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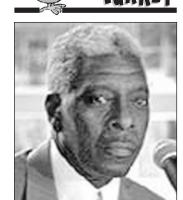


Jose Batista of Uruguay was sent off after just 56 seconds against Scotland in 1986! That is the fastest dismissal in World Cup history. His foul on Gordon Strachan gave French referee Joel Quiniou no choice. Uruguav kept the score at 0-0 and progressed to the next round at the expense of Scotland



Aston Villa Vs Everton (Live) **STAR SPORTS**

4:30 pm Cricket: Talk show Best Of Harsha Online 5:30 pm Super Selecto



Ashraful axed Colombo on September 23

Cricket The Board included four players in Khaled Mashud's team. They are Sanwar Hossain, Hannan Sarker, SPORTS REPORTER Rofigul Islam and Anwar Hossain Munir.

Country's second Test centurion Mohammad Ashraful got the chop when the Bangladesh Cricket Board announced a 15-man squad for the

tour of South Africa yesterday. The axing of Ashraful, who is also the youngest century-maker on debut in the history of Test cricket, came after his long disappointing run of form since his famous hundred against Sri Lanka in the Asian

Test Championship last year. The young right-hander will fly back to Dhaka along with two more plavers -- off-spinner Fahim Muntasir and middle-order batsman Mazharul Haq -- after Bangladesh's second ICC Trophy Championship New Zealand in match against

The four will fly to Dubai on September 24 to join the team. Bangladesh are schedules to arrive in Johannesburg on September 27 to play their first series against South Africa.

The tourists will play two Tests and three one-day internationals against South Africa.

Sanwar got a deserving Test call after his good showing with the bat in Kenya last month, where the middle-order batsman led the Bangladesh Ateam.

For opener Hannan it was a recall in the Test fold after he was dropped from the one-day squad. Hannan made his Test debut in Sri Lanka in August.

Rofigul is the other opening batsman who played well in Kenva This is the first call in the senior team for the young right-hander.

15 and on October 19-23 in a series

lose some senior players but it's a

great opportunity for younger

cricket," he told the news agency.

we will play positive cricket."

ble one with a new-look team.

security fears.

The Board picked up right-arm SEE PAGE 15 COL 1



The national hockey players hone their skills for the Busan Asian Games at the Maulana Bhasani Stadiumyesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

switched from the host country over Pybus's first assignment against Wari stay in the mighty Australians is a formidacontention "Obviously it's disappointing to

SPORTS REPORTER

players to make their mark and Wari Club recorded a 4-2 win begin a new future for Pakistan against Agrani Bank in a crucial Super Five match of the First "Australia are a great team and it Division League at the will be a tremendous challenge but Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Pybus was first hired as coach for Pakistan's tour of Australia three and Kabir struck once for the oldest football club in Dhaka. Sohagh and Polash scored for the Bankers.

"That was my only negative experience with Pakistan because the team did well and were unfortunate to lose the series," he said.

was hired for Pakistan's tour of England last year but it ended on an acrimonious note when he expressed concern about travelling to Pakistan following the events of

Echo scored twice while Mamun Sunday.

The victory brightened Wari's chances of a promotion in the Premier League. The Motijheel outfit raised their tally to 20 points from 12 games, one point behind

Sheikh Russel Krira Chakra. The defeat on the other hand almost dashed Agrani Bank's hopes of joining the elite top teams next year. They remained glued to their previous collection of 19 points. Wanderers Club is the only team

who have almost confirmed their promotion with 24 points from 11 matches. Top two teams will advance into the Premier League next year.

Gritty Boycott's new innings

Aim to tame India batters we lost a game of such importance. Wednesday by taking four wickets

(III) ICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY SRI LANKA 2002 REUTERS, Colombo

England will take aim at a formidable Indian batting line-up when they clash in the deciding pool 2 Champions Trophy game on

The most high-profile game of the league stage of this 12-team event will be a virtual quarter-final as the winners go through to face former champions South Africa in the semi-finals.

