

India to name one-day side on May 13

PTI, Mumbai
The Indian squad for the one-day series and a Twenty20 match against the West Indies in the latter's backyard will be picked on May 13 in Chennai.

"The selection panel [led by Krishnamachari Srikkanth] is to meet at Chennai on May 13 to choose the team," the Board of Control for Cricket in India sources told PTI on Wednesday.

The meeting will be held a day after Indian captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni would have led Chennai Super Kings against the Delhi Daredevils at home.

Super Kings' next fixture is against Kochi Tuskers Kerala, also at the M A Chidambaram Stadium, on May 18.

The Indian squad, which is scheduled to leave for the Caribbean on June 1, will start the tour with a Twenty20 international against the West Indies at the Queen's Park Oval, Port of Spain in Trinidad on June 4.

Man charged with stalking Serena

AFP, Palm Beach Gardens

A man was charged with stalking Serena Williams after police said they caught him trying to enter the tennis star's gated neighborhood.

Palm Beach Gardens police said 40-year-old Patenema Ouedraogo told officers he was going to Williams's home Monday night "because he loves her" and "he knows the feelings are reciprocal."

A lawyer for the 13-time Grand Slam singles champion said he had recently obtained a restraining order after Ouedraogo tried three times to contact the player.

Police said neighbourhood security guards stopped Ouedraogo as he walked in several minutes after Williams's sister, Venus, returned home.

The guards had been alerted to call police if they saw someone of Ouedraogo's description.

According to the police report, Serena Williams's lawyer, Malcolm Cunningham, got a restraining order to keep Ouedraogo away from Williams after he followed her to a meeting with her agent in Los Angeles in October.

Cunningham told police Ouedraogo also posed as Williams' assistant while she was at the Home Shopping Network in Tampa, Florida, this year, gaining access to her dressing room before he was escorted from the building.

Ouedraogo also followed Williams to a radio interview in Florida last month, the lawyers said.

Palm Beach Gardens Police said Ouedraogo told them he knew Williams' whereabouts because he followed her on Twitter.

Williams hasn't played a top-level match since winning last year's Wimbledon title. She cut her right foot on broken glass last July and needed two operations, then suffered a dangerous blood clot in her lung.

CSK rout

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Morkel, Ashwin and Bollinger were all successful in pulling it back for Chennai towards the death.

Chennai's fourth win on the trot moved them to 12 points and kept their record of not losing a game at home in IPL 4 intact.

SCORES IN BRIEF
RAJASTHAN ROYALS: 147-6 in 20 overs (Dravid 66, Watson 32; Jakati 2-22, Morkel 2-24)

CHENNAI SUPER KINGS: 149-2 in 18.4 overs (Hussey 79 not out, Raina 61)

Result: Chennai Super Kings won by eight wickets.
Man-of-the-match: Michael Hussey.



PHOTO: STAR
Organisers and participants pose for a photo at the launch of the 3rd Women's Club Cricket League at the Gulshan Youth Club yesterday.

Rumana carries MSC to opening win

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Rumana Ahmed hit 78 as Mohammedan Sporting Club got off a good start in the 3rd Women's Club Cricket League with a comfortable 41-run victory over Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club in the opening match at the Gulshan Youth Club ground yesterday.

Riding on Rumana's 115-ball 78 that contained twelve boundaries, Mohammedan scored 164 runs for seven wickets in the stipulated 40 overs after deciding to bat first.

Opener Saila Sharmin was the next highest scorer for Mohammedan, scoring 36 off 83 balls with the help of seven boundaries, while 25 runs came from extras.

Panna Ghosh was the most successful

bowler with figures of four for 42 runs.

In reply, Chameli Khatun made 51 off 69 deliveries with seven fours, but her efforts were not good enough as Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club were bundled out for 123 in 34 overs.

Sheikh Jamal lost three wickets in the seventh over as Saila Sharmin took two and Panna Ghosh fell victim to a run-out. Saila finished with figures of 3-25 in eight overs.

Salma Khatun claimed two wickets for 29 runs and Rumana Ahmed took one wicket for 22 runs, completing an all-round effort that saw her claim the player of the match award.

A total of ten clubs, split into two groups, are taking part in the 40-over-a-side match. After the league-based first round, the top three teams from each group will qualify for the final round.

Pathan pummels DC

AFP, Hyderabad



Yusuf Pathan smashed an unbeaten 47 and Iqbal Abdulla grabbed two quick wickets as Kolkata Knight Riders posted a 20-run win over Deccan Chargers in an Indian Premier League match on Tuesday.

Pathan hit three sixes and as many fours in his 26-ball knock to help Kolkata reach 169-4 before left-arm spinner Abdulla got two wickets in three balls to restrict Deccan to 149-6.

It was Kolkata's sixth victory and Deccan's sixth defeat in nine matches of the Twenty20 tournament.

