Indians stuck in Bulawayo

PTI, Harare

Indians have stayed put in Bulawayo to nurse their wounds but it is a different matter they would treat this unwanted sojourn as adding insult to injury.

were not able to leave Bulawayo on Saturday because the air tickets were not available, as Indian captain Sourav Ganguly explained to the mediapersons after the humiliating defeat to New Zealand in the

So even as the Indian media and other personnel connected with the tour were boarding the flight for Harare where the action now shifts in the series, the cricketers were left

So far in the tour, the Indians have been left to do the catching up -- arriving late, overstaying in Harare when they should have been in Bulawayo and now held up in Bulawayo when they should be in Harare.

salt to their wounds, New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming pompously announced that his side could do better on a seaming track in Harare than Bulawavo where the wicket favoured the batsmen

Too late to ban Zim

CRICINFO, undated

Henry Olonga, the former Zimbabwe fast bowler, has criticised the British government's call for his country to be banned from international cricket, saying that such a

The ICC is presently meeting in Dubai and will consider the call for a ban, after British ministers wrote asking for Zimbabwe to be excluded

But Olonga is of the opinion that something should have been done

"The rest of the world has just sat by and watched this tragedy unfold,"

something massive to happen before they intervene. I think yes, it's too late.'

Zimbabwe from international cricket

"The controversy surrounding Zimbabwe cricket has been raging

being asked back then. "But I think the media attention only comes when something drastic

happens in Zimbabwe.' Roy Bennett, an official with the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) in Zimbabwe said that the world's cricket authorities should

"That cricket (in Zimbabwe) is being broadcast across the world projects normality," he said.

"There are people being abused, having their lives taken away from them, and they (the ECB) need to stand by those people. The players. the ECB, the ICC, those countries' cricket boards -- they all need to stand together in solidarity with the people of Zimbabwe by speaking out against what's happened in

(Flintoff 102, G Jones 85, Trescothick 65, Vaughan 58; Warne 4-102, Tait 3-97) AUSTRALIA: First innings (overnight 99-5) Langer c Bell b Hoggard Hayden Ibw b Hoggard

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Total: (For 1 wkt in 31 overs) 115 Fall of wickets: 1-50 R

fifth and final Test starting at The Oval on September 8, to retain the Bowler 25 Ashes that they've held since 1989. 2 Hoggard 0 15 S Jones 11 44 Harmison 23 2 Flintoff Giles

Curious as it may sound, Indians triangular series on Friday.

to cool their heels in Bulawayo.

Now Bulawayo is many things --The City of Kings, according to a tourist brochure; 'the place of killing', in the words of a literal translation from the Ndebele language. The Indian top order would like to go with this assessment but in essence a sleepy town where everyday is a Sunday.

To add more spice, if not rubbing

AFP, Brussels Ethiopian running phenomenon Kenenisa Bekele destroyed the men's 10,000 metres world record at the Golden League meeting here move is "too late." on Friday.

The 23-year-old Olympic and two-time world champion timed 26 minutes 17.53 seconds to break his old record of 26:20.31 set in Ostrava because of human rights abuses. in June 2004.

much earlier

Olonga told BBC Radio Five Live. steeplechase world champion Saif "It's almost like they're waiting for Saaeed Shaheen also missed out. However, Isanbeyeva's compa-

Olonga said that the call to ban

was hardly new for many years." he said.

"When I first came to England in England and the question of whether Zimbabwe should be involved in international cricket was

While Justin Gatlin overcame a poor start to once again stamp his superiority on the 100m his predecessor as the dominant force stand by the people of Zimbabwe.

Europe possibly reached its nadir. finished ninth and last in a time of

sprinting great to give up the day world champion was soundly



be in trouble

decide on a possible punishment," Luiz Zveiter, president of Brazilian soccer's disciplinary commission told reporters on Friday

Pictures showed Robinho slapping Paysandu midfielder Maraba in the face on Wednesday. Santos rallied from 2-0 down to win the match 3-2.

ment would only take effect if Robinho returned to play in Brazilian club football. "The tribunal has to enforce the

situation," he said. "The punishment will not apply

Tigers open

spinner Abdur Razzak will be used as a super-sub in the match.

August 31 at Sinhalese Sports Club.

Munna: the final

Jamil lost a close battle with Golam Rasul Molla. The district forum leader won 85 votes against Jamil's 82. Gazi Golam Dastagir however created the biggest sensation by accounting for 86 votes, the third highest behind BNP lawmaker Shah

out a victory procession after a successful campaign of 'vote for 1' -the slogan that has been labeled on the pocket of his agents and campaigners. The soft-spoken Titoo however dismissed the claim that the Friday night twist has changed his fortune

"I have contested as an independent candidate. It was a challenge for me and I think the media has played a very important role in my successful campaign," Titoo said after his overwhelming victory.

with his heart bleeding.

