guar anteed right to be in the Australian cricket side. That's the way it's got

'You've got to have players on edge, wanting to perform and consistently performing at the top

Australia won a world record 16 consecutive Tests before losing the second and third matches in their three-Test series defeat to India last month.



STEVE WAUGH

Last week the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) announced a 16-man squad for the five-Test But Waugh did not see it as a Ashes tour of England this sum-

> Australia's key players, including Waugh, 35, twin brother Mark, spinners Shane Warne, 31, and Colin Miller, 37, along with strike bowler Glenn McGrath, 31, give the squad an experienced

But that will have to change "Everyone's been put on notice dramatically before Australia's next Ashes tour in 2005, he added.

An Australian newspaper re-"I can handle that and I'm sure port this week compared the side's the Ashes series begins with the the other guys can. If you don't present situation to that of the first Test at Edgbaston on July 5.

West Indies team of the 1980's,

They also dominated the game before the side suddenly began to have since gone in to a steep de-

"It is an ageing side but I believe it's still a very good side, Waugh said. "Obviously the selectors are

going to have to make some

Ashes tour in four years time there's going to be probably less than half the Ashes squad that's going over there (this year).

"So there's going to have to be changes ... The transition will Junior Murray. Steward Williams hopefully be smooth.' Waugh also said the Australian

players had been "put on notice" after several had disappointing tours of India last month. Leg-spinner Shane Warne, Australia's greatest-ever wicket-

taker, took only 10 wickets at more than 50 apiece in the three Tests while batsman Ricky Ponting than 4. "I wouldn't say it's borrowed

time but I think everyone's been put on notice and that's fair enough. We're professional players," Waugh said.

"I can handle that and I'm sure the other guys can. If you don't perform then no one's got a guaranteed right to be in the Australian cricket side."

Waugh was speaking to Australian Association Press as he prepared to captain a Prime Minister's XI against an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission chairman's XI in Canberra on

Australia fly to England in late May for a triangular limited-overs series against Pakistan which starts on June 9 in Cardiff while



FIFA secretary-general Michel Zen-Ruffinen speaking to reporters after an emergency meeting of the football's world governing body in Zurich on Wednesday.

### Norman, Squillari exit

Tennis

AFP, Monte Carlo

The 2.95 million-dollar Monte Carlo Masters is fast turning into the tournament the big names don't want to win with many stars sitting out the event and seeds medalist Arnaud di Pasquale also scattering in all directions.

Wednesday saw Swedish third Calatrava 6-4, 6-4. seed Magnus Norman and Argentine 12th seed Franco Squillari make surprise second round exits joining the likes of top-ranked Marat Safin and fourth-seeded Kafelnikov in the headlong rush

for the exit. Their premature departure brought to eight the number of He is determined to make his | departed seeds while runaway ATP Champions Race leader Andre Agassi, as well as Pete Sampras and Aussie trio Lleyton Hewitt, Pat I do not think any Test team is | Rafter and Mark Philippoussis are sitting the event out with various

fitness problems. Norman was totally out of sorts, running into a Moroccan roadblock as Hicham Arazi, who Also attached with English | had lost all four previous matches

Arazi, ranked 53 on the AFP entry system, was quickly out of the blocks, twice taking the Nor-

In the second set Arazi raced 5-2 clear before Norman briefly stemmed the tide by breaking.

But having squandered two players would overcome it sooner | match points on serve at 5-3 and then another in the tenth game "The mental strength plays a Arazi finally clinched victory when Norman slapped a forehand low into the net.

Squillari lost a tense all-Argentine battle against 19-yearold Guillermo Coria, who won 4-6,

6-1, 6-2 against a rival he had already beaten in Miami last month. Coria, currently ranked 41 on

the ATP entry system, has a top 30 place in his sights having won his at Vina del Mar in February. French Olympic bronze

progressed, defeating Spain's Alex

Di Pasquale, who ended Safin's hopes in the opening round Tuesday advanced in front of a partisan crowd basking in the Mediterranean sunshine on Centre Court.

an opponent who had soundly injury.

beaten him in their previous meeting at Vina del Mar.

