

Young cricketer drowns in Ctg

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A young cricketer drowned in Chittagong yesterday.
Sajjad Kadir, a promising 17-year-old off-spinner, met a tragic end while he was taking a bath in a pond at a relative's house at around mid-day.

Paul's advice for a safe WC

AFP, London
International Cricket Council (ICC) Anti-Corruption Unit chief Paul Condon said Thursday he wanted a hundred 'undesirables' banned from entering South Africa in a bid to combat match-fixing during next year's World Cup there.

"I think there will be around 100 people about whom we will provide information to the South African authorities," said Condon, adding that all decisions about entry into the country still rested with the government.

Condon, who repeated his assertion that cricket was currently 'clean, also said: "There are a small number of players who in an ideal world would still not be playing. But it is the fingers of one-hand stuff."

Condon, formerly chief of London's Metropolitan Police Force, but now in charge of the ICC's anti-corruption unit also said that approximately 150 million dollars was bet on every one-day game.

But he explained that talk of match-fixing as such was a "misnomer".
"It's about people trying to engineer a betting coup," whether it be a bowler bowling two wides in an over or a batsman on 40 getting himself out for 41," Condon said.

Perera remarks

Mark has to pay 1,000 pounds
AFP, London
England batsman Mark Butcher apologised Thursday after being fined 1,000 pounds (1,470 dollars) and 500 pounds costs (735 dollars) for claims in a newspaper column that Sri Lanka bowler Ruchira Perera was a "thrower".

Surrey left-hander Butcher issued his apology after appearing before an England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) disciplinary panel at Lord's.



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Flintoff flays Sri Lanka

Cricket
AFP, Nottingham
Andrew Flintoff's blistering unbeaten 50 set up an England victory against Sri Lanka in the opening match of the triangular one-day series here at Trent Bridge on Thursday.

Flintoff's 28-ball assault included two sixes and five fours, boosting England's total to 293 for seven. He then followed that up with three for 49, including two in three balls, as England won by 44 runs.

Sri Lanka, despite a half-century from recalled keeper-batsman Romesh Kaluwitharana, finished on 249 for nine after losing their last five wickets for 24 runs.

Naveed Nawaz was 15 not out and Dilhara Fernando five not out. "It was nice to get a few runs after Ronnie Irani and Alec Stewart set the innings up," said Lancashire all-rounder Flintoff.

"Everything just came off the middle of the bat which was pleasing. "I managed to have a couple of catches taken in an over which maybe sealed the match."

Lancashire all-rounder. Sri Lanka's batsmen were undone by some superb England catching which ably backed up an attack lacking injured spearheads Darren Gough and Andrew Caddick.

First Hussain took a breathtaking diving left-handed effort at extra-cover to dismiss Jayasuriya for 12 off paceman Matthew Hoggard.

Marvan Atapattu had made 47 when he saw Essex captain Irani, in his first one-day international in over five years, dive forward at mid-off to give Flintoff a wicket.

Kaluwitharana and Mahela Jayawardene both fell to Collingwood, the gentle medium-pacer striking twice in two overs.

First Kalu (52) was well-taken at short mid-wicket by Graham Thorpe before Collingwood clean bowled Jayawardene (29) to leave Sri Lanka 152 for four.

Russel Arnold batted steadily for 29 but was unluckily run out following a deflection by bowler Hoggard.

And then Kumar Sangakkara (22) holed out to mid-on off Flintoff before in the same over Upul Chandana was caught close in by Thorpe.



PHOTO: AFP
Graham Thorpe looks down in disbelief at the dislodged stumps after playing on a delivery from Dilhara Fernando during the opening game of the NatWest series at Trent Bridge on June 27.

Delighted England captain Nasser Hussain added: "It was a great team performance. "We've still got work to do but we are pretty pleased with our start."

Meanwhile defeated Sri Lankan skipper Sanath Jayasuriya said: "I think it was the last five overs that made the difference. "It was a little unfortunate we couldn't do it."

