



The Chinese synchronised swimmers perform in the team technical routine preliminaries of the 13th FINA Swimming World Championships in Rome yesterday.

Friends come face-to-face!

PTI, Nagpur

Barely five days after his remarks against Sachin Tendulkar created a controversy, former India player Vinod Kamli on Saturday came face-to-face with his childhood friend at a public function here.

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Owen lifts

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United though were clearly rusty and missed the flair of Cristiano Ronaldo, with passes going astray and Malaysia being given too much room.

Despite this, United doubled their lead on 27 minutes after Rooney timed a pass perfectly to Nani who slotted the ball home with his left foot from close range.

But complacency crept in as half-time neared and Van Der Saar was caught napping by Yahyah who cleverly lobbed the ball over the Dutchman's head from 30 yards to set the crowd alight.

Ben Foster replaced him for the second half but fared no better, committing a schoolboy error when he failed to clear a back pass, which Yahyah pounced on to draw Malaysia level after 52 minutes.

It prompted Ferguson to make four substitutions with Owen, Wes Brown, Zoran Tosic and Fabio all coming on.

The match looked headed for a draw before Owen worked some of his old magic to get their pre-season off on the right foot.

Higuain

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highest order, but that doesn't mean we didn't have any before. Those who have joined us this summer did a lot at their previous clubs and we hope they do the same at Real Madrid," said Higuain.

Real will play a friendly match against current Irish champions Shamrock Rovers on July 20, two days before its training camp in Ireland ends.

Hinds sides with players

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Former West Indies international Wavell Hinds has added his voice to those critical of the way the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) has handled dealings with its players.

"I am very disappointed in the statements I have seen coming from the WICB which certainly do not represent the issues as I know them to be," Hinds, who is currently playing for Derbyshire, said. "They've attempted to paint our players in a particular light while I know that there are a number of fundamental issues that the WICB have failed to address repeatedly that go to the core of any contractual relationship.

"I cannot sit idly by and not comment when there seems to be a great deal of misinformation in the public domain. Fortunately the public knows how the WICB has conducted its affairs and should be in a position to judge if and when all the facts are available to them and the public knows who has been most transparent on this issue."

"I am seeing the WICB's position and I am flabbergasted since... I sat for almost 14 hours and arrived at an agreement on Retainer Contracts, Fees for First Class Cricketers and Injury Payments among other things on April 2 in St. Lucia. I am at a loss to understand the WICB's current stance on its agreements with the West Indies Players' Association.

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Tigers spin their way

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Dowlin caught at extra cover trying to force his way to a landmark hundred with an inside-outshot.

The 32-year-old Dowlin batted for close to 3-3/4 hours to smote seven fours and one six from 162 balls.

SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES: First innings

Richards c b and Mahmudullah 69 Phillips c Tamim b Shakib 23 Dowlin c Tamim b Shakib 95 Hinds c b and Mahmudullah 2 Reifer lbw b Mahmudullah 1 Bernard c Ashraf b Shakib 17 Sammy lbw b Enamul 1 Walton c Ashraf b Enamul 2 Austin hit wicket b Shahadat 19 Best b Enamul 0 Roach not out 4 Extras: (lb-1, nb-3) 4 Total: (All out in 76.1 overs) 237

Fall of wickets: 1-60, 2-104, 3-106, 4-114, 5-157, 6-158, 7-160, 8-219, 9-220

Bowler O M R W

Shahadat 9 2 30 1

Rubel 6 0 27 0

Enamul 24 2 62 3

Shakib 21.1 7 59 3

Mahmudullah 13 2 44 3

Ashraf 3 0 14 0

Bowler O M R W

Imrul c Walton b Sammy 14

Tamim not out 14

Enamul not out 5

Extras: (lb-1, w-1) 2

Total: (For 1 wkt in 10 overs) 35

Fall of wickets: 1-26

To bat: Zunaed, Shakib, Ashraf, Rokibul, 'Mushfiqur, Mahmudullah, Shahadat, Rubel

Bowler O M R W

Walton c Ashraf b Enamul 2

Austin hit wicket b Shahadat 19

Best b Enamul 0

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