

Pakistan hold India



AFP, Chandigarh

Pakistan held a spirited Indian side to a 1-1 draw in the sixth match of an eight-Test field hockey series here on Wednesday.

Ghazanfar Ali scored for Pakistan and Ignace Turkey for India, as the visiting side fought hard to turn their 3-1 lead in the series to an unbeatable margin.

India dominated the game but failed to convert their chances, which included five wasted penalty corners, while Pakistan's attack-line failed to sparkle and was able to earn just two.

India, playing in the series without top stars like Dhanraj Pillay,

Gagan Ajit Singh and Prabhjot Singh, did a creditable job as captain Dilip Tirkey too could not take the field due to an injury.

Tirkey, considered the backbone of the Indian defence, was hit in the face while trying to defend a penalty-corner during the last match in New Delhi.

"I thought the Indians played very well today. In fact we were lucky to get away with a draw," said Pakistan skipper Waseem Ahmed. "We can expect the remaining matches to be tough as well."

India started out well but conceded a goal against the run of play.

Ghazanfar Ali scored with an indirect variation of a penalty corner in the 22nd minute, which was awarded when Vivek Gupta brought down Pakistani striker Rehan Butt.

India reduced the margin ten minutes later as Ignace Tirkey deflected in a free-hit from the left flank.

But India could not press on and only had the satisfaction of preventing Pakistan ace penalty-corner specialist Sohail Abbas from getting past Dutch legend Paul Litjens in the list of all-time goal scorers.

Abbas drew level with Litjens in the last match as he scored two goals to reach the world record of 267. He had started the series at 261.

But Abbas is almost certain to get more chances in the remaining two matches of the series to be held in Amritsar (October 8) and Hyderabad (October 10).

The first leg of four matches of the series was held in Pakistan.

BFF AGM today

UNB, Dhaka

The annual general meeting of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) will be held at the National Sports Council at 9:00 am today.

Besides, election for the vacant post of BFF vice president will be held at the same venue from 3:30 pm.

Professor Shamimuzzaman Basunia and Monir Ahmed will contest for the post, which fell vacant with the killing of Khairul Anwar Piaru at the Dhanmondi Club premises early this year.

Papps also is not coming

BBC ONLINE, undated

Michael Papps will miss New Zealand's tour of Bangladesh after dislocating his shoulder during training.

Black Caps coach John Bracewell said the batsman would be unable to play for four to six weeks and a replacement would be announced on Thursday.

Papps has played in four Tests and five one-day internationals for the Kiwis.

Spinner Daniel Vettori may lead the one-day side for next month's tour, with regular skipper Stephen Fleming likely to be rested after the two Tests.

Wanderers champions

SPORTS REPORTER

Dhaka Wanderers Club became unbeaten champions in the First Division Kabaddi League with a 48-29 points victory over Singna Sangsad at the outer stadium court yesterday.

It was Wanderers' maiden title, who dominated the first half by 29-08 points.

Later, State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman distributed prizes.

Lancashire hire

Muralitharan

AFP, London

Sri Lanka's world record wicket-taker Muttiah Muralitharan will return to county cricket and play again for Lancashire next season, the English side announced on Tuesday.

The 32-year-old off-spinner, however, will only be available for the first half of the season due to international commitments.

Murali was the overseas player at Old Trafford during the 1999 and 2001 seasons during which period he took a total of 116 wickets in 14 first-class matches at an average of 15.

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Anil attains 400-mark

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unconventional style. But critics branded him a "bad-wicket bowler" capable of succeeding only on low, slow and uneven home tracks.

They cite the disparity between Kumble's home record (235 wickets in 41 Tests during this match) and away (162/43) to prove the point.

But Kumble is made of stern stuff, never allowing criticism to affect his performance and monk-like dedication.

The critics were forced to eat their words when Kumble nearly won a four-Test series in Australia last season in the absence of injured off-spinner Harbhajan Singh, finishing with 24 wickets in three matches.

The series ended in a 1-1 stalemate but Kumble proved that he could be a match-winner away from home too.

If further proof were needed, it came immediately after the Australia series.

India missed Harbhajan on their historic trip to Pakistan in March-April, but were again served by Kumble who grabbed six wickets in the opening Test at Multan to craft his team's maiden success in that country.

