

PCB changes constitution

CRICINFO, Lahore
The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) constitution has been amended to change the process of appointing the board's chairman and alter the structure of its governing board. The president of Pakistan, who is the patron of the PCB, still plays the central role in appointing the chairman and the incumbent Zaka Ashraf will hold office until the new constitution is implemented, which is likely to be before June 2013.
According to the 22-page document, a copy of which was obtained by ESPNcricinfo, the president of Pakistan will recommend at least two chairman candidates to a four-member nomination committee, which will evaluate them and recommend one to the board of governors, which will have to endorse the appointment unanimously. The board chairman's term has also been extended from three years to four.

Dhoni passes Tendulkar

PTI, Chennai
Mahendra Singh Dhoni on Monday surpassed Sachin Tendulkar's record of highest individual Test score by an Indian captain on way to his majestic 224 against Australia in the first Test here.
Dhoni, who reached his maiden double-century the previous day, went past Tendulkar's 217 scored against New Zealand in 1999-2000 at Ahmedabad.
Dhoni reached the feat in the 144th over when he first hit a flat six off Nathan Lyon to reach 217 and then took a single to surpass Tendulkar's score. The India captain however fell eight runs short of equalling Andy Flower's highest individual score by a skipper -- 232 against India.

Indian Captains' Highs
224 -- Mahendra Singh Dhoni vs Aus (Chennai)
217 -- Sachin Tendulkar vs New Zealand (Ahmedabad)
205 -- Sunil Gavaskar vs West Indies (Mumbai)
203 -- Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi vs England (Delhi)

Title goes

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the title," said Central Zone skipper Mosharraf Hossain.
"I was confident about winning the match though it was a small target for our opponents to achieve today. Players here generally struggle to play under pressure no matter what the target is. We don't have any problem in skill but we still don't know the craft how to play the normal cricket under pressure," he added.

The left-arm spinner however was not at all impressed by the pink ball used in the final. "There is a big difference between the natural and pink ball. It was not at all a sporting ball. On the other hand it would be really fantastic for the tournament if some quality foreign pace bowlers play in the competition," said Mosharraf.
The champion team received Tk 35 lakh as prize money while the runners-up team got Tk 15 lakh.

Booters

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Island team, one of the four teams, have also reached Kathmandu on Sunday and the team's technical director Yohan said that they were eager give a good fight against all the other teams -- Nepal, Palestine and Bangladesh.

Call for Pak revamp

Cricket

AFP, Karachi

Pakistani cricket needs to revamp its failing system and focus more on Tests, former captains said Monday after the side's humiliating 3-0 whitewash in South Africa.
Pakistan went down by an innings and 18 runs in the final match at Centurion on Sunday as the world number one Test team completed a clean sweep in home Tests in their summer, after beating New Zealand 2-0.
Former captain Aamir Sohail said Pakistan went into the series unprepared for the demands of the longest form of the game.
"It was predicted," Sohail said. "South Africa were well equipped while we are not doing things needed [for Test cricket] and are paying the price."
Pakistan's batsmen struggled on the bouncy pitches against a hostile pace attack led by Dale Steyn and Vernon Philander, who shared 35 wickets between them in the series.
The tourists were shot out for their lowest Test score, 49, in the first Test at Johannesburg, going on to lose by 211 runs. They staged something of a fightback at Cape Town, posting 328 before a second-innings collapse con-

demned them to another defeat.
No Pakistani batsman had an answer to the pace, movement and hostility of the South African attack, with only Asad Shafiq and veteran Younis Khan managing centuries. Opener Mohammad Hafeez flopped, with just 43 runs in six innings.
Sohail, also a former chief selector, said Pakistan needed to take measures at the grassroots level.
"When a youngster emerges he has technical faults which we are not removing while South Africa have followed Australia in conquering the world with their work," he said.
Another former captain, Rashid Latif, urged Pakistan to focus more on Tests.
"Pakistan must have separate players for Tests and one-dayers," said Latif. "Some players feel they are suitable for all three forms but their poor show in Tests is affecting the team's performance."
Some fans in the street said Pakistan should only play one-day matches and Twenty20s.
"The style of Test cricket doesn't suit Pakistan," said Asim Ahmed, a shop owner in the Saddar area of Karachi. "Test needs patience and resilience which we have to learn."
Pakistan now have the chance to regain some pride as they take on South Africa in two Twenty20s and five one-day internationals.

Sarwan seals series

Cricket

AFP, St. George's

Ramnaresh Sarwan capitalised on an outrageous bit of good fortune to hit his first one-day century for three years and guide the West Indies to a series-clinching seven-wicket win over Zimbabwe on Sunday.
Responding to Zimbabwe's challenging total of 273 for eight, the 32-year-old Guyanese right-hander put aside the torment of a short tour of Australia earlier in the month and finally stamped his return to the international scene with an unbeaten 120 -- his fifth and highest ODI score.

