

## Pak series to be played abroad

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan Sunday announced that a tri-nation tournament and a Test series it planned to host later this year would now be played outside the country.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) ruled out hosting the tri-nation series involving Australia and New Zealand in August and the Test series with Australia in October.

"The outcome of the ICC (International Cricket Council) meetings, as well as Director PCB Brigadier Munawwar Rana's several discussions on the sidelines of the ICC meeting with President and CEO of the Australian Cricket Board, is that both tri-series and three-match Tests series involving Australia would take place at a neutral venue," a PCB statement said.

Sri Lanka, Kenya, Bangladesh, Tangiers in Morocco, the Gulf and England are the likely venues and a final decision is likely to be made by mid-July, the PCB said.

The ICC last week ruled out England as one of the options to stage Pakistan's one-day tournament.

Australia's two tours to Pakistan have been thrown in serious doubt over fears of safety for the players in and around Pakistan.

New Zealand had to cut short its tour of Pakistan in May after a suicide bomb blast outside their hotel in Karachi. Fourteen people, including 11 French naval engineers, were killed in the attack.

Another blast outside the United States Consulate earlier this month left 11 people killed while security fears persists with several Al-Qaeda suspects believed to be hiding in Pakistan.

"PCB is still pursuing the Aussies to play in Pakistan. Aussies are awaiting clearance from their Foreign Office," the PCB said.

However, the ACB has reportedly yet to receive a positive response from their Foreign office in Pakistan as diplomats from major countries, including Australia, have left the country fearing attacks.

According to ICC rulings, a series hit by security problems can be staged at a neutral venue if both the countries agree.

The PCB last week ruled out playing the series in Australia as their counterparts had offered them only two Tests instead of the scheduled three in October this year.

Cricket has been hit badly in Pakistan since the September 11 attacks in the US and the crack-down against Al-Qaeda units in Afghanistan since then.

New Zealand postponed its tour last year only to see the re-arranged tour cut short by a bomb blast in May this year.

Pakistan was forced to play its home series against the West Indies at Sharjah in February-March this year after West Indies refused to tour Pakistan over security fears.

Pakistan's demands for compensation over losses did not succeed at the ICC meeting last week, but PCB claimed the ICC had promised Pakistan additional one-day matches to recover the losses.



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## India contain Sri Lanka

Cricket

AFP, London

Sri Lanka could only manage 202 for eight as India's pace attack strangled the life out of their innings in Sunday's NatWest triangular series one-day international here at The Oval.

Mahela Jayawardene topscored with 62 but the fact that such a normally fluent player had to face 105 balls for his runs was testament to his opponents' accuracy.

Ajit Agarkar (three for 44) and Zaheer Khan (three for 48) did the bulk of the damage. Left-arm quick Zaheer's effort was especially impressive after his first three overs went for 27 runs and no wickets.

At the end of 50 overs, Chaminda Vaas was 26 not out and Buddika Fernando four not out.

Sri Lanka, after a brisk start on a pacy pitch, lost their first wicket for 42.

First bowling change Agarkar struck with his first ball having Romesh Kaluwitharana (21) caught behind by wicketkeeper Rahul Dravid.

Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya appeared to be justifying his decision to bat first, the left-hander typically aggressive as the team's half century came up off 56 balls.

However, in the 12th over, he could only edge a flashing cut off Agarkar, Dravid taking an excellent head-high catch. Jayasuriya's 36 came off 38 balls, including one six

and six fours.

But three balls later 65 for two became 65 for three when Zaheer bowled Marvan Atapattu (seven) with the first ball of his comeback spell.

Sri Lanka then slipped deeper into trouble when Russel Arnold (six) was caught behind off Agarkar to leave them 78 for four in the 16th over.

India's seamers then maintained a disciplined line and length to reel off three successive maidens. Sri Lanka scoring just six runs in five overs from the 16th to the 20th.

Captain Sourav Ganguly struck next as Sri Lanka continued to struggle.

Naveed Nawaz had just edged the first four since the 15th over when, next ball, trying to run India captain Ganguly down to third man he was caught at slip by Virender Sehwal for 11.

