

Pepsi v'ball

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Army reached the semifinal of Pepsi National Men's Volleyball Championship eliminating Rajshahi 25-6, 25-11, 25-16 in the quarterfinals at the Dhaka Volleyball Stadium on Saturday.

Bangladesh Air Force also assured the semifinal berth in the men's group earlier.

In the women's competition, Rajshahi defeated Gazipur 25-14, 25-18, 25-21 in the last league match.

The men's semifinal match will be held today.

Ctg Press Club indoor sports

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The annual indoor sports competition of the Chittagong Press Club ended here on Friday.

The month-long competition involved 12 events and was participated by 100 journalists and their families working in the port city.

Labour and Employment Minister Abdullah Al Noman gave away prizes among the winners as the chief guest on the final day.

Kiwi bashing

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Bowler	O	M	R	W
Gough	10	1	47	3
Hoggard	8	1	36	2
Flintoff	10	0	46	1
White	0	1	53	2
Giles	8	0	40	0
Collingwood	4	0	17	0

ENGLAND

Trescothick c Nevin b Adams	0
Knight b Adams	9
Hussain c Fleming b Tuffey	3
Thorpe lbw b Adams	10
Shah c Fleming b Cairns	7
Collingwood c Vettori b Astle	0
Flintoff c McCullum b Astle	26
White lbw b Harris	11
Giles c Vettori b Harris	12
Gough not out	0
Hoggard b Astle	0
Extras: (lb-2, nb-7, w-2)	11
Total: (All out in 38.2 overs)	89

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-13, 3-18, 4-28, 5-35, 6-40, 7-65, 8-89, 9-89
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Bowler

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Tuffey	8	3	23	1
Adams	7	0	13	3
Cairns	4	1	11	1
Astle	2.2	0	4	3
Vettori	7	0	18	0
Harris	9	2	18	2

Result: New Zealand won by 155 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Andre Adams.

Sami show after Malik

Cricket

AFP, Sharjah

Mohammad Sami grabbed a hat-trick after a maiden century by Shoaib Malik to lift Pakistan to a 51-run win over the West Indies on Friday, giving them a decisive 2-0 lead in the three-match one-day series.

Malik, sent in as a pinch-hitter, hit an unbeaten 111 off 130 balls as Pakistan, electing to bat in the day-night international, recovered from 51-4 to post 232 all out.

Sami, the least experienced member of Pakistan's seam attack, then claimed the last three wickets off successive balls to bowl the West Indies out for 181 in 34.4 overs.

In what is becoming a frequent feature with West Indian batting, the last five wickets fell for just three runs after they appeared to be coasting to victory.

Chris Gayle smashed 62 off 46 balls to lift the West Indies to 101-1 by only the 14th over, before four middle-order wickets went down for 32 runs.

Left-handed Gayle hit eight boundaries and three sixes in a thrilling display of attacking batting before offering a tame catch to point off Shoaib Akhtar.

The West Indies were in with a chance when Ryan Hinds and Shivnarine Chanderpaul lifted the score to 178-5 in the 34th over, but it was not long before the rot set in.

Versatile all-rounder Abdul Razaq removed both batsmen in one over, setting the stage for a grand finale by Sami.

Bowling his eighth over, Sami trapped Ridley Jacobs leg-before with the second ball, then clean bowled Corey Collymore and Cameron Cuffey with the next two to complete the hat-trick.

Both Sami and Malik played only because Pakistan decided to rest their veteran all-rounder Wasim



MALIK...m-o-m

Akram and leading off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq.

Sami is the sixth Pakistani bowler to claim a hat-trick in one-day internationals. Others before him were Mohammad Jalaluddin, Akram, Aqib Javed, Waqar Younis and Saqlain.

With Pakistan having also won

the first one-dayer, the last match on Sunday holds only academic interest.

SCOREBOARD

Full scoreboard of the second one-day international between Pakistan and the West Indies at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium on Friday:

PAKISTAN: 232 all out in 49 overs (S Malik 111 not out, N Latif 45, A Razaq 30; R Hinds 2-32, C Cuffey 2-35, M Dillon 2-57)

WEST INDIES

Ganga c Rashid b Waqar	0
Gayle c Afridi b Akhtar	62
W Hinds b Akhtar	29
Morton b Sami	16
C Hooper lbw b Waqar	7
Chanderpaul c Rashid b Razaq	22
R Hinds lbw b Razaq	18
Jacobs lbw b Sami	1
Dillon not out	0
Collimore b Sami	0
Cuffy b Sami	0
Extras: (b-1, lb-7, w-8, nb-10)	26
Total: (All out in 34.4 overs)	181

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-101, 3-110, 4-127, 5-133, 6-178, 7-180, 8-181, 9-181

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Waqar	7	0	40	2
Akhtar	7	0	49	2
Sami	7.4	0	44	4
Razaq	7	1	18	2
Malik	3	0	9	0
Afridi	3	0	13	0

Result: Pakistan won by 51 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Shoaib Malik.

