

## Shoaib to play for World XI

BBC ONLINE, undated

Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar will play for a World XI against Worcestershire Royals in a Twenty20 Challenge match.

Shoaib will line up with former England one-day skipper Adam Hoolioake, and Pakistan's Saqlain Mushtaq and Azhar Mahmood on June 28.

Director of cricket Tom Moody said: "Shoaib is one of the biggest draws in world cricket.

"He will be lining up in what looks like an incredibly strong World XI."

## Anderson back for England

BBC ONLINE, undated

James Anderson has returned to the England squad for the final Test of the series against New Zealand.

Lancashire paceman Anderson, 21, pulled out of the party at Headingley with a sore heel which allowed Kent's Martin Saggars to gain his second Test cap.

Scans on the problem area showed no obvious damage and Anderson is due to join up with the England side shortly.

Durham batsman Paul Collingwood has been released from the squad, which has just 12 players named.

Anderson will have a net session with his county colleagues on Tuesday to confirm that he is fully fit once again.

The Test begins on Thursday, and England will make a decision then whether to play Anderson in place of Saggars.

### SQUAD

Michael Vaughan (captain), James Anderson, Mark Butcher, Andrew Flintoff, Ashley Giles, Stephen Harmison, Matthew Hoggard, Geraint Jones, Martin Saggars, Andrew Strauss, Graham Thorpe, Marcus Trescothick.

## Kim skips Wimbledon

AFP, Brussels

World number two Kim Clijsters has pulled out of Wimbledon because her wrist injury has not recovered, she said on her internet site on Monday.

The 20-year-old Belgian had already pulled out of last week's French Open.

Clijsters, French Open runner-up in 2001 and 2003, hurt her left wrist in mid-March.

She was off the tour for seven weeks although she did play for the Belgian Fed Cup team in April.

She returned to competition in Berlin last month but her wrist reacted badly to her tough opening match against Marta Marrero and she immediately pulled out of the event.

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# Murali, Bedi may collide



AFP, New Delhi

An unsavoury rift broke out Monday between two of cricket's most famous spin bowlers after Sri Lanka's Muttiah Muralitharan threatened to take India's Bishan Bedi to court over "chucking" allegations.

Muralitharan's manager Kushil Gunasekera said the record-breaking bowler was miffed over what he felt were "degrading" articles written by Bedi in newspapers and magazines about the off-spinner's controversial bowling action.

Bedi, a former Indian Test captain and classical left-arm spinner, said he stood by his opinion that Muralitharan's bowling did not conform to the laws of the game and the Sri Lankan was welcome to sue.

"The International Cricket Council (ICC) is squarely to blame for allowing Muralitharan to get away with it," said Bedi, a member

of the famed Indian quartet of the 1970s who retired with 266 Test wickets.

"They have to realise that I have nothing personal against Muralitharan. I have never met him, never said hello, never shaken hands with him.

"But in my book, I've never seen him bowl either."

Muralitharan, according to his manager, had instructed lawyers to initiate legal proceedings against Bedi, an outspoken critic of the Sri Lankan who is Test cricket's most successful bowler with 529 wickets.

"Bishen has always written very degrading articles calling Murali a cheat and all that stuff," manager Gunasekera said. "We have taken serious note of those articles and will send them to Bedi's lawyers."

"I have no lawyers," responded Bedi. "Let them send a letter, they will have to send a million letters to various people.

"I am talking about the spirit of the game being violated and like I said the ICC is to blame.

"It's not a question of him being a cheat, he's been given permission

to bowl like that. He's not the only one around who chucks. The problem is not with the bowlers -- it lies in the ICC's inefficiency to control them.

"Bob Woolmer (ICC's cricket development manager) had said recently that Murali had a shot put action and Pakistani fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar had the action of a javelin thrower.

"What do shot putters and javelin throwers do anyway?" Bedi asked.

Muralitharan, 32, has had to defend his bowling action since being called for throwing on the 1995-96 tour of Australia.

He was again reported by English match referee Chris Broad during a home Test series against Australia in March, forcing the sport's governing body to ban his 'doosra', a delivery that spins away from right-hand batsmen.

The Sri Lankan is still undecided whether he will tour Australia later this month for a two-Test series after Australian Prime Minister John Howard called him a "chucker."

# Malik to coach young ones



AFP, Islamabad

Disgraced former Pakistan cricket captain Salim Malik, sidelined from the sport by a lifetime ban for match-fixing, plans to open a private coaching centre for young players later this year.

Malik, who was banned for life from any involvement in cricket four years ago for his part in a scandal that rocked the international game, told AFP he had already found a site for his academy in Lahore.