Kolkata and Mumbai now jointly lead the 10-team league table with 12 points, followed by Rajasthan (11), Chennai (10), Bangalore (nine), Kochi (eight), Deccan (six), Delhi (six), Punjab (six) and Pune (four).

Abdulla put Deccan under pressure in his second over when he dismissed opener Sunny Sohail (26) and skipper Kumar Sangakkara, who failed to open his account.

Opener Shikhar Dhawan top-scored for Deccan with a 45-ball 54 before being

bowled by South African pacesman Jacques Kallis in the 18th over. He added 56 for the fifth wicket with Ravi Teja (30).

Pathan, dropped twice during his brisk knock, and Manoj Tiwary (33) earlier helped Kolkata set a challenging target as they added 80 runs in eight overs for the fourth wicket.

Kolkata were 84-3 in the 12th over after Kallis and skipper Gautam Gambhir (35) fell in the space of four deliveries before making a strong finish, thanks to middle-order batsmen Pathan and Tiwary.

Gambhir, who exchanged words with Australian seamer Daniel Christian, hit one six and three fours in his 22-ball knock while Kallis cracked four boundaries in his 31-ball innings.

SCORES IN BRIEF

KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS: 169-4 in 20 overs (Pathan 47 not out, Gambhir 35, Tiwary 33, Kallis 30)

DECCAN CHARGERS: 149-6 in 20 overs (Dhawan 54, Teja 30, Sohail 26, Bhatia 2-26, Abdulla 2-34)

Result: Kolkata Knight Riders won by 20 runs.
Man-of-the-match: Yusuf Pathan.

'Big ask from Ganguly'

PTI, Mumbai



Mumbai Indians' fielding coach Jonty Rhodes says expecting Sourav Ganguly to make a difference to the floundering campaign of Pune Warriors is asking for too much.

He, however, added that if Ganguly is successful in instilling confidence in the Yuvraj Singh-led side, they would be a difficult team to handle.

"It's all played in the field. You can talk to players as much as you want. I think Gary [Kirsten] did it well for India but he had a three-year plan. So to bring Ganguly now and to expect him to make a big difference on and off the field is a big ask," the former South Africa batsman told reporters ahead of Mumbai's clash against Pune at the DY Patil Stadium here on Wednesday.

"It's obviously a step which they believe in in the right direction. He is a player with great experience and knowledge about the game. And also someone who the young Indian players look upto. Sure he was one of the most successful Indian captain, he didn't win the World Cup but his Test record was brilliant."

"You want your local players to perform well. We have [Ambati] Rayudu, Satish, Munaf, Harbhajan. Our local players are playing good cricket. That is what Yuvraj is hoping that Ganguly comes and does. It's

not about international players. It's about the positive energy they bring into play."

"They were a dangerous team before he came and if he is able to bring in more confidence, they will become a team that will be pretty difficult to handle," he added.

Rhodes said though Pune Warriors are on a losing spree, Sachin Tendulkar's team will not take them lightly as things can change pretty quickly in T20 cricket.

"They won their first two matches at home. They are a side we are playing on their home turf. I'm sure they will be talking about how well they have played in their backyard in the past. We know they have got some good players in their side. One knock from Yuvraj can put them back into [contention]."

"I think that is where we are fortunate in having a guy like Sachin Tendulkar. He is not only an icon in India by reputation but by performance as well. All it takes is one knock from Yuvraj."

"We are expecting a tough game. In 20 overs one person can change the game in five overs and win the game for any side. We are looking to do well," he added.

Asked whether Mumbai Indians were aiming to qualify for the play-offs by winning their next two games, he said, "We are taking it one step at a time. But our aim is not just to qualify for the play-offs. We want to finish first and want to finish first in the tournament."

Final ODI today

Pakistan have a point to prove against WI

Cricket

AFP, Providence

Pakistan will be looking to give unshakeable proof that the West Indies were fortunate to gain a victory in their one-day international series, when the final match is contested on Thursday at the Guyana National Stadium.

The Pakistanis were upstaged by rain and a blistering innings from Lendl Simmons to lose the previous match last Monday at Kensington Oval by one run under the Duckworth-Lewis Method.

The visitors have an unbeatable 3-1 lead in the series, following victories in the first three matches, but they will want to sign-off with a strong performance to knock West Indies back down a few notches, particularly with the two-Test series looming.

Pakistan captain Shahid Afridi said that though the conditions they contested the previous match were difficult, his side should have still performed much better.

"We started on a difficult pitch, but the way Mohammad Hafeez batted, we thought we would have scored 270 to 275," he said.

"But I think we missed that chance,

and we did not bat well in the end. It was disappointing because we missed an opportunity to score a big total, and we have to do much better, and show more consistency in the future."

