



Winners of the Citi Cup golf tournament pose with chief guest Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sarwar Jahan Nizam at the Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC) yesterday.

PCB clears stance on ICL players

PTI, Karachi

The Pakistan Cricket Board on Friday made it clear that it would never recognise the unofficial Indian Cricket League or lift ban on its players until the ICC and the Indian board changed their policy on the league.

PCB chairman Ejaz Butt said Pakistan was only following the policy laid down by the BCCI and International Cricket Council.

"We would like to see this issue resolved as many of our players are in the ICL. We would like to consider them again for Pakistan if the ICL becomes legal," Butt said.

He said since the Indian board didn't give permission to the ICL, the ICC also refused to recognise the tournament.

"Subsequently member boards of the ICC also follow the same policy that the ICL is an illegal tournament," he said.

Asked why Pakistan had imposed blanket bans on its players for signing up with the ICL, while other countries like England and Sri Lanka had a softer stance, Butt said Pakistan wanted to see an early resolution of the issue.

"In England the counties are playing the ICL players because of court cases," he said.

Asked if the Board would change its stance if the Pakistani players went to court to challenge their bans, Butt said the Board was bound to follow court directives.

The director general of the PCB, former Test captain Javed Miandad and even Butt have recently given out indications that they are not happy with having to impose blanket bans on their players for playing in the ICL.

Pakistan has nearly 18 players appearing in the ICL, many of whom can still play for the national team. But Butt maintained Pakistan couldn't have an independent policy for the ICL and its players and had to follow the ICC policy.

Taylor nears

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Reid's record this month, he has more opportunity to do so against the West Indies in December.

The 24-year-old told The Dominion Post: "I knew I had 700 odd runs but I didn't have any knowledge of New Zealand Test run-scoring records for a year."

"I always set myself goals for a series and for a year, which I keep to myself. That seems to work well for me and they are based around what is best for the team."

"I've scored two hundreds this year and I'd really like to add to that."

Smith sees

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said the Proteas skipper, who was mostly focused on the coming challenge against Australia.

"But I haven't seen any progress in Bangladesh cricket. I made my debut against them and earned a lot of success for my team. South Africa cricket progressed in this period of time but there is no improvement in Bangladesh for last six-seven years. They, however, got enough international exposure," he added.

"I also want to see Bangladesh progress in international cricket," he said.

Kiwis lose their way

CRICINFO, undated

A large opening total in Adelaide is essential to remain in the contest, but New Zealand's top and middle orders wasted their opportunity with a rash of loose shots on the way to 262 for six at stumps. Aaron Redmond's two-paced 83 gave the tourists a strong base in between bouts of thoughtlessness that prevented them from staging the type of start needed to frighten Australia, who lead the two-game series 1-0.

The bowlers were steady with occasional bright patches, but all that was required was to wait for mistakes from a line-up that switched from defensive to casual and reckless. Redmond found the correct mix in his career-best score until he lost his mind briefly by slopping to deep midwicket and Jamie How, Jesse Ryder and Peter Fulton experienced similar lapses.

Life was satisfying for New Zealand at lunch when they were 1 for 101, but two wickets fell within half an hour of the interval and Fulton (29) pulled the medium pace of Andrew Symonds to Simon Katich before tea to undo his 64-run recovery with Ross Taylor. Brendon McCullum, who was 30 not out, and Daniel Vettori (12) negotiated a difficult last hour, but by then the side had already lost too many specialists.

All of the top eight reached double figures, with only Redmond passing fifty. Don't expect Australia to be so generous when it is their turn. On this pitch first-up scores of 400 are considered small and the surface offered few problems with movement despite encouraging clouds in the morning. Each time New Zealand, who will move to eighth on the ICC rankings with a loss, threatened to escape they slipped back with an error.

The offspinner Nathan

Hauritz benefitted twice from the risky shot selection in the same way Jason Krejza did in Nagpur. Redmond, who was defensive for much of the first session, changed faces when Hauritz arrived before lunch and by the end of the offspinner's first over had rushed to a half-century with a cut for four and two slog-swept sixes to the short square boundary.

