



IF EVERYONE SHARED THE SAME SPIRIT! Iraq bound South Korean soldiers wave their national flags along with Iraqi national flags while watching the U-23 football friendly between South Korea and Iraq at the World Stadium in Seoul yesterday. The authorities in Seoul will send a fact-finding mission to Iraq this week to help make a final choice between two proposed destinations for the deployment of more than 3,000 South Korean troops.

AFP, Bridgetown

The West Indies, down 3-0 and in danger of a Test series whitewash against England for the first time in history, have made only one change to their squad for the fourth and final Test, starting at the Antigua Recreation Ground on Saturday.

West Indies have dropped longstanding left-hander Shivnarine Chanderpaul and brought in the uncapped Sylvester Joseph, as they have resisted sweeping changes to the batting that has been a major letdown in the series.

SQUAD

Brian Lara (captain), Tino Best, Pedro Collins, Corey Collymore, Fidel Edwards, Daren Ganga, Chris Gayle, Ryan Hinds, Ridley Jacobs, Sylvester Joseph, Ricardo Powell Ramnaresh Sarwan, Dwayne

Murali decision later

REUTERS. Colombo

Sri Lanka's cricket board will not publicly release the results of an assessment into Muttiah Muralitharan's bowling action until it has received an official report.

On Monday University of Western Australia biomechanist Bruce Elliott, who supervised last week's tests, said he had spoken to Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC).

But Sri Lanka board chief executive Duleep Mendis told this news agency on Tuesday no official report

had been received. "We will not be making any public

statements until after we have that report," he said.

Muraliltharan's bowling was assessed after the off-spinner was reported to the International Cricket Council (ICC) by match referee Chris Broad during the recent Sri

The legality of his "doosra" delivery, which spins in the opposite direction to his stock delivery, has

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Lanka and Australia Test series.

C'paul dropped | Streak didn't retire?

Cricket

CRICINFO/AFP, undated

Contrary to claims made by the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) last Friday, Heath Streak has denied resigning as national captain, and is currently seeking legal advice.

"Heath, at no time, tendered or threatened to tender his resignation as captain or as a national player, as alleged by the ZCU," read part of a statement issued by Dennis Streak, Heath's father

"All he said was that if his concerns were not addressed he would consider possible retirement from international cricket."

The nature of Streak's contract means he is not permitted to comment on his employment situation. so it was left to his father -- a former first-class cricketer and a former member of the national selectors' panel -- to speak on his behalf.

"In the circumstances the ZCU has acted unlawfully in unilaterally terminating Heath's position as captain and member of the Zimbabwe national squad," added Dennis.

the employment of a full time general manager, the development of a

sustainable financial base and

strong performances on the pitch at

ensure that, piece by piece, bit by bit, it is able to put these things in place,"

said chief executive Malcolm Speed

Zia checkmates

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"The task ahead for the KCA is to

Kenya need

iunior and senior levels.

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tion with 7 points

is seeking legal advice regarding this matter and enjoys overwhelming support and encouragement from both his fellow players and the cricketing public of Zimbabwe.'

Heath found himself in hot water after demanding an immediate review of the national selection panel, because he had no confidence in the teams being chosen.

He wanted an immediate review to leave a maximum of four selectors who should have played firstclass or Test cricket and would not be directors or commentators.

The board of directors reacted angrily to this and said so in a quickly prepared statement, which accepted the resignation of Streak with immediate effect, appointing 20-year-old vice-captain Tatenda Taibu in his place.

They rejected Streak's ultimatum and they pointed out that Streak said he had no confidence in Zimbabwe teams recently selected.

At present, the selection panel is made up of Ali Shah [convenor], Steven Mangongo, Max Ebrahim [spokesman], John Brent and Geoff Marsh, the national coach.

captured two for 26 from six overs.

Off-spinner Jamaluddin also took

BANGLADESH A: 240 for 8 in 40

overs (Al-Shahriar 66, Rashedul 0,

Kapali 29, Ashraful 13, Faisal 16,

Manjarul 40 n.o, Dhiman 18,

Alamgir 20, Jamal 3, Abdur Razzak

5 n.o, extras 30, Panyangara 1-38,

Rinke 1-32, Nicolle 1-43, Sims 2-31,

ZIMBABWE A: 188 all out in 35.5

overs (Rinke 11, Gripper 35, Taylor

5, Sibanda 6, Chigumbura 11, Sims

36, Matsekenyeri 12, Maregwede

28, Ewing 4, Panyangara 10, Nicolle

8 n.o, extras 22, Alamgir 2-63,

Razzak 2-26, Jamaluddin 2-33,

Result: Bangladesh A won by 52

Man of the Match: Manjarul Islam

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Rana (Bangladesh A)

Shah was doing television com-

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two wickets

Gripper 1-44).

