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In the National Hockey League in the 1960's, the organisers decided that home teams would wear white while visiting teams would wear their dark jerseys. The reasoning behind this was that it would be more difficult to keep white uniforms clean while on the road!



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Shaun Pollock
(South Africa cricket captain)
"I know this is only the start of the World Cup season, but it is always disappointing to lose a final."
After losing the Morocco Cup final against Sri Lanka.

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- Name the Bangladesh A team captain for the Kenya tour:
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- Asif Hossain clinched gold in which Commonwealth Games event?
Athletics | Shooting | Swimming
- Who won the Orient handball title?
Wari | BDR | Young Pegasus
- Who was man-of-the-match in the second Test between England and India?
Tendulkar | Vaughan | Stewart

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BFF probe report found 'incomplete'



SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) executive committee not satisfied with the preliminary findings of a three-member panel set up to investigate the alleged 'human trafficking' during the tour of Chittagong Abahani to England last week, has given it a September 7 deadline to produce a more conclusive report.

Chaired by BFF president SA Sultan, the six-hour marathon meeting which went on well until midnight on Thursday, described the investigation headed by BFF vice-president Abdur Rahman as 'incomplete.'

It was also decided to suspend the membership of BFF member Fazlur Rahman Babul, the prime accused of the human trafficking, until further orders.

Besides, Shamsul Haque Chowdhury, the general secretary of Chittagong Abahani, was told not to attend when the BFF meets to make a final decision

on the probe committee's report.

Chowdhury, who returned with half of the team (19) on Thursday after a ten-day tour, was present while Babul is likely to return home on August 28.

It was learnt that most of the executive committee members expressed their displeasure with the inquiry committee for not recording the statements of Babul and Chowdhury and also not allowing them the right to a self-defence before handing in their evidence.

The meeting also okayed the Asian Football Confederation's prescribed executive committee of 21 from its existing 31-member body and forwarded it to the emergency general meeting (EGM) which is scheduled on September 4.

A five-member committee headed by Khairul Alam Piaru, was also formed to hold the EGM successfully. Abul Khair Chandan has been named as secretary while Shawkat Ali Khan Jahangir, Rezaul Kabir Kawsar and Zahidul Islam Khokon are the members.

Another two-member committee, headed by Dr. Shamimuzzaman Basunia, was formed to make recommendations for the National Sports Award.

India pile on runs



AFP, Leeds

Sachin Tendulkar's unbeaten 113 steered India into a commanding position against England here at Headingley on Friday.

At tea on the second day India were 421 for three after winning the toss with captain Sourav Ganguly 45 not out, the pair sharing an unbroken stand of 86.

Tendulkar, who made 92 in the drawn second Test at Trent Bridge, reached three figures here with his 13th boundary, an on-drive off left-arm spinner Ashley Giles.

It was a particularly sweet moment for 29-year-old Tendulkar, still a popular figure here from his season as Yorkshire's first overseas player 10 years ago.

This was his maiden first-class century at Headingley and it clearly meant a lot, Tendulkar celebrating with an exuberant wave of the bat.

His 30th Test hundred had come off 171 balls and took him past Australia legend Don Bradman's mark of 29 with only India great Sunil Gavaskar (34) having made more centuries at this level.

India started the second session with Rahul Dravid 130 not out and Tendulkar 53 not out.

Dravid, who made a hundred during India's rearguard action at Trent Bridge, immediately got stuck into the previously threatening Alex Tudor, taking 12 runs off the Surrey quick in the first over after lunch courtesy of three elegant boundaries.

Tendulkar then belted current Yorkshire favourite Matthew Hoggard through the covers for four.

And when he reached 74 he overtook former England batsman David Gower's mark of 8,231 runs to move into seventh place in the all-time list of leading Test run-scorers.

Conditions were still overcast and continuing to assist swing bowling.

But the batsmen were so well set that it seemed to make no difference.

England's quicks, criticised by coach Duncan Fletcher for bowling



HAPPIEST HUNDRED: India's batting maestro Sachin Tendulkar salutes the crowd after completing his record 30th Test hundred at Headingley yesterday. His captain Sourav Ganguly watches.



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too short on Thursday, reacted by going to the other extreme and generally over-pitched.

Meanwhile in a bid to restore control, England's Madras-born captain Nasser Hussain brought Giles on.

And he was rewarded when, in the ninth over after lunch he Warwickshire Giles had Dravid stumped for 148 by Alec Stewart, the turn beating the batsman's defensive push after he advanced down the pitch.

Dravid, nicknamed 'The Wall' for his resilience faced 307 balls including 23 fours in an innings lasting over seven hours.

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No headway in Ronaldo saga



REUTERS, Madrid

Real Madrid said that they have been unable to reach an agreement to sign Brazilian World Cup star Ronaldo from Inter Milan and have ended negotiations with the Italian club.

