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The Daily Star

seemed that (Patrick) Vieira was in

charge of things, always at the ref's

his team had to win to have any

chance of mounting a challenge for

The Old Trafford supremo said

Victory, which was wrapped up

The penalty incident highlighted

by an injury-time goal courtesy of

Rooney, left Arsenal eight points

clear of United and two ahead of

second-placed Chelsea.

Lehmann's Test could be over

REUTERS, Nagpur

Australia batsman Darren Lehmann sustained a hamstring tear on the first day of the third Test against India on Tuesday which could sideline him for the rest of the match.

"Darren has a definite hamstring tear," Australia media manager Jonathan Rose said.

The left-hander, who hit 70 and helped add 148 runs for the fourth wicket with Damien Martyn (114), required a runner in the latter stages of his innings.

"He is currently undergoing physiotherapy," Rose said. "He will re-examined in 24 hours after which we will be in a position to make a better judgement

Lehmann's Test spot had been in doubt after failures in the first two Tests.

He offered to step aside after Michael Clarke hit 151 on debut in the first Test in Bangalore to make way for captain Ricky Ponting when he returned from injury. Ponting has missed the first three Tests.

Aussies also to try 20-over cricket

REUTERS, Sydney

Australia cricket officials have Cricket bowed to the increasing popularity of 20-over cricket by including a one-off match in their international AFP, Colombo schedule

Cricket Australia (CA) chief executive James Sutherland said on Tuesday that Australia's A team would play Pakistan in a 20-over exhibition match at Adelaide Oval on January 13, the first time the abbreviated game has been staged in Australia.

"Twenty-over cricket has proved to be popular in various domestic markets overseas, and we're certainly keeping abreast of its progress," Sutherland said in a statement

"I'm sure this exhibition game will provide an opportunity for fans, sponsors and administrators alike, to have a closer look at the concept of 20-over cricket.

action has seen him being no-balled Australian officials had initially for 'throwing' in the past, came appeared reluctant to embrace the under fresh scrutiny because of the game that has been successful in England and South Africa but seem doosra. to be slowing changing their minds. he persisted with it he could face a

They agreed to play a single 20over game on next year's tours of New Zealand and England and the decision to add the January 13 match shows they are thinking about the abbreviated game.

Dyson pretty pleased Sutherland however Australia would not focus on the game until it is awarded full international status. "Our current priority is to develop

Cricket cricketers for international competition and, at this stage, such a format does not exist in the international AFP, Karachi arena." Sutherland said.

Sri Lanka's Australian coach John and Australians are the bench-epic 253 in the second innings "If this changes and in

PHOTO: AFF Sri Lanka's Rangana Herath (R) prepares to bowl to captain Marvan Atapattu (in the background) during a practice session at the National Stadium in Karachi yesterday. They meet Pakistan in the second and final Test here from tomorrow

Muralitharan hopes to bowl 'doosra' again

MUTTIAH MURALITHARAN

ICC chief executive Malcolm

the arm so that he could resume the

Speed had said a Sri Lankan report

on Muralitharan's bowling action

meant the 'doosra' could no longer

his players were measuring their

"If you are rated number one in

"We had a good series against

the world in both forms of the game,

obviously you are the benchmark

standards against the Australians.

doosra'

mark," he said

the ICC bowling action review be tolerated. panel, which is set to meet this

The report showed an initia straightening of the arm by 14 degrees which after remedial work week would increase the tolerance levels to allow a greater bending of was reduced to 10 degrees, still five degrees more than the level of

tolerance for spinners. Muralitharan is currently nursing a shoulder injury.

His world record of 532 Test wickets was overtaken by Warne on Australia's ongoing tour of India.

Muralitharan said if he was allowed to bowl the doosra, he would have aken more wickets

"If I had bowled that particular delivery, I would have got more wickets and the team would have enjoyed more victories." he said. "But. unfortunately that wasn't so and I am keeping my fingers crossed ..

Sri Lanka in June asked the ICC to change laws in a bid to end controversy over the doosra delivery.

Sri Lanka Cricket president Mohan de Silva said it had asked the ICC to increase the tolerance limits on the angle of the bowling arm to possibly 15 degrees, up from a range of five degrees for spinners and 10 for pace bowlers

Keegan in dock over ref attack

AFP, London

AFP. London Manchester City boss Kevin Keegan has been charged by the Football Association for his confrontation with referee Steve Dunn in the tunnel after Sunday's 4-3 defeat to Newcastle.

