Malik eyes 3-0

Cricket

AFP, Abu Dhabi

Pakistan captain Shoaib Malik Saturday said his team will try its level best to complete a 3-0 oneday series win over the West Indies and jump to fourth position in world rankings.

New Zealand (fourth) in the ICC (International Cricket Council) one-day rankings if they beat the match here on Sunday.

thriller by four wickets on Wednesday and then edged the West Indies by 24 runs in the second match on Friday.

And Malik hoped his team would achieve the clean sweep.

"We will do our best because my aim has always been to improve and come in the world's top two teams and here is an opportunity in IPL? for us to do that," said Malik who is line to have his captaincy extended if the team wins.

Appointed captain after Pakistan's disastrous first-round exit from the World Cup in the West Indles last year, Malik's tenure was due to end next month.

However he said he is more concerned about the team winning than his tenure as captain.

"I don't think on those lines. At the moment we have a task on our hands and that is to win the last match which will give us more confidence for India," said Malik of the series against Pakistan's archrivals in January.

Malik said fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar is still battling a calf injury which forced him to sit out in the first two matches.

"He (Akhtar) is still struggling. Anyone can get injured here because the ground is very soft, so we will look at his fitness before the match," said Malik.

West Indian coach John Dyson said his team needs to improve its finishing to avoid a clean sweep.

"The first two matches proved that Pakistan is stronger team overall," said Dyson, a former

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INTERNET, undated

India captain Mahendra Dhoni won't need a character reference to receive a weapons licence after officials reversed an earlier decision following protests by supporters in his hometown.

Ranchi's deputy commissioner, Rajiv Arun Ekka, forwarded Dhoni's application for a 9mm pistol on Friday recommending that a person of his stature didn't need a character reference.

When officials requested the document from Dhoni earlier this week, it led to violent street protests by supporters in Ranchi.

Rising crime levels and armed attacks by terrorists saw the government make it mandatory to supply a character reference to own a weapon in Ranchi and its eastern Indian state of Jharkhand.

Dhoni, who receives special security during visits to Jharkhand in the wake of threats to his life, applied for the license in August.

Champaka

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"Now the problem is we don't have many bowlers who can replace Mashrafe but in the other countries they have the luxury of giving rest to their key bowlers.

"We have to develop it and then of course we can think of resting the bowlers like Mashrafe but we can't do it right now," he said when asked whether resting Mashrafe for a few matches could be a solution for his long career.

Although many fear about the lack of pace bowlers in the pipeline, Champaka was very optimistic after working with some guys in the last eight months.

"I have been involved in the pace bowling academy, the first of its kind in the country, and there was a four-month training programme from where I picked up twenty boys. It's my challenge to build them to the next level.

The young guys were very enthusiastic and keen to develop and I think talent is there but we need the right environment to train and develop their skills," he said.

As per his observations, it's hard to search the talent in the country as there is no proper school cricket structure in the country and Champaka emphasised on good wicket and competitive first-class cricket to develop fast bowler in the country and he said that everybody should understand that there is a need for good fast bowlers when a team tours outside the Indian subcontinent.

Champaka was looking forward to the two-match Test series. He believes that his fast bowlers including Shahadat Hossain would | Khayelihle Zondo for 25 runs. definitely show some improve-

ment One can't however see any drab picture in future pace bowlers if they listen to the Sri Lankan.

Australian opener. "We need to improve both in bowling and batting to match Pakistan who are playing very well.

Dyson said the West Indies were winning easily against weaker teams but added that against top sides "we lose easily, so we must convert our chances against teams who are in the middle of the table".

Dyson said the West Indies, Pakistan, currently sixth, will currently number eight, need to leapfrog arch rivals India (fifth) and bowl in the right areas while batsmen need to rotate strike.

"We are giving too many free hits in the bowling and in the bat-West Indies in the third and final ting our batsmen have the style of play the crowds in the Caribbean Pakistan clinched a last over love, which is they like to see the ball seen crushed, but in between you have got to pick up singles, like Pakistan are doing."

No Pollock, McGrath

CRICINFO, undated

Mumbai Indians officials are hoping to persuade Shaun Pollock, the former South African allrounder, to extend his contract with the IPL franchise. Pollock, whose contract with Mumbai Indians was only for one year, said that he didn't want to play cricket anymore.

