

Phillip seeks Sachin's aid

AFP, Sydney

Dumped Australian opening batsman Phillip Hughes is seeking a meeting with Indian legend Sachin Tendulkar as he attempts to resurrect his stalled Test career, reports said on Saturday.

The dashing 20-year-old went into the recent Ashes series against England as a rising star of the team, only to be dropped after the opening two Tests.

The unorthodox left-hander posted 36 in the drawn first Test in Cardiff and scores of four and 17 in England's victory at Lord's before his place was taken by all-rounder Shane Watson.

Hughes could have travelled home this week, but instead he stopped off in India to work on his game with his coach Neil D'Costa and catch up with Tendulkar.

He intends to fly to Mumbai on Monday and hopes to have dinner with Tendulkar.

"I'll chew his ear off," Hughes told The Australian newspaper.

"I've got questions about a lot of things that I want to ask him. I like getting around and talking to the guys who have been around for a long time."

"Sachin has been around and I've been watching him since I was a youngster."

"He hardly ever seemed to miss out, he always seems to be scoring runs and not just on one or two parks, he gets them everywhere. His consistency is so great and I still love watching him now."

Hughes will also get in some work on his batting technique with his coach D'Costa, who is in India to help out at the newly built cricket academy in Nagpur.

"The goal is to always get better," Hughes said. "I had always planned to catch up with Neil no matter what happened. I wanted to get in the nets with him and keep working on my game."

D'Costa, who also works with Australian vice-captain Michael Clarke, said batting was about mechanics.

"We aren't working on specifics, but one thing I know from working with kids, through adolescence and into their early adulthood, is that your technique does change and you need to keep addressing the biomechanics of it to understand how you are playing," D'Costa told the newspaper.

Gazi eyes

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Alfaz, who last season struck 18 goals -- one behind Mohammedan's highest scorer Nigerian Alamu Bukola Olalekan, returned to his root after 15 years and vowed to prove himself again in the upcoming season.

The Arambagh players are Din Mohammad, Moudud Ahmed, Farhad Hossain Chowdhury, Propid Barua, Mohammad Parvez, Malay Barman, Sinto Mollah, Mostafizur Rahman Tutul, Syed Hossain Saikat, Nurul Islam, Khan Sharif, Shah Alam, Aminur Rahman Sohan, Maksudur Rahman, Mitul Hasan, Akram Hossain, Kabir Hossain, Rashed Turjo and Alfaz Ahmed.

Wenger furious

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additional opinion in contentious situations.

But Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson called for video evidence to be brought in to avoid any similar controversy in the future.

Ferguson, who was at Arsenal to see Eduardo's dive, said: "For the last decade there has just been talk. Nothing has been done. The time is now."

"Michel Platini has his own views about bringing in extra human assistance with additional referees and assistants but most people in the game think technology should be used."

"Whatever the debate it should lead to something more positive in terms of helping referees in situations like Wednesday night."

"There is no question that the speed of the game means technology or additional assistance should be used."



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Sachin Tendulkar (C) is closely watched by teammates Ashish Nehra (R) and Ishant Sharma as he throws during a practice session at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore on Friday. Fifteen cricketers of the national side are attending the camp in the southern Indian city.

Nannes living a dream

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(Indian Premier League) gig and then I'm playing in the World Cup for Holland and then this, it's all a bit bizarre and it's probably going to be in 10 years when I sit down and go 'gee I've done some pretty good things'."

Someone else hoping to make an impact against England, who despite their Dutch debacle reached the second stage of the World Twenty20, unlike Australia, is David Hussey.

Nannes's state colleague hit 111, his maiden one-day international century, against Scotland but has only been

selected for the two Twenty20s against England and not the seven one-dayers that follow.

The 32-year-old, who averages 28.47 in 23 ODIs, said: "I've had a mix of games in Twenty20 and one-dayers in the past year but I haven't really taken the chance with both hands," he said.