India have in recent months stopped relying too much on the leading duo of Sachin Tendulkar and skipper Saurav Ganguly and should hold the edge on a slow. turning track in Colombo.

"The key is working at their batting line-up," England skipper Nasser Hussain said on Saturday. "But there is not a specific area in this line-up you can focus on."

The experienced Rahul Dravid's one-day form has come as a bonus to a side where youngsters Yuvraj Singh and Mohammad Kaif have boosted the batting this season

coming in at numbers six and seven

from 10 games against England this

year and won their previous meeting

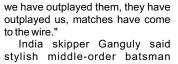
India hold a 5-4 win-loss record

That game will always hurt me. But we shouldn't be making too much of

England off-spinner Jeremy Snape was a doubtful starter due to a rib muscle injury and if he fails a fitness test scheduled before the game, left-arm spinner Ashley Giles could come in.

England are already without allrounder Andrew Flintoff, in-form opener Michael Vaughan and leading fast bowler Darren Gough, all because of injuries.

Essex all-rounder Ronnie Irani stepped into the breach on



"We've not had many low-key

against Zimbabwe and Hussain was

games against India. We have

shown at times we can beat them,

not unduly concerned.

stylish middle-order batsman Vangipurappu Laxman could be recalled in place of out-of-form lefthander Dinesh Mongia.

Ganguly said England were a dangerous side and India would SEE PAGE 15 COL 5



Pybus rehired

Cricket

AFP, Lahore

Pakistan have rehired South African-based English coach Richard Pybus as cricket coach until next year's World Cup in South Africa, officials said Saturday.

"Pybus had a discussion with Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Lieutenant General Taugir Zia and they mutually agreed a contract running until next year's World Cup," said a spokesman for the board.

On Tuesday the board sacked Mudassar Nazar following the national team's dismal performance in recent matches. Pakistan, after beating Australia

in a one-day series in Australia in June, failed to qualify for the final of the inaugural Morocco Cup in August and then surrendered abjectly twice against Australia in the tri-series in Kenya.

Rain saved Pakistan's blushes when the Nairobi final could not be



MOHAMMAD ASHRAFUL

completed and Pakistan shared the

match of the ongoing International

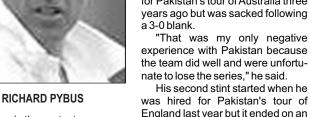
Cricket Council Champions Trophy

against hosts Sri Lanka and failed

However they lost the opening

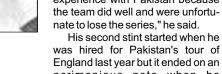
trophy with Australia.

to progress in the contest. Pakistan start their Test series against Australia in Colombo from October 3 to 7. Sharjah will host the other two Tests from October 11 to



ever to play a Test in 1996-97, is the Aussies in the tri-series one-day

recalled after hitting a century tournament in Kenya this month.





'Bullet' Bob Hayes

(Late Olympic gold medallist and NFL player) "I'm thrilled, I'm grateful, I'm blessed.' After being inducted into the Dallas Cowboys' 'Ring of



Essex win **Div II title**

AFP, London

Essex clinched the Division Two title in the English County Championship on Saturday after sealing a seven-wicket win over Nottinghamshire.

Both sides were already promoted but went into the final day knowing a win would be enough for SEE PAGE 15 COL 5

AFP, Karachi Pakistan Saturday announced a young squad for their Test series against Australia, excluding key senior players.

Cricket

Dashing opener Shahid Afridi. who hit the second fastest halfcentury in one-day internationals against the Netherlands in Sri Lanka on Saturday, failed to find a place in

the team. Ace paceman Wasim Akram and opener Saeed Anwar have opted out of the series while vice captain and dependable batsman Inzamamul Haq and Yousuf Youhana had to pull out due to

iniuries But opener Imran Farhat stages a comeback after playing two Tests in New Zealand last year. Hasan Raza, who became the youngest

process of the Pakistan team and we were forced to start this slightly earlier as we are missing some

against Sri Lanka this week.

