

## Army training for Pakistan

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Military personnel at the 'conditioning' camp being held in the northern city of Abbottabad are training Pakistani cricketers. The camp, first of the set of three to be held this summer, is being held at a military base aimed at helping Pakistan's injury-prone cricketers to get in shape for a demanding international season.

Talat Ali, Pakistan team manager who is also supervising the two-week camp, said that all the players are 'enjoying this new regimental routine'. 'The cricketers are really happy with the sort of physical training they are receiving from a team of Army trainers,' he told The News. 'The boys have told me that such training drills are new for them and they've really welcomed it.'

Few of the strict rules and regulations attendees must adhere to while at this camp have been relaxed due to the presence of national stars but others, like showing up formally dressed for lunch and dinner, have been enforced.

## Wright wants

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years, despite continued speculation over his future, Wright said he believed Bracewell had done a good job with the team.

'We had a chat before they went to the World Cup and we had a good discussion about things,' he said. 'John and I played a lot of cricket together, we've sort of been around together. The bottom line is ... I expect he will be continuing. It's the same anywhere. I mean, in India, if you don't win, as coach, you don't keep your job basically, it's as simple as that. And New Zealanders are pretty tough on the coaching front too.'

Wright said critics of Bracewell should remember that the second-tier players often determined a team's success and New Zealand's small population made that depth elusive. He said New Zealand's World Cup efforts -- they again failed at the semi-final stage -- were generally impressive, with the exception of their games against Australia and Sri Lanka.

'There's not many people in New Zealand and we're up against continually a bigger talent pool and things like that,' he said. 'We've just got to get our heads around winning.'

## Vaughan proud of 'character'

Cricket

AFP, Manchester

England captain Michael Vaughan praised his side's character after their 60 run victory in the second Test against West Indies at Old Trafford here on Monday, saying they would learn more from a close win than their thrashing of the tourists at Headingly.

This win gave England an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the four-match series, ahead of the final Test at the Riverside on Friday.

It also saw Vaughan become England's most successful Test captain with 21 wins in 35 matches, compared to Peter May's 20 in 41 back in the 1950s and 1960s.

However, after England's innings and 283 run win at Headingly, West Indies' heaviest Test defeat, this latest win was no walkover.

West Indies, set what would have been a Test fourth innings record of 455 to win, were bowled out for 394 shortly after lunch on the final day after Shivnarine Chanderpaul made a defiant 116 not out.

Left-arm spinner Monty Panesar, who finished the match by dismissing last man Corey Collymore, had a match haul of 10 for 187 -- his first 10 wicket Test return in what was his 16th match at this level and the first

time this had been done by an England slow bowler since Phil Tufnell achieved the feat against Australia in 1997.

'I'm really proud of the team,' said Vaughan. 'We've been asked a lot of questions, been asked to show character both as a team and individuals. These victories are more special because you know you've had to work very hard.'

'The Headingly victories are nice but this one is a special one because we've known we've had to work hard for it.'

Vaughan's preparations for this match were overshadowed by an interview he gave to the Guardian where he said Andrew Flintoff's now infamous pedestal escapade at the World Cup had damaged the side's morale.

Vaughan denied using the word 'Fredal' during the interview but the Guardian subsequently published an audiotape where Vaughan used it twice.

'I openly admit I was embarrassed by what I did. I'm sorry for that.'

Reflecting on the match, Vaughan said it would be a shot in the arm for a West Indies side that has now won just one of its last 28 Tests.

'West Indies will have gained a lot of confidence from that game. They have proved they can be a decent side when they become a disciplined

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