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SCORES IN BRIEF

Media having a ball!

DAILY STAR, UK

Revelations, revelations and more revelations - but not quite what you'd

As Posh and Becks frolic in a snowy, showy bout of tabloid affection in a "swish resort" (Sun, as opposed to "Swiss resort") in the French Alps, the papers turn their guns on the silent party in the alleged affair, Rebecca

Or "sex-hungry Rebecca Loos" (Sun), to give Beckham's former aide her new, full Titmuss-esque epithet the tabloids seem determined to hang on

The Sun claims the girl in the media spotlight had "affairs with three tennis stars", while Lucy Rusedski, wife of square-jawed ball-thwacker Greg, reveals: "I did warn Victoria about this girl. I warned her last year in fact...she didn't have a great reputa-

Not to be beaten, the Daily Star claims Posh knew of the 'affair' all along, adding that the pair are too strong to split. We think she's referring to her relationship, not David's com-

Meanwhile, the Mail ("four-page special on the Beckham marriage" and Express air their doubts about the allegations, with the Mail suggesting the 'affair' revelations could be part of an "elaborate 'kiss and tell' operation".

FIXTURES

★CHÂMPS LEAGUE Champions League quarter-finals,

second-leg matches on Wednesday

At Lyon Lyon (FRA) v FC Porto (POR) FC Porto lead 2-0

AC Milan lead 4-1

At La Coruna Deportivo La Coruna (SPA) v AC Milan

United get tough on signing

AFP, London

Manchester United has imposed an unprecedented ban on their players signing shirts, footballs or other such items in an attempt to crack down on a lucrative Internet trade, a newspaper said Tuesday.

The new policy from what is generally reckoned to be the world's richest football club was designed to stop commercial football memorabilia dealers from selling signed items for a healthy profit, the Guardian newspaper said.

In some cases, the club suspects that dealers had been paying young fans to wait at the team's training ground to get items signed for later

sale via the Internet, the report said. On Monday -- the first day of the Easter break for most English schoolchildren, a chance for many to catch a glimpse of their idols -- the rule was displayed on a notice attached to a fence outside the club's Carrington training complex.

Players could still sign autographs on plain pieces of paper or -- at their discretion -- on match programmes or photographs, the Guardian

"Sadly it's the genuine autograph hunters who are made to suffer," a Manchester United spokesman told

the paper. "We regret that fact -- and the players regret it more than anyone but clearly action was necessary to stop concerted and organised deal-

One fan waiting at the training ground was unimpressed. "It's bad enough this place being

designed like a prison. But this is just pathetic," he told the paper.

End of Bevan? FROM PAGE 13

first contract since 2000-01. He hit three centuries in 20 Tests before losing his place following a poor run of form in 1998-99. Victoria batsman Brad Hodge, 29,

and South Australian paceman Shaun Tait, 21, who are uncapped at international level, have been awarded contracts along with Western Australia batsman Mike Hussey, who has played one oneday international.

Bevan has not added to his 18 Test caps for six years but the lefthander has averaged 53.58 in 232 one-day internationals

The New South Welshman, who played in Australia's one-day series in Sri Lanka in February, has the highest average of any player who has batted more than 20 times in one-day international history.

He has hit 6,912 runs, including six hundreds and 46 half-centuries. **CONTRACTED SQUAD**

Ricky Ponting (captain), Michael Clarke, Matthew Elliott, Adam Gilchrist, Jason Gillespie, Ian Harvey, Matthew Hayden. Brad Hodge, Brad Hogg, Mike Hussey, Michael Kasprowicz, Simon Katich, Justin Langer, Brett Lee, Darren Lehmann, Martin Love, Stuart MacGill, Jimmy Maher, Damien Martyn, Glenn McGrath, Andrew Symonds, Shaun Tait, Shane Warne, Shane Watson, Brad Williams.







LOVE TRIANGLE? (L-R) Victoria Beckham, David Beckham and Rebecca Loos.

Putting on a brave face

Football

INTERNET SOURCE

Victoria Beckham came out fighting on Monday night to brand her alleged love rival 'a lying cow'. The former Spice Girl insisted

elaborate honey trap by his former PA Rebecca Loos. She told a family friend: 'This girl set out to trap David. She sent him

hubby David was the victim of an

lurid texts but he never replied. There was no affair. She is a lying The pal added: 'David and Victoria sometimes share mobile

phones. They knew she was trouble from the start. Posh's outburst came on the day the couple staged a public romp in

the snow in a bid to prove their

marriage isn't likely to melt away. But PR guru Max Clifford hinted there could be more sordid revelations to come about the Real Madrid

Clifford, who brokered Loos's £300,000 deal with a downmarket newspaper, said he 'wouldn't be surprised if one more came forward' within the next week.

