

## Cops call up Boje

AFP, New Delhi

South African left-arm spinner Nicky Boje has been called in for questioning by Indian police in connection with the Hansie Cronje match-fixing scandal, a senior crime branch officer said on Wednesday.

"We have issued a notice to Nicky Boje but no dates have been fixed on which he should appear before us," New Delhi police crime branch chief Madhu Tiwari said of the 2000 incident that rocked the sport.

"Further communications if any will be sent by us either through the South African high commission (embassy) in Delhi or through diplomatic channels," an official told AFP on condition he is not named.

Boje retired from international cricket last year and is currently playing in the rebel Indian Cricket League near the northern city of Chandigarh, which ends December 16.

New Delhi crime branch detectives questioned compatriot Herschelle Gibbs, who was also named in the scandal, when he flew to India for the Champions Trophy in India in October 2006.

Left-arm spinner Boje skipped two tours of India after failing to obtain an ironclad assurance that the police would not detain him.

Implicated in the same scandal was former South Africa captain Hansie Cronje who was served with a life ban before dying in a plane crash in 2002.

Delhi police say they recorded Cronje's telephone conversations with bookies in India in which the former skipper struck deals to throw one-day matches.

Boje and Gibbs were also found guilty of being a part of their skipper's conspiracy in a public inquiry held in South Africa. They were fined and banned for six months.

**CHAMPS TROPHY HOCKEY**

**GB storm to victory over Pakistan**

BBC ONLINE, undated

Great Britain scored three times in 10 minutes to record a 4-1 victory over Pakistan in the Champions Trophy in Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday.

Stephen Dick, Rob Moore and Simon Mantell all scored in the first half before Pakistan's Mohammed Imran pulled a goal back after the break.

Play was suspended for an hour because of torrential rain but Richard Alexander sealed the win on 57 minutes.

"It was a bit feisty but we got on with it and put in a professional display," said manager Pete Nicholson.

"After a delay as long as an hour, there is always the risk of losing your concentration, but we dealt with the unexpected break well and scored our fourth just after we came back on."

**NSC to increase**

**FROM PAGE 17** would be increased in future. He also said that he has plans to help the clubs of Dhaka to solve their fund crisis.

Each of the 472 Upazila sports associations will get Tk 10,000 in addition of gear although the proposed budget has no fund for Upazilas.

After spending the lion's share of its huge staff and renovation and maintenance of the sports establishments, the NSC will use 37.4 percent of its budget for sports federations and associations.

