

Afridi comes in for Razzaq

REUTERS, Sharjah
All-rounder Shahid Afridi has been added to the Pakistan team for the third Test against Australia, starting in Sharjah from Saturday.

He will replace Abdul Razzaq who has been ruled out for six weeks after fracturing his left wrist during the second Test in which Pakistan were bowled out for their lowest scores of 59 and 53 inside two days.

Initially, Yousuf Youhana was expected to beef up the team but he was ruled out as he failed to recover from a shoulder injury sustained during a triangular tournament in Tangiers, Morocco, in August.

Afridi, who has scored 780 runs in 14 Tests with two centuries and four half centuries besides taking 21 wickets, arrives on Tuesday to join the team.

"Shahid has been included as reinforcement after Razzaq was ruled out," Pakistan coach Richard Pybus told Reuters on Monday.

"The team needed an experienced all-rounder and considering the conditions in Sharjah, it was a sensible thing to ask for Shahid as his inclusion would give the team another spin option," Pybus said. "Shahid's inclusion will strengthen the team as he is an aggressive competitor," the South African coach said.

Pollock relief

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Australia in Melbourne last December.

SQUAD
Gary Kirsten, Herschelle Gibbs, Graeme Smith, Jacques Kallis, Ashwell Prince, Martin van Jaarsveld, Mark Boucher (captain), Paul Adams, David Terbrugge, Makhaya Ntini, Mornantau Hayward. 12th Man: Alfonso Thomas.

BD team leaves

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compete in the national tournaments," he added.

Bangladesh's men team bagged 55th place out of 130 participants while the women's team secured 37th spot among 72 countries in Istanbul.

"This time our expectation is to be within the top 40 in the men's group and 35 among the other section."

Suja also believed the women's squad was well-prepared. "Nipa is basically a very strong player and very committed to the team while International Women Master Rani Hamid is the most experienced player of the side."

BANGLADESH TEAM: Grand Master Ziaur Rahman, Grand Master Niaz Moshed, International Master Reefat-bin-Sattar, International Master Abdullah-al-Rakib, International Master Enamul Hossain Rajib, Sheikh Mohammad Nasir, Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa, International Women Master Rani Hamid, Afroza Khanam Bablee and Zakia Sultana.

Pybus targets

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areas you start to lack trust in your judgement and it becomes a different place out in the middle.

"Combine that with the fact they are coming towards the end of their careers when a player asks the question -- where to from here? -- you start to get a split focus."

"You can't have a dual focus -- you have to have a single focus and that is scoring runs."

The extraordinary attack by a man whose team is struggling to keep afloat against Waugh's men, received no immediate response from the Australians.

Perhaps they are waiting for the third and final Test to start on Saturday.

Younis gains support



INTERNET, undated

Former Pakistan Test captains Javed Miandad and Asif Iqbal have given their backing to present skipper Waqar Younis despite the team's humiliating defeat in Sharjah.

Pakistan were bowled out for 59 and 53 in the second match against Australia - their lowest Test scores ever.



ASIF IQBAL

But former Pakistan captain and coach Miandad believes the selectors should resist the urge to axe Waqar and make wholesale changes.

"The way they are going the future looks dark," Miandad told British Broadcasting Corporation.

"In the last Test match every batsman threw away their wicket, but you can give them that one Test because they were inexperienced."

"You can't blame these players because the boys have just started and they were playing for the first

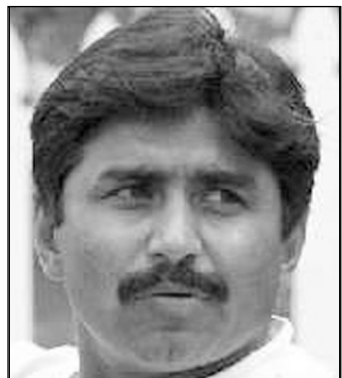
time against Glenn McGrath and Shane Warne which they found very difficult.

Miandad said Waqar should not be made to shoulder the blame for the poor performance in the last Test.

"If you don't have runs on the board then it is very difficult to judge the captaincy."

"You can't blame the captain at the moment because you can see the team is young. You can't lay the blame with anybody at the moment."

"Making changes is not going to make any difference - you have got



JAVED MIANDAD

to give them time," he said. "If you chuck them out and replace them with somebody else then you are going backwards."

Iqbal, who captained Pakistan for six Tests in 1979-80, also thinks Waqar should stay.

He blamed the batting collapses on misplaced over-confidence after dropped catches in the first Test allowed Pakistan to post reasonable scores.

