Kapil's generosity

Cricket

AFP, Warrnambool

Legendary cricketer Kapil Dev Sunday helped grant the final wish of an Indian migrant who died in Australia 63 years ago -- to bring his ashes back home.

Moved by the story of the childless hawker whose ashes had been held by a funeral home for decades in the hope that relatives would one day claim them, Dev travelled to Warrnambool in Victoria to collect the remains.

"I think it's an amazing story. This is definitely different to anything in my life I have ever done," Dev told the Warrnambool Standard.

"This story has touched many, many people's hearts. This is the bridge between the people to say you can love each other.

"It's one of the best, emotional stories with a happy ending.

Australian broadcaster Manpreet Singh said Dev offered to bring the ashes of Pooran Singh home after hearing how the migrant -who died in 1947 aged 77 -had asked that his body be

Arrest warrant

against Preity

A local court issued arrest

warrants against actress Priety

Zinta, industrialist Ness Wadia

and Mohit Burman, the co-

owners of the Indian Premier

League franchise Kings XI

appear before the court on a

complaint filed by the

Registrar of Companies

(ROC), accusing them of not

filing its balance sheets and

submitted that the Mohali

franchise had not filed any

annual return and balance

sheet since it came into exis-

tence," said Gaurav Hooda,

counsel for the ROC, on

Chief Judicial Magistrate J S

However, counsel of Karan

Paul, another co-owner and

industrialist, appeared before

the court and said that he

would appear in person on the

The prosecution submitted

that the co-owners of the

company had tried to conceal

the financial position of KPH

Dreams, which owns Kings XI

Punjab, from the public by not

filing the balance sheets and

were eventually relegated and

the question now raises where

they would now play. It may be

mentioned that Khulna

Abahani were also demoted

from the second edition

Bangladesh League has so far

been completed, but the

game's governing body has yet

to start a second-tier profes-

sional league from where the

clubs would be promoted to

the professional football league

will play in the second-tier

Bangladesh League when it gets

underway," said BFF general

The season usually starts

with the season's curtain-

raising tournament,

Federation Cup, but this time

it may start between 15 to 20

October with the Tk one-crore

Super Cup. However the deci-

sion will be taken by the

Bangladesh League commit-

tee and the Super Cup tourna-

SL eye series

INDIA (from): Mahendra

Singh Dhoni (captain),

Virender Sehwag, Gautam Gambhir, Sachin Tendulkar,

Laxman, Yuvraj Singh,

Harbhajan Singh, Pragyan

Ojha, Amit Mishra, Abhimanyu

Mithun, Munaf Patel, Ishant

SRI LANKA (from): Kumar

Sangakkara (captain),

Tillakaratne Dilshan, Tharanga

Paranavitana, Mahela

Jayawardene, Thilan

Samaraweera, Angelo

Rangana Herath.

ment committee jointly.

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TEAMS

Sharma.

secretary Al Musabbir Sadi.

"The clubs relegated from

Three editions of the

Bangladesh League.

tier one competition.

The court later adjourned

next date of hearing.

annual returns.

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the case till October 4.

Maximum

Sidhu issued the bailable

"In our complaint, we had

The trio has failed to

Zinta

Punjab.

annual returns.

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warrants.

ANI, Chandigarh

cremated and his ashes be taken to India and immersed in the River Ganges.

At the time, Warrnambool's Guyett's Funerals sent the body to Melbourne to be cremated -- then the only place in the state with a crematorium -- and Singh's ashes were mailed back to them in a plastic cylinder.

Cricket

Sharad Pawar, the ICC president, has said there

was "no question of protecting anybody",

including his one-time protégé Lalit Modi, if

the person was found guilty of corruption.

Pawar, a former BCCI president, credited Modi

for the IPL's success but said he would not

he will have to face the music," Pawar told

television channel CNN-IBN. "No question of

protecting anybody, not only Modi but any-

country. It has established that India can also

organise such things, and there he [Modi] has

taken lots of pain, there are no two opinions

about that. But his style of functioning has

become controversial and the present board

feels it should go in-depth [probe]. The board

has deputed a committee, let us see what the

outcome is. From what I know of BCCI it will

take an appropriate decision and take steps to

improve their functioning and image. I am

confident that he has to be given a fair trial. But

the conclusion of IPL 3 and charged with finan-

Pakistan's teenage bowling sensation

Mohammad Aamer described his stunning

Headingley display against Australia as "just a

beginning", saying he had a long way to go at

The 18-year-old took 11 wickets in the two

Tests against Australia -- including three for 20

and four for 86 in Pakistan's three-wicket sec-

ond Test win over Australia completed at

wanted to do well against Australia," left-arm

seamer Aamer told AFP after being named

and remind myself time and again that it's just

the beginning," insisted Aamer, whose match

return of seven for 106 was the best of his 10-

town of Gujjar Khan, some 30 kilometres from

the capital of Islamabad, has risen by leaps and

bounds to become Pakistan's spearhead since

making his debut during the team's World

Twenty20 tournament win in England last year.

Melbourne Test in December during Pakistan's

dismal tour of Australia, prompting experts to

He took five for 79, still a career-best, in the

Aamer, who comes from the from small

"It's a dream come true because I had always

"But I have to keep my feet on the ground

Modi was suspended immediately following

I can't interfere either way."

Cricket

international level.

Headingley on Saturday.

Pakistan's man-of-the-match.

AFP, Leeds

"IPL, the product, has been a success in this

"If somebody has committed some mistake,

interfere in the board's "fair trial".

CRICINFO

body.

But attempts to contact his family in Bilga, a village in Punjab which he had left in 1899, were unsuccessful and the funeral home held on to the ashes in case Singh's wishes could one day be fulfilled.

In the 1980s, after further attempts to contact his descendants failed, the



in England.

happening.

something."

Former Indian cricket great Kapil Dev (L) talks to Harmel Uppal who holds the ashes of his great grand-uncle Pooran Singh. Singh's urn was kept by a funeral home in Victoria, Australia for 63 years in the hope that relatives would one day claim them.

No question of

protecting Modi'

Warrnambool Cemetery Trust placed the ashes in a niche in the Warrnambool cemetery

Manpreet Singh said a chance discussion with Dev about the treatment of Indians in Australia -- then a hot topic due to several violent assaults on foreign students -- prompted her to tell the former cricketer the story of the Australian funeral home which had tried to fulfil the hawker's final wish.

"He said, 'I am really touched by what the Guyett family has done and I would like to do this," she told AFP.

The story of Pooran Singh, who spent the last four decades of his life travelling between country towns selling goods from a horse-drawn wagon, was taken up by Indian media last month and his relatives traced to Punjab and England. Manpreet Singh said it was

discovered that relatives were living in a house built with the money he had sent home from Victoria and which bore an inscription saying it was that of Pooran Singh of Australia.

cial irregularities relating to the bidding pro-

cess for IPL franchises, the mid-over ad sales

and the sale of theatrical rights. He was also

charged with colluding to set up a rebel league

backers but he said that he was not supporting

or opposing anyone. "All of us -- myself, Modi

and Manohar -- have worked together as a

group and have contributed something. But

the present set-up feels something has gone

wrong. So until these [wrongdoings] are not

established, it is not proper for me to support or

oppose one against the other. Basically I am

affected the IPL's image to a certain extent,

Pawar said it wasn't a scandal and that the

overall position of the league wouldn't be

damaged. "I don't think IPL's overall position

will be damaged. But definitely, in the mind of

cricket-loving people within India and outside,

they have started thinking in a different way

that there seems to be some wrong things

sion [that it is a scandal]. There is difference

between allegation and a scandal. One has to

see how far these allegations are correct. The

BCCI is going into details and it will definitely

Aamer's four for 72 in the first Test against

Aamer said such praise spurred him on to

"I stand nowhere near Wasim," said Aamer.

Aamer produced a superb, outswinging

"I have to go a long way to become Wasim

delivery to have Ricky Ponting caught behind

on Friday and it was no surprise to hear the

bowler describe the Australia captain's wicket

he was threatening to take the game away from

us," said Aamer of the batting great who made

66 in Australia's second innings recovery of 349.

Aamer's cricket intelligence, telling reporters:

sleeve and the ability to swing the ball but I

think he actually thinks about the game really

smartly as well. "He seems a lot more mature

than what his age would suggest as far as bowl-

before taking on England in a Test series start-

ing at Trent Bridge on Thursday and Aamer

said: "We still have four Tests to play, so it's

important I keep my form because England will

Pakistan now have a short turnaround

"It was wonderful to get Ponting out because

Ponting himself went out of his way to praise

"I think he's not only got good pace up his

Akram but his words were very encouraging."

Australia at Lord's, even prompted Pakistan

great Wasim to say the rising star was a "cleverer"

bowler than he had been as an 18-year-old.

take seven wickets at Headingley.

as one of the best of his short career.

"Aamer continues to improve.

ing is concerned."

come to a conclusion and then we can say

"I don't think we have come to the conclu-

While admitting the controversies had

keeping away from all this."

Pawar was thought to be one of Modi's



Tour de France 2010 winner, Spain's Alberto Contador (C) celebrates on the finish line at the end of the 102,5km and last stage of the between Longjumeau and Paris Champs-Elysees yesterday.

Contador wins 3rd crown

AFP, Paris



Spain's Alberto Contador secured a third Tour de France yellow jersey Sunday after the 20th and final stage to

the Champs Elysees won by Briton Mark Cavendish.

Cavendish powered to the finish line alone for the second consecutive year to claim his fifth stage success of this year's race and 15th of his career.

Italian Alessandro Petacchi, the winner of two stages, finished second on the stage to secure the green jersey for the race's points competition.

Contador, the winner in 2007 and

2009, pulled on his third yellow jersey after leaving Luxemburger Andy Schleck in second at 39sec meaning he finishes runner-up for the second year in a row.

It means Saxo Bank climbing specialist Schleck wins the race's white jersey for the best placed rider aged 25 or under for the third successive year.

Schleck ultimately failed to overcome losing the lead to Contador on stage 15 when the Spaniard counter-attacked the Saxo Bank rider moments before he suffered a mechanical problem with his gears on the stage's final climb.

Contador finished in Bagneres-de-Luchon with an eight second lead on Schleck, and after defending the yellow jersey in a dramatic final stage of climbing

Fish conquers

to the foggy summit of the Col du Tourmalet the Spaniard's win was decided by the final time trial.

early in the 52km race against the clock

Schleck briefly took the virtual lead

from Bordeaux to Pauillac on Saturday, only for Contador to finish 31secs faster. It left the 27-year-old Contador with a 39sec winning margin, exactly what

Schleck had lost on stage 15, going into Sunday's final stage where the yellow jersey is traditionally not contested. He now joins Belgian Philippe Thys

(1913, 1914, 1920), France's Louison time winner of the epic race.

more

Bobet (1953 to 1955) and American Greg LeMond (1986, 1989, 1990) as a three-

Sr Div football

SPORTS REPORTER

Purbachal Parishad defeated Sunrise SC 1-0 in the relegation league opener of the Basundhara Senior Division Football League at the Birshreshtha Sepoy Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamlapur yesterday.

Kamal struck the decisive goal in the 78th minute.

Mazharul made BBF chief

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Aamer eager for more Khandoker Mazharul Haq has been appointed the president of Bangladesh Bridge Federation.

> He will replace outgoing president Monirul Islam MP, said the Youth and Sports Ministry circulation yesterday.

Haq has been serving as a vice-president of the federation and president of the Dhaka Metropolis Bridge

Association.

He is presently executive vice-president of the Microcredit teenaged years in Florida. The Regulatory Authority. number 49 Fish beat his mate

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Roddick in 2003 in their first ATP clash.

Tennis

AFP, Atlanta

Mardy Fish shocked top seed and good friend Andy Roddick 7-6 (7/5), 6-3 on Saturday at the ATP Atlanta Championship to reach his third final in his past four starts. Over the past six weeks

dating to Queen's, the revitalized Fish -- who lost 15 kilograms last autumn and streamlined his game as he recovered from knee surgery -- has contested the Queen's final and won this month on Newport grass.

The sixth seed will face fellow American John Isner, who struggled in the heat against

Kevin Anderson but benefited from late cloud cover on the way to a 6-3, 6-7 (7/9), 6-3 victory. Fish snapped a seven-year drought against Roddick, his former roommate during their

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Since then, Roddick had won nine in a row.

YOUTH KABADDI

Seven qualify for final round

SPORTS REPORTER

Dhaka, Pirojpur, Tangail, Rajshahi, Jessore Faridpur, Dinajpur became zonal champions to qualify for the finals of the ATMAI Product National Youth Kabaddi Championship yesterday.

Dhaka beat Gazipur 59-30, Pirojpur defeated Barisal 29-19, Tangail thrashed Mymensingh 33-13, Rajshahi overwhelmed hosts Naogaon 74-19, Jessore beat Satkhira 39-13, Faridpur routed Rajbari 47-31 and Dinajpur beat hosts Rangpur in

the respective zonal finals. The final round of the championships will be held in Dhaka on July 29-30 at the Outer Stadium Kabaddi court.

AFP, London

'Hurricane'

Higgins no

Alex 'Hurricane' Higgins, the former double world snooker champion, died on Saturday at the age of 61 after a long battle with throat cancer.

Higgins had been extremely unwell for some time and was discovered at a block of flats in the centre of Belfast after failing to answer his mobile phone.

The flamboyant Belfastborn snooker legend, who won the world title in 1972 and 1982, was first diagnosed with cancer more than 10 years ago.

Despite being warned many times to cut his drinking and smoking to save his health, Higgins couldn't quit.

He had cancerous growths removed from his mouth in 1994 and 1996 and was told in

1998 that he had throat cancer.

Snooker promoter Barry

Hearn said Higgins would be remembered as the "original people's champion" and the man who transformed the popularity of the sport.

prove tougher opponents than Australia as they compare him with Wasim Akram, widely regarded as one of the best ever left-arm fast know their pitches better."

Test career.

podium is very special for me, it's very nice and I am very emotional.

Rahul Dravid, Venkatsai He added that he was disappointed with his start but admitted that Ferrari were deserved winners.

On a dry but overcast day, Massa made a scintillating start from third on the grid to take full advantage as a sluggish Vettel got involved in a battle with the charging

Mathews, Prasanna Alonso. Jayawardene, Ajantha Mendis, It was a perfect opportunity Dilhara Fernando, Chanaka for two Ferraris to show their Welegedara, Suraj Randiv, speed and aggression and they

the field.

them, Hamilton moved up to third ahead of Webber in the second Red Bull with Button slotting into sixth and also Michael Schumacher, making light of his advancing years by jumping from 11th to eighth on the opening lap.

With Massa out in front and Alonso chasing the Spaniard told Ferrari over the team radio after 21 laps that "this is ridiculous!" because Massa refused initially to concede

from his terrible accident in Hungary.

In the skirmishes behind need everything Felipe and if we keep this going, we can win," Massa's engineer Rob Smedley told Alonso.

With the gap down to just one second as the final laps approached Massa was told over the radio, "Fernando is faster than you - can you confirm you understood that message?"

That signalled the end of the Brazilian's bid for glory and left the way clear for

"Gap is three seconds - we

Alonso to win.

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Alonso wins German GP swamped the young Red Bull the lead a year to the day on He said: "Finishing on the driver, leaving him behind as they pulled clear at the head of