

Sidebottom

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wickets in a Test if the ball's not swinging and Harmison's raw speed would give the attack a different dimension.

At Edgbaston, England didn't have a spare batsman after 28-year-old Trott's Warwickshire colleague Ian Bell was recalled after Kevin Pietersen's series-ending Achilles injury.

Trott, like Pietersen born in South Africa, found his only previous experience of international cricket tough going, scoring 11 runs in two Twenty20 internationals against the West Indies at the Oval three years ago, but he has impressed at county level.

"Jonathan Trott has also performed really well for Warwickshire this season and his place in the squad is fully deserved," Miller said.

"His inclusion will provide us with the option of playing six batsmen if we feel this is appropriate."

Left-arm spinner Monty Panesar, in the squad at Edgbaston but not selected for the match, was left out on Tuesday.

"We decided to omit a second spinner as Headingley is not usually a ground where two spinners are required and therefore Monty Panesar misses out on selection this time," Miller explained.

SQUAD
Andrew Strauss (captain), Alastair Cook, Ravi Bopara, Ian Bell, Paul Collingwood, Matthew Prior, Andrew Flintoff, Stuart Broad, Graeme Swann, James Anderson, Graham Onions, Stephen Harmison, Ryan Sidebottom, Jonathan Trott

Phelps

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"We're going to go back and work on the 200 free, that's a big motivator for him if he wants to race this kid," Bowman said.

And if Biedermann's victory inspired any doubts about Phelps's abilities, his scintillating victory over Cavic silenced them.

"When I was contemplating coming back, I remember watching some of the videos. I thought about the excitement I have when watching a race and after a race and the emotions that were going through my head."

"I wanted to get back to that, and this meet has brought me back to that. I think it's going to help me over the next few years," he said.

Bowman wasn't surprised to see his swimmer rise to the occasion against Cavic, who had needed Phelps over the swimsuit issue, snatched the American's recently achieved 100m fly world record in the semifinals and told anyone who would listen that he still believed he had deserved gold in Beijing.

"He loves the big races, loves the energy," Bowman said. "He sort of thrives on that, while some others swimmers don't."

And Bowman was delighted to see what he'll have to work with as Phelps gets down to the serious build-up to London.

Indian soccer

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quoted unnamed sources as saying.

Patel, the federal aviation minister, belongs to the Nationalist Congress Party, which is headed by International Cricket Council vice-president and former BCCI chief Sharad Pawar.

BCCI officials declined to comment on the report, saying any decision in this regard can only be taken by the body's working committee.

The BCCI, the richest sports body in the country, which earned around 222 million dollars in fiscal 2007-2008, has already set aside a consolidated fund of 11 million dollars for the promotion of other sports.

BOA reveals

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Col. Wali Ullah, four from BOA's patron sports minister's quota -- Obaidul Quader MP; AHM Mostafa Kamal MP; Badal Roy and Dewan Shafiq Arefin Tutul -- while the immediate past BOA president and the incumbent secretary general are also included as councilors.

However, a few executive committee members of the association were not placed on the 74-member list. Among them are vice-presidents Mianur Rahman Manu, Mushfequl Haq, deputy secretary general Aleya Ferdousi, treasurer Sanau Haq Bakul, members Anisur Rahaman and Qamrunnahar Danan are notable.

As per the election schedule, nomination forms will be distributed on August 10 and the submission date is August 12.

Scrutiny of the nomination papers will take place on August 16 while the date for withdrawal of candidacy has been fixed on August 18.

The final list of candidates with ballot numbers will be published on August 18.