Australia are set to be led in the first half of their limited overs campaign by Michael Clarke, with regular captain Ricky Ponting having a brief break after the Ashes.

England too will have a different captain in Paul Collingwood, Test skipper Andrew Strauss having opted

out of Twenty20 cricket.

England were given a scare before beating Ireland by three runs in Belfast in a one-day international on Thursday.

"It was obviously a quick turnaround after the Ashes, (England won the series at the Oval on Sunday) let's be fair, so we are just thankful we managed to get the win," Collingwood said after a match where Joe Denly top-scored on his England debut with 67. Many will regard the one-dayers as a sideshow following the Ashes. But don't tell that to Nannes, Hussey or Denly.

Allegation against BCCI

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common broadcast cash pot. It has, consequently, successfully pushed for the existing model, where members arrive at bilateral agreements with the danger of those at the bottom of the table being marginalised.

The post-2012 FTP is currently being finalised by the ICC, and Hunte said that the WICB "will seek to ensure that it is not disadvantaged" in the new schedule.

Hunte also claimed, in a section of the report that deals with IPL, that some ICC full members remain suspicious of the motives of private promoters in the game, and concluded by saying that world cricket is at the crossroads and much depends on decisions that will be taken by the ICC.

Hunte's report deals extensively with the WICB's dispute with its players that forced West Indies to name a second-string squad for the series against Bangladesh and the forthcoming Champions Trophy. But those comments are on expected and previously stated lines and Hunte blames the players for choosing not to represent the team and showing the "highest form of disregard and disdain

for West Indies cricket". What is surprising, though, is that the document, which is essentially a report on West Indies cricket, contains significant comments on the FTP and IPL.

He lists a set of concerns related to the rise of Twenty20 cricket while also admitting that players have "embraced" the BCCI's IPL with its auctions and high-profile owners.

"The emergence of private promoters in cricket has been much debated and some Full Member countries retain their inherent suspicion of the real objectives of such promoters. The ICC has drawn the line in relation to other leagues such as the ICL, which are not recognised by their home boards. Conversely, decision-making at the ICC affecting the IPL is often seemingly under the influence of some Full Members. The WICB remains convinced that Full Members should in some way benefit financially from the IPL and expect to see a general tightening up with respect to the issuance of Non-Objection Certificates. With many challenges to be faced and overcome, the future of world cricket is now at the crossroads and much depends on the decisions

which will have to be taken by ICC in the near future."

Hunte's concerns about the IPL are not surprising given that one of the road-blocks in the dispute between the West Indies board and players is the question of participation in the IPL. Many of the West Indies players, including Chris Gayle, had wanted to be part of this year's IPL but were forced to fly to England midway to take part in a Test series that they claimed was arranged without obtaining prior consent from their association.

The IPL -- which comes under the BCCI -- has since clarified that players who have retired and even those not on central contracts with their national boards need to get a two-year NOC from their boards to be eligible for the IPL. The Champions League Twenty20, of which the BCCI is a founding partner, has also invited Trinidad and Tobago, the West Indies' domestic toppers in the format, to participate in the tournament starting October 8 with total prize money of 6 million dollars and a guaranteed fee of 500,000 dollars, apart from an unspecified payment for the respective national boards.

Kiwis cornered

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when he edged Iain O'Brien to Taylor at first slip soon after lunch.

Sangakkara declared at the fall of Jayawardene's wicket, leaving his bowlers four-and-a-half sessions to bowl out the tourists.

Tim McIntosh and Martin Gupthill put on 36 for the first wicket before both batsmen were dismissed in the space of five runs.

McIntosh, who plodded for 48 minutes to make seven, was bowled as he shouldered to a straight ball from fast bowler Dammika Prasad.

Gupthill hit four boundaries in a fluent 28 when he edged the first ball from Herath to wicketkeeper Prasanna Jayawardene, and walked before the umpire raised his finger.

Ross Taylor and Flynn added 56 for the third wicket on either side of the tea interval when Herath had Taylor caught in the slips for 27 with a ball that spun sharply across the batsman.

