

New rule to be tried in SL series

AFP, New Delhi

An experimental rule allowing players to seek a second opinion on umpiring decisions will be put on trial during India's upcoming Test series in Sri Lanka, the Board of Control for Cricket in India officials said on Monday.

The rule says a batsman or fielding captain may request the review of any decision taken by on-field umpires by referring it to the third official monitoring television replays.

Each team will be allowed three unsuccessful review requests per innings. But if an umpire reverses his original decision after a review appeal, the benefiting team will be allowed an additional appeal.

The ICC decided to trial the review in March, but it had to be put off after England and South Africa failed to reach an agreement on it for their Test series next month.

A player can make a request for a review by making a 'T' sign with his hands and if the TV umpire rules in the player's favour, the on-field umpire will have to overrule his previous decision. The rule will apply for all modes of dismissals except 'Timed Out'.

The TV umpire will be entitled to use slow motion replays from all available cameras, sounds from the stumps microphones and the HawkEye system for tracking the trajectory of the ball.



Paraguay players celebrate after Salvador Cabanas (L) scored the second goal against Brazil during their World Cup 2010 qualifying match at the Defensores del Chaco Stadium in Asuncion on Sunday.

Brazil lose, Argentina held

AFP, Montevideo

Ten-man Paraguay stunned Brazil 2-0 on Sunday to stay top of South American 2010 World Cup qualifying while Argentina needed a last-minute goal to avoid a humiliating defeat at home to Ecuador.

Despite having defender Dario Veron sent off early in the second half, Paraguay were still too good for five-time world champions Brazil in Asuncion and now have 13 points after five games in the marathon qualifying competition.

They are three points ahead of Argentina, the top-ranked team in the FIFA rankings, who required a goal three minutes into stoppage time to rescue a point against Ecuador who came close to a first win in Buenos Aires.

The results left both Brazil and Argentina with plenty of work to do ahead of their eagerly-awaited clash in Belo Horizonte on Wednesday.

In the final game of the fifth round of matches, two goals from defender Gary Medel was enough to give Chile a 2-0 win over bottom-dogs Bolivia.

"Paraguay made the most of their abilities," said Brazil coach Dunga. "We knew it would be a tough match."

Brazil, missing Kaka and Ronaldinho, were unimpressive in front of 35,000 fans at the Defensores del Chaco stadium in Asuncion and were beaten by goals from Roque Santa Cruz and Salvador Cabanas.

The result only served to heap the pressure on Dunga whose team slumped to a shock 2-0 defeat against Venezuela in a friendly earlier this month.

Cabanas gave early warning of the Paraguay danger when he hit the right hand post of Brazilian keeper Julio Cesar.

Paraguay went ahead in the 26th minute.

A mis-hit corner by Edgar Barreto caused confusion at the near post and the ball shot through a crowded six-yard box for Blackburn Rovers striker Santa Cruz to sidefoot home at the far post.

Luis Fabiano then bustled into the box for Brazil and fed Robinho but the Real Madrid man could not make contact with the ball as he slid into Paraguay keeper Justo Villar.

Paraguay had an up-and-down start after the interval.

Right back Veron was shown a

red card by Uruguayan referee Jorge Larrión in the 47th minute but just moments later, Paraguay were deservedly two goals ahead.

Santa Cruz shot down the left flank and his drive was partially blocked by keeper Julio Cesar but Cabanas was well-positioned to rifle the ball home at the far post.

Cabanas then hit the crossbar with a well-struck left-foot shot.

Inter Milan striker Adriano, on loan to Sao Paulo, came on for Mineiro with half an hour to go, and then Julio Baptista entered in place of Diego in the 70th minute.

But the changes were to no avail and Brazil, the only team to have played in every single World Cup finals, were left in fourth spot in the table.

Argentina, who lost their last qualifier to Colombia in November, had substitute Rodrigo Palacio to thank for rescuing a point against struggling Ecuador in a chilly Buenos Aires.

Argentina have not lost a home qualifier for 15 years but that proud record was under threat from Patricio Urrutia's 69th-minute goal for Ecuador.

"We deserved to win," said Argentina coach Alfio Basile. "But also we didn't play well. There's not a lot to add. We didn't play like we can. We had lots of chances."

Manikganj cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Sayedul Sajal claimed five wickets including a hat-trick as Manikganj Cricket Academy (MCA) secured a 55-run victory against Dasheda Chalachal Club (DCC) in a low-scoring match of the Sunlife Insurance Second Division Cricket League at the Shahid Miraj-Tapan Stadium yesterday.

