

# Arthur quits Proteas

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South African cricket was shocked as Mickey Arthur put in his resignation as coach of the national team last night, this just four days before the Proteas leave for their tour to India.



It's rumoured that the relationship between Mickey Arthur and SA cricket captain Graeme Smith deteriorated rapidly due to the Proteas' last few performances if so... It seems now that Arthur has the same "bug" that got hold of Carlos Perriera, Bafana Bafana coach... "Cash in your contract"

It is believed that Arthur met with CSA chief executive Gerald Majola about his severance package on Monday (just before he resigned) after being offered R800 000 to coach England last year that's approximately double his salary.

The National Cricket Board members are still to comment on the situation, but they have appointed Corrie Van Zyl former Proteas pace bowler as caretaker. Van Zyl, 48, has previously worked as the Proteas' assistant coach and was last year appointed as coach of Cricket South Africa's (CSA) high performance centre in Pretoria.

It's said that former Proteas captain Kepler Wessels will be taking over from Van Zyl but for now the board and players aren't commenting.

Arthur and the CSA held an emergency meeting last Tuesday to discuss the state of the National Cricket team after the team's poor performance against England. The tension erupted between Smith and Arthur after Smith publicly announced Arthur's team selection as a “gamble”.

So was it Smith's comment that made Mickey Arthur resign or the fact that he was offered more money by another country?

A press conference will be held in East London on Wednesday about the state of the National team.

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