Andy comes to rescue again

AFP, Vijaywada

Zimbabwean Andy Flower warmed up for the upcoming Test series against India with an impressive unbeaten 89 in a tour match here on Saturday.

The left-hander put on 110 for the sixth wicket with Travis Friend (52) as the tourists reached 292-6 at stumps in reply to Board President team's 361-3 declared on the second day of a three-day game.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of a three-day tour match between Zimbabwe and Indian Board President's XI on Saturday:	
BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI: First innings 361-3 declared (G Gambhir 218, R Dravid 50; R Price 2-102)	
ZIMBABWE: First innings	
Carlisle c Prasad b Sarandeep	20
Gripper c Mishra b Sarandeep	52
Rennie c Mullick b Mishra	52
A Flower not out	89
Taibu c Kale b Mishra	2
Streak c Khoda b Mishra	0
Friend c Gambhir b Yohannan	52
Campbell not out	2
Extras: (b-6, lb-2, nb-15)	23
Total: (For 6 wks in 98 overs)	292
Fall of wickets: 1-47, 2-122, 3-165, 4-169, 5-169, 6-279	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Nehra	20	5	44	0
Yohannan	17	7	65	1
Sarandeep	32	6	68	2
Mishra	25	4	20	0
Rao	4	0	20	0

Another Gavaskar hook

Cricket

AFP, New Delhi

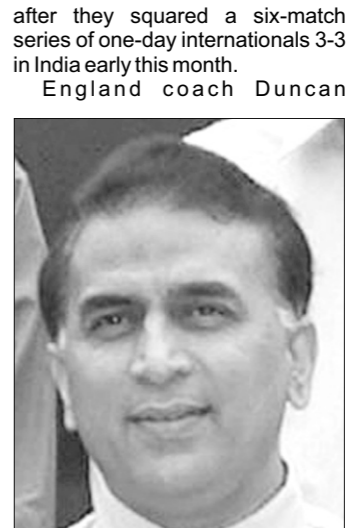
Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar has fired a new broadside at the "unbeatable whiners" of English cricket.

Writing in the Hindustan Times, Gavaskar said England missed a rare chance to discuss cricketing issues with International Cricket Council (ICC) president Malcolm Gray in New Zealand recently.

"The president took the opportunity of being in New Zealand to hold an ICC meeting to catch up with the England team. And guess what the team or its officials did? They whined about my column," Gavaskar wrote in his regular column for the daily.

"Imagine that. Here's a rare chance to meet with the ICC top brass and apprise them about cricketing issues and they just confirm their unbeatable status as whiners."

Gavaskar had called England the "champion whiners of the world"



SUNIL GAVASKAR

Fletcher, who is originally from Zimbabwe, reacted angrily by questioning whether Gavaskar should be allowed to comment on another member country while serving as an ICC official.

Gavaskar wrote: "It is about time this canard that is being spread

about a 'conflict of interests' between my media work and being on the ICC panel was nailed.

"Nothing that I do in the media, whether electronic or print, comes in the way of my work as the chairman of the ICC Cricket Committee. It is a committee that looks at the laws and playing conditions of the game in the main."

"I am not the only member of the committee. There are more than 10 others, a fair sprinkling of whom are doing media work, including Allan Border."

"There is, therefore, no way it's a conflict of interests, as was confirmed to me by the ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed."

"I would suggest the England coach perhaps check with the Australians, New Zealanders, West Indians, Pakistanis, Sri Lankans, Bangladeshis, South Africans and other Zimbabweans about my comments and about their (the English) status as whiners."

"He will then realise that it is something the whole world has been saying for years, not just me. Who knows, before he was appointed coach, he might well have had the same views."

