

Yuvi to write book on father

India's World Cup hero and cancer-survivor cricketer Yuvraj Singh will pen a book on his player-turned-actor father Yograj Singh.

"He is writing a book on me, whose title will be 'Arrogant Master'. The book will deal with the days we spent together, what all incidents we went through, his journey in becoming a cricketer and his battle with cancer and how he came out of it with everyone's blessings and support," Yograj Singh said on Sunday.

Asked to comment on the book's title, he merely laughed.

He further said that Yuvraj will also be seen on TV soon, sharing his



PHOTO: AFP

New Zealand captain Ross Taylor (L) makes a desperate attempt to complete a second run before Pakistan wicketkeeper Kamran Akmal dislodged the bails during their World T20 match at the Pallekele Cricket Stadium in Kandy yesterday.

Saqlain bullish about Tigers' chances

BISHWAJIT ROY from Kandy

The spin bowlers are the main strength in Bangladesh's bowling department, which is why their failure leaves the Tigers with little chance of making an impact on the field.

Their 59-run defeat against New Zealand in their first match of the ongoing ICC World Twenty20 at the Pallekele International Stadium last Friday was no exception to that generally accepted truth. Questions had already been raised about the Bangladesh spinners' actual potency on pitches other than the slow and low variety. Bangladesh's new spin bowling coach Saqlain Mushtaq however has full faith in his charges, although he was not completely happy with the performance in the first group match. He however held the conditions responsible for the poor showing.

"It was not that bad, but it wasn't that good either. The pitch wasn't helpful for the spinners. Pacers took wickets for New

Zealand. The average score on that wicket is 170-plus and it wasn't friendly for spinners, but I think they didn't bowl that well and they didn't bowl that badly also," explained Mushtaq.

"I am passing all of my experience to the boys but it will take time, they are very talented, very skilful boys. If you have seen the stats they are not far behind, it's not that they are just (good) bowlers on a turning pitch. No, I don't believe that, I can't see it that way. Look at bowlers like (Anil) Kumble and Harbhajan (Singh); they had trouble in English conditions. I had a problem when I used to play for Surrey earlier because of the cold and the flat and damp pitches," added Mushtaq, one of the finest spinners in the world.

But he stressed the need for the bowlers to find a way when conditions do not assist them and also said that spinners cannot assume the main role when the pitch helps the seamers.

"When the pitch is helping the seamers, spinners should not be playing the main role, even if he is a Shane Warne. The main

NZ through despite defeat

BISHWAJIT ROY from Kandy

Pakistan provided strong evidence on Sunday during their first group match against New Zealand why they were considered top favourites in the ICC World Twenty20. First, Pakistan's top order dominated New Zealand's bowling under sunny skies in Pallekele and then their variety of bowling led by leading T20I wicket-taker Saeed Ajmal, who claimed four wickets yesterday, ensured a 13-run victory. The result made things all but clear for Bangladesh -- who now not only need to win against a formidable Pakistan on Tuesday but do so by a comfortable margin to reach the Super Eights.

Despite the defeat New Zealand, by getting as close as they did, are guaranteed a place in the next round. Pakistan just need to avoid a big defeat against Bangladesh to go through.

Pakistan's batting line-up is their weak link, according to some experts, but they put in a disciplined and powerful batting display to post a challenging total of 177 for six wickets in 20 overs thanks largely to a 35-ball 56 by Nasir Jamshed in front of an electrifying crowd at the picturesque Pallekele International Cricket Stadium.

"I really enjoyed batting with the captain [Mohammad

Hafeez]. My team-mates gave me a lot of confidence in the dressing-room and just told me to play my normal game and natural game. There are different formats and you have to change your game depending on the format you are playing," said Jamshed after the match.

Hafeez and Imran Nazir put on 47 for the first wicket, after which the left-handed Jamshed joined his skipper to share 76 runs for the second wicket. Pakistan lost three quick wickets for eleven runs following the dismissal of Hafeez, who hit 43 off 38 balls with two fours and as many sixes. That slowed them down somewhat during the second-wicket stand they looked well on course for the 200-mark -- but Umar Akmal and Shahid Afridi came up with small cameos to set a challenging task on a pitch where the spinners got assistance unlike in the first match played between

New Zealand and Bangladesh. New Zealand however were pathetic in their fielding -- otherwise things might have been different. New Zealand made a steady start but Hafeez -- who conceded only 15 runs in his four overs -- and Shahid Afridi bowled brilliantly to slow them down and leave the Black Caps 70 runs to win from the last five overs.

Afridi provided the first breakthrough removing Nicol and it was then Ajmal who captured four wickets to dash

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PAKISTAN	R	B	4	6
Hafeez b Franklin	43	38	2	2
Nazir c & b Southee	25	16	5	0
Jamshed c N McCullum b Vettori	56	35	2	4
K Akmal c Mills b Oram	3	3	0	0
U Akmal c N McCullum b Oram	23	15	3	1
Malik not out	9	7	1	0
Afridi c Williamson b Southee	12	6	2	0
Extras: (lb-2, w-4)	6			
Total: (For 6 wickets in 20 overs) 177				
Did not bat: Arafat, Tanvir, Gul, Ajmal.				
Fall of wickets: 1-47, 2-123, 3-129, 4-134, 5-159.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mills	4	0	35	0
Vettori	4	0	23	1
Southee	4	0	31	2
Oram	4	0	44	2
N McCullum	2	0	23	0
Milne	1	0	12	0
Franklin	1	0	7	1
NEW ZEALAND	R	B	4	6
Nicol b Afridi	33	28	3	1
Williamson run out	15	13	2	0
B McCullum b Gul	32	31	4	1
Vettori c Jamshed b Ajmal	18	16	1	9
Oram b Ajmal	11	7	2	0
Taylor run out	26	11	3	1
Franklin c Jamshed b Tanveer	13	6	1	1
N McCullum c Malik b Ajmal	5	4	1	0
Southee c Gul b Ajmal	1	3	0	0
Mills not out	0	1	0	0
Milne not out	0	0	0	0
Extras: (lb-5, w-5)	10			
Total: (For 9 wickets in 20 overs) 164				
Fall of wickets: 1-53, 2-54, 3-102, 4-108, 5-122, 6-143, 7-157, 8-160, 9-164.				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hafeez	4	0	15	0
Tanveer	3	0	33	1
Gul	4	0	39	1
Arafat	1	0	12	0
Afridi	4	0	30	1

Amateur golfers' success

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh team emerged champion in the Bhutan Amateur Golf Championship which concluded at the Royal Thimpu Golf Club in Bhutan yesterday. The Bangladesh team, comprising Mohammad Dulal Hossain and Mohammad Sagar became champions while Dulal also became individual champion. Two teams from hosts Bhutan and one each from Bangladesh, India and Nepal participated in the event.



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Tigers' spin consultant Saqlain Mushtaq bowls to Mushfiqur Rahim as his understudy Abdur Razzak looks on during nets at the Asgiriya Ground in Kandy yesterday.

Hard task for Tigers

SPORTS REPORTER

Despite their loss against Pakistan in their World T20 group match yesterday, some late hitting by New Zealand ensured their entry to the Super Eights. However, the loss makes things a lot more difficult for Bangladesh. The Tigers will have to beat an in-form Pakistani by more than 36 runs in their last group game on September 25 if they are to progress to the Super Eights.

If Bangladesh bowls first they'll have to restrict Pakistan to a comparatively low score and try to win the game with a sufficient number of overs to spare. The calculations will change if Duckworth-Lewis comes into play.

The task will be extremely difficult for Mushfiqur Rahim's men as Pakistan have never lost a Twenty20 International game against Bangladesh. The only time Bangladesh ever defeated Pakistan in any format thirteen years ago in the 1999 50-over World Cup.

Lack of grounds worry BFF

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation's initiative to increase the number of grounds inside the capital in a bid to meeting the demand of various leagues is likely to stumble due to 'financial constraint.'

The lack of grounds may even force the football's governing body to defer different leagues, thus resulting in non-completion of the competitions in a calendar year.

The BFF is supposed to complete the Federation Cup, Bangladesh Premier League, Bangladesh Championship League, Women's Club League, Women's Super League, Women's Corporate League, First Division, Second Division, Third Division, Pioneer League, Dhaka Metropolitan School Football and Metropolitan Women's School Football by February next year, within a span of six months, as the football season began this month with the Federation Shield.

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ICC WORLD T20 TODAY'S MATCH

MATCH	TIME	VENUE
West Indies v Ireland	8:00pm	Colombo

ICC defends monsoon dates

AFP, Colombo

The International Cricket Council on Sunday defended the scheduling of the World Twenty20 as monsoon rains threatened to ruin the tournament in Sri Lanka.

"This was the only period available in the Future Tours Programme this year to conduct the tournament," an ICC spokesman told AFP. "All the teams were aware of it."

The two-yearly tournament, being held in Sri Lanka for the first time, coincides with the traditional start of the monsoon season in the region.

The first four days of the event, which opened on September 18 and continues till October 7, stayed rain-free before bad weather on Saturday affected both games in Hambantota and Colombo.

The match between South Africa and Sri Lanka in the southern port town of Hambantota was reduced to seven-overs-a-side, which the Proteas won by 32 runs.

In Colombo, Australia were 100-1 in 9.1 overs chasing West Indies' total of 191.