Sri Lanka were now 97 for five in the 24th over, Jayawardene and Nawaz having managed to put on just 19 runs in their 50-ball stand.

Then new batsman Upul Chandana mistimed a hook off Ashish Nehra and was caught on the offside by a diving Mohammad Kaif for 18.

His partnership with Jayawardene was worth 43 runs but it was another slow stand, this time lasting 88 balls.

Eventually, Jayawardene's responsible knock ended in the 47th over when he was caught and bowled off a Zaheer slower ball having managed only four fours.

Vaas weighed in with a useful knock but Sri Lanka's total was well below par.

India beat England by six wickets in their opening match of the series at Lord's on Saturday while Sri Lanka's tournament started with a 44-run defeat by Nasser Hussain's side at Trent Bridge on Thursday.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Sri Lanka innings in their NatWest triangular series one-day international against India at The Oval on Sunday:

#### SRI LANKA

Jayasuriya c Dravid b Agarkar	36			
K'tharana c Dravid b Agarkar	15			
Atapattu b Zaheer	7			
Jayawardene c and b Zaheer	62			
Arnold c Dravid b Agarkar	6			
Nawaz c Sehwal b Ganguly	11			
Chandana c Kaif b Nehra	18			
Vaas not out	26			
Zoysa c Kaif b Zaheer	4			
Fernando not out	4			
Extras: (lb-8, w-4, nb-1)	13			
Total: (For 8 wickets in 50 overs)	202			
Fall of wickets: 1-42, 2-65, 3-65, 4-78, 5-97, 6-140, 7-182, 8-186				
Did not bat: D Fernando				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Nehra	10	1	29	1
Zaheer	10	1	48	3
Agarkar	9	2	44	3
Ganguly	10	1	28	1
Kumble	10	0	43	0
Sehwal	1	0	2	0

**INDIA:** Sourav Ganguly, Virender Sehwal, Dinesh Mongia, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Yuvraj Singh, Mohammad Kaif, Ajit Agarkar, Ashish Nehra, Anil Kumble, Zaheer Khan

## Asghar new ACC chief

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Ali Asghar took over the presidency of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) yesterday.

He assumed leadership of the regional body for a two-year period from Lt Gen Tauqir Zia, president of the Pakistan Cricket Board, during an ACC meeting in London.

Asghar's first task will be to select a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the organisation's new office, based at the moment in Dhaka.

It has been proposed that it will eventually be located in Kuala Lumpur.

## Ticket scalpers made to toil

AFP, Yokohama

Touts will make less money than they had hoped at football's World Cup final with blackmarket tickets outside the stadium Sunday fetching much less than they did over a week ago, fans said.

"I am not going to be able to get as much for my ticket as I had thought," sighed Ronny Walter, a 24-year-old banker from Germany who was trying to sell a spare ticket left by a friend who had had to fly home.

"The touts here control the price and if you sell for less then they will come and rip up the ticket in front of your face," Walter said, gesturing to a few English touts hanging around the station nearest to International Stadium Yokohama, venue for the tournament's deciding game between Brazil and Germany.

"But tickets are selling for less than they thought. If it had been an England-Germany final this would be a different story," he said.

"I was looking on the Internet over a week ago and final tickets were selling for 5,000 or 6,000 dollars, but they are much less now."

The going price for blackmarket tickets was 1,000 dollars, supporters and touts said, but some fans managed to buy a seat to the final for even less.

"I paid 700 dollars for my ticket (on the black market)," said Guidi Jennings, a 37 year-old German, who flew to Japan on Wednesday once he learnt his team had made the final.

"It will be worth it. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity -- whether we win or lose it is going to be a great experience," he said, cloaked in a huge German flag.

Graeme Baldwin -- an England fan but sporting a canary yellow, green and blue shirt of Brazil after the South Americans knocked his team out of the World Cup -- also bought his ticket last minute on the blackmarket, for 120,000 yen (1,003 dollars).