MCA were all out for 98 in 25 overs with Tipu making 24 runs. Rubel took four wickets while Sanju, Sabuj and Mohadev captured two wickets each.

In reply, DCC were dismissed for 43 in 18 overs.

In the day's other match, Kulfa Gosthi defeated Anirban by four wickets.

Anirban made 114 in 25 overs with Naem scoring 25. Dipak claimed three wickets and Khokontwo.

In reply, Kulfa posted 115-6 in 23.4 overs. Sajal hit unbeaten 34 while Biman added 25.

Shahin and Tito took two wickets each.

Akhtar

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Last year, the player was banned for 13 matches and fined 3.4 million rupees for striking team mate, Mohammad Asif with a bat in South Africa before the Twenty20 World Cup. He was sent home in disgrace.

Broad KP's McGrath

Cricket

AFP, Chester-le-Street

England quick Stuart Broad was hailed as a "Glenn McGrath in the making" by Kevin Pietersen after starring against New Zealand in the opening one-day international here at the Riverside.

Pietersen grabbed the lion's share of the headlines with a man-of-the-match winning 110 not out as England thrashed the Black Caps by 114 runs to go 1-0 up in this five match series.

But Pietersen was glowing in his praise of Broad who took two for 16 in eight overs as New Zealand, chasing 308 to win, were bowled out for 193.

The way in which Broad removed dangerous opener Brendon McCullum for 36 with his first ball, a short delivery outside off-stump which the disbelieving batsman cut straight to Ian Bell in the covers, was perhaps more reminiscent of Ian Botham than McGrath.

But an initial burst of two wickets for 11 runs in seven overs certainly bore a resemblance to the

kind of display often associated with the Australian great.

"The way Broad bowled, I am not going to leave this press conference without pumping his tyres," said Pietersen.

"He bowled magnificently well, absolutely brilliant. Seven overs, two for 11 is smashing."

"I have been thinking for a long time that he is a Glenn McGrath in the making," added Pietersen, whose previous one-day international hundred came against an Australia attack featuring the New South Wales ace in Antigua during last year's World Cup.

"He hit his straps today and it is exactly how McGrath was as a bowler, exactly the same, I was very impressed."

McGrath, who retired last year after helping Australia beat Sri Lanka in the World Cup final in Barbados, bowed out being recognised as the supreme fast-medium bowler of his generation and one of the best cricketers ever seen.

Renowned for a remorseless off-stump line and his ability to move the ball late off the seam, McGrath's 563 Test wickets left him fourth in the all-time standings and are the

most taken by any pace bowler.

Not only did he routinely dismiss top-order batsmen but his wickets came at a miserly average of just 21.64 apiece. He was equally effective in one-day internationals with 250 wickets at 22.02.

The 6ft 5in Broad, the son of former England opening batsman Chris, has some way to go to match those figures.

In his six Tests the 21-year-old has taken 16 wickets at more than 40 apiece while his 40 one-day international wickets have come at an average of over 28.

One aspect of McGrath's career which Broad might think twice about copying was the Australian's fondness for predicting the outcome of a Test series.

McGrath famously said before the 2005 Ashes that Australia would win 5-0 only for them to lose 2-1.

It turned out that McGrath was just one Ashes series too early, with Australia completing a clean sweep of the old enemy in his final Test campaign, in 2006/07.

Broad will hope his bowling can do the talking for him when Australia arrive in England for next year's Ashes.

Ratan to start job in UK

SPORTS REPORTER

Crickets coach Shahidul Alam Ratan left Dhaka on Sunday for England to join the Capital Kids Cricket as its development head coach and development officer.

Ratan, a former A team coach in 2003 and Under-19 assistant coach of Bangladesh during the 2004 Youth World Cricket Cup, has been offered a three-year contract to work for the school cricket programme in East London.

Capital Kids Cricket is an organisation that works in Middlesex, Surrey and Essex but has ties with the all-England school development programme Chance to Shine.

The Bangladesh coach's job responsibility in the UK will be to develop the game at school level, arrange tournaments, carnivals, coaching at the Middlesex Academy and play a leading role to establish the Middlesex East London Cricket Academy and deliver coach education courses.

About 100 schools will be under the programme.

Ratan, who has completed Level 3 coaching course under the ECB, got the job after completing a two-year contract with the Malaysia U-19s till this year's ICC Youth World Cup.

"I will also try to promote Bangladeshi cricketers and help them play for different leagues and minor counties in England and Scotland. I am also willing to help Bangladeshi coaches to get short-term assignments for gathering experience," Ratan told before his departure.

"I have already made way for four Bangladeshi coaches to work in Malaysia and want to continue this in the future."