Afridi said though the Pakistanis wanted to give some of the less experienced players an opportunity to play, he still felt that they were good enough to help the side finish the series on top.

"I am pretty happy with our boys, and the way they have played in this series, so I think we can be proud," he said.

"We set a total in the previous game, and in the conditions, and with our attack, I felt it was a decent target, but the weather played a role, and we lost."

West Indies Darren Sammy was relieved to get a victory over a Test-playing nation other than Bangladesh for the first time in two years, but he is looking forward to the final match, and hoped there are no interruptions to prove that the hosts are the genuine article.

"It has been a long time since we have beaten a top side, but we took the opportunity, and came through in the end," he said.

"We needed that victory, and it was good to win against a top side, and the guys will take the positives from this

game, and we will look to take confidence from it, and put it into play here." As always, the two teams will keep their gazes fixed to the skies to see if the weather will allow them to achieve their goals. The forecast for Thursday indicated scattered thunderstorms with a 60 percent chance of rain.

But the Guyana National Stadium, a gift from India to the Guyanese people, boasts a hi-tech drainage system under the surface. Like many of the international grounds in the Caribbean now, it was installed when the facility was constructed ahead of the 2007 World Cup, which was staged in the region.

TEAMS

WEST INDIES (from): Darren Sammy (captain), Dwayne Bravo, Carlton Baugh Jr, Devendra Bishoo, Darren Bravo, Kirk Edwards, Anthony Martin, Ravi Rampaul, Kemar Roach, Andre Russell, Marlon Samuels, Ramnareh Sarwan, Lendl Simmons.

PAKISTAN (from): Shahid Afridi (captain), Misbahul Haq, Abdur Rehman, Ahmed Shehzad, Asad Shafiq, Hammad Azman, Junaid Khan, Mohammad Hafeez, Mohammad Salman, Sadaf Hussain, Saeed Ajmal, Tanveer Ahmed, Taufeeq Umar, Umar Akmal, Usman Salahuddin, Wahab Riaz.

Peace deal between CA, PCB

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan cricket authorities on Tuesday settled a row with the head of the Australian board over comments he made in the wake of a damaging spot-fixing scandal that hit the South Asian team last year.

Three leading Pakistan players, including former Test captain Salman Butt, were banned by the International Cricket Council (ICC) earlier this year on corruption charges related to the Lord's Test against England last August.

Cricket Australia (CA) chief executive James Sutherland blamed the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) for failing to take measures to curb the menace of corruption following a fixing scandal more than a decade ago.

Sutherland's remarks angered the PCB, which wrote to the ICC to ask it to investigate.

But the row fizzled out on Tuesday, with PCB spokesman Nadeem Sarwar telling AFP the sport's governing body had told Pakistan and Australia to sort the spat out between themselves.

"After that PCB chief operating officer Subhan Ahmad talked to Sutherland on the matter," Sarwar said.

'SLPL' in July

Cricket

CRICINFO

Sri Lanka Cricket is organising a Twenty20 league in July and August 2011 featuring their top players as well as internationals from India, Australia, Pakistan, West Indies and South Africa. The tournament, which will have five regional teams led by senior Sri Lankan cricketers, is the latest in a series of Twenty20 leagues, with some degree of international participation, that have been created over the past few years.

The league will be run by the Singapore-based Somerset Entertainment, which won the organisational rights and is now looking at securing a TV deal. It is understood to have approached around 35 international players including Yuvraj Singh, Kieron Pollard, Chris Gayle, Yusuf Pathan and Shahid Afridi, and most of Sri Lanka's leading cricketers.

Salaries in the league will be on the lower side; one estimate suggested three salary slabs with the highest at 30,000 dollars, which is what a mid-level player would get for each game of the Indian Premier League (IPL).

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is understood to have given the league its blessing and the tournament's timing -- it will coincide with India's Test series in England -- will suit India's limited-overs specialists. An Indian player, who was one of the first to be approached by the organisers, said he was made to understand that the tournament was being held with the approval of the Indian board.

"I was made an offer during last season of Ranji Trophy," the player told ESPNcricinfo. "I did not agree at the time but they [the organisers] said it is not as popular a league as the IPL so money won't be that big. We left it by saying we can talk more as the time goes. Perhaps a

new offer could come after the IPL."

While the league will be a lower-profile event compared to other Twenty20 tournaments, it is likely to benefit from the fact that many players will be free from international commitments at that time. It is also likely to draw in several players who are no longer active in international cricket. Shoab Akhtar is one player who is understood to be a certainty for the tournament and Herschelle Gibbs is also believed to have been approached.

The league will also be a boon for players from Pakistan, who currently are not part of the IPL and whose international exposure has been limited because of security issues.

An obituary

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admit that he couldn't recognise the Dhaka team.

One player said that he knew he would be in the playing eleven after the team management had told him the night before. But on the morning of the game, he came to know he wasn't actually playing.