"I have reached a stage where I think I have played enough cricket," Pollock told Cricinfo. "My contract with the Mumbai Indians was for one year and I was very happy with the way things went. I enjoyed every bit of the IPL experience but I want to stop playing now. But I will come back in some capac-

His franchise, however, had not given up hope of Pollock returning. "We are in talks with him. We understand his position but we are positive we will be able to convince him to reconsider, "a Mumbai Indians' spokesperson said.

During the first season of the IPL, Pollock had told Tendulkar that he might not return next year but the seniors, including Tendulkar and Sanath Jayasuriya, convinced him to continue playing at the time.

Pollock was the captain of the franchise during the first half of the tournament after Tendulkar was injured and Harbhajan Singh was banned. He scored 147 runs in eight innings at a strike-rate of 132.43 and took 11 wickets in 13 matches at an economy-rate of

Glenn McGrath, whose wife Jane died recently because of cancer, also might not return to complete his three-year contract with the Delhi Daredevils. TA Sekhar, the Delhi Daredevils' cricket director, said that McGrath was not in Australia and they were trying to speak with him to ascertain if the rumours about his unavailability



PHOTO: INTERNET

HUNDREDS NOT ALWAYS WIN MATCHES: West Indies batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul salutes the crowd at Sheikh Zayed Stadium after scoring a hundred in the second one-day international against Pakistan on Friday. The West Indies lost to Pakistan by 24 runs despite his unbeaten 107.

Shiv century in vain

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three boundaries in the 48th over before he was run out. West Indian coach John Dyson

said early wickets were a setback. "I think losing both the openers was crucial and Tanveer swung the ball nicely," said Dyson, a former

Australian opener. Pakistan had to leave out paceman Shoaib Akhtar for the second match in row after the flamboyant bowler failed to fully recover from a

calf muscle injury. Pakistan brought in fast bowler Rao Iftikhar and off-spinner Ajmal, dropping Abdur Rauf and Fawad Meanwhile Australian great | Alam from the first match line-up. West Indies replaced Brendan Bowler

Nash with Shawn Findlay. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the second one-day international between Pakistan and the West Indies at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium on Friday:

PAKISTAN: 232 all out in 49 overs (Younis 34, Misbahul 52, Akmal 45, Afridi 28, Tanveer 26; Powell 3-50, Taylor 3-38)

WESTINDIES Gayle b Tanveer Chattergoon c Akmal b Tanveer Sarwan lbw b Afridi Chanderpaul not out Marshall run out Findlay run out

Baugh b Gul Taylor lbw b Iftikhar Miller c Akmal b Iftikhar Powell b Gul Baker b Gul Extras: (lb-6, w-16)

Iftikhar

Afridi

Ajmal

Total: (All out in 48.5 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-14, 3-106, 4-112, 5-143, 6-168, 7-170, 8-196, 9-32 Tanveer 3 44 Gul

Malik Result: Pakistan won by 24 runs and led 3-match series 2-0. Man-of-the-match: Sohail

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Tanveer.

KP okay with runner

Cricket

INTERNET, undated

Kevin Pietersen shrugged off the controversy surrounding the legitimacy of Yuvraj Singh's runner after his brilliant century condemned England to an emphatic defeat

against India. The England captain agreed to allow India batsman Yuvraj a runner after he complained of a back strain midway through his innings in Friday's opener to the sevenmatch series.

Pietersen's decision to grant the request helped Yuvraj hammer a stunning unbeaten 138 off 78 balls, which included 15 fours and six sixes, and propel India to a daunting 387 for five before completing their 158-runs victory by dismissing England for 229.It was their highest score against a Test-playing nation and the highest ever conceded by England, but Pietersen insisted England were not concerned by Yuvraj's ability to per-

ently suffering from a bad back. "I did mention it at half-time,

whether Yuvraj would be fielding seeing as for an hour and a half he was hitting us to all parts of Rajkot," explained Pietersen. "He came into the game per-

fectly fine and injured his back during the fixture so it's only fair (he had a runner). If it happened to one of us then it's only fair we had the same -- I'm not going to make a storm over it.

"You have to trust a man. I can't see whether somebody's in pain so you have to trust somebody. I don't think he would have called them on and got a runner and made a whole big thing about it if there wasn't a problem.

Yuvraj's onslaught followed a 127-run opening stand between Gautam Gambhir and Virender Sehwag in just 19.5 overs after Pietersen won the toss and decided to bat first.