"It's shame that Munna Bhai has cilor without disclosing his name. "It's the price you pay for loving

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

General secretary: Mahbubul

Titoo (126), Shah Nurul Kabir Shaheen (95), Gazi Golam Dastagir (86), Golam Rasul Molla (85). Joint secretaries: Rafiqui Islam

Members: Sailab Hossain Tutul (140), ASM Faruque (123), Mirza Salman Ispahani (121), Asaduzzaman Khasru (121), MR Siddiqui Lemon (120), Shaheen Aftabur Reza Chowdhury (118), Ahmed lqbal Hasan (117), Al Fuad Redwan (116), Mizanùr Ráhman (114), Kabir

Ahmed (114), Shahiduzzaman Shahid (114), Kazi Mohiuddin Bulbul (113), Mahmud Jamal (110), Sirajuddin Mohammad Alamgir (109), Abdul Qayum Chowdhury (109), Shamim Kabir (107), Lutfar Rahman Badal (100), Syed Zahid Hossain (100), Syed Farhad Ahmed (95) and Shafiqul Islam (93).

LINDSAY DAVENPORT

Robinho could

REUTERS, Rio de Janeiro

Real Madrid's new striker Robinho could face disciplinary action in his native Brazil after television footage showed him slapping an opponent during his last game for Santos.

"I'm going to ask for the video to

Zveiter said any possible punish-

rules, independently of the player's

He also informed that left-arm

The Tigers, who left Dhaka on Wednesday, will play their first oneday international against the hosts on

FROM PAGE 12 Nunur Kabir Shaheen (95).

The followers of Titoo brought

While Titoo has every reason to be elated, cricket lovers felt embarrassed at the departure of Munna

not been elected. It is also a shame that person like Golam Rasul Molla with no credential has been elected as a vice-president," said a coun-

Anam (elected unopposed) Treasure: Afzalur Rahman Sinha (elected unopposed) Vice-presidents: Aziz Al Kaiser

Babu (123) and Riazuddin A Mamun (119).

Super Cisse show

Football

AFP, Monaco

Djibril Cisse came off the subs bench to lead Liverpool to a 3-1 Super Cup win over CSKA Moscow on Saturday

The France international, who has been upset by speculation that he might be shipped out of Anfield to make way for the possible return of Real Madrid's Michael Owen, could not have made a more eloquent or timely argument in favour of keeping him at Merseyside. Advertisement

CSKA drew first blood when

Brazilian Wagner Love ripped open

the Red's defence, slipping the

perfect through ball to Daniel Carvalho who fired low underneath Spanish goalkeeper, Jose Manuel Reina in the 28th minute. Then Cisse, who came on in the 79th minute, pulled Liverpool level

with eight minutes left to send the tie into extra time.

The striker put Liverpool ahead in the 103rd minute and then set up

Garcia's 109th minute goal with a sublime cross from the left post.

"For sure scoring two goals have given me a lift, there's been a lot of speculation in the last few weeks."

"It's been a little difficult but you have to be strong and resilient.

"My future is with Liverpool, I'm happy there. I want to stay. I don't know why I should move. "We've never spoken about

leaving with the coach. I've signed

His manager Rafael Benitez.

for five years with Liverpool, I've still got four years to go. "I'm still at Liverpool, and I hope to be able to stay till the end of my

while refusing point blank to be drawn on the Owen/Cisse affair. explained why he'd only introduced Cisse late in the game "Why did I bring Cisse on so late?

We had control of the match, we were attacking. But at the end it was necessary to change things, and it's then that I brought on Diibril.

"Djibril scored an important goal, he must be happy.' Champions League winners

Liverpool only really got going when Cisse came on with 11 minutes of normal time remaining and three minutes later he'd grabbed an unorthodox equaliser when a

deflected clearance fired against his

chest and all he had to do was walk

his effort bobble past the upright.

Liverpool were missing their injured

missed the match through injury.

watch from the stands.

they failed to convert.

captain Steven Gerrard, who had to

Keeper Jersey Dudek also

Liverpool's weakened side didn't

Spanish international Garcia had

stop them from making chances, but

the best early chance in the 25th

off side trap with only Russian

goalkeeper, Igor Akinfeev to beat,

he chipped the keeper only to watch

minute when the midfielder beat the

the ball over the line Then in the 103rd minute the Reds went in front when Cisse latched onto Dietmar Hamann's long ball to fire past Akinfeev, and victory was completed when he whipped over a cross for Garcia to

SOCCER CAPSULES

AP. Stockholm

Former Sweden goalkeeper Magnus Hedman announced his retirement from soccer Friday.

