

Sania, Li in last four

AFP, Birmingham

India's Sania Mirza eased into the semi-finals of the WTA grass-court tournament here on Friday with a 6-1, 7-6 (7/4) win against 16th seed Melinda Czink.

Mirza, unseeded at the pre-Wimbledon warm-up event, will play Poland's Urszula Radwanska or 13th seed Magdalena Rybarikova for a place in the final.

The 22-year-old, who shocked fifth seed Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova on Thursday, is back in the latter stages of a tournament for the first time since reaching the final of the Pattaya City event in Thailand in February.

Chinese fourth seed Li Na also moved into the last four with a 6-3, 7-6 (7/3) victory over Switzerland's Stefanie Voegele.

Less than 24 hours after her top seeded compatriot Zheng Jie crashed out, Li kept alive Chinese interest in the Wimbledon warm-up tournament with an impressive display to set up a showdown against Maria Sharapova or Yanina Wickmayer.

The 27-year-old last reached a semi-final back in March in the Monterrey event in Mexico. She made it to the final, where she was beaten by Marion Bartoli.

Sharapova, the former Wimbledon champion, takes on Belgium's Wickmayer later on Friday.

After 10 months on the sidelines with a shoulder injury, Sharapova will be hoping to continue her climb back up the world rankings after slipping out of the top 100.

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(two wickets for 23 runs off four overs), took two for three in six balls to reduce them to 89 for two.

Off-spinner Saeed Ajmal (two for 26) took the key wickets of Sri Lanka captain Sangakkara, stumped by Kamran Akmal, and Mahela Jayawardene, caught in the covers by Afridi.

Opensers Tilakaratne Dilshan (46) and Sanath Jayasuriya (26), aided by wayward pace bowling, got Sri Lanka off to a flyer before they fell to Afridi. Left-arm fast bowler Sohail Tanvir endured a nightmare start as he conceded 29 runs, including six wides and three no-balls, in his two overs.

Pakistan next face New Zealand at the Oval on Saturday while Sri Lanka are back at Lord's on Sunday for a match against Ireland.

SCORES IN BRIEF

SRI LANKA: 150 for 7 in 20 overs (Dilshan 46, Jayasuriya 26, Sangakkara 15, Jayawardene 19, Silva 8, Mathews 9 not out; Gul 2-34, Afridi 2-23, Ajmal 2-26)
PAKISTAN: 131 for 9 in 20 overs (Malik 28, Younus 50, Misbahul 21, Fawad 12; Malinga 3-17, Muralidaran 2-28)
Result: Sri Lanka won by 19 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Tillakaratne Dilshan.

Feni trample

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Chittagong. The robbers took all the cargo on board along with the driver's and helper's money and mobile phones. No casualties resulted from this unfortunate incident.

Rajib slumps

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In the other eighth round games, Niaz drew with Ramanath Bhuvanesh of India, Amin beat Anilkumar, Malek beat Matta Kumar, Ali beat Sharif Hossain, Robin beat WFM Swati Mohota, Saif beat Stany, Parag beat Ram Gupta, Taibur drew with Debashis Dutta and Debaraj drew with Rajendra Kumar.

Flintoff

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had taken two wickets for 30 runs in 12 overs on the first day, removed Phil Mustard then ended Durham's innings on 244 by dismissing England colleague Steve Harmison.

Flintoff is now confident of being involved when England play the first Test against Australia at Cardiff starting on July 8.

He was also out to bat quicker than expected as England bowler Graham Onions claimed three wickets to reduce Lancashire to 51 for four, with Flintoff three not out from 11 balls at lunch.