Flynn, who batted for two hours to compile his fourth Test half-century, became Herath's third victim when he played back to a straight ball, missed the line and was declared leg-before.

Brendon McCullum dragged a wide ball from Muttiah Muralidaran on to his off-stump after making 13 to leave New Zealand in deep trouble at 158-5.

Jesse Ryder propped up the total by making 38 before he was leg-before to Herath in the penultimate over of the day.

Earlier, Sangakkara's 20th Test century was his third this year and the sixth at his favourite hunting ground, the Sinhalese Sports Club.

He put on 173 for the third wicket with Jayawardene before being caught in the slips by Taylor off Jeetan Patel.

The left-hander hit 12 boundaries and a six during his four-hour stay at the crease.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the second Test between Sri Lanka and New Zealand at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground in Colombo on Saturday: SRI LANKA: First innings 416 (Samaraweera 143, M Jayawardene 92, Sangakkara 50; Patel 4-78, Vettori 3-104) NEW ZEALAND: First innings 234 (Taylor 81; Herath 3-70, Muralidaran 3-71) SRI LANKA: Second innings (overnight 157-2)

Dilshan c Gupthill b Patel 33 Paranavithana c McCullum b Vettori 34 Sangakkara c Taylor b Patel 109 M Jayawardene c Taylor b O'Brien 96 Samaraweera lbw b Vettori 25 Kapugedera not out 7 Extras: (lb-1, w-2, nb-4) 7 Total: (For 5 wks declin 85.2 overs) 311 Fall of wickets: 1-56, 2-89, 3-262, 4-301, 5-311

Bowler O M R W Vettori 24 4 62 2 O'Brien 15.2 1 77 1 Martin 9 0 34 0 Patel 34 2 122 2 Ryder 3 0 15 0 NEW ZEALAND: Second innings McIntosh b Prasad 7 Gupthill c P Jayawardene b Herath 28 Flynn lbw b Herath 50 Taylor c M Jayawardene b Herath 27 Ryder lbw b Herath 38 McCullum b Muralidaran 13 Oram not out 7 Vettori not out 5 Extras: (lb-6, nb-1) 7 Total: (For 6 wks in 56 overs) 182 Fall of wickets: 1-36, 2-41, 3-97, 4-131, 5-158, 6-176 To bat: Patel, O'Brien, Martin

Bowler O M R W Paranavithana 1 0 2 0 Thushara 14 1 39 0 Prasad 7 1 21 1 Herath 21 5 73 4 Muralidaran 12 0 39 1 Dilshan 1 0 2 0

Yelena leaps

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There was no revenge for Jeremy Warner over world champion Lashawn Merritt, the latter stretching US dominance over the men's 400m here to 21 years with a comprehensive 44.21sec win.

Blanka Vlasic repeated her world success with an easy win in the women's high jump, the Croatian clearing 2.01m to finish ahead of Russian Anna Chicherova and American Chaunte Howard.

Other world champions to notch victories were Bahrain's Maryam Jamal (1500m), Jamaican Brigitte Foster-Hylton (100m hurdles), Kenyan Ezekiel Kemboi (3000m steeplechase) and Andreas Thorkildsen (javelin).

Aside from Rogowska in the pole vault, there were four others who failed to reproduce their Berlin heroics.

Yusuf Kamel could only finish fourth in the 1500m won by Kenyan Augustine Choge. Dwight Thomas set a national Jamaican record of 13.16sec to win the 110m hurdles with surprise Barbadian world champion Ryan Brathwaite in third.

South African 800m world champion Mbulaeni Mulaudzi finished third and Jamaican Shelly-Ann Fraser could only manage fourth in the women's 100m.

ICC assures

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Nation quoted Morgan, as saying.

It may be recalled that the ICC had declared Pakistan an unsafe destination for foreign team in the wake of the terror attack on the visiting Sri Lanka cricket team in Lahore in March.

