



England paceman Stuart Broad celebrates the wicket of South Africa's Herschelle Gibbs during the second one-day match at Trent Bridge in Nottingham on Tuesday.

Sourav's no to KP & Freddie

INTERNET, undated

Andrew Flintoff and Kevin Pietersen should not join the mega-bucks Indian Premier League next year, according to one of its biggest stars.

Both England icons have been linked to big-money deals with the Kolkata Knight Riders, owned by multi-millionaire Bollywood star Shahrukh Khan.

However, their ability to feature in next year's Twenty20 showpiece would be limited to a window of just 10 days out of the six-week tournament.

And now Knight Riders' captain Sourav Ganguly has told Sun Sport he would not want to have the pair in his side, due to the disruption they would cause.

He said: "There is pressure on my team to do well in the IPL next year, because last year we did not get the results we wanted."

"That was in part was down to players coming and going for international duty."

"There is a limit with the number of overseas players we can play and a limit to the budget."

"I don't know how much Pietersen or Flintoff will be available next year, with the Ashes going on -- that's a big competition for them."

"We need players who can play for us for a longer time and gel with the team, not coming and going like that."

"It is a team sport and last year Shane Warne's side Rajasthan won through a team ethic, not big names."

Hayden mulls one-day exit

CRICINFO, undated

A lingering heel injury has forced Matthew Hayden to consider his limited-overs future, but he says he still has the desire to continue in the format despite having to pull out of the series against Bangladesh. Hayden, who picked up the problem in April, said he was keen to keep appearing in coloured clothes -- "at least for this summer."

"I really enjoy it so providing I can hold my spot I will definitely be playing more one-day cricket," he told the Australian. "It's not like I've played 300 games. I came late to one-day cricket and have played about 150 [161] games."

Hayden was the player of the 2007 World Cup and is the ICC's one-day player of the year, but he will turn 37 in October and knows time is running out. "I want to finish off the desire I have to play one-day cricket without being selfish because it's important the team has plenty of time to prepare for the next World Cup," he said. "That's still a long way off, but I won't be ruthless about trying to push on. I don't want to hang on too long."

Australia will have another look at the future during the three matches against Bangladesh in Darwin, starting from Saturday. Shaun Marsh, Shane Watson and Brad Haddin are contenders for the opening spots while David Hussey and Cameron White may also receive significant game time. The cancellation of the Champions Trophy has disrupted Australia's pre-season, but given Hayden a greater opportunity to recover from the Achilles problem.

"In the short term it's disappointing, but in the longer term it's really good because it gives me extra time to get right for India," Hayden said. "India is a hugely challenging and iconic series. There have been a lot of distractions lately with the rise of Twenty20 cricket but the premium product is still Test cricket and one of the premium events is playing India."

Paul denies pact

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THE GUARDIAN

Paul Collingwood returned to England's one-day side against South Africa yesterday after the completion of a four-match ban reaffirming that there was no pact, or even discussion, between himself and Michael Vaughan that caused both to resign from their respective roles as England's Test and one-day captains within a matter of hours.

That one England captain could step down in midsummer pleading exhaustion is concern enough. For two to reach the same decision, entirely independently, should have been cause for a major inquiry, were it not for the fact that it conveniently allowed the ECB to proclaim a fresh start and appoint Kevin Pietersen to both jobs.

If only one captain had resigned, the likelihood was that the other would have remained -- with the ECB reluctant to follow their instinct and proclaim an immediate fresh start. The Age of Pietersen, which has brought introductory victories in both the Test and 50-overs format, came about, as so many of the most momentous decisions do, largely through good fortune. Pietersen, who has single-mindedly asserted his right to lead from the outset, would not have settled easily into a split captaincy.

It was an invigorated Collingwood who at Trent Bridge,

before Tuesday's second NatWest ODI, reflected upon the assumption that the double resignation must have been somehow pre-arranged. "Michael's resignation was a complete shock," he said. "I obviously knew that I was going on the Saturday night and when he came off the field at Headingley and said 'I am off' I thought: 'Oh, bloody hell, there are two captains going. It doesn't look too good.' It was pure coincidence. We communicate all the time. I knew that he was struggling but I never had an inkling that he was going to give it up."

Collingwood was struggling just as much. He had only been in the job since England's failure in the World Cup forced Vaughan's retirement from one-day internationals, but it had drained him in barely a year as much as Vaughan was drained in five.

