

Waqar makes peace

REUTERS, Nottingham
Pakistan captain Waqar Younis made an apparent U-turn on Thursday by saying he wanted to team up with fellow pace bowler Wasim Akram for the Test series against England.

The newly appointed Waqar, who had suggested just before the tour that Wasim could struggle to make the starting eleven, said: "Hopefully I'll open (the bowling) in the Test match with Wasim Akram."

"Of course, I want Wasim in the side. He's a key man."

Waqar, who is part of the Pakistan selection panel, added he had made his peace with his rival after a feud two years ago, when he had accused former team captain Wasim of wrecking his career by plotting to keep him out of the side.

"We are friends, it's fine - what we had, we've put in the past. Now we want to prove we are the best side, that we can beat any side in the world."

Before arriving in England, Waqar had said that Wasim, the only bowler in cricket history to take more than 400 wickets in both Test and one-day cricket, could be overlooked in favour of young quick bowlers Shoaib Akhtar and Mohammad Sami.

Akhtar, however, is still in Pakistan after failing a pre-tour medical, although he is expected to join his teammates at the weekend.

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Table with 4 columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Includes names like Sami, Mushtaq, Anwar, M Wasim, Elahi, Total, and various bowlers like Tourmier, Elstob, Murtagh, Ferley.

President's Cup golf starts

SPORTS REPORTER
The two-day President's Cup Golf Tournament began at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday.

Khagrachari cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachari
Rising Star Club recorded a 39-run victory over holders Upajatiya Businessmen Kalyan Samity in a cricket league match at the local stadium yesterday.

Pybus

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Pybus has been given a short-term contract, to be reviewed at the end of the current tour.

Premiership preview O'Leary doesn't like it

Football

AFP, London
Leeds, the only English club left in the Champions League, travel to second-placed Arsenal on Saturday for a fixture David O'Leary feels should not be taking place.

The Leeds coach is angry that the club's most important match for 26 years - the second leg of the Champions League semi-final against Valencia next Tuesday - is preceded by a crucial Premiership clash at Highbury.

Leeds, lying in fourth, are looking to book their place in next season's Champions League with a top three finish, but O'Leary believes the game against the Gunners should be postponed to allow Leeds time to prepare for the Valencia match.

O'Leary has already spoken out against the Football Association (FA), urging them to reduce the size of the Premiership and to cut the number of international matches.

Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson and Arsenal coach Arsene Wenger have often led the call for change and now O'Leary is adding his weight to the argument.

"If people want us to do well and if we're to represent the Premier League (in Europe), then the Arsenal game should not be played," slammed O'Leary.

European preview

Both Italian giants Juventus and German outfit Bayer Leverkusen face decisive matches this weekend when their respective title hopes will either live on or fizzle out.

Juventus host leaders AS Roma, who take a six point lead to Turin, while Leverkusen, who were pipped for the title on the last day of last season by Bayern Munich, host Bayern whom they would move level on points should they prevail on Saturday.

Schalke 04 lead Bayern on goal difference and have an easier task against VfL Wolfsburg.

However, defeat for Leverkusen would leave them six points adrift with three matches remaining and could well cost coach Bertie Vogts his job after less than a season in charge.

The Spanish title race looked over a fortnight ago but Real Madrid have suffered a wobble with last weekend's 1-1 draw with Osasuna seeing their lead whittled down to nine points by defending champions Deportivo La Coruna with six matches to go.

Real, beaten 1-0 by Bayern at the Bernabeu on Tuesday in the Champions League semi-final, cannot afford another slip-up against the unpredictable Celta Vigo this Saturday.

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Celta Vigo meanwhile, who drew 1-1 with Barcelona in the Nou Camp last weekend, need a victory to stay on course for a place in Europe next season.

Serie A fixtures

(13:00 GMT unless stated)
Saturday: Bologna v Udinese, Lecce v Brescia (18:30 GMT)
Sunday: Inter Milan v Atalanta, Lazio v Bari, Parma v Napoli, Perugia v AC Milan, Verona v Fiorentina, Vicenza v Reggina, Juventus v AS Roma (18:30 GMT)
race for the Scudetto.

O'Leary recalled the tie against Belgian champions Anderlecht in the second phase when Leeds had a free weekend.

"I know from experience from when we played Anderlecht on Wednesday and then again the following Tuesday with no game in between (as Leeds were out of the FA Cup) just how much it helped us."

"It proved great preparation. We were able to train on a Saturday and Sunday without the worry of another match."

Despite the importance of Saturday's Premiership clash, O'Leary may be forced to field a weakened side to keep several players fresh for the trip to Spain.

