T&T ride on Arman brace

SPORTS REPORTER

Early goals by Arman helped T&T Club of Motijheel defeat Prantik KC 2-0 in yesterday's lone Second Division Football League match at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Stadium in Kamalapur.

Arman opened the scoring after four minutes and added his second nine minutes later to secure three points for T&T.

Akhtar to play regional T20

PTI, Karachi

The Pakistan Cricket Board Tuesday said controversial fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar, if fit, would play in the national Twenty20 championship starting from October 4.

The PCB had initially said Akhtar would not be eligible to play for Pakistan or in Pakistan if he did not pay the fine of seven million rupees, imposed on disciplinary

"The court will decide on the legality of this issue and we will accept that when the decision comes. But for the time being we see no harm in Shoaib playing domestic cricket," a board official said.

"If the court says he has to pay the fine first to be eligible to play for Pakistan or in Pakistan then we will not consider him until he does that," the official added.

The Lahore High court Monday directed Akhtar to appear before it on October 3 on an application filed by the PCB asking the court to give a clear cut directive whether the fast bowler should be allowed

to play without first paying the fine. A PCB-appointed tribunal headed by a former judge of the Lahore High court had reduced a five-year ban on Akhtar in June that was imposed by the board in March for several instances of breach of discipline.

But the tribunal asked Akhtar to pay the fine which he has not done as yet.

Akhtar has refused to pay the fine insisting that since he has filed a writ petition in court against the fine and ban, the matter will be decided when the court hears his case and gives a decision.

The pacer has been named in Islamabad team for the Twenty20 tournament which is one of the most popular domestic events in Pakistan.

Mashrafe

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"I stayed two more days in Australia after the tour and visited my doctor in Melbourne. I am really a relieved man after the checkup as Young assured me that my knees are okay and there is no problem for me to take the full load in my bowling, informed Mashrafe.

"I have had fear with the pain in my knee but now I am tensionless and are all set to bowl with my full pace," said Mashrafe adding that he would need a minor surgery within a year.

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Invitation Reference Memo No. CVASU-08/ED/IFT/04



Yorkshire and England great Darren Gough waves a final goodbye to the crowd after Saturday's county game against Somerset in Scarborough...

Curtains for Gough

Cricket

AFP, London

Former England fast bowler Darren Gough's first-class cricket career came to an end Monday after he was left out of the Yorkshire squad for their final County Cham -pionship match of the season.

Yorkshire captain Gough, 38, was omitted from the 13-man party for their match away to champions Sussex starting on Wednesday, which could determine the relegation-threatened county's status.

A Yorkshire statement said: "Yorkshire's survival in the LV County Championship Division One hinges on the last round of matches as they head for Hove this week with Jonathan Bairstow set to make his debut, but minus skipper Darren Gough, who has played his last first-class game of cricket."

Gough had already announced this would be his final season, after suffering a series of niggling injuries in the county championship summer.

The organisers of November's Stanford

20/20 for 20 have hit back in the row over

sponsorship rights that is threatening to

engulf the contest, accusing Digicel, the

main sponsors of West Indies cricket, of

"bullying" tactics as they attempt to

secure the billing to which they believe

their five-year deal with the WICB

entitles them. In the opinion of the

Stanford camp, their behaviour is little

more than an attempt to muscle in on

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

And following Monday's announcement, he told BBC Radio Five Live: "I wasn't disappointed because I picked the team!

"Some people said I should go for the romantic ending but it's not about me, it's about Yorkshire stay-"I really went back to the old

times in my first spell against Somerset last week and anyone who seen it will know what I mean. "That really took it out of me and

I was struggling. Gough, who now seems set to join a growing band of former England players in pursuing a media career, said he could not see himself becoming a coach at Yorkshire where ex-England batsman Martyn Moxon heads up the backroom staff.

"It was very emotional for me coming off the other day thinking it could be my last game for Yorkshire," he said.

"I would like to keep in touch with Yorkshire but I don't think I'll be a coach there, it's not something I want to do, but an ambassador's role would be ideal."

After what turned out to be his final match, against title-chasing Somerset at the Yorkshire out ground of Scarborough last weekend, Gough said he was pleased to have got one over on former Australia batsman Justin Langer.

"When I look back I'm glad my last wicket was Justin Langer. I've had some great battles against him and it's nice to know my last wicket in Yorkshire was someone as good as

In 58 Tests between 1994 and 2003, Gough took 229 wickets at an average of 28.39, placing him ninth in England's all-time list, and he won fans all around the world as much because of his lively personality as his bowling.

Gough, who also had a threeyear spell with Essex before rejoining Yorkshire as captain in 2007, took 855 first-class wickets at 27.15 apiece with a best of seven for 28.

He bows out as England's most successful one-day international bowler, with 234 wickets from 158 matches at an average of 26.29 and a best of five for 44.

'Spin should turn series'

PTI, Melbourne

Former off-spinner Ashley Mallett has cautioned Australia against relying too much on their pace attack when they take on India, saying the novice spin duo of Bryce McGain and Jason Krejza will have an important role to play in the four-Test series.

With a lineup that boasts of Brett Lee, Stuart Clark and Mitchell Johnson, Australia would be tempted to rely massively on pace to take bulk of the wickets but Mallett said he won't be surprised if India prepares a pitch tailor-made for the spinners.

"If they think they are going to win it with pace they won't because the Indians are going to prepare absolute turners," Mallett told AAP.

"From what I think might happen they will look at Australia's attack and there are two inexperienced spinners so they will try to pit their two spinners against our two spinners," he added.

Mallett, who scalped 28 wickets at 19.10 in five Tests during Australia's 1969-70 tour, said although McGain and Krejza lack experience, they have the potential to wreck havoc on the Indian

"You never know, they are untried," Mallett said.

"McGain had a terrific season and the other guy, well figures-wise wasn't that impressive but he does give it a bit of a rip so he has a real chance. But you never know, you throw a couple of guys in the deep end and you see what happens," he

Another former Australia legspinner Kerry O'Keeffe, who worked with McGain at the Academy a decade ago, echoed Mallett's views.

"I'm still bullish about Bryce on those pitches but it's going to be tough. I think he can do a job on particular pitches. He's a terrific fella," O'Keefe said.

ICL hints at legal action

PTI, London

The Indian Cricket League (ICL) might take legal action against the International Cricket Council (ICC) if the world body does not take up its application seeking 'official status' by next week.

Jeremy Roberts, the ICL's counsel, said his clients were mulling various options if the ICC does not

peacefully with the Indian Premier League and they want to work with the national boards. They are hoping to receive a response from the ICC over the next week or so. If that doesn't materialise, they will be considering their options closely, Roberts was quoted as saying by

body, the 'rebel' league would look for other options.

"We had first applied for recognition in April. But till now nothing concrete has come out. I feel the ICC is trying to delay the matter, they had last sent a letter asking why did we start the league and like

"We had recently sent a reply but they are acting in a tardy man ner," he had said.

Chinese stars crash out

Olympic semifinalist Li Na and compatriot Peng Shuai crashed out of the China Open in the first round on Tuesday, on a disastrous day for the host nation.

former world number one Juan the second round.

player who reached the fourth round of the US Open, slipped to a 6-1, 7-6 defeat against Italy's Francesca Schiavone in just under two hours.

qualifier Alla Kudryavtseva, who made headlines by beating Maria Sharapova in the second round of Wimbledon this year.

A new era: Lee

FROM PAGE 17 problems between the two sets of

players. "The controversy is behind us," he said. "That's happened, we've dealt with that pretty well.

"It's a new leaf. We're turning over a new page in our book, and that is coming over here to play tough, fair, hard, aggressive cricket. Australia play a four-day practice match in Hyderabad from

October 2. The first Test starts in Bangalore

'Almost same attack'

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Gautam Gambhir says India cannot claim favouritism in the upcoming Test series despite Australia fielding a relatively inexperienced squad by Australian standards. The visitors have lost They are tough to beat and they several key men since their series always play to the best of their ability. win in India in 2004-05 and their You just cannot think of beating 15-man squad includes four them by playing one or two sessions figures. uncapped players and four who well. You have to be at the top of your have played 11 or fewer Tests.

Australia's captain Ricky Ponting has conceded his side is far friendlier series than the contests he added. "You don't get these kind less experienced than India, who in Australia, where the cricket was of opportunities when you're could potentially start the series often overshadowed by on-field with as many as eight players with and off-field controversies. more than 50 Tests under their Gambhir said it was important belts. But Gambhir pointed out India were mentally prepared for a there were few differences to the Australia squad that beat India 2-1 in Australia earlier this year.

bowling attack, it is pretty similar to he said. You have to be fully ready the one we played against when we mentally to take anything on. You toured there," Gambhir told CNN- should be prepared for everything IBN. "The only difference is that that comes at you and at times give they don't have the experience of a it back." spinner such as Shane Warne or Stuart MacGill.

against a team like Australia, you have to play to the best of your ability. game throughout the five days."