"I just wanted to go back into the ranks and enjoy my cricket because it was getting to the point where I was going on to the cricket field and not enjoying it," he said. "I've never been that kind of character to dislike the game. It was starting to really get to me. I can't wait to stand at backward point, not think about where the fielders go, whether to bring a man in, who is coming on to bowl -- it's going to be nice."

Collingwood's cricketing ethics had been questioned when he failed to recall Grant Elliott during an ODI against New Zealand at The Oval after he collided with Ryan Sidebottom -- a decision that was symptomatic of his state of mind.

"Decisions like that can haunt you afterwards and they added to my lack of mental energy," he said. Then he was banned for four matches as the captain of an England side bowling an unacceptably slow over-rate.

But it was his lack of form that hurt most. He had gone 25 innings without a century, and his reclassification as a one-day specialist was imminent. With the money available in one-day cricket, some players of 32 would have shrugged it off. But Collingwood had other ideas. He privately decided to resign on the first day of the Oval Test and immediately hit a career-saving hundred.

"I have grown up wanting to play Test cricket for England and that was about to be taken away from us," he said. "I have always been good at getting away from the game in between series, getting time off, and I just felt that the captaincy never really allows you to switch off and recharge the batteries. When you come close to losing your Test spot it hits you hard."

"I generally have to put a lot of hard work and effort into the game on its own to stay at the top level. Everybody keeps saying that I haven't got the most ability in the world and it might be true. I have to put a lot of mental energy into it."

"The funny thing is we're always asked to be 100 per cent all of the time and, whether it is subconscious or not, we've got a big Ashes series coming up. Maybe subconsciously you try and peak at the right time."

Haddin most excited

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AFP, Brisbane

A short one-day series against Bangladesh in Darwin might not sound tempting for some of Australia's seasoned international cricketers, but wicketkeeper-batsman Brad Haddin can't wait.

The three-match series, which was to be a warm-up for the now-postponed Champions Trophy, starts on Saturday.

Haddin has recovered from a fractured finger suffered during the recent tour of the West Indies, on which he made his long-awaited Test debut following the retirement of Adam Gilchrist.

The 30-year-old said motivation

would not be a problem.

Although the veteran of 30 one-day internationals has kept wicket for Australia at home before, it will be the first time he has done so as the country's No.1 gloveman.

"For me personally it's another international," he said.

"It's the first time I've had the opportunity to keep in Australia since Adam (Gilchrist) retired. I'm jumping at the bit to have an opportunity to play in front of an Australian crowd."

Haddin said he tested the lingering finger injury during Australia's two-day training camp in Brisbane without any dramas.

"I got the cast off last week, the results were good. The fracture is stable and I'm right to get back into cricket," Haddin said.

"It was frustrating for a while because it took a little bit longer to get right."

"Over the last two days I've had a great chance to test it out and I've had no problems."

With veteran opener Matthew Hayden (achilles) ruled out of the series, the free-scoring Haddin could also find himself promoted up the order.

"I've been lucky I've batted from one to seven," he said.

"In the early days it was a little difficult getting used to that. But I think as you get older and you mature more for a personal point of view, I'm not really fussed these days."

"I'm pretty comfortable in the role I've been playing at six and seven in the middle order."

Nadal off and running

FROM PAGE 17 seeded Lindsay Davenport, of the US, all advanced.

Dementieva had four double faults and only three aces but made less unforced errors, 20 to 32, than her opponent in the 88 minute match on the main Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Dementieva next faces France's Pauline Parmentier, who beat Marina Erakovic of New Zealand 6-3, 7-6 (7/2).

Li got off to a disastrous start before coming from behind to beat Israel's Shahar Peer 2-6, 6-0, 6-1 on the Grandstand court.

True to her history of not surrendering easily, Li converted five of six break point chances and won 58 per cent of her second serve points to Peer's 42 per cent.

Li made 20 of her 40 total unforced errors in a sloppy first set before she rounded into form in the second and third sets.

"In the first set I felt like I was playing against a wall," Li said. "In the second set I told myself to just play your game and don't give up."

The lowest seed to get knocked out on the opening day was 10th

ranked Anna Chakvetadze who lost to Russian compatriot Ekaterina Makarova 1-6, 6-2, 6-3.

In the night match, former world number one Jankovic launched her quest to reach her first Grand Slam final, cruising past American wild card Coco Vandeweghe 6-3, 6-1.

The 23-year-old Serbian has already reached two semifinals in Grand Slams this year (French Open and Australian Open) but has never made it to a final in 20 career major appearances.

