

## India, Pakistan to meet in hockey

## Cricket

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Hockey arch-rivals India and Pakistan are likely to play each other in a four-nation tournament starting in the Netherlands from June 25, a hockey federation official said Saturday.

Pakistan has confirmed that it would play in the tournament, while the Indian hockey team said it expected the official government nod to participate in the contest next week, maybe as early as Monday.

"We have received an invite, and we are interested in playing in the tournament because it is expected to be a high quality one," said K Jothikumaran, honorary secretary of the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF).

With Germany and hosts Netherlands the other two squads in the tournament, India views the competition as an opportunity to fine tune its national team before the World Cup qualifiers in Edinburgh from July 17 to 29.

"It is a good chance to get the team together and we are hoping the tour will be cleared," added Jothikumaran.

The top seven teams from the world cup qualifiers will make it to the 2002 World Cup in Kuala Lumpur.

Although the Indian government had earlier denied permission to the cricket team to play in a triangular series involving Pakistan at last month, the two neighbouring countries have played together in hockey tournaments recently.

The last time India and Pakistan met on a hockey field was in the finals of the Prime Minister's Gold Cup tournament at Dhaka in March, when India beat Pakistan in a penalty shoot-out.

## WI's best

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Herschelle Gibbs (1), who has scored two centuries in the series, fell in the third over when he played across the line at a quick delivery from Cuffy which cut back sharply and hit the stumps.

Cuffy struck again in the 13th over, a similar delivery trapping Boeta Dippenaar (seven from 37 balls) on the back foot, leg-before.

South Africa made four changes to the team which took an unassailable 4-1 lead in the seven match series in Barbados on Wednesday and have included five players recently fined for smoking marijuanna.

Fast bowler Andre Nel makes his debut in place of the rested Allan Donald while spinner Paul Adams plays his first match of the series. Both were fined along with Herschelle Gibbs, Roger Talemachus and Justin Kemp.

West Indies made two changes to the team thrashed by seven wickets at the Kensington Oval dropping opening batsman Chris Gayle and fast bowler Mervyn Dillon and replacing them with all rounder Ricardo Powell and paceman Collymore.

**TEAMS**  
WEST INDIES: Darren Ganga, Ridley Jacobs, Brian Lara, Carl Hooper, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Marlon Samuels, Ricardo Powell, Dinanath Ramnarine, Kerry Jeremie, Corey Collymore, Cameron Cuffy.

SOUTH AFRICA: Herschelle Gibbs, Boeta Dippenaar, Jacques Kallis, Jonty Rhodes, Neil McKenzie, Mark Boucher, Shaun Pollack, Justin Kemp, Roger Talemachus, Paul Adams, Andre Nel.

## ECB rebukes

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over Shoaib's lightning-quick deliveries in February, he has worked on it under the guidance of Dennis Lillee and former Kent coach Daryl Foster at the University of Western Australia (UWA).

Bowling and biomechanics experts at the UWA in Perth last month declared that his action was legal, even though he had "abnormal" arm movement.

They suggested he modify his action to help reduce the risk of injury.

Shoaib, dubbed the "Rawalpindi Express", is part of a 17-man squad in England for two Tests and a triangular one-day series that also includes Australia. The first Test starts at Lord's on May 17.

Pakistan's greater concern at present, though, is whether to risk putting their quickest bowler into next week's opening Test after a disappointing display at Derby as he is trying to regain his pace he attained in the past.

"He's not bowled for a long time and it's hard for a guy to fly straight in and run in and bowl in this cold weather," stressed captain Waqar Younis. "He needs more time to get back into his rhythm."

"It's very hard to say if he has enough time to do that before the Test and at the moment we are not really sure about him."

## Cannabis could ban Gibbs

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On April 14 last year, he was disciplined for partying until the early hours of the morning of a day-night match against Australia in Cape Town.

For that infringement, Gibbs was fined 10,000 rand (1,880 dollars) and banned for three matches, but 10,000 rand of the fine and the ban were suspended for one year.

"This (cannabis-smoking) amounts to a similar offence of which Gibbs has been found guilty within that period," UCBSA di-

clared in a statement.

Opener Gibbs also faces a three-match ban over the affair.

In the statement Friday, UCBSA said that it viewed the offence "in a most serious light".

But it accepted that the incident, which occurred in a hotel room when the players were celebrating the Test series victory over West Indies last month in Antigua on April 10, had been a "one-off".

Paul Adams, Roger Talemachus, Andre Nel, Justin Kemp and physiotherapist Craig Smith are the other five named in the affair and they admitted to smoking dagga (cannabis) in a hotel room, the statement said. All were fined 10,000 rand (1,250 dollars).

The statement added: "The accused all admitted their guilt and expressed remorse, apologised and gave an assurance that this would not happen again."

Gibbs could be barred from selection for three internationals and fined a further 10,000 rand after being given a suspended ban and a fine following a reprimand for "unbecoming conduct" during a one-day series against Australia last year. This punishment however would have fallen by the wayside had he waited another five days.

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