Pioneer League

UNB, Dhaka

Noakhali Football Academy drubbed Nandi Para Kamal Kali Sangsad 5-0 in a Central Zone match of the Pioneer Football League at the Basabo Tarun Sangha Club ground yesterday.

Samaj Kalyan KS Mugda blanked Narayanganj Football Academy 3-0 at the same venue.

In a North Zone match at the Mohakhali T&T ground, Khelaghar KS defeated Moghbazar Sabuj Sangha 2-1.

Ash turns another

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such a poor average. But that doesn't mean I play for myself only, it's rather for my team," he added.

Ashrafal dismissed the notion that this kind of thinking ultimately kills his natural batting.

"I don't think so. Definitely I will play my natural game but before that I have to learn how to adjust my game and that is the reason I am trying all those things."

Bangladesh skipper expressed his optimism with the Asia Cup as he believes that his side has the ability to win a big match besides UAE. Sri Lanka are the other team in Bangladesh's group.

"This is not true that people are saying that a win is not our target. We are very positive in one-dayers

but what we believe is that if we can ensure improvement in all three departments we will win more matches."

He, however, said that they will need much better performance from the tri-series if they want to threaten the giants.

"The performance in the tri-series was not at all frustrating but it was also not up to the mark. But I still believe that we have the ability to play much better."

Bangladesh team will fly for Pakistan on June 21.

The Tigers play their first Group A match against the UAE on June 24 and take on Sri Lanka on the following day at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore.

Ballack leads

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wind late on with Ivanschitz busting through only to be denied by Lahm before Hoffer turned sharply but fired well wide from 12 yards.

And a minute from time Klose should have buried the game for Germany but he shot straight at Macho before Frings and substitute Oliver Neuville both missed chances on the counter attack.

Full marks

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The Poles fire was doused really by that stage till a fine piece of individual skill by Euzebiusz Smolarek -- who surprisingly had not started the match -- saw him turn smartly and fire a curling effort just wide.

Poland were denied a point three minutes from time as Runje denied Tomasz Zahorski, running out of his goal to block him with his legs.



Indian cricketer Yuvraj Singh (L) hands over the Carlsberg man-of-the-match trophy to Swiss striker Hakan Yakin after their Euro 2008 match against Portugal in Basel on Sunday. Yakin scored both goals as Switzerland won 2-0.

Nadal gunning Federer crown

Tennis

AFP, London

Rafael Nadal has warned Roger Federer that he is ready to end the world number one's reign as Wimbledon champion.

Nadal's pre-eminence on the clay courts of Roland Garros has yielded four successive French Open titles,

but he looked almost as comfortable on grass during Sunday's 7-6 (8/6), 7-5 win over Novak Djokovic in the final at Queen's.

Just seven days after destroying Federer in the French Open final, Nadal made a convincing case that this will be the year he finally takes Federer's crown at the All England Club.

Nadal's back-to-back final defeats against Federer at

Wimbledon have only fuelled his desire to go one better and winning his first grasscourt title sent the perfect message to the Swiss star.

While Nadal was becoming the first man to win the French Open and Queen's in the same year since the pre-Wimbledon warm-up took its current format 30 years ago, Federer was also getting back in the winning habit in Halle.

Federer bows to no-one on the

lush lawns of south-west London but even he must have been slightly uneasy at Nadal's Queen's success.

"For sure he will have noticed. We have very good relationship. For sure I think he's happy for me and I am happy for him," Nadal said.

"To win a prestigious tournament like this, a very traditional tournament is very nice, and it will give me more confidence."

"But I was full of confidence after Roland Garros too, so for me confidence doesn't matter."

"You never know what's going on in Wimbledon. I think I am playing well. And if I continue playing like this, I am going to have chances for have a good result there."

"Everybody can win it. I can for sure. I played two finals. Why can't I win it? But it will be a lot of work to win Wimbledon."

"Right now it is very easy for everybody to say I am one of the favourites. But the second Sunday of Wimbledon, we will know who is going to be the favourite."

While Nadal jetted back to Mallorca for three days much-needed relaxation on the golf course and in his fishing boat, Djokovic will stay in England ahead of the start of Wimbledon on June 23.

The Australian Open champion was frustrated that he missed several opportunities to avenge his semi-final defeat against Nadal at the French Open.

But he took heart from the way he competed against the sport's in-form player.

"It's good to play him before Wimbledon one time, just to see how it goes and if I'm playing better on grass," Djokovic said.

"I think I'm playing better and better match after match. I've improved my serve a lot. There are some things that I need to work on still, so I have time before Wimbledon."

"But I'm not thinking about semifinals and finals already. It's a long way through."

