

VVS Laxman demands developing quality coaches in India

MUMBAI, Nov 29 /-/- Lamenting the lack of recognition to former VVS Laxman on Wednesday said that the Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) has urged the BCCI to shift its focus from infrastructure to developing a quality pool of coaches.

We never ever gave importance to Dush Prem Azad, who identified and nurtured Kapil Dev till he played for Haryana. After that once you play at the highest level or you play first class cricket, you become mature," Laxman, who is a part of three-member CAC that also includes Sachin Tendulkar and Sourav Ganguly, said. Stressing that mentors are more important in a player's career than infrastructure, Laxman cited the example of Tendulkar's coach Ramakant Achrekar, saying that the iconic batsman was developed by his coach and not at the Wankar Park, the ground where he practised. "I believe that more than infrastructure, a lot of importance should be given to development of coaches and that is something, which we have recommended to the BCCI also," the 43-year-old said while ad-

ressing the inaugural session of the CII - Sports Summit 2017 in suburban Andheri here. Laxman said that he was fortunate that his maternal uncle identified talent in him when he was young. "My uncle was my mentor. My maternal uncle identified the spark, talent in me and convinced my parents that I got a good chance of playing at the highest level. How many kids have access or an opportunity of having such a guide. I was very fortunate that I had wonderful coaches in the academy where I went to," Laxman, always remembered for his unbeaten 281 against Australia in Kolkata in 2001, said. "All the players who you talk to, who have achieved excellence they will tell that there was a mentor or a coach, who was like an elder brother or a father. Sachin was not because of Shivaji Park (a ground in Dadar). Sachin was because of Achrekar. The important message there is to invest money in developing those quality coaches," the stylish batsman explained. The cricketer said that the BCCI must realise the fact that parents in India are still not open about their kids taking up sports as a career option.

Spain's La Liga aims to close income gap with Premier League

BRUSSELS, Nov 29 /-/- La Liga, which runs the top two divisions of Spanish soccer, believes it can close the gap in revenues between it and the English Premier League in the next 10 years with ambitious plans to expand its international audience. Javier Tebas, La Liga's president, said the Premier League earned about 40 percent more than the Spanish league, which draws in some 1.7 billion euros (\$2 billion) a year in television rights. "I have no doubt that within 10 years we will practically be equal to the Premier League or at least within 10 percent," he said at the opening of a La Liga office in Brussels. The main difference for now was that the British market itself was bigger than the Spanish one. "On an international level there is less of a difference, but that's our main objective - to get close to the Premier League," Tebas said late on Tuesday. La Liga, which already dominates in Latin America, has now set its

sights on gaining ground in key markets China, India and the United States, with another eye focused on Africa. In the past four years, it has set up offices in Shanghai, Delhi, New York, Johannesburg and Dubai and had representatives in over 40 countries. It has also changed the times of fixtures, so that one match was played earlier to catch viewers in Asia and another on Sunday for an audience in the Americas. Tebas said La Liga's biggest advantage relative to the Premier League was the quality of its clubs and players. Barcelona's Lionel Messi and Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo had won the Ballon d'Or for world's best player for the past nine years, with Atletico Madrid also in the final. Tebas said La Liga would address its market, if European governing body UEFA did not take measures by the end of 2017. Tebas said La Liga would address its market, if European governing body UEFA did not take measures by the end of 2017. Tebas said La Liga would address its market, if European governing body UEFA did not take measures by the end of 2017. Tebas said La Liga would address its market, if European governing body UEFA did not take measures by the end of 2017.

Bale returns as Real Madrid progress in Copa del Rey

MADRID, Nov 29 /-/- Gareth Bale provided a vital assist on his return from two months out with injury as Real Madrid advanced to the last 16 of the Copa del Rey on Tuesday.

The Welsh forward delivered a sensational cross for the first of Borja Mayoral's two goals in a 2-2 draw with third-tier Fuenlabrada at the Santiago Bernabeu, as Zinedine Zidane's team won 4-2 on aggregate.