"It is a chance in a lifetime experience, and the price was much cheaper than I thought it would be. I did not think I would be able to get a final ticket for less than 1,000 pounds (1,530 dollars), so I was really chuffed (pleased) at the price," said the 27-year-old lawyer from London.

## Smile big

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view we have the best defence in the world. We have the technical skills, the ability to bring the ball under control," said Scolari.

With the team keeping a clean sheet in the final their defence finished with four goals conceded in seven games - but only one after the opening phase, where Costa Rica twice breached their rearguard.

"After the first round there was just a bit of fine-tuning to do," said Scolari.

The 53-year-old, who took over Brazil's ailing qualifying campaign from Emerson Leao in June 2001, said before the final he will now step down as national coach - and may even take the reins of another country.

Scolari left a final message for Brazil's fans.

"Don't forget those images of those boys loving, playing and bringing the Cup home," he smiled by way of a parting shot.

## Reborn

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reinjured the knee in his first competitive game back after the original operation the previous year.

Hours before the last World Cup final in 1998, Ronaldo suffered a fit but was allowed to play against France. He performed below his best as Brazil lost 3-0.

The slow pace of his recovery since the operations - further complicated by recurring muscular injuries this season - raised fears he might never recover fully his pre-1998 form.

Ronaldo told Saillant that he was ready to take him up on a long-promised game of golf although his skills on the football pitch do not seem to carry over to the fairway.

"I'm an 18 handicap," Ronaldo told Saillant.

"But I'm playing a lot more now - I'm going to get better."

Ronaldo also said his father had told him that when the World Cup final was finished he had to fulfil a promise to take a swim in the River Seine in Paris.

## Contrasting wins for Hs

Tennis

AFP, London

Furious South African Wayne Ferreira claimed he was cheated of a potential Wimbledon victory in his third round clash against Britain's Tim Henman here on Saturday.

The 30-year-old veteran lashed out at Portuguese umpire Jorge Dias after a controversial overrule in the third set tie-break rescued Henman at a crucial time when he was trailing 1-4 with the first two sets having been shared.

"I got screwed out there," fumed Ferreira after his 7-6, 3-6, 7-6, 6-1 defeat at the hands of the fourth seed.

The controversial moment came as Ferreira hit a shot which was called good by the linesman.

However, Dias, from the opposite side of the court, overruled the call and instead of Ferreira having a 5-1 lead, the score was 4-2 and the South African never recovered his composure.

The 27-year-old Henman went on to take the set and eventually the match after three hours and 29 minutes of thrilling tennis in front of a packed and excitable Centre Court crowd.

Henman now faces unseeded Swiss Michel Kratochvil, who put out Czech qualifier Radek Stepanek 6-2, 6-3, 6-3, for a place in the last eight.

"My gut reaction was that the ball was out," said Henman.

In contrast to Henman's marathon duel, top seeded Lleyton Hewitt of Australia enjoyed a stroll in the evening sunshine with a comfortable 6-2, 6-1, 6-3 win over out-classed Julian Knowle of Austria.

Hewitt wrapped up his win against the 28-year-old, who had won only one match all year on the tour going into Wimbledon, in just 88 minutes and now faces Russia's Mikhail Youzhny for a place in the quarterfinals.

Henman had four first set points before he eventually took the tie-break 8-6 on his fifth after 66 minutes although two points earlier the South African had wasted his one and only set point with a weak volley.

Ferreira, a quarterfinalist here in 1994 and playing in his 47th Grand Slam tournament, broke in the eighth game of the second set on his way to taking it 6-3.

In the third set, Henman squandered three set points before Ferreira went 4-1 ahead in the tie-break.

However, it was then that the controversial overrule was called and Ferreira, brooding over the incident, was still unsettled in the fourth set where Henman broke serve three times wrapping up the match with a fine stop volley.

Youzhny overcame sixteenth seed Nicolas Escude of France, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3, to book a match with Hewitt.

Escude's defeat means that only Hewitt and Henman remain from the top sixteen seeds while Jeff Morrison's 6-4, 7-6, 6-0 defeat to Dutchman Sjeng Schalken means that for the first time since 1922 there will be no American men in the last sixteen at Wimbledon.