"If I've a chance of getting to the (Champions League) final then I will consider resting people for the game with Arsenal, without a doubt. I will take Arsenal on with a better team at another time."

Leeds, who last appeared in a European Cup final back in 1975 (which they lost to Bayern Munich), have 62 points from 35 games, four less than Arsenal, with three games to go.

Liverpool, also competing for a coveted Champions League place, are in third, ahead of Leeds on goal difference.

Aston Villa midfielder George Boateng has vowed to settle an old score by relegating Coventry on Saturday.

Fixtures

(Kick-off 1400GMT unless stated):
Saturday: Arsenal v Leeds, Aston Villa v Coventry, Bradford v Middlesbrough, Chelsea v Everton, Leicester v Tottenham, Liverpool v Newcastle, Manchester United v Derby, Sunderland v Charlton, West Ham v Southampton
Monday: Ipswich v Manchester City (1900 GMT)

their coach on Wednesday - do not confound the formbook, would go second as well as closing the gap on Roma.

Primera Liga
Real Madrid had until their recent 'mini slump' been an irresistible force in Spain this season.

But the disappointing draw against Osasuna followed by Tuesday night's Champions League defeat has rattled coach Vicente del Bosque's troops.

Primera Liga fixtures
Saturday: Real Sociedad v Valencia (18:15 GMT), Celta Vigo v Real Madrid (18:30), Espanyol v Barcelona (19:00)

Sunday (16:00 GMT unless stated): Valladolid v Malaga, Real Oviedo v Athletic Bilbao, Alaves v Racing Santander, Osasuna v Real Mallorca, Villarreal v Las Palmas, Real Zaragoza v Numancia (17:00), Rayo Vallecano v Deportivo La Coruna (18:00)

They will be hoping to arrest the dip in form against Celta on Saturday although Del Bosque has admitted his thoughts are very much on the return with Munich next week.

"We will have to treat the match in Munich as if it was the European Cup final itself," Del Bosque said.

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The Dutchman moved from Highfield Road in a 4.75 million pound (6.65 million dollar) deal more than two years ago.

But he still feels promises made to him when he joined the club never materialised - and that his name was "damaged" by his departure.

"The reason they are in trouble is because someone has told Gordon Strachan to sell his best players (Darren) Huckerby, (Noel) Whelan, (Dion) Dublin, (Robbie) Keane and me," said Boateng.

Anything but a win for Coventry at Villa Park will confirm their relegation to the First Division and bring to an end their 34-year run in the top flight.

Coventry have to win their last two games against Villa and already-relegated Bradford and hope their rivals slip up if they are to retain their Premiership status.

Manchester City are trying to focus on their biggest match of the season against Ipswich on Monday even though they know the game could become irrelevant.

City will be relegated before a ball is kicked at Portman Road if rivals for the drop Derby, Middlesbrough and West Ham manage to win on Saturday.

European preview

Wins for the three sides immediately above the relegation zone would put them out of City's reach no matter what happens at Ipswich.

Manager Joe Royle is philosophical about his nightmare scenario and he knows City's fate is out of his hands.

"If the worst things happen on Saturday, then Monday is irrelevant," he said.

What it cannot do, however, is judge whether a batsman has got an inside edge or was indeed playing a shot.

This will be left for the umpires to decide and inventor Hawkins has revealed that pagers could provide the answers to whether the ball would hit the stumps within two or three seconds of appeals, thus avoiding a stop-start scenario.

The England and Wales Cricket Board are sure to monitor the situation amid suggestions that the new technology may, in fact, help with coaching youngsters to use their willows instead of pads against spinners.

Meanwhile, former Pakistan captain Imran Khan and Australian duo Mark Taylor and Ian Healy were announced as the channel's new additions to the channel's commentary team this summer.

ACU puts forward temporary report
REUTERS, London
The International Cricket Council's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) has completed its first major report and presented it to council chairman Hugh Griffiths.

"The interim report is a comprehensive summary of the ACU's first six months of active investigation into corruption in international cricket," the ICC said in a statement on Friday.

"While details of the report will remain confidential at this stage, it is likely to cover the origins of corruption in the world game and how it took hold."

The ACU, headed by former London metropolitan police chief Sir Paul Condon, was set up last year after former South Africa captain Hansie Cronje admitted to taking money from bookmakers.

Cronje was subsequently banned for life along with former India skipper Mohammad Azharuddin and former Pakistan captain Salim Malik for match-fixing offences.