"The pitch was really good. They made two brilliant catches and they fielded well. "It (the series) is still open but we have to play a bit more positively and get a few more runs in the last few overs."

Earlier Flintoff found the ideal partner in veteran gloveman Alec Stewart, the Surrey stalwart making 83 and putting on 84 with the Sri Lanka, now 215 for seven, had lost three wickets for three runs in six balls and there were now fewer than nine overs remaining.

Kirtley, in his first one-day match since having his action cleared by the International Cricket Council, took two wickets in two balls before last man Fernando just survived the hat-trick.

Sri Lanka, without injured key bowler Muttiah Muralitharan, looked to be containing England until Flintoff's arrival.

Fernando was the pick of the attack with two for 46 from eight overs. But he could do nothing about a Flintoff onslaught which saw England add 87 runs in the final 10 overs.

India start their campaign Arnold run out 29 Sangakkara c Kirtley b Flintoff 22 Chandana c Thorpe b Flintoff 1 Nawaz not out 15 Vaas b Kirtley 10 Zoysa b Kirtley 0 Fernando not out 5 Extras: (b-1, lb-10, w-10, nb-6) 27 Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs) 249 Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-91, 3-149, 4-152, 5-214, 6-215, 7-215, 8-238, 9-238

Bowler O M R W Hoggard 10 0 49 1 Kirtley 10 0 40 2 Irani 10 0 39 0 Flintoff 10 0 49 3 Giles 5 0 30 0 Collingwood 5 0 31 2 Result: England won by 44 runs. Man-of-the-match: Andrew Flintoff.

Rana fears huge loss

Cricket
AFP, London
Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) director Brigadier Munawar Ahmed Rana warned Thursday that it stood to lose "millions" if Australia called off its three-Test tour there in October.

Renewed political tensions between India and Pakistan over the disputed territory of Kashmir have added to the unease many cricket teams felt about visiting both countries, and Pakistan in particular, that was created in the wake of the September 11 terror attacks.

But Rana, speaking at a meeting of International Cricket Council (ICC) delegates here at Lord's, told AFP Pakistan had always carried on touring regardless of political situations elsewhere.

"Pakistan is on record as visiting every place it was due to tour. We came to England when the IRA (Irish Republican Army) was on top and we were twice asked to move hotels which we didn't do."

"And we toured India in 1999 when our players were under direct personal threat and we also went to Sri Lanka during the last World Cup, when Australia wouldn't (because of terror fears), to show solidarity."

"We are also willing to go to Zimbabwe (Pakistan are due there in October and November of this year). "World cricket has to make a decision about whether it is going to let these events get under its skin," Rana added.

PCB officials said they only just broke even after the West Indies series was staged in Sharjah earlier this year.

Overall they are reported to have lost some 25million dollars in total from cancelled tours since last year. However, Rana said he was thankful to Australian Cricket Board (ACB) chief executive James Sutherland for "staying his hand"

when the two met to discuss the issue during the four-day ICC executive board meeting that concluded here Thursday. But he added that while no decision had yet been reached "commonsense says we must have one by the middle of July at the latest".

Rana said that any question of playing the series in Australia was a matter for the ACB as it would have knock-on effects for their schedule. Meanwhile Sutherland said: "I am hoping to have more talks today. "At the end of the day it is not really our decision. There are a lot of options and the PCB is working through those. They would make a decision in consultation with us."

"My priority is that the matches are played as scheduled." Asked what would determine whether or not Australia went to Pakistan, Sutherland said: "Ultimately it comes down to the advice we get from the experts."

Australia were due in Zimbabwe this April but, citing diplomatic advice, called off the tour. However, ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed insisted that the tour to Pakistan was still going ahead.

"There have been some discussions between ACB and PCB in the event the tour is cancelled. "The other options are to play in a neutral venue of another full member country or in international cricket centres such as Morocco or Sharjah," Speed explained.

Speed's fellow Australian and ICC president Malcolm Gray said delegates had failed to back a compensation scheme put forward by the governing body's finance committee designed to assist countries such as Pakistan and Zimbabwe adversely affected by international political events.