The 32-year-old, who dropped to third-choice 'keeper at Celtic last season, played 58 games for Sweden. In 2000, he was named Sweden's player of the year.

He was Sweden's first-choice 'keeper at the 2000 European Championship and 2002 World Cup, where Sweden won a firstround group containing England, Argentina and Nigeria before losing in the round of 16.

A substitute when Sweden finished third at the 1994 World Cup, Hedman had a five-year stint at England's Coventry City. He also played for Ancona in Italy

LIVERPOOL ADMIT OWEN INTEREST

AP, Liverpool

Michael Owen could be going back to Liverpool after all.

Although rival Newcastle negotiated a transfer fee with Real Madrid for the England striker, Liverpool chief executive Rick Parry said Friday that his club might make a move before next Wednesday's transfer deadline

Owen has said he would prefer to move to Anfield.

Liverpool manager Rafa Benitez has made little comment on speculation and consistently told reporters he prefers to hire a right winger and a central defender.

That prompted speculation that

he and Parry had disagreed over

whether to bring Owen back to the

club where he spent the first eight years of his career before moving to Madrid a year ago. "There has never been a split between us and Rafa over Michael

Owen or any other player," Parry "It's not a no or a yes. There has been plenty of speculation and we will see next week. It's always

encouraging when a player says he

VIETNAM REF

AP, Hanoi

Vietnamese police have arrested a soccer referee and launched a probe against his three assistants for allegedly receiving bribes to fix the result of a soccer match in the country's first division, officials and state-controlled media reported Friday.

Luong Trung Viet was taken into police custody Thursday in the southern Mekong Delta province of Tra Vinh, some 150 kilometres southwest of Ho Chi Minh City, said Trinh Van Phan, director of Tra Vinh's Sports Department.

The initial investigation alleges that Viet and his three assistants received 20 million Vietnamese dong (2,940 dollars) from the Ho Chi Minh Citybased East Asia-Povina Steel team to infuence an April match against Huda Hue in its favour, the state-run Youth newspaper said. East Asia-Povina Steel won the match 2-1.

This is the first time in Vietnamese soccer history that a referee has been

Maradona has no conflict of interest

Football

REUTERS/AP. Buenos Aires

Former Argentina captain Diego Maradona's television commitments are not interfering with his role as director of football at Boca Juniors, club president Mauricio Macri said on Friday.

more than anything because we have agreed that Diego will take it easily at first," said Macri in a radio interview.

"I think he can do both jobs,

"He will take on more responsibilities in the near future but not immediately.

"In the medium term, he will dedicate himself more to football and leave the communication (television) role to one side."

Maradona presents a two-hour

of the 10' every Monday. The 44-year-old Maradona has made a good recovery after undergoing drug rehabilitation

last year and a gastric bypass

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television show called 'The Night

wants to come to Liverpool.'

POLICE ARREST

The most popular club in Argentina, Boca has always been close to Maradona's heart. He supported them as a boy and had

two stints there as a player. Meanwhile, a red 1996 Ferrari Spider once owned by Maradona has been auctioned on the Internet for 670,000 dollars.

A website manager for MercadoLibre.com said Thursday that the winning bidder, an Argentine whose wasn't identified, beat more than 150 other serious contenders in frenzied,

fast-paced bidding. Juan Martin De la Serna said auctioning drew more than

100,000 visitors. De la Serna said the current owner, who acquired the car in 2000, wasn't being publicly identified. Maradona, who reportedly owned the car from 1996 until 2000, used to be seen driving it to the training field of his beloved

Boca Juniors squad.

25 Fairy-tale

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BCCI receives telecast bids

CRICINFO, undated

The four sports channels -- ESPN-Star, Zee, Sony and Prasar Bharti -have submitted their bids to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for four-year telecast rights of international matches in India.

nel, has withdrawn from the telecast race. The board has fixed the floor price at 2.14 million dollars for each day of cricket. The bids will be submitted to the marketing committee of the board,

According to the Times of India,

Ten Sports, the Dubai-based chan-

who will examine them in a twostage process. "The marketing committee will study the technical tender and only the bids of those who qualify will be opened," Ratnakar Shetty, the

executive secretary of the BCCI, said to NDTV. The telecast rights were fought over in court last year when Zee, who had initially won them, filed a case against the board's decision to cancel the tender process in the Supreme Court. The appeal was

however, dismissed by the court

after a protracted court battle.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Z PMLLV Saturday's Cryptoquip: TWO COUGARS, PLANNING TO GO OUT IN SEARCH OF FOOD, WERE HEARD SAYING, "LET US PREY."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals M The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for

ingredient 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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Australia **FROM PAGE 12**

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Flintoff hails

FROM PAGE 12

FROM PAGE 12 wicketkeeper, who is set to join fellow left-hander Simon Katich (20 not out) at the crease

