



Police AC celebrate their First Division Hockey League title after defeating Farashganj 5-1 at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

'Bring back ICL players'

CRICINFO, undated

Javed Miandad, the former Pakistan captain and current director-general of the PCB, has said the board is under a lot of pressure from the public and the media to include ICL players in the national team.

The Indian board had banned the ICL players from playing any representative cricket in and for India, a move that was copied by most other national boards as well.

"The BCCI is a very powerful body, but because of its bullying tactics, a lot of people are suffering. All the BCCI needs to do is join hands with ICL," Miandad told Daily News & Analysis, an Indian newspaper.

Another influential name in cricket, Clive Lloyd, the former West Indies captain and the chairman of ICC's cricket committee, also backed a thaw in relations between the official and unauthorised voices of the game.

Miandad also hoped India would tour Pakistan in January, a series that will boost the country's chances of successfully bidding for the postponed Champions Trophy later in 2009.

Khulna play

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and spanned more than four hours. With overnight partner Rezaul Haq, he added 68 for the sixth wicket and made sure Khulna chased 100-plus runs in the second innings.

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Ryder c Haddin b Watson 30
Taylor lbw b Lee 40

McCullum c Ponting b Johnson 8
Flynn not out 39
Elliott b Watson 9

Vettori c Symonds b Johnson 2
Southee c Symonds b Johnson 0

Result: Match drawn.
Man-of-the-match: Ashrafal Aziz.

Sachin, Pathan

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uncapped opener Murali Vijay for the next two day-night matches in Bangalore on Sunday and Cuttack on Wednesday.

The squad for the last two games in Guwahati and New Delhi will be named after the Cuttack match.

LOCAL SNIPPETS

SPORTS REPORTER

Hosts Dinajpur reached the zonal final of the 29th National Cricket Championship when they handed a massive 146-run defeat on Joypurhat at the northern district's Bara Maidan.

Minhaz hit 56 and Farhadur a quickfire 46 not out as Dinajpur scored 205 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs in the first semifinal. In reply, Joypurhat were skittled out for a meagre 59 in 39.1 overs with Saem picking up five wickets for nine runs in 6.1 overs.

POLICE CHAMPS

Police AC lifted the First Division Hockey League title with a match in hand when they thrashed Farashganj SC 5-1 at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium.

Two goals by Mahmudul

and one each from Rana, Ramjan and Shiplu ensured the title for Police. Rubel netted Farashganj's consolation goal.

BADMINTON

Title contenders Biman Bangladesh blanked Tejkunipara 5-0 in the Fahami 1st Division Badminton League at the NSC Woodenfloor Gymnasium. In other matches, Knit Concern Dewanpara Textile 4-1, Abhan beat Maha SC 3-2 and Gulshan SC drubbed Surjo Torun 5-0.

DIVII SOCCER

Rabiul Islam scored in the 13th minute to help BG Press edge Kadamtala Sangsad 1-0 in the 20th Division Football league at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur.

BG Press pushed their tally to 16 points while Kadamtala stuck to six points after 14 rounds.

QUALIFYING CRICKET

UNB adds: BKSP Green emerged champions in the Metropolitan 3rd Division Qualifying Cricket League beating Mohammedan Cricket Academy by one wicket at the Dhaka University ground.

In another match, Tasin Hasin Cricket Academy dumped Little Friend Cricket Academy by 116 runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. BKSP secured six points and Tasin Hasin CA four from three 'super four' matches to qualify for the 3rd division league.

KABADDI

Stadium Tokai team moved into the final of the 2nd Orient Bread Tokai kabaddi competition beating Matuail Tokai team 59-47 in a super three match at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court.

Katich holds firm

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When Johnson began his next over by having O'Brien caught at slip, the bowler was on a hat-trick in the dreamiest possible circumstances. The new man was Martin, arguably the worst batsman in modern Test cricket, who has made 23 Test ducks, and averages 2.38. All Johnson had to do was aim at the stumps; his delivery was too short and sailed past Martin's edge.

Johnson earned Test best figures of 4 for 30 but it was Clark who wrapped up the innings, which was fitting after he started the job when he picked up Redmond with the first ball of the day.

Redmond tentatively nudged at a short-of-a-length delivery he should have left, and edged to slip. Brett Lee soon outsmarted Jamie How, who was bowled reaching at a fullish delivery after successfully driving a similar ball for four earlier in the over.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the first Test between Australia and New Zealand at the Brisbane Cricket Ground on Friday:

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Siddons stays

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He also explained the dismissal of his captain (Mohammad Ashrafal) in the first innings.

"I think it was a half volley. (He) just didn't execute that short. We have got to hit overpitched and short balls. The problem for our batsman, I think, is that they did not hit the ball in good areas, which I think they have done really well today (Friday). They let them go today," he said.

Siddons praised the effort of Champaka Ramanayake for showing good bowling on the second day as the Tigers picked up eight wickets for only 140 runs.

"First day we bowled really bad. Second day we bowled beautifully. Eight for 140, (it was an) outstanding effort. Champaka worked with the bowlers quite hard the day after they bowled badly in the first day and they came out and did the job," said Siddons.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close on the third day of the first Test between South Africa and Bangladesh at Springbok Park on Friday:

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 441-9 decl
BANGLADESH: First innings 153

BANGLADESH: Second innings (overnight 20-1) Tamim c Boucher b Ntini 20

Imrul b Steyn 4
Junaid c Boucher b Kallis 27

Ashrafal not out 7
Mehrab not out 9
Extras: (lb-8, nb-1) 67

Total: (For 3 wickets in 24.2 overs) 67

To bat: Shakib, Mushfiqur, Nayeem, Mashrafe, Shahadat, Mahubul.

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-45, 3-67.

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2nd loss for hockey team

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh President XI lost their second match of the 45th Nehru Cup hockey tournament at the Nehru Stadium in Gurgaon, Haryana yesterday despite taking lead against South Central Railway, who triumphed 5-3 in the end.

Mayur Subbaiah scored three goals while Prabhakar Singh and Amit Shrivastava added one each for the local side, who led 2-1 at the break.

Sheikh Nannu struck twice including the 14th minute opener from a penalty corner while Rimon Kumar added the other for the Bangladeshi side, who had lost 5-1 to Bharat Petroleum on Thursday.

The President XI will play their last group match against ONGC XI tomorrow.

Lloyd remarks annoys BCCI

CRICINFO, undated

The ICC will look into a complaint from the BCCI against Clive Lloyd, the ICC cricket committee chairman, for suggesting the unrecognised ICL and the IPL, run by the BCCI, should learn to co-exist.

However, Haroon Lorgat, the ICC chief executive, said it would first check with Lloyd to understand the context and veracity of the remarks that were reported in an Indian newspaper.

Confirming the ICC had received an email from N Srinivasan, the BCCI secretary, on the issue, Lorgat told Cricinfo the ICC would approach the issue in a "fair and appropriate" manner. There was no timeframe involved in the process, he said.

Asked about the ICL during a private visit to Mumbai last week, Lloyd, the former West Indies captain had told Times of India that "there's nothing like having a discussion to break the ice", and suggested the West Indies needed leagues like the ICL and the IPL to revive the game in the country.

The BCCI on Thursday wrote to the ICC seeking action against Lloyd and compared the situation to the stepping down of Sunil Gavaskar as ICC cricket committee chairman earlier this year. Gavaskar was asked by the ICC to choose between his ICC role and that of a media commentator.

Lorgat said he didn't believe the comparison was valid. "We need to first establish if the merits of the case are the same," Lorgat told Cricinfo. "Personally, I don't believe so. We need to make ensure he does not make comments that are not appropriate. And if it is different case we need to establish exactly what the facts are without which it is very difficult to make comments."

The BCCI has adopted a hard-line position against ICL, and banned players associated with it from all forms of official cricket. It has also refused to entertain requests from the ICL for recognition, and pushed for a worldwide ban on players and officials associated with the Twenty20 league.