Keegan was furious with the referee and he has alleged to have insulted or abused him as the pair headed down the tunnel

Dunn has provided a detailed description of Keegan's comments n his match report. Keegan has been charged with

abusive or insulting words and behaviour to the referee, the FA said on their website

Given his previously unblemished record, it is likely Keegan would only be fined if found guilty, rather than be banned from the ouchline

King to coach West Indies?

CRICINFO, undated

Bennett King will be the first foreign coach to guide West Indies when he replaces Gus Logie, who was sacked after they won the ICC Champions Trophy in England last month

King, the 39-year-old head coach of the Australian cricket academy, has accepted the job and the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) planned to announce the

Last year an annoyed King turned down a similar offer when the WICB unveiled him as the man to replace Roger Harper before negotiations had been finalised. Logie was installed instead and King continued to stay in the Academy role, where

from Adelaide to Brisbane. A former physical education teacher and a first-grade club player, King replaced John Buchanan as Queensland's coach when he took the Australia job. In his first season King guided the Bulls to the Pura Milk Cup and followed it with two more trophies in consecutive years before taking over from

King will join fellow Australian Darren Holden, a former talent

FA stamps on Nistelrooy

Football

Manchester United's Dutch international striker Ruud van Nistelrooy was charged Monday with serious foul play by the Football Association (FA).

Van Nistelrooy, who could be banned for up to three games, was charged after an incident where he appeared to deliberately stamp on Arsenal full-back Ashley Cole during Sunday's 2-0 Premiership win at Old Trafford that ended the champions' English top-flight record 49 game unbeaten run.

In a statement the governing body said: "The FA has today (Monday) charged Manchester United's Ruud van Nistelrooy with a breach of FARule E3 for serious foul play.

"The charge relates to an incident involving Ashley Cole during the match between Manchester United and Arsenal on Sunday, 24th October 2004.

"Van Nistelrooy is required to admit or deny the charge by Tuesday 26 October, with the case scheduled to be heard by a Disciplinary Commission on Thursday 28 October."

The match also produced several controversial incidents and led to ugly scenes in the tunnel between the two teams afterwards.

Arsenal boss Arsene Wender was also facing disciplinary action. He was especially incensed by the 73rd-minute penalty awarded by referee Mike Riley after Wayne Rooney went down under what appeared to be a light challenge from England team-mate Sol Campbell.

It was the eighth penalty Riley had awarded to United in his past eight matches at Old Trafford.

Afterwards Wenger, who appeared to be a 19th-minute foul accused van Nistelrooy of cheating on Sweden midfielder Freddie for his challenge on Cole, said: Ljungberg 'Riley has decided the game like he But Ferguson still managed to can at Manchester United, we know have a simultaneous dig at the official and Arsenal by saying: "It that.'

The FA said Wenger had "been asked to explain his post-match comments about van Nistelrooy and referee Mike Riley.'

Its statement added: "The FA is also looking into reports of an alleged incident in the tunnel after the match."

Monday's edition of the London Evening Standard said Wenger's comments sparked a sequence of events that left a member of the Arsenal backroom staff with a bloodied nose.

You have to control your players.

For van Nistelrooy, it was a

particularly sweet goal as his miss

from the spot in the corresponding

fixture last season saw Arsenal, at

an early stage of their record-

breaking run, escape with a

by his opponents immediately after his miss sparked ugly scenes that

eventually saw the FA take disciplin-

ary action against players from both

took place in full view of the televi-

sion cameras unlike Sunday's

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But the jeering of van Nistelrooy

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side

Arsenal's title.

knowledge that last season Robert frustration by accident, that hit the Pires dived in the box to earn the Gunners a penalty that secured a 1-Ferguson, it said, told Wenger: I league draw against Portsmouth. While questions continue to be

asked about player behaviour, the FA's own disciplinary processes are likely to come under renewed scrutiny following this latest incident.

It recently took no action against England captain David Beckham even though the Real Madrid midfielder admitted he had deliberately got himself a yellow card against Wales.