It could have all gone so very differently however as he benefited from an umpiring error while the Zimbabweans also missed the opportunity to have the decision overturned which would have seen Sarwan run out for 53.
Sarwan's generous slice of luck came as he dashed for a single and Chamu Chibhabha's throw to the non-striker's end hit the stumps directly.
Presiding umpire Peter Nero ruled "not out" on the appeal, choosing -- against general convention -- not to seek confirmation of the decision from the television umpire.
TV replays showed Sarwan to be well out of his ground when the balls were removed, and although it was reason for justifiable anguish for the Zimbabweans, they failed to exercise their right of referral via the same television technology before the next ball was bowled.
SCORES IN BRIEF
ZIMBABWE: 273 for 8 in 50 overs (Ervine 80, Masakadza 60, Sibanda 51, Waller 26; Dwayne Bravo 6-43)
WEST INDIES: 274 for 3 in 49 overs (Sarwan 120 not out, Powell 57, Deonarine 42, Pollard 41 not out; Masakadza 2-27)
Result: West Indies won by 7 wickets.
Player-of-the-match: Dwayne Bravo.

Bangladesh Games

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federations, rather we have chosen the federations that gave us the green signal about the participation," Reza explained about the allegations. "They are also getting nearly two months to prepare themselves and I am hopeful that Bangladesh Games will be a successful event," added Reza, who is also secretary of the organising committee.
As there will be no qualification round, the federations will have to rely on the last national meets of respective federations to pick the athletes or teams, and thus new promising athletes will not get the chance to prove themselves in the Bangladesh Games.
"The mode of competition of every discipline will be decided by their respective federations, which will also decide how to select the athletes or participating teams," said BOA's deputy secretary Ashiqur Rahman Miku.
The Games will feature 31 disciplines -- athletics, archery, badminton, basketball, boxing, cycling, fencing, handball, golf, gymnastics, hockey, judo, rowing, shooting, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, tennis, volleyball, wrestling, chess, cricket, kabaddi, ushu, kho kho, body building, ruby and squash rackets -- but the total number of events for those disciplines has not been finalised yet.

Marshall, Sunny get

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since both have performed very well in recent times and finally picked up Mominul because we thought he would be a better choice to counter the left-arm spin. But now we lost one right-handed batsman in Naem, so Marshall was an obvious choice. Marshall had a tremendous run in the domestic circuit so he deserved the call. On the other hand, we considered Sunny's recent experience with the national team ahead of Mosharraf Hossain," explained Akram.
Marshall Ayub got the news from chief selector Akram Khan during the presentation ceremony of the BCL at Mirpur and he was excited by the call-up.
"I am obviously feeling very good. I finally made it to the national team. When I initially didn't get through, honestly speaking I did not feel too bad. Our team required a lefty and it was probably done for the good of the team. I am in good form and they told me that I was in line. But suddenly getting this news feels really good," said Marshall.
"Every player dreams of playing in the national team no matter where he plays. But now that I am here, there's nothing to celebrate as yet. I have to work hard. We are playing against a really good team. If I play well then I will celebrate. I was there with the high performance team in Dambulla and Colombo, so I have an idea about the wicket over there. I remember scoring a 74 in 2008-9 there," he added.

Independence Cup draw held

SPORTS REPORTER

Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society will play against Bangladesh Air Force in the opening match of the qualification round of the Independence Cup Football Tournament, the draw of which was held yesterday at the Bangladesh Football Federation House.
The 14-team knockout round will get underway from March 2 at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium with Seven teams from Bangladesh Championship League and seven invited teams including three university teams -- Dhaka University, Rajshahi University and Jahangirnagar University -- to fight out for two spots.

Abahani crush Nasrin Academy

SPORTS REPORTER

Abahani scored a massive 28-0 goals victory over newcomers Nasrin Sports Academy in their first match of the Walton Dhaka Metropolis Women's Football League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.
Aungmya Ching Marma scored 14 goals, Munmun netted six, Suraiya Akter scored four, Sharmin Akter Rupa scored three and Rehena netted one goal.

Women's hockey on

SPORTS REPORTER

Anandamoyee School defeated Nahar Academy 3-0 in the opening match of the Walton 2nd Women's Hockey Tournament at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.
Shahin Sultana struck a brace while Hazera scored one goal in the match, which was inaugurated by Zahid Ahsan Rasel, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee for youth and sports.
Apart from these two teams, Municipal School, Bandarban DSA and Narail DSA are also taking part the five-team completion.

Fans, young

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pitch before the Abahani players refused to take further part. The hapless referee waited for 30 minutes before declaring Mohammedan the winners.



India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin (R) tormented Australia in the first Test in Chennai. Here he celebrates the wicket of Shane Watson (L) on the fourth day yesterday.