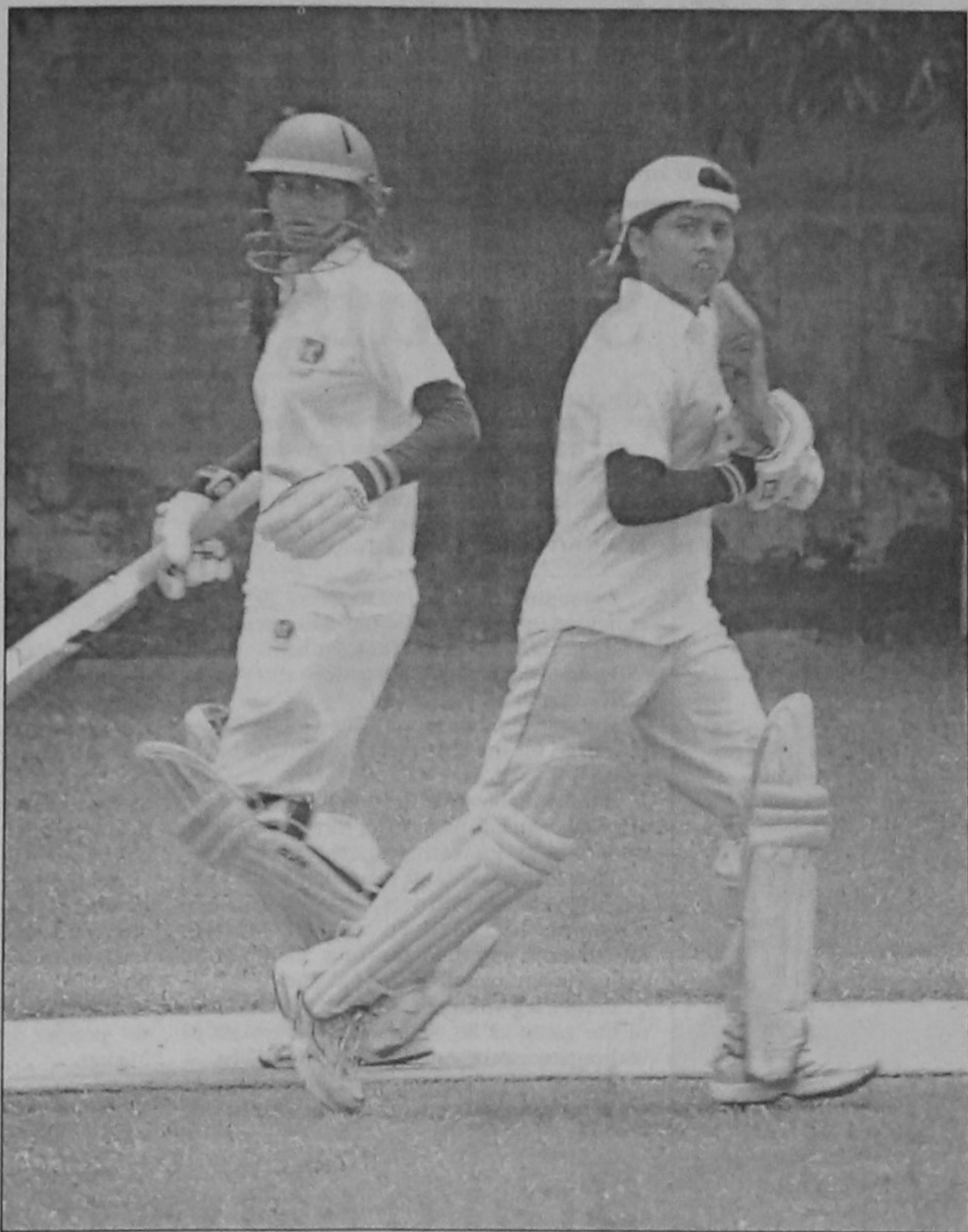


PHOTO: COURTESY
BKSP's Rozina Akhtar (L) and Farzana Haque cross each other while taking a run against Azimpur Girls School in the opening match of the Girls' School Tournament at the Dhanmndi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

Warne lashes at ex-coach

AFP, Sydney

Retired Australian leg-spin wizard Shane Warne has welcomed the appointment of John Buchanan to a coaching role with England, saying it will boost his former teammates' chances of retaining the Ashes.

