

BCB's standing

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"You know the last committee made a shortlist of three coaches, but we want to add more options. It looks impossible to appoint a coach before the Twenty20 World Championship, so we have some time to think about the issue," said Bobby.

The BCB body also formed a three-member selectors appointment sub-committee, with Shafiqur Rahman as chairman, Lipu vice-chairman and Ishtiaque Ahmed member, to choose the new selection panel after the Faruque Ahmed-led committee expires at the end of this month.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance: M Abdul Momen (chairman), Feroz Ahmed (vice-chairman).

Disciplinary: Lt Col (ret'd) M Abdul Latif Khan (chairman), Gazi Ashraf Hossain (vice-chairman).

Game development: Lt Col (ret'd) M Abdul Latif (chairman), Ishtiaque Ahmed (vice-chairman).

Tournament: Selim Bhuiyan (chairman), Ahmed Sajjadul Alam (vice-chairman).

Umpires: Feroz Ahmed (chairman), M Abdul Momen (vice-chairman).

Grounds and facilities management: Shafiqur Rahman (chairman), Ishtiaque Ahmed (vice-chairman).

CCDM: Gazi Ashraf Hossain (chairman), Feroz Ahmed (vice-chairman).

Marketing and commercial: Mirza Salman Ispahani (chairman), Selim Bhuiyan (vice-chairman).

Medical: Selim Bhuiyan (chairman), M Abdul Momen (vice-chairman).

Tender and purchase: Lt Col M Abdul Latif Khan (ret'd) (chairman), Mirza Salman Ispahani (vice-chairman).

Media and communication: Ahmed Sajjadul Alam (chairman), Ishtiaque Ahmed (vice-chairman).

Audit: Monwar Anis Khan (chairperson), Selim Bhuiyan (vice-chairman).

Women's wing: Monwar Anis Khan (chairman).

Logistic and protocol: Ahmed Sajjadul Alam (chairman).

CSA refutes booze

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that a confidential report with limited distribution to CSA officials should be leaked and sensationalised in this way."

Coach Mickey Arthur added: "The regulations about the intake of alcohol on tour was only one aspect of a generally very positive report on the fitness levels of the team from Adrian," he said. "We addressed all matters including this that arose regularly on tour and took steps accordingly.

le Roux also made it clear his report was not meant for public consumption. "I was employed by CSA as the fitness trainer. In this professional capacity part of my duties is to submit regular reports on all aspects of physical conditioning."

"This was no different after the World Cup. A routine report was sent in confidentiality to individuals within CSA and it is disappointing that it is now public knowledge."

Let's move on

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to avoid their first home series defeat since 2001 was the form of paceman Chris Tremlett.

Playing in only his second Test, the 25-year-old Hampshire bowler took an impressive 3-12 in a penetrating seven-over spell.

"He bowled aggressively, he's grown with every spell he's bowled in the two Test matches.

"He will take a lot from that innings, when he bowled short he bowled with good control put players under real pressure and still got lateral movement across the seam.

"I thought Jimmy Anderson bowled very well too, very aggressively with good pace so we'll take that into the Oval Test and hopefully do better."

B. League ends

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chance to equalise as his drop-volley on a rebound went over while Iddi Badambez's close range effort was saved by Himel shortly before the break.

The second half began under drizzle, which made the strip faster and Walid, who replaced Paul as main striker, placed a first-time shot wide under pressure from Arambagh fullback Monu in the 53rd minute.

Nicodemus wasted a golden chance to double the lead as he smothered Himel from 18 yards in the very next minute. Mohammedan, who beat Arambagh 1-0 in their league opener in March, pressed hard and 12-goal Emeka's spectacular side-volley on a right-side cross missed the mark for inches in the 70th minute.

The equaliser, however, came from a defensive lapse a couple of minutes later. Mithu sent a through into the Arambagh box but the ball stopped in the mud, giving Rony the time to go round the stunned substitute keeper Mitul and neatly place a low shot past the last defender.