"I want to start a new career as coach because everyone I meet asks me why I don't start coaching the budding players and I would want the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to avail my services," Malik told AFP.

"I have selected the site in Lahore and hopefully will start coaching later this year because I realise my duty as a former player to overcome the shortage of good batsmen in the country," he said.

Since being banned over match-fixing allegations in May 2000, the 41-year-old Malik has led a secluded life but follows interna-

tional cricket with keen interest.

"I have not played since the ban but follow cricket with the same interest of my playing days."

His life ban from playing cricket at all levels and from holding any post came after Australian players Shane Warne, Tim May and Mark Waugh alleged Malik offered them money to underperform during a Test in Karachi in 1994.

The PCB conducted an inquiry in 1995 which absolved Malik of any wrongdoings after the Australian trio refused to substantiate their allegations.

However, Malik's name was mentioned in a match-fixing report by the Crime Bureau of Investigation in India which was released in 2000.

Another match-fixing inquiry conducted by Lahore high court judge Justice Malik Mohammad Qayyum from September 1998 to October 1999 found enough evidence against him to recommend a life ban.

But Malik insisted he was not given any chance to prove his innocence.

Since then Malik's initial appeal was rejected by Lahore high court in May 2002 while another one is still pending in the Supreme Court.

"My whole career was destroyed by the one-sided ban because nothing was proved against me and I was cleared by the first inquiry conducted in 1995," said Malik.

"It's a universal law that you are innocent until proven guilty and I have been desperate to clear my name for the sake of a clean image and to transfer my knowledge to youngsters," said Malik, one of three captains handed life bans along with India's Mohammad Azharuddin and South Africa's Hansie Cronje.

Malik cited the example of Cronje who despite confessing to fixing was given a chance by the South African board to clean his image through coaching in African townships before his death in a plane crash in June 2002.

"Why can't our board give me a chance to clear my image like that given to Cronje. I am also keen on coaching in regional and national academies in Pakistan," he said.

The former middle order batsman from Lahore played 103 Tests for Pakistan scoring 5,768 runs and in 283 one-day internationals accumulated 7,170 runs.

He also led Pakistan in 12 Tests and 34 one-day games.

## High-performance

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Mahmud is there when apart from his experience, the 33-year-old can hardly contributed anything in physical terms when made to run with other fresh legs.

The popular cricketer however refused to make any comments on the incident when he was contacted last night.

It was learnt that Mahmud was reprimanded by none other than chief executive Macky Dudhia for his delay.

### Bring on

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"We hope that we can put up a similar fight when they come here, and win the series."

Sehwah, however, is not overawed by Australia's bowling arsenal.

"Against such high-quality bowling scoring runs will be a worry, but it would depend very much on what form the batsman is at that time. If the batsman is in good form, it does not matter what the bowling attack is," he said.

## Bond out of tour

AFP, Leeds

New Zealand fast bowler Shane Bond was ruled out Sunday of the remainder of the tour of England and will fly home later this week, officials said.

Bond did not play in New Zealand's seven-wicket first Test defeat at Lord's and only took the field in the second Test at Headingley as a substitute.

He has now been ruled out of the third and final Test starting at Trent Bridge on Thursday and the subsequent one-day triangular series here with England and the West Indies.

Bond, 29 on Monday, and New Zealand's quickest current bowler, has been out for over a year with a stress fracture of the back.

Wellington left-arm swing bowler James Franklin, presently playing club cricket in north-west England for Blackburn, has been called in as cover.

New Zealand tour manager Lindsay Crocker, announcing Bond's departure, told reporters at Headingley here Sunday: "We've probably done as much as we can here. We've given him (Bond) anti-inflammatories to try to settle it down and it has to a degree.

New Zealand's tour has been blighted by injuries with several members of the small original playing squad of 14 affected.

Batsman Craig McMillan broke his little left finger before the second Test and his replacement, Michael Papps, suffered the same injury during the match.

All-rounder Jacob Oram has been prevented from bowling at Headingley because of a side strain and left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori tore a hamstring in the field here Sunday.

## BDR b'ball

SPORTS REPORTER

Rangpur emerged champions in the Bangladesh Rifles inter-sector basketball championship defeating Chittagong 79-72 in the final at the BDR Headquarters in Dhaka yesterday.

Manjil Mia was adjudged player of the 12-team meet.

## Ctg TT

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Municipal Model High moved into the team event final of the CJKS-Aniruddha Barua Memorial school table tennis competition defeating MES High 3-0 in the first semifinal yesterday.

In the other match, Government Muslim High beat Saint Placid's High by the same margin to advance to the semifinal.