Warne is no fan of Buchanan's methods from his time as Australian team coach and said his switch of camps will make Ricky Ponting's charges more hungry to win.

Buchanan has been asked to work with England's player development programme, mainly the Under-16s, Under-19s and the 'A' side and is due to talk to coach Andy Flower in the build-up to the first Ashes Test in Cardiff, on July 8.

Warne didn't hold back in his scorn of Buchanan and his "overcomplicated" methods.

"I think that's a great move because that means we've got more of a chance," Warne told reporters in Brisbane on Friday.

"Hopefully, Buck (Buchanan) will be doing his stuff and he'll be working and doing all his things and hopefully overcomplicating things."

"I reckon it gives our chances a big boost and makes our blokes more hungry."

"Hopefully, he gets all of them in a boot camp and Freddy (Andrew) Flintoff and (Kevin) Pietersen hurt their knees, that would be great."

Warne and fellow Australian leg-spinner

Stuart MacGill both condemned Buchanan's pre-Ashes three-day "boot" camp in the Queensland bush ahead of the last Ashes series in Australia in 2006.

Warne believes Australia deserve to start favourites for the Ashes and called the world champions' early elimination from the World Twenty20 as a "blessing in disguise."

"I wish we were still in the Twenty20, but now you have to look at the positive out of it and the positive is our guys can prepare for the Ashes for the next couple of weeks," he said.

The former record Test wicket-taker put Australia's poor record in the shortened game down to a lack of exposure due to their packed international schedule.

"I don't think we actually understand the tactics of Twenty20 enough. We didn't play a spinner in the first Twenty20 game (against the West Indies)," said Warne, who finished with 708 wickets in 145 Tests.

"You look at all the people doing well in Twenty20 cricket, spinners are doing really well." Buchanan left the Australia job after the 2007 World Cup in the West Indies as elite cricket's most successful coach, with a winning record of 70 percent after becoming national coach in 1999.

Though the Australian side has changed significantly since Buchanan's departure, many key players from his era - Ricky Ponting, Michael Clarke, Mike Hussey and Brett Lee -- will play in next month's Ashes.

Murray marches on

AFP, London

Top seed Andy Murray booked his first Queen's semifinal appearance with a 7-5, 6-3 victory over America's Mardy Fish on Friday.

Murray is bidding to become the first British winner at Queen's since 1938 and the Scot remains firmly on course thanks to an impressive quarterfinal display at the pre-Wimbledon warm-up event.

The 22-year-old has yet to drop a set and will face former world number one Juan Carlos Ferrero for a place in the final.

After a career-best display at the French Open earlier this month, Murray has adapted quickly to the grass courts of west London and already looks capable of mounting a serious challenge at Wimbledon.

Even against Fish, whose power-game is well suited to grass, there was never any sign that Murray would be blown off course by the eighth seed.

At 5-5 in the first set, Murray finally exploited a chink in Fish's armour to break for the first time and then served out the set.

Murray was able to hold his serve comfortably in the second set and made the all-important break when Fish tamely netted on

his second break point of the seventh game.

With Fish looking out of his depth, Murray clinched victory with a blistering return of serve.

"He started well but I hit a few really good passing shots at 5-5 in the first set and managed to break him. I felt much more confident after that," Murray said.

"I knew it was going to be a big test and I was very happy with how I served."

Former French Open champion Ferrero reached the first grass-court semi-final of his career after coming from behind to beat Steve Darcis 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Ferrero has already had a memorable week after achieving his 400th career victory, but the Spaniard, a clay court expert, is now within two matches of winning on grass for the first time.

Darcis, who was bidding to become the first Belgian to reach the last four here, looked like causing an upset when he took the first set.

But Ferrero had no intention of surrendering without a fight. He won the second set easily and broke in the seventh game of the final set before serving out the match.

Ferrero knows facing Murray for the first time will be a tricky test and said: "I never played against him on any surface on the tour. So play here in his country on grass, everything is difficult."