Calatrava pegged the French man back from 5-2 to 5-4 but Di Pasquale responded by breaking first tournament on Chilean clay back to love, a thunderous forehand completing the win in 1h

"At 5-2 perves kicked in - that' due to a lack of victories. I will have to do something about that, laughed Casablanca-born Di Pasquale

Albert Costa of Spain didn't even need to step on court to reach the last 16 after his Chilean But the 22-year-old had to dig opponent Marcelo Rios, the 1997 deep after dropping serve when champion here, pulled out of the serving for the second set against tournament with a hamstring



PHOTO: AFP

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35 Floral

Arnaud Di Pasquale of France plays a backhand return against Spaniard Alex Calatrava during their Masters Series encounter in Monte Carlo on April 18.

#### Village Lashings allures Lara

INTERNET, undated

Village cricket side, Lashings Cricket Club in Kent, have signed age together and their fortunes | Brian Lara to play for them this

> The Test record-holder for most runs scored in an innings -375 - will make his first appearance for the club on 18 May at Kent University.

The star left-hander will not be paid for his services, but, accord-"For instance, for the next ing to Lashings chairman David Folb, will be financed by a bat sponsorship deal.

Folb told BBC Radio Five Live that the side would also include West Indians Richie Richardson, and former skipper Jimmy Adams this summer. Lara will be available only unti

10 June, before international commitments take him out of the country, but he is expected to return on 19 August.

The 31-year-old, who also holds the first-class record score of 501, had also been courted by made 17 runs at an average of less | Alderley Edge who play in the Cheshire League.

The village is near the home of his good friend, Manchester

United striker Dwight Yorke. Folb said he understood Lara wanted to come to England to be with his girlfriend and play cricket with his friends.

Lara was prevented by the International Cricket Council from using a bat sponsored by a company of which Folb is a director in the third Test against South Africa earlier this month.

#### ACU talks with Kiwis in Sharjah

INTERNET, Sharjah

International Cricket Council (ICC) Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) officials have met with New Zealand cricketers in Sharjah.

Two investigators with the ICC unit spoke with the team's management and six unnamed players as part of the ongoing inquiry into match-fixing in the game. But Ross Dykes, New Zealand

tor, told the New Zealand Press Association there was nothing sinister in the discussion. "It was informal, low key, just really informative in terms of the investigating team telling guys

tour manager and national selec-

what they might encounter and how to handle it," said Dykes Former Pakistan coach laved Miandad claimed after their tour to New Zealand that players delib erately under-performed during

#### the series. FIFA slams SA organisers

AFP, Zurich

World governing body FIFA has hit out at the organisers of last week's fatal football match in South Africa saying they were wrong to have let the match get underway.

lives at Johannesburg's Ellis Park when thousands of fans forced their way into the stadium despite it already being full, FIFA secretary-general Michel Zen-Ruffinen said after a board meeting.

Forty-three people lost their

"A first analysis of the Ellis Park incident indicates that several of FIFA's basic recommendations were not observed," he said.

"The match was apparently allowed to start even though the situation inside and outside the stadium was not under control.

"There was inadequate cooperation between stadium organisers and civil security forces, and the presence of metal fences inside the ground once again proved to be a death-trap."

The deaths were commemo rated by a minute's silence before the emergency FIFA meeting chaired by president Sepp Blatter. FIFA will decide at its executive

committee meeting in Buenos Aires in July whether in future sanctions will be taken against organisers who fail to meet basic security needs.

## Croft against foreigners

Cricket

INTERNI L. London

A day before Glamorgan's overseas player joins up with the squad in Cardiff, Robert Croft believes foreign players should be banned from playing county cricket.

Speaking on BBC Radio Wales on Wednesday, Croft said a number of overseas players use the county game as a "finishing school" and are hindering the development of young cricketers.

### Rajshahi v'ball

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Bright Star Club and Colony Club won their respective matches of the Rajshahi First Division volleyball league at the Rajshahi Stadium yesterday.

Star 3-0 (25-18, 25-15, 25-8) in the

In the other match of the day, Colony Club beat Bondhon Krira Chakra 3-0 (25-6, 25-7, 25-9).

meet Ambagan Club today.

They come over here, they have far more knocks and far more chances to bowl.