This is the sixth straight US Open for second seeded Jankovic who moves through to the second round where she will face Sweden Sofia Arvidsson who beat China's Yan Zi 6-2, 6-4.

Jankovic needed just 27 minutes to win the second set on Monday, forcing the 16-year-old Vandeweghe into making mistakes especially when the American attacked the net.

"It is tough to play opponent who doesn't have anything to lose," Jankovic said. "I didn't know she was 16 until they made the announcement before the match. I did as much

as I needed to win the match."

Men's second seed Federer, women's No.1 Ana Ivanovic and the Williams sisters play their first round matches on Tuesday.

Jamie remains

FROM PAGE 17 Australia fast bowler Trent Kelly, who will also play in today's match.

TEAMS BANGLADESH (from): Tamim Iqbal, Zunaed Siddiqui, Mohammad Ashraful (Captain), Rokibul Hassan, Shakib Al Hasan, Alok Kapali, Dhiman Ghosh (Wicketkeeper), Mahmudullah Riyad, Forhad Reza, Abdur Razzak, Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, Dollar Mahmud, Mehrez Hossain, Nazmul Hossain and Shahadat Hossain.

CHIEF MINISTER'S XI (from): Ashley Williams, Darcy Short, Blyne Cornford, Michael Miller, Stuart Johnstone, Shane McDermott, Simon Lavers, Robert Kenney, Stephan Regan, Kym Lawrence, Trent Kelly, Richmond Hodgson, Todd Pemble, Cameron Francis and Scott Allen.

Aus celebrates 100 yrs of The Don today

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AFP, Sydney

Australia will celebrate the centenary of their greatest sporting legend Donald Bradman on Wednesday by naming the star batsman's sleepy boyhood town "the world's spiritual home of cricket".

Schoolchildren, cricketers and Australians of all walks of life were expected to mark what would have been the 100th birthday of the famed cricketer on August 27. Bradman died in 2001 aged 92.

The accolades were already pouring in Tuesday, with Australia's current cricket captain Ricky Ponting praising the man known here simply as "The Don" as the game's untouchable superhero.

"It's almost like he's separate from the game," Ponting said.

"His name and what he achieved, it's so far out of any player's reach, in his time or any player who has played since, it's almost like he played a different game to what we're playing."

"He would have been the stand-out player whatever generation he played in."

The chairman of the Bradman Foundation, Michael Ball, said excitement was building south of Sydney in Bowral, population 11,500, where Bradman spent his early years and where a cricketing

museum bears his name.

Ball said that among the celebrations, the Bradman Museum would announce that it would be expanded to include an international cricket Hall of Fame.

It would become "the world's spiritual home of cricket -- Don being by far the best cricketer of all time," Ball told AFP.

"It will not only be the Bradman Museum but it will be the international cricket Hall of Fame whose captain will be Don Bradman and the team will be obviously the best," Ball said.

"The initial team of 12 people will be from all over the world -- I don't know exactly who they will be but they will include people like (Sachin) Tendulkar from India."

The first 12 would be chosen by a panel of selectors headed by former Australian captain and long-time commentator Richie Benaud.

Among those likely to feature on the list would be West Indian all-rounder Garfield Sobers and Britain's Leonard Hutton and Wally Hammond, Ball said.

"As the Hall of Fame is implemented we will be setting up to embrace the other cricket nations like India and Pakistan," Ball said of the project which will be independent of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

Bradman -- batsman, captain, selector, administrator -- was Australia's first global superstar and has left an indelible imprint on

the national psyche.

"He gave Australia pride and hope at a time when, through the depression and WWII we really needed it," Ball said of the man who led the Australian team of "Invincibles" on their 1948 tour of England.

"We had a tiny population then and the fact that he could go out



DONALD BRADMAN

and be the world's best gave a lot of hope to Australia.

"I think it's one of the reasons why Australia does so well in sport now. We can approach any sport and challenge the world's best. We don't feel diffident, we don't feel that we can't win at any sport that we do."

Bradman was born in the town of Cootamundra but it was in Bowral where he first learned to play cricket.

As a boy, he honed his reflexes

and strokes by hitting a golf ball against a water tank with a cricket stump.

He played for Australia for 20 years, playing 52 Tests from 1928/29-1948 and retiring with an unbeaten batting average of 99.94.

Ball said that besides his natural ability, Bradman stood for the principles of cricket, "the wonderful values that cricket has and how it helps society, helps young people, learn fairness and competition."

Bradman's centenary will be marked by school children singing "Happy Birthday" on Bradman Oval in Bowral.