"But I'm feeling great and I just want to be focused on me and on my game, be aggressive and try to enjoy it."

Bolt bags 100m gold in rain

AFP, Toronto

World record-holder Usain Bolt won his first 100-meter race since a foot injury suffered in an April car crash, capturing the title at the Festival of Excellence meet here Thursday.

Rainy conditions kept the Jamaican star from approaching his world record of 9.58 from Beijing, where he also set the 200m world record to win gold, but he took the race at Varsity Stadium in 10.00 seconds.

American Shawn Crawford, the 2004 Olympic 200m champion and runner-up to

Bolt at Beijing, finished second in 10.25 seconds with countryman Ivory Williams third in 10.28 seconds.

"It felt good," Bolt said. "I think I should have done a little better. For me it's all right. I got through it injury-free, so that's a good thing."

Bolt, 22, crashed his car in a ditch two months ago and required stitches after having a procedure to remove thorns from his left foot as he exited the vehicle.

Bolt, who clocked a wind-aided 9.93 in his first 100m of the season in Jamaica in March, withdrew from a May 2 meet in Kingston after the injury but two weeks later ran the fastest 150m ever in Manchester, England.

WOMEN'S WORLD T20 Winning starts for England, Windies

AFP, Taunton

England, the tournament favourites, and the West Indies enjoyed contrasting wins on the opening day of the women's World Twenty20 here on Thursday.

England, the world 50-over champions, crushed India by 10 wickets while the Windies squeezed past South Africa by just four runs.

Chasing only 113 to win, England openers Sarah Taylor (50 not out) and Charlotte Edwards (61 not out) romped to victory with more than four overs to spare and with 13 fours and two sixes between them.

India's best score was 29 from Mithali Raj while England bowlers, 18-year-old student, Holly Colvin (3-20) and Nicky Shaw (2-28) kept the brakes on.

"This is our biggest game and hopefully this will clinch our semi-final spot," said England skipper Edwards.

"Everyone wanted to see how we'd react to the tag of favourites. Whenever there's a bit of pressure on this team the players come out fighting. I was really, really pleased with Holly - she bowled so well."

"To come out and play as we have done today in front of such an enthusiastic crowd has been fantastic."

West Indies' star was 18-year-old Stafanie Edwards. Correct Taylor who celebrated her birthday with a 52-ball 50 in her side's 123 for 7.

South Africa slipped to 82 for 6 in reply but Mignon du Preez, with 38 from 28 balls, gave her team hope while Sunette Loubser hit 19 from 16 balls.

Both were eventually run out as their team's hopes vanished.

AUS-INDIA 'RACE ROW' Waugh calls for calm

AFP, Mumbai

Cricket legend Steve Waugh on Friday appealed for calm after protests by Indian students in Australia over a spate of allegedly racist attacks.

The former Australia captain, due in India this week to launch the expansion of his charitable foundation, said he was "shocked and saddened" by reports of violence that have led to a wave of protests and heightened community tensions.

"I have worked with young people in both India and Australia over many years and only heard positive reports of their experiences in either country," he said in a statement from his publicists in New Delhi.

"Our two countries have always enjoyed strong and excellent relations, especially through cricket, sport and business."

"The safety and security of any young person in a foreign country is a serious concern and paramount, and something we should all work towards. I appeal to all concerned to bring to an end this unfortunate chain of events."

Waugh, 44, is the most successful international cricket captain of all time, having won 40 of his 53 Tests in charge between 1999 and 2004. He holds the record for the most number of Test match appearances - 168.

He set up the Steve Waugh Foundation after his retirement. The organisation aims to help disadvantaged, disabled and ill children and young people.

SA enjoying

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"We knew if someone stayed at the wicket and we got a run a ball, we'd be okay. I think this was a 140-wicket so our bowlers did really well to restrict them."

Owais Shah was the lone Englishman to withstand the Proteas' onslaught with 38 off 33 balls after four of the top seven batsmen managed only four runs between them.

