

Pollock, Kallis on short leave

REUTERS, London

South Africa cricketers Shaun Pollock and Jacques Kallis flew home on Saturday for compassionate leave before returning for the first Test starting on July 24.

Pollock will spend time with his pregnant wife Tricia while Kallis will visit his father Henry, who is suffering from lung cancer.

The pair will both return to England on July 18 and practise with the squad that day before the final first-class warm-up match of the tour against India A at Arundel.

Panchagarh h'ball

BSS, Panchagarh

Tetulia Upazila Sports Association beat Harivasha Girls' High School 20-11 and Everest Sporting Club beat Panchagarh DSA handball tournament on Saturday.

A total of 16 teams are taking part in the tournament.

We'll put

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"We'll go in with the best balanced side possible," he said.

"The West Indies was a bit different because the wickets were slow and low. We needed an extra bowler.

"If we think we need that, we'll go with that mix again.

"It's going to be a big crowd up here and we want to put on a good show.

"Bangladesh may play well and you never know, that's what sport is all about.

"It doesn't matter if you beat them by a massive margin or a single run, that's what it's about."

Waugh can achieve another personal milestone if he can score a century in the two Tests as it would mean he has a century against every Test nation.

"I haven't played a Test match against these guys and neither have any of the other players, so to score a 100 is something to look forward to but there's a lot of work to be done before that," he said.

The 38-year-old skipper refused to be drawn on whether the Australian team was playing too much cricket.

'Boom Boom' a Hall of Famer



AFP, Newport

Former world No. 1 Boris Becker of Germany on Saturday became the second-youngest individual to be inducted to the Tennis Hall of Fame.

Francoise "Frankie" Durr of France, American Nancy Richey and Brian Tobin of Australia entered the Hall with the 35-year-old Becker.

Nicknamed 'Boom Boom', Becker won six Grand Slam titles among 49 singles and 15 doubles crowns. He held the world No. 1 ranking for 109 weeks and finished in the top 10 an impressive 11 times in 16 years.

Bjorn Borg was the youngest Hall of Famer, inducted at 31 in 1987.

As a teenager, Becker took the world by storm in 1985. He won Wimbledon at 17 years, 7 months, becoming the youngest male to claim a Grand Slam championship. The German also captured titles at the All England Club in 1986 and 1989 and reached the final there seven times in 10 years.

His other major crowns include the Australian Open in 1991 and 1996 and the US Open in 1989. The French Open was the only Grand Slam that eluded him.

On the court, Becker was known for a booming serve, heavy ground strokes and diving volleys. In retirement, however, he made news with tax and marital problems.

Ranked as high as third during a 20-year career, Durr captured the 1967 French Open singles championship along with 11 Grand Slam doubles titles. In all, she collected 26 singles crowns and more than 40 doubles titles.

She was the last French woman to triumph at Roland Garros until Mary Pierce won in 2000.

A member of France's Fed Cup team in the 1960s and '70s and the

team captain in 1996, Durr was known for her unorthodox grips and accurate ground strokes.

Richey won two Grand Slam singles and four doubles titles and was ranked as high as No. 2 in 1969. The French Open was the only Grand Slam doubles crown she did not win.

Despite her 5-foot 3-inch stature, Richey used powerful baseline play to win 69 career singles titles.

Devoting more than 45 years to tennis, Tobin has been a member of Tennis Australia since 1964, serving as president from 1977-89. During his tenure, he supervised the construction and opening of the new home of the Australian Open.

The stadium, which features a retractable roof, set the standard for arenas at major venues.

Tobin was a member of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) for more than 20 years, serving as president from 1991-99.

There are three categories for induction into the Hall of Fame.

Becker was honoured under the recent player category. Durr and Richey were enshrined in the master player category and Tobin was inducted as a contributor.



German tennis legend Boris Becker holds up his plaque after being inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame, during a ceremony in Newport, Rhode Island on July 12.

StanChart chess Rahul on top alone

SPORTS REPORTER

Rahul Sangma of Bihar school took the lead from Classes VI-X group with seven points after the seventh round of the Standard Chartered Bank School Chess tournament at the Bangladesh Chess Federation auditorium yesterday.

Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar of Hazrat Shah Ali School, Sandipan Chatterjee of Sree Joimo School of Kolkata, Debanjan Das of Jahdabpur School, Kolkata shared the second position with six points each.