Fuenlabrada, trailing 2-0 from the first leg, threatened to cause a famous upset when Luis Milla fired them ahead on the night in the first half, but Mayoral struck twice following Bale's introduction on the hour. Alvaro Portilla levelled late on for the visitors but Real took their revenge in the next round alongside Celso Vieg, Levante and Leganes, while La Liga strugglers Malaga crashed out following a 3-2 aggregate loss to second-division Numancia.

Competition Commission slaps Rs 52 crore penalty on BCCI

NEW DELHI, Nov 29 /-/- The Competition Commission of India on Wednesday imposed a fine of Rs 52.24 crore on the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) for anti-competitive practices with respect to IPL media rights. Earlier in 2013 also, the watchdog had penalised the cricket board.

In its 44-page order, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) said the penalty of Rs 52.24 crore comes to nearly 4.48 per cent of the average of the BCCI's relevant turnover during the last three financial years. The average turnover of Rs 1,164.7 crore is for three financial years - 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16. "The assessment of the Commission clearly brings out that the impugned clause in the IPL (Indian Premier League) Media Rights Agreement has been pursued by BCCI consciously to protect the commercial interest of the bidders of broadcasting rights as well as the economic interest of BCCI," it said. In February 2013, the watchdog had slapped a fine of Rs 52.24 crore on the BCCI. Although at present, the average of the relevant turnover is slightly higher than the one which was considered by the CCI while passing the order in February 2013, the regulator said it prefers to maintain the penalty amount.

Putin takes fight to hooligans ahead of World Cup

MOSCOW, NOV 29 /-/- Andrei and his fellow Russian football hooligans flew to France for the Euro 2016 tournament in order to give England's supporters a good kicking before the World Cup.

It was like winning against Brazil in football," Andrei told AFP of the orchestrated violence. "It was our last chance to show ourselves before the World Cup because we knew Putin would crack down hard to make sure nothing like that happens in Russia," he added, speaking on condition that his last name is withheld for his personal safety. The headline-grabbing brawl in the southern French city of Marseille in June 2016 were bloody. The clashes on the streets of the touristy old port neighbourhood left 35 people - mainly English fans - injured, a handful of them seriously. There were more ugly scenes when nearly 200 Russians rushed the English supporters' section during their team's 1-1 draw at the Stade Velodrome. It was the worst violence in the history of international football since the 1998 World Cup, also held in France. The Russian hatred for the English stemmed in part from their bitter 2010 battle for the right to host next year's edition of the global competition. England's high hopes were crushed by Russia. The World Cup draw will be held in the State Kremlin Palace on Friday and once the groups fall into place, there is nothing preventing the Russians from facing each other again on the pitch. But the fighting was also driven by the Russians' desire to take the crown of the world's toughest thugs away from the Eng-

lish, traditionally seen as the original football hooligans. Those guys were kings in the 1990s since President Vladimir Putin came to power, the English behaved very provocatively, but they had become soft by that point. And the Russians came down to Marseille specifically to show the English who we were. Russian hooliganism has its national character and even its own name: "Near-football". The rivalries are most intense between Moscow and the poorer provinces as well as teams with the Russian capital who are either associated with various branches of the armed forces, or not. They also seem to have few national boundaries. At least one Spartak Moscow hooligan was detained in Bulgaria on Sunday after sparking what the Russian underworld said was a pre-arranged fight that spilled over onto the pitch during a match involving Sofia's army-backed CSKA squad. Yet the past few years have seen the problem all but vanish from public view in Russia itself as the World Cup, along with the international stadiums, are now almost unheard of and any fights that do occur are staged in distant fields and forests. Those who follow near-football are mostly Russian hooligans knew Marseille well during their last hurrah before the screws were tightened on them even further. "The fight against near-football hooliganism began in earnest about 5-10 years ago, when it was at its peak," said veteran Russian sport reporter Andrei Malosolov. Malosolov's Fanzone TV programme

about fans and football has been chronicling Russia's battle against organised football fights since President Vladimir Putin came to power nearly 18 years ago. "In recent years, this work has intensified, and of course it is directly linked to the World Cup. The Russian government's official plan is to force both foreign and domestic supporters to undergo background checks before receiving a special Fan ID card required to purchase match tickets. A government source in Moscow said Russian law enforcement agencies were working with their counterparts from England and other countries to determine which fans were safe.

