Pathan waiting

FROM PAGE 13 "After a three months break we are together and all the cricketers are working and training really hard."

Asked how he coped up with the pressure in Pakistan last year when he emerged as the leading wickettaker, Pathan said, "It was all God's

"There was lot of pressure. I was new at that time having played only one series against Australia before that. But I handled the pressure well and by God's grace I performed well," he said.

On the secret of his success so far, Pathan said that he always tried to stay positive.

"I talk to myself before every match. I tell myself that I have to bowl well and take wickets. I think about all sorts of positive things that

Aussies aim

dissent towards an umpire's decision" after a wide was called off one of his deliveries

But in a brief statement, the ICC said a panel of match referee Chris Broad, standing umpires Steve Davis and Billy Bowden and third umpire Bob Parry had decided the charge should not be upheld.

TEAMS

AUSTRALIA (from): Ricky Ponting (captain), Adam Gilchrist, Matthew Hayden, Damien Martyn, Andrew Symonds, Michael Clarke, Simon Katich, Darren Lehmann, Brad Hogg, Brett Lee, Jason Gillespie, Glenn McGrath, Michae

PAKISTAN (from): Inzamamul Haq (captain), Salman Butt, Taufeeq Umar, Yasir Hameed, Mohammad Hafeez, Yousuf Youhana, Shahid Afridi, Abdul Razzaq, Azhar Mahmood, Kamran Akmal, Navedul

Skipper Smith

FROM PAGE 13 Africa and England at St George's Park on Friday: **ENGLAND**

Trescothick	c Smith	ı b Nel		33		
Jones cano	l b Boje			39		
Solanki c Do	e Villiers	b Nel		66		
Strauss c P	rince b F	Pollock		35		
Pietersen c		33				
Collingwoo	d c Kalli	s b Ntini		22		
Bell c Smith	b Ntini			13		
Giles c Pollo	ock b Nt	ini		3		
Ali not out				6		
Gough not o	out			3		
Extras: (b-2	, lb-8, n	b-3, w-1))	14		
Total: (For 8 wkts in 50 overs) 267						
Fall of wickets: 1-49, 2-99, 3-156, 4-						
207, 5-225,	6-246,	7-253, 8-	257			
Did not bat: Hoggard						
Bowler	0	M	R	W		

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Ntini	10	0	58	3		
Nel	10	0	49	3		
Boje	10	0	42	1		
Kallis	7	0	45	0		
Kemp	1	0	10	0		
Smith	2	0	9	0		
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Boje c Giles b Ali 20						
Kallis c Petersen b Collingwood 3						
Gibbs Ibw b Gough 50						
Kemp b Collingwood 9						
Prince not	out			17		
Boucher Ib		33				
Pollock no	t out	-		4		
Extras: (b-	3, lb-5, r	1b-2, w-	-3)	13		
Total: (For 7 wkts in 49.1 overs)270						

Fall of wickets: 1-45, 2-82, 3-89, 4-							
196, 5-214, 6-214, 7-257							
Did not bat: Ntini, Nel							
Bowler	0	M	R	W			
Gough	9.1	1	46	2			
Hoggard	9	1	66	1			
Ali	10	1	39	1			
Collingwood	10	0	54	2			
Giles	9	0	40	1			
Trescothick	2	0	17	0			
Result: South Africa won by 3							
wickets.							

Man-of-the-match: Graeme

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Fourth ODI: Feb 6, Cape Town.

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Shoaib has to prove fitness

Cricket

BBC/CRICINFO, undated

Express Pakistan bowler Shoaib Akhtar has been warned that he will not be picked for the forthcoming tour to India unless he is fully fit.

Shoaib was told to return home from the current trip to Australia after aggravating a hamstring problem.

But Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Shaharyar Khan also questioned his "attitude and conduct" on

The pair met on Friday when what the PCB described as a "hard talk" took place and Shoaib was given 48 hours to explain his behaviour in

Newspapers in Australia claimed Shoaib was seen in bars and clubs during the recent Test series which the tourist lost 3-0.

