

Ganguly eyeing coaching

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Sourav Ganguly aims to stick around for four or five more years, in the hope of leading India to the forefront of international cricket, and would subsequently love to coach the Indian team, according to an interview published in Reader's Digest magazine. It also quotes him as saying that Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Brian Lara and Steve Waugh are his favourite cricketers.

When asked about his mentor, Ganguly mentions his father, while also admitting that he was a huge fan of Pete Sampras, who retired last year after winning a record 14 Grand Slam tennis titles. And Kolkata's favourite son also springs a surprise when he rates the victory over Adelaide in December 2003 -- "They were a special side, a strong team - indeed the best" -- ahead of the remarkable come-from-behind heroics at Eden Gardens in March 2001.

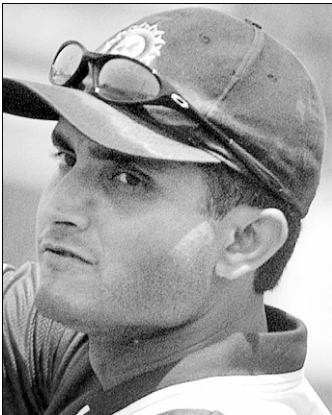
Ganguly's ascent to the captaincy after making his Test debut in 1996 -- he had been a peripheral part of the tour to Australia four years earlier -- was meteoric, and he admits in the interview that he has no immediate plans to make way for the younger

generation.

"I have not even thought of retirement," he says.

"I want to play for another four, five years. I want to take Indian cricket forward and concentrate on more wins for India.

"At some stage I also want to be



SOURAV GANGULY

involved with the game, may be as a coach," he adds.

"I have been lucky to have a good team under me, with lots of talented young match-winners like [Virender] Sehwag, Zaheer [Khan], Dravid, [VVS] Laxman's arrived as a player and

there's Yuvraj Singh and Harbhajan [Singh]. Anil Kumble has bowled a way I have never seen before."

Ganguly also doesn't run shy of taking some of the credit for the team's success.

"Because when you are captain, you have a lot to do both on and off the field," he says. He is also effusive in his praise of Dravid -- "He is a very good player and he is a good human being" -- who made his debut in that same Lord's Test eight years ago.

Ganguly and John Wright have earned many plaudits in recent years for fast-tracking talent into the team, and ignoring the pernicious state-wise bias that used to be an endemic part of Indian cricket.

"There is no quota system," says Ganguly emphatically when asked about it.

"I've been captain for four years. I've not seen any of that. I don't know whether it existed when I got back into the team. But today it doesn't."

He also talks at length about how fatherhood has changed him -- "Previously, you did things for yourself and your wife ... When you have a little girl you do everything for her" -- and reveals how pictures of the goddess Kali and his wife and daughter can be found on his hotel-room table whenever he goes on tour.

School b'ball

UNB, Dhaka

The AKTEL School Basketball Tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Basketball Federation and sponsored by TM International (BD) Limited, will begin on August 28 at the Dhammondi Basketball Gymnasium.

Interested schools have been asked to send their entries to the federation office by August 19.

Gibbs boosts

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match in trying to win," he said.

Smith, on the other hand, fancied his chances after a fine show.

Seamer Shaun Pollock picked up four wickets in the first innings, left-arm spinner Nicky Boje got a five-for in the second and batsmen Jacques Rudolph, Jacques Kallis and Smith himself were all among the runs in the first Test.

"We are more upbeat after the result as we drew the match comfortably," said Smith, who took over as captain from Pollock after last year's World Cup.

South Africa have won one of their previous two Tests at the Colombo venue, in 1993, and drew the other on their last tour in 2000.

Sri Lanka otherwise have a good record at the ground having won 11 of 24 matches and lost six with seven draws.

Muralitharan also has a superb haul of 111 wickets in 17 matches at the SSC ground but his form has been worrying Atapattu.

"Muralitharan was unimpressive at Galle, which was quite unusual, but we hope to see him taking wickets very soon," said Atapattu. "It's not possible for someone to just come on and take five wickets every time."

A five-match one-day series will follow the Tests.

TEAMS

**SRI LANKA (from):** Marvan Atapattu (capt), Sanath Jayasuriya, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Upul Chandana, Chaminda Vaas, Farveez Maharoof, Lasith Malinga, Muttiah Muralitharan, Nuwan Zoysa, Thilan Samaraweera, Rangana Herath, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Ian Daniel.

**SOUTH AFRICA (from):** Graeme Smith (capt), Mark Boucher, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Rudolph, Jacques Kallis, Martin Van Jaarsveld, Boeta Dippenaar, Shaun Pollock, Nicky Boje, Mornantau Hayward, Lance Klusener, Makhaya Ntini, Andre Nel, Robin Peterson, Andrew Puttick.