"This is the start of a rebuilding

senior players," chief selector Waseem Bari told the news again. "Wasim and Anwar's decisions

are personal and we can't help it and the Pakistan Cricket Board gave us a list of players not available for the series," said Bari.

"They (the squad) are a good bunch of talented cricketers and we hope they will put up a better show."

The inclusion of paceman Mohammad Zahid is subject to fitness. He will have a try-out in an unofficial Test against Sri Lanka starting in Multan on Monday.

Pakistan lost three of their four matches in the Morocco Cup against South Africa and Sri Lanka in August. They then crashed to humiliating defeats at the hands of

Trophy last week

Pakistan meet Australia in the first of three Tests in the Sri Lankan capital Colombo from October 3.

against Sri Lanka in the Champions

They also their opening game

The remaining two Tests will be played in Sharjah from October 11 to 15 and from October 19 to 23. Pakistan's home series to commemorate their Golden Jubilee in

Test cricket was shifted to offshore venues after Australia refused to tour because of security fears.

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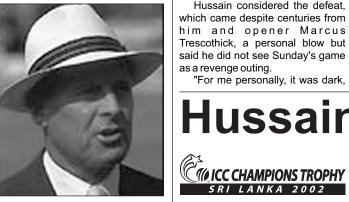
Waqar Younis (captain), Younis Khan (vice captain), Shoaib Akhtar, Imran Farhat, İmran Nazir, Misbahul Hag, Faisal Igbal, Abdul Razzag, Rashid Latif, Saglain Mushtag Danish Kaneria, Rana Naveedul Hasan, Hasan Raza, Mohammad Sami, Mohammad Zahid and Taufiq Umer

the beginning of the innings."

BBC ONLINE, London

Former England opener Geoffrey Boycott is to undergo chemother-

> The Yorkshireman, 61, was diagnosed at the beginning of September after he discovered a



lump on his neck.

Kenyan captain Steve Tikolo Subsequent tests revealed the said he did not believe that his team "existence of cancerous tissue" always depended on one man for prompting specialists to recommend him for chemotherapy.

Tikolo was the only Kenyan A spokeswoman for Boycott batsman among runs in this tournament, scoring 93 against the West said: "It has been decided that Indies and 69 against South Africa. Geoffrey Boycott should undergo "I don't think we are a onechemotherapy treatment for the batsman team. We have some good cancer, which has been diagnosed batsmen, but things did not work out as situated in the area based at the for them in this tournament," he rear of the tonque.'

"We have learnt a lot playing Boycott has so far refused to against the two top teams of the comment on the issue himself.

One of England's greatest opening batsmen, with 22 Test centuries, Boycott's dogged determination at the crease won him the respect of millions of fans.

When his cricketing career ended, he became a high-profile radio and television broadcaster.

goal win against Ullash Sporting

Club at the Dampara Police Lines

Razzak scored the all-important

ground in Chittagong yesterday.

goal in the 26th minute.

Hosts Mirza Moraduzzaman Smriti Siraj football Sangsad won the MM Smriti Gold Cup Football Tournament with a 5-4

tiebreak win against Jamuna **CU CORRESPONDENT** Sporting Club at the Hard Point ground adjacent to the Sirajganj BL Defending champions Madarbari School on Saturday. Muktakantha moved into the semifi-The final rolled into shootout nal of the Siraj Smriti Kishore Football Tournament with a lone

obviously vital and credit should be after both teams failed to end the given to Graeme as we worked deadlock situation during the 90together nicely to set up a big total," minute regulation time.

MM Smriti

Gold Cup

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

State Minister for Power Iqbal "Graeme is mentally strong. He Hossain Mahmud attended the final is a solid player and chooses his as chief guest and gave away prizes shots nicely. We have a good understanding which is very important in among the winners

against cancer

at Lord's in July, chasing a mammoth 326 to win a tri-series final. India lost five early wickets apy in his battle to fight cancer.

before being rescued by Yuvraj and Kaif, who hit 87 not out and showed his form again by top-scoring with 111 during the win over Zimbabwe in this event

> Hussain considered the defeat, which came despite centuries from him and opener Marcus Trescothick, a personal blow but said he did not see Sunday's game as a revenge outing.

