

## 'Edwards swore too loudly'

CRICINFO, undated

Fidel Edwards has been fined 15 per cent of his match fee for swearing loudly enough that he could be heard by spectators at the Chester-le-Street Test, and by television viewers. Edwards was found guilty of breaching the ICC Code of Conduct but his level-one offence was not deemed serious enough for the maximum fine of 50% of his match fee.

Match referee Alan Hurst said there was some leeway for players to vent their anger but Edwards had acted inappropriately. "When bowling, and in frustration, Fidel swore loudly enough to be heard by spectators at the ground and television audiences," Hurst said.

"We are not saying that players cannot show frustration or demonstrate passion but Fidel's means of doing that was totally unacceptable and does not set an appropriate example. The player regrets his actions and I trust this penalty will serve to ensure it does not occur again."

The umpires reported Edwards during the fourth Test between England and West Indies. He was found guilty of breaching clause 1.4 of the Code of Conduct, which relates to "using language that is obscene, offensive or insulting".

## Brothers stay

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who has scored two hattricks in the league so far, met a defence splitting through pass by veteran Masud Rana inside the box and put an angular shot past substitute keeper Sainik to seal the victory.

**TEAMS**  
**BROTHERS:** Ali, Rony, Shuvra, Jewel, Masud Rana, Monwar, Liton (Tapu), Inani, Mamun (Manju), Faisal (Shakil) and Junior.  
**ARAMBAGH:** Mitul (Sainik), Monu, Biketi, Akram, Sharif, Iddi, Juku, Nurul Islam, Ratan, Nadir (Bony) and Ridon.  
**Referee:** Abdul Hannan.

## CA for dynamic

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ernment, Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Dhaka City Mayor, sports persons, leaders of sports federations, distinguished personalities and senior civil and military officials were present at the function.

Dr Fakhruddin called for turning the practice of sports as social movement to build a healthy nation and stressed the need for giving special importance on practice of games at grassroots level across the country -- in clubs, schools and colleges.

He also called upon all to spontaneously participate in such a movement.

## Milan angered

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harassments of which Real Madrid have been involved in for over a year to damage A.C. Milan in relation to the player Kaka.

"The alteration of a photograph of Kaka, which otherwise is a completely neutral one, seems to re-enter in this manoeuvre, directed to create in the readers the erroneous conviction that Kaka expects nothing other than to move to Real Madrid.

"And this does not answer to the truth, as not only the player but A.C. Milan have repeatedly declared in the publication."



PHOTO: AFP  
Indian superstar Sachin Tendulkar bats in the team's first net session at Stormont in Belfast on Thursday. India are in Northern Ireland to play three ODIs against South Africa.

# Harmison sounds warning



AFP, London

England quick Steve Harmison is determined to ensure India get an extended taste of his best bowling before he undergoes surgery for a hernia problem uncovered earlier this week.

Harmison learned he required surgery during England's final Test against the West Indies in Durham, but he intends to delay the operation until after the three-Test series against India and his county Durham's appearance in the Friends Provident Trophy final on August 18.

"I will try to play as long as I possibly can, whether it be to the end of the season, whether it be August 18, or whether it be to the end of the Test series against India," Harmison said.

"I retired from one-day international cricket to play as many Test matches as I possibly can. It's not possible at this moment in time to have the operation and be ready for the first Test against India.

"With a bit of luck, I can get through to the third Test, hopefully

play the final -- which is two or three days later -- and then we'll see where I am.

"If it's giving me some pain, I'll have it then. If it's not giving me pain, I'll go through to the end of the season."

Harmison's aggressive 12-over spell on the final day played a key role in the seven-wicket final Test victory over West Indies at Durham earlier this week which allowed England to complete a 3-0 series win.

England coach Peter Moores is desperate to see more of the same during the three Tests and he voiced optimism that Harmison could safely delay the surgery.

Moores said: "Speaking to the medical guys -- and we have to be guided by them -- they said we'd see how it went on the final day of the Test and if it went well there's a chance it could be manageable and we'll see how we go.