The ICC also shifted the 2011 World Cup matches from Pakistan after the attack in which seven Sri Lankan players were injured and six security personnel were killed.

Aussies crush Scots



AFP, Edinburgh

David Hussey smashed his first one-day international century as Australia began life without the Ashes by cruising to a 189-run win against Scotland in a 50-over clash at Edinburgh on Friday.

An Australia side much-changed from the team that lost to England at The Oval five days ago posted 345 all out.

Hussey led the way as he staked his claim for selection in the upcoming limited overs matches against England by hitting 111 from just 83 balls.

In reply Scotland got off to a spirited start as openers Gavin Hamilton and Fraser Watts put on a quick 51.

But the hosts then lost four wickets for 31 runs and Australia wrapped up the tail to bowl Scotland out for 156 from 39.3 overs.

Despite the size of the win, Hussey said Scotland had provided good preparation ahead of Australia's first Twenty20 against England at Old Trafford on Sunday.

"I think it was a very hard test," he said. "Their opening batters got off to a great start, their bowlers were super and got the most out of the wicket. It was a really good contest."

"I think we saw that in the way our bowlers took to it and I think we put a marker down."

Australia handed debuts to Dirk Nannes -- who only in June appeared for Holland at the World Twenty20 -- as well as wicketkeeper-batsman Tim Paine.

Their selections marked a much-changed team with only Michael Clarke, standing in for Ricky Ponting as captain, Mitchell Johnson and Shane Watson remaining from the side that lost at the Oval.

If they had hoped to put that

disappointment to one side, then Australia did not get off to the start they wanted when David Warner was out for a duck in the first over.

The opener feathered a catch off Dewald Nel through to wicketkeeper Marc Petrie.

Clarke also fell cheaply when he missed an attempted swipe to leg off a Gordon Goudie slower ball and was bowled.

But despite the early wickets the tourists proceeded at a brisk pace, thanks mostly to Watson who reached his fifty off just 30 balls.

He took 16 from Richie Berrington's first over, but was out soon after when he flicked Nel to Ryan Watson at deep square leg for a 41-ball 68.

Cameron White failed to cash in on his chance as he could only make 19, and with the score 143 for four their was some onus on Hussey and Adam Voges to forge a stand.

The pair responded with a 114-run partnership from 83 balls as Hussey began his onslaught on Haq.

Voges was happy to play second fiddle, adding just 29 in the first 100 of their stand, although Hussey rode his luck when Gordon Drummond athletically held a catch only to jump over the mid-on boundary in doing so.

Hussey did depart next over when Neil McCallum held on inches in front of the ropes.

Voges took up where Hussey left off, thrashing four sixes to reach 72, while Haq's miserable day worsened when he dropped a simple return chance.

The tourists might have then expected to post a score of over 350, but the late hitting never materialised as Goudie claimed the final four wickets for 22 runs -- giving him figures of five for 73.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the one-day

international between Scotland and Australia at Edinburgh on Friday:

AUSTRALIA

Watson	c Watson	b Nel	68
Warner	c Petrie	b Nel	0
Clarke	b Goudie		16
Hussey	c McCallum	b Berrington	111
White	c Goudie	b Watson	19
Voges	c Sheikh	b Drummond	72
Paine	not out		29
Johnson	b Goudie		1
Lee	c Haq	b Goudie	5
Hauritz	c Berrington	b Goudie	9
Nannes	b Goudie		1
Extras: (b-4, lb-1, w-6, nb-3)			14
Total: (All out in 50 overs)			345

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-67, 3-104, 4-143, 5-257, 6-319, 7-323, 8-329, 9-342

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Nel	8	0	74	2
Goudie	10	0	73	5
Berrington	7	0	55	1
Drummond	10	2	35	1
Watson	5	0	28	1
Haq	10	0	75	0

