

Umps & refs for Scotland ties announced

PTI, Dubai

Umpires Mark Benson, Billy Bowden and Aleem Dar will stand in the upcoming cricket matches in Ireland which will also see India and South Africa in action.

Australian Alan Hurst has been appointed match referee for the matches to be played between June 23 and July 1.

India's match against Ireland at Stormont will have Englishman Mark Benson and New Zealander Billy Bowden as on-field umpires with Pakistan's Aleem Dar as the third umpire.

Benson and Dar will stand in the India-South Africa matches on June 26 and July 1, while Bowden will stand with Benson when Rahul Dravid's team clashes with the Proteas on June 29.

The India-Pakistan one-dayer, scheduled for July 3 in Glasgow, will be officiated by Benson and South African Ian Gould. Sri Lankan Roshan Mahanama will be the match referee.

Meanwhile, India's Suresh Shastri will stand in the first and third Tests between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh to be held in Colombo and Kandy respectively. The series will have Jeff Crowe of New Zealand as match referee.

Fabricio Fuentes header after 50 minutes provided Villarreal with their eighth consecutive win and a place in the UEFA Cup next season.

Real Zaragoza finished sixth and secured the other slot in the UEFA Cup.

Capello hits

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Whether Calderon heard their pleas or not, only time will tell.

If Capello does leave in the summer, he will not be the first Real coach to be shown the door after a stunning success.

German coach Jupp Heynckes was sacked just days after Real won the Champions League in 1998.

Vicente Del Bosque, who has also been mooted as a possible successor to Capello, did not have his contract renewed in the summer of 2003 despite leading Real to two Champions Leagues and two La Liga titles in his four years in charge.

Vintage Alfaz

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Rony, Sony, Felix, Mahiuddin, Jahangir, Emrul (Manum), Adeyinai, Apu (Emon), Ikgoho and Francis.

Referee: Abdul Hannan.

TOP SCORERS

12 goals: Paul (Mohammedan), Junior (Brothers)

6 goals: Alfaz (Muktijodha), Nicodemus (Arambagh), Robin (Farashgan)

5 goals: Moni (Muktijodha), Younes (Russel)

4 goals: Prashanta (Khulna Abahani), Iqbal (Russel), Khokon, Abraham (Ctg Abahani)

3 goals: Mamun (Khulna Abahani), Ibrahim (Abahani), Eme ka (Mohammedan), Brahim (Muktijodha), Apu (Rahmatgan)

2 goals: Yusuf, Asif (Ctg Mohammedan), Enock, Faisal (Brothers), Emily, Abul (Abahani), Munna (Muktijodha), Ali Hossain (Farashgan), Mohammed Rony (Mohammedan), Tajul, Pukul (Khulna Abahani), Biket, Iddi (Arambagh), Francis (Rahmatgan)



Andy Roddick of the United States holds the winner's trophy after beating Frenchman Nicolas Mahut at the Queen's final in west London on Sunday.

Roddick touches record

Tennis

AFP, London

Andy Roddick won a record equaling Queen's title with a hard-fought three-set victory over unseeded Nicolas Mahut on Sunday.

Roddick, the second seed, will never have worked harder to win any of his titles at the Wimbledon warm-up event as France's Mahut pushed him all the way before the American finally won 4-6, 7-6, 7-6.

The world number five, who had won the title three times between 2003 and 2005, has tied the record for most singles crowns jointly held by Lleyton Hewitt, Boris Becker and John McEnroe.

Roddick, who has lost only twice in 25 matches at Queen's, collected a cheque for 80,500 euros but more importantly claimed his first tour title of the season.

He is moving into ominous form just in time for Wimbledon, where he has twice lost to Roger Federer in the final, and will believe he can go one better in the All-England club this year.

Roddick was delighted to have passed his coach Jimmy Connors' total of three Queen's titles and jokingly taunted the legendary American, who was courtside in west London.

"I had to win this one because for the only time in all the places we go, I've won a tournament more times than him," Roddick said. "That doesn't happen very often."

"This was by far the toughest match I've ever played here and I feel

pretty lucky to be standing in the winners circle. Hopefully I can carry that over to Wimbledon."

Mahut, ranked 106th in the world, covered his head in a towel at the end of the match to hide a few tears of disappointment, but as he prepares to qualify for Wimbledon next week he can look back at a tournament to remember.

He had beaten four seeds, French Open champion Rafael Nadal, Ivan Ljubicic, Jonas Bjorkman and Arnaud Clement, en route to the final.

Mahut said: "I will remember this forever. It was like a dream. I just needed one for a point."

"I did my best but Andy was just too good. He is a great player and a great champion."

A powerful overhead smash on the first point showed Mahut wasn't going to be overawed by the occasion.

Roddick had admitted on Saturday that he feared Mahut's go-for-broke approach would make him a tough proposition and he was proved exactly right. Mahut, who gave a glimpse of his grass court potential when he won Junior Wimbledon in 2000, has a big enough serve but concentrates more on placement and then coming in to volley than blowing opponents off court.

Roddick managed to earn just one break point in the first set, at 4-4, when Mahut showed a rare moment of hesitancy at the net and put a volley long.

The danger was quickly snuffed out by a more accurate Mahut volley and, with Roddick visibly becoming frustrated by his failure to break, the

Frenchman made him pay in the next game.