"It is not as simple as 'compensation' said Gray. "What do you 'compensate' for. Is it for future earnings or lost earnings? Is it for losses of cashflow? "We decided that the path ICC

King v Kaiser
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the final with several top stars injured. "The Germans have deservedly reached the final. They began the tournament with criticism from home ringing in their ears but have managed to raise their game. "They were really strong against South Korea in the semi-final," said the former AC Milan hero, who agreed with Beckenbauer that Kahn could well hold the key. "Kahn is absolutely superb - but I already knew that," said Gullit.

Big Indian weekend

AFP, New Delhi
India's sports-mad couch potatoes will face a tough time trying to keep their TV remote controls down as a veritable feast of sporting highs awaits them on Sunday.

The World Cup football final between Brazil and Germany at Yokohama, Japan, will not be the only event to cherish for Indians even as the rest of the world can think of nothing else.

At the click of a button, Indians can watch their national obsession of cricket as Sachin Tendulkar and company take on Sri Lanka in a limited-overs match in England.

Or they can switch to a live feed of Wimbledon from London, listening to the wisdom of their own tennis great Vijay Amritraj.

"I can't wait for Sunday to arrive," gushed Venayak Gupta, a 12-year-old student. "I do not think anyone will take a nap on Sunday afternoon."

While the cricket begins at 3pm local time (0930 GMT) and continues for the next seven hours, the World Cup final starts at 5pm and Wimbledon an hour later.

Few countries enjoy such a vast choice of sporting events on television as India does, with three international sports channels beaming down to an estimated 35 million homes.

The large viewership ensures instant advertising for the channels, which in turn go out of their way to bid for expensive rights to major events.

The recently launched Ten Sports channel of Dubai ensured they will be welcomed in Indian homes by outbidding their rivals for the rights to show all 64 matches of World Cup football.

"Ten Sports was certainly the flavour of the month," a media watcher said, but warned that ESPN will dominate again with India's cricket tour of England.

Everything to

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team that lost the third-place playoff failed to qualify four years later. Hiddink led the Netherlands to the semis in France four years ago, where a loss to Brazil on penalty kicks knocked the wind out of the Dutch team.

Croatia lost to eventual champion France in the other semifinal and returned to beat the Dutch for third place, with Davor Suker scoring his sixth goal to seal the Golden Boot.

Hiddink quit as coach and the Netherlands didn't make it through European qualifying for a trip to Asia. In 1994, Sweden beat Bulgaria 4-0 for third place. The Bulgarians, who finished with back-to-back losses after upsetting defending champion West Germany in the quarterfinals, haven't been back since.

England lost to Italy in the third-place playoff in Italy in 1990 and then failed to qualify for USA'94. Germany remains the only nation to win the bronze medal and World Cup in consecutive tournaments. The Germans edged Uruguay 2-1 for bronze in 1970 and then won at home four years later.

Besides the passionate support of its fans, the Koreans have history in their favor. Six host nations have won the World Cup at home, while hosts have won the third-place playoff twice. Chile took bronze in 1962 and Italy edged England 2-1 for third place in 1990.

Take no chances

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their countries, he said. The number of security guards at the stadium has been also increased by 400 to 1,700 for the final match which will be attended by Japan's Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko.

Foreign dignitaries will include Kim Dae-Jung, the president of South Korea which has co-hosted the event with Japan, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and Jordan's King Abdullah II.

Some 7,400 police officers will be also on hand in Yokohama as part of the security precaution. R-powered
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from teams who had reached the quarter-finals were considered for the squad, ruling out players from France, Argentina and Italy who all failed to reach the last eight.

Senegal striker El Hadji Diouf was the only African player in the 16, which will be reduced to 11 by fans voting on FIFA's official World Cup website (www.fifa.com/worldcup.com).

Finalists Germany and Brazil provided seven of the squad with all members of the "Three R" formation of Ronaldo, Ronaldinho and Rivaldo included.