But the 29-year-old subsequently claimed photos of him apparently taken at a party following the Sydney Test were fakes

This ugly campaign of fabricated pictures on the Internet rubs salt to my iniury and I think it is character assassination." he said. "I know I have to raise my fitness

levels but I assure everyone that I

Dumped Australian opener Matthew

Hayden said he had been treated

harshly by selectors but vowed to

bat his way back into the world

the side which beat Pakistan by 18

runs in the opening VB Series final,

Hayden said he wanted to remain a

part of the Australian team for

upcoming tours of both New

ing for Australia as much as I do. it's

very disappointing to get dropped,"

rary thing. I will make sure that

"Obviously when you love play-

"I see this personally as a tempo-

Zealand and England.

Hayden said.

Speaking after he was left out of

champion one-day cricket team.

Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

never fall short in commitment. I played in Sydney half-fit because the team needed me.

He recently told Pakistan's News newspaper: "I would only ask the Board not to hold me solely responsible for the team's poor performances in Australia. Don't make me the scapegoat. Cricket is a team game and everyone is responsible for the fail-

Shoaib dubbed the Rawalpindi Express, is the quickest bowler in international cricket, but has suffered a number of injury problems during his

Last year he was ordered to appear before a medical commission after missing the final Test of a home series against India. Some claimed he had faked the

problem, but reports showed he had a rib stress fracture. Meanwhile, Pakistan's tumultuous cricketing year appeared set for

another crisis with several leading

players reportedly asking for Shoaib to

be omitted from the squad to tour India. The Nation reported that captain Inzamamul Haq, vice-captain Yousuf Youhana, Abdul Razzaq, Shahid Afridi, Younis Khan, Navedul Hasan and Salman Butt are among those supposed to have objected to Shoaib's

next few days whether Hayden is to

clear, that I certainly want to be a

part of the next little phase of

"We've got some incredibly important cricket coming up. The Mt

Everest, which was seemingly

"As I've said all along, I want to

Asked if he had been treated

harshly by selectors, Hayden

replied: "Probably harshly, yeah.

But it's their call, they've made it and

possibly do is offer them a platter of

runs. If it means I have to be number

two or number one in the world to

"In my experience, all I can

India, has now become England.

cricket," Hayden said.

be a part of that."

they have to live by it.

"I've definitely made that very

I'll be back: Hayden

suggest that the players would boycott the tour if Shoaib was a part of it.

Sections of the Pakistani media claimed that the players were convinced that the team could do well without him, having reached the VB Series final despite Shoaib having flown back home. But though sources within the PCB

strenuously denied talk of anti-Shoaib

sentiment, the media continue to

question why he was recalled despite excellent medical facilities being available in Australia. The same report quoted Abbas Zaidi, the PCB's media director, as saving: "There is no such thing and

doing their job as one unit. And when pressed further, Zaidi would only echo the statement made by Shaharyar saying that Shoaib would only be named in the squad if he was fully fit.

they are all playing for the country,

Since Shoaib's return, Pakistan stormed into the final of the VB Series with two splendid victories in Perth, and then pushed Australia hard in the first final. Naved, who carried on playing despite the death of his father back home, was singled out for special praise, with his attitude and dedication gaining many admirers.

sarily permanent even though the

33-year-old is highly likely to be omitted for the rest of the best-of-

three triangular series finals, includ-

ing Sunday's potentially series-

deciding match at the Sydney

their support on Saturday with leg-

spinner Shane Warne, who has

retired from international one-day

cricket, declaring that Hayden still

one gets dropped who has been a

pretty regular player for a few years

know he'll respond to that.

Someone's going to pay. Whoever he

starts playing soon, whether it's New

Zealand in the Test series or the one-

day series when he gets back, then

"I don't think it's nice when any-

"Knowing Matthew Hayden,

Test colleagues also lent him

Cricket Ground

had much to offer.

now," said Warne.

StanChart goes to Liakat

SPORTS REPORTER

Liakat Ali won the 10th Standard Chartered Golf Tournament at the picturesque Bhatiary Golf and Country Club in Chittagong on

MH Murad finished runner-up. The tournament was participated by 106 Bangladeshi and expatriate golfers including four lady players

Vice-president of the BGCC Brigadier General Abu Belal Mohammad Shafiul Huq inaugurated the meet. General Officer Commanding of the 24th Infantry Division, Major General Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan attended the prize-giving

ceremony as chief guest. Osman Morad, CEO of Standard Chartered and a host of other senior bank officials were also present.

