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Spain's three-time winner Alberto Contador (L) rides in the pack in the eighteenth stage of the Tour de France race between Pinerolo and Galibier Serre-Chevalier ski resort yesterday.

A forgotten Test venue tion of Niaz Stadium," said former spin-

Cricket

AFP, Hyderabad

As England and India battle for supremacy on cricket's most hallowed ground at Lord's in the 2000th Test starting Thursday, Pakistan's Niaz Stadium has only faded memories to cherish.

It may have hosted the historic 1000th Test in November 1984, but since then the ground has been largely deserted, symbolic of the decay eating away at international cricket in the nuclear-armed South Asian nation of 167 million.

Test matches are long gone from the Hyderabad venue and the last one-day international was against Zimbabwe in 2008. Before that, it was against India in 1997.

Now the turf has been spoilt by wedding parties and its use as a helipad made it suitable only for local matches to be played.

Aside from Afghanistan, Pakistan has not hosted an international side since gunmen attacked the Sri Lankan team in 2009, but the Niaz Stadium hit trouble long before, dragged down by apathetic authorities and poor facilities nearby.

"It's disappointing to see the condi-

ner Iqbal Qasim, a member of the Pakistan team who played in the landmark 1000th Test against New Zealand at the stadium.

"With no international cricket in Pakistan and facilities unused, it had to happen."

Built in early 1970s, it is the only international sporting venue in Hyderabad, Pakistan's fourth-largest city with nearly three million residents, and once lured passionate crowds of cricket-mad locals.

It was also considered a lucky ground. Pakistan lost none of the five Tests and seven one-day games held there and it was the scene of a then world-record equalling partnership of 451 between Javed Miandad and Mudassar Nazar, against India in January 1983.

A year earlier, fans witnessed the firstever one-day hat-trick when paceman Jalal-ud-din dismissed three Australian batsman off successive deliveries.

"It's cruel that a historic venue like Niaz stadium has been left unattended," said local club cricketer Abdul Hayee, who often plays domestic matches at the stadium.

"We only remember Niaz because it staged the 1000th Test. I fear more and cricket in Pakistan and give our grounds more grounds will suffer if international more moments to cherish."

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Far removed from the majesty of Lord's, few players even realised they had been part of history.

"There's no comparison between Lord's and Hyderabad, even the players didn't know about the occasion and it is only now we know that oh, we were part of the 1000th Test," said Qasim who took five wickets in Pakistan's seven-wicket win over New Zealand.

That Test is also remembered for a century in each innings by legendary Pakistani batsman Miandad, now a director general of Pakistan Cricket Board.

India's batting maestro Sachin Tedulkar is also hoping the Lord's cricketing milestone will provide the backdrop for his 100th international century. He has 51 Test and 48 one-day hundreds in a glorious 22-year career.

Qasim hopes Tendulkar achieves his goal.

"Like Miandad, Sachin is also a great batsman and I hope he gets to that unique landmark as he is admired throughout the world," said Qasim. "While the world celebrates this

historic occasion, I would appeal for it to please make concrete efforts to revive

Shastri in IPL probe

AFP, New Delhi

Former Indian all-rounder Ravi Shastri has been summoned by a law enforcement agency probing alleged financial irregularities in the Indian Premier League (IPL), reports said Thursday.

He has been asked to help the Enforcement Directorate over questions relating to the T20 league in the first three editions as he was on the governing council, the Press Trust of India news agency said. Shastri, who is currently

out of the country, has been called to the directorate's offices in Mumbai next week.

Lait Modi, the driving force behind the moneyspinning IPL, was removed as the chairman of the tournament last year.

He faces criminal charges, including false accounting and accusations by the Indian cricket board that more than 106 million dollars was misappropriated during his three-year tenure as IPL

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FICA against lie detector tests

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"It's a no-win situation for

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Cricket

AFP, Sydney

The world cricketers' association said Thursday it "outright rejects" the MCC's proposals to encourage players to take lie detector tests in an effort to fight corruption within the game.

The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), the guardian of the rules of cricket, says the potential use of lie detector tests should be widely debated.

Former Australia captain Steve Waugh, an MCC member, this week took a liedetector test as part of his bid to help root corruption out of cricket.

But the Federation of International Cricketers' Associations (FICA) said the testing was irresponsible and it would oppose such actions in "the strongest possible manner".

"It is FICA's strong position that the use of lie detectors as a means of determining the guilt or innocence of a player in matters relating to corruption on any practice for that matter is to be rejected outright," FICA chief statement.

Steve Waugh for trying to be conclusions. proactive in the fight against

May said he had written to the MCC to address the matter in a "responsible manner".

Waugh was spurred into action following last year's allegations by Britain's now defunct News of the World tabloid that former Pakistan captain Salman Butt, and bowlers Mohammad Aamer and Mohammad Asif were involved in the deliberate bowling of no-balls during a Test against England at Lord's as part of a betting scam.

Murdoch's **Team 2012** deal at stake

THE GUARDIAN

Rupert Murdoch's British newspapers are set to lose exclusive access to British athletes ahead of the 2012 London Olympics after the phone hacking scandal that led to the News of the World's closure.

Team 2012, the Visabacked project supporting potential British Olympians, had signed up News International as its official partner.

But Team 2012 has said in a statement that "as a result of the closure of News of the World the contract can no longer be fulfilled as originally envisaged".

News International's remaining publications -the Sun, the Times and the Sunday Times -- would have been able to use the slogan "Official Newspaper of Team 2012", but Team 2012 says it is now looking for potential new media partners.

Up-gradation

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more space than is currently available to set up lockers, showers, toilets, basins, fridges, ice baths, dining rooms and at least 20 seats for each dressing room as per the requirement. "We are looking forward to

setting up a players' lounge like the one at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium and we may acquire some place on both sides of the existing dressing rooms," said Rahman.

Meanwhile the BFF is going to bring enthusiasm among the spectators through advertisements as they have hired some 40 to 50 holding boards in capital and it will be opened within a couple of days.

Anwarul Haq Helal, chairman of organizing committee, said that they would advertise the Argentina-Nigeria match across the country through 700 holding boards.

The BFF has also completed the computing the seats which now stand 22668 excepts those seats at the VIP boxes, president boxes and

ICC hospitality boxes. 40 Dunkable The sale of tickets for the general people will get under-42 Slight way from next week through IFIC Bank, informed Helal.

Lord's awarded **2012 WI Test**

CRICINFO, London

Lord's have been awarded the 2012 Test against West Indies, which was put back out to tender after Glamorgan revealed they wouldn't be able to make their payments for this year's Sri Lanka Test.

Glamorgan have struggled financially since becoming a Test venue when they hosted Australia in 2009, having bid huge sums for their matches before the global economic downturn hit. The initial decision not to hand Lord's a Test in the first series of next summer had sparked controversy and the ground was always the favourite to win the vacant tender.

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Shortly after lunch, India did reduce England to 62 for two when captain Andrew Strauss miscued a pull off a Zaheer bouncer straight to Ishant Sharma at long leg and was out for 22.

It was a welcome sight for India after Strauss had made 78 and 109 not out against them 'guesting' for Somerset in their drawn lone warm-up match last week.

If England win this fourmatch series by two Tests they will displace India at the top of the Test standings.

SCORES IN BRIEF

ENGLAND: First innings 127 for 2 at tea (Strauss 22, Cook 12, Trott 58 not out, Pietersen 22 not out; Zaheer 2-18)

INDIA: Gambhir, Mukund, Dravid, Tendulkar, Laxman, Dhoni, Raina, Harbhajan, Praveen, Zaheer, Ishant.