All the six bowlers used by Smith were among the wickets, with Kallis and Roelof van der Merwe supporting Parnell with two scalps each.

Albie Morkel bowled the first maiden over of the tournament but also included the wicket of Kevin Pietersen, but was not called upon to bowl a second over as the others took care of the England batsmen.

South Africa have been in awesome form in the tournament so far, crushing minnows Scotland by 130 runs before defending their modest 128-7 against New Zealand by one run.

'Interference was not acceptable'

AFP, Lahore

The chairman of Pakistan's cricket selectors said Friday he resigned from the post earlier this week because of "unacceptable" interference by the squad's coach and captain.

Abdul Qadir, who had been appointed to the post only six months ago, also told a news conference he would not have chosen Younus Khan, who is currently playing with the squad in the Twenty20 tournament in England, as captain.

"When I was appointed chief selector I was told that I will be allowed to work freely but that was not the case, so I quit as interference was not acceptable to me," Qadir told a news conference.

The 53-year-old former leg-spinner announced his resignation Monday and his decision was immediately accepted by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), which has yet to announce his

replacement.

Qadir said the PCB had not accepted his selections, nor his proposal that Pakistan should have two captains, one each for the Test and limited-overs teams.

"I would never have



ABDUL QADIR

selected Younus Khan in World Twenty20 and would have chosen young Twenty20 expert players," said Qadir.

Reports in Pakistan's media suggested Qadir and

Younus were not on speaking terms since Younus replaced Shoaib Malik as captain in February this year.

Qadir said he would also have ousted Malik from the team as well," said Qadir.

He said the PCB took arbitrary decisions without consulting the selection committee and that "the captain (Younus) and coach (Intikhab Alam) were given the powers to have their say in picking 15 players."

"So there was no use to having a selection committee," Qadir said, adding he would never again accept an offer to work for the PCB under its current set-up.

Pakistan play their first Super Eight match in the Twenty20 tournament against Sri Lanka in London later Friday.

Roy loses contract

AFP, Sydney

Cricket Australia said Friday it had withdrawn its contract offer to disgraced all-rounder Andrew Symonds, sent home from the World Twenty20 after the latest in a series of alcohol-related indiscretions.

"Cricket Australia has advised Andrew Symonds that his contract offer for the next contract year (starting July 1) has been withdrawn," CA general manager of operations Michael Brown said.

"Selectors have convened and have added (fast bowler) Shaun Tait to the contract list for the coming year."

Brown said he hoped Symonds would continue to play domestic cricket in Australia.

"We've given him our full support if he chooses to play state cricket and hopefully he's not lost to the Australian game," he said.

He's a world-class player and if Andrew would like to play Australian cricket would like to see him back playing for Queensland."

But Symonds, who is deciding on his future plans after also fielding interest from England and South Africa, has advised Queensland Cricket not to include him on their contract list for next season.

"Andrew has been upfront with us and made

a very selfless gesture by advising us not to contract him," Queensland Cricket chief executive Graham Dixon said.

"He knows the door is open here and we look forward to catching up with him when he's ready to have a chat about what his plans might be."

Symonds said when he was sent home from the Twenty20 in England last week that he had "a fair bit to consider" about his playing career.

He was a success in the Indian Premier League, helping the Deccan Chargers to the Twenty20 title in South Africa last month and has another year left on his Deccan contract.

Tait's new contract comes after he was controversially omitted from the original list last month.

It sparked an angry response from the 26-year-old express bowler, who was also upset CA had barred him from turning out in the IPL due to injury concerns.

"Shaun was disappointed (at the time)," Brown said. "He wants to play for Australia. He's a had a horrific run of injuries in recent times."

Tait is playing in England and will link with the Australian Ashes squad when it moves from Leicester to London next week to help out in the nets.

"Shaun at his best is an important part of our one-day international and Twenty20 make-up and I'm sure he will now seize the opportunity presented to him with this offer of a further Australian contract," selection chairman Andrew Hilditch said.

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