OTHER RESULTS

Second runner-up: JK Kang Ladies winnier: Shereen Ispahani, Ladies' runner-up: Dr Caroline Bauer, Nearest to pin: GH Song, Longest Drive: Hole 9): GH Song, Nine Hole: Lt Col Md Rafiquzzaman, Best Back Nine: Amjadul Pervez Chowdhury, Best Front Nine: Lt Col Md Kamruzzaman, Senior winner: CH Moon and Senior runner-up: Shamsul Huda.

Ex-S Africa pacer dies

BBC ONLINE, undated

Former South Africa fast bowler Peter Heine has died in Johannesburg on Saturday aged

Heine made his Test debut at Lord's in 1955, dismissing Tom Graveney, Peter May, Denis Compton, Ken Barrington and Godfrey Evans on his first day.

He finished with 58 wickets in 14 Tests and 277 first-class wickets at an average of 21.38 for Orange Free State, North-Eastern

Gaibandha cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

League to probe Cole approach

Football

AFP, London

The Premier League has launched an investigation into Chelsea's alleged illegal approach to Arsenal defender Ashley Cole.

"We are talking to both clubs to decide how to proceed," Premier League chairman Richard Scudamore told The Sun on Saturday. Newspaper reports suggest that

Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho and chief executive Peter Kenyon met the England full-back who is still under contract with the Gunners in a London hotel last week Chelsea have refused to deny

want to sift through all the evidence before deciding whether to make a formal complaint. Cole is in talks with Arsenal on a

new contract.

the claims, while Arsenal say they

The 24-year-old told the Gunners' official website: "I'm under contract here for another two years so I just want to get back to playing football and trying to win the league.'

Chelsea have refused to discuss the controversy but Mourinho has made no secret of his admiration for the defender.

"I said that he was a good player. If I didn't tell you that, you would say that I was stupid," he said. "The boy is a very good player. In

England, Sven-Goran Eriksson feels he is the best because he plays all the time. Mourinho added: "I want to buy a left-back because I have only one of

players for every position." Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger is concerned that the row

them and I always want to have two



ASHLEY COLE

may have a detrimental effect on his

"At the moment, our worry is to get Ashley concentrated on our next name and not on this whole story. I just feel this whole story hasn't helped us," he insisted.

"It looks to be (true) but you must first prove it. I don't know if it has happened or not. You need evidence." Asked if Cole was in danger of

losing his focus, Wenger admitted: "It could happen but I don't know."

Hayden's axing came despite whatever it takes, I will fight my back some team is going to pay seriously. Beware of Matthew Hayden." the public support of captain Ricky Australia will play three one-day Ponting who had argued he retain Hayden travelled to Sydney on Abahani Krira Chakra defeated Saturday with the 14-man internationals in England starting in the opening position ahead of Sunrise Sporting Club by one wicket Michael Clarke, the precocious 23-Australian squad but selectors are July as the lead-up to the five-Test in the First Division Cricket League at year-old who normally plays further expected to stick with Clarke as Ashes series. the Gaibandha Stadium yesterday. But before then comes a series Adam Gilchrist's opening partner for Electing to bat, Sunrise Sporting of five one-day clashes in New Hayden said Trevor Hohns, the Sunday's match, despite his ninescored 140 in 50 overs. In reply, run effort on Friday. Zealand -- starting on February 19 -national chairman of selectors, had Abahani reached their target (142told him his sacking was not neces-Davenport to meet | Ban 'em: Beckenbauer Football personally of the opinion that persons proved guilty of manipulating results should be subject to the maximum possible penalties

Winners of the 10th Standard Chartered Golf Tournament pose with their trophies at the Bhatiary Golf and Country Club in Chittagong yesterday.

