

**Five all out!**

AFP, London

An English village cricket team narrowly missed out on one of the worst scores ever recorded after they were bowled out for five, with all the runs coming from extras, news papers reported Wednesday.

Not one single batsman from Goldsborough Second eleven managed to muster a run to their name in the match against league leaders Dishforth, who sent their opponents back to the pavilion in 12 overs.

The visiting side's only runs came from four byes and a leg bye in what is thought to be the lowest score in the 112-year history of the Nidderdale and District Amateur Cricket League in North Yorkshire.

But Dishforth made hard work of the reply, losing two wickets themselves in the meagre run-chase.

The Daily Telegraph said Goldsborough's effort was not as bad as English Midlands side Shepstone's ELEVEN who were all out for four extras in 1931.

**India ready**

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India won 18 out of 24 one-dayers against Sri Lanka, South Africa, Pakistan and England before West Indies beat them in May.

Sri Lanka defeated India in their previous two meetings in a final at home -- by 18 runs in a tri-series last year and by 25 runs in the 2004 Asia Cup -- and are currently on a high after beating England away 5-0.

"They apply pressure on the batsmen by using their spinners very well in the middle overs and their fielding is top class," Harbhajan said.

"We always got good starts out there, but didn't continue that well in the middle overs and that's where we lost the games."

Harbhajan blamed the West Indies one-day series defeat on poor Indian batting.

He said: "They (West Indies) were not scoring more than 240-250, which are scores we should be successfully chasing any day with the kind of batting we have."

India managed to wipe the memory of the poor one-day show by winning their first Test series in the Caribbean in 35 years. Victory in the final Test handed the Indians a 1-0 win.

**Vaas missing**

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with him going into a Test match," said captain Mahela Jayawardena. "It is a huge blow with the experience that he possesses but we want to give him time to recover."

Sri Lanka have drafted in reserve wicketkeeper Prasanna Jayawardena to bat at number seven and allow Kumar Sangakkara to concentrate on his batting.

"With so much cricket being played, Kumar was finding it a bit hard to bat and keep wickets," the captain said. "He can now concentrate on his batting and leave Prasanna to do the keeping."

Jayawardena hinted that Sanath Jayasuriya, Sri Lanka's most successful Test batsman with 6,621 runs in 103 matches, may once again open the innings, displacing young Michael Vandort who opened in England.

"We have not finalised anything yet but Sanath is a genuine opener and has been successful," said Jayawardena.

"You have got to take tough decisions. Michael has done well, but you can't ignore Sanath for his experience and form."

South Africa's stand-in captain Ashwell Prince, 29, said the tourists were geared for the battle ahead.

"We will obviously miss our three big players but it's an opportunity for others to show their worth," said the left-handed batsman who has played in 21 Tests.

"We have had a good outing in the three-day game with most of our batsmen getting runs and the bowlers also had a good work out."

**Dunga demands**

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unsuccessful stint in the job in 1998-2000 and an unhappy 11 months with Real Madrid in 2005, has not commented on the appointment.

Autuori, currently in charge of Japan's Kashima Antlers, said: "He's an excellent person...He's a a victorious player, a team player and he's always risen to the challenges in his career."

Other coaches were divided, with younger ones welcoming the appointment and older ones expressing doubts.

"He doesn't need to have 30 or 40 years experience to say he's the best," said Zetti. "He has to know football."

Nelsinho Baptista, a stalwart of the Brazilian coaching scene, said: "I believe it's an experiment. One thing is to be a player and give orders on the field, (coaching) is a radical change."

Former Brazil coach and goal-keeper Emerson Leao was even less impressed.

"Is that true? I prefer to be silent," he said.



England batsman Kevin Pietersen plays rugby during a training session at Old Trafford in Manchester on Wednesday on the eve of their second Test against Pakistan.

**Spain's great escape****Dutch demolition of Pakistan****Hockey**

AFP, Terrassa

Netherlands thrashed Pakistan 9-2 and Spain overcame a 3-0 first-half deficit to defeat Australia 5-3 at the Champions Trophy men's field hockey tournament here Tuesday.