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He gratefully seized it to clinch the set thanks to another unforced error from Roddick, this time an overhit backhand, and pumped his fists in triumph.

Both players were serving well enough that the second set was a no-thrills affair with no break points. It went to a breaker and Mahut moved to match-point on Roddick's serve, but netted with his opponent out of position. Roddick pounced immediately. He won a set point and Mahut cracked, putting a volley into the net to give the American the set.

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It was Roddick who got the decisive break when his forehand hit the net and bounced in over Mahut's racket. That was all the encouragement Roddick needed and he clinically closed out the match.

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20.30 in the Caribbean, has been troubled by his bowling arm accentuated by his slingshot delivery.

"Shaun is undergoing arthroscopic surgery on his right elbow on Tuesday to relieve soft-tissue impingement," Australian team physiotherapist Alex Kountouris said in a statement Monday.

"We are hoping he will be back bowling by mid-August. This would leave him with a 50-50 chance of playing in the ICC Twenty20 World Cup in South Africa."

Tait seized his opportunity to carve out a regular place in the Australian side at the World Cup following a pre-tournament injury to Brett Lee.

Captain Ricky Ponting gave the 24-year-old South Australian licence to rough up opposing teams' top orders with the new ball at the World Cup.

It was a tactic which paid off handsomely with Australia claiming a third successive World Cup title in the final against Sri Lanka.

Another feather in Rajib's cap

SPORTS REPORTER

Enamul Hossain Rajib had the last laugh when the International Master lifted the title of the Destiny International Rating chess tournament on the final day at the Bangladesh Chess Federation hall.

In yesterday's ninth and final round of the premier group competition, an unbeaten Rajib defeated Debaraj Chatterjee to take his tally to seven points.

Rajib's previous round co-leader Sheikh Nasir gave up when he crashed to Abu Sufian Shakil and finished fourth with six points. Shakil



ENAMUL HOSSAIN RAJIB

also had six points but settled for fifth place.

IM Abdullah Al Rakib got the runner-up trophy despite ending level with Grand Master Ziaur Rahman on 6.5 points.

In the primary group, Kazi Taherul Islam emerged unbeaten champion with eight points while Anisuzzaman Jewel runner-up with 7.5 points.

Lawson feels honoured

Cricket

APP, Bhuban

Former Australian fast bowler Geoff Lawson said Monday he was honoured to be a candidate to coach Pakistan, saying it was one of the top jobs in world cricket.

Lawson, 49, is one of three Australians shortlisted to replace Bob Woolmer -- who died at the World Cup in Jamaica in March -- along with former Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore and Richard Done.

"I am honoured and feel great pride to be among the running candidates. Pakistan have a bright future and that's what took me here," Lawson told reporters in the Himalayan resort of Bhuban.

"It is one of the most important jobs in world cricket. I am actually in the running and it is great to be back in Pakistan after 25 years," said Lawson, part of the

Australian team who lost 3-0 in a Test series here in 1982.



GEOFF LAWSON

Lawson, who took 180 wickets in 46 Tests between 1980 to 1987, arrived here early Monday and was interviewed by a three-

member Pakistan Cricket Board panel in the afternoon.

He admitted he was initially reluctant to come but changed his mind after last week's announcement by Jamaican police that Woolmer died of natural causes and was not murdered, as initially announced.

"It is fair to say that I changed my mind after it was announced Woolmer died of natural causes. I mean, there could not have been any other reason and had it been I would not have been here," said Lawson.

Lawson expressed admiration for former England Test batsman Woolmer, whose wicket he took as part of a haul of 7-81 in 1981 at Lord's.

"I played against him and found him a great player," he said.

"We crossed paths nine months ago and apart from his coaching abilities, which were superior, he was a good human being and the world cricket will miss him."

The Australian said it was "disappointing" to see Pakistan dumped out of the World Cup by outsiders Ireland in March. Woolmer was found dead in his room the following day.

"They are impressive when they play well and are frustrating when they play bad but they still are a good group of men who can be motivated," Lawson said of the Pakistan team, whom he will meet on Tuesday.

"I have been a great admirer of Pakistan players, having watched their matches in early mornings in Australia and met some players" while working with the media, he said.

Pakistan are currently training in the northwestern city of Abbottabad for next month's tour of Scotland, where they will play one limited overs international each against the hosts and India.

Pakistan advertised the coaching post after Woolmer's death and shortlisted candidates on Saturday. Whatmore is due to be interviewed on Wednesday while Done met Pakistani officials on Sunday.

Another Australian, Steve Rixon, turned down an offer to come to Pakistan for an interview, saying he had already taken up coaching assignments before the PCB contacted him.

Lawson said it was "flattering" that Australians were in demand as coaches at international level, adding that "Australia have a strong system backed by the winning ways of the national team."

Except for England and South Africa, all 10 Test playing countries have had Australian coaches in the past decade.

Sri Lanka have recently appointed Trevor Bayliss as a replacement for Tom Moody, also an Australian, who left the job after the World Cup. India have yet to find a replacement for their Australian coach, Greg Chappell.

South African Graham Ford and England's John Emburey refused India's offers earlier this month, forcing India to delay the decision.

Maria's eyes on Wimbledon

Tennis

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