

McLaren Mercedes' British driver Lewis Hamilton celebrates on the podium after winning the German Grand Prix in Hockenheim yesterday.

#### TOUR DE FRANCE

### Cavendish pulls out

AFP, Embrun

Quadruple stage winner Mark Cavendish has pulled out of the Tour de France prior to the 15th stage, the first of three days in the Alps here Sunday, according to his Columbia team.

Cavendish has been one of the stars of the July 5-27 race so far, winning four bunch sprints to set a new British record for stage wins in a single edition. He was victorious on stages five, eight, 12 and 13.

But the 23-year-old from the Isle of Man admitted he was suffering fatigue following two tough weeks

of racing. "I've done enough here with

four stages," said Cavendish. "I'm a bit tired now. I've rode one Grand Tour at the Giro. Here I rode hard through the Pyrenees and was able to get a couple more results.

"Maybe if the green jersey was still in contention I'd carry on, but I'm 60 points behind now."

Cavendish missed out on disputing a bunch sprint for the first time in the race when he was dropped on the small climb 10km from the finish line of Saturday's 14th stage, won by sprint rival Oscar Freire.

He will now set his sights on the Olympic Games, where he will compete for Britain in track cycling's Madison - an event in which he is reigning world champion with Bradley Wiggins.

### ICC to inspect ump referral

PTI, Colombo

International Cricket Council (ICC general manager (cricket) Dave Richardson will be here next week to inspect the infrastructure that has been put in place to operationalise the umpire referral system which goes on trial during the India-Sri Lanka Test series.

The system will allow cricketers to challenge the umpire's decision to obviate controversies and bring in greater transparency in the game. "We have 22 cameras installed

for the first Test match beginning July 23 and the ICC chief will be taking a look at the infrastructure and the installation of large number of cameras ahead of the Test," a top Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) official said.

The official said Richardson and other officials, including those from Sri Lanka, will be briefed by

experts on how to use the system. Sri Lankan wicketkeeper Kumar Sangakkara said the new system will help in improving decision making though the players will have to show responsibility while

#### Tame draw

a shot against the left-arm spinner Rangana Herath and was bowled for 26. Play was extended until 6.10 pm and Gambhir, through solid cuts and pulls, made an unbeaten 60. Sourav Ganguly notched up 22.

Two days out of three were hit by rain, and locals expect the pattern to continue when the actual contest kicks off just down the road at the SSC on July 23.

#### **SCORES IN BRIEF**

SRI LANKA BOARD XI: First innings 224 all out in 71.5 overs (Kandamby 84, C Silva 68, Mubarak 25; Kumble 3-30, Zaheer 2-35, Harbhajan 2-52) and second innings 247 for 6 declared in 55 overs (C Silva 59 not out, Prasad 43 not out, Mubarak 41, Kandamby 27, Kapugedera 22; Harbhajan 2-53)

INDIANS: First innings 196 for 8 declared in 49 overs (Tendulkar 69, Karthik 58, Sehwag 27; Prasad 3-30, Fernando 2-27) and 129 for 2 in 31 overs (Gambhir 60 not out, Dravid 26, Ganguly 22 not out) Result: Match drawn.

# Hamilton wins a thriller

INTERNET, undated

\_Heikki

Kovalainen, Felipe Massa and Nelson Piquet in the closing stages to win a thrilling German Grand Prix at Hockenheim.

The British McLaren driver won his second successive race to take sole possession of the lead in the drivers' championship, four points ahead of Ferrari's Massa. Renault's Piquet, operating a

one-stop strategy, claimed his first podium finish in Formula One in second, with Massa third and Kimi Raikkonen sixth.

throughout, Hamilton nearly lost the race thanks to a tactical blunder by his team. A big crash involving Timo Glock brought the safety car out but

Hamilton, who was leading, opted

Tennis

AFP, Toronto

not to take a pit stop and as a conse-

Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal

resume their rivalry on the North

American stage on Monday as the

summer crush of hardcourt events

With the Beijing Olympics start-

ing August 8, the schedule is

packed-out, with the Canadian

event the first meeting between the

world's top two since Federer lost to

Nadal in their Wimbledon title epic.

profile is Serbia's defending cham-

months on court have been a frus-

into a class of their own.

