

Borde ready to Vengsarkar

PTI, New Delhi

Front-runner to replace Dilip Vengsarkar as the chief selector in case the incumbent steps down from the post, former captain Chandu Borde today indicated he was not averse to the idea if BCCI approaches him.

Vengsarkar and the Board have been on collision course for quite a while and with BCCI announcing that the chief selector was free to quit if he has problems with the Board's guidelines that prevent him from writing columns, Borde's name started doing the rounds as a possible successor to the Mumbaikar.

"It is premature to say anything about the job but I can confidently say that I have always delivered the goods in different capacities in the past--be it as chief selector or cricket manager," said the 73-year-old former allrounder, indicating his willingness to give it one more shot.

Balubari win

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Balubari Prochesta Cricket Club registered a 39-run victory over Renaissance Cricket Club in the opening match of the First Division Cricket League here yesterday at the local ground.

Balubari scored 126 runs and then wrapped up their opponents' innings for 87 runs.

AM Saiful Hasan, Deputy Commissioner of Dinajpur, inaugurated the 12-team meet.

Asif off to Australia

REUTERS, Karachi

Pakistan fast bowler Mohammad Asif has been sent to Australia by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to seek treatment for his nagging elbow injury.

Asif will meet with Dr Paul Allot, a specialist in sports medicine injuries, to decide if he requires surgery for his chronic joint problem.

"The purpose of sending him is to get a third opinion so that Asif can make a comeback free of this problem," a PCB spokesman said on Monday.

Asif is hoping to find the root cause of his injury, which ruled him out of the current tour of India.

"It has troubled me time and again for the last two years and it was terribly disappointing to miss the Indian tour," he said.

Asif, 24, has taken 51 wickets in 11 Tests.

Modest Lanus

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Three minutes later, Boca had Colombian midfielder Fabian Vargas sent off for a wild tackle on Sebastian Blanco.

Tigre, back in the top flight after a 27-year absence, fell to a 56th-minute penalty converted by Pablo Barzola at Argentinos Juniors.

Tigre's Juan Blengio was sent off after being given a second yellow card for the foul which resulted in the penalty. The visitors also had Santiago Morero dismissed in the 84th minute for a second bookable offence.

In matches played on Saturday, River Plate's misery continued as they lost 4-0 at lowly Olimpo while Racing Club had three players sent off in a 3-0 defeat by Osvaldo Ardiles's Huracan.

Mohammedan

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In the shootout, Ariful shot the ball over but Arman Aziz, skipper Biplob, Ripon, Sharif, Arman Aziz, Mithu (Manjimin), Farhad (Rony) and Figo.

Abahani: Biplob, Obaidur, Nazrul, Dominic, Mintu, Abul, Pranotosh (Parvez), Joy, Munna (Zahed), Moni and Emily.

Cuper gets

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Cuper first made his name with Real Mallorca, where he had a spell from 1997 to 1999, taking them to the finals of the Spanish Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup as well as a club record third-place finish in the league.

He then moved to Valencia in 1999 and took them to successive Champions League finals in 2000 and 2001 but his recent performances have been less notable.

He joined Mallorca for a second spell in 2005 but quit midway through last season.



PHOTO: AFP

Belgian world number one Justine Henin smiles as she holds a giant racket during a tennis show celebrating the opening of her new tennis club and school in Limelette on Sunday.

Hosts in control of Eden

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