The FA decided last week there was insufficient evidence to charge Beckham, despite his confession he had fouled Ben Thatcher intentionally because -- knowing he was injured -- he wanted another booking to incur a one-match ban and wipe out his existing caution

Vogts, who took over from Craig

Brown in early 2002, was blamed by

many Scotland fans for the poor

Vogts could be a result of issues

over compensation and that the SFA

have yet to thrash out a severance

package with Vogts and his Swiss

that a compensation wrangle was

behind the hold-up in announcing

has been considerable speculation

but I cannot comment on that."

But the SFA refused to confirm

The spokesman added: "There

awyer Andi Gross.

Vogts' departure.

Arsenal were also angry at seeing United centre-back Rio Ferdinand go unpunished for what

Vogts safe for now

Embattled Scotland Scottish Football

The German coach had been

expected to pay the price for his side's disastrous start to their World Cup campaign with a decision on his ouster at the meeting in Glasgow.

But a SFA spokesman said here will be no meeting of the SFA board today and no statement on the position of Berti Vogts.

"We have said all along that there will be a series of meetings held to discuss the overall situation.

"The performance of Scotland in results although others have the World Cup qualifying campaign pointed to the dearth of Scotland's is currently under review. There will football talent at the moment. Reports have suggested any be a further statement in due delay in a decision over the future of

course. The SFA hierarchy -- including chief executive David Taylor, president John McBeth and his three vice-presidents -- held an initial meeting last Friday following Scotland's deflating 1-1 draw in Moldova.

That result left them with just two points from their opening three games and in dire danger of failing to qualify for the World Cup finals for the second consecutive time

Chittagong Fleming Naimur rejoins FROM PAGE 13

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nine cricketers. They confirmed the services of their own paceman Alamgir Kabir, top-order batsman

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Defending champions Victoria,

who dominated the first day's bourse.

also appeared for a second day to

retain Azam lobal. Masudur Rahman

and experienced paceman Saiful

A total of 64 players took part in the

day's transfer including only one

foreign player, Pakistani Fahadullah

Khan who joined Victoria from Young



he oversaw the programme's move

Rod Marsh at the Academy.

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Association (SFA) announced it would not be holding a board meeting to discuss his future.

FROM PAGE 13 national cricket. I guess a lot of

AFP, Glasgow

manager Bertie Vogts won a stay of execution on Tuesday when the

20/20 cricket becomes a reality, we will want to be the number one nation at it.

"Until this time though, we will continue to monitor trends, and ensure that our cricket pathways best-prepare our players for Test matches and one-day international cricket."

Kapil irate

FROM PAGE 13

describing it as a "very, very shallow and low situation. "You really feel sorry with a

president like that... no wonder we are poor administrators," he added. Kapil suggested someone of the

stature of Sunil Gavaskar "with a feeling for the game", should be put in charge of the board. The BCCI is mired in a series of

cases, including a dispute over Mahendra's own election on September 29 which is due to be heard in court from Wednesday.

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Dyson said Tuesday his side had started to emulate some of the gritty toughness of world champions Australia and was putting its new attitude to good use against

Sri Lankan star Muttiah Murali-

tharan hopes he will be allowed to

bowl his controversial 'doosra'

delivery after the International

Cricket Council (ICC) announced it

Muralitharan, 32, the world's

was holding a review illegal bowling.

second-highest Test wicket-taker

behind Australia's Shane Warne,

had faced a virtual ban on the

'doosra' after he was reported by

English match-referee Chris Broad

allowed to bowl the doosra again,"

Muralitharan told the Island daily

"I sincerely believe that I will be

Muralitharan, whose unorthodox

The bowler was told in April that if

Muralitharan said he was hopeful

in March

here Tuesday.

year-long ban.

Pakistan Dyson was in buoyant mood as he spoke with reporters after team practice, reflecting on his team's 201-run win in the first Test against Pakistan at Faisalabad and looking forward to Thursday's second Test in Karachi

"We have learnt from our defeats against Australia as we were in an awkward position in Faisalabad and we fought our way out of it. I am pleased that the boys have shown that they are able to do that," Dyson said.