World on Fergie's shoulders



AFP, Paris

Manchester United suffered plenty by finishing last season well behind unbeaten Premiership winners Arsenal, a relatively poor performance they are likely to rue again ahead of their first foray into this season's Champions League.

United, one of a handful of European giants uncharacteristically involved in third round qualifying Wednesday, go into their first leg encounter away to Dinamo Bucharest wishing they did not have to be there at all.

A combination of injuries, suspensions, and Olympics-tied players has left United manager Alex Ferguson fretting, his woes coming only days after a 3-1 defeat to Arsenal in the season's curtain-raising Community Shield.

"It is the worst start we have had. It is a killer for us in trying to give players enough rest," Ferguson admitted ahead of the clash.

Failure to get past the Romanians could further hamper United, who last year failed to make the quarter-finals after being eliminated by eventual winners FC Porto.

And as Ferguson approaches the first hurdle in this year's campaign, he will do so without a host of first team regulars.

Ruud van Nistelrooy, who had to

undergo a hernia operation, is out of both legs against Dinamo, leaving a gaping hole in a front line that will also be shorn of Frenchman Louis Saha, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, and Liam Miller.

Wes Brown is also injured while fellow defender Gabriel Heinze of Argentina, is joining Portuguese striker Cristiano Ronaldo at the Olympics in Athens.

Scotland's Darren Fletcher, a forward who could have stepped in most emergencies, is suspended alongside England defender Rio Ferdinand.

Even some of the players who are available to Ferguson are not completely match-fit.

"You take Mikael Silvestre, Gary Neville and Phil Neville - they have only had five days training. That is not enough," added Ferguson.

It is a scenario which could boost Dinamo's hopes of securing a good first leg result ahead of the return leg at Old Trafford on August 24.

Dinamo owe their presence in this stage of the competition to two 1-0 wins over Slovakian outfit Zilina, during which Lionel Danculescu scored twice.

But while ex-United star Lou Macari feels Dinamo should not to be taken lightly, he feels United have the class to overpower the Romanians.

"Normally the teams at this stage are of a poor quality, but Dinamo aren't one of those sides that in the competition to make up the numbers," Macari, who watched Dinamo in both legs against Zilina, told United's website.

Macari pinpointed Danculescu and Claudiu Iulian Niculescu as the two danger men, although Dinamo will have to do with their number two keeper following the sending-off of Cristian Munteanu for handball against Zilina.



SIR ALEX FERGUSON

United will not be the only club from Europe's considered elite who have been forced into early Champions League action.

Monaco, who stunned everybody last season by making it to the final before going out to FC Porto, have been thrown back into the fray against Gorica, who stunned FC Copenhagen 5-0 in their second qualifying round second leg to claim a spot.

Didier Deschamps' Monaco outfit should, by all accounts, prove up to the task on Wednesday although the former France international has

enough European experience to know it would be unwise to take the Slovenians lightly.

Monaco, who last season finished third in the French league, got their domestic campaign off on the right foot with a 1-0 win over ST Etienne.

However despite the feelgood factor at the Principality, Deschamps knows he will have to return from Slovenia with points in the bag.

"It's a very important match, both in economic and sporting terms," he said.

"Prudence will be the order of the day, there will be a lot at stake. Ultimately it will be up to us to qualify for the Champions League," added Deschamps, who will look to avoid the fate of current French champions Lyon, eliminated by another Slovenian club, NK Maribor, at the same stage in 1999.

Real Madrid meanwhile finished a lowly fourth in the Spanish top flight last season and so also find themselves in relatively unfamiliar territory, travelling to Poland to face Wisla Krakow, who came through their last qualifying round 11-2 aggregate winners over WIT Georgia.

Italian giants Inter Milan are also on the road but face a trickier tie against Swiss side FC Basel, who just missed out on the quarter-finals two season ago.

Inter will be without 19-year-old Nigerian forward Obafemi Martins, who could miss both legs after straining knee ligaments in training.

Naomi will carry it too

REUTERS, Athens

Supermodel Naomi Campbell is among 100 celebrity torch-bearers due to carry the Olympic flame on its final stage of a round-the-world journey to the Athens Olympic stadium this week, organisers said on Tuesday.

Pop stars, opera singers, sculptors and businessmen will bear the torch in the shape of an olive leaf from the ancient Marathon site to the port of Piraeus, on to an altar at the Acropolis and finally to the main stadium, they said.

The inclusion of modern style icons such as Campbell and Nicolas Hayek, father of the Swatch watch, is a nod to modernity in a Games steeped in symbols of antiquity, as the Olympics return to their ancient birthplace.

Former US Olympic athletics hero Carl Lewis is also due to hold the emblem of the Games aloft for a short stage of its 53 km (33 mile) journey, which begins on Wednesday and ends with the lighting of the flame of the 49th Olympiad on Friday.

The identity of the person awarded that honour -- the last of some 12,000 who have borne the Olympic flame around the globe in the run up to the Games, remains a secret.

U-19s 202-8

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Shahadat not out 7  
Extras: (lb-2, w-7, nb-6) 15  
Total: (For 8 wickets in 72 overs) 202  
To bat: Ashim.

Fall of wickets: 1-38, 2-63, 3-69, 4-84, 5-152, 6-158, 7-160, 8-167.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Turner	13	3	44	3
Cusden	7	1	31	0
Harrison	14	5	35	2
Bopara	18	5	37	3
Wright	14	3	29	0
Patel	4	0	15	0
Munday	1	0	4	0
Cook	1	0	5	0

**ENGLAND U-19:** Cook, Denby, Bopara, Hildreth, Wright, Patel, Davies, Harrison, Cusden, Munday, Turner.

**Toss:** Bangladesh Under-19.

**Umpires:** B Leadbeater and AGT Whitehead

Inzy sees only victory



CRICINFO, undated

Pakistan cricket captain Inzamamul Haq has expressed supreme confidence in his side's ability to win the Videcon Trophy in Amstelveen, as well as the Champions Trophy in England.

He said that Australia's domination in one-dayers didn't mean that they could not be overwhelmed. But to do that, he warned, Pakistan had to pick up their game.

Dawn quoted Inzamam as saying: "I think of only victory. I believe the team is well-balanced and if it performs to potential, it can win." He said that the team had its sights set on beating the Australians.

"For this target to be achieved we have to improve our fielding, which is now showing some improvement. We

are good in two other departments: bowling and batting."

He was satisfied with the team selected for both tournaments, and said that, contrary to some suggestions, he had the final say in selection matters. He placed faith in Shahid Afridi's ability to perform, and acknowledged that his past record was unimpressive. But Inzamam did add that this would be Afridi's last chance. He said that Afridi would be used as a sixth bowler, and shifted up and down the batting order according to the situation.

Besides Afridi's inclusion, Inzamam defended Mo'in Khan's presence in the squad. "We need wins to build players' confidence. Therefore I prefer senior players as they can cope better with pressure situations."

Inzamam then hinted that some players might not play on until the next World Cup, but refused to name them -- and then said that he himself would play as long as he was happy.

"I want to continue playing until I am satisfied with my performance."

A modern day tragedy

REUTERS, Athens



Olympics.

A lovers' tiff prompted Greek Olympic judoka Eleni Ioannou to jump off the balcony of the flat she shared with her boyfriend on Saturday, six days before the Games' opening ceremony.

Guilt drove Giorgos Chri-sostomidis to a copycat jump two days later. Both are in hospital fighting for their lives after the three-story fall.

According to Apogevmatini daily which ran the story under a headline of "They are fighting death for their love," the couple had been living together for more than one and a half years.

The young man, who lost his father at a young age and was raised by his grandparents, was a drug addict until he met Ioannou, who supported him and got him into de-tox.

As a former drug addict, he had trouble getting a job, with Ioannou his

major ally and source of consolation.

"The fact that she had helped him escape drugs had made him love her pathologically," wrote daily Eleftheros Typos.

"As he told police in his statement, the prospect of a short time apart -- as she was going into the Olympic Village with all the other athletes -- upset him, and his insecurity led him to fear he would lose her."

"They had a verbal fight, and he slapped her. She slapped him back in panic, then run off to the balcony and jumped," Eleftheros Typos added.

"She got through a tough preparation period, there was also pressure from her relationship, and that is how we got here. I ask all Greeks to make a wish for her," Ioannou's coach Giorgos Boutakis was quoted in Kathimerini daily as saying. Ioannou has been in intensive care since.

"After Eleni's fall, the world went out from under his feet," Apogevmatini quoted friends of the boyfriend as saying.

According to Eleftheros Typos, he was racked with guilt and thought himself responsible for her injury.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>35</b> Sunday paper section	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>1</b> Chowder-head	<b>20</b> "Sad to say..."
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<b>4</b> Body of laws	<b>37</b> Trounce	<b>4</b> Ice, often	<b>5</b> Comic-strip penguin	<b>22</b> Valen-tine's dance
<b>8</b> Victim Lawrence portrayal	<b>40</b> Make	<b>6</b> Le Coq	<b>7</b> Chang's closest relative	<b>23</b> Print-shop supply
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<b>13</b> Fairy-tale word	<b>42</b> Qual-com	<b>10</b> Early time (actually)	<b>11</b> Scroll holders	<b>25</b> Santa's laundry problem
<b>14</b> Stravinsky or Sikorsky	<b>43</b> Pharma-ceutical	<b>12</b> Reel	<b>13</b> Profound	<b>26</b> About to happen
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<b>20</b> Masseur's targets	<b>48</b> "High —"	<b>20</b> Light provider	<b>20</b> Tackles	<b>32</b> Rani's wrap
<b>22</b> Fork	<b>49</b> In —	<b>21</b> Lunch-box item	<b>21</b> Tackles	<b>33</b> Tests the waters
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<b>30</b> Hits on the head	<b>53</b> "High —"	<b>25</b> Lunch-box item	<b>25</b> Tackles	<b>37</b> Grandson of Eve
<b>31</b> Extinct bird	<b>54</b> "High —"	<b>26</b> Lunch-box item	<b>26</b> Tackles	<b>38</b> Cry
<b>32</b> Tunnel workers	<b>55</b> "High —"	<b>27</b> Lunch-box item	<b>27</b> Tackles	<b>39</b> Lawyers' org.
<b>34</b> Air pollutant	<b>56</b> "High —"	<b>28</b> Lunch-box item	<b>28</b> Tackles	<b>40</b> Baby-talk syllable
		<b>29</b> Lunch-box item	<b>29</b> Tackles	<b>41</b> Hockley's Bobby

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CRYPTOQUIP

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D Y M M O Y J U M , G R W N A K R W  
G H N N X J V E R Q N K ?  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN GOING OUTSIDE TO TEND YOUR GARDEN, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS WEAR A WEDDING GOWN.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals T

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.

Luis Enrique ends career

AFP, Madrid

Spanish international striker Luis Enrique Martinez has retired from football at the age of 34.

Luis Enrique, who won 62 caps for Spain, scoring 12 goals, said he could no longer attain the level of fitness needed to play at a high level.

He won three Spanish League championships, one with Real Madrid and two with Barcelona. He also played for Sporting Gijon.

Kezman has his way

AFP, London

Chelsea have won an appeal against the three-game ban handed out to striker Mateja Kezman, the Football Association (FA) said Monday.

"He will therefore not serve any suspension and no extra punishment would be invoked in the case of another sending-off this season," the FA said on its website.

Chelsea, last season's Premiership runners-up, maintained Kezman was wrongfully dismissed for violent conduct during a pre-season friendly against AS Roma on July 29 in the United States.

The 25-year-old Serbian striker had faced a three-match ban from August 17 which would have seen him miss the Premiership matches against Birmingham, Crystal Palace and Southampton.

Kezman joined Chelsea from PSV Eindhoven last month for approximately five million pounds (9.3m dollars).

Test for Asian women



TELEGRAPH, undated

Asian women are starting to worry about the consequences of the Faria Alam affair following weekend revelations about the sexual exploits of the 38-year-old Bangladeshi secretary.

Faria had affairs with two powerful men at the Football Association's former chief executive, Mark Palios and the England coach, Sven-Goran Eriksson.

"White men consider us exotica and previously thought we were beyond reach because we went for arranged marriages," said Chila Burman, a well-known artist. "Now they will think all Asian women are up for it."

Faria sold her story for at least £500,000. In the Sun today, the Faria saga continued. The paper has gothold of a preview of an interview with ITN.

In the course of the TV interview, she breaks down twice when discussing her feelings for Eriksson.

Asked by the reporter, Fiona Foster, whether she was in love with Eriksson, she said: "If I wasn't then, I am now."

But asked if Eriksson loved her, she replied: "No. But it doesn't matter because I am sure he will go back to her (Nancy Dell'Olio, Eriksson's former Italian mistress) because she'll accept him back."

In her interview on the previous day, Faria had called Nancy a "drag queen" and said Eriksson did not love her anymore.

However, there are some indications that Nancy may make a million or two herself by writing a book about her

six years with Eriksson.

Asked on ITN whether Faria thought her relationship with Eriksson had any future, she said: "Not really. I never try to think that way. I just tried to take each day as it came. I have not heard from him for some time more than a week has gone by. It's not very nice and it hurts. But you have to carry on with your life."

Pressed again, "You really love him?", Faria asked for the cameras to stop and broke down sobbing.

One woman columnist put the knife into Faria today by depicting her as a prostitute.

In the Daily Mail, Amanda Platell, who was press officer to William Hague, the former Tory leader, wrote: "An exotic beauty briefly beds one rich and powerful man, then another, sells the stories of her bedroom escapades for a fortune -- and Faria Alam has the audacity to call it love. I'd call it a cheap trick from the most expensive of women. A dirty weekend away with Sven-Goran Eriksson, and she wants to be his bride."

She had two sexual encounters with Palios and four with Eriksson, Platell pointed out, adding: "That works out at £83,000 per bedding. This is the new prostitution, the targeting of high-profile, weak, vain men by calculating young women."

Will Eriksson marry