He added: 'I have been aware that this has been ongoing for some months, ever since the original investigation back in September.'

A day after claims of the affair became public, David, 28, and Victoria, 29, appeared to be on a second honeymoon as they larked about in the French resort of Courchevel. Victoria doggedly played along

and her grin didn't slip an inch as the couple put on a brave face for the sake of kids Brooklyn, five, and Romeo, 19 months. But she was said to be distraught

over the revelations of her husand's alleged fling

Loos's brother, John, said his sister had told him the allegations

Beckham branded the claims 'ludicrous' in a statement but did not deny them.

Victoria is spending Easter in France with her parents, brother nd two sons

The England skipper is understood to have always planned to join them because he is banned from Real's Champions League clash

with Monaco tonight.

Another source revealed: 'They seem closer than anything. They have been through much worse than this before. She obviously believes what he has told her.'

According to the same insider, they spent the day holed up at their chalet watching DVDs and cuddling on the sofa.

David's dad, Ted Beckham, said he hoped the furore would die down in a few days. He said: 'He's the biggest person

to latch on to in the world. That's hat it's all about. It's claimed Beckham became

close to 26-year-old Loos as she helped him and his family settle in Spain. She worked for the SFX Group, the sports personality management company who looked after the Beckhams.

The reports alleged Beckham invited Loos back to his Madrid hotel room last September 18 after a night out drinking. It was claimed to be one of four

meetings before he broke off relations with SFX and Loos last December A former lover of Loos's yester-

day said she was highly sexed and had a wild side that may have made her irresistible to Beckham.

Club DJ Kyle Browne, 21, said he ended their relationship after five months when she became 'overbearing'. He said: 'Beckham wouldn't have been able to say no to her. I don't think there's a man alive who

'She's insatiable for sex, a fantastic looker, and great to be with. makes her every guy's dream date. South Africa- born Kyle says he was 'picked up' by Loos in a London niahtclub in 2002.

He said: 'She's the ultimate IT girl. She is so flirtatious that nobody can resist her. She went to the best parties, the best clubs and wanted

the best sex. It wasn't complicated.' He added: 'I don't think Posh would have realised just how dangerous Rebecca would be to their marriage. She probably wouldn't have thought she was Beckham's

'She comes across nicely spoken, intelligent and respectable the truth is she's exactly the opposite. She's kinky and loves to talk dirty.'

'The biggest thing in her life is sex. His money wouldn't have impressed her at all, although his fame would have been a turn on.

'Because she's got everything she needs in life, it is danger that Speculation over the Beckhams'

marriage surfaced in September when he was pictured with Loos. The couple issued a statement at the time insisting their relationship

They have spent a lot of time apart in recent months, with Posh working with rap star Damon Dash in New York.

Commentators have suggested Victoria has much to gain by sticking by her husband. Becks, who moved from Man United for £25million last summer, has big sponsorship deals, while her pop career has nosedived.

His earnings have soared to a reported £20million ayear since his move to Madrid.

Claims of David's adultery are not reckoned to threaten any of his

'Forca' official song



Canadian-born singer Nelly Furtado's 'Forca' has been chosen as the official song of the Euro 2004 soccer championship being held in Portugal, tournament organisers said on Monday Furtado, who was born in

Canada to Portuguese emigrant parents from the Azores, will sing the song as part of the entertainment before the final at the Stadium

of Light on July 4 and is likely to release a new version in Portuguese.

"My understanding is that there will be a Portuguese version and that it will be released in June in time for the start of the event," UEFA marketing director Alan Ridley said at a news conference to launch the song on Monday.

Euro 2004, one of the world's largest sporting events, runs from June 12 to July 4. Holders France are among 16 finalists at the tournament, which takes place every four

million Swiss francs (119 million

euros/143 million US) with equity

of 350-450 million Świss francs

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to 287 million euros/347 million

was hit by the collapse of its mar-

keting partner ISL/ISMM as well as

that of its successor, Kirch Group,

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cover for the World Cup by insur-

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World Cup in Japan and South

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into the red but they turned the

situation around and were able to

post a 115 million Swiss franc profit

At first FIFA feared it would go

nomic climate

During 2001 and 2002, FIFA

FIFA drown in profit!

Football

World football's governing body FIFA announced Tuesday it had made a surplus of 141 million Swiss francs (90 million euros, 109 million dollars).

The audited data presented by FIFA on Tuesday indicates its annual results for the first year of the 2003-2006 World Cup cycle showed a profit of 141 million Swiss francs on income of 712 million Swiss francs (455 million euros/550 million US) and expenditure of 571 million Swiss francs (365 million euros/441 million US/).

at the end of the 1999 to 2002 FIFA also holds equity worth 94 million Swiss francs (60 million FIFA is registered as a noneuros/72 million US) and a cash profit organisation under Swiss balance of 341 million Swiss francs (218 million euros/263 million US).