Anik and Reegan of Municipal Model High and Tanvir and Sharif of Muslim High won their respective matches in boys' singles (U-13) competition categories.

In boys' (U-17) singles, Papon and Reegan of Municipal Model High, Abdullah Rajib and Omar Faruk of CIS, Arman of MES

## Abahani

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that the annual general meeting of the BFF will be held in the second week of August. He also said that there was no discussion in the meeting about the probecommittee report on the SAF Games debacle of the national team.

"We will have elaborate discussion on it in our next meeting."

# Guyanese grilling

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doing it all by himself," said the modest 30-year-old.

Sarwan was being honest when asked to comment on the Bangladesh bowling.

"I thought they bowled pretty well. It's just the wicket was easy to bat on and you can't really fault them. They bowled to one side of the wicket and tried to contain us."

Habibul Bashar had no problems in reaching 28 by close but the skipper has his job cut out. The Tigers could have been in dire straits had Dwayne Smith had his hattrick of catches. But just before stumps, Manjarul Islam, promoted to number five, pushed to silly point and Smith in his ecstasy tried to throw the ball without keeping it in his grasps for time required to complete a legitimate catch. Bangladesh would be hoping for more such luck on in the next couple of days.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard at close of play on the third day of the second and final Test between Bangladesh and the West Indies at Sabina Park in Jamaica on Sunday:

**BANGLADESH:** First innings 284 (Baisya 48, Saleh 47, Mashud 39, Rafique 30, Banks 4-87, Collins 3-64)

**WEST INDIES:** First innings (overnight 294-3)

Gayle c Mashud b Tareq 14  
Devon run out (Ashraful) 44  
Sarwan not out 261

# He'll have to wait



AFP, Paris

He is the king without a crown, the man who had it all and let it fall from his grasp.

One hour into the French Open final on Sunday there looked no way the new 'King of Clay' in-waiting Guillermo Coria could lose his first Grand Slam title after easily winning the first two sets 6-0, 6-3 against fellow Argentine Gaston Gaudio.

But two and a half hours later Gaudio was hurling his racket in the air in delight and Coria was

hanging his head in despair after a bizarre turnaround in fortunes.

The key to the final came at 1-1 in the fourth set after Gaudio had hit back to win a tight third set. Out of the blue, Coria suddenly called for treatment to his left leg even though he had not seemed to be in any difficulty.

He then proceeded to stroll through the rest of the set at walking pace, popping over half-pace serves in front of an astonished crowd and opponent.

Coria amazingly found a new lease of life in the fifth set and even though his service was still of the amateur variety, he did manage two match points, hitting wide on both.



PHOTO: AFP

YOUR TIME WILL COME: Argentine Guillermo Coria is comforted by legend-Guillermo Villas after losing in the French Open men's final.

# 'McEnroe inspired me'



AFP, Paris

French Open miracle man Gaston Gaudio believes last-minute advice from American legend John McEnroe helped him conquer his demons and achieve an unlikely Grand Slam triumph at Roland Garros.

The unheralded 25-year-old Argentine, who had never got beyond the fourth round of any Grand Slam before and had won just two titles in a steady and unspectacular career, came back from two sets down to defeat compatriot Guillermo Coria.

He had been such a nervous wreck, winning just one of the opening 12 games of the final, that he even thought of calling it a day until he remembered what McEnroe told him just before he went on court.

"It's like touching heaven. I was really suffering before the match and I asked John for some advice," said Gaudio, the first Argentine man to win here since his hero Guillermo Villas in 1977.

"He told me to relax and enjoy

being in the final because in a few years time you will ask yourself why you didn't enjoy being in a Grand Slam final when you had the chance," said Gaudio. "During the match I thought about that."

Gaudio, the fourth lowest ranked player ever to win a Grand Slam title and only the seventh man to win after recovering from a two-set deficit, also believes that his decision to employ a psychologist has proved to be an inspired decision.

"I was playing so bad and I wasn't doing anything on clay but then this year I reached the final in Barcelona and from that moment I started to get into my tennis again," said Gaudio.

"He has helped me in the way that I have to enjoy things more, like trying not to suffer on the court and trying to be happy, trying to fight all the time."

Until the French Open, Gaudio had been considered a foot soldier in Argentina's impressive battalion of clay court specialists and even he admitted that winning a Grand Slam was probably out of his reach.

"Until now I never thought I could do it and I played up until the last point today. From now on I will believe in myself a lot more."

# Gaudio the great

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trainer and doctor not spoke to me.

"Even when I had match points and I was serving, my body was tired. I couldn't move. But I am only 22. I couldn't take my opportunity this time but there will be other chances."

The heartbroken third-seed had been cruising to victory at one stage wrapping up the first two sets in just an hour.