Hauritz's surprise return to Test action -- he was not included in New South Wales' match last week -- meant he started the day as the luckiest cricketer in the country, but that view was changing as he went for 29 in his first three. As quickly as he seemed to be heading out of the attack, Hauritz's fortunes swung again when Ryder, on 13, decided to swipe him to a diving Michael Clarke at midwicket in the over after lunch.

Ricky Ponting kept Hauritz, who was in his first Test in four years, operating and another gift arrived when Redmond tried for a third six and found Symonds running around just inside the boundary at deep midwicket. Redmond was shocked to have faltered so badly and almost froze as Symonds found the ball. When Redmond wasn't defending he was usually looking to slash or push through cover and point, where 11 of his boundaries came, and it was a more effective approach.

New Zealand could have been in a worse position if Matthew Hayden, playing his 100th Test, collected a sharp take to his right when Fulton edged an attempted drive at Hauritz on 9, or if Brett Lee had not over-stepped when Taylor was caught at cover by Symonds when 5. Taylor was in fine touch on the way to 44 before he was unlucky to be lbw to Stuart Clark with the ball expected to head well over the stumps.

The Australians, having learned from India, were able to find reverse-swing after tea and Lee was the main beneficiary when he bowled Daniel Flynn for 11. Taking the ball

away from the left-hander early in the over, Lee moved one back sharply and the ball brushed Flynn's pad before hitting the stumps.

Lee was one of four bowlers to take a wicket while Hauritz, whose opening came when Krejza hurt his ankle at training this week, had figures of 2 for 63 from 13 overs in an admirable recovery. However, his eventual day continued when he turned his left ankle while fielding at fine leg and he did not bowl after tea.

Mitchell Johnson collected the only breakthrough of the first session when he won a battle of patience with How (16). How fell to a poor misjudgment when he drove wildly at another wide ball from Johnson, who watched the edge go to the wicketkeeper Brad Haddin. His teammates did not learn the lesson.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the second Test between Australia and New Zealand at Adelaide Oval on Friday:

NEW ZEALAND: First innings
Redmond c Symonds b Hauritz 83
How c Haddin b Johnson 16
Ryder c Clarke b Hauritz 13
Taylor lbw b Clark 44
Fulton c Katich b Symonds 29
Flynn b Lee 11
McCullum not out 30
Vettori not out 12
Extras: (b-5, lb-7, w-1, nb-11) 24

Total: (For 6 wks in 90 overs) 262
To bat: O'Brien, Southey, Martin.

Fall of wickets: 1-46, 2-101, 3-130, 4-194, 5-200, 6-228.

Bowler O M R W
Lee 21 6 60 1
Clark 20 6 56 1
Johnson 21 3 54 1
Hauritz 16 2 63 2
Symonds 12 2 17 1

AUSTRALIA: Katich, Hayden, Ponting, Hussey, Clarke, Symonds, Haddin, Clark, Lee, Johnson, Hauritz.

Toss: New Zealand

Umpires: BR Doctrove (West Indies) and RE Koertzen (South Africa)

Lee, Ashiqur Citi Cup golf champs

SPORTS REPORTER

Syed Ashiqur Rahman and SY Lee the men's and women's titles of the Citi Cup golf tournament which concluded at the Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC) yesterday.

Brig Gen (ret) MA Malek and Carl Hags Storm were the senior and super seniors winners respectively.

The junior title went to Imrose Farhan. Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sarwar Jahan Nizam distributed trophies at the end of the two-day event.

KGC vice-president Maj Gen Mohammed Shafiqul Islam, Citi Bank managing director Mamun Rashid were present among others.

SL make it 4-0

AFP, Harare

Sri Lanka won the fourth of their five ODIs with hosts Zimbabwe at the Harare Sports Club on Friday by two wickets.

The Sri Lankans, who had already wrapped up the series, extended their winning streak in scoring 147-8 to Zimbabwe's 146 all out.

SCOREBOARD

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

ZIMBABWE
Masakadza c Mathews b Prasad 28
Sibanda lbw b Mendis 21
Chibhabha lbw b Mendis 20
Taibu c Jayawardene b Thushara 7
Matsikenyeri lbw b Mendis 0
Chigumbura b Mubarak 5
Dabengwa c Mubarak b Mendis 32
Uteya c Kapugedera b Mendis 8
Price lbw b Mendis 5
Mupariwa c Fernando b Thushara 3
Rainsford not out 0
Extras: (lb-2, w-12, nb-3) 17

Total: (All out in 46.3 overs) 146
Fall of wickets: 1-46, 2-66, 3-79, 4-82, 5-85, 6-108, 7-132, 8-140, 9-144, 10-146.

