

## Mithu fires Gazirchot

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A brace by Mithu gave Gazirchot SC a 3-0 win over Rahmatganj SC in yesterday's Third Division Football League at the Bir Shreshtha Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur.

After both sides failed to score in the first half, Mithu struck twice and Faruq the other goal to ensure three points for Gazirchot.

Shantinagar Club drew 2-2 with Government Printing Press at the same venue while City United Club held Friends Social Welfare 1-1 at the Outer Stadium.

The remaining match at the Outer Stadium between Jurain Janata Club and Dhaka Junior SC ended in a goalless draw.

## Dhoni new

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for the country since the World Cup in the Caribbean earlier this year.

There was no place in the squad for hard-hitting opener Virender Sehwag, who played his last one-day in May.

"Irfan and Harbhajan both have done well in the ongoing Twenty20 World Championships in South Africa and they deserve it," said Vengsarkar.

### SQUAD

Mahendra Singh Dhoni (capt), Yuvraj Singh, Sourav Ganguly, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Dinesh Karthik, Gautam Gambhir, Robin Uthappa, Irfan Pathan, Ramesh Powar, Piyush Chawla, Rudra Pratap Singh, Zaheer Khan, Shanthakumaran Sreesanth, Harbhajan Singh.

## No omelette

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Mourinho chose to remain bullish in the face of Kenyon's demands.

"We must win tomorrow. After this game I will say that the next game is the most important and then I will say we must win against Hull in the League Cup," said Mourinho.

"That is the way I approach my season, game after game, competition after competition, our objective in every game is to win.

"When we don't win we are not happy and that is the way we approach every season. Next week we are playing three competitions at the same time. In the second half of the season we will be playing four competitions at one time and I don't want to take risks on the players' motivation.

"At the moment their motivation is on the Champions League tie against Rosenborg. We respect our opponents but we think we are a better team."

## Pakistan outplay

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Younis Khan c Lee b Clark 4  
Malik not out 52  
Misbahul not out 66  
Extras: (lb-1, w-5, nb-1) 7  
Total: (For four wkts in 19.1 overs) 165  
Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-27, 3-35, 4-46.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Lee	4	0	30	0
Bracken	4	0	35	0
Clark	4	0	27	3
Johnson	4	0	28	1
Symonds	2.1	0	27	0
Clarke	1	0	17	0

**Result: Pakistan won by six wickets.**  
**Man-of-the-match: Misbahul Haq.**  
**Toss:** Pakistan  
**Umpires:** Mark Benson (ENG) and Nigel Llong (ENG)  
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## Will NCL get

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He also issued a warning to the national players. "Without any valid reason like national duty, injury or serious family problems, none of the national players would be allowed to keep away from the competition."

Initially, the competition will play at three venues -- Bogra, Rajshahi and Khulna -- but Selim Bhuiyan informed that they are contemplating to stage the inaugural match in Dhaka.

He also said that they are desperately trying to get a sponsor. "The last date of dropping tenders is September 23 and we are also talking with the different corporate houses individually," he added.

## Jol challenges

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while Darren Bent came on and mis-kicked when sent through.

"Dimitar Berbatov will do better next time and he has said that himself," Jol said. "He knows and Darren Bent knows that they are top players and, that being the case, they have to do better and I'm sure they will do."

Jol admits his side have to turn their season around starting with the clash against Cypriot side Famagusta. "Our start is the same as last year and to get back on track we need good team work and to cut out the errors sooner rather than later because we don't have the time," he said. "We have to combine our development as a team with getting the right results and that is what we will do."



Indian cricket's chief selector Dilip Vengsarkar (L) takes questions from reporters as cricket board secretary Niranjan Shah looks on during a press conference in Mumbai yesterday.

# Paul's errors surface

CRICINFO, undated



This was a day when Paul Collingwood

s mistakes caught up with him. Despite the brave face he put on the situation at the post-match press conference, there will be many questions asked about his judgment since England arrived in South Africa for this tournament.