"He bowled well and didn't feel any pain from it really and if that carries on and we'll see where we get to because if he has the operation he's going to make him doubtful for those Test matches against India."

Medical experts give an estimated recovery time of around six

weeks for a hernia operation, which would rule Harmison out of the first two Tests against India and make him a doubt for the final Test at the Oval starting on August 9.

With all-rounder Andrew Flintoff also expected to miss most if not all of that series, Moores would be loathe facing his first major opposition of his rein without two of his leading bowlers.

The coach continued: "I don't think we'd play him if we thought it was a risk. If he's played all the way through the India Test series he's going to have played quite a bit of cricket so we'll know if it's getting worse or not.

"It would be a shame if he has got to have an operation because he has bowled beautifully and he's getting better all the time."

Harmison's recent displays against the West Indies have been in marked contrast to his wayward displays during the ill-fated Ashes tour of Australia around the turn of the year, and Moores praised the bowler for bouncing back.

"I'm just pleased he's bowled so well," he said. "He's come through a real journey in a difficult way by doing it very much in the public eye."

## TT camp from tomorrow

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation will organise a training camp from tomorrow in a bid to develop standard of the young players.

A total of 16 paddlers (16-20 years) have been selected for the residential camp to be conducted by local coach Hafizur Rahman at the Woodenfloor gymnasium. The players are Rimon, Rocky, Shovon, Helal (Biman), Hasib, Nasir, Rana (Ansar), Jobed, Rabbi, Rahat (Gaibandha), Rubel (Narail), Regan (Chitagong), Kamruzzaman (Dinajpur), Shakil (Habiganj), Palash and Shariful (Dhaka).

The National Sports Council has provided half of the total 2-lakh taka budget.

The three-week long camp will be inaugurated by acting sports secretary Dr Golam Mostafa Talukder.

## Pietersen rules

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one batsman in the world in one-day internationals.

Some pundits considered the Hampshire captain as the more progressive choice of captain after Vaughan resigned from the role on Monday.

But the 26-year-old, the choice of both Darren Gough and Geoffrey Boycott, said: "At this stage of my career, I've only played 50-odd one-day internationals and 20 or 30 Tests.

"I would be humbled in future to be given the opportunity to captain my country but not now."

## LOCAL SNPPETS

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and Chittagong University are divided into three groups. The competition will begin with the match between Rifles and Dinajpur this morning.

**NAT'L HOCKEY**  
UNB adds: BKSP won their second consecutive match in the 27th National Hockey Championship when they thrashed Dinajpur 11-1 at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

Syed Al Masum notched four goals including a hatrick, Wajid and Shihab netted twice each while Sujan, Sajjad and Nannu scored one goal apiece for BKSP, who led the first half 5-0. Towfiquddin netted the consolation goal for Dinajpur from a penalty corner.

Rajshahi Division also posted their second successive win beating Chittagong Division 2-1. In other matches, Chittagong handed a 5-1 defeat to Joypurhat and Bangladesh Air Force beat Bangladesh Police 4-2.

# Dav keen on Pak job



AFP, Lahore

Former Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore said Thursday he would be up to the challenge of being Pakistan's next cricket coach and is confident he can guide the team to better results.

The 53-year-old Australian was interviewed by a Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) panel on Thursday as one of three possible replacements for Bob Woolmer, who died at the World Cup in March.

Police initially said Woolmer was murdered but earlier this month announced that he died of natural causes.

The other contenders are Whatmore's countrymen Richard Done and Geoff Lawson, who were interviewed earlier this week.

"Every team poses different challenges and Pakistan would be a challenge, but I am confident given the chance I would do my best," Whatmore told reporters after his two-hour interview.

"This is a great opportunity working with a good board and a team so I am eager on this. Pakistan is a top team and my priority will be to help them improve and produce the best results."

Whatmore will also meet the Pakistan team, who are currently training in Pakistan's Abbotabad for next month's tour of Scotland.