FIFA president Sepp Blatter

of the 2003-2006 cycle was 186

said the profit forecast for the end

CJKS cricket Satadal crush CCC

CU CORRESPONDENT

Satadal Club Junior defeated Chittagong City Corporation Junior by six wickets in the second match of CJKS-Ispahani Premier Division Cricket League at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.

Corporation Junior skipper Javed Hashmi called the coin correctly and decided to bat, his side scored 213-9 in the stipulated 50 overs. Ashrik Hossain made highest 43

After Chittagong City

while Ismail Hossain added 39. Hashmi contributed 31. Younus of Satadal Club took three for 37 in 10 overs and Shamim Mia grabbed two wickets. Satadal Club lost four wickets

before reaching 216 in 45.4 overs. Hasan Jamil was top-scorer with 64. His teammate Ahmed Hossain made 61 with the help of seven

Ankur champs

SPORTS REPORTER

Ankur clinched the second Azim Group Under-13 Cricket Tournament title beating Cricket Coaching School (CCS) by six wickets in the final at the Kalabagan Club ground yesterday.

Man-of-the-match Arif scored 65 and Rubel hit 55 as Ankur scored 194 for 4 in reply to CCS's 193 all

Manikgani cricket **OUR CORRESPONDENT**

Ora Egaro Jan defeated Jagir Nabin Sangha by seven wickets in the inaugural match of the Shaheed

7ia memorial cricket tournament at Mulian High School playground in Manikganj yesterday. Winning the toss, Jagir Nabin Sangha batted first and collected 76

before being all out in 15 overs. In reply, Ora Egaro Jan scored 79 for 3 in 8.4 overs.

Sagar was adjudged man-of-

the-match.

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C B R ' Z J H J J V J A - H B Y Y J W . Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU'RE NERVOUS OF GETTING ON A HORSE, YOU MIGHT HAVE SOME MOUNTING TENSION

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals S

The Cryptoquip 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

Same old story

mentary during the home series

against Bangladesh in March,

Ebrahim is a member of the ZCU

board while Mangongo has not

Meanwhile, talks between Heath

and ZCU chief executive Vincent

Hogg were under way to try and

advice over what he apparently

construes as a sacking. Zimbabwe

are due to host Sri Lanka and

and 183 one-davers, was recently

signed by county outfit

Warwickshire for the coming sea-

He made his international debut

against Pakistan in 1993-94 and

has career Test wickets of 202 and

best bowling figures of 6-87. He also

made 1,1814 Test runs with a top

Streak also took 234 one-day

wickets with a best of 5-32 and hit

2,752 runs with a highest score of 79

score of 127 not out.

Streak, who has played 59 Tests

Australia in the next few weeks.

Streak is said to be taking legal

played first-class cricket before.

resolve a looming crisis.

FROM PAGE 13 to live up to his billing as a golden swimmer, Bangladesh still performed better in the pool than in the other disciplines. The natants earned five silvers and

seven bronzes apart from the Rubel's It was also not a bad outing for the shooters, who also won three silvers

Kabadi maybe our national sport on paper, but bronze seems to be its The weightlifters blew their trumpets

before going to the SAF Games, but

and seven bronzes.

they miserably failed to lift silver, let alone gold in the end. By comparison the karate team maintained a low profile, though their success was all the more outstanding compared to traditional sports that were heavily invested in. They won two silver and three bronze, the third highest

medal contributor in Bangladesh's total haulofG=3.S=11.B=25. With all their efforts, however, Bangladesh finished fifth behind Nepal in the overall standings. India remained the monarchs of South Asia with 190 medals including highest 101 gold. Hosts Pakistan finished a distant second claiming 42 gold out of their total

collection of 147. Ganguly fit FROM PAGE 13

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the second Test between Pakistan and India at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore on Tuesday: INDIA: First innings 287 (Yuvraj 112, Pathan 49; Gul 5-31) PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight

61-1) Farhat c Patel b Balaji Umar b Balaj Hameed c Dravid b Agarkar 19 Inzamam not out 118 62 Youhana not out Extras: (lb-15, w-3, nb-13) Total: (For 3 wkts in 113 overs) 355 Fall of wickets: 1-47, 2-95, 3-205 To bat: Kamal, Akmal, Akhtar, Sami,

Gul. Kaneria

Bowler

Pathan	30	10	68
Balaji	26	9	63
garkar	18	4	68
Cumble	28	2	106
endulkar	7	1	20
′uvraj	3	0	7
Sehwag	1	0	8
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