

More trouble for Malik

HINDUSTAN TIMES There seems to be no end to controversies surrounding Pakistani cricketer Shoaib Malik. Now the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) has banned his entry into Gymkhana Cricket Grounds in Hyderabad.



Blangladesh hockey players practise penalty corners under the watchful eyes of their German coach Gerhard Peter Rach on the eve of their opening match of the Asian Games hockey qualifiers against Thailand at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

NZ win

FROM PAGE 17 the over, and made it 11 needed off the final over. Ian Butler, preferred over Jacob Oram, stepped up to bowl. The first four deliveries reflected the game's fluctuating pattern: dot, four, dot, four, as Butt swung-and-missed twice and connected twice. To continue the pattern, Butt missed the next delivery, a yorker just beyond legstump, but the batsmen sneaked a bye, though Gareth Hopkins hit direct at the keeper's end.

Mahela magic continues

AFP, Bridgetown Mahela Jayawardene's superb form at the World Twenty20 continued as he made an unbeaten 98 in Sri Lanka's 57-run win over the West Indies in the Super Eights here on Friday. The opener's entrancing innings at the Kensington Oval was the centrepiece of Sri Lanka's total of 195 for three -- the best by any side this tournament.

partnership of 166, the second best in all Twenty20 internationals. Only Loots Bosman and Graeme Smith, with 170 for South Africa against England at Centurion last year, have enjoyed a bigger stand at this level. "Mahela was superb again, his form has been crucial to us getting this far in the tournament," said Sangakkara, dropped on nought and 27.

took none for 26 from four overs. Sangakkara, also dropped on 27, eventually holed out having faced 49 balls with three sixes and five fours. Jayawardene showed his class throughout but he too was given a couple of lives, both in the same over from left-arm spinner Suleiman Benn.

Dhoni up against pace

AFP, Bridgetown India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni is adamant his side can cope with fast bowling at the World Twenty20 despite their dramatic collapse during a 49-run loss to Australia here on Friday. Chasing a stiff target of 185 for victory, Dhoni's men slumped to 23 for four and were bowled out for 135 in their opening second round clash.

Dhoni admitted. "Most players from India are very good at cutting the ball, but only a few are good pullers against the new ball. "Maybe we could have played through the first few overs because we saw as the ball got a bit older it didn't come on as quickly.

Veronica comes back winning

AFP, Osaka Beijing Olympic 200-metre gold medalist Veronica Campbell-Brown of Jamaica made a triumphant return to Osaka at the Japan Grand Prix athletics meet on Saturday. Campbell-Brown, who won the 100m gold medal at the 2007 World Championships at the same stadium, eased aside Japanese national record holder Chisato Fukushima with a time of 11.02 seconds in the women's 100m.

and Japan's Naoki Tsukahara third in 10.36. World champion Dani Samuels of Australia won the women's discus throw with a mark of 63.75 metres while Olympic champion Stephanie Brown Trafton of the United States was pushed into fourth.

Hosts keep losing

FROM PAGE 17 had poor dismissals against leg-spinner Imran Khan. Nazimuddin unnecessarily stepped down to charge Imran but ended up being stumped for an 86-ball 89 that featured 13 sweetly-timed boundaries while Rokibul, who scored 46 off 60 balls that contained two boundaries, tried the sweep but was trapped in front.

Marshall's 54-ball 43 and Dhiman's 30-ball 20 were only good enough to reduce the margin of defeat. Earlier Bravo, younger brother of Dwayne, hit 69 off 114 balls that saw seven boundaries while Australian-born Nash smacked three boundaries and as many sixes in his 46-ball 60.

Mahela's loving

FROM PAGE 17 Trevor Bayliss, the Sri Lanka coach, said of Jayawardene: "He is batting as well as everyone in the world knows he can bat like. "Opening in the 20 overs game is really one of the only spots you can make a big score from," the Australian added.

BANGLADESH A: 230 all out in 46.5 overs (Nazimuddin 89, Shamsur 23, Rokibul 46, Marshal 43, Dhiman 20, extras 3; Pascal 4-49, Shillingford 3-38, Imran 2-46) RESULT: West Indies A won by 29 runs. Man-of-the-match: Imran Khan.

Academy take

FROM PAGE 17 boundaries and a six but by the time he was dismissed, the Academy side reached the 300-run mark in the 50th over. For the visitors, Pienaar and Aubrey Swanepoel got two wickets while Pumelela Matshikwe, Keshav Maharaj and Yasin Vallie took one each.

Bangladesh

FROM PAGE 17 The game will begin at the 2pm and state-run Bangladesh Television will provide live coverage. Sri Lanka will take on Hong Kong in the first match while Singapore will take on Taipei in the last.

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FROM PAGE 17 Moinul Hasan, Frazee Rahman, Momen, Imran Hossain Tanim, Prosenjit Das, Shahriar Sumon, Sadman Kabir Shoumik, Fazley Rabbi Ratul Islam, Arif Reza, Abdur Rashid, Fakrul Islam Nipu, Amir Hamja Soath, Dewan Sabbir, MD Shuvo, Asif Hasan, Minhaj Reza, Nayeem Islam, Aminul Islam, Samsul Islam Anik, Irfan Shukkur.

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