ICC's mercy to Aamer?

ANI, Karachi

Banned Pakistani cricketer Mohammad Aamer has been allowed by the International Cricket Council (ICC) to play domestic cricket under some conditions, lifting the ban imposed on the tainted bowlers for spot-fixing.

According to the Nation, although a British court awarded jail sentences to Aamer and two of his team mates, former skipper Salman Butt and Mohammad Asif, in a spotfixing case, it later on showed generosity to Aamer and sent him to rehabilitation jail for being

young and new to cricket. The report further said that the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has been officially informed by the ICC to permit Aamer to play domestic cricket for a year, after which the global governing body will assess his performance and attitude to decide his future in international games.

The report added that the Pakistan bowler had been considered a great addition in the team and was expected that he would shine more with passage of time.

Khan takes over Fulham

AFP, London



Fulham's new owner Shahid Khan vowed to build on the foundations left by Mohamed Al Fayed as the Pakistan-born billionaire

arrived at Craven Cottage for the first time point." on Saturday following his takeover.

Khan, who also owns NFL team Jacksonville Jaguars, struck an agreement with Al Fayed on Friday that put the Premier League club under new ownership for the first time in 16 years.

The 62-year-old is reported to have paid around £150 million for 100 per cent control and he met the media for the first time on Saturday.

Khan was quick to pay tribute to Al Fayed, but also made it clear he believes there is more to achieve for a club who finished 12th in the Premier League last season and reached the Europa League final in 2010

"There's a great leadership here and I have a lot to learn. But I'll give the team all the support it needs to be successful on the pitch," Khan said.

"We have to respect history. I am going to listen to the fans and decide, but we have to make sure it (the club) is sustainable.

"It's a very special place. This is the perfect club for me at a perfect time. It's the passing of the baton, taking it to the next level."

Al Fayed, the 84-year-old former Harrods owner, had transformed Fulham from a third-tier outfit to an established top-flight side since taking over in 1997.

And Khan, instantly recognisable due to his flamboyant moustache, made it clear the controversial Egyptian deserved respect for

"I think it is incredible," he said. "The man rescued Fulham and had a great vision which he's shared with me. I think it's very, very important to all the Fulham fans.

"I really enjoyed getting to know him. He's a wonderful guy, very much to the

Khan, who was born in Lahore but now has American citizenship, is ranked 179th in the Forbes 400 list of richest Americans with an estimated worth of \$2.5 billion after making his fortune as a car parts manufacturer.

He already has ties to London, with the Jaguars scheduled to play one regular season game a season at Wembley for the next four years.

Khan has described London as the missing piece for the Jaguars, who do not sell out all their home games at their base in north Florida. While the purchase of Fulham is not

tandem on either side of the Atlantic. And he hinted there would be some interaction between his two teams.

overtly connected to that ambition, it will

allow Khan to promote both brands in

"These are true distinct clubs that will operate differently and independently, but there is a huge amount of synergy," Khan said.

Al Fayed infamously unveiled a statue of Michael Jackson outside Craven Cottage in 2011, claiming the pop star 'loved Fulham' and telling Cottagers fans they could 'go to hell' if they did not like it.

Asked if the status would remain in place, Khan said: "I've been an owner less than a day. We have to preserve and respect history but we have to move forward. I'll reflect on it and listen to the fans, then decide."



Shahid Khan, the flamboyant moustached Karachi-born American billionaire, dons a Fulham shirt yesterday after taking over the ownership of the west London club from Mohamed Al Fayed on Friday. PHOTO: REUTERS

Faster than **Bolt!**

AFP, Berlin

Borussia Dortmund's new signing Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang has clocked a faster time in sprint training than Olympic champion Usain Bolt ran when he set the world record in 2009.

The 24-year-old Aubameyang clocked 3.7secs over 30m during sprint training with the Champions League finalists this week, while Bolt ran 3.78sec over the same distance when he set the world 100m record of 9.58secs in Berlin in 2009.

"Pierre is definitely the fastest player who has ever played for us," Dortmund's director of sport Michael Zorc told German daily Bild.

The Gabon international is not only fleet-footed, as he proved scoring 41 goals and setting up a further 28, in 120 games for former club St Etienne.

He cost Dortmund 13 million euros (US\$17m) from the French Cup win-

"We're going to have a lot of fun playing alongside him," said Dortmund's Germany midfielder Ilkay Gundogan.

The greyer the better

AFP, Bangkok



Jose Mourinho has warned that he is returning to Chelsea as a much better manager as he bids to win back the Premier League trophy and secure an elusive Champions League title

with the London club. Mourinho, looking greyer and weightier than English fans will remember, said his experiences at Inter Milan and Real Madrid would put him

in good stead in his second stint. "I think some white hairs in my case is a good sign because it means that I'm better now than before," he told journalists in Bangkok, where he will begin his new era with a pre-season friendly on Wednesday.

"I think I'm better now because my ob is the kind of job where experience means a lot," explained the Portuguese.

"Especially like in my case after my period with Chelsea I went around Europe, I had two years in Italy, three years in Spain, so I have more football culture than before.