Kumble finished with 15 wickets in three matches as India won their first Test series in Pakistan.

The leg-spinner is not a huge turner of the ball like Australian Shane Warne or Pakistani Mushtaq Ahmed. He relies more on his speed through the air, uncanny accuracy and clever variations.

He is sometimes virtually unplayable on home pitches.

His best performance came at Delhi in 1999 when he became the second bowler after Englishman Jim Laker to grab 10 wickets in a Test innings.

Before the series in Australia and Pakistan, Kumble had suffered a frustrating patch, especially in away Test matches where he was axed on a few occasions to accommodate Harbhajan in the team's one-spinner theory.

Just when it appeared that Kumble had played his last Test, he came back with a vengeance to silence the critics. And his spin saga is not over yet, as the last two Test series have shown.

Youhana powers

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The off-spinner then chipped in with the wickets of Mahela Jayawardene (18) and Tillakaratne Dilshan (4) in his eighth and 10th over to restrict the tourists to 177-5 by the 41st over.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the third tri-series match between Pakistan and Sri Lanka at the National Stadium in Karachi on Wednesday:
SRI LANKA

Gunawardene b Naveed	1			
Jayasuriya run out	53			
Atapattu c Inzamam b Malik	46			
Sangakkara b Sami	38			
Jayawardene b Malik	18			
Dilshan c Younis b Malik	4			
Chandana b Afridi	9			
Vaas b Shoaib	11			
Maharroof b Sami	15			
Lokuarachchi not out	4			
Extras: (b-4, lb-11, nb-4, w-14)	33			
Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs)	232			
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-113, 3-129, 4-165, 5-177, 6-194, 7-196, 8-222				
Did not bat: Zoysa				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Sami	10	1	41	2
Navee	7	0	30	1
Akhtar	8	0	46	1
Afridi	10	0	42	1
Razaq	5	0	26	0
Malik	10	0	32	3

PAKISTAN				
Butt c Atapattu b Zoysa	17			
Hameed lbw b Vaas	13			
Malik not out	86			
Youhana not out	107			
Extras: (lb-6, w-4)	10			
Total: (For 2 wkts 48.4 overs)	233			
Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-33				
Did not bat: Inzamam, Afridi, Younis, Razaq, Akhtar, Sami, Naved				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	10	0	24	1

Zoysa	8	0	31	1
Maharof	7.4	0	41	0
L'rachchi	6	0	36	0
Jayasuriya	7	0	40	0
Chandana	4	0	31	0
Dilshan	6	0	24	0
Result: Pakistan won by eight wickets				
Man-of-the-match: Shoaib Malik.				
Toss: Sri Lanka.				
Umpires: Mark Benson (England) and Asad Rauf (Pakistan).				
Next match: S Lanka v Zim, Oct 9.				

Inzamam to stay put

REUTERS, Karachi

Inzamamul Haq is likely to remain as Pakistan captain beyond their tour of Australia, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Shaharyar Khan said on Wednesday.

"I don't see any prospect of Inzamam being changed as captain when we sit down to review his captaincy after the Australian tour," Shaharyar told Reuters.

The 35-year-old Inzamam was appointed captain in January for a whole year, breaking with the country's traditional policy of naming skippers on a series by series basis.

After Pakistan's ICC Champions Trophy semifinal defeat by West Indies last month, however, his position was under threat, according to media reports.

"I think he has done a fine job and he has shown good judgement as a leader. The other players look up to him which is very important and the team is improving," Shaharyar said.

Chappell likely to coach WI

CRICINFO, undated

Greg Chappell is being lined up to coach West Indies following the departure of Gus Logie on Monday.

Chappell, who has been coaching director of South Australia for five years, is reported to have been interviewed in London during the ICC Champions Trophy.

In Wednesday's Trinidad and Tobago Express, Tony Cozier wrote that Chappell had been recommended by the playing committee to the West Indies Cricket Board, and all that remained was for terms to be agreed.

"All I know is that they were going to discuss the matter at their board meeting on Friday and Saturday but I've heard nothing subsequent to that date," Chappell told Cozier. "I don't know whether to assume no news is good news or bad news."

Chappell would operate under the board's revised management structure, and so would have the casting vote on selection issues as well as the responsibility of choosing the final eleven from the chosen squad.

Leonard Robertson, the board's communications officer, said he expected negotiations to be completed "sooner rather than later".