In the women's event, America's Venus Williams, the top seed and defending champion, had to battle for her fourth round place eventually winning through against 110th ranked Canadian Maureen Drake 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.

She now faces fellow American Lisa Raymond, the 16th seed, who beat 1994 champion Conchita Martinez of Spain 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Last year's runner-up Justine Henin, the sixth seed, beat Swiss qualifier Myriam Casanova 6-4, 6-4 and now faces 12th seeded Russian Elena Dementieva who put out former French Open winner Iva Majoli 7-5, 6-2.

Veteran American Monica Seles took another step towards an elusive first Wimbledon title when she beat Japan's Ai Sugiyama 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 while Britain's only survivor Elena Baltacha went down to Russian Elena Likhovtseva 6-4, 7-6.

Seles now plays Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn who defeated American Meilen Tu to win 6-2, 3-6, 6-0 while Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva had a 7-6, 6-4 win over 10th-seeded Italian Silvia Farina Elia and faces Likhovtseva.

## Yuvraj all the way

Cricket

AFP, London

Yuvraj Singh's impressive all-round performance guided India to a six wicket victory over England in their triangular series one-day international here at Lord's on Saturday.

India were struggling at 141 for four when Yuvraj came to the crease. But his 64 not out, together with Rahul Dravid's unbeaten 73 saw India home with seven balls to spare, the pair sharing an unbroken stand of 131 in 128 balls.

Dravid faced 86 balls including seven fours and Yuvraj 65 deliveries also with seven boundaries.

Earlier Yuvraj's occasional left-arm spinners, made him the pick of the Indian attack with three for 39 as England were restricted to 271 for seven. The 20-year-old upstaging senior slow men Anil Kumble and Harbhajan Singh.

Only Marcus Trescothick (86) and England captain Nasser Hussain (54) got past the fifty mark, England some 30 runs short of setting India a reasonable target.

For England, left-arm spinner, Ashley Giles, whose first ball was hoisted for six, was his side's best bowler, also with three for 39.

Virender Sehwal (71) and India captain Sourav Ganguly (43) looked in good touch but both openers got out when well set.

India were given an ideal platform by Ganguly and Sehwal, the pair sharing a stand of 109 in 108 balls before they lost three wickets for nine runs in 31 balls.

Left-hander Ganguly was given a life on 15 when Graham Thorpe at extra cover failed to hold on to a fierce head-high drive off Kirtley.

At the other end Sehwal was effortlessly piling up the runs. He brought up his fifty off 48 balls with a cover-driven four off Flintoff for his eighth boundary.

Sehwal then deposited Giles' first ball high over long-on for six.

But Sehwal managed just one more run.

Sweeping Giles, he was caught by a diving Trescothick on the midwicket boundary.

New batsman Dinesh Mongia (one) was then bowled between bat and pad by Giles who at that stage had two wickets for no runs in four balls.

Mongia's departure brought star batsman Sachin Tendulkar to the crease. But he too went for one when he was lbw to Irani.

That left India in danger at 118 for three in the 23rd over.

Their hopes now rested with Ganguly. But, closing the face on an on-drive off Giles, he was out to Kirtley's brilliant sprawling left-handed catch at long on.

Earlier Trescothick was caught 14 short of a hundred by keeper Dravid off Ganguly's medium pace as he tried to run the ball down to third man.

He faced 78 balls including one six, off Yuvraj, and eight boundaries.

Then came Andrew Flintoff. The all-rounders blistering unbeaten 50 had helped set up England's win against Sri Lanka in Thursday's opening match of the tournament at Trent Bridge.

However, he only managed 22 in

this match before a checked drive off Yuvraj was caught by a diving Mongia at mid-off.

England's innings had stalled -- they only managed 48 off the last 10 overs -- and so too had Hussain, whose 54 took 82 balls

But trying to up the tempo, against Yuvraj, Hussain was comfortably stumped.

In the tournament's next match, India face Sri Lanka at The Oval on Sunday.

### SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the NatWest triangular series one-day international between England and India at Lord's on Saturday:

**ENGLAND:** 271 for seven in 50 overs (M Trescothick 86, N Hussain 54, N Knight 31; Yuvraj Singh 3-39)

#### INDIA

Ganguly c Kirtley b Giles	43			
Sehwal c Trescothick b Giles	71			
Mongia b Giles	1			
Tendulkar b Irani	1			
Dravid not out	73			
Yuvraj not out	64			
Extras: (lb-12, w-3, nb-4)	19			
Total: (For 4 wickets in 48.5 overs)	272			
Fall of wickets: 1-109, 2-111, 3-118, 4-141				
Did not bat: M Kaif, A Agarkar, Harbhajan Singh, A Kumble, Z Khan				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Hoggard	8.5	0	62	0
Kirtley	10	0	57	0
Flintoff	8	0	56	0
Giles	10	1	39	3
Irani	10	0	33	1
C'wood	2	0	13	0

**Result: India won by 6 wickets.**

**Man-of-the-match: Yuvraj Singh.**

## Styris smites Windies

Cricket

AFP, St George's

Test debutant Scott Styris guided New Zealand to 373 all out on the second day of the final Test against the West Indies on Saturday with a classy century that could ensure at least a series victory.

West Indies were 63 for one at the close of play, having lost opener Wavell Hinds.

One-nil down in the two-match series, the home team have to quickly put together a big innings of at least 500 if they are to stand any chance of victory and levelling the series.

New Zealand continued to make a nonsense of West Indies captain Carl Hooper's decision to put them into bat on a Queen's Park wicket that is flat and slow.

The 27-year-old Styris, plucked from the one-day team that lost a series 3-1 to the West Indies earlier this month, batted fluently to become only the sixth New Zealander to score a century on debut.

The Australian-born all-rounder set a New Zealand one-day bowling record two weeks ago with six for 25.

Resuming on Saturday on 208 for five after opener Mark Richardson, with 95, and Nathan Astle put on 123 for the fourth wicket on Friday, left-arm seamer Pedro Collins struck with his first ball to remove Astle for 69, leg before wicket not playing a shot to an in-swinging.

Collins snatched two late wickets on Friday and New Zealand had tumbled from 205 for three to 208 for six.

He ended the innings with four for 68, the pick of a fragile-looking

West Indies bowling line-up.

Craig McMillan and Styris saw the Kiwis through to lunch with a 48-run partnership but the out of form McMillan fell for just 14, wafting casually to a Cameron Cuffy delivery and catching an edge that Brian Lara caught.

The resilient New Zealand tail then kicked into action, supporting Styris as he stroked seven fours and one six in a carefully constructed century.

He and wicketkeeper Robbie Hart put on 56 for the eighth wicket before Hart fell to Hooper for 20.

Pace bowler Shane Bond then nursed Styris through to his century, the pair of them putting on 49 for the ninth wicket.

The century came up in three-and-a-half hours from 170 balls and included a huge straight six off spinner Mahendra Nagamootoo, whose figures of none for 88 showed his inability to cause the batsmen problems.

Styris eventually fell to medium-fast bowler Adam Sanford as he tried to hurry the score along, but the lower order had done its job and New Zealand reached the challenging total of 373.

The West Indies started their reply aggressively, aware that runs needed to be scored quickly.

Hinds hooked Ian Butler for six in the second over but fell to a 91 miles per hour (145 kph) delivery from Shane Bond that thundered into the base of his off stump.

Ramnaresh Sarwan, dismissed twice in the first Test hooking wildly, started as aggressively as ever, but survived with an equally pugnacious Gayle to the close on 63 for one.

Gayle was on 23 and Sarwan 22, both players hitting the ball hard but trying to avoid traps set by the New Zealand fielders.

Rain delayed play by an hour in

the morning and sessions were extended. Bad light closed in to stop play 20 minutes early.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the second Test between New Zealand and the West Indies at the Queen's Park on Saturday:

#### NEW ZEALAND: First innings

Richardson c Gayle b Collins	95
Vincent b Cuffy	2