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Sri Lanka axe vice-captain

Cricket

REUTERS, Colombo

Sri Lanka selectors left out batsman Thilina Kandamby, the vice-captain in the one-day international series against England, from the pool of 20 players for next month's ODI and Twenty20 home series against Australia. The 29-year-old scored just 36 runs from four ODIs

against England and was dropped for the last match which Sri Lanka lost to surrender the series 3-2. Fast bowler Dilhara Fernando, who suffered an injury

during the third test against England at the Rose Bowl and subsequently missed the ODI series, was also left out of the squad. Leg-spinner Malinga Bandara and batsman Chamara

Kapugedera were recalled. Off-spinner Sachitra Senanayake was the only uncapped player in the 20-man squad. The selectors also retained Tillakaratne Dilshan as the

captain for Australia's tour, which includes five ODIs, two Twenty20 internationals and three tests.

SQUAD

Tillakaratne Dilshan (captain), Mahela Jayawardene, Kumar Sangakkara, Angelo Mathews, Chamara Kapugedera, Jeevan Mendis, Chamara Silva, Dinesh Chandimal, Dimuth Karunaratne, Thisara Perera, Lasith Malinga, Suranga Lakmal, Dhammika Prasad, Nuwan Kulasekera, Isuru Udana, Suraj Randiv, Ajantha Mendis, Rangana Herath, Malinga Bandara, Sachithra Senanayake.

Absent Shakib risks

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"It's a simple courtesy that as a captain he will meet with the new coach but unfortunately he didn't do it. His act simply gave the new team management a bad impression which is totally unacceptable," he added.

Like Yunus, some other board directors were also concerned over the Bangladesh captain's recent activities.

"As per his desire the board has appointed him captain for the long-term but what he is doing hardly showed that he has got the ability to lead the team. As a captain he should meet with the new coach to discuss about the planning of a very important tour," said a director, who was not interested to disclose his name.

"He (Shakib) seems to think himself above everything. And in one sense we are responsible because we didn't take proper action in his first occurrence. But time has come to take a proper action against him," he added.

Serena uses

US OPEN

a lifeline AFP, White Plains

to use an injury-protected ranking to gain entry to the US Open, the last Grand Slam of the season, the US Tennis Association said Wednesday. The USTA announced a

Serena Williams has elected

provisional women's field for the tournament, which starts on August 29 in New York, that includes 97 of the top 100 in the world rankings.

Only the top 105-ranked players in the world are granted direct entry into the 128-woman field. However Williams, the 13-

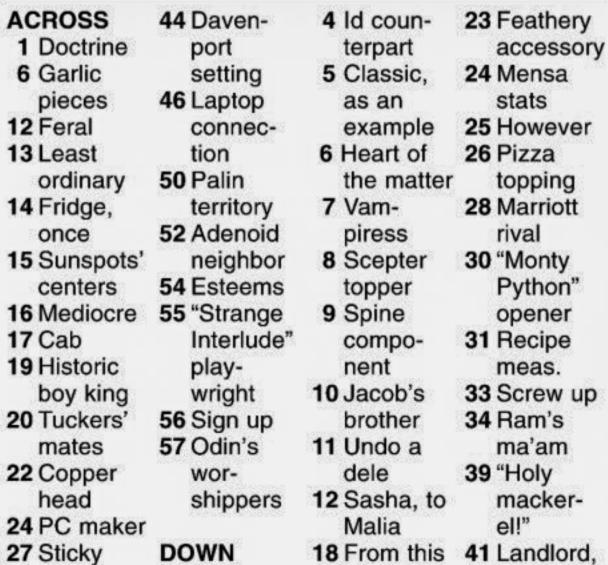
time Grand Slam champion and former world number one whose ranking has plummeted to 172nd in the world after a series of health issues, has the option of using the system in which a player who has been sidelined for six months or more by injury can use a special injury-protected ranking to enter up to eight tournaments, including one Grand Slam.

"I have nothing to lose," Williams said Wednesday at a news conference in New York City before a World Team Tennis event. "I think that's when people are the most dangerous.'

Shortly after winning Wimbledon in 2010, Williams cut her foot on a piece of glass, an injury that required surgery. She then dealt with life-threatening blood clots and was out of action for 11 months.

Williams said she plans to prepare for the US Open by playing WTA Tour events at Stanford, California, Toronto and Cincinnati in the coming weeks.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer



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