"Real Madrid would like to make it clear that there are irreconcilable differences with Inter Milan in the negotiations over Ronaldo," read a statement on the club's website.

"In the frank and cordial conversations held this morning the impossibility of reaching a satisfactory agreement became clear and as a result both clubs have agreed to end the negotiations."

Ronaldo appeared to be poised to join the European champions after Real president Florentino Perez and his opposite number at Inter Massimo Moratti met on a luxury yacht off the Mediterranean Island of Formentera on Thursday to discuss the possible transfer of the 25-year-old, top scorer during Brazil's triumphant World Cup campaign.

But significant differences over the value of the twice winner of the World Player of the Year award appear to be at the heart of the

breakdown in negotiations.

Reports suggest that Real were prepared to pay dollars 12 million plus two of their players valued at dollars 30 million for the Brazilian striker, whereas Inter were demanding in excess of dollars 60 million.

Earlier on Friday Real's sporting director Jorge Valdano told Spanish radio that he would hold telephone conversations with Inter director.

"There is a 50 percent chance (of signing the player). We have made progress in the negotiations and there is a clear desire for one side to buy and the other to sell."

"The economic differences are still very large, though, and we will have to see if it is possible to reach an agreement."

Valdano made it clear that Real,



MASSIMO MORATTI

general Massimo Moratti in an attempt to close the deal, saying that there was a 50-50 chance of signing the player.

But he warned that there were still substantial differences between the



FLORENTINO PEREZ

who have broken the world transfer record twice in the last two years to bring in Luis Figo and Zinedine Zidane, would not be making

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BD A's second one dayer today

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh A team will take on Kenyan Cricket Association (KCA) in the second limited-over match at the Rauraka Sports Club ground in Nairobi today.

The tourists lost the first one-day at the same venue by 92-runs on August 21.

The Kenyans scored a mammoth 322 for six in that match while Bangladesh managed 230 for nine in the 50-over-a-side match.

The third and last limited-over match will also be held at the same venue tomorrow.

After that, the visitors are scheduled to play a three-day match from August 27 to 29.

WICB to hold talks

AFP, St. John's

The West Indies Cricket Board is expected to meet with national squad players to discuss the disputed contracts for the ICC Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka.

This follows the announcement that the Australia Cricket Board (ACB) had reached agreement with the Australia Cricketers Association (ACA) over the ICC's disputed 'ambush marketing' clause that bars players from endorsing products conflicting with those of ICC sponsors 30 days either side of an event.

"The ICC had worked with the ACB and ACA to develop a new agreement, a copy of which has been sent to cricket boards around the world including ours," said Gregory Shillingford, chief executive officer of the WICB, in a statement released by the West Indies board on Thursday.

"We are studying the document to see how we can adapt it to our circumstances and are delighted a breakthrough has been achieved. We are optimistic that our players will follow the direction of the ACA."

Fletcher displeased

REUTERS, Leeds

England's bowlers left coach Duncan Fletcher fuming after India ended the first day of the third Test on an imposing 236 for two.

"We had an off day," a disgruntled Fletcher said, suggesting that the home team should have been looking to dismiss the touring side.

"We didn't really learn the lessons from (the second Test at) Trent Bridge where the conditions were similar," he added, saying they had bowled too short and wide despite the helpful swing and bounce on offer on Thursday.

"Our bowlers just have to make the batters play -- you can't afford to let batsmen leave so many deliveries."

Anchor-man Rahul Dravid, who also made a century in the drawn second test, cashed in with 110 not out, as well as putting on 170 with Sanjay Bangar for the second wicket.

Fletcher added: "Dravid was a class act. India like him playing that

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Waugh suffers hand injury

BBC, Kent

Australia captain Steve Waugh on Friday was forced from the field in Kent's match against Leicestershire after struck on the hand by a delivery from former England fast bowler Devon Malcolm.

Waugh, who has replaced Andrew Symonds as Kent's overseas player until the end of the season, failed to react to a ball that leapt off a good length.

He was immediately assessed by the physio at the end of the sixth over and was taken to hospital for a precautionary X-ray.

He was later cleared to resume playing.

It is Waugh's first championship fixture for Kent, although he played a match-winning knock on his debut in the Norwich Union League win over Leicestershire on Wednesday.



National Bank Premier Football League
Mohammedan vs Muktijoddha (6:00 pm)
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium.



Action from yesterday's National Bank Premier Division Football League match between Abahani and Arambagh at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Bidyut hands it to Abahani



SPORTS REPORTER

An own goal by Arambagh Kirra Sangha midfielder Azmal Hossain Bidyut gave Abahani Kirra Chakra a fortuitous 2-1 victory when the National Bank Premier Division Football League resumed at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday after a three-day break.

