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Tight security for Sri Lankan cricketers

Kanpur, Nov 11 (PTI) - A heavy security blanket is being provided to the city hotel where players of the India and Sri Lanka cricket teams will stay during the second Test match, starting November 16.

The hotel will not accommodate any outsider after both the team arrive here on November 21 and instructions have been given to other hotels in the vicinity to not rent a room to any susceptible person.

A hotel official said 36 CCTV cameras have been installed to keep a vigil on each and every corner of the hotel.

Even the hotel staff has been told not to bring any guest to the hotel during the stay of the cricket teams.

Sailors down Airmen at cricket

Dilan Chandima scored 57 runs and took two wickets to guide Sri Lanka Navy to a 32 runs win against Sri Lanka Air Force in a Defense Services Tournament match that was decided on the Duckworth Lewis System at the Air Force Headquarters Grounds yesterday.

Navy won the toss and decided to bat first, following a delayed start to the game, and scored 239 for eight wickets. In reply Air Force were 160 for 7 when bad light stopped play prematurely.

The final of the tournament will be worked off on November 22 at Welisara

SL Navy 239/8 in 46 Overs (Dilan Chandima 57, Udara Jayasundara 20, Vindika Chandrasiri 49, Supun Lilaratne 33; P. Wanasinghe 3/32, R. Perera 2/44, A. Ridigammanagedara 2/32)

SL Air Force 160/7 in 34.1 Overs (P. Wanasinghe 25, A. Ridigammanagedara 28, C. Gamage 37; S. Chamika 3/26, Dilan Chandima 2/21, Vindika Chandrasiri 1/34).

Enke dead

FRANKFURT (AP) - Robert Enke, the Hannover and Germany goalkeeper, died Tuesday after being hit by a train, according to police. He was 32. Police said they suspect suicide.

Tamil Union to the fore

Premier LO Cricket

by Revata S. Silva

Tamil Union bundled out Bloomfield for 98 runs in under 21 overs to record a massive 98-run win and topped the points table in the ongoing Premier One-day Tournament on Wednesday (11). The match was held at P. Sara Stadium in Colombo.

There were three other matches held on Wednesday that saw the 11th round of this SLC-organised tournament unfolding. Chilaw Marians SC and Colts CC are in the second and third places respectively in the current points table. The tournament will reach its climax with the final, to be staged on Nov. 25.

Brief Scores:

Tamil Union bt Bloomfield by 98 runs P. Sara
Tamil Union 196 for 8 wickets in 34 ovs (Kanchana Gunawardene 51, Gihan Rupasinghe 50)
Bloomfield (won the toss) 98 all out in 20.2 ovs (Suranga Lakmal 3-22)

CCC bt SL Army SC 56 runs at CCC
CCC (toss) 166 for 7 wickets in 50 ovs (Amila Weththasinghe 60)
SL Army SC 110 all out in 34.3 ovs (Nuwan Perera 3-14)

NCC bt Saracens SC by 8 wickets at NCC
Saracens SC (toss) 94 all out in 25.1 ovs (Roshan Illeperuma 3-24)
NCC 97 for 2 wickets in 17 ovs

SSC bt Badureliya SC by 42 runs (D/L Method) at SSC
SSC 201 for 8 wickets in 201 ovs (Janudika Sriyapala 62 n.o.; Amila Prasad 4-42)

Badureliya SC (toss) (target 179 in 38.2 ovs) 136 for 8 wickets in 38.2 ovs (Tillakaratne Sampath 53; Sachithra Senanayake 4-20).

Yousuf replaces Younis as Pakistan Test captain

ISLAMABAD (AP) - Middle-order batsman Mohammad Yousuf replaced Younis Khan as Pakistan captain for the Test series against New Zealand, the Pakistan Cricket Board said Wednesday. "Younis Khan has requested a break from international cricket and hence will skip Test series against New Zealand," the PCB said. "Yousuf has been named captain and (wicketkeeper) Kamran Akmal as his deputy."

After rejecting his resignation last month, the PCB appointed Younis as captain through the 2011 World Cup, provided he remains fit and in form.

Pakistan lost a limited-overs series to New Zealand 2-1 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on Monday, sparking criticism of Younis before the

three-Test series begins in New Zealand later this month.

Former Test cricketers had questioned Younis' leadership qualities as Pakistan surprisingly left out Yousuf from the series decider against New Zealand in Abu Dhabi.

Younis himself could score only 0, 19 and 3 in the three innings as Pakistan batsmen struggled on placid wickets of Sheikh Zayed Stadium.

There were also reports of rift between Younis and some of the senior players soon after Pakistan lost in the semifinals of the Champions Trophy - also against New Zealand - last month.

Shahid Afridi, Younis' deputy in one-dayers, had said few players had problems with Younis and he had informed both PCB chairman Ijaz Butt and Younis about this.



Mohammad Yousuf

Younis replaced Shoaib Malik as captain after Pakistan lost the one-day series against Sri Lanka at home earlier this year.

He responded with a triple century in his first Test as regular Pakistan skipper in Karachi before the Sri Lankan team had to cut short its visit when gunmen attacked the team bus in Lahore on the third day of the second test on March 3.

Under Younis' leadership, Pakistan lost the one-day series against Australia in the United Arab Emirates and also lost both limited overs and Test series in Sri Lanka.

However, Younis successfully led Pakistan to victory in the Twenty20 World Cup before he quit the shortest format of the game and Afridi was named captain for T20.

Former test skipper

Inzamam-ul-Haq, who had also criticized Younis for the defeat against New Zealand, said it was PCB's good decision to make Yousuf the captain.

"If Younis feels he needs rest he should be given an opportunity," Inzamam told Express television.