"A good team learns from its mistakes and Pakistan will have to do that after a disappointing World Cup," said Whatmore of Pakistan's first round exit from the event after a loss to minnows Ireland.

The PCB panel is due to submit its report on the next coach to the board in the next few days and a final decision is expected next month.

Whatmore, who played seven Tests for Australia in 1980s, has extensive international coaching experience, having had two spells in charge of Sri Lanka, during which he guided them to victory at the 1996 World Cup.

He also helped Bangladesh improve their standings at international level. Bangladesh qualified for

the second round of the World Cup held in the Caribbean two months ago.

Before leaving Bangladesh, Whatmore expressed an interest in coaching India following the resignation of Greg Chappell, who failed to take the team beyond the first round in the last World Cup.

But Indian cricket chiefs -- who were in turn rejected by South African Graham Ford and Englishman John Emburey, surprisingly snubbed Whatmore. They are still looking for a coach.

Asked who he would choose from if India and Pakistan offered him the job at the same time, Whatmore said: "Since I am here I want this job."

Whoever he is, Pakistan's new coach will seek to carry on the legacy of the popular Woolmer, who was found dead in his hotel room in Jamaica the day after the team crashed out of the World Cup.

Pakistan play one match each against Scotland and India on their weeklong tour.

# Adam eyes T20 glory



CRICINFO, undated

In cricket's worst-kept secret since Michael Vaughan resigned as England one-day captain earlier this week, Adam Holoake has signed up to make his Twenty20 return. It's four years since he captained Surrey to success in the inaugural tournament, but he won't be turning out for them this time: he will be playing for Essex.

"I wanted to play for Surrey," he admits. But despite excelling for them in 2003 and '04, times have moved on. Surrey's focus is understandably on their younger players - Holoake is now 35 -- and so he had to settle on Essex instead. Then again, it was their coach's idea that he should return to the game.

Graham Gooch spotted that he still had the talent earlier this year while they were playing beach cricket in Australia -- where Holoake was born and is now settled, with a slight Aussie twang to boot -- and suggested he make a comeback. Business commitments Down Under prevented Holoake from considering a full-time role but a month out for Twenty20, and a charity event, was plausible.

While Surrey are experts in this short game, Essex have made the finals day only once in four seasons

-- and they snapped him up. It must be hard to parachute straight into the side, almost as an overseas player must feel. When asked if he feels like an Essex player yet, he pauses. "I met the guys for the first time on Monday. I think once I start playing I will be more part of it."

Netting has gone well. "I started off scratchy last week. But I had good net on Monday. It's all coming good at the last minute!" Indeed, he signed just three days before his first match in Essex colours, against Sussex, this Friday.

He's super-fit at least, a self-confessed fanatic, fitter even than in his playing days. "Cricket prevents you from getting fit -- you spend so much time on the pitch." This includes training for his recent boxing match in London with the former All Black Eric Rush. Holoake has boxed since his youth and enjoyed the experience hugely, even though he lost on points.

"It was a tough fight," he says. "It was exactly what I expected. It was hard, a hard game. It didn't hold any surprises. I love fighting. I'm a bit of a sicko!" (laughs) "Anything... as long as it's legal."

Would he do it again? "I'd do anything for charity." Yes, he would. This fight was for a children's charity, Sparks. Earlier this year he did the marathon for the CHASE Ben Holoake Fund, set up in memory of

his brother who died in 2002. Over the last few years he's done treks, bike rides and sailing events for good causes. He even played ice cricket.

Ben's death has inevitably made him a more sober character, and charity commitments are an example, but his sparkling, cheeky spirit remains.

## Atapattu goes scot-free

AFP, Colombo

Former Sri Lanka captain Marvan Atapattu will not be subjected to a disciplinary inquiry despite his self-imposed absence from the home series against Bangladesh, officials said here Thursday.

It was initially expected that Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) would ask the 37-year-old right-hander to show cause for his decision to stay out of the team despite being included in the 15-man squad.

