Gibbs won't tour India

REUTERS, *Cape Town*

Opening batsman Herschelle Gibbs has ruled himself out of South Africa's forthcoming tour to India because of continued pressure from Indian police over his role in the 2000 match-fixing scandal.

Gibbs, 30, was banned for six months after admitting he had been approached by former captain Hansie Cronje and asked to accept money for under-performing although he said he had not gone through with the plan.

Now Delhi police have sent a list of questions to the United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa requesting that Gibbs provide answers.

"He has already dealt with these issues and legal processes have already taken their course," Gibbs' attorney Peter Whelan said.

"For him to once again be subjected to what amounts to cross-examination is inappropriate and morally and legally indefensible. In the circumstances my advice to Herschelle has been that he should not respond to the questions posed by the Delhi Police. He has elected to follow my advice."

Gibbs said: "I am extremely disappointed at having to declare myself unavailable for the tour. The questions sent from Delhi were very similar to those I answered four years ago. I have served my ban and in the process learnt a very hard lesson."

BANGLADESH-NZ SCOREBOARD

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Rafique	55	12	130	3
Enamul	42	4	142	2
Saleh	19	0	81	1
Ashraful	1	0	5	0
Kapali	3	0	17	0

BANGLADESH: First innings

Iqbal c Styris b Vettori	13
Omar not out	45
Aftab lbw b Vettori	20
Saleh c Sinclair b Wiseman	2
Extras: (w-1, nb-1)	2
Total: (For 3 wkts in 32.3 overs)	82

Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-66, 3-82

To bat: Ashraful, Mashud, Kapali, Rafique, Mushfiq, Enamul, Aziz

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Oram	5	0	20	0
Franklin	3	0	14	0
Vettori	13	7	23	2
Wiseman	11.3	2	25	1

Second Test from today

Akhtar scare for Pakistan, Atapattu cautious

Cricket

AFP, *Karachi*

Pakistan's bid to even the series against Sri Lanka suffered a major blow on the eve of Thursday's second and final Test with pace spearhead Shoaib Akhtar declared doubtful because of a shoulder injury.

Akhtar, who was the pick of Pakistan's bowlers with eight wickets in his team's 201-run first-Test loss, pulled up sore after training and may not know until Thursday morning whether he will be fit to play.

"Akhtar complained of shoulder pain and has gone to a doctor for an analysis and is a doubtful starter for the second Test," Pakistan captain Inzamamul Haq told reporters on Wednesday.

"We may try to play him by having pain killing injections on his shoulder ... but that can be decided only after the doctor's report."

Akhtar's loss would be a double blow for Pakistan with his new-ball partner, Mohammad Sami, already ruled out for the Karachi Test after suffering a groin injury in Faisalabad.

"It is very hard to stage a comeback in a two-match series and after batting flops we now face an injury scare to Akhtar for the second Test, its tough for us," a downbeat Inzamam said.

With Shabbir Ahmed still recovering from a knee operation and Umer Gul is out for a year with stress fractures in the back, Pakistan are in danger of being without its top four pace bowlers.

Pakistan may have to blood two Test debutants in Karachi, teenager Riaz Afridi and Navedul Hasan, both of whom lack the express pace of Akhtar and Sami.

"Our bowlers will have to bowl in the manner they did in the first innings at Faisalabad but our batsmen will have to give them a total in excess of 400 runs," Inzamam said.

Akhtar said his shoulder had "jammed" after his long stints bowling in the first Test and he was in considerable pain.

"I am desperate to play and the last option would be to play with injections but that too may not be decided until the morning of the match," Akhtar told AFP.

Pakistan are likely to make as many as four changes from the first Test, having already dropped out-of-form wicketkeeper Moin Khan for young Kamran Akmal.

Top-order batsman Younis Khan may also get the nod in place of Asim Kamal.

Pakistan are desperate to turn around their form from the first Test and avoid a third successive home series defeat to Sri Lanka following humiliations in 1995 and 1999.

In the first Test, Pakistan's batsmen let the team down with no-one able to post three figures, and veteran Sri Lankan opener Sanath Jayasuriya pummelled the bowlers in the second innings with an epic 253.

Jayasuriya helped Sri Lanka set Pakistan an insurmountable 418-run target to win, and the home team crumbled to be all out for 216 in their second innings.

Sri Lankan captain Marvan Atapattu said his players had already put their first Test performance behind them.

"We are confident but the next Test starts from zero. We have won a game, it's okay, but no big deal," said Atapattu, who has his own reasons for wanting to forget the first Test after falling twice to Akhtar without scoring.

"It will be a fresh game and we have to put things right to get the required result at the end of the fifth day."