Wimbledon history.

tration as the big two pull ahead

Nadal should be rested and

The Spanish world number two

has relaxed at home on Mallorca

refreshed after winning the most

dramatic final in modern

pion Novak Djokovic, whose recent

Arriving with a decidedly lower

begins with the Toronto Masters.

he pitted later in the race.

However, Hamilton used his superior pace to overtake Heikki Kovalained, Massa and Piquet, all at the same hairpin, to secure a magnificent victory.

Polesitter Hamilton led from pole position and immediately built a commanding advantage over Massa, while world champion Raikkonen continued to struggle with his set up and languished in the lower points positions. The 23-year-old seemed set for a

routine win before Glock's crash just after half distance changed The German's Toyota suffered

suspension failure entering the start-Despite setting a blistering pace finish straight and smashed into the pit wall. Glock was taken to hospital, although Toyota said he had no visible injuries, and his retirement prompted the safety car to come out.

While the other front-runners all pitted at the first opportunity, McLaren bizarrely decided to keep

Rs resume rivalry in Toronto

world number one spot over the

success has increased his value for

the world's paparazzi with him

featured in a set of snaps from the

beach with his media-shy teenaged

request from elite French magazine

Paris Match for a photo session.

other big-earning sportsmen.

But Team Nadal turned down a

Federer, who suffered his first

Wimbledon loss since 2002, has

reportedly used the time off to

switch fiscal residences to a lakeside

Zurich village which is home to

Masters in Cincinnati, with only a

brief pause before the top three in

the world travel to Beijing for the

Olympics prior to dashing back

across the Pacific for the August 25

With the top eight seeds enjoy-

ing first-round byes, Federer will

Toronto leads straight to the

Nadal's stunning Wimbledon

next few weeks.

girlfriend

while Federer has been left to fret have a chance to work any kinks

over the possibility of losing his out of his game as he awaits either a

Indianapolis.

Marcos Baghdatis.

running hip injury.

Wimbledon.

Murray.

quence was relegated to fourth after Hamilton out. Massa emerged from his stop and caught up with the safety car, just 50 metres off the leader who still had to come in.

> Hamilton proved unable to build a sufficient gap and emerged from his stop in fourth behind Piquet, Massa and team-mate Kovalainen with 16 laps remaining. The Briton proved to be a myth

> the claim that there is no overtaking in Formula One, streaking past al three men and taking a huge step towards a first world championship. Hamilton moves on to 58 cham-

pionship points, four clear of Massa, seven ahead of Raikkonen and 10 ahead of BMW's Robert Kubica, who was seventh. Kubica's BMW team-mate Nick

Heidfeld was fourth, while Sebastian Vettel took the final points position for Toro Rosso. David Coulthard had to settle

for 13th following a collision with Honda's Rubens Barrichello, who retired after the incident. Jenson Button was the last finisher in 17th.

qualifier or Frenchman Gilles

Simon, finalist this weekend in

Canadian wild card Peter Polansky

or former Australian Open finalis

beat both of his rivals on his way to

the title in Montreal a year ago, wil

have a danger match against either

Canadian home hope Frank

Dancevic or Croatian Mario Ancic.

Missing from the field is Lleyton

Hewitt, with the 26th-ranked

Australian awaiting medical opin-

ions about how to best treat a long-

fourth seed, is back after an

uncharacteristic two weeks off

while Spain's David Ferrer takes

the fifth seeding ahead of Andy

Roddick, who has been recovering

from a shoulder injury and has not

played since a second-round loss at

seventh ahead of Briton Andy

Malik's plea to

Trophy teams

American James Blake is seeded

Russian Nikolay Davydenko, the

Nadal will line up against either

Djokovic, the number three who

#### Asif wants B sample test postponed

CRICINFO, undated

Pakistan fast bowler Mohammad Asif on Saturday has asked for his B sample test, which had been scheduled for July 28, to be postponed. His lawyer, Shahid Karim, wants more time to prepare for the case and make travel arrangements.

Karim said Asif has yet to receive the required documents from the Indian Premier League authorities relating to the A sample test, without which he could not prepare for the case.

"From the IPL we certainly want the documents that relate to the procedures they adopted for the 'A' sample test and we are entitled to have them," Karim told PTI. "We also want certain documents from the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) that might be relevant to the case."

ICC anti-doping regulations provide players and/or their representative the right to be present when the B sample is opened and analysed. That means Asif and his lawyer will have to travel to Switzerland, where the testing will be done in a World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)-accredited laboratory. "We will not be able to make all the travel arrangements to Switzerland by July 28," Karim told Cricinfo. "The visas have to be processed and documents have to be obtained."