"It's a challenge for us to be in hanging on in there.' And with Australia needing only

Gilchrist was adamant the team

The 21-year-old Olympic cham-

While he succeeded two other world champions failed in their bids pion -- who had to give second best for world records as Russian pole to teammate Tirunesh Dibaba at the vaulter extraordinare Yelena Isanbeyeva failed three times at 5.02 metres and Qatar's two-time

Bekele rewrites

10,000 history

the triple jump and now she must win in Berlin on Sunday week and turn up at the Grand Prix finals later in September to collect. Bekele, though, was the star of

more memorable as his 18-year-old

brother Tariku paced a lot of the race

triot Tatyana Lebedeva moved

inexorably towards the 1million

dollars Golden League bonus as the

29-year-old sauntered to victory in

Athletics

"I was so happy that at the end we didn't find the right words but we didn't need them," said Tariku, who failed to medal in the 5000m final at the World Championships.

Maurice Greene cast a sad sight as the 31-year-old's miserable tour of The former world record holder and 2000 Olympic champion had promised he would finish under 10 -he did though not quite as he intended as the 'Kansas Comet'

10.56sec -- time perhaps for the

Another African to have opted to take money by transferring allegiance to a Gulf state Rashid Ramzi was brought crashing back to earth as Bahrain's Moroccan-born recently-crowned 1500m and 800m

the right areas also giving credit to the Indian seamers who had made life difficult for the New Zealand batsmen in the morning. Rival captain Stephen Fleming was all praise for his speed merchant Bond who, he said, gave his team the belief after a none-too-

"We were pretty much down and

out at lunch but Shane gave us the

lift and life to come back strongly.

He admitted that New Zealand "sat

Work to be done

for the bowlers if they pitched it in

back too much" to allow Pathan and Yadav to put on a good partnership.

impressive batting display.

this situation and we haven't come out of it very well so far but we're

to win once in two games, with the

could dig themselves out of trouble. "We believe we can get it right at some stage between now and the end of the series and do enough.

beaten by Kenya's young hope Daniel Kipchirchir Komen. The 20-year-old Kenyan, who failed to progress from the heats in Helsinki, was metres clear of the

Bahraini, whose pretensions to

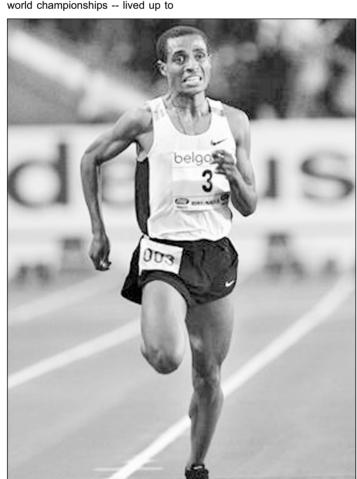
replace former compatriot Hicham El Guerrouj as the king of the distance were brutally exposed. Neseret Defar had set the stage for her compatriot Bekele earlier in the evening as she recorded the best time this year in the 5,000m

and set a new African record with a time of 14min 28.98sec.

her name which means 'bold' in Amharic as her front running style saw her come home well clear of fellow Ethiopian Berhane Adere and Dibaba's elder sister and dual world bronze medallist Ejegayebu. America's up and coming

women's 400m hurdler Lashinda

Demus at last put one over her arch rival and world champion Yuliya Pechonkina as the 22-year-old American - who took silver in Helsinki -- came with a late run to overhaul 36-year-old compatriot Sandra Glover while the powerful Russian was third.



Brussels Golden League meet on Friday. Davenport back on top

Kenenisa Bekele of Ethiopia on way to winning the 10,000m gold at the

Lindsay Davenport reclaimed the women's world number one ranking after her straight set victory here on Friday at the 600,00-dollar WTA hardcourt tournament. The 29-year-old American beat

Russian Anna Chakvetadze 6-3, 6-3

to move into the final of the US Open

Tennis

tune-up event.

With her victory, Davenport captured her number one crown back from Russian Maria Sharapova who had dethroned her earlier this week for the first time. Sharapova will be the top seed at

next week's US Open regardless of

her world ranking. In the other semifinal on Friday, Amelie Mauresmo narrowly escaped defeat. Down a set and a break, the

second-seeded Frenchwoman

regrouped to outlast Spains Anabel

Medina Garrigues 4-6, 7-6 (7/5), 6-2

in two hours and 52 minutes. Giant killer Medina Garrigues missed her chance to nail another big seed after beating fourthseeded Russian Elena Dementieva in the quarter-finals.

Mauresmo, 26, slumped from the outset and played well below her best. The Spaniard, ranked 33rd, made third-ranked Mauresmo twist and turn before closing out the set