"I have more experience than before so think I'm in a better condition now than before. Because I think my job is about that, it's about learning experiences."

Mourinho, 50, is a good bet to return the Premier League trophy to Chelsea after winning back-to-back titles as well as two League Cups and the FA Cup during his first stint from 2004 to 2007.

At Inter Milan, he achieved the

Italian treble of the Champions

League, Serie A and the Coppa Italia in

Angelow to

Michael Angelow, the man

who made cricket history

when he became Britain's

running through Lord's, is

planning a shock return to

the ground but has turned

down the Duckworth-Lewis

Method request for a repeat

Independent, Angelow is a

now and has lived a life of

fully-clothed anonymity for

The report said that on 4

62-year-old grandfather

38 years, living life as a

August 1975, the fourth

in Lord's was disrupted

day's play of the Ashes Test

when Merchant Navy cook

Michael Angelow shed his

clothes and made a dash

raising his fist in triumph

at the Nursery End, before

being led away by police.

across the playing area,

vaulting the bails, and

Merchant Navy cook.

According to the

first sporting streaker by

return to

Lord's!

ANI, London

performance.

2010 during another trophy-laden spell, and he also won La Liga during a more mixed time with Real Madrid.

lasting legacy at Chelsea and emulate club." his achievement at both Porto and Inter of winning the Champions League for the first time with the Blues.

Mourinho's visit to Thailand nearly began in embarrassing fashion when, after performing a Thai bow for waiting media, he tripped on the steps to the press conference dais and almost



JOSE MOURINHO

crashed onto the stage.

But he quickly recovered his poise to speak about his enthusiasm for young signings Marco van Ginkel --"one of the best prospects in European football" -- and Andre Schurrle, as well as veteran goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer.

Mourinho, who brashly announced himself as "the Special One" when he first arrived at Chelsea but now prefers "the Happy One", admitted he would not be smiling when the team loses for the first time.

"Until the first defeat I'm very happy. When the first defeat comes I'm the

same," he said. "I'm very sad when my team doesn't win. But it's up to them to help me and to support me and try to Now Mourinho is hoping to build a get a good result every match for our

> Wednesday, when Chelsea take on the Singha All-Stars XI in Bangkok, a city plastered with giant images of their stars and where fans have turned out in force to greet them.

> notions that Chelsea held the edge over English champions Manchester United and Manchester City, who also have new managers, owing to their familiarity with Mourinho.

"I think all the teams you mentioned have great teams, they have kept their players together, they improved by buying some players," he said, in

"Although they have new managers the teams are the same, so they can have a new motivation under the new manager and they can be more dangerous. It's difficult to predict."

Mourinho left Chelsea after an the ensuing six seasons.

no problems with Russian billionaire Abramovich, spoke convincingly about his passion for the club which he believes is shared by the veteran Cech and his other players.

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Isner, Hewitt reach semis

AFP, Newport



Two-time defending champion John Isner and last year's runner-up Lleyton Hewitt booked a semifinal showdown at the ATP Hall of Fame Tennis Championships on Friday.

Isner defeated Croatian Ivo Karlovic in a match in which the two towering players combined for 37 aces. America's Isner fired 23 of those en route to a 7-6,

(7/3), 7-6 (7/3) victory on the grass courts at the International Tennis Hall of Fame. "I said the other day that this match would come

were in the tiebreak," Isner said of a contest in which neither player dropped serve. "I felt like I got a lot of good returns back and he came up with some good volleys. I made some good shots when

down to a few points here and there, and those few points

needed to," Isner said. Isner next faces Hewitt, the Aussie veteran out to avenge his defeat in last year's final. Hewitt, the fourth seed, defeated Czech qualifier Jan

Hernych 6-7(3/7), 6-4, 6-2 in exactly two hours. Hewitt has won three of four career encounters with Isner, including an upset at the Indian Wells hardcourt Masters in March.

In Saturday's other semifinal, 35-year-old American Michael Russell will face 2007 Newport runner-up Nicolas

Mahut of France.

Russell will be trying to reach his first career ATP final.

A bad ad INTERNET

German public broadcaster ZDF has drawn the ire of viewers and members of their national team for an ad promoting coverage of the women's Euro 2013 tournament. The spot depicts a female footballer kicking a dirty ball into a washing machine, setting it to "leather" and then sitting on top of it while she waits for the cycle to finish.

video as being sexist and chauvinistic for its odd combination of women's football and washing machines. The German squad isn't very fond of it either Midfielder Fatmire Bajramaj, who was voted

world player of the year in

2010, said it had not gone

Viewers have labelled the

Germany squad. "The advert was not a good idea," said the 25year-old to the Telegraph.

down well within the

have something to do with women's football, not with a washing machine.

"You'd like the advert to

"They should change things for the next advert."

The first loss is unlikely to come on

But goalkeeper Petr Cech dismissed

answer to a question.

apparent breakdown with owner Roman Abramovich, and seven managers -- Avram Grant, Luiz Felipe Scolari, Guus Hiddink, Carlo Ancelotti, Andre Villas-Boas, Roberto Di Matteo and Rafael Benitez -- have come and gone in

But Mourinho, who says he now has