Sri Lanka lost all three Tests to world champions Australia at home in March, then lost one of their two Tests when they toured down under in June and July. Dyson, who played 30 Tests and

29 one-day games for Australia in the late 1970s and early 1980s, said

By Eugene Sheffer

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JOHN DYSON

Australia and they beat us. I think we played very good cricket but they are a good enough team to fight out in awkward positions and win the match.

Dyson, who took over as Sri

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SLYCEWHX QWO? Н Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I BET THAT A NEW DRAMA CONCERNING SIDE DISHES MIGHT BE CALLED "SLAW AND ORDER."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q 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.

"I think we fought back well from the position of 9-3 and our batsmen led by Samaraweera, fought well to give us a chance to set up the rest of

the match," he said. "Sanath's innings was absolutely a fantastic innings and that sort of innings you look for from your champion player and Sanath is a champion player in anyone's book."

Lankan coach in June last year

gave particular praise to Thilan

Samaraweera for scoring a century

in the first innings of the Faisalabad

Test, and Sanath Jayasuriya for his

Sri Lanka are now aiming for a hattrick of series wins in Pakistan after defeating their opponents on the two previous tours in 1995 and 1999.

Dyson said an important part of measuring Sri Lanka's improvement was how they performed overseas. "We have identified that winning

outside Sri Lanka is necessary to raise the profile of Sri Lankan cricket all round and we must also play well in England, Australia and South Africa." he said.

Sri Lanka's next tour is of Bangladesh for two Tests, followed by New Zealand in January.

SA to include five black players

REUTERS, Cape Town

South Africa's 14-man squad to tour India next month will include five black players, a government official said on Monday.

Butana Komphela, chairman of the South Africa government's portfolio committee on sport, said this selection had been promised last week by United Cricket Board chief executive Gerald Majola. "Majola said there will be five

black players in the squad," Komphela told Reuters.

"He said the United Cricket Board's succession plan was beginning to yield results and they would demonstrate this by including five black players in the tour party. The South Africa squad will be

announced on Wednesday

POSSIBLE SQUAD

Graeme Smith (captain), Boeta Dippenaar, Jacques Kallis, Martin van Jaarsveld, Hashim Amla, Shaun Pollock, Lance Klusener, Robin Peterson, Thami Tsolekile Charl Langeveldt, Makhaya Ntini, Jacques Rudolph, Justin Ontong, Garnett Kruger.

identification coach at Queensland who is the WICB's coaching manager, in the Caribbean.

> Greg Chappell, the former South Australia coach, and Peter Moores who is in charge of Sussex, were also interviewed for the position.

Moin believes he's not over

AFP, Karachi

Pakistani wicketkeeper Moin Khan said Tuesday he was confident his international career was not over

despite being dumped from the national team before this week's second Test against Sri Lanka. "I am a fighter and will fight to take my place back because I have

enough cricket left in me," Moin told this news agency. The 33-year-old wicketkeeper

has been in miserable form with the bat. The selectors' patience finally ran out after he scored just five and one during Pakistan's 201-run defeat in the first Test in Faisalabad. Kamran Akmal, 21, has replaced Moin in the squad for the second Test in Karachi starting Thursday.

"I was told by the captain, Inzamam-ul Haq, before the first Test that a new wicketkeeper will be tested in my place in Karachi and I accept this because I was not in good form with the bat," Moin said. "But saying that my career is

over is wrong. It was said before as well but I have always fought my way back into the team. Moin has played 69 Tests, mak-

ing four hundreds among 2,741 runs, since his debut in 1990. Pakistan's chief selector Wasim Bari also said Moin could make a

comeback if he returns to form in first-class cricket. "Nobody is finished and Moin

can get his place back if he regains his form," Bari said. Bari said former captain Rashid Latif was also considered to replace

Moin. "We consider every player so Latif's name also came under discussion but he has played too few

first-class matches. If he keeps performing like he has done, he too can come back into the side," he said.

Latif lost his place to Moin after he pulled out of the two-match Test series last year against South Africa, citing personal reasons

these (Bangladeshi) players are playing top level sides and learning their trade and that can be tough. I think patience is the key word. Understanding more about yourself rather than the game situation where often you play at one tempo and push yourself too hard. You got to respect what situation your body's going to be and where your mind is."

On his effortless innings, Fleming said it was adjustment and guts that did the trick.