"I was speaking to (India captain Mahendra Singh) Dhoni after the game and we agreed that if anything was going to happen it match -- I wasn't carrying the form so brilliantly despite appar- would have happened first thing injury into the match."

at the De Beers Diamond Oval in

SAA CHALLENGE XI: First innings

Van Wyk c Mushfigur b Shahadat 87

Seymore c Kayes b Shahadat 75

Kimberley on Saturday:

Carolus b Mahbubul

Shahadat

this morning but unfortunately it only happened for about three balls," said Pietersen.

"I'm not used to that kind of result at all, but if you captain England for a long time those things are going to happen. I hate losing but when you get Yuvraj Singh playing like that and Gambhir and Sehwag starting off the innings like that you're behind it.

"We're 1-0 down but there's still six games left in the series and we're going to have to be mentally strong to try and come back and hit India hard on Monday."

Yuvraj, who also had to wear a back support but did not field during England's 37.4 overs innings, insisted the back was a legitimate injury -- but refused to rule himself out of contention for Monday's match in Indore.

"When Pietersen was bowling l pushed for a second run really hard and I think I slightly pulled my back," he explained. "I wasn't surprised they gave me a runner because it was an injury from the

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Shahadat, Mehrab two-day warm up match between

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Imrul Kayes made no mistake to SAA Challenge XI and Bangladeshis take the catch at second slip to put an end to the opener's 115-ball 75 that featured thirteen boundaries.

The lanky paceman dismantled the stumps of Warren Swan in his very next over and then had Wyk caught by wicketkeeper Mushfigur Rahim as SAA XI were reduced to 180 for three. Wyk top-scored with 85 runs that came from 141 balls with the help of 14 boundaries.

Mehrab took another wicket before tea (218-4) as Swan was bowled for 13 and the left-arm spinner gave the breakthrough

Pacer Mahbubul wrapped up the tail to spoil the home side's good start. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the Mahbubul

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CHESS OLYMPIAD

SPORT

Bangladesh men claim huge win

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh men's team earned a massive 4-0 win over Uruguay

in the 38th Chess Olympiad in Dresden on Friday. GM Ziaur Rahman, GM Enamul

Hossain Rajib, GM Abdullah Al Rakib and FM Abu Sufian Shakil won their respective matches in the second round tie. The women's team however

were defeated by Croatia 0.5-3.5 in their second round match. Only Tanima Parvin drew her tie

with Jelica Mara as the Bangladeshi women lost badly. Hockey team

leaves today

SPORTS REPORTER

A 16-member President XI team leave for Kolkata today to take part in the prestigious 45th Nehru Cup Hockey tournament in the Indian state of Haryana.

The Bangladesh team will directly play in the second round phase of the meet and start their campaign on November 20.

Meanwhile, Dhaka Bank Limited was yesterday named the tour

sponsor. Dhaka Bank acting managing director Mohammad Abu Musa handed over a cheque of Tk 10 lakh to Bangladesh Hockey Federation general secretary Khondakar Jamiluddin.

Addressing the press conference, Hockey Federation vice president Air Commodore (retd) Shahjahan Sarker said they are hopeful of doing better in the tournament as the team consists of some experienced and young players.

TEAM

Zahid Hossain, Asaduzzaman Chandan, Moshiur Rahman, AKM Shamsuddin, Taposh Barman, Ferdous Goldar, Imran Hasan, Shahidullah Tito, Quamruzaman Rana, Ashiquzzaman, Jamal Hossain Khan, Sheikh Mohammad Nannu, Zahid Bin Talib, Krishna Kumar and Rimon Ghosh.

LOCAL SNIPPETS

SPORTS REPORTER

Farashganj Sporting Club managed a 2-1 victory over Bachelors Sporting Club in the lone match of the Green Delta First Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Sagar took Farashganj ahead in the eleventh minute before Latif restored parity in the 14th minute to keep it 1-1 at half time.

Rubel scored the matchwinning goal for the old Dhaka outfit in the 55th minute.

NATIONAL CRICKET

Paceman Sajib took five wickets to give Faridpur (59-7) a three-wicket win over Madaripur (58) and help the side advance to the zonal final of the 29th National Cricket Championship at the Faridpur Stadium.

In the other zonal semifinals, Mymensingh (103-4) beat Jamalpur (99) by six wickets, Jessore (182-6) beat Jhenidah (178) by four wickets and Pabna (72-4) beat Bogra (70) by six wick-

In two first round matches, Laxmipur (151) beat Bandarban (126) by 25 runs and Bhola (150-6) beat Pirojpur (149) by four wick-

DIVIIFOOTBALL

Motijheel T&T Club outplayed Matuail Udayan Sangsad 3-0 in the Second Division Football League at the Kamalapur Stadium. Arman netted twice in the 48th and 63rd minutes before Jalil

scored the other in the 78th min-The Motijheel club secured 27 points while Udayan bagged 17 points, having played thirteen

matches each. In the day's other match, Euro Famous Club beat Basabo Tarun Sangha by a solitary goal at the same venue with Hanif scoring the

lone goal in the third minute. Euro Famous have so far earned 14 points from 12 outings while Basabo Tarun Sangha remained at 17 points after 13 matches.

In today's matches, Kadamtola Sangsad face Little Friends Club and Kawran Bazar Pragati Sangha take on Uttar Baridhara Club.

FROM PAGE 17 In each and every meeting everybody however requested one thing: It would be a great help for them if there is a South African consulate office in Dhaka as the number of

increased day by day.

Bangladeshis in the country has

Some solace

PCB takes u-turn

Cricket

AFP, Abu Dhabi

Pakistan cricket officials Saturday termed shifting of their home series against India to neutral cricket series. venues as "mere speculation", saying preparations are at full move would affect cricket. swing in their country.

Pakistan in January-February to by what their governments tell play a side game, three Tests, five them, and normally there is a one-day internationals and a security assessment tour which Twenty20 but the tour is already in will take place before the series," doubt over the security situation in said Altaf. the host country.

(PCB) chief operating officer Salim Abu Dhabi and Sharjah in the Altaf voiced confidence the series United Arab Emirates or to England would go ahead as per the sched- in summer, they would endanger

from the Indian board and until we hear something contrary, Indian team will play the first match on the tour of Pakistan in March this year 9th January in Hyderabad and the over security fears. They resched-

first Test starts on the 13th in Karachi," Altaftold reporters.

The Indian government cancelled a low-profile junior hockey team's tour to Pakistan over security fears earlier this week,

But Altaf disagreed that the

"The cricket tour is a high profile India is scheduled to tour one, with both the boards guided

If Pakistan were forced to shift But Pakistan Cricket Board the series to the neutral venues of their home series against Australia "We have not heard anything in March and the Champions

Trophy in September next year. Australia were the first to shun a

uled the Tests for March 2009 and one-day matches for 2010.

The International Cricket Council, forced to put off the Trophy over security fears in August this year over security fears, rescheduled the event to further raising doubts over the September next year but said Pakistan hosting India will be a trial

for the elite event. Altaf said the option of neutral venues would only be considered

as a last resort. "Our chairman (Ijaz Butt) has a flexible approach and if that situation arises we have the option of the UAE and England but what we have seen in the past is that revenues earned at neutral venues are

not encouraging," said Altaf. "Pakistan this year had no international cricket and the ardent admirers have missed Australia and so India should come so that we have other teams and other events in our country," said Altaf, a former Pakistan paceman.

Keep Symonds, Watson'

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Australia should consider playing both Andrew Symonds and Shane Watson in the first Test against New Zealand, according to the former captain Steve Waugh. The idea has also won qualified support from Michael Hussey, who believes Watson can do the job as the third fast bowler provided he does not have to send down so many overs that his injury-prone body is in danger of breaking down.

Symonds has been Australia's regular Test No. 6 in the past couple of years and Watson took on the role during the recent tour of India. Both men have been named in the 13-man squad for the Gabba Test, which starts on Thursday, and Waugh said it should not be assumed that one of them would miss out.

both those players in the team if they can." Symonds has struggled for

"It's a difficult choice," Waugh

told the Weekend Australian. "But

Watson did very well (in India) and

he might come in as a third quick. I

think Australia would like to have

against the All-Stars on Friday, he Ponting, Australia's captain, believes Symonds is one of those players who lift at the highest level.

"It is the same with a lot of those really talented players," Ponting said. "Michael Clarke is a good example of that, his average is probably low 40s at state level and mid 40s, 45 at Test level. "He's like Gilly (Adam Gilchrist),

if he gets in and gets going a Test match can change very, very quickly. You almost need that sort of player in that one to six role, he's swung the ball. good at batting with the tail, you know he can clear the fence in that situation and keep the scoreboard ticking over."