"We will speak to him on his contractual obligations (with Sri Lanka Cricket), but stop short of taking disciplinary action," a senior SLC official told AFP.

Jayantha Dharmadasa, the SLC chief, said they would go easy on Atapattu.

## McInnes wants Tiger job

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coach vacancy, though the Zimbabwean would be a reluctant candidate.

Derbyshire's coach Houghton admitted this week an informal approach had been made, but said he would have to think hard about working abroad after relocating his family, including his parents, in England.

Houghton would be an ideal national coach for Bangladesh, because he is a gifted individual well accustomed to backs-to-the-wall life with Zimbabwe and now Derbyshire. In fact he did a remarkable job coaching my club Radlett in Hertfordshire for two years, especially in 2003 when they won the London 50-overs knockout competition -- the Evening Standard Trophy -- as rank outsiders.

## Capello adamant

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But Capello admitted earlier this week that he has every intention of being in charge of Madrid when the squad starts pre-season training on July 20.

"I have a clear conscience, knowing that I have done my job well," he added.

## Why Spain so

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foreign players enjoy over other countries are the smaller social charges they generally pay to the Spanish treasury.

A player on a net salary of two million euros -- top players such as Beckham and Ronaldo earn around three times as much -- would cost a French club a total package of 5.4 million euros, compared with around four million for an Italian club, 3.8 million for an English club, 3.6 for a German club and only around 2.7 million for a Spanish outfit.

France Football magazine recently reported that Ronaldo and Beckham were this season the two best-paid players in the world.

Spain has in recent years splashed the cash on players and for the just-ended 2006-2007 league season La Liga clubs shelled out more than 300 million euros on signing new players.

## Barca dream

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as Suazo "will probably be the end of our buying."

El Mundo Deportivo meanwhile posed a question mark against bringing Henry to the Nou Camp, revealing that "the bosses don't think a starting line-up including Ronaldinho, Eto'o, Messi and Henry is viable."

Barca coach Frank Rijkaard said after Wednesday's narrow friendly win over Mamelodi Sundowns, when goals from fringe players Marin Ezequero and Marc Crosas staved off embarrassment, that the squad had to pull its socks up, echoing the sentiments of chairman Joan Laporta.

"It is important to act. We really want to get back down to work," said the Dutchman -- with whom Eto'o fell out mid-season -- although first the squad will have a month off before pre-season encounters in Scotland, China and Japan.

At the back, Barca want to shore things up with a new approach for Lyon's French international left back Eric Abidal, whose club want around 20 million euros for any deal.

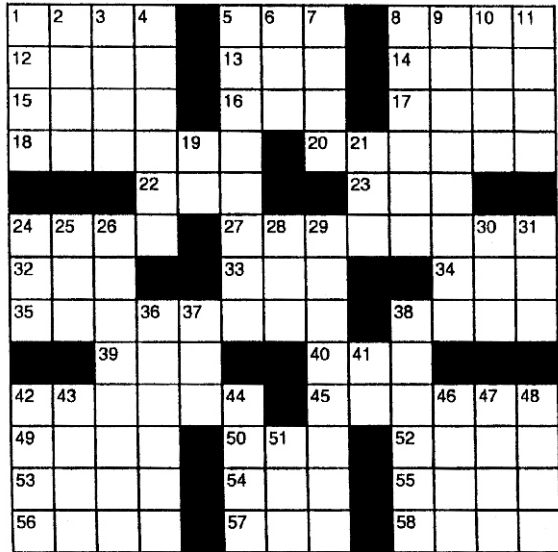
Real, who would appear to have even more rebuilding to do after bidding farewell to David Beckham and Roberto Carlos, still dream, meanwhile, of breaking the bank to prise Kaka from AC Milan.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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## CRYPTOQUIP

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** DURING THEIR COSMIC OUTINGS, THE THIRSTY ALIENS LIKED TO MAKE A STOP BY THE SPACE BAR.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals F