

Scolari coming to Arsenal

BBC ONLINE, London

Brazil's World Cup winning coach Luis Felipe Scolari will not be joining Arsenal as a football consultant.

Scolari's spokesman Acas Felleguer said the coach was only visiting the London club as part of his European tour.

"He has been invited to visit Arsenal, see the ground and meet (manager) Arsene Wenger, just as he has visited other coaches in the past," said Felleguer.

"His visit is exclusively out of friendship and because he has a good relationship with Arsene Wenger."

BAF hockey

ISPR, Dhaka

BAF Base Paharkanchanpur defeated BAF Base Basher 1-0 in the opening match of the Bangladesh Air Force's Inter-base Hockey Championship at BAF Base Matur Rahman in Jessore yesterday.

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Injured pacers Hasibul Hossain and Alamgir Kabir will also stake a claim while playing for the A team.

Besides, some emerging talents are in the Board's 18-member Development Squad.

Both teams will be reduced to 14 after a week-long camp at the BKSP beginning on October 17.

National coach Sarwar Imran will take over the A team while Sri Lankan Carlton Bernardus will coach the Development team. The Bangladesh team will be made up of the players now touring South Africa.

TEAMS

A TEAM: Akram Khan, Aminul Islam, Naimur Rahman, Minhazul Abedin, Enamul Hoque, Mohammad Ashraf, Mazharul Haque, Ehsanul Haque, Mehrab Hossain, Alamgir Kabir, Anwar Hossain (wicketkeeper), Hasibul Hossain, Shafiqul Islam, Sabbir Khan, Fahim Muntasir, Nazmul and Mosadddek Hossain.

DEVELOPMENT SQUAD: Nazmul Sadat, Tanveer Rashid, Nazimuddin, Kafi Khan, Johurul Islam, Kamrul Islam, Bidyut, Mahmudullah, Shafiqul Islam, Ziaul Hossain, Nabil, Gulam Rabbani, Sumon Kumar, Arif Hossain, Rezaul Ahsan, Faisal Islam, Jubair Hossain and Enamul Haque.

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passionate fans were having to swallow the bitter pill of a defeat at the hands of rivival Iraq.

Japan too had their problems going into the event with the under-21 team suffering a 7-0 friendly defeat at the hands of Jubo Iwata and then a 1-0 loss to their Chinese counterparts.

"When we lost 7-0 to Jubo, I took a lot of criticism but we tried not to worry about what people were saying," said coach Masakuni Yamamoto whose side reached the final here with an impressive 3-0 win over Thailand.

"It was a bad defeat, but we just had to start from scratch again. The players have responded well and now we have made history by making the final for the first time."

Japan have fielded a squad of under-21 players unlike the rest of the teams taking part here who have stuck to the under-23 guidelines, spiced up with the odd over-age heavyweight to add a touch of know-how.

"They may find they could do with a little bit of old-fashioned expertise when they come up against Iran."

"Although we defended well against the Thais and didn't panic, we will still look at the match and see which areas need to improve because Iran are a very big, powerful side."

"They have a lot more experience than us so it will be a very difficult match but we must remember that just getting this far is a tremendous achievement."

Cops probe Fergie

Football

REUTERS, Cape Town

Police in South Africa are investigating a complaint against Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson of indecent assault.

But a lawyer representing Ferguson described the complaint as "groundless," saying the manager "grouned," saying the manager "grouned" the episode would be over by the weekend.

Ferguson, 60, flew to South Africa earlier in the week and on Saturday is due to attend a football academy in Pretoria run by United's ex-keeper Gary Bailey.

His lawyer Alex Abercrombie said: "Sir Alex is not concerned about the complaint at all. The complaint is groundless and there is no truth in it."

"He denies any impropriety at all. He would be very surprised if there is any prosecution that follows."