No. 6 position it creates a question for the selectors on whether to include Watson as well, and if so, who misses out. Jason Krejza would be desperately unlucky to be dropped after taking 12 wickets on debut and Stuart Clark, although he did not play in Nagpur, would be a valuable member of the attack at lost significant weight in India due

the Gabba. Using Watson as the third Thursday's Test.

batting form at first-class level but seamer and batting him at No. 7 in his first match back in Australian would be a bold move but his bowlcolours, in the Twenty20 game ing form in India was impressive and he was Australia's third leading struck 45 from 35 balls. Ricky wicket taker with ten victims. But Watson is enjoying a rare injuryfree year after his past few seasons have been constantly interrupted by fitness concerns, particularly hamstring problems, and Hussey hopes Watson is not asked to compromise his body with too great a

workload. "His bowling is very underrated, he's always had good pace," Hussey told AAP. "In the last Test he got 4 for 40 in the second innings on a pretty flat wicket where he

"I think he could do a pretty good job in that role. What he's been through in the last couple of years though you wouldn't want But if Symonds does regain his him bowling 30-odd overs in a match, you'd rather him bowling

The selectors will release one member from the 13-man group on Tuesday and the final makeup of the side might not be decided until the morning of the match. Michael Clarke and Brett Lee, both of whom to viruses, are expected to be fit for

Kiwis call for cover

Cricket

INTERNET, undated Injury and illness have struck New Zealand's touring party before the first Test in Brisbane, prompting team management to request a pair of replacements be flown to

Australia over the weekend.

Wicketkeeper Brendon McCullum left the field during Thursday's practice match against NSW at the SCG with back spasms, leaving Aaron Redmond to wear the gloves in his absence. A replacement glovesman, Gareth Hopkins, will join the team on Monday, as will reserve batsman Peter Fulton,

who is on stand-by for Jesse Ryder. Ryder has been struck down by a mystery illness, and has been quarantined from the remainder of the New Zealand squad. So short were the Black Caps for players Thursday that coach John Bracewell at one stage donned the whites in preparation to field. "(Ryder) has been on his back

for the best part of two days," said

New Zealand team manager Lindsay Crocker. "We need to bring someone over just to cover for the possibility of Jesse not being right or having some sort of relapse.

"As far as Brendon's concerned, flair on a good batting wicket. he stayed off the field this afternoon

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not necessary. He is hoping to be on | closely followed by Army duo the field Saturday morning, but we | Wasiul (1:05.19s) and Biplob Sarkar won't know that until we see how he scrubs up in the morning. The mood of the New Zealand camp was further darkened by

another ineffectual outing against the rookie NSW line-up. Having dismissed the tourists for 266 on Thursday, the Blues pressed home their advantage to finish at 6-309, holding an overall first innings lead of 43 runs. If, as seems increasingly likely, Matthew Mott is to accept the

will be under no illusions as to the challenges ahead. New Zealand spilled five catches, frustrating a bowling attack that, for the most part, struggled to dislodge NSW's youthful

position as New Zealand coach, he

batting line-up. As on day one, the tourists were tormented by several Blues teenagers. Phillip Hughes compiled an assured half-century, and allrounder Steven Smith an unbeaten 47 to frustrate the Black Caps' Teststrength bowling attack. Their efforts were complemented by further half-centuries to skipper Dominic Thornely and Moises Henriques, both of whom batted with determination and occasional

Scintillating

Navy's Rubel Rana took gold in the and there was some hope he would | 100m-backstroke event, finishing get back, but it was decided it was on a minute and 3.18 seconds,

(1:06.27).In other women's events, Nasima Akhtar (5.26.30s) of BKSP won the 400m freestyle, beating off competition from Sabura Khatun (5:30.21s) and Lovely Khatun

(5:46.38s). Afsana Talukdar of BKSP won gold in the 100m freestyle competition, finishing in a minute and 8.4 seconds while Ansar won the 4x100m medley relay after Sabura, Mahfuza Khatun, Laboni and Dolly got home in five minutes and 10.2 seconds. Ansar ended in third spot in the overall points table with eight gold medals while Army finished second with 12 gold med-

als after winning gold in water polo. Twelve national records, including four on the concluding day, were set in addition to two SAF

records in the competition. Bangladesh Swimming Federation (BSF) president and Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sarwar Jahan Nizam distribute medals as chief guest. Additional Managing Director of sponsor Mercantile Bank Ltd AKM Shahidul Haque was also present as a special

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