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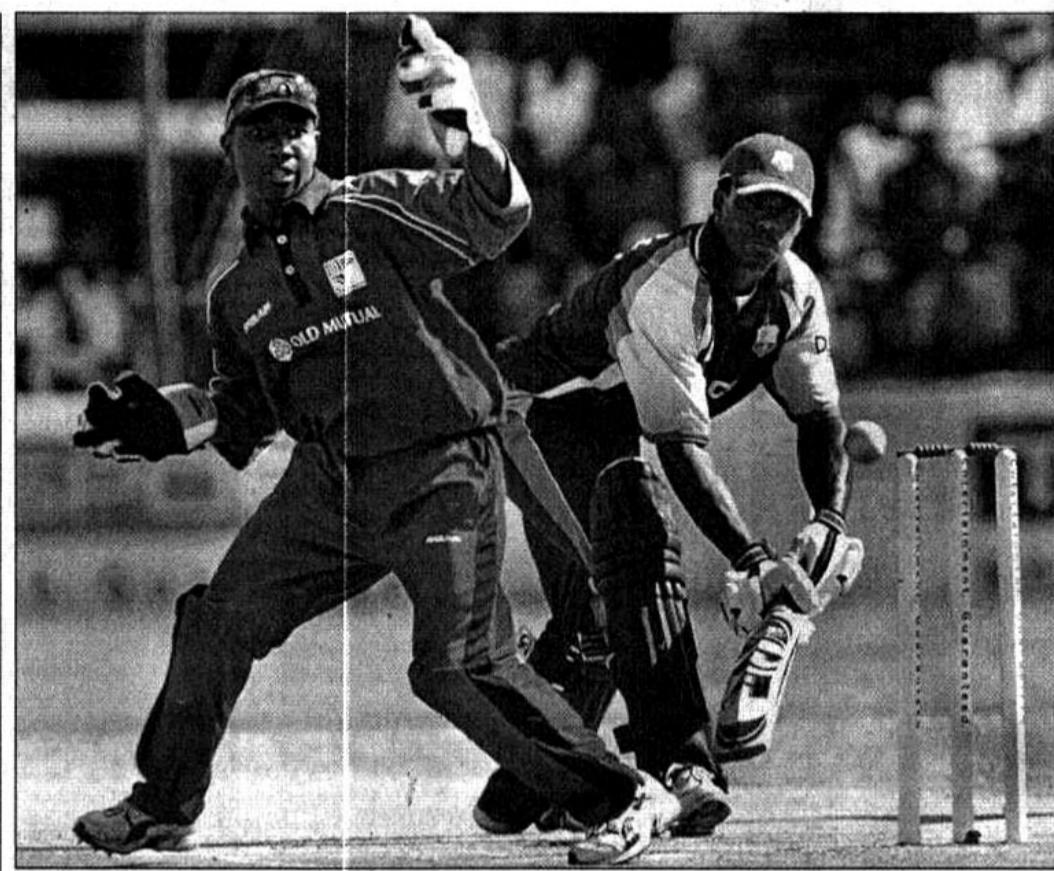


PHOTO: AFP

West Indies batsman Runako Morton (R) retrieves his ground to avoid being run out while Zimbabwe wicketkeeper Tatenda Taibu looks at the ball during their third one-day international in Harare on Tuesday.

## WI waltz to victory

**Cricket**

APP, Harare

Stand-in captain Dwayne Bravo hit 45 runs in 24 balls to see the West Indies home and dry by six wickets as the visitors took a 2-1 lead in the five-match one-day series against Zimbabwe here on Tuesday.

Bravo's knock, in his first international match as captain, helped West Indies to take their score to 142-4 in just 27.5 overs.

Fast bowler Jerome Taylor took three wickets for 18 runs from 9.5 overs as the West Indies dismissed the home team for 139 off 37.5 overs.

It had all looked so comfortable for the tourists when they bowled out the Zimbabweans for a meagre 139 runs in 37.5 overs following a late morning start to the match.

There had been a 75 minutes delay following morning rain. And so Bravo had no hesitation when winning the toss in asking the home side to bat on a humid wicket that had been under covers.

But West Indies made heavy weather of their reply and at 82-4, still 58 runs short of target, some of their players and officials at Harare Sports Club were beginning to have anxieties.

Bravo, replacing the injured Chris Gayle as captain, came to the wicket relishing the challenge, however, and he finished off the home side with abandon.

Other individual successes for West Indies here were by Runako Morton, who added 38 to his previous scores of 55 and 79, and Darren

Powell with 3-32.

It was debut day for new opening batsman Brenton Parchment, but he made only a modest 15 runs.

The sides' next two matches will be staged at Zimbabwe's second city Bulawayo, 450km to the southwest, where water supply is being rationed to 18 hours a week, power cuts are long and frequent, but where runs should be plentiful on usually excellent though slowish wickets.

This could be helpful to the Zimbabweans, whose diminishing batting performances after stunning West Indies on the first day of the tour signify a trend that has haunted them since being deprived of top level cricket some three years ago.

Coach Robin Brown, who sat in dejected posture throughout the match Tuesday, has hard work ahead with spirits to lift and technique to impart, or re-impart, to his charges.

And West Indies, who were concerned at their indifferent form four days ago, are gaining in confidence as their tour of South Africa approaches, even though their opponents here have been notoriously fragile in the recent past.

The fourth match will be on Friday and the fifth and final match on Sunday.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the third one-day international between Zimbabwe and the West Indies at Harare Sports Club on Tuesday:

**ZIMBABWE**

Sibanda c Ramdin b Powell 5  
Taylor lbw b Rampaul 4

Chibhabha c Smith b Rampaul 6

Taibu b Lewis 32

Masakadza c Smith b Taylor 6

Matsikenyeri c Smith b Lewis 16

Chigumbura c Morton b Powell 2

Dabengwa not out 26

Utseyea c Ramdin b Powell 4

Brent b Taylor 9

Price b Taylor 2

Extras: (lb-4, w-22, nb-1) 27

Total: (All out in 37.5 overs) 139

Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-25, 3-36, 4-67, 5-83, 6-92, 7-96, 8-109, 9-129, 10-139.

**WILLIAMS**

Smith c Matsikenyeri 1

b Chigumbura 1

Parchment c Taibu b Chigumbura 15

Morton c Brent b Utseyea 38

Chanderpal not out 27

Samuels st Taibu b Utseyea 4

Bravo not out 45

Extras: (lb-6, w-4, nb-2) 12

Total: (For 4 wkt in 27.5 overs) 142

Did not bat: Lewis, Powell, Ramdin, Rampaul, Taylor.

Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-35, 3-77, 4-82.

**BOWLER**

O M R W

Chigumbura 8 1 58 2

Brent 5.5 2 31 0

Utseyea 6 0 27 2

Price 8 1 20 0

Total: West Indies won by 6 wickets and lead the 5-match series 2-1.

**Man-of-the-match:** Jerome Taylor.

**Toss:** West Indies

**Match referee:** Chris Broad (ENG)

trouble in the afternoon session when they were reduced to 78-4 before Younis came to their rescue.

Lawnson said his side were capable of squaring the three-Test series. Pakistan are trailing 1-0 following their six-wicket defeat in the opening match. The final Test begins in Bangalore on Sunday.

"I think character is the right word," said Lawson, a former Australian fast bowler.

"For much time on day three in this Test, we were in all sorts of trouble. Again today there were a few nerves if you lose a few wickets in a hurry, but we showed character."

"That's the belief in the dressing room because we had the courage and character to save the match here. This is a big result for us. This did not morale tremulously."

Pakistan were in a similar situation on their last tour of India in 2005, drawing one match and losing in the sixth. The final Test begins in Bangalore on Sunday.

"We proved we were hard to bowl out and we are still in this series. We are feeling pretty good with where we are at right now as compared to

two-and-a-half days ago when we were in a lot of trouble," he said.

"When you escape from games that you learn a lot and gain a lot. It is an achievement to get out with a draw. It's a great achievement."

Pakistan were in a sticky spot midway through the afternoon session before Younis and Mohammad Yousef (44 not out) ensured a draw with their 136-run stand for the unfinished fifth wicket.

"We had two experienced players (Yousuf and Yousef) batting and when you have people who have been in that situation before you always believe you can escape with a draw," said Lawson.

The Pakistani coach also said they had yet to decide whether to play skipper Shoaib Malik in the last Test.

"We will wait till the last moment before we decide. We have been told that it is a two-week injury, so that will be just about before the start of the Test," said Lawson.

## Lawson hails spirit

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APP, Kolkata

Pakistan coach Geoff Lawson on Tuesday praised his team for showing character in adversity to draw the second Test against India here.

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Sangakkara was named man-of-the-match for his match-winning 152 in the second innings.

**SCOREBOARD**

Final scoreboard of the first Test between England and Sri Lanka at the Asgiriya Stadium on Wednesday:

**SRI LANKA:** First innings 188

(Sangakkara 92, P Jayawardene 51; Hoggard 4-29, Panesar 3-46)

**ENGLAND:** First innings 281 (Bell 83, Collingwood 45, Muralidaran 6-55)

**SRI LANKA:** Second innings 442-8