"I've had an intense couple of months. It's been great for me. I've achieved a lot. I just hope to keep on going. The most important thing is to find the balance between work and relaxation and taking some time off."

For short periods of an enthralling Queen's final, Djokovic had the better of Nadal as he rained down a hail of bruising shots from the baseline.



Spaniard Rafael Nadal bites the winner's trophy after beating Serbian Novak Djokovic in the final of the Queen's Club tournament in London on Sunday.

Aussies break Windies

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But Australia captain Ricky Ponting persevered with Casson and he was rewarded when Bravo was caught at silly point playing defensively forward to a delivery of no great merit to end a fourth-wicket stand of 122.

Ponting then claimed the second new ball after 83.1 overs, and Clark struck with the second delivery, when he had Chanderpaul adjudged lbw about 15 minutes before lunch.

What transpired after lunch was of academic interest only, although the West Indies tail-enders made Australia work hard all the way.

Jerome Taylor joined Denesh Ramdin and they put on 42 for the sixth wicket, but Clark removed the West Indies wicketkeeper-batsman, and there no comeback for the home team as they lost their last five wickets for 42 runs from 73 balls.

SCOREBOARD

Final scorecard on the fifth and final day of the third and final Test between West Indies and Australia at Kensington Oval on Monday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings 251

WEST INDIES: First innings 216

AUSTRALIA: Second innings 439 for 5 declared

West Indies 2nd Innings (target: 475 runs)

(overnight 235 for three)