The source added that the final decision about who gets to attend World Cup matches will be taken by the Russian security services. But Russia's real battle against near-football groups began with raids on wrestling and martial arts clubs where many of the Marseille participants trained. Andrei said the authorities had succeeded in identifying and taking measures against hooligans. "We called it the Russian club. Today, at least 10 top people from each of the big 'near-football' groups is under house arrest," he said. "Guys try to leave town during matches to avoid getting into trouble. He also stressed that Russian hooligans were just young men "who like to fight" to prove their manhood and were apolitical by nature. "Imagine the people being led to the army where they become men," said Andrei. "Football hooliganism is the same thing. (AFP)

All-women crew sailboat of Indian Navy reaches New Zealand

NEW DELHI, NOV 29 /-/- An Indian Navy sailboat, which is on an expedition to circumnavigate the globe with an all-women crew, today reached New Zealand's Lyttelton port, the Navy said.

The six crew on the Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini, led by Lieutenant Commander Vartika Joshi, started their maiden voyage from Goa in March and are expected to complete it in about eight months. The expedition is being covered in five legs, with stops at Perth, Fremantle, Hobart, Australia, Lyttelton (New Zealand), Port Stanley (Falklands), and Cape Town (South Africa). Presently, Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) has covered two of the five legs of the

voyage, with the first port halt at Fremantle (Australia) in October and Cape Town in November. The vessel, which posted the update of INSV Tarini reaching Lyttelton, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted. "The lightest and the swiftest #INSVTarini continues their mission with unmatched determination." This is the first-ever Indian expedition to circumnavigate the globe with an all-women crew. The vessel is skippered by Joshi, and the crew comprises Lieutenant Commander Vartika Joshi, Lieutenant S. Vijaya Devi, B. Aishwarya and Payal Gupta. Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had flagged off INSV Tarini from Goa. The vessel has so far covered

7,800 nautical miles from Goa, crossing the Equator on September 25 and Cape Town on November 25. INSV Tarini would return to Goa in April 2018, on completion of the voyage. "The indigenously-built INSV Tarini is a 36-metre sailboat, which was inducted in the Indian Navy earlier this year, and showcases the 'Make in India' initiative of the international globe tour," an official statement said. The crew has also been collating and updating meteorological, ocean and wave data on a regular basis for accuracy. The forecast by India Meteorological Department (IMD), as also monitoring marine pollution on the high seas. The vessel is likely to depart Lyttelton on December 12. (PTI)

McLaren says Russia risks worse doping sanctions

EINDHOVEN, NOV 29 /-/- Richard McLaren, who produced two reports on Russian sports doping, said that the International Olympic Committee (IOC) should consider heavier punishment with its continued denials of state involvement.

McLaren, who is a Canadian lawyer who headed a commission on behalf of the World Anti-Doping Agency. McLaren's comments came in the wake of the Russian inquiry repeated the allegation against the former head of the Moscow doping lab, Grigory Rodchenko, who turned whistleblower after fleeing to the United States. The Canadian lawyer said that Rodchenko had himself distributed drugs to athletes and manipulated test results. McLaren said that Rodchenko would help refute suggestions that the Russian state was involved in the doping. McLaren said he thought Rodchenko would not

want to risk being expelled from the United States. "In the position he's in, I think that it would be extremely difficult for him to express his opinion," McLaren said in his two reports. McLaren shone a light on a system that implicated Russian athletes and officials. He found that, between 2008 and 2014, the IOC carried out the switching of test samples in the Winter Games at Sochi in 2014. McLaren said that the IOC has stripped 11 of the 33 medals Russia won at Sochi. The IOC executive is expected to decide whether Russia will be allowed to participate at