Yes, England do retain a mathematical chance of joining New Zealand in the semi-finals, but their inability to win games that they have (if only briefly) dominated, means they do not deserve to progress. Nor is it remotely likely, anyway. Beaten in their last three games by Australia, South Africa and now New Zealand, England are as good as out.

The errors came on and off the field. First, on the field. The startling mistake -- the word came to dominate the uncomfortable press briefing at Kingsmead -- was that Collingwood forgot to give his stand-out bowler, Andrew Flintoff, a fourth over.

With four overs remaining, Collingwood knew he was confused about how many had been bowled -- and checked with the umpire, Steve Taufel. But, in an insight into the pressures that lie heavily on the captain in this form of the game, the answer didn't sink in, despite the fact that the scoreboard would have provided the answer.

The plan was to give Flintoff the 18th and 20th overs, but Collingwood brought himself on for the 18th, believing it to be the 17th. As it happened, he conceded just six runs, but it left Flintoff, who bowled the penultimate over, with figures of 3-0-11-1.

Why no other senior player stepped in to query the decision is unanswered. The lapse had caused the press-box to scrutinise Flintoff's troublesome left ankle, believing that Collingwood had stepped in to

lighten his load. But there were other questionable moments: Kevin Pietersen appeared to step in to make fielding changes with Collingwood, at long off, uninvolved.

Much of the conference was taken up with another Collingwood "mistake". In the early hours of Saturday morning --the Super Eight game v South Africa was on Sunday -- the English tabloid newspaper spotted him, The Sun, in a Cape Town lap-dancing bar. (In case its readers were unsure quite what happens at lap-dancing clubs, the paper provided a helpful, well-illustrated guide...)

Collingwood admitted his behaviour was unacceptable, though said that once he realised the nature of the bar, he finished his drink and left. He also revealed that his companions were "not massively close friends", giving rise to more speculation about who they might have been. David Graveney, the England chairman of selectors, later said that the matter was now in the hands of the ECB, and that they would decide on any disciplinary measures.

But back to matters on the field. Ironically, given the flak that England's choice of Twenty20 specialists has copped, this was the day that they came good -- it was the established players, at least during the run-chase, who failed.

Darren Maddy replaced Jeremy Snape (who was hopelessly out of his depth in the South Africa game) and was unrecognisable from the opener who struggled to lay bat on ball against Australia. The confidence came from a stunning run-out. He ran in from deep midwicket, picked up deftly and hurled the ball at the stumps at the bowler's end.

England fielders have struggled for direct hits of late, but this smashed into the stumps, ending a magnificent 60-run stand between Scott Styris (run out for 42) and Craig McMillan. It was the partnership that cemented New Zealand's recovery from 31 for 4, and effec-

tively brought them victory. But then came the surprise move: Collingwood -- in what was a genuine moment of inspiration -- brought Maddy on for the 17th over.

True New Zealand were five-down, but they bat deep, and two middle-order big hitters, McMillan and Jacob Oram, were more than capable of carrying on the recovery. By the end of the over, Maddy's military medium had removed both.

And then England's newest opening combination came good, too. The newly confident Maddy and Solanki, who looked as though he had been keeping wicket all his life, provided what should have been the perfect foundation. Had England won, few doubted Maddy would have won the match award for his fifty, run-out and two wickets.

But over-ambitious shot selection -- Pietersen felt attempting a reverse sweep -- and abysmal running meant that England choked, once again. Underlying it all, though, was yet another nerveless performance from New Zealand, who were delighted to exploit every one of England's mistakes.

## Nayeemuiddin

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60-year-old said yesterday.

"Reading those reports, I am really surprised. The people who have written these have no idea about what is banned or what is not. They should have learned about it before publishing the stories. They even did not talk with me about this. It only puts me under pressure as well as the footballers. Dope tests will bring out the truth to clear us.

"I have learned using this vitamin from Uzbek coach Rustam Akramov, who guided Indian in the past. One should realize that banned drugs used to enhance performance are really expensive and can't be bought at Tk6."

He also used herbal medicine and calcium tablets during camp before the Nehru Cup, admitted the footballers.