Australia stretched Spain's defence wide in the first half and was rewarded with three goals by Grant Eglington, Michael McCann and Grant Schubert as Australia looked to be cruising to a win.

But Santiago Freixa hit back with a penalty corner conversion before the break to keep Spain in the match before second-half strikes from Freixa (2), Eddie Tubau and Pol Amat completed a remarkable comeback.

Spain coach Maurits Hendriks said he had appealed to the pride of his players at the break.

"I played on their emotions at half time -- obviously it was not about tactics," Hendriks said.

"We went out in the second half to get our own confidence and respect back which was an important

motivation for the team," Hendriks added.

Australia assistant coach Colin Batch said his side had struggled to contain the Spaniard's forward play in the second half.

Matthias Brouwer scored 35 seconds into the match, followed by Floris Evers, Robert Reckers then Ronald Brouwer who carved their way into Pakistan's circle to score with easy shots on goal in the first half.

Asif Bajwa replaced goalkeeper Salman Akbar with Nasir Ahmed after the fourth goal, 30 minutes into the first half only to see Netherlands score five more times in the second half.

Teun de Nooijer scored early in the second half and a minute later Shakeel Abassi made a deflection goal from a free hit outside the circle for Netherlands to lead 5-1.

Adnan Zakir rebounding in a penalty corner before Netherlands came back with three more easy goals to Ronald Brouwer and a penalty corner conversion to Taekem to make the record 9-2 scoreline.

**Strauss for resilience****Cricket**

REUTERS, Manchester

Captain Andrew Strauss called on England to show they have rediscovered their self-belief and hunger for victory on the eve of the second Test against Pakistan.

"We have had a lot of problems off the pitch, with injuries and stuff like that, it has been harder to go out and believe we are going to win every Test match," Strauss said. He told a news conference at Old Trafford on Wednesday.

"Now I think we have come to terms with those injuries a little bit, we are moving forward. The guys who have come in have spent a little bit longer in the team as well so there is no reason why they don't feel they can't make a match-winning contribution."

"We need to make sure we do things very well for the rest of the summer. If we show that hunger and self-belief, that is going to serve us very well in this series and in the winter as well."

England, deprived through injury of Michael Vaughan, Andrew Flintoff, Simon Jones and Ashley Giles since beating Australia last year, drew the first Test against an equally injury-hit Pakistan side at Lord's.

Strauss, leading the team for

the second time, had been expecting to hand the reins back to Flintoff in Manchester only for the all rounder to break down again with ankle problems. Flintoff now faces more surgery and a race against time to be fit for the Ashes in Australia.

"All the indications were that Freddie would be fit. It was a bitter pill to swallow when we heard," added Strauss. "It's a real shame that we are going to be without him for the rest of the series. The side showed we could play without him at Lord's and we now need to show it for the next three games."

"Sometimes you need someone as important as him not to play to realise you don't have to rely on him time and time again."

Strauss rejected suggestions by former Australia captain Steve Waugh that England had become too casual, arguing that the team were preparing in exactly the same way they had done previously.

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**Perry floors Hantuchova**

AP, Stanford

Shenay Perry continued her breakout season with a 6-2, 0-6, 6-3 victory over fifth-seeded Daniela Hantuchova in the first round of the Bank of West Classic on Tuesday night.

"I want to do well, of course, but I try not to put too many expectations on myself," Perry said. "I felt great, but I didn't feel that much pressure out there."

Perry, who turned pro in 2000, was the last American to be eliminated at Wimbledon last month, reaching the fourth round. That led to a career-high ranking of No. 49. She had never been ranked higher than 64th.

Perry had to play in the qualifying tournament to reach the main draw here, which she saw as a positive.