The board are known to be keen to avoid making any announcement until the deal is completed and, in doing so, avoid a repeat of the situation which led to Logie taking on the role almost by default. In April 2003 it was revealed that Bennett King was to be the new coach, but King had not agreed terms and withdrew from the shortlist, forcing the board to appoint Logie.

It is possible that King is still in the board's thoughts, but it will not make the same mistake again and refused to make any comment.

JFA Cup

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on their home ground. Sumon scored twice and Ayub netted the other for the winners while Asad scored the consolation goal for the losers.

Laxmipur however struggled to beat Moulvibazar 3-2 in front of a boisterous home crowd with Saifur finding the target twice. Mizanur slammed in the winner after Rupam and Kamal made it 2-2 for Moulvibazar.

Sathkira were beaten 6-5 in tiebreaker at Barguna while Feni defeated Cox's Bazar 4-2 at their own backyard.

In other matches, Rajshahi edged past Naogaon 5-4 in tie-breaker at the Natore Stadium while at Sirajganj, Farhad's early goal confirmed Nilphamari's second round berth at the expense of Dinajpur.

Jahangir and Shahidul struck one each as Jessore Educational Board blanked Kushtia 2-0 at the Meherpur Stadium to advance to the second round.

National swimming

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abura Khatun made the day's second new national record to give BJMC a gold medal in the 50m backstroke. Sabura set the new mark with a timing of 00:36.52sec to surpass the previous best of 00:36.91sec.

In the 100m breaststroke, Mafuza Akhter of BKSP set another new record to win the gold when she finished at 01:21.31sec to break the previous mark 01:24.38 sec.

In the 50m freestyle (men's), Navy's Monirul won the gold breaking the previous record of 00:24.94sec. He completed with a timing of 00:24.85sec.

In the 50m freestyle (women's), Dolly Akhter of BJMC bagged the gold with a new national record as she achieved 00:31.14sec to erase the previous best of 00:31.69sec.

Laboni Akhter Jui of Bangladesh Ansar broke the last record of the day when she won the 100m butterfly clocking 1:14.66sec. The previous best was 1:18.95sec.

In the 100m butterfly (men's), Navy's other reputed swimmer Jewel Ahmed clinched the gold with a timing of 00:58.00sec.

Ansars secured the day's last gold when Jui, Laboni, Lavli Khatun and Mamta Shirin won the women's 4x200m freestyle relay with a timing of 01:51.26sec.

Australia prosper

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AUSTRALIA				
Langer b Pathan				52
Hayden c Yuvraj b Harbhajan				26
Katich b Kumble				81
Martyn c Chopra b Kumble				3
Lehmann c Dravid b Kumble				17
Clarke not out				76
Gilchrist not out				35
Extras: (b-4, lb-15, nb-7)				26
Total: (For 5 wickets in 90 overs)				316
Fall of wickets: 1-50, 2-124, 3-129, 4-149, 5-256				
To bat: Warne, Gillespie, Kaspro-wicz, McGrath				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pathan	17	6	39	1
Zaheer	14	1	38	0
Harbhajan	28	6	105	1
Kumble	24	2	86	3
Sehwag	5	0	26	0
Yuvraj	2	0	3	0
INDIA: Ganguly, Chopra, Sehwa, Dravid, Laxman, Yuvraj, Patel, Pathan, Zaheer, Kumble, Harbhajan.				
Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and Billy Bowden (New Zealand).				

