

Gordon to be next WICB president

CRICINFO, undated

Ken Gordon has on Friday said that he is "grateful and honoured" that he will be the new president of the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB).

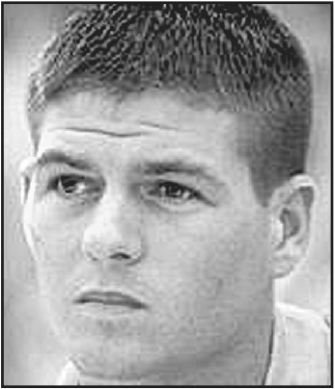
But he preferred to wait until the position is confirmed at the August 7 WICB annual general meeting in St. Maarten before he makes any comment on West Indies cricket.

The election of a president and vice-president will be the main items on the agenda at next month's AGM. Gordon, who was nominated to the post left vacant by outgoing president Teddy Griffith by the Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board, was the sole nominee when nominations for the WICB presidency closed Thursday evening.



Did U Know?

England's nine-wicket win in the first NatWest Challenge ODI is their biggest victory margin against Australia, bettering their eight-wicket win at Lord's in 1985.



Steven Gerrard (Liverpool midfielder)

"He is one of the best coaches in the world and I understand he rates me as a player."

On Rafael Benitez.

Village challenge for Liverpool



AFP, Llansffraid

They are just 60 miles (100km) apart on the map but when it comes to football, light years separate the players of Llansantffraid and Liverpool.

This Welsh border village is the home of Total Network Solutions (TNS), the champions of Wales, who face the European champions in the first qualifying round of the Champions League on Wednesday.

Never can football have thrown up such a potential mismatch.

Liverpool are five-time European champions, they have just agreed a 100,000-pound (145,000-euro) a week deal to keep Steven Gerrard on their books and always pack out their 45,000-capacity, legendary Anfield home.

By contrast, Llansantffraid is a village of 800 people.

The TNS Treflan ground boasted an average attendance of 333 last season and a season high of 1,042.

The tiny club, who took their name of their sponsor in 1998 and

whose turnover is just 500,000 pounds a year, are modest in the extreme.

Their directory boasts of a 500-seat stand behind one goal with a single hospitality box.

"The ground is bang in the middle of the village, just turn off the A4393 opposite the shops," advises the club website.

"Unfortunately Llansantffraid railway station, just a few yards from the ground, closed 50 years ago. Note that there is another village called Llansantffraid in Ceredigion. You have been warned!"

No wonder the club have agreed to play the second-leg of the tie at nearby Wrexham's 10,000 capacity Racecourse ground after Wednesday's first leg in Liverpool which is already sold out.

"This is the beauty of this game,"

TNS chairman Mike Harris told the Western Mail.

"It's a dream for our players to be competing on the same pitch as Gerrard and the other players who won the European Cup in such thrilling style.

"It wouldn't be bad would it? Victory over the European champions. Anything can happen. It's only

three sticks of wood. You never know, we could have a shot which hits the referee's backside and deflects into the goal.

"The most likely scenario is that Liverpool will win, but I want to ensure that we don't disgrace ourselves and give a good account of the Welsh Premier League."

However, the omens are not good for the side who were only formed in 1959.

In their first Champions League adventure in 2002/2001 they drew 2-2 at home against FC Levadia from Estonia before losing the second leg 4-0 while two years later they lost 12-2 on aggregate to Polish side Amica Wronki.

They then faced Manchester City in the UEFA Cup two seasons ago and were beaten 7-0 over the two games.

But TNS have a secret weapon by the name of Rooney.

Thomas Rooney is the 20-year-old cousin of Manchester United striker Wayne and was brought in on a non-contract deal last week.

TNS is also packed with Everton fans.

Liverpool have been warned!

Sangakkara warms up with hefty ton

AFP, Colombo

Kumar Sangakkara warmed up for an upcoming two-Test series with a solid ton for Sri Lankan Board President's XI against the touring West Indians here on Sunday.

Left-handed Sangakkara slammed 109 as the home side declared at 382-9 in the two-day practice game which ended in a draw at the Nondescripts ground.

West Indies, who were bowled out for a meagre 110 in the first innings on Saturday, were 109-4 in their second innings at close of play.

Apart from Sangakkara, middle-order batsman Thilan Samaraweera too hit form scoring 95 off 146 deliveries with eight fours and added 154 for the third wicket with Sangakkara.

Sangakkara's hundred came off 147 deliveries with 12 fours and a six.

Captain Marvan Atapattu, who was unbeaten on 78 overnight, didn't resume his innings due to flu.