Sharapova in final



Lindsay Davenport and Maria Sharapova booked a final clash at the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo on Saturday with identical scores. World number one Davenport

beat US Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-1, 7-6 while secondseed Sharapova fought off a resilient Shinobu Asagoe by the same margin before 8,633 fans at Tokyo's Metropolitan Gymnasium. Davenport had little trouble with

Kuznetsova in the first set as the third seed scattered balls around the court, but in the second, Davenport matched the US Open champion error for error. However, Davenport used some

good serves and a double fault by her Russian opponent to leap into a 4-0 lead in the tiebreak while Kuznetsova couldn't string enough shots together to offer a challenge

Two netted backhands saw the end

"She made some errors in the first set and I was able to take advantage of that," Davenport said. "I tried to stay aggressive. This

fast surface suits me better and I think that was the difference.' Asagoe, who beat Russia's Flena

of her service games in the opening Sharapova was sharp from the beginning and had little trouble

strong serves and crisp ground strokes

Franz Beckenbauer, head of the 2006 World Cup organising committee, on Friday called that referees found guilty of match-fixing should be barred from the game for life.

The German soccer legend was speaking after the German Football Federation (DFB) confirmed that 25 people are accused of fixing matches in German league games including four referees. A total of 14 players are also

suspected of taking financial bonuses while two Croatian brothers from Berlin have already been arrested. "Naturally, and in common with all football fans, I am shocked at

these scandalous incidents," said Beckenbauer. "Like most others I never believed it possible here. The whole sorry episode must be completely resolved by the judiciary and the

followed will achieve this goal. "I cannot and will not pre-empt the relevant authorities, but I am

DFB as swiftly as possible. I am

confident the procedures now being

"Referees proven to have erately made false decisions, thus defrauding the game of football and

a player in 1974 and coach in 1990, is convinced the scandal will not tarnish the image of the host nation "Our FIFA World Cup must and

will retain its positive image. Here at the Organising Committee we have entered the home straight. The Confederations Cup is metaphorically knocking at the door," he said. "Our entire focus needs to

remain directed at optimising preparations for the 2006 FIFA World Cup, both in terms of organisation and atmosphere. "In this respect I am delighted

tickets sales have begun so promisingly, with no technical issues despite the enormous levels

REF UNDER FIRE: German referee Jurgen Jansen is surrounded by photographers after his press conference in Passau, southern Germany yesterday, about the recent match-fixing scandal. Jansen was named by disgraced colleague Robert Hoyzer, who admitted to manipulating four matches. Jansen claims he has never participated in match-fixing and lambasted the German Football Federation (DFB) for making him the fall-guy as they

A tough balancing act FROM PAGE 13

Mehrab Hossain, Sajjad Ahmed, Mehrab Hossain Jr., Sajjad Kadir (wk), Anwar Hossain (wk), Naimur Rahman, Mohammad Rafique, Arafat Sunny, Md Riyadullah, Mahbubul Alam, Ashraful Jr., Talha Jubair, Anwar Hossain Monir, Niaz Ahmed.

CHITTAGONG

Akram Khan, Nafees Iqbal, Aftab Ahmed, Nazimuddin, Tamim Iqbal, Azam Iqbal, Waseluddin Ahmed, Fovsal Hossain Ehsanul Haque, Gazi Salauddin, Masumuddolah, Kuntal Chandra (wk), Dhiman Ghosh (wk), Yasin Arafat, Sabbir Khan, Elias Sunny, Tareq Aziz, Gazi Alamgir Md Rashed, Habbib Muballek.

RAJSHAHI Khaled Mashud (wk), Mushfiqur

Rahman, Rafiqul Islam, Hassanuzzam, Shamsur Rahman, Rezwanul Islam, Sanwar Hossain, Saifullah Khan, Samumul Haque (wk), Md Shahajada, Shafaq Al Jabir, Saharwardi Shuvo, Naim Islam, Junaid Siddque, Alamgir Kabir, Farhad Reza, Nuruzzaman, Zahirul Islam, Sumon Saha, Anisur Rahman