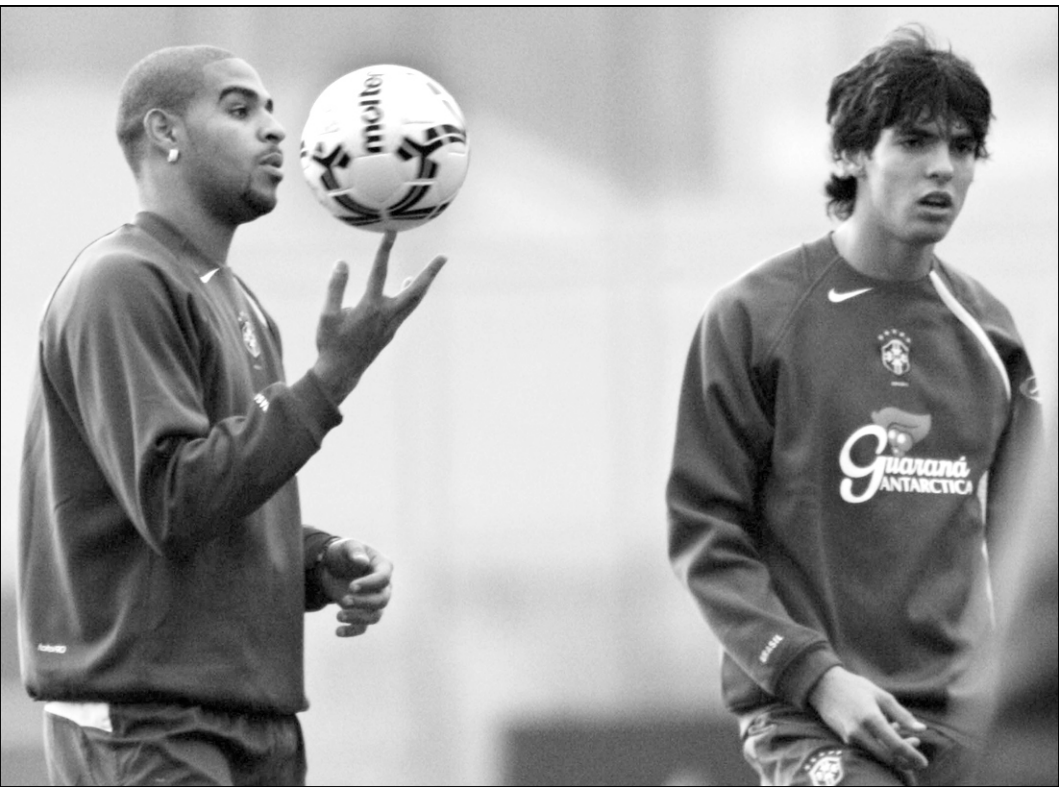


PHOTO: AFP

Brazil's superstars in the making Adriano (L) and Kaka at a training session in Teresopolis some 110 km from Rio de Janeiro on October 5. Both players have been named in the shortlisted 35 for FIFA's 2004 Player of the Year award. Brazil face Venezuela in Maracaibo on October 9 in a 2006 World Cup qualifier.

2004 Player of the Year

FIFA shortlists 35



INTERNET REPORT, Zurich

England and Manchester United teenage sensation Wayne Rooney has made it on to the 35-strong 'shortlist' for FIFA's 2004 Player of the Year award.

Theodoros Zagorakis, who led Greece to Euro 2004 glory in Portugal, is also named along with Zinedine Zidane, the current holder of the prestigious title.

The winner will be announced by world football's governing body at the closing ceremony of their centenary anniversary year at the Zurich Opera House on December 20.

Player-of-the-tournament Zagorakis is the only member of Greece's victorious squad included - with the likes of striker Angelos Charisteas and top-rated defender Traianos Dellas among those missing out.

In contrast, Copa America winners Brazil have five nominees

including Adriano who replaced Ronaldo at the event in Peru and ended up as top scorer with seven goals in six games.

He will be one of the favorites

NOMINEES

Adriano (Brz), Roberto Ayala (Arg), Michael Ballack (Ger), Milan Baros (Cze), David Beckham (Eng), Gianluigi Buffon (It), Cafu (Brz), Cristiano Ronaldo (Por), Deco (Por), Didier Drogba (Ivory Coast), Samuel Eto'o (Cam), Luis Figo (Por), Steven Gerrard (Eng), Ryan Giggs (Wal), Thierry Henry (Fr), Zlatan Ibrahimovic (Swe), Oliver Kahn (Ger), Kaka (Brz), Frank Lampard (Eng), Henrik Larsson (Swe), Roy Makaay (Net), Paolo Maldini (It), Pavel Nedved (Cze), Alessandro Nesta (It), Michael Owen (Eng), Robert Pires (Fr), Raul (Sp), Roberto Carlos (Brz), Ronaldinho (Brz), Ronaldo (Brz), Wayne Rooney (Eng), Andrej Shevchenko (Ukr), Ruud van Nistelrooy (Net), Theodoros Zagorakis (Gr), Zinedine Zidane (Fr)

Owen has a fight on hand

AFP, Manchester

Michael Owen on Wednesday began a 24-hour battle to be fit in time for England's World Cup qualifier against Wales.

Owen, who suffered a back muscle strain playing for Real Madrid on Sunday, was unable to take part in England's training session at Manchester United's Carrington training ground.

Instead he was gently put through his paces by England physio Gary Lewin with only light jogging and stretching on the menu.

Owen had said on Tuesday that a scan had shown no serious damage to the muscle and voiced confidence he would prove his fitness.

Even if he does recover sufficiently, Owen faces mounting competition for a starting place from Tottenham's Jermain Defoe, who scored on his full international debut against Poland last month.

Meanwhile, Geoff Hurst, the striker who scored a hat-trick for England in the 1966 World Cup final, has urged Sven-Goran Eriksson to axe Owen from the side to face Wales on Saturday.

Hurst, who famously displaced Jimmy Greaves from Sir Alf Ramsay's team during the 1966 finals, said his lack of action for his new club should rule him out in any case.

"When Sir Alf Ramsay was manager of England, there were two stipulations before he would consider you for selection," Hurst said Wednesday.

"You had to be playing regularly for your club and you mustn't be in dispute with them. On that basis, Michael fails because he isn't playing every week for Real Madrid."

"Eriksson has Wayne Rooney available again and also Jermain Defoe, who has scored goals regularly with every club he has played for, also for England at junior levels and now with the senior team. On that basis I would select Jermain with Rooney."

JPC sports ends

UNB, Dhaka

The 12-day long sports competition of Jatiya Press Club (JPC), arranged on the occasion of the club's golden jubilee, concluded here yesterday through marathon race.

Some 200 competitors, including club members and their family members, took part in the race.

On completion of the last day's events, JPC president Reazuddin Ahmed and general secretary Shawkat Mahmud distributed prizes.

for the trophy while three-times winner Ronaldo, who skipped the tournament in July after a disappointing season with Real Madrid, is also in the frame.

Real colleague Zidane, who has since announced his international retirement after a disappointing Euro 2004 with France, is also a three-time winner.

The 18-year-old Rooney, who was arguably the top performer in Portugal before limping out early in a quarterfinal defeat on penalties by the hosts, will also be expected to feature high in the judging.

He enjoyed a hat-trick debut performance for his new club, Manchester United, on his Champions League debut last week in a 6-2 victory over Fenerbahce.

French striker Thierry Henry and Arsenal colleague Robert Pires are also among 10 English Premiership-based players named.

Rooney's fiancée shops into trouble



AFP, London

English soccer star Wayne Rooney's fiancée went on a 10,000 pound (£18,000 dollars, 15,000 euros) shopping spree in New York that he paid for, but the thrills faded when British customs fined her for trying to smuggle in the goods, according to media reports Wednesday.

Coleen McCloyhlin, 18, showed she could rival footballers' wives in high-volume luxury shopping, but tried to slip through Manchester airport's customs in the "nothing to declare" line upon her return Tuesday morning.

The fiancée of the Manchester United star was fined 2,000 pounds (£3,580 dollars), according to several reports, for customs duties on jewelry and gifts from the four-day shopping jaunt in Manhattan with two friends.

A spokesman for McCloyhlin said: "We can confirm that Coleen was questioned by customs inspectors at Manchester airport this morning on her return from a shopping trip with friends in New York."

But he insisted Rooney's fiancée was "entirely unaware that she was in breach of any regulations" and that she had cooperated with officers about how much she owed for unreported purchases.

British customs law allows passengers to bring 145 pounds of miscellaneous goods, plus limited cigarettes and alcohol, into the country without paying any

duty.

One of two friends who accompanied McCloyhlin to the city for a four-day long weekend gushed in The Sun about their five-star hotel and high-end shopping.

"It was brilliant. We didn't like Tiffany's. We thought it was rubbish," she said, referring to the US jewellers.

"Our favourite store was Bloomingdale's," she added, describing the New York department



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ment store. "We spent, spent, spent."

After the threesome travelled back from New York in economy class, McCloyhlin was detained for over two hours by customs officials.

Rooney, who has been described as the most exciting young British player, was shortlisted this week for FIFA's 2004 Player of the Year award.



AFP, Auckland

Welfare authorities in the Solomon Islands have reacted with outrage after a