Mary Martins Engelbrecht, national police spokeswoman, told reporters earlier on Friday: "At 11am this morning an indecent assault charge was laid at the Camps Bay police station. The charge was laid against a high profile British businessman, but for legal reasons we cannot name him."

"Allegedly at 2 am this morning (Friday) the assault took place in a vehicle on the way from the Cape Town Waterfront to Camps Bay."

"On Monday, a docket (file) will be opened by the director of public prosecutions and will be reviewed to decide whether there is enough evidence to form a case."

Asked if he (the British businessman) can leave South Africa between now and Monday, Engelbrecht said: "We have a good working relationship with the British government and if we need to bring him out to face legal charges we hope we will be able to do so."

Abercrombie, asked if there could be any possible motive for the complaint, replied: "Sir Alex is very confused. He can't think of any specific reason for the complaint."

The lawyer told BBC News 24: "The nature of the complaint is that, from information from the police, there is an allegation that Alex touched a female on the leg."

"In our law in any event that does not constitute any offence as such so it is just a matter of time before this matter will blow over."

He said: "There is no application for any kind of warrant for arrest or anything like that at all so the matter is a minor one as far as they are concerned at this stage given what they have in their docket. But if it's necessary they will be in contact with us."

Abercrombie added: "He is most upset. He is not concerned about the allegation and the incident but he is very concerned about the publicity that surrounds it, the fact that his family has to get embroiled in this kind of thing and of course the image of Manchester United FC."

The lawyer also said: "He hopes this episode will be over by the weekend."

Patrick Harveson, Manchester United's communication director, said that the former English champion had "no comment to make at this moment in time."

Manchester United have no game this weekend because of European Championship qualifying matches taking place involving many of his players.

Apart from being a successful soccer manager, Ferguson is half-owner of an outstanding racehorse called Rock of Gibraltar which last month won its seventh consecutive group one race, overtaking the previous record held by Derby winner Mill Reef in the early 1970s.

On Wednesday, at a small track near Cape Town, he presented the trophy to the winning owner of a race named in his honour.

Zamani toast of Afghanistan

AFP, Busan

Afghanistan won an emotional first medal at the Asian Games here on Saturday when taekwondo fighter Roia Zamani clinched a bronze in the 72-kilogram middleweight division.

However, it was a medal achieved without her having to win a match as the field was reduced to just five competitors.

The 23-year-old English teacher was knocked down by South Korea's Asian junior champion Choi Jin-Mi in the first round of a three-round semifinal in the 72-kilogram middleweight contest, her first match here, and the referee stopped the fight when she took another blow.

"It hurt a little. I know she was stronger than me. So there was no need to continue," said Zamani nursing a cut over her right eyebrow.

"I'm very happy about because this medal is very important for Afghanistan."

"In the near future, I'm sure that I'll try harder and one day I'll beat the Korean."

Jancker Germany's hero

REUTERS, Sarajevo

Towering striker Carsten Jancker's second-half goal gave World Cup finalists Germany a 1-1 draw in a friendly against Bosnia.

Jancker converted a 56th minute cross from Sebastian Kehl at the far post to grab the equaliser.

The goal followed the double dismissal early in the second half of Bosnia's Hasan Salihamidovic and Germany's Christian Woerns following a brawl.

Elvir Baljic had put the home side ahead on 21 minutes after a mistake by full-back Carsten Ramelow who headed a high ball straight to Bosnian midfielder Edin Mujcin.

Nat'l Open tennis

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Natore, Naogaon, Narsingdi, Banderban, Chittagong, Rajbari, Bogra, Rangpur and Meherpur will take part in the five categories of the meet.

Uttrara Club Limited is organising the competition in cooperation with Bangladesh Tennis Federation.

Hosts dethrone

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final played between the two teams - South Korea triumphed at Hiroshima in 1994 while India beat South Korea at the 1998 Bangkok Games.

Earlier, Malaysia stunned seven-time champions Pakistan in a penalty shoot-out to take the bronze.