Minhaz on a purple patch

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161, 5-201, 6-283, 7-347, 8-354, 9-369				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Al-Amin	31	7	105	2
Russel	20	6	59	2
Razaq	28.2	7	78	2
Jamaluddin	31	9	70	3
Nahidul	4	1	11	0
Tamim	24	7	45	0
Hasan	5	1	20	0

KHULNA: Second innings

Raju c Aminul b Fahim	25
Nahidul c Bikash b Rafique	15
Jamal batting	67
Razaq run out	11
Asadullah b Neeamur	14
Hasan batting	0
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-9)	18
Total: (For 4 wickets in 47 overs)	150

Fall of wickets: 1-44, 2-67, 3-107, 4-140

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Neeamur	9	2	34	1
Bikash	9	3	22	0
Rafique	16	4	29	1
Ashraf	3	0	17	0
Fahim	10	2	39	1

Chittagong v Sylhet

Venue: Sylhet Stadium

SYLHET: First innings (overnight 191 for 3 in 96 overs)

Imtiaz c Sabir b Shafuiddin	4
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Parvez lbw b Enamul	121
Kapali b Suja	41
Rana lbw b Enamul	5
Nasirul st Mortuza b Sabir	50
Rajin c & b Enamul	19
Nayem run out	7
Hasbul lbw b Enamul	0
Taposh not out	10
Imon lbw b Enamul	9
Mistu c Shafuiddin b Sabir	16
Extras: (b-4, lb-7, nb-8, w-2)	21
Total: (All out in 159.1 overs)	303

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-96, 3-111, 4-223, 5-231, 6-264, 7-264, 8-264, 9-277.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Ashique	6	5	2	0
Shafuiddin	27	11	73	1
Suja	48	26	68	1
Enamul	49	21	84	5
Sabir	25.1	0	4	0
Azam	1	0	4	0
Minhazul	3	1	4	0

CHITTAGONG: First innings (overnight 56 for 2 in 26 overs)

Hakim run out	4
Nazimuddin lbw b Hasibul	1
Nafees c Kapali b Nayeem	25
Minhazul batting	128
Azam lbw b Rana	62
Enamul c & b Rana	5
Sabir batting	3
Extras: (b-22, lb-4, nb-8, w-9)	43
Total: (For 5 wks in 117 overs)	271

Graveney's no about Gough

AFP, London

England chairman of selectors David Graveney said Friday that fast bowler Darren Gough will not be selected for the forthcoming Test series against New Zealand unless the attack is hit by an injury crisis.

Graveney was responding to speculation in the British press that Gough, who took four wickets in 11 balls during the first one-day international against New Zealand on Wednesday, would be recalled to the Test team.

Fall of wickets:	1-3	2-7	3-11	4-22	5-23	6-26	7-26	8-26	9-27
Bowler	O	M	R	W					
Hasibul	20	3	50	1					
Taposh	14	6	28	0					
Parvez	10	6	14	0					
Nayeem	22	9	43	1					
A Kapali	19	5	42	0					
Mistu Das	10	0	33	0					
Rajin	2	0	10	0					
Rana	13	7	13	3					
Nasirul	3	0	12	0					

Ponting

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I've matured a lot as a cricketer and as a person so everyone around recognises and notices that."

ACB chief executive James Sutherland said the decision had the potential to unsettle the preparations of Gilchrist and Warne for the Test series against South Africa which starts next week.

"There's no doubt it could have that sort of an impact. I'm sure those who had high hopes of captaincy will bounce back from that," Sutherland said on Australian radio.

The choice of Ponting as new captain was a clear indication of Australia's intention to start rebuilding a new-look side ahead of next year's World Cup in South Africa.

Hohns, the most senior of Australia's four selectors, made it clear during the week it was time for change and more sackings were likely to follow when the rest of the squad was named soon.

"I would like to continue playing aggressive, attacking cricket and be very open with my teammates."

"The last couple of years I think

Gilchrist was the favourite to succeed Waugh after serving under him for the past few seasons, although there were strong reservations about how the extra workload might affect him.

The 30-year-old already has his hands full opening the batting and keeping wicket, and there were fears the captaincy might be one burden too many.

Warne was the second favourite. The 32-year-old had captained Australia 11 times previously, winning 10 matches, but fell out of favour with the board after a series of off-the-field indiscretions.

However, there were signs the board's attitude towards the leg-spinner was softening when he was named vice-captain for a match last month which Gilchrist missed.

Ponting, named this week as Australia's one-day player-of-the-year, has long been seen as a

possible successor to Waugh but has also been troubled by off-the-field problems and possesses only limited leadership experience.

He has served as vice-captain in both Tests and one-dayers, but his captaincy has been limited to a first-class match against Somerset on last year's Ashes tour of England and a handful of games for his state side Tasmania.

Merriman said the gamble of picking Ponting as Australia's new one-day captain was sure to draw a mixed response but he was confident the public would support the decision.

"I've often said there's 19 million selectors out there," Merriman said.

"I'm sure that they'll support the Australian captain very strongly as they have in the past."

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