Both teams are hoping for a

"If you look at the Australian toughest series for any cricketer,"

Gambhir's debut Test four years ago remains the only one he has "In any case when you play played against Australia. He is entering the series in fine form having struck three half-centuries in the recent three-match series in Sri Lanka but he was frustrated at his failure to go on and reach triple-

"Hitting 300 runs in three Test matches is very satisfying, but I still think I should have got more runs," playing Test cricket. Test cricket is all about settling in and getting big runs -- as many as possible."

On Monday Australia arrived in Jaipur, where they will train and "You don't want to be playing a play the first of their two warm-up weak opposition. Australia is the matches. The Test series begins on October 9 in Bangalore.

Old Trafford to be new

Cricket

AFP, Manchester

announced plans Monday for a major redevelopment of their Old Trafford home which they hope will see it once again become a regular

matches since 1884 and witnessed some extraordinary contests, including a nailbiting draw during the last Ashes campaign in England four years ago when 10,000 fans had to be locked out on the final morning.

counted for nothing with officials at the England and Wales Cricket with rain, than happens at present. Board when they controversially decided not to give the ground a Test match during next year's Australia tour.

Instead Cardiff, which is staging its first Test, has an Ashes match while Old Trafford, which shares its cil voted unanimously Monday to and serving the huge cricketing name with the nearby home of approve the proposals and a plan- fanbase in the north west."

five-day fixture. And with the likes of

Lancashire County Cricket Club and Durham's Riverside in the to stage international Test matches now than it has ever been.

Old Trafford is set to see a new ment. Old Trafford has staged Test larger square with pitches running north to south, rather than east west as is currently the case.

On the field, a new drainage system based on the successful design at Lord's will, its is hoped, lead to faster drainage and thereby But all that history and tradition allow play to commence earlier, at a 151-year-old venue synonymous

> ensure a capacity of 15,000 capable of rising to 25,000 with temporary seating, with floodlights also a years, and which will be recognised

football giants Manchester United, ning application will be lodged must wait until 2011 before its next imminently with a view to starting work in early 2009.

"The proposals come at a time Hampshire's Rose Bowl ground of fierce competition for the rights running, the competition to stage which has recently seen the Test cricket in England is fiercer ground, and the region, fail to secure any for the foreseeable The greatest planned change at future," said a Lancashire state-

> "The significant investment being made in the new facilities will ensure that Old Trafford regains its rightful place on the international Test match circuit in time for the 2013 Ashes Test." Lancashire chief executive Jim

Cumbes said: "The Old Trafford brand has a massive standing in world cricket Two new grandstands will

"We will work towards delivering a scheme which will have at its heart a new stadium fit for the next 150 as world-class standard, fit for the The executive of Trafford coun- UK's greatest sporting city region

in the memorable three-Test series

to do well against the number one

lenges and you have to respond to it.

team in the world," he said.

"There is always the motivation

"They keep throwing you chal-

in 2000-01 in India.

Bhajji to let ball do the talking

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"I'm very passionate. I try and give it my best shot all the time and I get too involved.

"When someone says something to me, I take it very person-

"But I have learnt that it is better to bowl well, take wickets, play the game hard and win the game rather

than say something in return or react to what someone else says." Harbhajan is relishing the

"I thought there were some posi-

tive signs for Andrew last week in

that he faced the press and said

what he said and probably admit-

ted to a few of his shortcomings,"

on the right track and for me as a

captain and all the other players

we're obviously delighted with

going in a positive direction and

that we can have him back in the

Australian team sooner rather than

return, Ponting replied: "How

quickly it happens is up to him,

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ing to him the other day he knows

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"And we hope that that keeps

"But that's great, that says he's

chance to face Australia again. "They are a very competitive side, there is no doubt about that, he added.

"But, I'm looking forward to playing them and I'm sure this will be another great series.

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"Hopefully we will all play in the spirit of the game and enjoy the

The Punjab player has had particular success against the

Australians, picking up 32 wickets

"It's going to take time for him to

address some of his issues and he'd

probably be the first to admit that

Ponting conceded Symonds'

absence -- particularly his prowess

against spin bowling -- would be

missed in India, but backed his

remaining players to get the job

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someone with his skills and his

personality around the team," he

around and he will be when he

comes back -- if he wants to come

we've got, we've got some other

terrific players of spin in that side

as well and guys that have been

there and had success in the past."