Malaysia won the tie-breaker 4-2 after the regulation period and extra-time had ended 1-1, hurling Pakistan out of the medals bracket for the first time ever in the Games.

Key players Sohail Abbas and Mudassar Ali failed to convert during the shoot-out after captain Mohammad Sarwar and Mohammad Wasim had scored for Pakistan.

Keevan Raj, Boon Huat Chua, K. Shanmuganathan and Amin Rahim kept their calm to ensure Malaysia's sixth bronze medal at the Games.

Earlier, Abbas converted a penalty-corner for Pakistan and Keevan Raj scored off a penalty stroke during regulation period.

Pakistan, who had beaten Malaysia 6-1 in the league, struggled to recover from their 4-3 defeat to India in the semifinals and looked lethargic.

Pakistan coach Tahir Zaman conceded the loss to India had hit the team hard.

"Our players were psychologically down," said Zaman. "The loss to India was a big blow and the team just failed to get its act together."

"But it's also time we thought of bleeding new youngsters."

U-20s off

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the age-group football in Asia. If we can have a good start with a win against India, I think we have a chance to make it to the last eight," he said.

Captain Mehdi Hasan Uzzal, manager Sayeed Hasan Kanan and acting BFF general secretary Sirajul Islam Bachchu were also present in the briefing.

Team leader Abdur Rahim was however absent. According to Bachchu, Rahim has opted not to go with the team on personal reason.

"The team is going without any team leader since it is not mandatory," said Bachchu.

SQUAD
Zahidul Hasan Dalim, Atiqul Islam, Faisal Mahmood, Feroz Mahmud Hossain, Shawkat Khan, Kolloi Kumar Ghosh Juku, Munna, Mehdi Hasan Uzzal (captain), Abdullah Al-Parvez, Masud Parvez, Aminul Islam, Arman Aziz, Belal Ahmed, Shamsher Alam, Shohag, Rashad Pappu, Jashim Mehdi, Ashraf Karim, Harisuzzaman and Jahid Hasan Ameli.

Officials: Sayeed Hasan Kanan (manager), George Kottan (coach) Hasanuzzaman Khan Babu (assistant coach) and Dr Mahfuzullah Chisti (Team doctor)



FRIENDSHIP FIRST: Friends Swaroop (L) Shahanshah take some time out from their fixture on the opening day of the three-day chess tournament for the visually impaired at the NSC yesterday.

Paradorn pulls a surprise

14th Asian Games BUSAN 2002

AFP, Busan

Thailand's Paradorn Srichaphan coasted to the Asian Games men's singles tennis gold on Saturday and then stunned his army of passionate fans by revealing he may not defend his title in Qatar in 2006.

After sweeping past South Korea's Lee Hyung-Taik 7-6 (7/3), 6-4 to confirm his place as the undisputed king of Asian tennis, he said that the lack of decent competition here may prompt him to skip the next Games in Doha.

"I will be 27-years-old when the next Games come around and I may not play. I will have to see because I have to shake up my schedule to get to the Games," said Paradorn, the top seed and world ranked 26th player whose one hour and 45 minute win over the Korean, 79 in the world, completed an easy trip to the gold medal here.

He didn't drop a set in five matches in the entire tournament and before Saturday's final, he had surrendered just 13 games.

"I feel I had some tough matches in the last two days in the semi-final and the final," said Paradorn who had defeated Oleg Ogorodov 6-3, 6-3 in his last four match.

"I think there are four to six guys who are good for Asian tennis, but if we want to really improve then we have work with the juniors and get their standard raised."

"I know how important the Asian Games are to Thailand and the medal here will be good for them but I will have to see about the 2006 Games and see what my schedule is like if they need me to play again."

Paradorn and the second-seeded Lee are the only Asian players in the world's top 100 at the moment.

Japan's Takao Suzuki, who was

too was finished with the Asian Games.

"This is the last time I will take part," said the Korean.

"I am also not playing in the Davis Cup as I want to concentrate on my career on the Tour."

Now that the Games are out of the way, the 23-year-old Paradorn gets back onto the treadmill of the ATP Tour on Sunday when he flies to Madrid in his continued pursuit of points which will push him towards his dream of breaking into the top twenty by the end of the year.

Although a persistent shoulder injury threatened to sabotage his gold medal campaign, the Thai knows that he has to keep working at his game if he is to maintain his pursuit of bigger prizes.

This year alone, he has beaten Andre Agassi at Wimbledon and won his first tour event when he clinched the Long Island title.

"I had the shoulder bandaged and I felt tight throughout the match," said Paradorn who admitted that the Korean team trainer had helped tape the shoulder on the eve of Saturday's final.

However, out on the court there were no such courtesies as a local crowd, whose behaviour veered between enthusiastic and rowdy, almost derailed the Paradorn express.

"I understand that they get excited so I just had to get used to it but it didn't help when they shout out as I am playing a shot. They made it very tough out there today."



PARADORN SRICHAPHAN

the third seed here, is ranked a modest 110 while Ogorodov of Uzbekistan, the fourth seed, is at 148.

Lee, who was also a silver medalist in the men's doubles here, joined Paradorn in admitting that he

Ganguly glad

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, Bombay

India skipper Saurav Ganguly said Saturday he had not expected his team would wrap up the opening cricket Test against the West Indies inside four days.

"To be honest, I didn't think the Test would be over today even though we played superbly," said Ganguly after his team thrashed the tourists by an innings and 112 runs on the fourth day at the Wankhede Stadium.

India gained a 1-0 lead in a three-match series following their first-

ever victory by an innings margin against the West Indies in 76 Tests.

Ganguly said fast bowler Zaheer Khan's four-wicket effort in the first innings played a major role in India's emphatic win.

"Zaheer's four wickets was the key because his spell set up the win. He bowled superbly on a pitch which was not helpful to fast bowlers," said Ganguly.

Left-arm seamer Zaheer ran through the West Indies middle-order batting in the post-lunch session on Friday, dismissing skipper Carl Hooper, Ryan Hinds and Ridley Jacobs in four overs to help his team gain a big lead.

The West Indies were shot out for 157 in reply to India's first-innings

total of 457. They were dismissed for 188 in the second after following on.

The tourists, crushed by pace in the first innings, floundered against spin in the second as off-spinner Harbhajan Singh grabbed 7-48 and leg-spinner Anil Kumble 3-50.

"They (Harbhajan and Kumble) are class performers. The pitch helped spin on the fourth day and they exploited the conditions superbly," said Ganguly, who led his team to their 12th Test win since becoming captain in 2000.

He is now just two victories short of equalling former captain Mohammad Azharuddin's Indian record of 14 Test wins.

"I'm happy with the way things are moving at present," said the Indian skipper.

Meanwhile, West Indies captain Carl Hooper has criticised his team's batting and fielding after the crushing defeat.

"We batted poorly," Hooper said on Saturday. "The Indians showed us how to bat on this wicket. The batting just didn't click. When you score as low as we did, you can't expect to win Test matches."

Hooper, 36, playing in his 100th Test, was himself guilty of playing a poor shot in the first innings after scoring 23.

"You can't place the blame at the door of one or two players," he said. "It's about all 11 playing together which just didn't happen here."

Hooper also slammed his team's fielding performance in the match, which ended halfway through the fourth day.

"The catching was pathetic. We dropped Virender Sehwag when he was on 70-odd and had to pay for it."

Liverpool to replace Anfield

AP, Liverpool

Liverpool has been given permission by local residents to build a new stadium to replace Anfield. The club wants to build a new 55,000-seat stadium just a few metres from the famous ground.

In a survey, 58 per cent of residents in the area supported the proposal, with the new stadium planned to be ready for the 2006-2007 season. Plans call for demolition of nearby houses and businesses.