"So I personally wouldn't have them, he said.



ROBERT CROFT

Bright Star defeated Morning counties have struggled to sign the world's best players for the forthcoming season as Test countries refuse to release their players for long periods.

Nabarun Sangha will take on on the fringe of Test teams have fard Albert Costa after coming past Green Star Club and City Club will been signed as overseas players - a Slovakia's Karol Kucera in his situation Croft wants changed.

If you have overseas players, you have the best," he said.

'And if you can't have them, I think the English and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) should steal a march and say we don't have overseas players.

"It will create an environment for youngsters to come through.

"I hope Jimmy Maher does well for us, but I just think that now is the ideal opportunity for the ECB and all counties concerned to say - look we're not having any more. "If you look at state cricket in

Australia and India, they don't employ English players. "Some people might say we're not good enough to go over there,

#### Rios sidelined

AFP, Monte Carlo

but I don't believe that."

Chilean Marcelo Rios pulled out of the 2.95 million-dollar ATP Masters Series event here on Wednesday with a pulled right hamstring.

Rios, the 1997 champion here, pulled out shortly before his sec-Consequently, many players and round match against Spanopening match.



British world heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis (R) and his American challenger Hasim Rahman pose for photographers in Johannesburg on Tuesday ahead of their bout scheduled April 22.

### Heart Rahman's secret weapon

Boxing

Based on size, reputation and record, Hasim Rahman doesn't have much going for him when he attempts to pull off one of the

biggest upsets in boxing history. Yet the American fighter, who tries to take the WBC and IBF world heavyweight titles from Lennox Lewis, counts two big things in his favour - attitude and While Lewis was hanging out

with movie stars Julia Roberts, George Clooney and Brad Pitt at the filming of Ocean's Eleven in Las Vegas two weeks ago, Rahman shut himself off from his wife and three young children to fly out early to South Africa to get used to the 5,200-foot (1,600-metre) alti-

Lewis flew out two weeks later and is basically playing catchup for a fight that takes place at 5 am local time (0300 GMT) Sunday to

accommodate American TV. When the two fighters met head-to-head at a news conference four days before the fight at Carnival City Casino, it was clear that the defending champion had big advantages in terms of height and weight.

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Three inches (7.62 centimetres) taller at 6-foot-5 (1.90 metres) and 22 pounds (9.98 kilos) heavier at 269 pounds (122.02 kilos), Lewis appeared to tower over the challenger. Rahman said that didn't

"Guys like Michael Grant and to make up for lost time in train-Andrew Golota (who both lost to ing. Lewis) they just froze," he said. "They were afraid of the man in enough guy, but Team Lewis, as front of them. "They might be bigger than me displays pure arrogance," said

but that's just size. But you can't

see my heart. Really it's this big," he said stretching his arms out "Lewis will have to freeze me of this magnitude that is not acfor me to stop fighting. There's no ceptable. Quite frankly it's the only fear here, baby. I'm going to do it thing that's marring this truly my way at my pace. I won't let him world event for me as the prodictate to me. I will stand my

ground and dictate my own pace." that against a fighter who will be in says he came here to achieve. his 15" world title fight, has twice fought Evander Holyfield and has stunning "Rumble in the Jungle" a record of 38-1-1 remains to be victory over George Foreman in

an opponent who has been dis-

recommended for a fight at alti-

moter." The negative publicity Lewis Whether he will be able to do has received is a blot on what he Referring to Muhammad Ali's

overly popular with the locals.

Although Lewis attended the

remembrance service for the 43

soccer fans who died at Ellis Park

last week and went to Soweto on

Sunday, he has remained largely

out of sight since then while trying

the whole entourage is called,

Rodney Berman, the local pro-

proachable, and in the production

"They are simply not ap-

moter of the fight.

"Look, Lewis himself is a nice

But Rahman, who has a record that fighting in Africa was "someof 34 wins and two defeats, faces thing I always wanted to do. "My hero, Muhammad Ali, did tracted during the buildup, has the same thing and I wanted to arrived here much later than is follow in his footsteps," Lewis said. "I want to leave this country havtude and hasn't made himself ing spread a little magic myself."

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The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