"He's a terrific bloke to have

"But we've got the squad that

"It's no good worrying about it

"But we believe that they can be beaten and we have proved that in the past -- we have beaten, them at home and in Australia as well -- and we have the capability and the talent to beat them."

ICC umpires' 'We do not need Roy' meeting on

INTERNET, undated

Teamwork, technology and integrity in performance will be the key themes of the International Cricket Council (ICC) match officials' conference, which will be held in Dubai from September 23 to 25.

The intensive three-day seminar will be attended by members of the Emirates Elite Panels of ICC umpires and match referees, members of the Emirates International Panel of ICC umpires and the ICC Associate and Affiliate International Umpires' Panel as well as the five newly appointed regional umpire performance managers (RUPMs).

Umpire managers from each of the 10 full members have also been invited in order to assist in the implementation of consistent logistical support for officials and to share umpiring development

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Animal Sciences University Name, designation and address of Shah Md. Zillur Rahman, Superintending Engineer, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Khulshi, Chittagong-4202, the official inviting tender Phone No. 659093, 659492 Ext-114, Fax No. 031-659620. Tender security is to be submitted in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee (Form W-3) of any scheduled bank in favour of Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Stanford hits back the considerable media attention that is being generated around the 20-million-

dollar event. Digicel maintains that its existing contract includes the Stanford match as it is officially sanctioned by the board and the team is, in effect, a fully representative side. Stanford counters that such, is outside any existing sponsorship deal, and in a strongly worded press release on Monday afternoon, stated that it was "disappointed, though not surprised" by Digicel's behaviour. The matter has already reached the High Court in London where Digicel were granted an injunc-

tion against Stanford proceeding with the event, and arbitration is due to begin on October 3.

On Sunday, Digicel accused Stanford 20/20 of "inaccuracies" in its presentation of the facts of the case, and claimed that its representatives had "flatly refused" to consider a its "All-Stars" side is not official and, as compromise deal. The Stanford camp has rebutted this charge and responded to the accusations with some robust language of its own. "Stanford 20/20 has no wish to conduct its business through the media, read a statement, "but feels it must respond to the inaccurate and misleading statements being issued by Digicel in this regard."

> In particular, the Stanford camp objects to the suggestion that Digicel's original compromise solution which involved the All-Stars side wearing official West Indies kit with Digicel branding, with no other telecommunications company involved in the event; and with Digicel's costs being paid for by the board -- was "rejected outright" by the organisers. Stanford claim that, after Digicel made its proposal public on September 11, a counter-proposal was returned and 'ample time" was allowed for Digicel to respond away from the pressure of

media scrutiny. "There is absolutely no merit in Digicel's latest suggestion," read the statement. "After careful consideration with WICB and the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), Stanford 20/20 agreed to the majority of Digicel's original demands, even offering valuable sponsorship rights to which Digicel was not entitled under its agreement with WICB, and offering to pay Digicel's legal costs. Stanford 20/20 declined to meet only one of Digicel's demands -- the demand that the Digicel logo appears on the Stanford Superstars jersey at no cost

for a five-year period. "Digicel has contended repeatedly in the media that it already owns the right for the Digicel logo to appear on the Stanford Superstars jersey and that it has already paid for such right," the statement continued. "In fact, such claims go way beyond any rights Digicel has in its contract with WICB and, so far as Stanford 20/20 is aware, Digicel has not made any similar claims in its court proceedings against WICB. Stanford 20/20's counter-offer addressed all of Digicel's legitimate rights under its agreement with WICB and so Stanford 20/20 is mystified as to why Digicel publicly continues to demand more.

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season of ICL," Inzamam said.

Pakistan's former Test spinner and now an ICL signing, Mushtaq Ahmed and colleagues Imran Nazir, Taufiq Umar and Shahid Nazir all promised an exciting new season and also called on the board to lift the domestic bans on them. "The authorities have tried to

discourage and scare players from signing up for the ICL but it is not working. I think the authorities should accept the ICL as a legal body as it is also working for the promotion of cricket and providing livelihood for new and old players, Mushtaq said.

take up the matter soon. "Our clients still want to coexist

'The Telegraph'. ICL Business Head Himanshu Mody had sald on September 16 in New Delhi that the ICC has been treating their application for recognition in a tardy manner and if they don't hear soon from the world

Ponting said.

AFP, Beijing

In the men's draw in Beijing,

Carlos Ferrero and last year's finalist Tommy Robredo both eased into Li, China's highest-ranked

Peng lost 7-5, 6-4 to Russian

on October 9, followed by back-toback matches in Mohali, New Delhi and Nagpur.