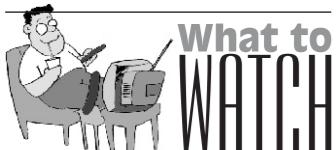




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Third Test, Day Two
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Portsmouth vs Aston Villa
Live at 5:00 pm
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Man United vs Bolton Wanderers
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SPORTS REPORTER

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Anwar says goodbye

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Pakistan's world record-holding opener Saeed Anwar announced his retirement from international and first class cricket on Friday.

"I enjoyed my cricket for Pakistan and after 15 years today I announce my retirement from international and first class cricket," he told reporters.

The 34-year-old left-hander, who became a devout Muslim and grew a large beard after the death of his daughter two years ago, still holds the record for the highest score in one-day cricket.

He made 194 against India at Madras in 1997.

Anwar played 55 Tests and 247 one-day games for Pakistan.

Although Anwar managed to score a century and was Pakistan's highest scorer during their first-round exit from this year's World Cup in southern Africa, he was one of eight players dropped from the squad in a revamp of the team by cricket authorities. "I am retiring on a

high note but am disappointed. I could have played for two more years," Anwar said.

"I made a pair in my first Test and never in my dreams imagined I would go that far after failing in my first Test.

A computer engineer by qualification, and a Wisden-player-of-the-year in 1997, will be remembered as a gracefully compelling player on the international stage who thrived on sheer timing and placements.

"Many people think that turning to religion has ended my cricket but this is not true and I kept a balance in both things," he said.

Anwar said he was disappointed that he did not get the farewell he deserved after being dropped from the national squad over its abysmal showing in the World Cup, despite being the team's top run getter and scoring a century against India, the eventual runner-up.

"I thought the selectors would give me a chance after the World Cup and I waited for two, three months but they decided otherwise," he

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SAEED ANWAR

"I played for Pakistan with pride and want to be remembered as a good and decent player," said Anwar whose last Test appearance

Fiat bails Sachin out

AFP, New Delhi

Italian automaker Fiat's Indian arm Thursday rescued cricket superstar Sachin Tendulkar by paying a whopping import duty on the luxury Ferrari car gifted to him by the company.

The car, presented to Tendulkar by racing king Michael Schumacher in England a year back, arrived in Bombay last Friday after the federal government waived the import duty worth 245,000 dollars on a request from the millionaire cricketer.

The decision to write off the 120 per cent duty normally levied on all foreign-made cars generated heated debate and dented Tendulkar's demi-god status in cricket-crazy India.

The Delhi High Court issued a notice to Tendulkar and the Indian government asking them to explain why the import duty was exempted.

"In light of recent developments, Fiat India Thursday announced that it would pay the import duty for Sachin's Ferrari, as the gift was meant to felicitate and honour him for his achievement," the automaker said in a statement.

"The Ferrari Modena was presented to Sachin by Fiat for equalising (late) Sir Donald Bradman's record of scoring 29 Test centuries. Fiat believes that this gesture on its part, of paying the import duty is in keeping with the spirit in which the gift was given."

Tendulkar, preparing for the Indian team's physical training camp starting in Bangalore later this week, declined to comment on the row.

The 30-year old is India's richest sportsman with multi-million dollar endorsements for a range of products that include cars, soft drinks, credit cards and motor cycles.

Tendulkar has scored 8,811 runs in 105 Tests with 31 centuries. Only compatriot Sunil Gavaskar (34) and Australia's Steve Waugh (32) have scored more hundreds.

He is also the most successful batsman in the history of limited-overs cricket with 12,219 runs from 314 games with 34 centuries.

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