Sharmin Sultana Shirin of Bibi Morium School maintained her solo lead in the girls' section with six points. Shamima Akter Liza of Bibi Morium School was in the position with 5.5 points.

Indronil Chatterjee of Sree Ramkrishna School of Hawra, Md Sayed of Aparajita Bangladesh and Sifat Hossain of Badda Primary School led the tables with six points each in the Classes I-V group.

In the seventh round Rahul beat Debanjan, Sagar beat Obaidul, Sandipan beat Shain, Shakib beat Beakon, Ashfaq beat Awlad, Sabber beat Masum, Saimon beat Faisal, Kahar beat Tawsif, Liza beat Mimi, Anne beat Moni, Anu beat Ahely, Sayed beat Indronil, Sifat beat Saif and Shiplu beat Marjan. Shirin drew with Evana.

Eighth round starts at 3:00 pm.

Schools kabadi

SPORTS REPORTER

Birshreshtha Noor Mohammad Rifles School, Alhaj Jafar Bepari High School and Bhasantek High School won their respective matches in the boys' school kabadi competition at the outer stadium yesterday.

Noor Mohammad defeated Bagbari Govt Primary School 63-35, Alhaj Jafar Bepari smashed Khilgaon Govt Staff School 55-21 and Bhasantek High School beat Haider Ali High School 38-29.



Scene from yesterday's seventh round engagements of the Standard Chartered bank school chess tournament at the NSC.

Proteas hurt



AFP, London

South Africa captain Graeme Smith told his side to "remember the hurt" of their seven-wicket triangular NatWest Series final defeat against England at Lord's here on Saturday.

South Africa's fate was sealed when, after losing the toss, they were bowled out for 107 their lowest ever one-day international total against England, who coasted home with nearly 30 overs to spare.

Smith, who gathered his players around him on the outfield after the match finished, told reporters: "I wanted to say something before it was too late. I told them to remember how bad it feels.

"We've come a long way in this series. We've played some fantastic cricket and some bad cricket.

"We were beaten comprehensively today and I told the players to remember the hurt."

Jacques Rudolph top scored with an innings where only former captain Shaun Pollock (18) and debutant Morne van Wyk (17) got past 11.

Fast bowler Darren Gough, the man-of-the-match, led England's attack with a miserly return of two wickets for nine runs in seven overs.

"I can't tell you what hap-

pened," said Smith, who made seven, when asked to explain South Africa's poor batting display.

"The English bowled well. They got the ball in the right areas. There was definitely a little bit of juice in the wicket early on.

"Every shot we played at we nicked," said Smith, who added that he would have bowled first if he'd won the toss.

Smith, 22, South Africa's young-

blaming the pitch," Smith said emphatically.

And he maintained the pressure of playing at Lord's, perhaps cricket's most historic venue, had not got to his side.

"There was no Lord's factor. We dealt with that last night (at practice) and got a feel for the ground."

South Africa have a five Test series against England starting at Edgbaston on July 24.

And Smith said the influence of the likes of Gary Kirsten, Neil McKenzie, and Charl Willoughby, who all missed the one-dayers but who have been selected for the Test squad, would be a boost to the tourists.

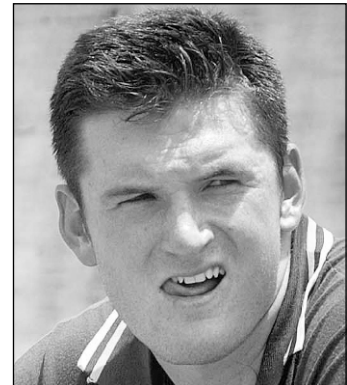
"To be bowled out for 107 and end like this doesn't feel good. We've got a lot of one-day cricket in the year ahead of us and we've got to learn from this.

"We've got fresh faces coming and they'll bring a new feel. The guys need to relax a bit. There's been a lot of travelling.

"We start at Somerset next week (South Africa have a three-day match at Taunton beginning on Tuesday) and we've got to get straight into our Test disciplines," explained Smith.

"That will be the key to our success."

Before the first Test South Africa have another first-class fixture, against India A at Arundel, starting on July 19.



GRAEME SMITH

gest-ever captain, continued: "In the series the team batting first has won only once, when we beat Zimbabwe at Canterbury (by 46 runs). Early on there's always been a lot of juice in the wickets."

However, Smith insisted the Lord's wicket was not responsible for South Africa's defeat. "I'm not

Darwin delight for Tigers

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valuable 32-run partnership until Mashud was stumped for 12 after 45 minutes at the crease.