It was learned that 'Marbelas' is a digestive syrup made by Hamdard that was used after consultation with Debashish Barua, the physio of BKSP.

Dr. Omar Faruque, a FIFA and AFC doping officer said that both the medicines are not in the banned drug list.

"Still, I believe that this should be handled by a qualified physician," Faruque told.

The furor over this issue has also troubled the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), which has called Nayeemuiddin back to the capital to sort out the matter.

A BFF meeting will be held tomorrow on this issue but its acting general secretary Manzoor Hossain Malu thinks a doctor, not the coach, should not handle such matters.

It can be noted that the BFF has not send any physician to Cox's Bazar to take care of the team.

## Asian 14 & U series tennis on

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The Amicus Asian 14 and U Series tennis tournament got underway at BKSP yesterday.

A total of 44 players including 14 girls will compete in the four-day event which follows the recently concluded ATF Asian Under-14 tennis tournament. Hosts Bangladesh have 22 players in the competition inclusive of four girls.

However, Vietnamese players will not be a part of this event where Pakistan, Japan, Sri Lanka and India -- winners of all the titles of the ATF meet -- also take part.

Amicus will provide Tk 1,39,000 as sponsorship money.

Abu Mohammad Masum, MD of Amicus Properties and Development Ltd, inaugurated the tournament at the Savar sport institute in the morning. BKSP director general and organising committee president Brig Gen Mohammad Shawkat Hossain was present as special guest.

## Sachin avoids

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Bhupathi in the afternoon.

To a question whether the team had any difficulty in playing without a coach during the recent England tour, the batting maestro said it did not matter to him.

"I am talking from my side. I always help out junior players and don't wait for the juniors to come to me. If I feel I should go to them, I do it. If I feel something is missing, I tell them," he said.

"I told the youngest member of the team recently that if he feels that something is missing, he is welcome to ask me. That'll make things better."

Tendulkar said injuries were part and parcel of sports, but strong will and determination along with family support was necessary to make a comeback for a sportsperson.

"When you push yourself 100 times, there will be injuries. It happens to every sportsperson some day or the other. It is part and parcel of sports," cricketing icon Tendulkar told the media.

Tendulkar, who has struggled with various injury problems in the last few years, said it was important how a sportsperson managed the injury.

"You may pull a muscle or twist an ankle. But that's not the end of the road for you. You always have the will and determination to come back. And, above all, you need the family's support," said Tendulkar.

Echoing the same sentiment Sania, who opted out of the USD 175,000 WTA Sunfeast Open following a right wrist sprain, said injury can happen irrespective of age.

"At some point your body can give in because a sportsperson defies nature as he pushes himself or herself too hard in order to achieve excellence. It doesn't matter whether you are young or old," said Sania, who has also been plagued by injury problems.

"After the knee problem, I was out of action for three months (earlier this year). For the first few weeks I was very upset. I felt the same last night when I pulled out of the WTA event," said the 20-year-old Sania.

## PAK-LANKA SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Twenty20 World Super Eight match between Pakistan and Sri Lanka at the Wanderers on Monday:

PAKISTAN				
Butt b Fernando	12			
Nazir c Mubarak b Vaas	7			
Hafeez b Fernando	10			
Younis Khan c Dilshan b Malinga	51			
Malik c Dilshan b Malinga	57			
Afridi b Malinga	17			
Akmal not out	10			
Misbahul not out	16			
Extras: (lb-3, w-4, nb-2)	9			
Total: (For six wkts in 20 overs)	189			
Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-22, 3-33, 4-134, 5-152, 6-170.				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Vaas	4	0	23	1
Fernando	4	1	17	2
Malinga	4	0	43	3
Jayasuriya	4	0	64	0
Wijekoon	4	0	39	0

<b>SRI LANKA</b>	
Tharanga c Gul b Asif	0
Jayasuriya b Tanvir	5
Sangakkara b Asif	18
Jayawardene c Hafeez b Afridi	28
Silva b Afridi	38
Dilshan c Younis b Hafeez	38
Mubarak c Afridi b Gul	0
Wijekoon c Hafeez b Afridi	0
Vaas not out	12
Malinga c Younis b Gul	1
Fernando not out	0
Extras: (lb-5, w-9, nb-2)	16
Total: (For nine wkts)	156
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-5, 3-35, 4-88, 5-111, 6-112, 7-115, 8-150, 9-155.	