But after failing to make sure of victory in the third set, he was forced to call for treatment on his damaged left thigh at 1-1 in the fourth set and from that point on was labouring around the court.

He valiantly carried on, called for more treatment and tried to shake off the problem but had to concede the fourth set as he was reduced to walking pace around the court.

In a tense final set, both players lost their serves twice as the score reached 4-4 with Coria now suffer-

ing again, able only to serve rooted to the spot.

Incredibly Coria broke to lead 5-4 but was unable to serve out the match as Gaudio came back to 5-5.

Again Gaudio held on, saving two match points in the 12th game before taking the next to go 7-6.

It was Coria who cracked, hitting a wild forehand to give Gaudio two match points but he only needed one when he unleashed a powerful backhand from the baseline which the exhausted Coria was unable to reach after 3hr 31min on court.

Gaudio's win makes him the fourth lowest ranked player ever to win a Grand Slam title but in the first two sets, where he won just one game in the first twelve, it was an unlikely looking triumph.

He made more of a contest of it in the third set breaking to 3-2 before Coria levelled straight away at 3-3.

After holding to go 4-4, he

But it was all to no avail as Gaudio hung on to win and with it the tag of the first Argentine to lift a Grand Slam title since Guillermo Vilas 25 years ago.

In an emotional post-final press conference Coria said that he first felt the cramping in the middle of the third set.

"They told me I had to wait 10 minutes after the cream they put on and I would be able to move better," he said.

"I tried not to think about it but it was hurting. He had two match points against him but he was smart. He made me move and he made me play and I was exhausted."

"I felt completely powerless because I had been waiting for this opportunity for a long time and maybe I believed too much in it. I was eating well, sleeping well I was very calm so I just don't understand what happened."

At that point though darker thoughts submerged the man who had won 48 out of 50 clay-court games coming into Paris as he recalled his suspension for a doping offence in 2002 for which he has always proclaimed his innocence.

"I would like to have taken revenge against those people who gave me those contaminated vitamins," he said as the tears flowed.

"I came here thinking it was the opportunity to demonstrate to everyone that I was innocent and to show to those who judged me what I was capable of, but I wasn't able to do so.

"I think this was the reason why I lost. I thought about it too much."

After pausing to gather himself, Coria said that he was determined to put his loss behind him and vowed to be back confirming that he would take up a wild card invite to play in the Queen's grass court tournament in London this week.

Following that it will be Wimbledon where he has yet to advance past the first round and the Olympic games in Athens in August.

"I hope God will be fair with me and give me another opportunity," he said.

The turning point in Sunday's final came when Coria started to suffer from cramps in the third set and needed treatment at 1-1 in the fourth set.

That gave Gaudio the opportunity to level the match at two sets each before Coria rallied and even carved out two match points which his opponent valiantly saved.

Gaudio didn't need a second invitation and took the match with a winning backhand after 3hr 31min on court.

Now he also hopes that his performances here will be a perfect riposte to his army of critics at home who have been only too happy to target him when Argentina have lost crucial Davis Cup matches.

"It is 100 per cent satisfaction. When I returned to Buenos Aires after playing Davis Cup in Moscow and Malaga, you had the impression it was my fault and that hurt me," he said.

"That's why I have enjoyed this moment twice as much because there are many people who have helped me through my difficult moments. Now it's like a revenge."

applauded the crowd for their support, even dropping his racket to the ground at one stage to clap the packed house who cheered his valiant efforts.

They were on their feet when he came back from 0-40 in the ninth game to break to lead 5-4 and were even rowdier when, incredibly he held to love to clinch the third set after 1hr 54min.

It was then that the complexion of the entire match changed.

Coria was looking jaded and at 1-1 in the fourth set he needed treatment for an injured left knee and thigh.

He fell 2-1 down losing his serve as he was reduced to walking pace on the court before Gaudio held for 3-1 before going on to level the match at two sets each after 2hr 24min on court.

That paved the way for the Argentinian duo's nerve-tingling final set.

## Open chess on

SPORTS REPORTER

The Open Fide Rating Chess began at the Bangladesh Chess Federation auditorium yesterday.

Sixty-four players collected full point in the first round including International Master Abdullah Al Rakib, FIDE Masters Abu Sufian Shakil, Sheikh Nasir Ahmed and Khondokar Aminul Islam.

In all 140 players, including 67 rated, are taking part in the 11-round Swiss League meet.

The second round starts at the same venue at 3pm today.



PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh Boxing Federation general secretary Latifur Rahman Khan (2nd R) addressing a press conference at the Muhammad Ali Boxing Stadium office yesterday.