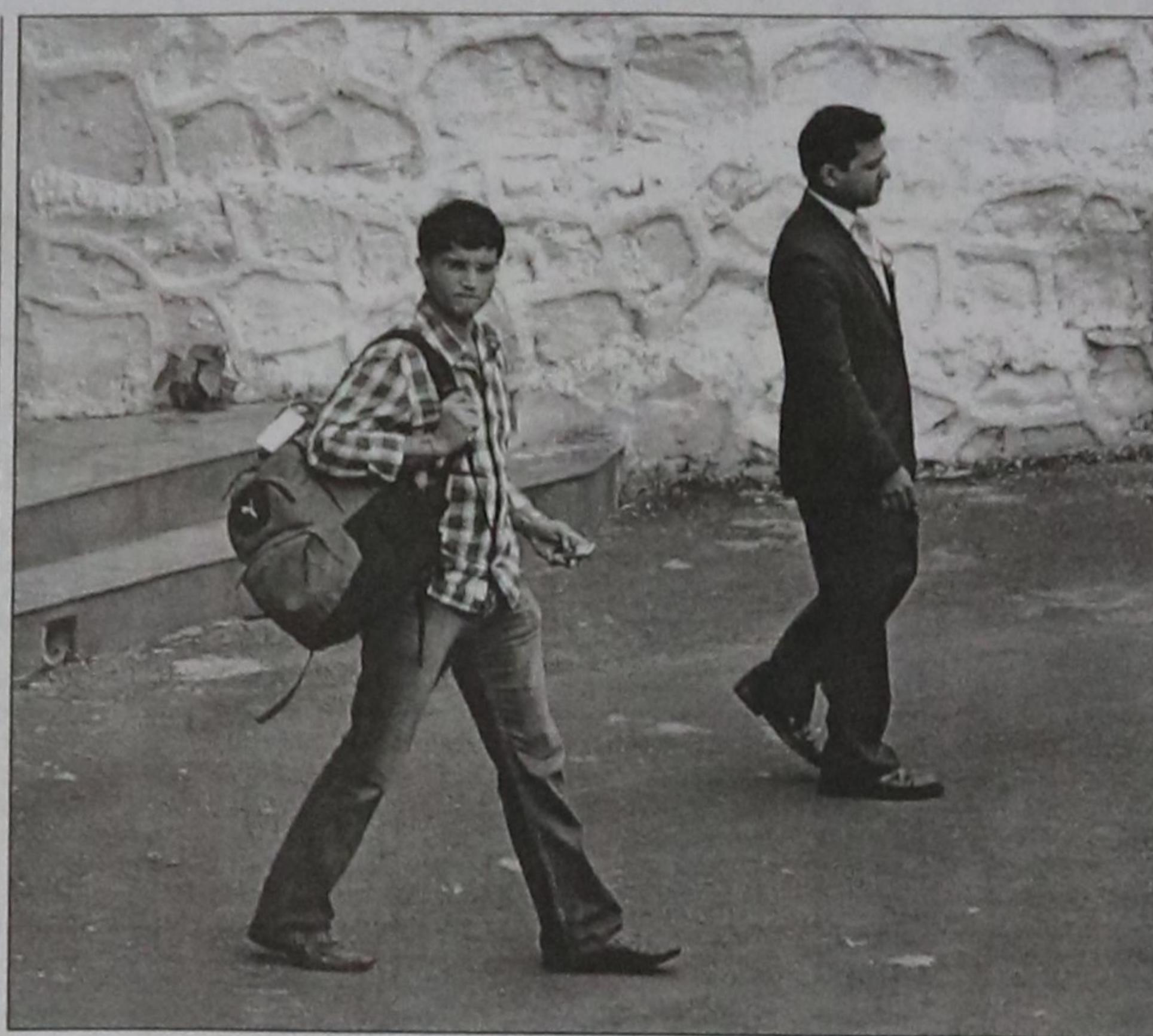


PHOTO: AFP
Former India and Kolkata Knight Riders captain Sourav Ganguly (L) arrives at the Mumbai Airport on August 4. Ganguly was slated to meet team owner Shah Rukh Khan later.

Draw gives Ponting hope

Cricket

AFP, Birmingham

Australia captain Ricky Ponting saluted the resilience shown by batsmen Michael Clarke and Marcus North to guide his side to a draw here in the third Ashes Test at Edgbaston.

Vice-captain Clarke made 103 not out, his 12th century in 50 Tests and second in as many matches and shared a stand of 185 with North (96) to make the game safe.

The duo had come together with Ashes-holders Australia just 48 runs in front at 161 for four and still in danger of defeat after Michael Hussey was caught behind for 64 off paceman Stuart Broad before lunch.

But by the time a draw was agreed Australia had moved on to 375 for five in their second, a lead of 262, with no time left for England to bat again in a match where bad weather effectively took out two days' worth of play.

This result still left England 1-0 up in the five-match series with two to play ahead of the start of Friday's fourth Test at Headingley but Ponting said: "We knew what job we had in hand this afternoon, we knew it would be hard work but because back-to-back Tests are hard for any bowlers."

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