Events will be held around the country, including a dinner hosted by Hollywood star Hugh Jackman in Sydney.

Ball admits the carpenter's son from rural New South Wales might have been embarrassed by so much fanfare.

"He would have been quite shy about it," he said. "I actually have a letter from him where he talks about fame being his unsought companion all his years and that's how he felt. A very modest man."

Bradman's son, John Bradman, said the family was still amazed at the high regard Australians have for The Don.

"We are of course extremely proud of him, proud of his achievements, but more proud of him as a person, for the way he coped with those achievements," John Bradman told national news agency AAP.

LOCAL SNIPPETS

FROM PAGE 17 Meherpur beat Kishoreganj 50-46 and Mymensingh outplayed Sylhet 40-14.

PREMIER HANDBALL Mamun slammed 13 goals as Old Ideals Club registered a smashing 27-14 victory over Victoria Sporting Club in the 14th CUTE Premier Division Handball League at the Outer Stadium handball ground.

The winners led the first half 14-9.

Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club came from behind to play a thrilling 22-22 draw with Surjodj Krira Chakra at the same venue.

Liakat scored seven goals for Surjodj while Faruque netted six goals for Mariner.

FED CUP TABLE TENNIS

The invitational Federation Cup table tennis competition will begin from tomorrow at the Wooden Floor Gymnasium.

Ninety-nine players from 17 teams have so far registered to participate in the tournament, in seven events -- men's team, women's team, boys' team and men's, women's and boys' singles competition.

Bangladesh Bank governor Salehuddin Ahmed will inaugurate the tournament, that runs till August 31, as chief guest.

SCHOOLS RUGBY

The first-ever School Rugby tournament, sponsored by Diamond Melamine, got underway at the Outer Stadium rugby ground. And both the opening day's matches failed to break deadlocks.

St Gregory High School played out a pointless draw with Rahmatullah Model High School while the other match between Nawabpur Government Boys High School and Heart to Reach School also ended in draw.

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) senior vice-president Abdus Salam Murshedi inaugurated the meet as chief guest while Bangladesh Rugby Association president Khandaker Jamiluddin, general secretary Mousum Ali and managing director of Diamond Melamine Mohammad Mokhter Hossain were also present on the occasion.

PAIR BRIDGE

Dhaka Club foundation day open pair bridge tournament will be held on August 29.

The tournament will take place to mark the occasion of the club's 97th foundation day.

The interested participants have been asked to register their names at 9:30am on August 29.

Quality, Regency

FROM PAGE 17 break the deadlock when he headed a freekick by Mannan from the right wing only to see Quality goalkeeper Ratan fisting away the ball.

Two to three hundred fans enjoyed the match of the league, which kicked off on August 23 after a break of two years. The Impulse Properties First Division Football League was also inaugurated on the same day.

Naujan and Shatadal were forced to play the match virtually in complete darkness for the last few minutes until referee called it off at 6.20 pm. The match was scheduled to continue till 6.30 pm.

Today's matches: (1st division): Brothers Union v Railway Rangers (2 pm) and Bakalia Krira Sangstha v Muktiyoddha Krira Chakra (3.45 pm).

PCB looks for matches

FROM PAGE 17 to security concerns.

Meanwhile, New Zealand Cricket will investigate organising an international series to fill the gap caused by the postponement of the Champions Trophy. The national team is now not due to play until it tours Bangladesh in October, a contest which will act as a warm-up for the two Tests in Australia in November.

Justin Vaughan, the New Zealand Cricket chief executive, said finding opponents was "a bit of a long shot", but they could be helped because the other major outfits were also free of commitments for most of September.

"We'll monitor the environment and see if any of the other countries are willing to participate," Vaughan said in the Dominion Post. "We're keen but I guess we'll just wait and see."

The weather in New Zealand would prevent them hosting, but Vaughan said the team was happy to travel. "It would be good for the guys to get a bit of cricket prior to the Bangladesh tour and they're all fit and ready to go," he said.

Heath Mills, the New Zealand players' association executive manager, said postponing the Champions Trophy was the "only sensible decision". "It took the ICC a while to reach the right conclusion but they eventually did," he said in the Press.

New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, England and West Indies all indicated to the ICC they were not prepared to attend the event. Mills hoped the situation in Pakistan would improve over the next year so the tournament could go ahead.

