

'Applaud Murali'

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Sri Lanka to walk off midway through a one-day match in Adelaide four years later.

Murali refused to tour Australia in 2004 because of his treatment by Australians, including Prime Minister and cricket fan John Howard.

Largely on the back of controversy surrounding Murali, the International Cricket Council set up a detailed study of bowling actions with the latest scientific equipment, and found that just about every bowler threw the ball to some extent.

It was only when a bowler's arm flexed to 15 degrees that it became detectable to the naked eye so the ICC set 15 degrees as the limit for a bowler's elbow movement.

Any bowler now reported by umpires for having a suspect action must be scientifically tested. If found to be outside the 15-degree parameter the bowler is banned and must have remedial work with experts before being allowed to play again.

ESPN warns

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from the England and Wales Cricket Board to telecast the ongoing series in India and Nepal, which is currently being beamed on its new channel 'Star Cricket'.

The broadcaster said the court had also passed an injunction order against unnamed cable operators found to be indulging in piracy of cricket matches involving India and England.

Police authorities have been also been directed to render all assistance to ESPN to enforce the order, it added.

ESPN had contended before the court that many cable operators across the country indulged in rampant cable piracy.

Emeka powers

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Emeka Junior. Then it was Junior himself who headed directly into Mohammedan goalkeeper Himmel's lap after heading in a right-flank cross from midfielder Liton on the 29th minute.

Himmel foiled another attack, saving Junior's close range shot off a Mamun pass in the 41st minute.

Come the second-half, and Brothers continued to attack as Faisal Mahmud's volley went wide.

Mohammedan then almost opened their account but Brothers' custodian Ali rushed in to stop a through-ball from Emily which was intended for Emeka's well-timed run into the danger area.

Yellow cards: Kamal, Divine and Zahid (Mohammedan SC); Rony, Junior (Brothers Union Club).

MOHAMMEDAN: Himmel, Arif, Peter, Biplob, Kamal, Divine, Mithu, (Rony), Sharif, Paul (Farhad), Emeka and Zahid.

BROTHERS UNION: Ali, Rony, Shuvra, Jewel, Mamun, Masud, Liton (Tapu), Faisal, Inani, Junior and Jalal (Rintu).

Referee: Mansur Azad.

Errant Seedorf

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Cup by beating Liverpool 2-1 in Athens, Greece, on May 23.

Seedorf is the only player to have won the Champions League with three different teams: Ajax in 1995, Real Madrid in 1998 and Milan.

He said that his Milan-based charity, Champions for Children will sponsor a minor soccer league in this former Dutch colony. The matches will take place in a stadium that he built and opened in 2002.

During his two-day visit, Seedorf also planned to hold a clinic for young players at his stadium and meet with President Ronald Venetiaan.

Ecclestone

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Roman Abramovich, stepped in.

The motor racing boss is regularly seen at Chelsea matches and he admitted that any move for Arsenal would cause him embarrassment at Stamford Bridge. "Imagine the trouble I'd be in at Chelsea," he said.

While he denied the Arsenal rumour that initially appeared in The Mirror, the 76-year-old tycoon typically refused to rule out any future venture into the football market.

"I'll buy anything if it's cheap enough," he added. "If somebody offers me something that I think is good value, I'll have a go."

None to fill

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Ferguson said: "Gabby is on holiday after playing in the Copa America. He needs his rest, but I expect back in training at Carrington in two weeks' time."

"There is no situation that I need to address with him. Both we and he knows that it's his agent that is driving the mechanism for what is happening at the moment."

"We need to steer through the minefield because his people have been difficult people to deal with."



Upgrade soon at P Sara

CRICINFO, undated

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) has launched a major development drive to upgrade media facilities at all international venues in time for England's tour in October and the 2011 World Cup.

The P Saravananthu Stadium, which hosted Sri Lanka's inaugural Test match against England in February 1982, has been the first stadium to be upgraded just days after the local and foreign media lambasted its facilities during the second Test against Bangladesh.

The media centre was first contracted in 2001 with basic facilities on the understanding that it would be developed into a complete unit with time. However, the promised renovations did not materialise and end result was the stadium was starved of international cricket.

However, the stinging public criticism of facilities during the second Test encouraged the ground's owners, the Tamil Union, to take swift action. With two weeks the box was transformed from an empty corrugated-roofed space with electrical problems to a modern air-conditioned centre equipped with comfortable seating, power points and Wi-Fi.

Hamer

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After the meeting, Mahbub said that the government has not yet asked them to step down after Sports Adviser Tapan Chowdhury earlier this month said that the board will be dismantled.

Joint secretary Reazuddin Al Mamun added that they will honour to the government's decision while also mentioning that the confidence of the government was most important for the board.

Meanwhile, the ACC Trophy-winning women's cricket team members will each receive Tk 50,000 from the cricket board while former cricketer and writer Hasan Mahmud was donated Tk 50,000 to help his treatment. Mymensingh-based coach Harishand Roy was also donated Tk 15,000.

The meeting also decided that sponsorship for the national and Twenty20 team clothing will be determined by an international tender to be conducted next month.

PCB agrees

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"PCB is even willing to play this match during the forthcoming Pakistan tour to India in November-December 2007 and consent from the BCCI is awaited on this."

Woolmer died after collapsing in his hotel room in Jamaica following Pakistan's surprise defeat by Ireland.

An initial pathologist's report concluded that he had been strangled.

But Jamaican police later announced they were satisfied that Woolmer had in fact died of natural causes after three expert witnesses contradicted the original findings.

Last week, meanwhile, the PCB appointed former Australian fast bowler Geoff Lawson as Woolmer's successor.

He will take charge of the team for the first time at the inaugural ICC World Twenty20 in South Africa in September.

Japan vanquish

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gunfire into the night sky.

It is only the second time that Iraq have made the last four, having been thwarted at the quarter-final stage at the last three Asian Cups.

The Iraqis stumbled to United Arab Emirates in 1996, Japan in 2000, and China in 2004, but they were always in charge against Vietnam, playing in their first Asian Cup for 47 years.

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