> "For me personally, it was dark,

AFP, Colombo

tournament here.

326-run target.

with India

semi-finals.

The winners will join Australia,

"But it is not a grudge game."

India and England have both

Hussain said his bowlers would

"The problem with India's batting

won their opening match against

have to work harder against a strong

7imbabwe in the three-team group.

South Africa and Sri Lanka in the

Hussain said. "Everyone makes a

big deal of it. I know it is a cliché, but

them. If we don't, we'll lose,"

Indian batting line-up.



India's star batsman Sachin Tendulkar talks tactics with coach John Wright during practice at the Premadasa Stadium yesterday.

Hussain plays down it

line-up is that you cannot focus on just one particular player," said Hussain.

"When you work on Dravid and try to sort him out you have got Sehwag, Ganguly and Tendulkar England skipper Nasser Hussain coming at you and after that there



are Kaif and Yuvraj, who won India the game in the NatWest Trophy. "It looks like you need to focus on

all batsmen from one to seven." it is just a game of cricket really. It is Depth in batting was the key to not the end of the world if you lose. India's success in the NatWest "There is no grudge at all. They

Trophy are a very fine side and we are a Hussain said he felt the weather young, inexperienced one. They are could make a big difference in the favourites and if we play like we did day-night game against Zimbabwe, we could beat

"It's obviously very alien to English conditions, but we coped with it well the other day. Whoever copes with the heat better will come out on top," he said.

India skipper Ganguly did not think that the Lord's victory had made his team favourites, saying severity. they would have to play up to their

Lara's hepatitis confirmed **INTERNET**, Undated Brian Lara will be out of action for up to

strength."

potential to beat England.

new day.

"I don't think it is a replay of the

"It depends on how we play in

NatWest final," said Ganguly. "That

is the past. This is a new tournament

in new conditions and tomorrow is a

these conditions. In the NatWest

Trophy final, conditions suited

England more, but we played well

up to our potential. England are not

a weak side. They have beaten

Zimbabwe convincingly. We have to

think about our game and play to our

"We have to be careful and play

and it might be the reverse here.

six weeks after doctors confirmed the West Indies star batsman has contracted hepatitis.

Lara has already been ruled out of the team's forthcoming tour of India after spending three days in hospital for tests.

"Brian will leave for home at the earliest convenience," said West Indies team manager Ricky Skerritt.

However, Skerritt refused to answer questions on the possible cause of the illness, replying: "If I could say that, I would have put it in the statement."

And it was not made clear what type of hepatitis had been diagnosed. the illness varying massively in its

Gibbs praised fellow-opener

Man-of-the-match Gibbs almost

"I don't think it makes a differ-

ence," said Gibbs. "In order to win a

tournament, you have got to be able

to beat any team. The side that

plays better cricket that day will go

echoed his captain's sentiments, saying it did not matter who his team

played in the semi-finals.

through.'

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big opening-wicket stand.

said Gibbs.

The opening partnership is

little more spin, it will probably suit a

team like India more than England." South Africa lost to India in the semi-final of the tournament's previous edition at Nairobi in 2000. "We have a good team. The guys have been playing very well," said SHAUN POLLOCK the South African captain. "All the batsmen who got to the Smith for playing a crucial role in the

crease did well. Up front, you cannot ask for a better stand," he said, referring to the opening-wicket partnership of 159 between Herschelle Gibbs (116) and Graeme Smith (69).

"If we continue to show the same discipline, we believe we can beat either of the two sides. We are looking forward to that opportunity."

CILICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY AFP, Colombo

South African skipper Shaun Pollock said Friday he felt India had better chances of qualifying for the semi-finals of the Champions Trophy one-day cricket tournament

here. South Africa, who stormed into the semi-finals with a crushing 176run win over Kenya in a day-night match, will meet the winners of Sunday's clash between India and England in the penultimate round. Who we play in the semi-final