Bowler O M R W
Fernando 9 1 26 0
Prasad 6 0 40 1
Mendis 9 0 29 6
Thushara 8.3 3 13 2
Mathews 8 1 24 0
Mubarak 6 0 12 1

SRI LANKA

Tharanga c Taibu b Uteya 17
Udawatte c Matsikenyeri b Mupariwa 14
Sangakkara c b Chigumbura 23
Jayawardene lbw b Mupariwa 0
Kapugedera c Chibhabha b Mupariwa 12
Mubarak not out 60
Mathews b Price 0
Thushara c Dabengwa b Chigumbura 6
Prasad c Rainsford b Chigumbura 8
Mendis not out 3
Extras: (lb-1, w-5, nb-1) 7

Total: (For 8 wickets in 47.3 overs) 150
Did not bat: Fernando.

Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-33, 3-33, 4-55, 5-95, 6-101, 7-116, 8-140.

Bowler O M R W
Rainsford 7 1 37 0
Uteya 10 4 18 1
Mupariwa 10 0 34 3
Price 10 2 24 1
Chigumbura 9.3 1 35 3
Dabengwa 1 0 1 0

Result: Sri Lanka won by two wickets and led the 5-match series 4-0.

Man-of-the-match: Ajantha Mendis.

Test moved

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back on track quickly after the attacks which killed at least 130 people.

BCCI vice-president Lalit Modi, the brain behind the lucrative Twenty20 revolution, said he was unfazed by the cancellation of the England one-dayers and the multi-million dollar Champions League.

"In the circumstances it was the right thing to do but there is no doubt cricket will start again soon," Modi told reporters in Mumbai.

Modi insisted that the inaugural Twenty20 Champions League from December 3-10 had been postponed due to logistical problems, rather than security fears.

Mumbai was due to host three of the 15 games in the six-million dollar tournament featuring leading Twenty20 teams from Australia, South Africa, India, England and Pakistan.

"All the teams wanted the Champions League to go ahead and only wanted Mumbai removed as a venue," Modi said.

"But it was not logistically possible to change a venue at such short notice so we proposed it be postponed."

"But I can assure you it will be held soon, and in India."

Butt for clear message

Cricket

AFP, Karachi

India should tour Pakistan early next year as planned to send a message to extremists that cricket will not be cowed by terrorists, Pakistan's cricket chief said Friday.

This week's coordinated terrorist attacks in Mumbai which have killed at least 130 people forced the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to cancel the last two home one-dayers against England.

It also postponed next month's lucrative Twenty20 Champions League due to security fears.

India's tour of Pakistan was already in doubt because of Indian fears about the security situation in Pakistan.

"If India sends its team to Pakistan it will be a clear-cut message to the terrorists that cricket will go on," said Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Ijaz Butt.

"My heartiest wish is that Indian team tours Pakistan, but in the worst-case scenario

-- and don't take me wrong that I don't want cricket in my country -- we may shift the series to neutral venues," he added.

Butt said he also had to cancel a visit to India next week to convince BCCI officials to continue with the tour, scheduled for January-February.

The BCCI last week informed the PCB that it wanted clearance from the New Delhi government to go on the tour.

The Indian government refused to clear its junior hockey team's tour to Pakistan earlier this month, raising fears that the cricket tour will suffer the same fate or will be shifted to neutral venues.

In light of the Mumbai attacks, Butt said the final decision on India's tour was up to the respective governments.

"The security situation is out of our control and after what has happened in Mumbai the decision on the Indian team tour of Pakistan is now in two governments' hands," he said.

"Relocating the home

series to neutral venues were a huge financial loss in the past so its detestable, but in an effort to give our players some cricket we will have to do that, but as a last resort."

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and England have offered to host the series.

The International Cricket Council put off September's Champions Trophy in Pakistan over security fears.

South Africa had pulled out of the event while Australia, New Zealand and England were reluctant to tour -- all on security fears.

Australia also postponed their full tour to Pakistan in March this year over security fears.