**Result: Pakistan won by 33 runs.**  
**Man-of-the-match: Younis Khan.**  
**Toss:** Sri Lanka  
**Umpires:** Nigel Llong (ENG) and Daryl Harper (AUS)  
**TV umpire:** Mark Benson (ENG)  
**Match referee:** Chris Broad (ENG)

# Test first for Sachin



AFP, New Delhi

Indian batting superstar Sachin Tendulkar said Tuesday he could stop playing taxing one-dayers first before quitting international cricket.

"One-day cricket puts a lot of pressure and there are more chances of injury. So, one-day cricket is what I may stop playing before Tests," Tendulkar said in an interview with NDTV.

"Test cricket is more challenging. One-day cricket puts a lot of load on the body, but if I make a decision I will let everyone know. At this stage, I don't know."

His comments came on the day the national selectors named Mahendra Singh Dhoni, 26, as India's new captain for one-day internationals.

Tendulkar has been plagued with various injuries since making

his international debut in 1989 at the age of 16.

He was not amused when it was rumoured that he had played his last one-day international at Lord's in England this month.

"I don't know where the rumours about me retiring after the Lord's one-dayer started. I didn't say anything. I spoke to my wife Anjali and she told me this news had started back home. I never said anything," he said.

"I just had to focus on the game at hand. People were saying this is my last game in England. That may be possible, but certainly not my last one-day international."

Tendulkar has so far scored 11,150 runs in 140 Tests with a world-record 37 centuries. He is the world's leading scorer in one-day internationals, with 15,425 runs in 395 matches and a record 41 hundreds.

He missed out on scoring six hundreds on the England tour,

where India played three Tests and seven one-dayers, but Tendulkar said winning always mattered more than runs.

"The fact that I missed the opportunity to score six hundreds on the England tour is definitely there at the back of my mind, but what's more important to me is that India won on those occasions," he said.

"(A) hundred is only important if India wins, and for me the excitement was there because we won."

Tendulkar, who opted out of the ongoing Twenty20 World Championships in South Africa, is gearing up for a busy international season.

India play 12 one-dayers at home in the coming months, seven against Australia and five against Pakistan. They then play three home Tests against Pakistan before touring Australia for a Test series.

# Giles to coach Bears



CRICINFO, undated

Ashley Giles is expected to be unveiled as Warwickshire's new director of cricket, only one month after retiring from first-class cricket because of a long-term hip injury.

Giles, 34, will take over from the former New Zealand opening batsman, Mark Greatbatch, and his first task will be to galvanise morale at the club, after their relegation from the first divisions of both the County Championship and the Pro40 League.

Described by his England coach Duncan Fletcher as one of the most professional men he had ever worked with, Giles is a Warwickshire folk hero. He made exactly 100 first-class appearances for the club in a 12-year career, scoring 3,297 runs at an average of 30.24, and taking 323 wickets at 26.19. He was a member of the treble-winning Warwickshire side that won consecutive Championships in 1994 and 1995.

The club could hardly be at a lower ebb at present. They were top of the Championship back in May, but they have not won a match since and their relegation was confirmed after their defeat at Old Trafford last week. Greatbatch, who was two years into a three-year contract, telegraphed his imminent departure with some outspoken comments in the local Birmingham press.

"I can look myself in the mirror," he told the Birmingham Post last week. "I've met some good people and some not-so-honest people. There have been more positives than negatives generally. When a team plays well, the players get the accolades but when they lose the coach bears the brunt. I've always said we need to re-strengthen. We're short of quality. We have some ... but we need to strengthen."

Though Greatbatch has been keen to pass the buck for Warwickshire's predicament, there's no doubt locally where the blame for their failings lie. "I don't know what happened to (that) genial fellow," said George Dobell in the Birmingham Post. "He is unrecognisable from the gruff man I've encountered of late. Stung by criticism, hurt by failure and confused by the lack of reward for his hard work, Greatbatch has, somewhere along the way, lost all those positive qualities."

Warwickshire's best shot at glory this season came in the Friends Provident Trophy. Instead they went out to Hampshire in the semi-final, a match that earned notoriety after the controversial omission of their England batsman, Ian Bell. This, Dobell added, was just another example of Greatbatch's misfiring man-management that has led to so many ructions within the dressing-room.

"It was his fault that Mark Waugh left. It was his fault that Moeen Ali left. It was his fault that he alienated senior players like Michael Powell and (Dougie) Brown who had only

the best interests of the club at heart. And it was his fault that the side played unattractive cricket. For Greatbatch distrusts flair."

Greatbatch met with the Warwickshire chief executive, Grant Povey, on Monday, and his departure will be rubber-stamped at a press conference at Edgbaston this afternoon. Giles -- who will be chosen for the role ahead of his former captain, Dermot Reeve -- has a tough task to reinvent his old teammates, but as a familiar and trusted face around the dressing-room, he starts his reign from a position of strength.

## Procter hails

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The gesture originated when Pakistan's Shahid Afridi was named man-of-the-match in the first game of the series, against Uganda, and it was then continued by players from both line-ups through the six-match series that took place in the first week of September.

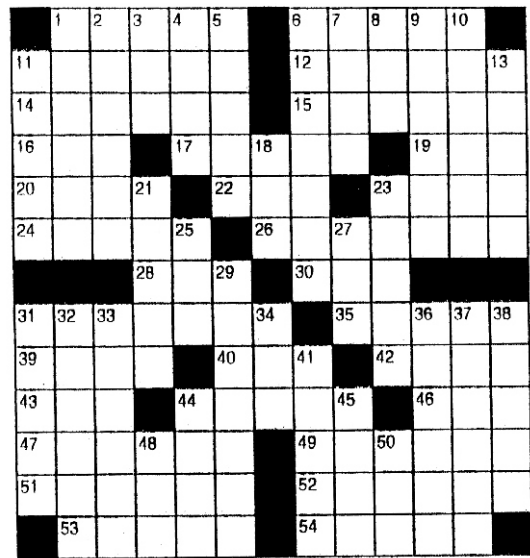
The man of the match award recipients from the two sides during the quadrangular tournament played in Nairobi were Afridi, Nazimuddin, Imran Nazir, Mortaza and Younus Khan.

Uganda has only been an Associate Member of the ICC since 1998 but is making rapid strides, playing in its first ICC Trophy in Ireland in 2005 and taking part in last year's ICC under-19 World Cup in Sri Lanka.



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Amicus Properties and Development Ltd managing director Abu Md. Masum inaugurates the Amicus Asian 14 & U Series Tennis Tournament as the chief guest at the BKSP Tennis Complex yesterday. Director General of BKSP and president of the tournament organising committee Brigadier General Md. Shawkat Hossain attended the function as the special guest.



## CRYPTOQUIP

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**Yesterday's Cryptquip:** IF YOU BUY A CERTAIN FISH IN NEW ORLEANS, I SUPPOSE THAT WOULD BE THE LOUISIANA PERCH-ASE.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: M equals T

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
1 Tangy sauce	1 Rejects with disdain
6 Dive	23 Conjecture
11 Green Giant's protégé	25 Cartoonist
12 Oust from office	26 Keane
14 Unlikely to brag	27 Recipe meas.
15 Hodge-podge	29 Pheasants' kin
16 Dadaist artist	31 Shoeshine
17 New Zea-	32 Hand-spinner
18 landers	33 With book
19 Guitar's kin	34 Hands on hips
20 World of "Tiger"	35 Greek consolan
22 If --- (unless)	36 Limp along
23 Secluded valley	37 Tailor
24 Corner-stone abbr.	38 Daily "Wings" co-star
26 River offshoot	41 Oil of roses
28 Marceau character	44 Rebuff
30 Exploit	45 Wrestling style
31 Less important	48 Résumé
35 "Har-rumph!"	50 Motorist's stat