Among the choices that raised some eyebrows was the selection of England defender Sol Campbell when many observers believe his partner Rio Ferdinand was more deserving of a spot. "Both players are very good," said Venglos when asked about that decision.

Squad Goalkeepers: Oliver Kahn (Germany), Rustu Recber (Turkey) Defenders: Roberto Carlos (Brazil), Sol Campbell (England), Fernando Hierro (Spain), Hong Myung-bo (South Korea), Alpay Ozalan (Turkey). Midfielders: Michael Ballack (Germany), Claudio Reyna (United States), Rivaldo (Brazil), Ronaldinho (Brazil), Yoo Sang-chul (South Korea). Forwards: Ronaldo (Brazil), El Hadji Diouf (Senegal), Hasan Sas (Turkey), Miroslav Klose (Germany).

Hs on the war-path

Tennis
AFP, London
Top seed Lleyton Hewitt and fellow title favourite Tim Henman, the fourth seed, stayed on course for a semifinal showdown at Wimbledon on Thursday on a day when action on the court was briefly overshadowed by fears over security at the All England Club.

stands waited for the match between Henman and Draper to get underway. The men then went back into the crowd and were led away by security men. But just to confound the embarrassment of organisers the two then managed to get away and flee the complex.

The incident caused a major headache as it happened just moments after Seles had left the court following her easy 6-4, 6-0 win here three times in the last four years. "I know how positive they can be and I am going to use everything that I can," said Henman whose nervous start would have given pregnant wife Lucy, watching from the stands, a few unexpected palpitations.

"The standard here is so good that you have to take everything you can and the crowd certainly help me a great deal." In the next round Hewitt takes on Austria's Julian Knowle who put out Finland's 32nd seed Jarkko Nieminen 6-3, 6-4, 6-3, but he admitted that he had known very little about Carraz before Thursday's match.

"I had to ask around," said Hewitt. "He had a big serve and showed it in the first two sets. He was on a high then but I think he was a little bit down after the tie-break, so I just stepped it up."

Hewitt, the US Open winner last year, had mixed emotions about his win over the Frenchman as his victory on Court One was followed by defeat for his girlfriend and fifth seed in the women's event, Kim Clijsters over on Court Two.

The Belgian girl, dogged by a shoulder injury all season, lost 7-6, 6-2 to Elena Likhovtseva of Russia. Likhovtseva now takes on British wild-card Elena Baltacha who knocked out Amanda Coetzer of South Africa, the 32nd seed.

The 295th-ranked Baltacha, who was born in the Ukraine, lost the first set 7-5 but made a remarkable comeback to take the next two 6-4, 6-2. "I couldn't believe it. I thought I was going to faint," said the 19-year-old whose father Sergei once played football for Dynamo Kiev and Ipswich Town.

Baltacha is the first British woman to have made it to the third round here since Sam Smith in 1998. Ninth seed Ferrero of Spain, the French Open runner-up, went down to American lucky loser Jeff Morrison 6-3, 7-5, 7-6 while Canas, the tenth seed, was beaten by Spain's Feliciano Lopez 4-6, 2-6, 7-6, 7-5, 10-8.

Ferrero and Canas join second seed Marat Safin, third seed Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras the sixth seed, Roger Federer, seeded seven and Thomas Johansson, the eighth seed, in exiting the tournament.

Of the top ten seeds, only Hewitt, Henman and fifth seeded Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov remain in the tournament. Morrison, ranked 98 in the world and playing in only the third Grand Slam match of his career, now takes on Dutch 18th seed Sjeng Schalken.

His victory was remarkable as he only earned his place in the main draw as a lucky loser. He had lost in qualifying but was given a reprieve and a place in the first round after German Tommy Haas decided not to play following his parents' motorcycle accident in the United States.

over Rossana Neffa-De Los Rios of Paraguay. "We are treating this matter very seriously," said a statement by the club. "It was extremely irresponsible and we will be reviewing our security procedures. "It would be a shame if a few show-offs ruined the whole Wimbledon experience for all other tennis fans."