With the score tied on 1-1 Bidyut tried to clear the ball for a corner to prevent an Abahani attack but instead mistimed the shot into his own net in the 77th minute to complete a miserable afternoon having also missed a first half penalty.

In an evenly contested match Abahani's Nigerian striker Colly Burnes gave his side the lead heading home a Mintu cross from the left flank 32 minutes into the first half.

But things could have been different had Arambagh capitalised on a number of easy chances including a 5th minute penalty.

Aramagh almost completed a successful attack in the very first minute. After receiving a brilliant pass from Tanveer, Nigerian recruit Oinu had a good chance to score from close range. But his power-packed grounder was saved by Abahani's Ghanaian defender Ghansha for a corner.

The best chance came for Arambagh minutes later when referee Abdur Rakib awarded them a

penalty following a foul by Abahani defender Aminul on Arambagh's Tanveer inside the danger area. But Bidyut's feeble attempt was thwarted by Abahani custodian Apel.

After surviving those close calls, Abahani gradually regrouped and got a deserved lead when Burnes struck his sixth goal of the league. It placed him on par with Mohammedan forward Nakib as the leading goal scorer of the Premier Division.

Aramagh continued to put pressure on Abahani after the breather and in the 72nd minute Saiful tapped in the ball home from a goal mouth melee to equalise. But Bidyut's blunder cost them a point

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Hayden a perfectionist



AFP, Brisbane

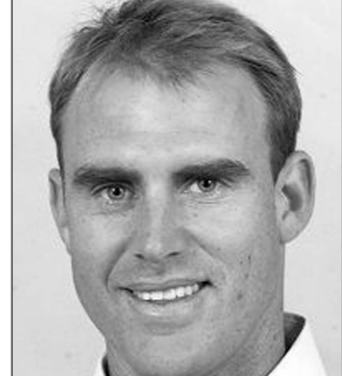
Matthew Hayden has been a prolific run-maker for Australia in Test matches but he said Friday that he expects more from himself in the one-day arena.

Hayden has scored 2,354 runs at an average of 49.04 with eight 100s from 30 Tests, including a record 1,391 runs in the 2001 calendar year.

In limited-overs matches, the 30-year-old left-hander has managed just 1,112 runs at an average of 33.69 from 37 matches with just one century.

"I know I have a role to play and that there is confidence in me to do that," Hayden told reporters as the Australians prepared in Brisbane for a tour of Kenya that starts next week.

Hayden said a triangular tournament featuring Pakistan and Kenya, followed by the ICC Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka, represented



MATTHEW HAYDEN

important stepping stones for Australia in its bid to retain the Ashes and the World Cup.

"We've been on a break for a while now - probably the longest we've had off in a decade - and it is great to be back," Hayden said.

"We're starting what is going to be a nine-month campaign and it's

going to be important to get our momentum going in these two tournaments.

"Now that we know where we are going and what to expect, we can prepare accordingly. You don't just arrive somewhere and play."

Hayden said the players were pleased to be able to focus on the Sri Lankan tournament in the wake of an agreement reached between the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) and the Australian Cricketers Association on Thursday.

Hayden and the Australian players trained on a specially prepared wicket at Allan Border Field, which was designed to replicate the type of pitches they will encounter in Sri Lanka.

"It should spin a bit more than the usual practice wickets so hopefully the spinners will get a bit of turn and the batsmen can work on a few things," he said.

"I don't know as much about what to expect in Kenya, although I know they do have good coffee."

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BCCI won't copy



REUTERS, New Delhi

India is unlikely to adopt the Australian model in their attempt to solve the contract row threatening to

devalue next month's prestigious ICC Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka.

"We have received some documents from Australia," Niranjan Shah, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said from the western city of Rajkot.

"We are studying the material, but the problems of the Indian and

Australian players are different to a large extent.

"So it's unlikely that we will be able to use their model as a template for our negotiations," he said on Friday.

Australia reached an agreement with its players on Thursday to reduce fears of a mass boycott of the September 12-29 Colombo tournament and the International Cricket Council (ICC) has urged other boards to use their guidelines as a model for negotiations.

Top Indian stars, including Sachin Tendulkar and captain Sourav Ganguly, have refused to sign the contract because of an "ambush marketing" clause which prevents them from endorsing products of rival companies 30 days either side of ICC events.

The Australian Cricket Board has offered their players compensation for any sponsorship money they would lose as a result of the contract.

But an Indian board official, who did not wish to be named, said that considering the huge sponsorship deals of some top Indian players, the same would be "unthinkable" for the BCCI.

The ICC has remained firm in its resolve to retain the "ambush marketing" provisions for their events, including next year's World Cup in South Africa.

The provisions could lead to top Indian players, with lucrative per

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Steve Waugh of Kent examines his hand after being struck during a county cricket match against Leicestershire yesterday.

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