'Modi's words insensitive'

PTI, London

BCCI vice-President Lalit Modi was Friday chastised by the British media for suggesting that England's cricketers should return to India for next month's Test series despite their heightened security fears in the wake of Mumbai terror attacks.

England abandoned the one-dayers, calling off the last two games of the seven-match series, due to the deadly terror strikes in Mumbai which left over 100 dead.

Modi, who is also the commissioner of the cash-rich Indian Premier League, had stated Thursday that he was confident about Kevin Pietersen and Co returning for next month's two Test matches, one of which is scheduled in Mumbai.

The comments were denounced by the media here with wide-selling tabloid 'The Daily Mail' describing him as "crass and insensitive".

"It is highly unlikely England will return whatever the cost to the ECB's relationship with the Indian board and, specifically, Lalit Modi, the Indian administrator who pulls the strings here. He had earlier shown crass insensitivity by announcing that the series would go ahead as new explosions were taking place in Mumbai."

Imran lifts

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sixes off 93 balls as they reached 158-6 in 48.2 overs. Ashrafun made 22 and Mahbub 20 not out for the winners.

Earlier, Masum and Iftikhar took three wickets each for Khulna.



Sri Lanka spinner Ajantha Mendis successfully appeals for a leg-before decision against Zimbabwe batsman Stuart Matsikenyeri (not in picture) in the fourth ODI at the Harare Sports Club ground on Friday.

Run-outs mark defeat

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delivery of the same bowler and reached at the deep backward point fence where Makhaya Ntini took a good catch diving forward.

Zunaed Siddiqui was the other batsman got out before tea as a short delivery from Kallis kissed his gloves to reach Amla at point. Zunaed, who hit a half-century in the first innings, made 16.

Bangladesh went into lunch at 8 for one as Imrul Kayes got an edge of Ntini to reach Graeme Smith at slip and it was matter of time for the Tigers to suffer another heavy defeat against South Africa when they reduced to 95 for six at tea.

SCOREBOARD

Final scorecard on the third day of the second and final Test between South Africa and Bangladesh at Centurion Park on Friday:

BANGLADESH: First innings 250
SOUTH AFRICA: First innings

(overnight 357-5)
Smith lbw b Mahbubul 27
McKenzie c Rokibul b Mashrafe 0
Morkel b Shakib 71
Kallis b Shakib 24
Prince not out 162

De Villiers st Mushfiqu b Shakib 0
Boucher c Rokibul b Shakib 117
Morkel b Shakib 0
Zondeki c Mushfiqu b Shakib 0
Ntini c Ashraf b Shahadat 0
Steyn b Shahadat 1

Extras: (lb-17, nb-8, w-2) 27
Total: (All out in 115.2 overs) 429
Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-47, 3-112, 4-134, 5-134, 6-405, 7-405, 8-405, 9-412.

Bowler O M R W
Mashrafe 26 2 74 1
Mahbubul 26 5 85 1
Shakib 28 3 99 6
Shahadat 22.2 2 89 1
Mehrab 11 1 50 0
Ashraf 2 0 15 0

BANGLADESH: Second innings
Tamim c McKenzie b Morkel 20
Imrul c Smith b Ntini 5

Zunaed c Amla b Kallis 16
Ashrafun run out (Steyn) 21
Mehrab run out (Amla) 28
Rokibul run out (Prince) 0
Shakib c Ntini b Morkel 2
Mushfiqu b Ntini 4
Mashrafe not out 23
Shahadat c De Villiers 0
b Zondeki 0
Mahbubul c Boucher 1
b Zondeki 1

Extras: (b-5, lb-3, nb-2, w-111) 131
Total: (All out in 36.4 overs) 131
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-37, 3-47, 4-57, 5-68, 6-77, 7-95, 8-126, 9-127.

Bowler O M R W
Steyn 8 2 23 0
Ntini 11 2 44 2
Kallis 6 1 24 1
Morkel 6 1 21 2
McKenzie 1 0 1 0
Zondeki 4.4 2 10 2

Result: South Africa won by an innings and 48 runs and clinched series 2-0.

Man-of-the-match: Ashwell Prince.
Man-of-the-series: Ashwell Prince.



England captain Kevin Pietersen (C) walks to board a bus while Indian security personnel stand alert in Bhubaneswar on Friday.