Sri Lanka's only change may be the inclusion of all-rounder Farveez Maharoof in place of fast bowler Lasith Malinga, who failed to impress in the first Test.

TEAMS

PAKISTAN (from): Inzamamul Haq (captain), Yasir Hameed, Imran Farhat, Asim Kamal, Yousuf Youhana, Younis Khan, Shoaib Malik, Abdul Razzaq, Kamran Akmal, Zulqarnain Haider, Shoaib Akhtar, Navedul Hasan, Danish Kaneria, Riaz Afridi.

SRI LANKA (from): Marvan Atapattu (captain), Sanath Jayasuriya, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene, Thilan Samaraweera, Jehan Mubarak, Ian Daniel, Thilina Kandamby, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Upul Chandana, Chaminda Vaas, Farveez Maharoof, Lasith Malinga, Dilhara Fernando, Rangana Herath.

Umpires: Billy Bowden (New Zealand) and Steve Bucknor (West Indies).

PHOTO: AFP

I CAN EVEN HIT ONE STUMP: Pakistan vice-captain Yousuf Youhana is having target practice during a training session at the National Stadium in Karachi yesterday.

Pietersen moves to Hampshire

AFP, *London*

South Africa-born batsman Kevin Pietersen on Tuesday joined Hampshire on a three-year deal.

Pietersen, 24, included in England's squad for the forthcoming one-day series in Zimbabwe, left Nottinghamshire at the end of the summer having spent four seasons at Trent Bridge.

He is the third signing in a week for Hampshire, newly promoted to the First Division of the County Championship, following former Nottinghamshire colleague Richard Logan, a pace bowler, and Zimbabwe all-rounder Sean Ervine.

"The enthusiasm, passion and ambition of those in charge of Hampshire is what impressed me most and I want to help them win some silverware. If I am doing that it will also put me in the spotlight," said Pietersen.

The hard-hitting batsman has been a controversial figure since turning his back on the chance of representing the country of his birth because he believed his progress was being hampered by a racial quota system.

Pietersen appeared to be leaving Nottinghamshire 12 months ago following a high-profile row with captain Jason Gallian but was persuaded to see out the final season of his contract and offered new terms following a successful promotion campaign.

Akram, Abahani

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knocking at the door of the national team, like fast bowler Shahadat Hossain Rajib, left-arm spinner Nadif Chowdhury and middle-order batsman Nazimuddin.

Former national captain Khaled Mahmud left Bangladesh Biman to join last year's runners-up City Club who also secured the services of left-handed top-order batmsan Shahriar Nafees and wicketkeeper Hasibul Haque Babel.

Mohammedan recruited four cricketers including Under-19 batsman Shamsur Rahman Shuva. Ace batsman Minhazul Abedin Nannu virtually stayed back with the black and whites as he did not take part in the transfer.

Holders Victoria were also on a shopping spree on the final day, taking fast bowler Talha Jubair and young all-rounder Nabil Samad.

A total of 148 players took part in the three-day bourse. There will be an additional day for the 13 players on national duty to take part in the process, on November 4.