Ishant

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confessed he needed to utilise all his skill and sharpness to counter the tall fast bowler. "The match was on the line, and I knew I was facing an impressive and challenging opponent, and that I needed all my skill and sharpness if I was to survive."

"Sharma was bringing everything back into me, a right-handed batsman, at some speed, a style of bowling I don't see all that often. His pace and accuracy were such that if he bowled a straight one, it had the same effect as a leg-cutter. That was the ball that eventually got me."

"It was not a quick Perth wicket so I could not trust the bounce enough to try to pull him. At times, I felt I was pinned down his end... but I knew I had the ability to win this duel, I worked very hard to see him off, but on this occasion he was too good for me."

"So many people, including coach Tim Nielsen, commented on how it was an unbelievable spell of bowling. It was a great sport and I was lucky to be a part of it."

Ponting said it was frustrating that the series against India would be accounted in history for its controversies rather than such great moments.

SL thrash Zim

Cricket

AFP, Harare

A collapse by Zimbabwe of stock market proportions gifted Sri Lanka a leisurely victory here Thursday in the first of a series of five one-day internationals.

And the main instigator was predictably Muttiah Muralidaran who snatched 4-14 in four overs.

It brought "Murali" up to 468 wickets in this form of the game. And it was fortunate for the Zimbabweans that he didn't bowl any more.

The hapless home side slumped from 124-3 to 127 all out in 31 overs, losing seven wickets for just three runs scraped together. Only Tatenda Taibu came through the mayhem with 36 not out.

The Sri Lankans coasted to 130-4 in reply, giving them a comfortable win by six wickets and a 1-0 series lead.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first one-day international between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka at Harare Sports Club on Thursday:

ZIMBABWE
Masakadza run out 15
Sibanda c Kapugedera b Kulasekara 9

Chibhabha c Kulasekara b Maharof 25
Taibu not out 36

Matsikenyeri b Muralidaran 21
Chigumbura lbw b Muralidaran 0

Maruma c Kapugedera b Muralidaran 0

Utseya lbw b Mendis 0
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US franchise for English T20?

CRICINFO, undated

A report in Friday's Daily Telegraph claims the ECB has held talks with a New York-based investment company in a bid to broaden the appeal of its Twenty20 English Premier League which is set to launch in 2010.

The newspaper states that Durham chairman Clive Leach met with representatives from Sports Capital Partners Worldwide (SCPW) in the USA this week. It is believed the talks centred on the possibility of a US-based team joining the competition.

SCPW is a sports media and entertainment company that owns Major League Soccer and ice hockey franchises, as well as operating as Real Madrid's North American ventures. It was one of the companies that expressed an interest in getting involved in the aborted nine-franchise EPL earlier this year.

The 20-team tournament will include all 18 first-class counties as well as a Stanford XI. The ECB is looking for a high-profile team to fill the 20th slot, and this week's meeting indicate it is keen to get involvement from the USA.

The future is there

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teams, it seems that everything in domestic football moves slow. It is important to have strong club structure for players to have practice facilities, good training grounds and gyms. If domestic competitions are regular, we would be able to get to a certain standard in two to three years.

"The BFF needs to plan and implement them as quickly as possible."

"Also, you have to invest behind the national team. Myanmar Brazilian coach and trainer each gets 10,000 dollars. The local coaches for Malaysia and Indonesia get 5,000 and 6,000 dollars per month apart from other support, he informed.

"Still, Malaysia conceded four goals against Myanmar. Vietnam, just after lifting the

Merdeka Cup, conceded seven goals in two matches. In five matches, we have scored only two goals - that is a problem - but we have also given away six goals. Our losses were expected but we haven't lost big," he said in defence of his performance as coach.

"The current team is our best at the moment. We did not pick up players with emphasis on future. Still, in one year's time, four or five players will go into retirement. We need to groom their replacements for coming tournaments."

"I still believe our football and the national team are heading the right way and if we keep up the good work, we would be able to say that we are going to play in the final or to win a trophy in the coming days."

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