SPORTS ZONE celebration

SPORTS REPORTER

A week-long programme to celebrate the fourth anniversary of SPORTS ZONE began on Friday in the city.

Besides cultural programmes and concerts, the organisation will also stage bowling and pool competitions on discount.

Mohammedan

FROM PAGE 12 Red card: Saikat (Youngmen's) Yellow card: Kamal (Mohammedan)

TEAMS

MOHAMMEDAN: Biplab, Kamal, Nazrul, Papal (Khokon), Kaiser (Faisal), Peter, Munna, Asad, Mintu, Alfaz (Nakib) and Manju.

YOUNGMEN'S: Shipulu, Mamun, Ariful, Saikat, Shipon, Monaem, Batan, Chanchal, Rajan (Ripon), Masud (Nayan) and Robin (Rony).

Referee: Azad Rahman.

Teams	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
MSC	8	6	2	0	14	4	20
Brothers	8	6	1	1	17	5	19
Muktijoddha	8	5	1	2	13	8	16
Abahani	8	4	2	2	16	11	14
Farashganj	8	4	1	3	7	7	13
Russel	8	3	2	3	15	5	11
Arambagh	8	2	3	3	9	11	9
Wanderers	8	0	4	4	5	15	4
Youngmen's	8	1	1	6	9	27	4
Dipali	8	0	1	7	10	22	1

Pele understands Robinho



XINHUA

The legendary Pele supports the departure of Robinho for Real Madrid, but said the move is unlikely to succeed due to the obstacles placed by the prodigy's club Santos, the local press said Saturday.

"Soccer life is short," said Pele in an interview published by daily O Globo, in which he mentioned that he would like to see Robinho playing his whole career in Santos, as he did.

Robinho, 21, is considered as the best Brazilian player to emerge since Ronaldinho Gauchao. He has expressed his wish to play for Real Madrid, but the Spanish club's 25-million-US dollar bidding has not been accepted by Santos, which

demands double that amount.

Robson de Souza "Robinho" has stopped training and has not played since the end of Confederations Cup, won by Brazil in Germany.

Pele said, "we have to understand Robinho."

He said the kidnapping of Robinho's mother last year has made him want to leave Brazil and by playing in Europe gives Robinho a chance to assure his financial future.

According to Pele, Robinho is part of what is considered as the "best litter of players in the history of Brazil."

"To make a national team like the Brazil side that won the Mexico 1970 World Cup will be very difficult, but in individual terms, Brazil now has the best generation of players in its history," he said.

Chilavert gets a chill!

AFP, Paris

Former Paraguayan international goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert has been given a six-month suspended prison sentence by a court here on Friday relating to a false document he produced to back up a demand for compensation from his former club Strasbourg.

The French club took legal action against the 39-year-old after he accused them of not paying an extra 2.4 million euros of a 4.4-million-euro fee he said he had been promised on top of his monthly salary.

Chilavert, who was also ordered to pay 10,000 euros (12,000 dollars) in damages to Strasbourg and a symbolic 1 euro to the club's president Patrick Proisy, was however cleared of forgery.

The controversial goalie was recruited by Strasbourg in 2000, but was sacked by the club after a stormy two seasons in September 2002 for refusing to play a French league match against Lille.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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5 "Judging ..."

8 Well-protected

12 Shake-spearean septet

13 "Holy cow!"

14 The yoke's on them

15 Watch-face

17 Practiced extortion

18 Decks (Sl.)

19 Dismember

20 Attire

21 Oppositionist

22 Luau bowlful

23 Super-market section

26 Feast

30 Partner in crime

31 Carton

32 Desire

33 "Non-sense!"

35 Morlise mate

36 Pantheon member
- 37 Make**

38 Scatter about

41 Has the where-withal

42 Propel a scull

45 Unyielding

46 Actress

48 Puccini heroine

49 Scepter topper

50 Radar-screen spot

51 Detail, for short

52 Pod

53 Treat for Fido
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3 Steinway array

4 Curved letter

5 Repeat-edly

6 Pinochle

7 "Naturally"

8 Nick-name

9 Wheel-base

10 Lawyer's income

11 Tackles' team-mates

16 City on the Hudson

20 Slip into

21 Requiring low temperatures
- 22 TV network**

23 Apply lightly

24 Chicken-killing link

25 Under the weather

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CRYPTOQUIP

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D V G D W M Q D A Q Y L X M C
K A J L I, K A Z V D D V G D K G R L
N M Y G J M Q Z I V M C L K G Q ?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FEATURE FILM ABOUT BIG CARS THAT SPLASH UNSUSPECTING PEDESTRIANS: "SODDEN IMPACT"
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals U

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.

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