Seles, who was stabbed in the back at a tournament in Hamburg in 1993 by a deranged Steffi Graf fan, played down the incident. "I think it's the tournament's responsibility, but I am happy with the security here," said Seles.

Hewitt and Henman are seeded to meet in the semifinal and the British player said that he intended to use the passionate support of the 14,000 capacity Centre Court crowd to his advantage as he tries to break his streak of being a semi-finalist

to a Japanese foreign ministry official. It was his first trip to Japan in 23 years since he led Argentina to the world youth championship here in 1979. But he had tried in vain to come in 1994 and 2000.

Maradona, who has been undergoing rehabilitation for cocaine addiction in Havana, had planned to work as a commentator for a Mexican television network on World Cup matches. The Tokyo government had initially refused him a visa but later accepted him in an official capacity.

He obtained his entry visa at the Japanese embassy in Cuba on June 11 but he did not come to Japan in time for Argentina's 1-1 draw with Sweden on June 12, which forced the two-time champions to bow out after the first round. Japan in principle does not admit

people who have been criminally charged with drug problems, although exceptions have been made in the past for touring rock musicians. In 1991, the Italian Football Federation suspended Maradona for 15 months for testing positive for cocaine and he was arrested in Argentina for cocaine use.

In 1994, Maradona was prevented from entering Japan as captain of the Argentine side for a friendly match against Japan just before the World Cup finals in the United States.

His visa application was also rejected in late 2000 when he tried to attend the Intercontinental Cup final between South American champions Boca Juniors of Argentina and European champions Real Madrid of Spain.

Diego at last!

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not understand as he was not a murderer or any kind of felon. About 100 people greeted Maradona, some waving sign blue and white Argentine flags, when he appeared at the arrival lobby after a Japan Airlines flight from Amsterdam.

Clad in a grey wind-breaker, a grey T-shirt, a pair of shin-length black shorts and black trainers, he declined requests to sign autographs but stopped to shake hands with a few well-wishers before being escorted by Argentine embassy officials into a waiting limousine.

His bulging waistline prompted some bystanders to wonder if it was really the former athletic superstar. During a week-long stay in Japan, Maradona is also scheduled to attend a World Cup-related festival and meet media, according

taking over. "He has worked miracles," said Asian Football Confederation general secretary Peter Velappan. "Hiddink has done a huge amount and got the team very well organised. You have to respect what he has done. To get the team to the semis is tremendous," said Oliver Kahn, the captain and goalkeeper of Germany, who ended Korea's dream run.

The impact on Korea has been phenomenal. Hundreds of Koreans have signed up for "Thank You Hiddink" tours to his home town of Varsveld in the Netherlands and he will be the first foreigner to get honorary citizenship of South Korea.

Hiddink statues are to be put up in several cities and according to some reports his end of contract bonus has gone up to more than four million dollars because of the unexpected run. Many fans thought they detected Hiddink's decision after the victory over Spain in the quarterfinal. The coach kicked two balls into the crowd and gave a Korean-style bow. Word immediately spread among the Red Devils that this was Hiddink's good-bye

From hell and back

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refused to pick 36-year-old Romario for the team, even though the Vasco da Gama player averaged more than a goal a game in club football. The coach, who played Romario against Uruguay but has not picked since, said he felt the veteran penalty area specialist would not fit into a team where all the strikers are expected to move around to make space and help with the chores of marking. "I wasn't worried about this," he said of Romario's absence. "I was only interested in the players picked and the characteristics of the team. These characteristics, in my opinion, did not allow the selection of Romario. "Fortunately, what I imagined worked out. The athletes in that part of the field (attack) have done their job very well. I think it has been proved that my choice was correct." Scolari added that Brazil's dramatic rise was an example to the country itself, where most people struggle against a daily grind of poverty, injustice and violence. "This has been marvellous for Brazil, it's fantastic for the country," he said. "It shows that we can get out of any bad situation and not just in football. "In football terms, we have proved that Brazil is a marvellous country."