Pyeongchang in February. On the question of Russian attacks on his report, McLaren said: "The more you continue to express your doubts about the kinds of statements of denial, the more you build the case for a stronger sanction." Russian President Vladimir Putin suggested in October that the Russian athletes who were expelled by the United States to interfere with the Russian presidential election next year. McLaren's reports were published in July and December 2016, said that "the work was done more than a year ago. There's just no credibility with that. (AFP)

Chapecoense remembers fatal crash one year on

SAO PAULO, Nov 29 /-/- Grieving fans of Chapecoense football club held a candlelit vigil at their stadium in the southern Brazilian city of Chapeco one year after the team's plane crashed into a hillside in Colombia, killing most of the players on board.

Hundreds of supporters in Chapeco gathered together for a candlelit vigil at 1:15 am, the exact moment the accident occurred on Nov. 29 last year. The plane crashed as it approached Medellin, killing 71 of the 77 people on board, including all but three of the Chapecoense squad.

The club were on their way to the biggest game in their history, a Copa Sudamericana final against Atletico Nacional. The match was cancelled and South American football's governing body awarded the title to the Brazilian club. The team, now known around the world as "Chape", eschewed any major events on the anniversary, telling fans they were opting to spend the day "reflecting and seeking peace." "I know - and I agree - that our eternal champions deserve all the

tributes available to them but on this day especially we have to have respect," the club wrote in an open letter. "Respect for those who remain and respect for those memories." In one of the few events planned, the club was to open the stadium to fans free as a new tunnel decorated with 48 two-meter high photos of players and staff who perished from the side's history. It also created a special website, an online condolence book, where fans can leave messages of support. Chapecoense survived the difficult year by signing a whole new squad of players, most of them experienced journeyman. They won the Santa Catarina state championship in May and briefly led the Brazilian first division a few weeks later before falling down the table. They fired with the relegation zone and used three different coaches over the course of the year but a 2-1 victory over Victoria on Nov 17 ensured they will retain their top-flight status. The club turned down the chance of immunity from relegation to the second division and instead opted to remain in the top flight. The club's president said that the club would not take them into next year's Copa Libertadores, the South American version of the Champions League.

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Green signal for Batra's candidature after IOA SGM's decision

NEW DELHI, Nov 29 /-/- The prospect of Narinder Batra's election as the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) chief brightened on Wednesday after the General Body's interpretation of an article of its constitution, which will allow him to contest for the top job post. The highest decision making body of the IOA, in its special meeting, unanimously decided to allow office bearers and members of the Executive Council elected in 2012 and 2014 to

contest for the post of president and secretary general on the December 14 polls. The Special GBM was called to discuss and interpret Article XI (1) (c) of the IOA Constitution which states that: "... it shall be a mandatory requirement for elections to the posts of President and Secretary General that only those members, who had held the office and were members in the preceding Executive Council of the IOA, shall be eligible to contest the elections." "The General House today passed a

resolution to the effect that the office bearers and members of the Executive Council elected in 2012 and 2014 will be eligible to contest for the post of president and secretary." IOA vice-president Tarlochan Singh said after the meeting. The meeting was a brief affair and lasted just over half an hour. Incumbent president N Ramachandran, who is not seeking re-election this time, did not attend the meeting and hence senior vice-president Birendra Prasad Baishya presided over the IOA election, S K Mendiratta has already ruled that office bearers and members of the Executive Council elected in 2012 and 2014 can contest for the post of president and secretary general. The SGM has given a seal of legitimacy to Batra's candidature for the post. IOA Treasurer and Executive Council member on the condition of anonymity, hanna's eligibility for the president's post will have to be taken by the

Returning Officer and the Election Commission made up of retired Justices. The scrutiny of the nominations will be done tomorrow and we will decide whether (Khanna) is eligible or not," the senior official told PTI. Baishya, who filed nomination papers for the post of president barely minutes before the deadline yesterday, could be the next IOA Executive Council member on the condition of anonymity. hanna's eligibility for the president's post will have to be taken by the

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