Mohammedan's Nigerian midfielder Divine was then sent off for his second bookable offence -- a clumsy challenge on Zuku -- in the 77th minute and the ten-man Mohammedan survived a close call ten minutes from time when Iddi's curling freekick from 40 yards hit the crossbar.



PHOTO: AFP

Martina Hingis of Switzerland hits a forehand against Michaella Krajicek of the Netherlands during her second round match at the La Costa Resort and Spa in San Diego on Tuesday.

BCCI steps into Nike-Adidas row



CRICINFO, undated

The Indian board has stepped into the court case between sports goods manufacturers Nike and Adidas and said that when players enter into agreements for rights pertaining to their performance on the field while representing Team India, they can only enter those agreements which have been selected and promoted by the BCCI.

In May this year, Adidas dragged Nike to court over the use of Sachin Tendulkar's images in advertisement campaigns. Adidas alleged that Nike was violating Adidas's exclusive personal endorsement agreement with Tendulkar and argued that Nike, who sponsor the Indian cricket team, have the right to use images of Tendulkar only when he is playing for the country. Nike have a five-year

contract with the Indian board for the team's on-field uniform.

In its reply to the notice sent by the Monopoly of Trade and Restrictive Practices Commission (MTRPC) over this case, the board said: "BCCI is the body responsible for promotion and administration of the game of cricket in the country and the players who play in matches representing the country do so under the agreement entered into with the BCCI." This means that the endorsement and advertisement rights of players representing India in all international matches has an overriding effect on all other contractual agreements that individual players have with different companies.

The board said that it could not stop Nike from using Tendulkar in its advertisements. "Answering respondent (BCCI) could not ensure that Nike India does not include in such advertisements because it has no control over the affairs of Nike India

which is a separate corporate entity," the board responded.

The BCCI also accused Adidas of trying to harass the board "by filing frivolous and baseless proceedings which are not maintainable in law as well as in facts."

The MTRPC bench, hearing the case, asked Adidas and the BCCI to produce documents regarding their rights over Tendulkar by the next hearing which will take place in August.

Nike had earlier responded to Adidas's claims by stating that the case filed by Adidas was not maintainable as the issue raised "arises out of contract". "It is an attempt to thwart the legitimate business activities of this respondent (Nike). The petitioner (Adidas) is a direct competitor of this respondent," Nike said while questioning Adidas's claims over its right to exclusively use Tendulkar's images in advertisements and promotions.

No more poor

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An otherwise engrossing series has been marred by several unsavoury clashes, with players on both sides involved.

However, Vaughan defended England's conduct by saying: "I don't think we stepped over the line. Maybe we said a few things too much in the first innings, it's just good gamesmanship."

India, whose only series wins in England also came during three-Test campaigns, in 1971 (1-0) and 1986 (2-0), are now on the brink of a landmark achievement. But David warned there was much work still to be done.

"We've got to build up good performances. We know England will come back hard and we expect a tough game."

Female support

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developed a strong following among teenage girls and referring to this interest in a second interview in the weekly Sport Bild he said: "I do pay attention to my appearance, we Italians never hide that fact: when I arrive in a new city I'll always go first to clothes shops rather than furniture stores."

But Toni, who is temporarily sidelined with a knee injury, denied being self-obsessed with his looks.

"I don't spend more than five minutes a day in front of the bathroom mirror, sometimes not even long enough to shave or comb my hair."

Meril Media Cup from August 10

The Meril Media Cup football tournament organised by Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA) will begin in Dhaka on August 10.

All daily newspapers, news agencies and television channels have been requested to send their entries for the seven-a-side tournament to BSJA office at the Bangabandhu National Stadium by August 6.

Top seeds advance at San Diego

APP, California

Serbian second seed Jelena Jankovic defeated American Vania King 6-3, 6-0 on Thursday, joining three other seeds in reaching the third round of the 1.34 million-dollar San Diego Classic.