Later it was found that the assistant coach had an argument with the coach that if his player didn't play the match he would not stay with the team.

This is the sordid tale of the NCL where some dreams remain unrealised because of loopholes, a lack of competition but more importantly, due to a real lack of interest in the part of those who run the game.

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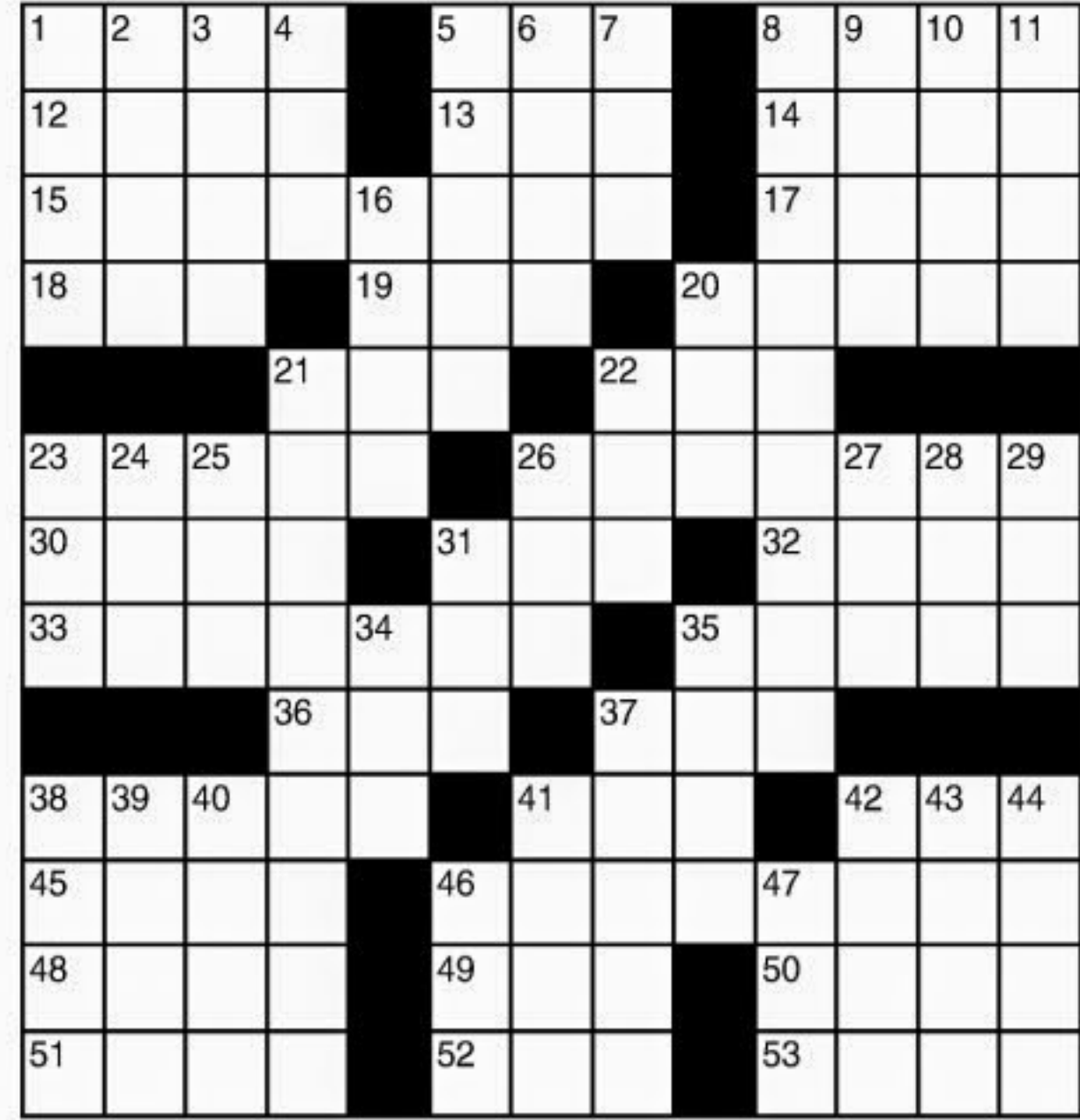
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as chief guest. Bangladesh Army will take on Rampura KC while Wari Club and Bangladesh Police will vie at the same venue.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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 - 11 German city
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- 25 Sprite**
- 26 Clampett patriarch**
- 27 Altar**
- 28 Wapiti**
- 29 Witness**
- 31 Shriner's hat**
- 34 Bright-orange "Sesame Street" Muppet**
- 35 Polio vaccine discoverer**
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE THAT SCOUNDREL IN SEOUL IS A LIFETIME FELON, I TEND TO THINK OF HIM AS A KOREA CRIMINAL.
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