"We're obviously delighted," said Liverpool chief executive Rick Parry.



India spin Windies off

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runs later as he was caught by Ganguly at first slip off Harbhajan, who then had Mervyn Dillon caught by Rahul Dravid in the slips in the same over.

Harbhajan finished the match when he dismissed Pedro Collons and Cameron Cuffly in the post-lunch session.

SCOREBOARD

Complete scoreboard on the fourth day of the first Test between India and the West Indies at the Wankhede Stadium on Saturday: **INDIA:** First innings 457 (V Sehwag 147, R Dravid 100 retired hurt, S Bangar 55; M Dillon 3-54, M Nagamootoo 3-132) **WEST INDIES:** First innings 157 (S Chandepaul 54; Z Khan 4-41, A Kumble 4-51) **WEST INDIES:** Second innings (overnight 91-1) Gayle c Ganguly b Harbhajan 42 W Hinds b Harbhajan 40 Sarwan c Tendulkar b Kumble 17 Chandepaul not out 36 Hooper c and b Harbhajan 1

R Hinds c Sehwag b Kumble	2
Jacobs c Ganguly b Kumble	0
N'mootoo c Ganguly b Harbhajan	18
Dillon c Dravid b Harbhajan	0
Collins c Dravid b Harbhajan	0
Cuffly c and b Harbhajan	8
Extras: (b-8, lb-15, nb-1)	24
Total: (All out in 68.3 overs)	188
Fall of wickets: 1-60, 2-105, 3-107, 4-110, 5-117, 6-117, 7-158, 8-158, 9-184	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Srinath	4	2	19	0
Zaheer	4	0	26	0
Bangar	6	1	20	0
Harbhajan	28.3	12	48	7
Kumble	25	8	50	3
Tendulkar	1	0	2	0

Result: India win by an innings and 112 runs.
Man-of-the-match: Virender Sehwag.
Umpires: David Shepherd (England) and Asoka de Silva (Sri Lanka).
Second Test: October 17-21, Madras.

Pakistan bite

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Ponting lbw b Kaneria 44
M Waugh lbw b Saqlain 2
S Waugh c sub (Farhat) b Saqlain 0
Martyn c Taufiq b Razzaq 34
Gilchrist c Taufiq b Akhtar 17
Warne c Younis b Saqlain 19
Lee lbw b Razzaq 12
Bichel not out 2
McGrath lbw b Razzaq 0
Extras: (b-15, lb-7, nb-2) 24

Total: (All out in 92.1 overs) 310
Fall of wickets: 1-54, 2-145, 3-148, 4-148, 5-224, 6-252, 7-285, 8-304, 9-310
Bowler **O** **M** **R** **W**
Waqar 8 2 25 0
Akhtar 14 3 42 1
Kaneria 26 2 116 1
Razzaq 10 1 3 22 3
Saqlain 34 2 83 4
PAKISTAN: Second innings
Total: (All out in 24.5 overs) 53
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-13, 3-32, 4-34, 5-36, 6-50, 7-52, 8-52, 9-53

Nazir c Gilchrist b Warne	16
Umar run out	0
Razzaq retired hurt	4
Younis lbw b McGrath	0
Misbah c S Waugh b Bichel	12
Iqbal c M Waugh b Warne	7
Latif c M Waugh b Bichel	0
Saqlain c Warne b Lee	9
Akhtar c S Waugh b Warne	2
Waqar lbw b Warne	0
Kaneria not out	0
Extras: (nb-2)	2

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Saturday's Cryptquip: WOULD A FILM ABOUT A FUZZY FOUR-LEGGED NEWSPAPER TYCOON BE NAMED "CITIZEN CANINE"?
Today's Cryptquip Clue: L equals P

Hingis takes a break

REUTERS, Zurich

Former world number one Martina Hingis has announced she will take an indefinite break from tennis