"It would be a disaster for Pakistan cricket if Waqar goes," he said.

"It would be wrong for the selectors to make changes before the World Cup because it would be very difficult to gel the team."

"The selectors must accept the fact that these are the best players we have and give them a run in the side to give them confidence."

"All the chopping and changing that has occurred in the past is frankly ridiculous."

Kuerten stoops to Mathieu

REUTERS, Lyon

In-form Frenchman Paul-Henri Mathieu has beaten Gustavo Kuerten 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 in the final of the Lyon Grand Prix final to claim a title for the second successive week.

The 20-year-old Mathieu, winner of the Kremlin Cup in Moscow as a qualifier last week, beat the former world number one to take his unbeaten run to 13 matches.

Clijsters victor

REUTERS, Filderstadt

Belgium's Kim Clijsters has battled her way to a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory over eighth seed Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia to win the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix.

Both players struggled to stamp their authority on the one hour 55-minute match, and the outcome hung in the balance until sixth seeded Clijsters broke to lead 5-4 in the final set when a forehand down the line from Hantuchova landed just wide.

Deep Fritz outwits Kramnik

AFP, Manama

World chess champion Vladimir Kramnik of Russia lost to Deep Fritz, billed as the most powerful chess computer, in the pivotal fifth game here, organisers said Monday.

After only three hours, Deep Fritz beat his human opponent on the 34th move of game five, narrowing Kramnik's lead in the eight-match, one million dollar tournament to 3-2.

In the press conference afterwards, Kramnik was calm and unruffled, saying: "I do not blunder often. It's not a big problem, I just need to be more concentrated. Such things can happen any time, humans blunder sometimes. Computers remember everything, so it is difficult to prepare."

He went on to admit: "Maybe I'm slightly more tired."

The Deep Fritz team, headed earlier in the day, revealed: "We hope to have some surprises for the second half of the tournament."

At the post-game press conference, Frans Morsch, one of the Deep Fritz creators, said that keeping the queens on the board, had proven to be very effective.

The eight-game contest, postponed last year in the wake of the September 11 terror attacks in the United States, is seen as a sequel to ex-world champion Garry Kasparov's 1997 losing encounter with supercomputer Deep Blue in New York.

Kramnik, who ended Kasparov's 12-year reign as world champion in November 2000, is playing Deep Fritz in Manama, the capital of the Gulf kingdom of Bahrain.

He stands to win one million dollars from King Hamad if he beats the machine and 700,000 dollars if he draws.

The matches are broadcast on the www.brainsinbahrain.com website. Here are the moves of the game:

White: Vladimir Kramnik

Black: Deep Fritz

FINAL POSITION
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. Nc3 Be7 5. Bg5 h6 6. Bb4 O-O 7. e3 Ne4 8. Bxe7 Qxe7 9. cxd5 Nxc3 10. bxc3 exd5 11. Qb3 Rd8 12. c4 dxc4 13. Bxc4 Nc6 14. Be2 b6 15. O-O Bb7 16. Rfc1 Rac8 17. Qa4 Na5 18. Rc3 c5 19. Rac1 cxd4 20. Nxd4 Rxc3 21. Rxc3 Rc8 22. Rxc8+ Bxc8 23. h3 g6 24. Bf3 Bd7 25. Qc2 Qc5 26. Qe4 Qc1+ 27. Kh2 Qc7+ 28. g3 Nc4 29. Be2 Ne5 30. Bb5 Bxb5 31. Nxb5 Qc5 32. Nxa7 Qa5 33. Kg2 Qxa2 34. Nc8 Qc4

An epic marathon



AFP, Busan

South Korea's Lee Bong-Ju comfortably won the Asian Games men's marathon here Monday, but the gutsy performance of a totally exhausted Myanmar runner Zaw Min Htwe stole the show.

Lee, forced to change tactics because of the slow pace, finished the closing track and field event in a modest 2hr 14min 04 sec, continuing South Korea's dominance of the race.

But the home crowd, accused of being too partisan at times, saved their loudest cheer for Zaw Min Htwe who was drained of every ounce of energy as he staggered, and at times fell and crawled over the final 400m.

Zaw Min Htwe, who had long lost his shoes and finished barefoot in the ultimate endurance race, collapsed across the line in 13th place, 27 minutes behind Lee.

Unable to move any further, he was taken from the track on a stretcher as the applause for his brave effort continued.

Lee's performance in the marathon, the closing track and field



LEE BONG-JU

event at the Games, won't go down as a great race, although he finished almost four minutes ahead of Japan's Koji Shimizu with another Japanese, Ryuji Takei, in third.

The 2001 Boston marathon runner is no stranger to running a sub-2:10:00 race but in the heat, and on the hilly circuit of Busan, he was not called upon to produce a better effort.

With the main pack cruising at about 3min 10sec kilometres, Lee took charge just before the halfway stage when he put in back-to-back 3min kilometres to spread the field.

"Before the 20km mark the race was pretty slow," Lee explained on why he put in a burner 10km earlier than expected.

"I was confident I would win and I still felt strong at the finish," he said adding he "felt the burden" to complete a Korean marathon double after North Korea's Sam Pong-Sil won the women's race Sunday.

Lee added a splash of colour to the medal ceremony when he discarded his team tracksuit and wore a lime-coloured traditional Korean robe made especially for him by the designer of his wife's wedding dress earlier this year.

"It was a gift from the designer and I promised I would win the gold medal and wear it."

When Lee made his break in the race, Shimizu, Takei and Lee Jin-Soo tried to stay with him but could not increase their tempo.

Lee was the first to drop away from the leading four. Then Shimizu, who recovered as the race progressed, overtook the more highly-rated Takei.

It was further disappointment for the Japanese team, which came to Busan aiming to run China close at the top of the track and field medal table but finished with only two gold medals.

Takei has run 2:08:35 this year and was won of Japan's expected winners but could not produce on the day.

"It's a bad result. It's worse than I expected. I was upset at the 27km mark when he (Shimizu) caught up with me, but he said 'you can get the bronze' and so I ran hard to the line."

Shimizu's time for second was 2:17:47, nearly four minutes behind Lee, with Takei clocking 2:18:38 for the bronze.

The last non-South Korean to win an Asian Games marathon was Nakayama Takeyuki who set an Asiad best performance of 2:08:21 in Seoul in 1986.



PHOTO: AFP

TRIUMPH OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT: Although Zaw Min Htwe of Myanmar lost his running shoes mid-way through the men's marathon, he still had the will to finish the ultimate test of endurance barefoot in 13th place.

Goodbye Busan

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JPC TT Rumi retains title

BSS, Dhaka

Masud Ahmed Rumi retained the singles title of the Jatiya Press Club Founding Anniversary Table Tennis Tournament beating Faisal Mokammel 21-16, 21-11 in the final yesterday.

Rumi beat Ajay Barua 21-11, 21-7 and Faisal defeated Kazi Rawnak Hossain 17-21, 25-3, 21-13 to reach the final.

Kazi Rawnak Hossain got the third place beating Ajay Barua 21-16, 21-17.

Faisal and Rawnak won the doubles title defeating Rumi and Ajay 25-23, 21-17.

Yusuf Pasha and Shamsuddin Ahmed Charu earned the third position beating M Anwaruddin and Nurul Hasan Khan 21-18, 24-22.

Mixed bag

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Then again when we found out BCB announced the A team without our consultation on Saturday, I felt we don't exist," said Misha.

"So, I fully support Mainul Haq because it was humiliating for us. Since they (BCB) kept us on unofficially, they could have informed us that our service was no longer required," said Misha.

Radcliffe's record run

REUTERS, Chicago

Paula Radcliffe has produced one of the great athletics feats of all time to shatter the women's world marathon record by one minute and 29 seconds at the Chicago marathon.

A brilliant second-half surge took

her to victory on Sunday in an astonishing two hours 17 minutes 18 seconds.

Radcliffe broke the previous record of 2:18:47 set by Catherine Ndereba of Kenya in the Chicago marathon last October.

Ndereba had to settle for second place on Sunday more than two minutes behind Radcliffe in 2:19:26.

The delighted winner said: "I knew I was in good shape to run fast. The route was good, the course was fast and the crowd was brilliant."

The victory was worth 100,000 dollars (64,000 pounds) to Radcliffe and the world record brought a 150,000 dollars bonus.

In the men's race, Khalid Khannouchi of the United States pulled away from the field in the last few miles to win his fourth Chicago marathon title in 2:05:56.

There had been hopes the Moroccan-born athlete might break his own world record of 2:05:38 but it was not to be.

Daniel Njenga of Kenya and Toshinari Takaoka of Japan finished second and third, although both were timed at 2:06:16.