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**No reprieve for Dalmiya**

PTI, Kolkata

Beleaguered Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) president Jagmohan Dalmiya Wednesday failed to get a reprieve from a city court, which refused to restrain the BCCI Disciplinary Committee from summoning him in connection with the PILCOM accounts issue.

Chief Judge of the City Civil Court PK Sarkar refused to stay the summons issued to Dalmiya by the BCCI Disciplinary Committee to appear before it following his alleged failure to reply to a showcause notice.

The cricket board has, however, deferred the Disciplinary Committee's proceedings against Dalmiya after the former BCCI chief filed the suit challenging the summons.

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reluctance to join the team was more to do with a financial disagreement with the board.

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**Tigers off**

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"Mashud is now fully fit. He had a minor chest infection and was running high temperatures after a long journey but he is now okay. The conditions of the other players are also good and they are enjoying the pleasantly cool weather," Hirai informed.

After two days break, Bangladesh will play their first one-day international of the five-match series on July 29 at the Harare Sports Club ground.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**

ZIM BOARD XI: 198 for 8 in 50 overs (Tinashe Hove 50, Gregory Strydom 57, Chaulukya 27, Mashrafe 5-29, Afتاب, Rafique and Shahadat 1wkt each).

Bangladesh: 199 for 5 in 45.4 overs (Afتاب 60, Shahriar Nafees 12, Javed 45, Bashir 38, Mushfiqur 15 notout).

"It was a tactical match," Goldstein said. "I am not the kind of guy who is going to serve (Hewitt) off the court. It was a little bit of cat and mouse out there."

Goldstein posted the biggest upset of the tournament so far as Hewitt lost just the second time in his last 11 matches and slipped to 26-10 on the year.

"It is disappointing," said Hewitt, who arrived from Australia the day before his match. "He (Goldstein) played well on the bigger points."

"When I had an opportunity late in the second set to break him I didn't do it."

The 29-year-old Goldstein won his first match against Hewitt in five career meetings.

Goldstein came out with more spark, breaking Hewitt's serve in the opening game of the match. It was the first of five service breaks for Goldstein who also fired eight aces.

**Teams beset**

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"It was a little bit tender to start with. But touch wood he'll be available to play and he'll be 100 per cent. He's a tough man from the north, a Pathan."

But he was more cautious about Akhtar's prospects for the series.

"Shoaib is reacting well to the first few days back bowling," Woolmer said. He wants to play in this Test. But we know better, so we won't rush him."

**TEAMS**

ENGLAND (from): Marcus Trescothick, Andrew Strauss (captain), Alastair Cook, Kevin Pietersen, Paul Collingwood, Ian Bell, Geraint Jones, Matthew Hoggard, Stephen Harrison, Sajid Mahmood, Monty Panesar, Jon Lewis, Jamie Dalrymple.

PAKISTAN (from): Shoaib Malik, Imran Farhat, Younis Khan, Inzamamul Haq (captain), Mohammad Yousuf, Shahid Afridi, Abdul Razzaq, Kamran Akmal, Mohammad Sami, Danish Kaneria, Umar Gul, Samiullah Niazi, Shahid Nazir, Salman Butt, Faisal Iqbal, Taufeeq Umar.

**BFF at it again?**

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recommendation was opposed in the October 18 meeting of the executive committee, which gave birth to uncalled for events," the statement had explained.

"Now we are announcing that the NTMC will enjoy complete freedom and all of their recommendations about team officials will be respected," it added.

Helal had also told reporters that the future recommendations of the NTMC will be treated as 'decisions'.

President SA Sultan then said: "The NTMC has convinced us that the manager post should go only to a renowned ex-player. We have honoured it because we have realised that they were correct. The whole incident was a good lesson for us and we want to stay in the right way in the future."

The president's statement does

not reflect the appointment of Babu, who was never a player.

It was surprising to see that Babu, who was at the centre of all controversy during last year's incidents, has also won NTMC's confidence.

Salahuddin, who is now abroad, had decided to return to his posts after he was convinced that the BFF had given them absolute freedom and on request from the president.

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