Al-Shahriar's stand was the critical one of the day, and he looked like snatching the first half-century of the Darwin match until he was caught and bowled for 41 by Australian international player Michael Clarke. The innings included a magnificent six.

With the score at 167-6, victory seemed assured until disaster struck with the quick dismissals of Alok Kapali at 18 and Mohammad Rafique for a duck.

The pressure from the Chief Minister's XI was intense, forcing the tourists beyond the lunch break.

However, it took a long steady grind by Mahmud (12 not out) and Mashrafe (4 not out) to overtake their opposition's score to win by two wickets.

Whatmore said his team was increasing in confidence, but still faced major challenges.

"We don't walk on to the field unless we are confident.

"My expectation and what we wanted to achieve has not deviated from what we stated as a group

before we started the tour, and that's to continue to show improvement individually."

Manager Lt Col (ret'd) MA Latif said the first Test would see "good and positive cricket."

"Cricket is a very interesting game and you have to fight every ball, and the boys fought hard here today.

Meanwhile, Australian captain Steve Waugh arrived in Darwin yesterday, saying he was looking forward to the challenge of playing at the newest Test venue.

"It's good to see (the Bangladeshi victory) as an emerging side they need a lot of match practice. They've played a couple of good games and I'm sure their form is ok," he said.

"I haven't played a Test match against these guys and neither have any of the other players. It's going to be a big crowd up here and we want to put on a good show."

The composition of the Bangladesh side to face Australia will not be announced until the eve of Friday's match.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the four-day match between Bangladesh and Northern Territory Chief Minister's XI in Darwin on Sunday.

NORTHERN TERRITORY CHIEF MINISTER'S (NTCM'S) XI: First innings 189 all out in 90.1 overs (M Clarke 79.1 Redpath 24, K Vowles 20, Treumer 20; Mashrafe 3-28, K Mahmud 3-43)

BANGLADESH: First innings 139 all out in 79.2 overs (Hannan 34, Kapali 21, Al-Shahriar 16; Hatton 2-20, Hauritz 2-37)

NTCM'S XI: Second innings 136 all out in 59.4 overs (Vowles 34, Williams 24, Dent 22 not out; Tapas 3-19, Ashraf 2-21, Monjurul 2-23, Mashrafe 1-24, Mahmud 1-30, Rafique 1-17)

BANGLADESH: Second innings (overnight 90-4 in 45 overs) Hannan lbw b Dent 12 Javed lbw b McAdam 44 Basharat Treumer b Hatton 12

Table with 5 columns: Player, Runs, Wickets, Overs, Extras. Includes Ashraf lbw b McAdam 11, K Mahmud not out 12, Rafique c Skewes b Hauritz 0, Mashrafe not out 4, Extras: (b-4, lb-8, w-9) 21, Total: (For 8 wickets in 84 overs) 187.

Did not bat: Tapas Baishya and Manjural Islam.

Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-62, 3-89, 4-90, 5-122, 6-167, 7-167, 8-175.

Table with 5 columns: Player, O, M, R, W. Includes B J Hatton 6 1 15 1, McAdam 11 4 30 2, Dent 5 1 15 1, Hauritz 23 7 48 2, Redpath 13 4 24 0, MA Hatton 11 3 22 1, Clarke 12 7 11 1, Skewes 3 1 10 0.

Result: Bangladesh won by 2 wickets. Man-of-the-match: Mashrafe bin-Mortuza.

Curtain on Steve to fall in India?

CRICINFO, undated

Steve Waugh has said that he would like to retire at the end of Australia's tour of India in 2004. He then intends to devote more time to Udayan, the Kolkata home for children of leprosy patients which he supports.

According to a report by the Press Trust of India, Waugh said in an interview in Sydney: "I would like to end my career in India."

He has long described India as the "final frontier" for the Australian team to conquer, and swore after Australia's defeat in 2001 that he would be back to set the record straight.



A midfield action from yesterday's Green Delta First Division Hockey League between Dhaka Wanderers Club and Farashganj Division Club at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Action from yesterday's Dhaka Metropolis inter-school football competition match between Rahmatullah Model High School and Udayan High School at the Dhaka University ground.

Cryptogram puzzle. CRYPTOQUIP. CB C ZPYD FPHYD EW YDOK SDDTK NDWNHD CE XCZUE AD QWSFCTDDDT. Clue: Today's Cryptogram Clue: N equals P.