Moises delays defeat

Cricket

PTI, Chennai

India inched closer towards a comprehensive victory in the first Test against Australia on Monday but debutant Moises Henriques delayed the inevitable with an undefeated 75 on a difficult track to take the match into the fifth and final day.
Henriques followed up his first innings half century with another gutsy effort as he added 57 runs for the final wicket with No. 11 Nathan Lyon (8 batting) to prevent India from wrapping up the match with a day to spare.
The duo consumed 18.1 overs to not only frustrate the hosts but also snatch a lead of 40 runs after Ravichandran Ashwin's second five wicket haul helped India decimate the Aussie top and middle-order.
Ashwin grabbed five for 90 and his current match haul of 12 wickets helped India reduce Australia to 175 for nine before Henriques-Lyon provided some rear-guard action to ensure that the game went into the final day.
With pitch providing right kind of assistance for the spinners, senior off-spinner Harbhajan Singh also put up a much improved performance in

the second innings scalping the important wickets of David Warner and Matthew Wade.
The duo was ably complemented by all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja, who also helped the team with important breakthroughs.
The highlight of India's performance was skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni's magnificent 224 which enabled the home team to post a mammoth 572 in their first innings, thereby ensuring a lead of 192 runs.
The likes of Ed Cowan (32), Michael Clarke (31) and Warner (23) tried their best but it was a near-impossible task to play a game of survival on a pitch that was deteriorating with the passage of every over.
Batting more than five sessions to save the Test match was a Herculean task but Shane Watson and Cowan showed intent during the first session.
It was extremely frustrating final hour for the Indians as a desperate Dhoni in his bid to complete formalities finally brought Ishant Sharma in the 76th over of the innings but the pacer failed to break the partnership.
Earlier on, the troika of Ashwin, Harbhajan and Jadeja took full advantage of a crumbling pitch as the hosts reduced the Aussies to 128 for five at tea.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First innings 380 (Clarke 130, Henriques 68, Warner 59, Cowan 29, Watson 28; Ashwin 7-103, Jadeja 2-71)
INDIA: First innings (overnight 515-8) Vijay b Pattinson 10, Sehwag b Pattinson 2, Pujara b Pattinson 44, Tendulkar b Lyon 81, Kohli c Starc b Lyon 107, Dhoni c Wade b Pattinson 224, Sharma b Pattinson 4, Ashwin b Lyon 3, Harbhajan b Henriques 11, Kumar c Clarke b Siddle 38, Sharma not out 3, Extras: (b-14, lb-14, w-4) 32
Total: (All out in 154.3 overs) 572
Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-12, 3-105, 4-196, 5-324, 6-365, 7-372, 8-406, 9-546
Bowler O M R W
Starc 25 3 75 0
Pattinson 30 6 96 5
Siddle 24.3 5 66 1
Lyon 47 1 215 3
Henriques 17 4 48 1
Clarke 8 2 25 0
Warner 3 0 19 0
AUSTRALIA: Second innings Cowan lbw b Ashwin 32, Starc c Sehwag b Ashwin 17, Warner lbw b Harbhajan 23, Hughes c Sehwag b Jadeja 0, Clarke lbw b Ashwin 31, Wade b Harbhajan 8, Henriques not out 75, Siddle b Jadeja 2, Pattinson c Sehwag b Ashwin 11, Starc c Tendulkar b Ashwin 8, Lyon not out 8, Extras: (b-15, lb-2) 137
Total: (For 9 wks in 84 overs) 272
Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-64, 3-65, 4-101, 5-121, 6-131, 7-137, 8-161, 9-175
Bowler O M R W
Ashwin 28 4 90 5
Harbhajan 27 6 55 2

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	DOWN	ACROSS	DOWN
1 Gorilla	41 Pedicurist's target	21 Clio or Erato	22 Caspian feeder
4 Lathers	43 Got away from	23 Most superficial	
9 Justice Dept. div.	45 Super-natural spirit of Islam (Var.)	27 24 horas	
12 Felon's flight	47 Existed	29 Remedy	
13 Violinist's stroke	48 Regret	30 "Zounds!"	
14 Young chap	49 Confuses	31 Friend of Dorothy	
15 Shift back and forth	54 Where -- at	32 Dorothy Volvos and Saabs	
17 Work with	55 --	34 Guys with oars, maybe	
18 Have a bug	57 Grows in Brooklyn	37 Lo-cal, often	
19 Texas city	58 Singer	39 Fires	
21 Suppress the sound	59 Dilutes	42 Cultivated land	
24 Landlord's due	59 Menagerie	44 Gls' entertainment org.	
25 Web address		45 Faucet problem	
26 Finish		46 Twine fiber	
28 Nephew's sister		50 Spoon-bender Geller	
31 Author Bellow		51 End of the alphabet	
33 -- tac-toe		52 Comedian Phillips	
35 Pharmaceutical		53 -- Paulo, Brazil	
36 Sprite-like			
38 "Bow-wow!"			
40 Historic period			

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 1-21

CRYPTOQUIP

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T S W D : T S W G G V S O C J F - R S O O S W .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT GUY IS MOST CERTAINLY NOT EXPERIENCED AT USING HATCHETS, SO DON'T LET HIM ACCESS AXES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals W