

John Kelly of Derbyshire achieved a remarkable analysis against Lancashire at Old Trafford on July 5, 1955 and the press gave it some prominence. It read:

0 Overs, 0 Maidens, 4 Runs, 0 Wickets His first and only delivery was a no-ball, hit for four by Jack Dyson!



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Wagar Younis

(Pakistan cricket captain) "The Pakistan team is not a oneman show and if Shoaib Akhtar or anyone has any illusions that he is indispensable, then he is mis-

While cautioning the fast bowler after he withdrew from the national side to take part in a triangu-



The Baily Star Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm Aug 2, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who scored the first hattrick in the National Bank Premier Football League? Nakib Arif 2. Who won the man-of-the-match award in the NatWest Series

Kaif Laxmai

3. How many ODI centuries has

Sachini Tendulkar scored so

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Hampshire have appealed against

on them for the state of the Rose

Bowl pitch in the match against

penalised following a convening of the England and Wales Cricket

Board's pitch panel which ruled the

surface used for the game was poor.

The south-coast side were

the eight-point deduction imposed

INTERNET, London

Lancashire last week

4. Who clinched Swiss Oper tennis title? Sampras Corretia

man Ranga Reddy. "He just felt that as he had not Class..... Roll No.....

said anything bad or tried to assault him that he should only be mildly punished. "It's not the kind of thing that

should lead to you having your passport taken away or you being deported

go ahead with their attempts to have the man prosecuted.

"We still don't know whether he'll be charged," Ian Wilton, head of

MCC communications, said. "We will have our post-match security review and we'll be asking the police to prosecute him. If they don't we'll try to deal with the matter

English cricket chief Tim Lamb

resumes today SPORTS REPORTER

Soccer League

The National Bank Premier Football League resumes today after a three-day's break with Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra taking on Brothers Union at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.

The match will kick off at 5.30pm. Hot favourites Muktijoddha will be looking forward to wining their first match after a disappointing start against Dhanmondi Club, who won the game in tie break.

Paper giants Brothers Union will also be out there for their first point in the League after their 1-0 defeat against Arambagh.

Mohammedan Sporting Club are now leading the table with full six points. Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra share the second position along with Rahmatgani Muslim Friends Society and Dhanmondi Club. all having collected four points each.

Thorpe goes on leave

REUTERS, London

England batsman Graham Thorpe has announced he would be taking a break from all cricket with immediate effect, saying that events off-thefield had worn him down.

The 32-year-old, who retired from one-day international cricket earlier this month following the recent break-up of his marriage, added that retirement from the game was "definitely not in my mind at the moment".

"What I'm planning to do now is take a break from cricket so I can make my children the number one priority in my life and give myself more time to re-adjust to my changed domestic circumstances," Thorpe said in a statement.

"This has been a very difficult decision for me to make as I have enjoyed being a part of the Surrey and the England dressing rooms this summer and have every intention of continuing my career as a professional cricketer

"But I am feeling very worn-down and burnt out by events off-the-field, which have become a major distraction for me and prevented me from fully focusing on my cricket."

The left-handed Thorpe announced his decision after England's 170-run victory over India in the first Test at Lord's.

In his absence, England will need to select an extra batsman to

play in the second Test at Trent Bridge starting on August 8. "I'm fully aware of the consequences as far as my England Test

place is concerned," Thorpe added. "This will create an opportunity for another player to come into the team and I have had to balance that

possibility against the needs of my "Retirement is definitely not in my mind at the moment.

"I feel that I have plenty more cricket in me at the highest level and hopefully this break will recharge my batteries and allow me to resume SEE PAGE 15 COL 1



Bangladesh's Mohammad Ashraful follows through on a drive against Sri Lanka on the third day of the second Test yesterday.

BANGLADESH-SL SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of second and final Test between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka at the Sinhalese Sports Club Ground in Colombo on Tuesday: SRI LANKA: First innings 373 all out in 106.4 overs (S Jayasuriya 85,

M Vandort 61, T Samaraweera 58; Monjurul Islam 3-23) BANGLADESH: First innings 164 all out in 62 overs (Tapash Baisya

52, Alok Kapali 39; S Jayasuriya 3-17) SRI LANKA: Second innings (overnight 25-0) Michael Vandort b Talha Jubair 140 255 185 16 Jehan Mubarak run out (Baisya/Mashud) 91 Naveed Nawaz not out 78 179 146 Hashan Tillakaratne not out 13 Extras: (b-4, lb-1, w-1, nb-3)

Total: (For 2 wkts declared in 66 overs, 270 mins) 263 Fall of wickets: 1-80 (Mubarak), 2-252 (Vandort) Did not bat: U Chandana, S Jayasuriya, P Jayawardene, T Samaraweera

B Fernando, S de Silva, Chamila Gamage Monjurul Islam Talha Jubair Tapash Baisya 40 Fahim Muntasir Habibul Bashar BANGLADESH: Second innings (target: 473) Hannan Sarkar c Jayawardene b S de Silva 39 0 Al Shahriar b S de Silva Habibul Bashar c P Jayawardene b C Gamage 14 0 Mohammad Ashraful not out

Tushar Imran st P Jayawardene b U Chandana 28 59 Alok Kapali not out Extras: (lb-1, nb-1) Total: (For 4 wickets in 31 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-27 (Al Shahriar), 2-36 (Bashar), 3-40 (Hannan), 4-99

To bat: Khaled Mashud, Fahim Muntasir, Monjurul Islam, Tapash Baisya

Talha Jubair Bowler 12 25 Buddhika Fernando Suieewa de Silva Chamila Gamage 32 Sanath Jayasuriya

Upul Chandana Toss: Bangladesh. Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and David Shepherd (Eng-

land). Television umpire: Peter Manuel.

Match referee: Wasim Raja (Pakistan).

So nice of Tendulkar

Thilan Samaraweera

Cricket

INTERNET. London

Sachin Tendulkar has appealed to the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) not to prosecute a spectator who ran onto the pitch after the batsman had been dismissed on Sunday. The well-dressed man walked

from the Lord's pavilion to greet India's Tendulkar after he had been bowled by Matthew Hoggard in the

The 24-year-old Melbourne Cricket Club member reportedly told Tendulkar: "You're my hero. Don't worry everything is going to be alright.'

"Sachin went to see (MCC secretary) Roger Knight and told him that he did not want this man criminally charged," said Indian team spokes-

But the MCC said they would still

privately."

has criticised the lapse of security

after stewards failed to react while the man was on the pitch.

England and Wales Cricket Board chief executive Lamb told BBC Radio: "He was allowed to access the playing area completely unchallenged.

"I think we all remember the



some spectator. "I think, mindful of that, we have to be very careful. It was a lapse of security and we must ensure it doesn't happen again."

The Marylebone Cricket Club has pledged to investigate the breach of security.

MCC stewards were also at the centre of another controversial incident during the Test between England and India. An investigation was underway

over complaints made by four Indian journalists that they were heckled and abused as they left the ground on Saturday night.

Saturday.

They included the well-known figure of Harsha Bhogle, who has acted as acted as an occasional Test Match Special commentator.

The pressmen said the steward caster Gautam Bhimani, to the ground and slammed the gate shut on his nose. MCC head of communications

Ian Wilton said the incident was being investigated. "All those involved have been

be as thorough as possible," he

Murali warned

REUTERS, Colombo

Sri Lanka's cricket board have over comments the off-spinner was being run.

Muralitharan criticised the national selection committee and the cricket board on a local television programme after returning from Sri Lanka's disappointing tour of England earlier this month.

The cricket board said in a statement that it had "cautioned and advised him (Muralitharan) to refrain from making such comments, and informed him that disciplinary action will be taken against him if he acted in this manner in the

Muralitharan was again the centre of debate last week after he SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

PCB reveals Kenya dates

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, Karachi

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) have announced the itinerary for its triangular one-day tournament in Kenya and expressed relief that the troubled Nairobi competition finally appeared to be on track.

'We are pleased that the schedule for the tournament has been finalised with the Australian Cricket Board also giving its approval," PCB director Chishty Mujahid told Reuters. The tournament involving

Kenya, Pakistan and Australia will be held from August 29 to September 7. Pakistan face hosts Kenya in the opening match. World champions Australia play

in the second match of the tourna-

ment against Pakistan on August 30. The top two teams meet in the final on September 7. It had originally been intended to be the showpiece of Pakistan's Test cricket golden jubilee celebrations but was shifted from Pakistan to the

Kenyan capital because of security

concerns in the region.

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, undated

won abroad," said Dev.

bowling.

ourselves

captain.

a child.

Former skipper Kapil Dev has led

the criticism after India lost the first

Test against England, blaming the

team's lack of self-belief and weak

"It has been 16 years since we

"I feel very sad. We have the

"We also lack in the bowling

India's last Test series win out-

capability. But we have to believe in

department," he told reporters.

Kenya were brought in to replace New Zealand who turned down an invitation to play because of their hectic international schedule.

Last week Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi overruled his minister for sports and told the Kenya Cricket Association (KCA) to go ahead with the organisation.

Sports Minister Francis Nyenze had wanted it organised through the

PROGRAMME

Aug 29: Pakistan vs Kenya Aug 30: Pakistan vs Australia Aug 31: Rest day Pakistan vs Kenya

Australia vs Kenya Rest day Australia vs Pakistan Sept 5: Australia vs Kenya

Rest day Final National Sports Council.

inspect the facilities there." Mujahid "We will soon start making arrangements for the best possible organisation of the tournament," he

Brittle top-order batting and

Sachin Tendulkar's failure -- he

made 16 and 12 -- saw India dis-

missed for 221 in the first innings,

before adding 397 in the second

after being set an improbable victory

have struggled to dismiss sides

twice in away Tests in recent years.

He also said the country had failed

to live up to its tradition of producing

Gavaskar believes too much one-

day cricket was to blame for his

country's first Test defeat against

Meanwhile, India legend Sunil

Dev, though, said Indian bowlers

Formers flay India

target of 568.

quality spinners.

England

be leaving for Nairobi on August 5 to

"The PCB general manager of

The PCB official said that while no contract had been signed with the KCA detailing the terms for holding the event, the Kenyans would probably be allowed to keep

the gate receipts. It would be the second time this year that Pakistan would host a home series at a neutral venue because of touring sides refusing to come to Pakistan.

Tensions between nuclear rivals Pakistan and India over the disputed Kashmir region brought them close to war earlier this year, although the threat has receded somewhat.

Foreigners have also been targets of terrorist-related attacks

across the country in recent months. Mujadi said Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf had contacted Australian Prime Minister John Howard to help convince the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) to undertake their Test tour of the cricket operations. Zakir Khan, will

country planned for October. "We are willing to offer all security assurances to the Australians for the tour because we would like nothing better than to host the series at home, and it will allow us to recoup some of our lost revenues,"

ground in this series," Gavaskar

said in a column for the Daily

"Look at the way their batsmen

Telegraph in England.

got out.

Wanna buy Lord's turf?

REUTERS, London

The hallowed turf of Lord's, the venerated headquarters of cricket, is to be put up for sale this autumn when the present outfield is relaid to make it less prone to flooding.

Cricket lovers can pick up the turf, some of which dates back to 1787 and the first Lord's ground at nearby Dorset Square, for 10 pounds per square foot, according to a letter sent to members of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC),

which owns and runs the ground. The turf will be sold in a special box, accompanied by a certificate of authenticity. Those with space for a larger lawn will get a discount for

buying in bulk. Lord's authorities have long been concerned about the heavy London clay beneath the pitch, which means rainwater is slower to drain away than at other Test match

The clay beneath the turf will be replaced with faster-draining sandy

soil to alleviate the problem. The MCC hopes to raise enough money through turf sales to cover the 1.25 million pound cost of the project, the Daily Telegraph news-

paper said. It is not the first time famous patches of sporting grass have been

turned into gold. The sale in 2000 of around 30,000 chunks of turf from Wembley, the scene of England's 1966 soccer World Cup triumph, raised thousands of pounds for sporting clubs and charities

Hussain hails

Nasser Hussain praised the allround team effort as England beat India by 170 runs in the first Test at

three Tests.

(batsmen) must try to stay at the wicket for longer periods," he told Reuters.

The Indian media also highlighted the top-order batting while praising all-rounder Ajit Agarkar, whose maiden Test century narrowed the margin of defeat in the first match of the four-Test series.

vent the inevitable," ran the Asian Age headline while The Indian Express added: "Agarkar the smile The widely-circulated Times of

"Stubborn Agarkar fails to pre-

India daily focussed on Tendulkar's hatting on its front page. The report quoted former players saving he was succumbing to the

pressure of Indian expectations.

"They were dismissed playing the extravagant shots that are so

much a part of one-day cricket but have to be played with a certain amount of care in the longer version of the game." Indian skipper Sourav Ganguly confessed after the Lord's defeat he

Harbhajan Singh alongside legbreak bowler Anil Kumble on a dry Chief selector Chandu Borde. meanwhile, blamed "lack of application" and said a re-think on selection

should have included off-spinner

was needed "Losing like that is bad. They

in the same old sob story"

It quoted former England captain Michael Atherton as saying: "No other player suffers so much from pressure of expectation. It must be remembered that England have

his boys

INTERNET, London

Lord's.

But he warned England still have

improvements to make, if they are to hold India at bay in the remaining The England captain, who picked up the man-of-the match award for his 155 in the first innings.

days to be honest -- that India batting line-up is something special and the wicket got flatter. "But I'm proud of my team -- to

said: "We had to work hard for five

bowl that side out twice is a great The next Test starts on 8 August at Trent Bridge in Nottingham. And Hussain knows it is unlike

Sachin Tendulkar's poor form with the bat will continue. "There are some ominous signs for the rest of the summer with the

way they [India] batted today. "We've got things we have to improve on -- but we're going pretty well at the moment.

We rotated the bowlers and everyone got wickets and runs. "Everyone had to hold their hands up in the heat -- and they did -- although it got cooler when

"This Test was a real team effort.

Murray being Sourav hopeful as ever

hundred.

patriotic!

AFP, Perth

KAPIL DEV

side South Asia dates back to 1985-

86 in England, when Dev was

drought suffered a setback on

Monday when they capitulated by

170 runs on a perfect batting track at

Lord's despite the absence of three

mainline England pacemen due to

Indian hopes of ending the

Western Australia will not stand in the way of star batsman Murray Goodwin if he seeks a release from his contract with the state so he can play with Zimbabwe in next year's World Cup, a senior state official

said here Tuesday. Goodwin, 29, has reportedly approached the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) about a return to international cricket with the country of his birth two years after he left that country to return to Perth, where he settled with his family when he was

One year remains of his contract with Western Australia to play in the inter-State Sheffield Shield competition - considered the most demanding domestic competition in the world.

Western Australian cricket manager Rob Langer said Tuesday: "Any employee can retire from a contract, and if Murray decides to retire from Western Australia, there is little we can do to stop it happen-

"I don't think anyone will stand in his way if he decides to leave."

Goodwin has reportedly been told he would have to play in Zimbabwe's domestic competition this summer if he wants to be considered for the World Cup squad for the one-day shootout starting early next year in Zimbabwe and South ZCU managing director Vince

Hogg has been quoted as saying Goodwin had approached the union with a view to playing again, but that there were many issues to be clarified before that could happen. "Murray would not be considered for selection unless he came home

Cricket

India captain Souray Ganguly insisted his side could come back to win their four-Test series against England despite losing the opener by a crushing 170 runs here at

Lord's on Monday. Set a mammoth 568 to win. India were bowled out after lunch on the final day for 397 with all-rounder Ajit Agarkar providing some consolation courtesy of an unbeaten 109 - his

maiden Test hundred. But with too many of their star names in the top order failing twice India struggled.

And their attack, without retired

new-ball star Javagal Srinath and omitted off-spinner Harbhajan Singh looked a bowler light on a good batting pitch. However, Ganguly, looking to lead India to a first Test series tri-

umph outside the sub-continent

since a 2-0 victory in England back

in 1986, said confidence was not an

"I don't think it is going to be a problem. We have come back and won the next Test and series before. "England played very well but we believe that if we play well we have a

chance of winning.

"You have got to be positive at this level." And he insisted he had no regrets about leaving out Harbhajan, one of modern cricket's leading slow bowlers along with teammate Anil Kumble, who did play

"We didn't think that on this wicket the ball would spin. It is not difficult for a captain when you have two world-class spinners.

been left out was Ajit who scored a

Sachin Tendulkar left spectators disappointed with scores of just 16 and 12. But Ganguly told the master batsman's legion of fans to remain

optimistic about their hero's future. "One Test failure shouldn't matter at all. He'll be more determined to

succeed in the next game."



SOURAV GANGULY

Hussain admitted it was only a matter of time before one member of a powerful India batting line-up featuring the likes iof Virender Sehwag, Rahul Dravid and Venkatsai Laxman, not to mention Ganguly and Tendulkar posted a big score.

"We can't expect to keep kidding them out for four Tests," said Hussain. "If Ganguly, Sehwag or Tendulkar gets in and makes a big hundred that will be our biggest

England were without injured first choice bowlers Darren Gough, Andrew Caddick and Alex Tudor but Hussain said it was too soon to say if the younger brigade, such as debutant Simon Jones had 'arrived' at

Test level.

"It's encouraging if they perform on a regular basis not just once class players do it repeatedly." But Hussain said of Jones, who made 44 batting at number ten in England's first innings and finished

with match figures of four 129. "He

had great belief in himself. "That was one of the strongest batting line-ups we've come up against and Jones impressed his team-mates with everything he did," added Hussain of the 23-year-old son of former England fast bowler

"Most importantly he put the ball in the right areas, bowled people out. It was not just short and wide. running in to bowl at 90 miles per

"People usually have one or the other (pace or accuracy). He seems

to have both.'

Introducing a further note of caution, Hussain said that both Jones (side) and pace-bowling allrounder Andrew Flintoff (groin) had slight injuries which will nevertheless be of concern to the England management given the poor fitness records of their fast bowlers.

was important to retain perspective. "People have come in but let's not make out they've come through. Don't take anything away from Gough and Caddick. "We've got to address the balance of what they've done over five,

Looking ahead Hussain said it

six, seven years against a couple of matches. "But at the moment there is competition for places and it should

make for some interesting selection meetings both for the next few Test



SACHIN TENDULKAR

After the alleged incident on

Saturday, four Indian journalists said a lone steward had confronted them as they left for the evening on

had pushed one of them, broad-

asked, or are being asked to make statements so the investigation can

cautioned Muttiah Muralitharan made criticising the way the sport

and played in our domestic competi-

SUNIL GAVASKAR Gavaskar said India's batting flop was due to too many players being stuck in limited-overs mode and said wickets were given away

cheaply by batsmen attempting wild shots. "... the Indian batting was still in the one-day mind-set and that's what they have to change and quickly if they want to retrieve