NZC line up successors

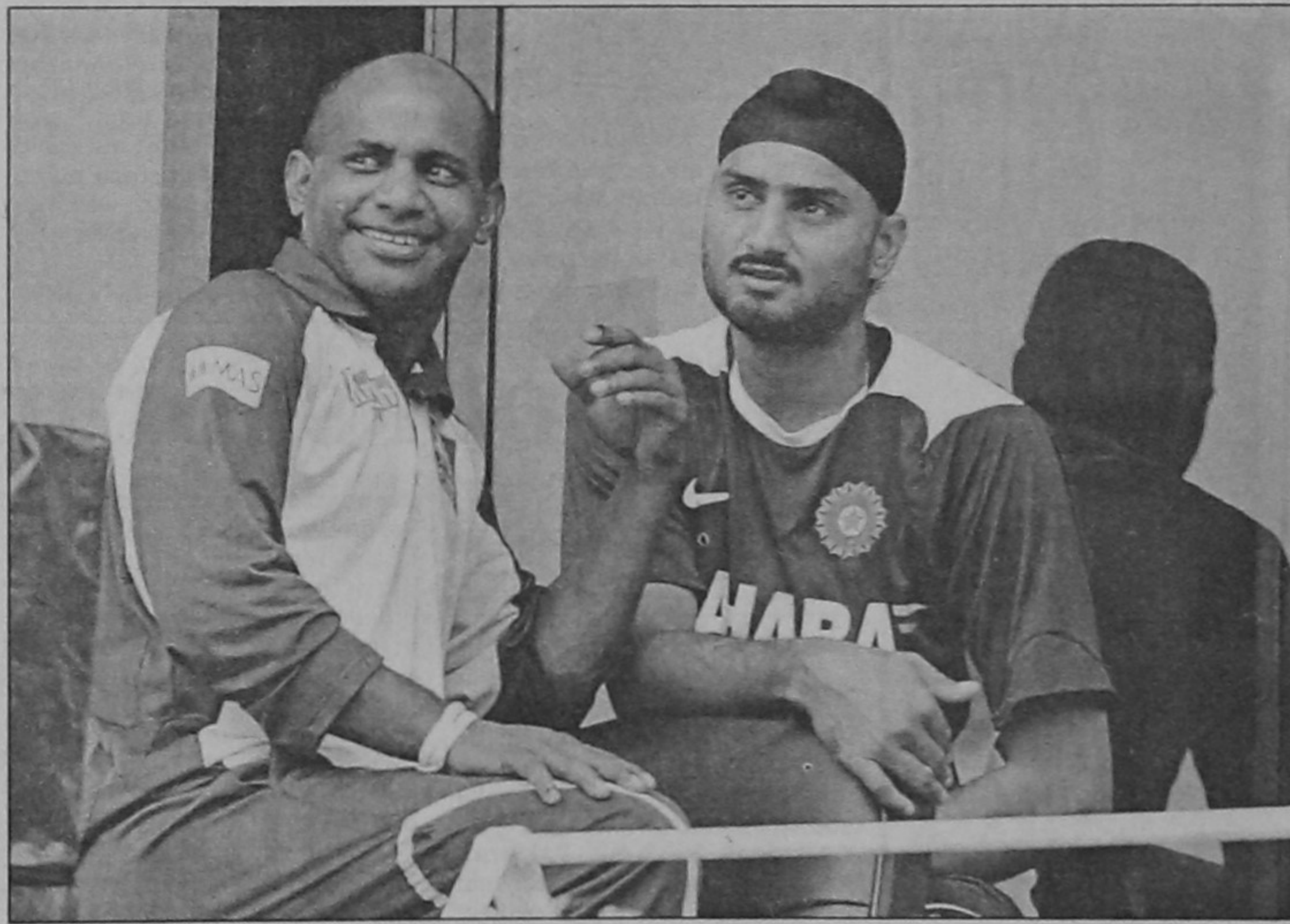
CRICINFO, undated

A shortlist for the New Zealand coaching position will be finalised this week as the board aims to fill the vacancy John Bracewell will create in April.

Bracewell will head back to the English county Gloucestershire for the 2009 season after telling New Zealand Cricket in May of his plans to leave the post when his two-year contract expires.

Justin Vaughan, the New Zealand Cricket chief executive, told the Dominion Post 10 to 20 "serious candidates" had applied for the job and talks with the coaches would begin within three weeks.

"I'm happy with the talent we've got so far," Vaughan said.



Sri Lanka superstar Sanath Jayasuriya (L) and India offspinner Harbhajan Singh talk cricket on the Premadasa Stadium balcony as rain falls during the fourth one-day match in Colombo on Tuesday.

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