PAULA RADCLIFFE

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

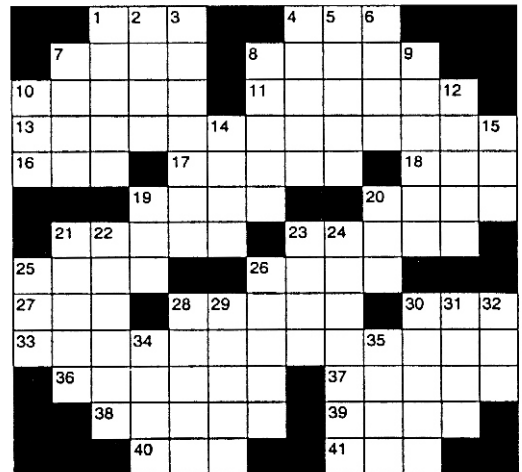
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23 River bank
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37 Reddish horses
38 Winter forecast
39 Lovett C&W
40 Hockey legend
41 Sweet potato
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6 Desire
7 Crosby
8 Until now
9 Evening affair
10 Query loop
12 Lassolike
14 Pate de foie
15 Bottom line
19 Gratuity
20 Thermo-plastic initials
21 During
22 Customary practices
23 Den
24 On in years
25 Rather's employer
26 Academy newcomer
28 Vail vacationer
29 Aero-smith vocalist
30 Sacred song
31 Actress
32 Russo
34 Contender
35 Saucer source

Solution time: 26 mins.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptogram: IF A WILD OX WERE
CROSSED WITH A PELICAN, I EXPECT WE'D END
UP WITH BUFFALO BILL.
Today's Cryptogram Clue: A equals S

The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Chinese bubble burst



AFP, Busan

South Korea snapped a 20-year win drought against China with thmost shocking upset in Asian Games basketball history, a 102-100 overtime stunner here Monday that signals the end of an era.

Chinese 2.26m giant Yao Ming, who expects to join the National Basketball Association's Houston Rockets within two weeks, received some NBA-style intensity a bit sooner than expected from a determined Korean squad.

"I never thought we could beat the Chinese team," said Korean big man Seo Jang-Hoon, who together with Kim Joo-Sung helped make Yao work hard for every point and rebound.

"At the beginning, we never thought we could beat them. We just wanted to go out and play as hard as we could so that we would not regret."

Combined with a disappointing 12th-place showing at the World

Championships last month, the loss could mean the ouster of Wang Fei as coach of a national team that already lost playmaker Wang Zhi Zhi, who decided not to return home for the events so he could land a new NBA contract.

Yao led China with 23 points and 22 rebounds while Liu Yudong added 22 points. Yao and fellow big man Menke Batere are assured of playing on NBA clubs when the season opens in two weeks. But they will not go home with Asiad gold.

"We shouldn't have lost," Menke said. "We're really tired after the world championships and the Asian Games. After the game, the coach said we shouldn't have lost the game like that."

China had steamrolled previous opponents in the Asian Games, but could not meet the challenge of a team that had not beaten China since the 1982 Asian Games final in Delhi, a run of four consecutive Asiad crowns.

"The games were really easy up until this game," Menke said. "Even so, I think we overprepared ourselves for this one."

Kim scored 21 points while Hyun

Joo-Yup and Chun Hee-Chul added 20 points each in the shocker.

"Every day, every game, we have made a lot of effort," Kim said. "We worked really hard for this result. And our work has been effective."

"We really believed in ourselves. Every player believed in the other players. We knew we could count on each other."

Seo's 3-pointer 18 seconds into the overtime gave the Koreans a 93-90 lead, their first lead since the opening basket and one they would never relinquish.

Hyun and Moon Kyung-Eun connected on back-to-back baskets to give the hosts a 99-94 edge with 1:48 remaining.

Yao, who will likely join the NBA Houston Rockets within a week, was called for goaltending to send a basket and called for a lane violation to lose the ball as he found himself dogged by Korean big men Seo and Kim.

"Yao Ming is a lot stronger than he was before," Kim said. "He's so tall there is no way I can compare with him."

Liu hit two free throws with 53 seconds remaining and Hu Weidong sank three more with 21 seconds to play, pulling China within 101-100.

But the Chinese had to foul three times to force a free throw situation. By the time Moon got to the line and sank 1-of-2, only 3.1 seconds remained. The Chinese could not get off a final shot before the buzzer.

The Koreans outscored China 11-2 in the final two minutes of regulation time. Kim Seung-Hyun scored with 22.8 seconds remaining, then made a steal to set up Moon's 3-pointer that got Korea within 90-88.

"It was the full court defence," said Korean coach Kim Jin, who was hurled into the air and caught by his players in the post-win celebration. "We wanted to pressure the ball the whole game and we did that."

Chinese veteran Hu missed two pressure