KHULNA

Habibul Bashar, Tushar Imran, Nazmus Saadat, Sajjadul Hasan, Hassuuzzaman, Sakibal Hasan, Asadullah Khan, Monirul Islam, Rezwan Kabir, Salauddin Mashrafee-Bin-Mortuza, Dollar Mahmud, Monjurul Islam, SK Russel, Ziaur Rahman, Md Salim (wk), Pavel, Abdur Razzaq, Manjarul Islam, Jamal Uddin. SYLHET

Golam Rahman, Parvez Ahmed,

Rajin Saleh, Alok Kapali, Nasirul Alam, Golam Mabud (wk), Moniruzzaman, Jahangir Alam, Babel (wk), Enamul Haque, Fahim Muntasir, Asim Chowdhury, Nabil Shamad, Tapash Baisya, Nazmul Hossain, Sirajullah Khadam, Nayeem, Hasibul Hossain, Niyamur Rashid, Golam Mawla BARISAL

Nafees Ahmed, Hannan Sarker,

Ahmed, Raqibul Hasan, Saquib Chowdhury, Mushfiqur Rahim, Mosharaf Hossain, Ali Arman, Md Shaheen (wk), Md Sharif, Shahdat Hossain, Anisur Rahman, Israq Sonnet, Md Tareq, Nahidul Haque, Humayan

Kabir, Abul Bashar, Anisur

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another 30 more provided his body supports him," Waugh was quoted as saying by 'Gulf News' Waugh, who has most number of wins as a captain but failed to win a

with the world champions. "India is closing up. England is also emerging pretty well and so is South Africa," he said.

series in India, also said Sourav

Ganguly's men were catching up

"Pakistan has amazing talent and coach Bob Woolmer could mould them into a good team soon. Waugh said he was close to completing his book that he has

writing since his retirement in January 2004.

"I have already written 150,000 words. It takes a look back at my career. I've been doing a lot of research and hopefully it should be ready by November," he said.

ICC straightens

FROM PAGE 13

While the scientific evidence presented made the case for changing the current bowling review process compelling, it is a cricketing decision, proposed by cricketers for cricketers.

"The changes should make the process quicker and fairer to all players and will promote consistency in the way in which reported bowlers' actions are dealt with.' The changes will come into effect

on March 1 this year after the ICC addresses some minor drafting amendments that were identified in considering the proposed regula-

with scheduling

RELITERS Cobbam

Chelsea coach Jose Mourinho complained on Friday about the scheduling of domestic games. saying it always seemed to favour the Premier League leaders' rivals.

Mourinho unhappy

Speaking after training for Sunday's home match against Manchester City, Mourinho said Chelsea appeared always to have minimum rest time

"One thing I don't understand is who is making the decisions about which game is played on which day," he said.

Mourinho said he was particularly concerned about Chelsea having to travel north to play Everton on Saturday next week three days after international matches, while his main rivals for the title, Manchester United and Arsenal were playing on Sunday and Monday.

Gaddafi's son's soccer diplomacy

REUTERS, Canberra Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi's

in Australia on Saturday to begin a tour of soccer diplomacy in which he will meet government officials in between playing for his national football team. Al Saadi Gaddafi arrived in Sydney with the Libyan national

professional footballer son arrived

Foreign Minister Alexander Downer and Trade Minister Mark Vaile along with oil, agriculture and film industry officials. "I come with a football team but in the long term there is the potential

football team and plans to meet

for a much richer relationship. Gaddafi said in a statement released by Soccer NSW (New South Wales).

"There are significant possibilities for strong ties at a number of levels between our two countries, the 31-year-old, who plays in Italy's Serie B for Perugia, added.

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By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT DO YOU CALL FOUR UNLUCKY FELLOWS WHO HAPPEN UPON QUICKSAND? QUATTRO SINKO!

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of her resistance.

In the first semifinal, Japan's Dementieva in the quarters, looked out of her depth as she lost all three

Wimbledon champion breezing through the set using

In the second set, world number 32 Asagoe was a different player as she rediscovered her serve and fought tirelessly to put pressure on her Russian opponent with some

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals F 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.

attempt to quickly wrap up the scandal

its fans, should never be licensed again. This is the only way to prevent further damage to German football both at home and abroad." However the man nicknamed the 'Kaiser', who won the World Cup as

in the run up to the 2006 World Cup.