SCOTLAND

Hamilton	c Watson	b Hussey	38
Watts	b Nannes		24
Watson	b Lee		10
Sheikh	c White	b Hauritz	2
Berrington	b Lee		25
McCallum	c Paine	b Johnson	24
Haq	c White	b Watson	7
Drummond	c White	b Watson	12
Petrie	c Lee	b Watson	0
Goudie	b White		3
Nel	not out		0
Extras: (lb-5, w-5, nb-1)			11
Total: (All out in 39.3 overs)			156

Fall of wickets: 1-51, 2-68, 3-82, 4-82, 5-130, 6-133, 7-151, 8-153, 9-156

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Lee	9	1	38	2
Johnson	7	1	27	1
Nannes	7	1	20	1
Watson	6	0	29	3
Hauritz	5	0	13	1
Hussey	2	0	6	1
Voges	3	0	18	0
White	0.3	0	0	1

Result: Australia won by 189 runs.

Man-of-the-match: David Hussey.

Toss: Scotland.

Umpires: Tony Hill and Ian Ramage.

Parag wins

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Dibyendu only spotted FM Minhazuddin Sagor, who started the tournament brightly but failed to carry on his form in the later part of the meet, as someone who has got potential.

"In the mid 80s enthusiasm was created in Bangladesh chess after Niaz Morshed earned the GM norm followed by Rani Hamid's WFM norm. But Bangladesh failed to cash in on that enthusiasm and somehow stuck at a position from where they should have gone further," said Dibyendu, who is a regular visitor in the Bangladesh chess tournaments since his first participation in 1980.

India's second GM believes that the players must have the will and determination to take chess forward and there is no alternative but to work hard and take part in a lot of tournaments.

"The Bangladesh government should form a guideline and announce incentives like the Indian government does and this type of incentives will motivate the players to do well," said Dibyendu, who became India's second GM in 1991 and now runs a Chess Academy in Kolkata.

He mentioned the central government of India awards each player with Rupees 3 lakh for earning a GM norm and Rupees 1 lakh for winning a GM norm.

The champion of the tournament emphasised on the need for holding more school as well as age-group tournaments that is the chief driving force behind India's chess, focusing on Indian

chess icon and former world champion Viswanathan Anand.

Dibyendu said some 30 to 40 English medium schools in Kolkata have made chess mandatory in their extracurricular activities and he believes Bangladesh should follow suit in order to scout budding talent.

Georgian GMs Mikheil Mchedlishvili and Gaginashvili Merab finished second and third after drawing their respective final matches against GM Igor Rausis of Czech Republic and GM Rakib of Bangladesh respectively.

Igor Rausis, too, emphasised on the need for holding chess tournaments at the youth, school, college and university levels and that the clubs should come forward to train the upcoming players.

Rausis, who coached Bangladesh players a few times, was a bit surprised to see the rating of GM Ziaur Rahman increasing while those of others going down.

Zia, country's highest rated players, did not take part in this tournament.

Rausis also stressed that special care is needed after a player earns a norm but in Bangladesh players do not get such attention.

Commerce Minister Faruk Khan distributed prizes among the winners as the chief guest while Bangladesh Chess Federation president and chairman of the National Board of Revenue Nasiruddin Ahmed, general secretary Jamilur Rahman were among others present.

Shakib joining

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rounder in the country.

"I'm not concerned whether it would be a record deal but whatever the amount is it would be recognition of my performance in international cricket. I missed a few matches last season but this time I want to make my presence felt also in the domestic scene this time," said Shakib.

The stand-in Tigers skipper, who led the team to a historic 2-0 Test and 3-0 one-day series victories against West Indies followed by a 4-1 series success against Zimbabwe, however is expected to travel to Australia within three to four days for treatment on his groin.

Shakib had to play with painkillers in both the West Indies and Zimbabwe tours due to acute groin pain.

He will consult a doctor in Adelaide and it would only be possible to know whether he needs any operation.

"Hope I will be okay before the start of the league," said Shakib.

The most coveted domestic competition, the Premier Division Cricket League will kick off with the T20 version from October 10 to October 18 while the one-day competition is scheduled from October 23 to December 15.

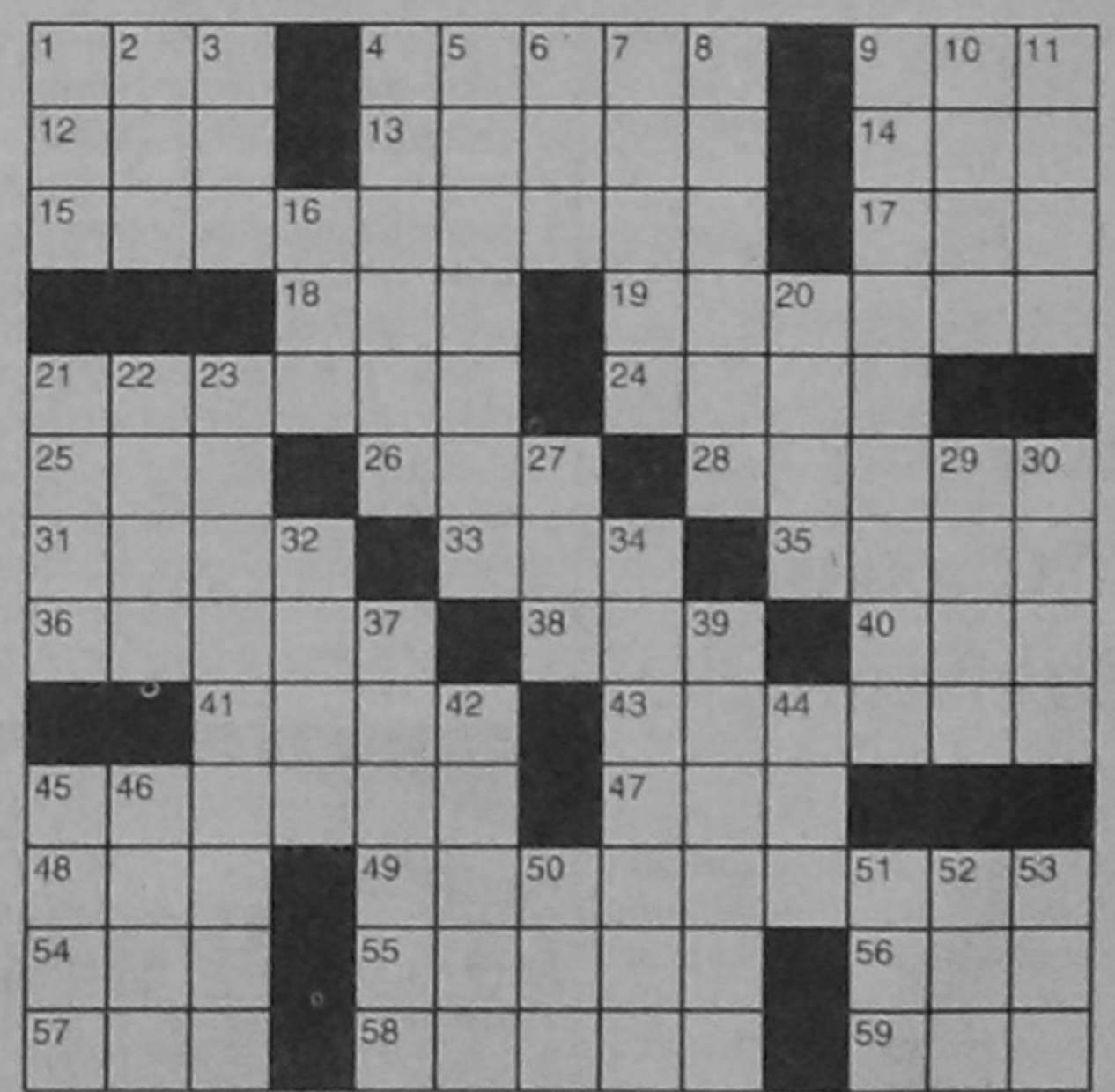
The three-day players' transfer will start from September 29.

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