The IPL announced on Monday that Asif had tested positive for a banned substance, following which the PCB suspended him.

### Shipperd could coach Kiwis

CRICINFO, undated

The Herald on Sunday has reported that Greg Shipperd, the Victoria coach, could be one of the contenders to replace John Bracewell, whose term ends in April 2009. Shipperd apparently has the backing of the New Zealand captain Daniel Vettori, who was impressed by the Australian during their stint with the Delhi Daredevils in the Indian Premier League.

Shipperd coached Tasmania for 11 seasons after quitting first-class cricket in 1990-91, guiding the state to its first Sheffield Shield final in 1993-94, then again in 1997-98 and 2001-02. He took charge of Victoria after David Hookes' death in January 2004 and in the same season, the team celebrated its first Pura Cup title since 1990-91. In the IPL, Delhi made good progress at the start of the tournament, but narrowly made it to the semi-finals, where they lost to champions

Rajasthan Royals. Shipperd has until August 4 to make a formal application. New Zealand Cricket (NZC) haven't disclosed the names of any applicants yet. However, Justin Vaughan, NZC's chief executive, had stated John Wright, the former New Zealand captain and India coach, is one of the favourites for

the job. Of the state associations in the country, the paper reported that Andy Moles (Northern Districts) and Anthony Stuart (Wellington) have attracted a lot of positive feedback. Tom Moody, the former Australian all-rounder and coach of Sri Lanka, has indicated his preference to stay on Perth with Western Australia, and hence will not apply.

### BOA to include

FROM PAGE 17 contingent includes six players,

three coaches/managers, two members for the youth camp, one general team manager and one Chefde Mission. Besides, Chief Adviser's Special

Assistant for Youth and Sports, BOA president and secretary general go to Beijing as invited guests of Olympic Games Organising Committee.

BOA president and also chairman of the National Sports Council (NSC) General Moeen U Ahmed assured again a fair and politicsfree election in the sports federations by October.

Terming the recently concluded BFF election as fair and credible, the BOA president hoped that the upcoming election process in different sports federations, now being run by ad-hoc committees, would also be free from an external influence.

He also urged the BOA members to rid the sports arena of politics.

Beijing Olympics, Gen Moeen said Bangladesh's participation this time will be in name only, but "we hope to take part in the next Olympics in greater number."

Committee as the 'BOA Bhaban Project'. of BOA deputy secretary general

Kazi Mohiuddin Bulbul. About amendments in the BOA statutes, the BOA president directed all concerned to review the written recommendations of the BOA members before these

could be approved.

# Decision later this week

AGENCIES, Dubai

Pakistan's wait CHAMPIONS to TROPHY whether they will host the

Champions WestIndies. Trophy in September has been extended with the International Cricket Council (ICC) Board expected to take a final decision later this week. The ICC on Sunday said its

know

executive board will take a final decision on the host of September's Champions Trophy amidst security fears in Pakistan. The year's biggest one-day tournament, featuring the top

Zealand have raised fears about headquarters in Dubai the same day with representatives from all eight countries taking part in the tournament, the players, and ESPN-Star,

arrangements Pakistan made during the recent six-nation Asia Cup.

As well as likely hosts Pakistan the other teams competing in the Champions Trophy are South Africa, India, Sri Lanka and the

"A meeting was held to brief the security arrangements made by Pakistan in the Asia Cup in June-July and now the concerns will be taken at the ICC Board meeting in due course to arrive a definitive decision on the location of this year's Champions Trophy," an ICC press release said.

"Until or unless the board decided otherwise the tournament will be processed in Pakistan," it eight Test nations, is due to be held said, without giving a date for a in Pakistan from September 11 to final decision. 28 but Australia, England and New

of the Asia Cup, a suicide bomb blast in the capital Islamabad The ICC held a meeting at its earlier this month killed 19 people and a series of small bombings rocked the port city of Karachi.

Islamabad -- Lahore and Karachi the event's television broadcaster, are the scheduled venues for the to brief them about security

Team representatives Sunday heard from the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on its security plans in the lead-up to, and during, the Trophy, the ICC statement said.

"While there was recognition the PCB had gone to great lengths to provide a high-level security during the Asia Cup and would also do so again during the Champions Trophy, concerns were expressed about the potential threats beyond the PCB's control," the ICC said.

PCB's representative at the meeting, Shafqat Naghmi, was adamant that Pakistan should host the event.

"Pakistan's case is strong and we see no point in moving or not holding the Trophy in our country after full assurances on security," Despite the trouble-free hosting Naghmi, the PCB chief operating officer, told AFP.

With Sri Lanka, the designated alternative venue for the tournament, also facing renewed violence between Tamil Tiger rebels and Rawalpindi -- which adjoins government troops, South Africa and England have been mooted as potential replacements for the

# Amla praises Prince

Cricket

AFP, Leeds

Hashim Amla paid tribute to fellow batsman Ashwell Prince after the South Africa vice-captain's second hundred in as many matches against England steered the Proteas into a commanding position in the second Test here at Headingley.

second day, was 134 not out in a total of 322 for four that left South Africa with an overnight lead of 119.

He had so far added 179 with AB de Villiers (70 not out) for the fifth wicket after South Africa had been 143 for four in reply to England's first innings 203 all out.

level followed his 101 in the first innings of the drawn first Test at Lord's. "I think his temperament is superb and he keeps the game

quite simple," Amla said of Prince. "That's basically his biggest trait. moment on key occasions for us and he's produced two fantastic

knocks." Amla, who also made a century

missed Saturday when lbw for 38 to Harmison, dropped from the side England's Australia-raised but after the first Test defeat away to Grimsby-born debutant pace New Zealand in March, and former bowler Darren Pattinson.

South Africa have been a transformed team since being made to there were 'more English' alternafollow-on at Lord's and have so far tives available. piled up 715 runs for the loss of seven wickets since being bowled out for Ottis (attn eds: correct) Gibson, just 247 in their first innings of this four-Test series. Amla, asked what matic rise to international status Prince, at stumps on Saturday's the first innings maybe we didn't apply ourselves as well. Maybe we were a little overwhelmed.

"But in this Test, we were battlehardened. We just tried to up the

England have spent 365 overs in the field during the past five days, with just a three-day break with ankle and side injuries, has Prince's ninth hundred at this between the first two Tests.

> feel close, especially when you Lancashire quick James Anderson. spend one day travelling, but I understand this is the nature of Flintoff, who has had four operainternational cricket. "It's a tough school and at the

"He's batting very well at the end of the day you've got to be fit enough to deal with it."

> controversial. Both England's 2005 Ashes- minute."

at Lord's, was the only man dis- winning spearhead quick Stephen captain Graham Gooch have questioned Pattinson's call-up when

But England bowling coach defended the 29-year-old's drahad changed, replied: "At Lord's, in after just 11 previous first-class matches by saying: "We knew we had hit-the-deck bowlers and the reports on Darren were that he pitches the ball up and swings it.

"That's what we felt we needed for this game."

Meanwhile Andrew Flintoff, in his first Test after 18 months out already sent down 28 overs -- a "All I know is that I would be figure equalled amongst the feeling stiff," said Amla. "It does England attack only by his fellow

> This has raised concerns that tions on his left ankle, may be heading for fresh injury problems.

But Gibson said: "We don't want to bowl him into the ground. It is Pattinson's selection has proved something we will continue to monitor... he's in good shape at the

# Flintoff to be monitored

### Cricket

REUTERS, Leeds

England will have to monitor the workload of fit-again all-rounder Andrew Flintoff so he does not risk further injury, the team's bowling coach Ottis Gibson said on Saturday.

Flintoff, playing his first Test in 18 months after a fourth ankle operation and then a side strain, bowled 28 overs in four sessions by the close of Day Two of the second Test against South Africa -- with more work still to do in the tourists' first innings.

He delivered 10 overs more than seamer Stuart Broad and the same as James Anderson.

"I suppose because of the injuries that Freddie (Flintoff) has had you would think it was a concern but he has been doing all his rehab at Lancashire and training to be on the park," Gibson told reporters.

"Obviously he has bowled quite a few overs now but if we didn't think Freddie was up to it I imagine he wouldn't be bowling that many

"It's something that we have to

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continue to look at and monitor. We don't want to bowl him into the ground as such but he has come through today and pulled up well on Friday.

work on the injuries that he has had, he is having his ice baths and



ANDREW FLINTOFF

all the other stuff that fast bowlers do, like having massages, and he is in good shape at the minute."

Flintoff has been the most impressive performer in the innings so far and at tea he had the

economical figures of one for 37 from 21 overs.

South Africa's Hashim Amla praised his fellow batsman Ashwell Prince after he finished 134 not out "He is doing his (preventative) at stumps. It was Prince's second hundred in as many Tests.

"Ashwell has been a star performer for us over the last couple of years," Amla told reporters.

"His temperament is very good and he keeps his style very simple and sticks to his game-plan. Those last two hundreds he has made, here and at Lord's, are the two best I have seen him play."

## City begins

FROM PAGE 17 from Muslim extremists in China's western Xinjiang region.

Beijing organizers are also in a protracted showdown with TV broadcasters, who are seeking free movement and reporting during the games. China's communist government seems to fear being embarrassed during the games by pro-Tibet activists, local dissidents or critics of China's human rights policies.

The gigantic experiment to curb pollution could still go wrong.

#### Durban in 1999. Broad challenging any decision. De Villiers made Pattinson pay Panesar for dropping short on a placid pitch Pietersen when he cut him through the offside for four in front of square to go

who at tea had bowled 40 overs stump

De Villiers, who'd angered England on Friday by claiming to have caught Andrew Strauss when the ball had in fact bounced, spent 13 balls on 99, his single off Flintoff saw de Villiers complete his sixth Test hundred off 264 balls with 11

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the third day of the second Test between Headingley in Leeds on Sunday: (Pietersen 45, Bell 31, Strauss 27; Morkel 4-52, Steyn 4-76)

Smith c Strauss b Flintoff Amlalbw b Pattinson Kallis b Anderson Prince c Ambrose b Pattinson 149 De Villiers not out

Morkel b Panesar Harris not out Extras: (b-2, lb-17, w-1, nb-7)

Total: (For 7 wkts in 166 overs) 480 126

# Kapil blasts

Flintoff

Former India captain Kapil Dev yesterday slammed Test discard Yuvraj Singh for attending late night parties instead of focussing

cricket and work hard ... He must exhibit his talent at a proper place rather than elsewhere," Kapil said at a 'Meet the Press' programme here when asked about Yuvraj's party habit.

former Test Cricketer, Kapil said, "If Yuvraj devotes even 50 per cent of no one can stop him from remaining in the (Test) team." "He (Yuvraj) is a talented player. But he should replace Pakistan as hosts, the ICC spend more time on ground and have made it clear they would not remain focussed to the game," said the country's only World Cuphesitate to relocate the tournament winning captain.

#### REUTERS, Karachi Pakistan captain Shoaib Malik on Sunday urged Champions Trophy teams to dispel their concerns about security in Pakistan ahead of

September's tournament. Malik's appeal came as the International Cricket Council (ICC) were due to meet in Dubai to brief participants about security arrangements for the eight-nation

contest "I have been to most of the Test playing nations and other countries where cricket is played and the security foreign teams get in Pakistan is unmatched," Malik told reporters.

"I request all teams to visit Pakistan for the Champions Trophy as the event is very important for us and our people," he added. Malik said he had no doubt the Champions Trophy in Pakistan

would the best since its inception

in 1998. "South Africa, England, India, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe they all have toured Pakistan in the last few years without any problems. We also hosted the Asia Cup just now without any problems," Malik said. Although there are no plans to

if there were signs of danger.

About participation in the The meeting also decided to rename the BOA Bhaban Building It also accepted the resignation

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#### AB follows Ashwell FROM PAGE 17 Prince, who'd made 101 in the

drawn first Test at Lord's, had batted for nearly seven hours, facing 284 balls with two sixes and 17 fours. His stand of 212 in 75 overs with de Villiers, notable for the pair's excellent running between the wickets, was a new South Africa

record for the fifth-wicket against

England, surpassing the 192 shared

by Gary Kirsten and Boucher at

A fired-up Andrew Flintoff -twice beat de Villiers outside off-

England and South Africa at ENGLAND: First innings 203

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings the hard work that his father put in, (overnight 322-4) McKenzie c Flintoff b Anderson 15

Boucher b Anderson

start of the US Open.

Fall of wickets: 1-51, 2-69, 3-76, 4 143, 5-355, 6-422, 7-427 To bat: Steyn, Ntini Anderson Pattinson

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# Yuvi's habits

PTI, Chandigarh

on cricket. "He (Yuvraj) should focus on

Drawing parallels between Yuvraj and his father Yograj Singh, a