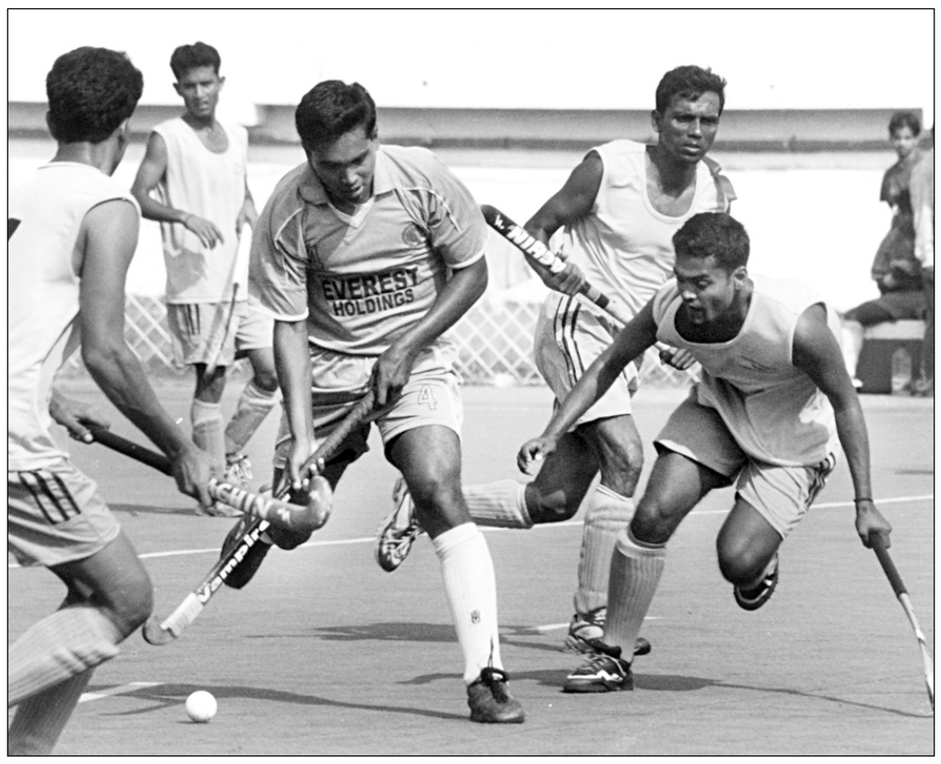

PHOTO: STAR

Action from yesterday's Club Cup hockey tournament match between Abahani and Railway at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

First Asian on SA team

Boucher dropped from Indian tour party

Cricket

REUTERS, *Cape Town*

South Africa have included their first player of Asian origin in their squad for a two-Test series in India next month.

Batsman Hashim Amla is one of four new caps in the 14-man squad along with all-rounder Zander de Bruyn, pace bowler Alfonso Thomas and wicketkeeper Thami Tsolekile.

"It's really exciting to be part of the South African squad," said Amla. "I'm glad to be a South African, representing South Africa, and I'll walk on to the field as a South African."

Opening batsman Herschelle Gibbs, who is still under investigation by Indian police over his involvement in the 2000 match-fixing scandal, declared himself unavailable for selection.

Left-arm spinner Nicky Boje, another player wanted for questioning, was named as the new vice-captain in place of dropped wicketkeeper Mark Boucher.

Indian authorities have not given any assurances that the pair will not be arrested as part of the continuing investigations into match-fixing. The late South Africa captain Hanse Cronje was banned for life after admitting to taking money from bookmakers.

Selection convenor Omar Henry said on Wednesday if left-arm spinner Boje decided not to tour he would be replaced by swing bowler Charl Langeveldt.

"Boeta Dippenaar will take over the vice-captaincy," Henry said.

Boje, however, is said to be "very keen" to tour.

Jacques Rudolph, who is suffering from a back injury, will undergo fitness test before leaving.

Andrew Hall returns to the squad for the first time since the fourth Test against West Indies in January while Justin Ontong makes his first appearance since the tour of Australia in 2001-02.

Also missing from the squad that toured Sri Lanka are Nantie Hayward, Andre Nel, Lance Klusener and Andrew Puttick.

The squad will gather for a week-long training camp on November 4 before flying to India. Their tour begins with a three-day warm-up match on November 14.

SQUAD

Graeme Smith (captain), Nicky Boje (vice-captain), Hashim Amla, Zander de Bruyn, Boeta Dippenaar, Andrew Hall, Jacques Kallis, Makhaya Ntini, Justin Ontong, Shaun Pollock, Jacques Rudolph, Thami Tsolekile, Alfonso Thomas, Martin van Jaarsveld.

Star WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION 21

Tick the correct answers, post The Daily Star

Competition closes at 8 pm Oct 29, 2004 and draw shortly afterwards

1. West Indies defeated England in the ICC Champions Trophy final by:
   2 wkts | 50 runs | 33 runs
2. Who won the China Open tennis title?
   Serena | Sharapova | Hingis
3. How many times was Pavel Nedved capped before announcing his retirement?
   83 | 84 | 81
4. Who became man-of-the-tournament in the ICC Champions Trophy?
   Sarwan | Flintoff | Lara

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Buchanan wants to go for the kill

BBC ONLINE/REUTERS, *Nagpur*

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA 2004-05

Australia could put extra pressure on India by asking them to follow-on in the third Test if they take the five remaining wickets quickly on Thursday.

The last time they used the tactics in India it backfired, the hosts battling back to win in Kolkata in 2001.

"We will think of the follow-on if we can get them out quickly tomorrow," said Australia coach John Buchanan.

"It's still a good batting track but there is some juice for the bowlers. We'll have a chance to pick wickets with the new ball because of the bounce and movement."

Both Rahul Dravid and VVS Laxman, the heroes of Kolkata three years ago, were out cheaply as the hosts struggled on a seamer-friendly wicket.

India went to stumps 146-5, still 252 runs short of Australia's first innings total and 53 away from making the world champions bat for a second time.

The second new ball could be taken as early as the third over on Day Three.

However, stand-in captain Adam Gilchrist may have set a precedent when he decided against enforcing the follow-on in the opening Test.