Gayle c Lee b Clark 26

Marshall c Jacques b Casson 85

Sarwan lbw b Clarke 43

Chanderpaul lbw b Clark 50

Bravo c Jacques b Casson 69

Ramdin lbw b Clark 8

Taylor b Haddin b Johnson 31

Chattergeon c wkpr Haddin b Lee 13

Benn c Hussey b Casson 13

Powell c wkpr Haddin b Lee 6

Edwards not out 5

Extras: (b-10, lb-8, w-8, nb-12) 38

Total (all out) 387

Fall of wickets: 1-64, 2-159, 3-181

Bowler O M R W

Lee 25.4 3 109 2

Clark 24 8 58 3

Johnson 12 0 72 1

Casson 25 3 86 3

Clarke 17 1 38 1

Symonds 2 0 6 0

Result: Australia won by 87 runs

Umpires: Aleem Dar, M Benson, TV

Replays: G Greaves

Match Referee: R Mahanama

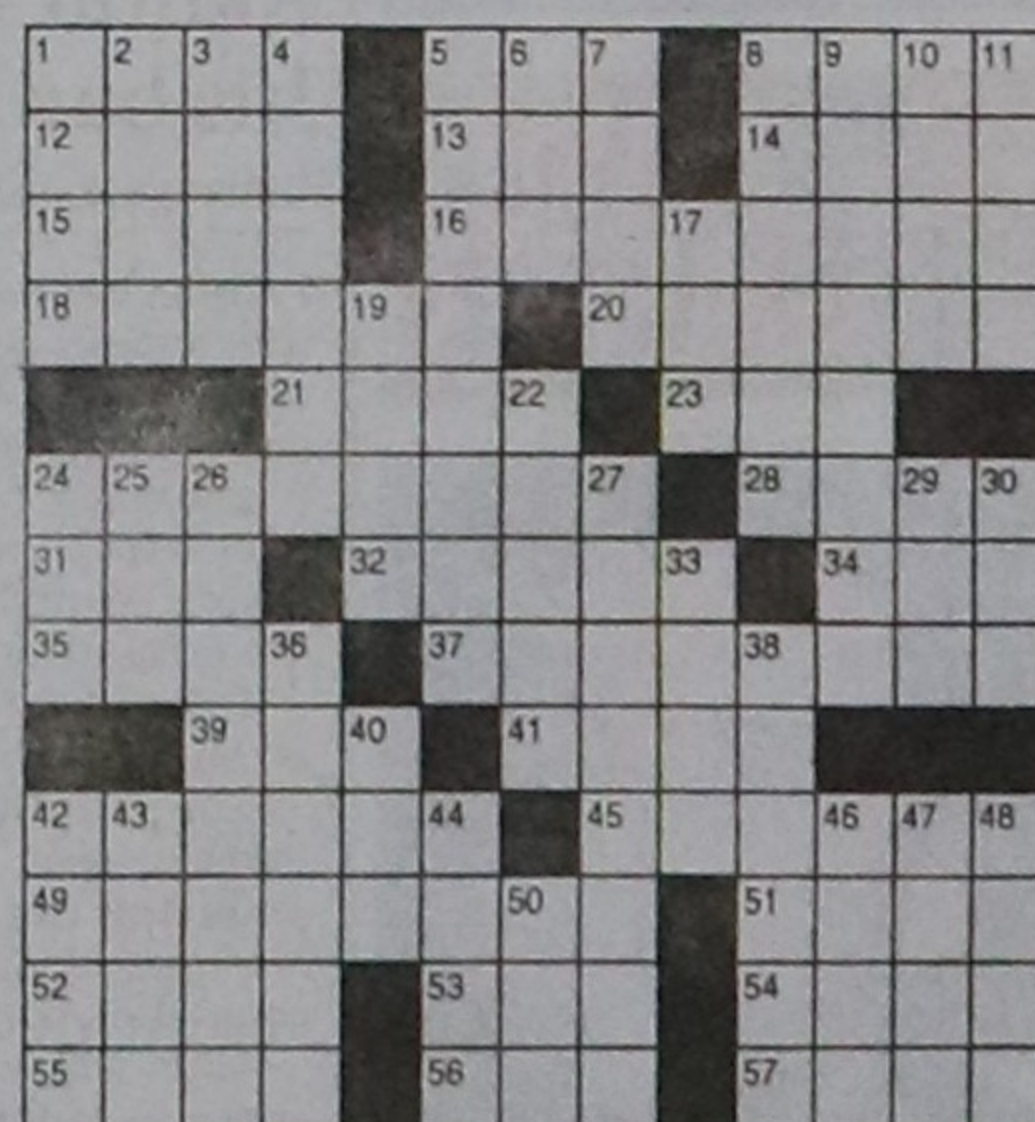
CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Mentor
5 Bro or sis
8 Chest protectors
12 Candid
13 Dead heat
14 Jacob's brother
15 Death of a Salesman
16 Terrier variety
18 Just know
20 Run up the phone bill
21 Libertine
23 Regret
24 Yarn
28 Radiator
31 Eisenhower
32 Battle verbally
34 Golf ball's position
35 Porridge-making bear
37 Get-rid-of-junk event
39 Sphere
41 Took the bus
42 One-dimensional
45 Moly
49 Portrayal of Gilligan's skipper
51 Domestic cat
52 Zich, in Xochimilco
53 Caribbean, for one
54 Craving
55 Slight seers?
56 Brooch
57 BPOE members
60 Titanic destroyer
6 Chinch
9 Columbus
54 Craving
10 Hay
38 Colonize
40 "Humbug!"
11 Took to court
17 Listener
19 Title
22 "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
24 Allen or Conway
25 Alias
26 Summer-time beverage
27 From the Continent
29 Lubricate
30 Tiny
33 Voracious
36 Sports venues
38 Colonize
40 "Humbug!"
42 Diane or Nathan
43 "Now me down to sleep"
44 Grate
46 Burglar's booty
47 Russian city
48 Trawler gear
50 Floral neckwear

Solution time: 24 mins.

ANSWER
1 MENTOR
5 BROTHER
8 CHEST PROTECTORS
12 CANDID
13 DEAD HEAT
14 JACOB'S BROTHER
15 DEATH OF A SALESMAN
16 TERRIER VARIETY
18 JUST KNOW
20 RUN UP THE PHONE BILL
21 LIBERTINE
23 REGRET
24 YARN
28 RADIATOR
31 EISENHOWER
32 BATTLE VERBALLY
34 GOLF BALL'S POSITION
35 PORRIDGE-MAKING BEAR
37 GET-RID-OF-JUNK EVENT
39 SPHERE
41 TOOK THE BUS
42 ONE-DIMENSIONAL
45 MOLY
49 PORTRAYAL OF GILLIGAN'S SKIPPER
51 DOMESTIC CAT
52 ZICH, IN XOCHIMILCO
53 CARIBBEAN, FOR ONE
54 CRAVING
55 SLIGHT SEERS?
56 BROOCH
57 BPOE MEMBERS
60 TITANIC DESTROYER
6 CHINCH
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33 VORACIOUS
36 SPORTS VENUES
38 COLONIZE
40 "HUMBUG!"
42 DIANE OR NATHAN
43 "NOW ME DOWN TO SLEEP"
44 GRATE
46 BURGLAR'S BOOTY
47 RUSSIAN CITY
48 TRAWLER GEAR
50 FLORAL NECKWEAR

Saturday's answer: 47



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Saturday's Cryptquip: AT THE OVINE
AMUSEMENT PARK, DO YOU THINK EVERY
PATRON SHOULD HAVE SOME SHEEP THRILLS?

Today's Cryptquip Clue: P equals Y