"What I've learned here is that when you can force the field to be pushed back, it's a lot easier to take singles than hitting big shots. So it was about taking

calculated risks and showing a

The Black Caps captain Saifullah Jem. They also recruited believed that the match was Mehrab Hossain of Abahani and theirs to dictate from here on Tushar Imran of Mohammedan.

"We could not believe that there was so much turn in the first session. But the pitch has become more consistent now and we are very happy with our position. If we can get another 150-200 runs tomorrow, it will be a very hard game to lose. I would like to bowl in the last session

tomorrow.' Bangladesh captain Khaled

Mashud did not turn up at the end of the day's briefing saying he was too tired.

Today is the last day of the Premier League transfer but the 13 pool members now on national duty will be available for trading on November 4.

Chopra as the third Australian

Martyn, however, revived the tour-

ists and reached his century by

cutting Agarkar to the point fence for

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his 15th boundary

SCOREBOARD

wicket fell in the space of 19 runs.

Another Martyn ton

FROM PAGE 13

Batting with a runner in the latter part of his innings due to a torn right hamstring, Lehmann was dismissed just before tea when he steered leftarm spinner Murali Kartik for a slip catch

Australia were sitting pretty at 314-4 when India hit back in the final session with three wickets in the space of 23 runs.

Martyn, who hit 16 fours and a six holed out in the deep off Anil Kumble after smashing the legspinner over the straight-field two balls earlier.

Kartik then dived in front to take a return catch off Australian captain Adam Gilchrist and had Shane Warne stumped by wicketkeeper Parthiv Patel.

But Clarke, who made a century on debut in the first Test at Bangalore which Australia won by 217 runs, frustrated the Indians again with an unbeaten 73 after being let off twice by Patel behind the stumps.

Jason Gillespie was the other batsman at the crease on four.

India's bid to level the four-match series suffered a serious jolt when captain Sourav Ganguly and prolific off-spinner Harbhajan Singh were ruled out just before the start due to injury and illness.

Ganguly, recovering from a thigh strain, failed a fitness test before the toss despite insisting the previous day he was fit to play.

Vice-captain Rahul Dravid took

charge for his fourth Test as captain, including two in Pakistan earlier this vear

Harbhajan, who had lived up to his reputation as Australia's bugbear with 16 wickets in the first two Tests, was laid low with a viral infection

Scoreboard at stumps on the first With left-arm seamer Irfan day of the third Test between India Pathan also sidelined due to a rib and Australia at the Vidarbha injury, India were forced to make Cricket Association VCA ground in four changes from the side that drew Nagpur on Tuesday: the second Test. AUSTRALIA: First innings

elbow injury, returned to the team. Also coming back were opener and Kartik

3 after Gilchrist won his third successive toss in the series and batted first on the even-paced wicket that provided good bounce to the seam-

Openers Matthew Hayden and Justin Langer gave the tourists a flying start by putting on 67 for the first wicket, their fourth 50-plus stand in the series.

Left-arm seamer Zaheer Khan. returning for his second spell, broke the partnership when Hayden (23) edged a catch to Patel.

The left-arm seamer then forced Langer (44) to edge an out-swinger to first slip where Dravid smartly picked up the catch.

In the next over, Kumble had Simon Katich caught at short-leg by

Umpires: David Shepherd (England) and Aleem Dar (Pakistan).

Sachin Tendulkar, who missed Langer c Dravid b Zaheer the first two Tests with a tennis Hayden c Patel b Zaheer Katich c Chopra b Kumble Martyn c Agarkar b Kumble Akash Chopra, seamer Ajit Agarkar Lehmann c Dravid b Kartik Clarke not out The tourists went to lunch at 103-

Gilchrist c and b Kartik Warne st Patel b Kartik Gillespie not out Extras: (b-6, lb-12, nb-7, w-1) 26 Total: (For 7 wkts in 90 overs) 362 Fall of wickets: 1-67, 2-79, 3-86, 4-

Agarka

Zaheer

Kumble

Tendulkar

Toss: Australia

Kartik

234, 5-314, 6-323, 7-337 To bat: Kasprowicz, McGrath Bowler 0 М W R

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Kumble, Kartik, Agarkar, Zaheer.

INDIA: Dravid, Chopra, Sehwag,

Tendulkar, Laxman, Kaif, Patel,