The report will be reviewed by a five-man panel and discussed at the ICC's executive board meeting in London on June 18.

'Hawk-Eye' on Eng-Pak Test

INTERNET, Undated
Channel 4 has revealed the technology they believe will solve cricket's on-going mystery - the lbw decision.

'Hawk-Eye', which will first be seen in operation by television viewers during the first Test against Pakistan in just under a fortnight, was launched at the channel's London headquarters.

Invented by Dr Paul Hawkins, a minor county player, and using a mathematical computer model akin to those used in the tracking of missiles, it calculates the progress of the ball had the batsman not intervened.

Six digital cameras around the boundary edge can trace the course of each delivery, accounting for spin, swing, seam and bounce, to adjudge to within five millimetre accuracy.

The margin for error has been left so minimal that if 'Hawk-Eye' shows that the ball continued into the stumps, it will have hit. A number of deliveries that it shows missing may have indeed hit but the percentage is so minimal that its accuracy remains at night-on 100pc.

That means that for the first time the game will have a definitive answer to the recurring problem of 'was he in or out?'

Hawkins and colleagues at telecommunications company Roke Manor have spent the last 12 months testing their product with thousands of deliveries monitored to be sure of its performance.

He even claimed that the course of Shane Warne's 'mystery ball' that bowled Mike Gatting in the Ashes series eight summers ago would have been plotted by his tracking system.

Tigana to end at Fulham

AFP, London
Fulham manager Jean Tigana has said he will finish his footballing management career with the newly promoted English club, it was reported here Friday.

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Ormond burst sinks Yorks

Cricket

REUTERS, London
Pace bowler James Ormond guided Leicestershire to an unlikely 14-run victory over Yorkshire in the Benson and Hedges Cup on Thursday.

The 23-year-old finished with four for 25 in 9.4 overs as Yorkshire crashed from 137 for one to 210 all out at Grace Road.

England opener Michael Vaughan looked to have provided the platform for a Yorkshire victory after compiling his highest limited-overs score of 92 off just 90

balls with 15 boundaries.

Earlier, he became Yorkshire's most successful bowler in taking four for 46 in the home side's total of 224 for eight from their full allocation of 50 overs.

Vaughan added 92 for the second wicket with Anthony McGrath (46), taking Yorkshire to 137 for two when he was dismissed by Devon Malcolm.

When the in-form Australian Darren Lehmann departed for seven, after becoming Ormond's first victim with the score at 163, Yorkshire still had seven wickets in hand to score the 62 runs required for victory.

But Ormond and skipper Vince Wells (two for 19) ripped out the middle-order in quick succession as Yorkshire collapsed to 202 for eight when they then needed 23 runs from the last 20 balls.

Only four runs later, however, Ormond bowled Gary Fellows for 14 and Leicestershire's astonishing recovery was completed when Tom Baker was run out for three.

Leicestershire's innings was built around a stand of 119 for the second wicket between Wells (76) and Ben Smith (50).

The win leaves them level on points with Nottinghamshire and Durham at the top of the Northern Division, although they have now played one match more.

Yorkshire, who lost by six wickets to Nottinghamshire on Wednesday, now face the possibility of failing to qualify for the quarter-finals even if they win their final two games against Lancashire and Durham.

In a thrilling finish at Lord's, Middlesex beat Kent by just one run to record their first victory in the Southern Division.

Rain prevented any play before lunch, reducing the match to 31 overs a side.

Opener Andrew Strauss (61) and Owais Shah (48) top scored in the home side's 146 for nine, with David Nash (18) the only other batsman to reach double-figures.

Kent were well in the driving seat as Matt Walker (36), Robert Key (27) and Matthew Fleming (24) steered them to 133 for four.

But Paul Weekes turned the game on its head with a spell of four for 17 in four overs as Kent collapsed to 143 for eight.

Needing three to win off the final ball bowled by former England paceman Angus Fraser they could only manage a single with James Golding being run out attempting a second.

B & H CUP SCORES
English Benson and Hedges Cup cricket (one-day) results on Thursday:

North Division
At Grace Road: Leicestershire 224-8 (V Wells 76, B Smith 50, M Vaughan 1-46) bt Yorkshire 210 (M Vaughan 92, J Ormond 4-25) 14 runs

South Division
At Lord's: Middlesex 146-9 (A Strauss 61) bt Kent 145-9 (P Weekes 4-17) by 1 run

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Chief of Army Staff and president of Kurmitola Golf Club Lt Gen M Harun-Ar-Rashid (2nd from R) inaugurating the President's Cup Golf Tournament yesterday.

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