



## Kallis leads SA to beat India



Jacques Kallis in action during the Future Cup one day international match between India and South Africa at the Civil Service Cricket Ground in Belfast on Tuesday

An impeccable unbeaten 91 from Jacques Kallis helped South Africa overcome some spin jitters, scrapping home to a 4-wicket win in the opening game of the Future Cup on a breezy day at Belfast. Building on a good performance from his bowlers, Kallis led his side, paced the chase neatly to steer them home with three balls to spare on Tuesday.

India, missing three of their main players to illness, lacked a fifth-bowling option after their spinners had brought them into the contest. A 158-

run stand between Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid had boosted them to a respectable 242 but lack of bowling options, with Sreesanth and Ajit Agarkar indisposed, cost them in the end. Piyush Chawla produced three openings with an impressive spell of wrist-spin.

Chasing 242, South Africa needed some partnerships going and the openers, AB de Villiers and Morne van Wyk, set the ball rolling with a 56-run stand. India's new-ball bowlers struggled with their direction. However with Chawla in charge,

van Wyk and Gibbs were sent back soon. JP Duminy, who began his innings in a busy fashion, was tempted by a loopy one from offspinner Ramesh Powar, holing out to deep square leg and India were back in the game.

Kallis surveyed the mini-wreckage and set about rebuilding with customary efficiency. There's nothing that ruffles him and he made sure he was there till the end, urging the lower order on.

Earlier in the Indian innings, Tendulkar and Dravid overcame a two-

paced pitch and a threatening pace attack to keep India afloat but South Africa's bowlers ensured that there were no final-over heroics. By keeping India to 242 with some tight bowling towards the end. Tendulkar's, though, was a fighting knock. Never before in his 137 Tests and 385 one-dayers has Tendulkar fallen for 99.

Dravid proved the ideal partner, unhurried and confident. He too scored a bulk of his runs behind the wicket, as many as 54 of them, and made the most of the bowlers spraying it either side of the stumps.

**(Brief scores - South Africa 245 for 6 (Kallis 91\*) beat India 242 for 8 (Tendulkar 99, Dravid 74) by 4 wickets)**

### India wins by 9 wickets against Ireland

In an earlier One day game against visiting Indian team, the hosts Ireland lost the match to the visitors by nine wickets after rain disruptions forced a decision by D/L method. While the hosts scored 193 runs with Niall O'Brien's half century being the only effort to shine, India lost only Tendulkar. Gautam Gambhir and Ganguly - both remained unbeaten, as India reached to 173 for 1 wicket.

## Prince Charles to attend India - Pak charity cricket match

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales - who is known as The Prince Charles, Duke of Rothesay in Scotland - will attend a special One Day International cricket match between India and Pakistan on Tuesday 3rd July in Glasgow.

The match, which was the Prince's idea, aims to underline the strong ties of friendship between the two countries as well as raising funds for charitable initiatives.

Organised by the British Asian Trust and sponsored by the Future Group, The Future Friendship Cup will be played at Citylets Titwood, Beaton Road, Glasgow and will raise money for charitable work in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka as well as in the United Kingdom.

This match is a unique opportunity for cricket fans who live in and around Glasgow which has never before hosted a One Day International. Tickets are available for the India and the Pakistan supporter sections of the ground from [www.ticketmaster.co.uk](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk). The ticket price is £44.

The original idea behind the Future Friendship Cup came

from HRH The Prince of Wales, who hopes that the match will serve to mark the 60th Anniversary of Indian and Pakistan's Independence and help to foster on-going relations between the UK and South Asia.

The British Asian Trust, a new subsidiary of the Prince's Charities Foundation, will distribute the proceeds of the match to community and sustainable development projects.

Manoj Badale, Chair of the British Asian Trust said, "We're delighted that so many people will be able to attend a really exciting day of cricket, a one off event which I hope people will enjoy and remember for years to come. It's a very unique opportunity for all those involved."

"I think this is a fitting occasion to mark the 60th Anniversary of India and Pakistan's Independence and those who have been lucky enough to secure tickets through the ballot, those watching the match live on television, will be supporting us to help to foster on-going relations, community cohesion projects and sustainable development in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka."

## CRY Cadence Corporate Cricket Challenge is on

India's leading charity Child Rights and You UK (CRY UK) is bringing the subcontinent's most popular sport to England this summer in a major charitable programme.

16 top corporate firms from IT and finance sector are participating in the tournament; they are Dresdner Kleinwort, Covansys, Infotech, NIIT, iGate, iFlex Solutions, Infosys, HCL, Pricewaterhouse Coopers, Morgan Stanley, Wipro, TCS, Lehman Brothers, ICICI Bank, Satyam Computers and London Business School.

The tournament gets underway on Saturday, June 23rd and will be played on consecutive Saturdays with the final on 14th July at Regent's Park in London. The first day of the tournament this Saturday saw 9 teams performing at their best in favourable weather conditions. The CRY Cadence Corporate Cricket Challenge is an initiative of CRY UK, which raises funds for its work with children in Britain and India. Candence is an established IT company with revenue of over £1billion and offices around the world.

## Morgan, Pawar to share ICC top job

David Morgan, the chairman of the England & Wales Cricket Board, is set to be named as the next president of the ICC, and will take over from Ray Mali, the South African acting president next year.

According to the BBC, a deal has been struck between the two leading candidates for the job, Morgan and Sharad Pawar, the president of the BCCI, who met in private this week in a bid to overcome the impasse that was created after an ICC governance committee cast equal votes for the two candidates earlier this year. There had been some speculation that the job could have been



decided on the toss of a coin, but instead both candidates will become vice-presidents, in effect presidents elect. Morgan will take the helm next year for a two-year tenure, with Pawar succeeding him in 2010 - in time to take con-

rol of the 2011 World Cup in the Indian subcontinent.

The ICC executive committee is currently in London for a series of meetings ahead of the annual conference at Lord's on Friday. Mali will take the chair left vacant by the untimely death in May of his predecessor, Percy Sonn, but the news of an agreement between Morgan and Pawar is a welcome development at the end of an unsettled period for the organisation.

Morgan, 69, has been the chairman of the ECB since January 2003, and prior to that was at the helm of Glamorgan County Cricket Club.

## Four umpires, referee banned

The International Cricket Council has delivered a harsh punishment on the five match officials whose combined errors caused the World Cup final in Barbados to be completed amid farcical scenes of near-darkness.

The two onfield umpires, Steve Bucknor and Aleem Dar; the reserve umpires Rudi Koertzen and Billy Bowden, and the match referee, Jeff Crowe, have all been suspended for the duration of the next ICC event, the Twenty20 World Championship in South Africa in September.

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