He opted instead to make India bat on a crumbling wicket and reaped the rewards with a 217-run victory.

"McGrath was the pick of the bowlers, but they all bowled exceptionally and got excellent support from everyone," Buchanan said of the pace spearhead who shone in his 100th Test, with figures of 2-18 in 20 overs.

And McGrath suggested they could still do it by batting again.

"The wicket was a little bit up and down," he explained.

Aussies strangle

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Australia won the first Test in Bangalore by 217 runs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the third Test between India and Australia at the Vidarbha Cricket Association (VCA) ground in Nagpur on Wednesday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings (overnight 362-7)

Langer c Dravid b Zaheer	44
Hayden c Patel b Zaheer	23
Katich c Chopra b Kumble	4
Martyn c Agarkar b Kumble	114
Lehmann c Dravid b Kartik	70
Clarke c Patel b Zaheer	91
Gilchrist c and b Kartik	2
Warne st Patel b Kartik	2
Gillespie lbw b Zaheer	9
Kasprowicz c Patel b Agarkar	0
McGrath not out	11
Extras: (b-6, lb-13, nb-8, w-1)	28
Total: (All out in 100.2 overs)	398

Fall of wickets: 1-67, 2-79, 3-86, 4-234, 5-314, 6-323, 7-337, 8-376, 9-377

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Agarkar	23	2	99	1
Zaheer	26.2	6	95	4
Kumble	25	6	99	2
Kartik	20	1	57	3
Tendulkar	6	1	29	0

INDIA: First innings

Chopra c Warne b Gillespie	9
Sehwag c Gilchrist b McGrath	22
Dravid c Warne b McGrath	21
Tendulkar lbw b Gillespie	8
Laxman c Clarke b Warne	13
Kaif not out	47
Patel not out	16
Extras: (lb-9, nb-1)	10
Total: (For 5 wkts in 77 overs)	146

Fall of wickets: 1-31, 2-34, 3-49, 4-75, 5-103

To bat: Kumble, Kartik, Agarkar, Zaheer

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McGrath	20	12	18	2
Gillespie	18	7	47	2
Kasprowicz	18	3	37	0
Warne	21	8	35	1

CROSSWORD *By Eugene Sheffer*

ACROSS

1 The whole ball of wax
4 Serve as umpire
8 Jet forth
12 Meadow
13 Vicinity
14 50 percent (Pref.)
15 Mount —
17 Bridge position
18 Put aside
19 Buy now, pay later
21 Author Fleming
22 Mount —
26 Watergate woes
29 Foundation
30 Historic time
31 Relaxation
32 Aachen article
33 Wilander of tennis
34 Rocks, at the bar
35 Glutton
36 Paludal terrain
37 Mount —
39 Young fellow
40 Playground pastime
41 Inclined to be stressful?
45 "— Ha'i"
48 Mount —
50 PC symbol
51 Con
52 Phony story
53 Barbershop call
54 Green growth
55 Donkey

DOWN

1 Charitable gift
2 Walesa of Poland
3 Victoria, for one
4 Pugilists' surface
5 "Stormy Weather" composer
6 Grant foe
7 Intermediate stop
8 See-through
9 Shell-game need
10 Type squares
11 Humor
16 "— New York in June, ..."
20 Become one
23 Within reach
24 Doggie-bag contents
25 Poet Ogden
26 Muumuu accessories
27 Apiece
28 On the briny
29 Plead
32 Chart
33 "Call Me —"
35 Bake-sale grp.
36 "Chances Are" singer
38 Be frugal
39 Catalogues
42 "Damn Yankees" vamp
43 Eye part
44 Trio from Connecticut?
45 Crib
46 Expert
47 Bagel topper
49 Half of dos

Solution time: 25 mins.

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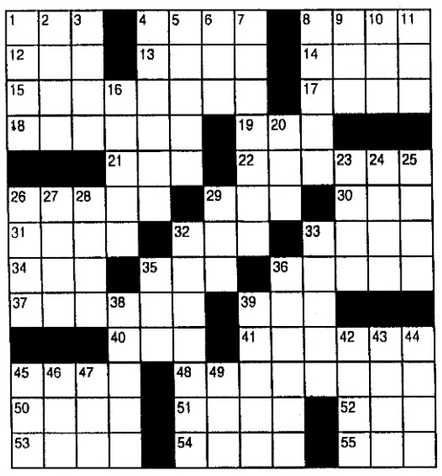

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU KEEP DREAMING THAT YOU'RE TAKING A SMALL DRINK, IS THAT A FREUDIAN SIP?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals O

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.