

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.

C'paul dropped

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 Smith.

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.

Muralitharan'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 Lanka and Australia Test series.

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

Streak didn't retire?



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, and is currently seeking legal advice," 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.

"He 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 first-class 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.

Shah was doing television com-

mentary during the home series against Bangladesh in March. Ebrahim is a member of the ZCU board while Mangongo has not played first-class cricket before.

Meanwhile, talks between Heath and ZCU chief executive Vincent Hogg were under way to try and resolve a looming crisis.

Streak is said to be taking legal advice over what he apparently construes as a sacking. Zimbabwe are due to host Sri Lanka and Australia in the next few weeks.

Streak, who has played 59 Tests and 183 one-dayers, was recently signed by county outfit Warwickshire for the coming season.

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 1,184 Test runs with a top score of 127 not out.

Streak also took 234 one-day wickets with a best of 5-32 and hit 2,752 runs with a highest score of 79 not out.

Kenya need

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the employment of a full time general manager, the development of a sustainable financial base and strong performances on the pitch at junior and senior levels.

"The task ahead for the KCA is to 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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with 7 points.

TENTH ROUND RESULTS

Zia beat Niaz Murshed, Rakib drew with Saif Uddin, Rajib beat Md Monjur Alam, FM Sheikh Nasir Ahmed beat Abdul Maleq, IM Reefat Bin Sattar beat Mohammad Javed, Shawkat Hossain Pallab beat Debaraj Chatterjee and Mehdi Hasan Parag drew with Aminul Islam Polish

BD A take

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captured two for 26 from six overs. Off-spinner Jamaluddin also took two wickets.

SCORES IN BRIEF

BANGLADESH A: 240 for 8 in 40 overs (Al-Shahrir 66, Rashedul 0, Kapali 29, Ashraf 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, Gripper 1-44).
ZIMBABWE A: 188 all out in 35.5 overs (Rinke 11, Gripper 35, Taylor 5, Sibanda 6, Chigumbura 11, Sims 36, Masekenyeri 12, Maregwede 28, Ewing 4, Panyangara 10, Nicolle 8 n.o., extras 25, Alamgir 2-63, Razzak 2-26, Jamaluddin 2-33, Manjarul 2-32, Kapali 1-9).
Result: Bangladesh A won by 52 runs.
Man of the Match: Manjarul Islam Rana (Bangladesh A)

Same old story

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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 gold.

It was also not a bad outing for the shooters, who also won three silvers and seven bronzes.

Kabadi maybe our national sport on paper, but bronze seems to be its standard so far.

The weightlifters blew their trumpets before going to the SAF Games, but 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 haul of G-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

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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 101
Umar b Balaji 24
Hameed c Dravid b Agarkar 19
Inzamam not out 118
Youhana not out 62
Extras: (lb-15, w-3, nb-13) 31
Total: (For 3 wks in 113 overs) 355
Fall of wickets: 1-47, 2-95, 3-205
To bat: Kamal, Akmal, Akhtar, Sami, Gul, Kaneria

Bowler O M R W
Pathan 30 10 68 0
Balaji 26 9 63 2
Agarkar 18 4 68 1
Kumble 28 2 106 0
Tendulkar 7 1 20 0
Yuvraj 3 0 7 0
Sethwa 1 0 8 0

Media having a ball!

DAILY STAR, UK

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

As Posh and Becks frolic in a snowy, showy bout of tabloid affection in a "Swiss 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 Loos.

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 her.

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 reputation."

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-bats.

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".



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

Putting on a brave face



INTERNET SOURCE

Victoria Beckham came out fighting on Monday night to brand her alleged love rival 'a lying cow'.

The former Spice Girl insisted hubby David was the victim of an elaborate honey trap by his former PA Rebecca Loos.
She told a family friend: 'This girl set out to trap David. She sent him lurid texts but he never replied. There was no affair. She is a lying cow.'

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 ace.

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 husband's alleged fling.

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

On Monday — the first day of the Easter break for most English school-children, 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 reported.

"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 dealers."

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?

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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 one-day international.

Bevan has not added to his 18 Test caps for six years but the left-hander 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 Kasprovic, 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.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Prop for Sherlock
5 Talk-show host Kelly
9 Reactions of astonishment
12 Source
13 Exam format
14 Bottom line
15 Alert
17 Attempt
18 Paradise
19 Resort lake
21 Mortals, in Puck's assessment
24 Portend
25 Grecian vessels
26 Supplemental data
30 Hood's handgun
31 Lent a hand
32 Judge Lance
33 Deprived of stability
35 Hosiery mishap

DOWN
1 Expert
2 Charged bit
3 Cauldron and creatures
4 Mertz
5 Garment for 32-
6 Persia, now
7 Crony
8 Sans
9 Flying omission
10 Medal
11 Eyelid affliction
12 Acapulco gold
13 Healing comment
14 Killen's farewell
15 Eastern potentate
16 Mag. staffers
17 Skillet
18 Instru-ment of music
19 Red rock
20 Commotion
21 Potentially poisonous puffer
22 Algerian seaport
23 Enjoying nightlife
24 Evi-denced a pinprick
26 Newton's contents?
27 Venera-tor's verse
28 Hexa-gonal state
29 1990s milk-cap fad toys
30 Ohio college
31 Passbook abbr.
32 Bull
33 Some-what
34 Shade
35 Osta-ntia-lion
36 Geometry answer
37 Walk of Fame symbol
38 Actress Vardalos
39 Ostrich's cousin
40 Penpoint
41 Hew
42 Vardalos
43 Ostrich's cousin
44 Penpoint
45 Desic-cate

Solution time: 21 mins.

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CRYPTOQUIP
E N J V C B R O E B O S
Y R T J O Z U Y B O U Y X N X O W
M X Y S A X Y M J O , U Y R T T B Y J
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.

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.

After Chittagong City 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 while Ismail Hossain added 39. Hashmi contributed 31. Younus of Satadal Club took three for 17 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 boundaries.

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 out.

Manikganj cricket

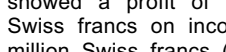
OUR CORRESPONDENT

Ora Egaro Jan defeated Jagir Nabin Sangha by seven wickets in the inaugural match of the Shaheed Zia memorial cricket tournament at Mujan 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.



AFP, Zurich

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).
FIFA also holds equity worth 94 million Swiss francs (60 million euros/72 million US) and a cash balance of 341 million Swiss francs (218 million euros/263 million US).
FIFA president Sepp Blatter said the profit forecast for the end of the 2003-2006 cycle was 186