The 35-year-old Yousuf had previously led Pakistan in three Test matches. Under his captaincy, Pakistan beat South Africa at home by eight wickets in 2003 before losing both test matches to Australia - in Melbourne in 2004 and in Sydney in 2005.

In 2006, Yousuf scored nine Test centuries in a year and broke Viv Richards' world record of most Test runs in a year by making 1,788 runs. He has scored 7,023 runs in 82 Test matches at an impressive average of 54.86 with 24 centuries.

Big boost for Carlton Sevens



Namal Rajapaksa President Tharunayata Hetak (Left) receives the sponsorship documents for the Carlton Sevens rugby tournament from Jithendra S. Guneratne President Consumer Foods Group John Keels Holdings at a press conference held in connection with the upcoming tournament at the Cinnamon Grand, in Colombo on Tuesday. (Pic by Jude Denzil Pathiraja)

Cricket Legend Sir Ian Botham to return to Galle

The hero of English cricket in 1980s, Sir Ian Terrance Botham will return to Galle next month ahead of the fifth anniversary of the tsunami disaster which tragically devastated many parts of Sri Lanka on the 26th of December 2004.

Sir Ian visited Galle shortly after the tsunami struck to see for himself the damage and to gauge what the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation could do to help.

As a result of his visit, Laureus provided support to the Foundation of Goodness to estab-

lish the Sport for Life project which has been helping to rebuild community spirit in the villages in the area.

The Foundation of Goodness was founded by former cricketer and philanthropist Kushil Gunasekara and Sri Lankan cricket stars Muttiah Muralitharan and Chaminda Vaas are promoters of the charity.

During his visit, Sir Ian will see what changes have been made in the five years since the tsunami struck and the progress being made with the help of the project.



A little girl from the Foundation of Goodness in Seenigama greets Sir Ian Botham on his first visit to the village after the tsunami disaster. Sir Ian will visit the village again in December.

Washed out

MUMBAI, India (AP) -

The seventh and final one-day international between India and Australia was called off without a ball being bowled Wednesday because of a water-logged ground following heavy rain from a cyclone.

Cyclone Phyan had subsided over Mumbai but the umpires decided no play was possible after conducting two inspections of D.Y. Patil Stadium.

Australia clinched the series 4-2 to repeat its 2007 winning performance in its last ODI series in India. This series had several close matches, including two that the Australians won in the final over.

Despite losing five players to injury during the series, Australia also avenged its loss to India in last year's tri-series at home.

Dilshan sprains ankle during practice

As rain washes off first day's play of warm-up game

Tour to India didn't start on a very good note for the Sri Lankan team. First, rain gods snatched away from them their only chance to get some match practice before embarking on an important series and then their batting received a setback as their dashing opening batsman Tillakaratne Dilshan sprained his ankle during practice.

After the first day of Sri Lanka's three-day practice match against the Board President's XI was washed off due to continual rains in Mumbai, the visitors practiced in the indoor nets at the Bandra Kurla complex cricket ground. It was during this practice that Dilshan twisted his ankle and was rushed to the Hinduja hospital for an x-ray.

However, on his return, the aggressive batsman said there was nothing serious about his injury and he is more than hopeful to play in the first Test starting on 16th November.

"It's just a sprain, there is nothing to worry about. I've



Dilshan

been asked to rest for 3-4 days after which I should be totally fit," Dilshan said.

Though he was limping, the Dilshan was fit enough to referee a football game that his teammates played after practice.

Defence Services cager tourney SL Army sink SL Navy

by Manjula D. Phillips

SL Army, led by Gayan Buddhika made a strong comeback when they outclassed SL Navy in the second match of the Defence Services Basketball tournament, 90-73 on Monday at Police Park Grounds. At half time, SL Army were slightly ahead (44-41).

Meanwhile, defending champions, Sri Lanka Air Force posted a 75-67 victory over Sri Lanka Army in the opening match of the championship which got underway at Police Park Grounds the previous Wednesday.

Rasanga Dahanayake and Gayan Buddhika top scored

with 16 and 12 points respectively for SL Army while S. Bandara was the top scorer for SL Navy with 23 points.

It was a do or die game for SL Army who managed to stay afloat by beating SL Navy in the second match of the tournament.

SL Navy will meet SL Air Force in the final first round match at Police Park today.

The three Defence Services teams - SL Army, SL Navy and SL Air Force are competing in the tournament.

The top two teams at the end of the first round, qualify for the final.

The tournament is organized by the Sri Lanka Army.

Under-19 Cricket

Last wicket pair helps Joes

The last wicket pair of Ramesh Withanarachchi and Hemantha Jayasundara put on a fighting 84 run partnership for St. Joseph's College to score a first innings victory over Thurstan College in their Inter School Under-19 match which ended at Darley Road yesterday.

After being 122 for nine at one stage the unbeaten partnership helped Joes post 206 for 9

declared in reply to Thurstan's 182 runs. Withanarachchi scored an unbeaten 57 runs.

In their second essay Thurstan were 97 for four wickets at close.

Scores: Thurstan 182 all out in 71.3 overs (Shihan Kamileen 109, Prabodha Arthavidu 21; Dinal Dhambarage 2/49, Chathuranga Kumara 2/30, Roscoe Thattil

5/51) and 97 for 4 at close in 29.3 overs (Shihan Kamileen 29n.o., Javid Siyambalapatiya 21n.o.; Roscoe Thattil 2/32)

St. Joseph's 17 for 1 overnight 206 for 9 decl in 77 overs (Enrico Silva 24, Jaan Jayasinghe 27, Ramesh Withanarachchi 57n.o., Hemantha Jayasundara 25n.o.; Shihan Kamileen 3/71, Thisura Madurapperuma 2/23) (RF)