Jankovic was playing on the WTA for the first time in a month in the wake of her third-round Wimbledon loss to France's Marion Bartoli, who also advanced in straight sets at the US Open hardcourt tuneup tournament.

Bartoli captured her first victory since her runner-up finish at the All-England club as she beat Japan's Aiko Nakamura 7-6 (7/4), 6-1.

Bartoli struggled with a difficult first set before rolling to victory and into the third round after a bye.

After a loss to Venus Williams capped a fairy-tale fortnight on English grass, Bartoli was beaten last week in her first match at an event in Stanford.

Nesta quits

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qualifier. The former Lazio center back was not included in Roberto Donadoni's squad for the European Championship qualifiers in the Faroe Islands and Lithuania in June after asking to be left out because he was getting married.

However, Donadoni hinted then that the decision may have been final, but the loss of Nesta is another big blow to the coach following Totti's confirmation last month that he had retired from the national team.

Totti, 30, asked to take an extended break from playing for the Azzurri following the World Cup and went on to score 26 Serie A goals last season to scoop the European Golden Boot.

He blamed worries about his health for the decision.

Italy have several options to replace Totti but look stretched at the back with few suitable candidates to cover for ageing central defenders Fabio Cannavaro and Marco Materazzi.

Freddie likely

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towards the back end of the month.

"Hopefully he will be available for that, and he has certainly indicated that will be the case."

England's players were criticised for their conduct during the Second Test defeat against India at Trent Bridge, but Graveney insisted both sides must share the blame.

Zaheer Khan reacted angrily after jellybean sweets were left on the wicket by an England player as a prank while he was batting, while Shantha Sreesanth was fined half his match fee for barging into Michael Vaughan and also bowled a beamer at Paul Collingwood.

LOCAL SNIPPETS

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Swimming Federation general secretary Syed Aminal Haque Dewan disclosed the details of the meet at a press conference in the NSC conference room yesterday.

Of the total budget of Tk 10.73 lakh, sponsors Keya Cosmetics will provide Tk 3.5 lakh.

FEDERATION CUP SQUASH
Federation Cup Squash Tournament begin today at Gulshan Club and Cadet College Club.

The tournament will be held in seven divisions -- Premier Division, A Division, B Division, C Division, Under-18 Division, and above 40 and 50 divisions.

The champions of each division will receive Tk 7,000 while the runners-up will get Tk 5,000 and the third-placed team gets Tk 2,000 as prize money.

The estimated tournament budget of Tk 80,000 will be borne from the Federation itself.

With Zidane off the pitch, Italy went on to beat France in a penalty shootout. Zidane retired from football after the match.

Law awaits ICL call



CRICINFO, undated

While much has been said about the big names the Indian Cricket League has signed on or is signing, its success as a cricketing venture will depend more on the other players it gets on board -- the players who will, simply put, produce good Twenty20 cricket. Brian Lara could pull in the crowd but he doesn't have expertise either in the Twenty20 format or in Indian conditions.

Stuart Law, the former Australian one-day batsman, is one of the names doing the rounds as a prospective ICL player. He isn't very well-known in India but has strong Twenty20 credentials. Law, who now plays for Lancashire, told Cricinfo he wasn't aware of being on the ICL scouts' list but is willing to join the league, if made an offer, since he is not affiliated with any country. "My contract with Lancashire is up at the end of this season and it (ICL) might be something that fits really well with me," Law said. "It is appealing to me because I haven't played enough international

cricket at that level and it's a chance for me to test my skills in foreign conditions."

Other cricketers on the fringes of international cricket believe that playing alongside Brian Lara, and possibly Shane Warne and Glenn McGrath, will allow them to test their skills at the highest level. A current Indian one-day middle-order batsman, who refused to be named because of the Indian board's threat to bar any player associated with the ICL, said cricketers wanted to play at the highest level irrespective of the money. " (This) will be a platform for players who never had a chance to play against the likes of a Warne, or a McGrath or a Lara and see 'where I stand in life'," he said.

It could also, he said, benefit younger players who are yet to experience the adrenaline of an international dressing room.

That view was echoed, to an extent, by a former India fast bowler contacted by the ICL, who said playing with Lara and the others would be a learning process for him. "I will be in elite company and being around them will be a learning process," he said. "They've played at the highest level

and listening to them would be a big thing."

As of now, most of the players linked to the ICL are retired, semi-retired, or are those who can't hold down their place in the national side. It is acknowledged by many that Twenty20 is a power game meant for younger and fitter players, so there is a view that the ICL is barking up the wrong tree.

But Law, 38, disagrees. He feels that it is the players with maximum experience in playing Twenty20 who can quickly pass on their knowledge of the game to those who haven't played it at all. "You need names to promote (ICL) and get people interested," Law said "but you also need players who have played a bit of it (Twenty20) to give everybody an idea of how to play it correctly."

Officials at the ICL are tight-lipped about the signings, and with the BCCI keeping the domestic players in check, it is of little use speculating. But if those at the ICL can find the right mix of the agile and the capable, the modern and the classic, then it will have its most important nuts and bolts in place for a smooth beginning.

Lessons from jellygate



CHRISTOPHER MARTIN-JENKINS

As it was revealed last week, applications have been invited for the job of managing director of England cricket, "accountable to the ECB's chief executive for all aspects of performances and administration of the England team". Given all the other England posts this one really should not be necessary, but the unacceptable face of modern international cricket, as displayed in the context of a Nottingham Test that maintained its high level of interest and excitement to the end, unfortunately confirms the view that it is.

For the moment, responsibility rests squarely with two men: the coach or, to give him his official title, the England team director, Peter Moores and, even more certainly Michael Vaughan, the captain. The first paragraph in the long and detailed laws of cricket make it absolutely clear: "the major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains." In many ways Vaughan is an outstanding leader, but England's occasionally graceless behaviour and their tendency towards excessive aggression predating both Moores and Vaughan himself in that the approach was the same under Duncan Fletcher and Nasser Hussain has certainly not been discouraged during the five years of his captaincy.

The best reason for having a managing director, other than clearer accountability, is to have someone broad-minded enough to see the game as the world sees it, not only from within the inevitably confined bubble of the dressing-room. It was probably just a jolly jape that misfired, but it was not sufficient for Moores to say publicly that the jellybean incident "got a bit out of hand and I hope everyone will have learned from it". Internally no doubt, he has made the point much more forcibly but England should issue an immediate, genuine and unequivocal apology to Zaheer Khan for the behaviour of the fielder who scattered sweets near the crease, whether or not it was an attempt to distract the batsman.

There "jellygate" should and would end, although it is a rather depressing fact of life that all this controversy brings attention to the game. Switching on Radio 5 Live on the way to the Test on Monday it was not, for once, football that was under discussion but jellybeans. There is always a place for genuine humour in the game but none for calculated gamesmanship of any kind, which

makes several other aspects of the Trent Bridge Test more serious.

There is the question, for example, of whether it is legitimate for players to suck sweets, as they have in professional cricket and the higher echelons of the club game for many years, with the ulterior motive of sugar-coating the ball with saliva to help to maintain its shine on one side.

The line between this means of encouraging swing and physical roughing up of one side of the ball to enhance reverse movement is blurred, but "artificial substances" are expressly forbidden by Law 42, just as much as interference with the seams or the surface.

What really offended during this match was the overt aggression, including chat designed to distract the batsman, chuntering at close quarters from disgruntled fast bowlers, and, in the case of Shantha Sreesanth, a beamer to Kevin Pietersen and a bouncer bowled by the same bowler to Paul Collingwood from round the wicket and a yard beyond the popping crease.

Sreesanth lost half his match fee for a petty little tilt at Vaughan's shoulder as he walked past him, but he should have lost the rest of it for that deliberate no-ball and if the senior India players believe the beamer to have been deliberate, he should not play any more Test cricket until they are sure that he has learnt the lesson.

Test cricket is tough: always has been, certainly always will be when so much money as well as personal and national pride is at stake. To play it cricketers have to be strong in mind as well as in body, a lesson now clearly absorbed by the impressive Chris Tremlett, whose shortened run and sharper focus have transformed him from meek failure in Perth last winter to imposing success here. But he has not had to rant and rave to take more wickets.

Accuracy is the first essential, and in any case silent menace has always been more chilling than brash aggression, with the possible exception of Dennis Lillee. When it comes to calculated aggression, as opposed to genuine anger of the kind that Allan Donald displayed against Mike Atherton at Trent Bridge in 1998, players demean themselves and break the law.

"I'm driving a Porsche Carrera: what's your car?" was one question picked up by the stump microphone this week when England were trying to unsettle an India batsman. That sort of tactic is not only not clever, or acceptable; it is also an illegal attempt to distract the batsman.

The next time an umpire hears the

like he should issue a firm warning. If the remarks continue he should apply a five-run penalty to the batting side; then, if necessary, another five-run penalty. It would soon stop the nonsense, always provided that the ICC supports the umpire.

Darrell Hair arguably chose the wrong time and place at the Brit Oval last August, but he was applying the law. What has happened to him since has hardly encouraged the others, but if captains exercised their responsibilities we would need neither run penalties nor managing directors.

(Christopher Martin-Jenkins, the chief cricket correspondent of the Times, wrote this article for their website).

Cesc comes

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"What I say is not madness. We got to the Champions League final in 2006, often playing without players like Henry, Ljungberg and Ashley Cole."

That unquenchable thirst for success has defined Fabregas since his childhood days back in his Catalan home in Arenys de Mar.

Occasionally his will-to-win has boiled over into displays of petulance, as was apparent when he became embroiled in an on-pitch scolding match with Blackburn manager Mark Hughes last season.

Fabregas insists such immaturity is already a thing of the past and he sees no reason why he can't take over from Henry as captain in the future.

"I have matured very much over the last two years and I am prepared to be the leader of the team. Maybe then people won't ask me any more about becoming the next Patrick Vieira."

"I would love to captain Arsenal. It is a matter of enormous pride to me because the fans are always with me and that support is very valuable. I know how the fans suffer when we lose."

Tevez's date

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Ham for a breach of contract after the club terminated an agreement that the Iranian businessman was due a fee for Tevez if the Hammers sold him.

West Ham claim the agreement was legally invalid and unenforceable and were happy for the matter to be settled by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

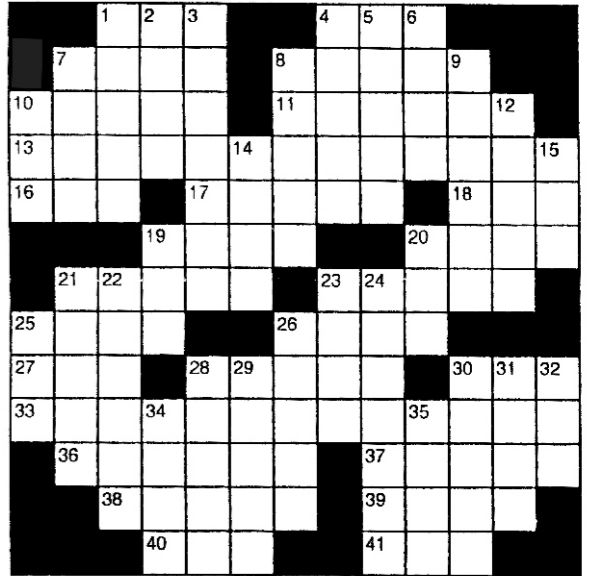
But Joorabchian is determined to win the battle and Tevez could now play a key role on the witness stand.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals T