

# Kenya bring Karim back

Former Kenya cricket captain Asif Karim has been recalled from retirement to join the 15-man Kenyan squad for the 2003 World Cup.

Spinner Karim, 38, is one of two big surprises in the team named here on Tuesday by Kenya Cricket Association (KCA) vice chairman and selector Harrial Shah.

Karim and 28-year-old batsman Alpesh Vadher have not played for Kenya for over two years, as both players had retired after the 1999 World Cup in England.

The two are expected to bolster the Kenyan team, which showed a serious lack of an all-round talent during their recent tour of Zimbabwe, where they lost all their one-day international matches.

Strike bowler Jimmy Kamande, whose bowling action came under scrutiny in England in 1999, has been left out of the team, which includes three Obuya brothers.

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Steve Tikolo (captain), Maurice Odumbe, Asif Karim, Alpesh Vadher, Ravindu Shah, Hitesh Modi, Brijlal Patel, Martin Suji, Tony Suji, Thomas Odoyo, Kennedy Obuya, Joseph Angara, Peter Ongondo, David Obuya and Collins Obuya.

# NZ also want to stay out of Zim

New Zealand was working with other cricketing nations to keep this year's World Cup cricket out of Zimbabwe. Foreign Minister Phil Goff said in a statement Wednesday.

He said he has also written to New Zealand Cricket asking them to request the International Cricket Council to take the six World Cup games out of Zimbabwe.

The Commonwealth had suspended Zimbabwe from its councils because of concerns of abuses of human rights and law by President Robert Mugabe's government.

"For more than a year the government has been concerned with internal security in Zimbabwe," he added.

"I have raised the issue with the New Zealand Cricket Board because I am working closely with like-minded governments who wish to see an end to human rights abuses and a flouting of Zimbabwe law by the Mugabe regime."

"There is a collective desire that nothing should be done to give comfort to the regime or to acknowledge that what is happening in Zimbabwe is in any sense acceptable."

"Our objective in seeking support from the international cricket community to move its fixtures from Zimbabwe is to make clear to President Mugabe that the whole international community views his actions as completely unacceptable," Goff said in the statement.

# SA on

"By ensuring Zimbabwe is left out of the international cricket loop, the world would signal its utter disdain for Mugabe's unwillingness to reform and restore his country to a constitutional democracy."

The ICC sent a security and safety delegation to Zimbabwe last month and that group recommended the six scheduled Cup games could proceed.

The six matches in Zimbabwe involve the teams of Namibia, England, India, Australia, the Netherlands and Pakistan.

Ali Bacher, the South African executive director of the 2003 ICC World Cup, told the state broadcaster the cricket boards calling for the ban had no leg to stand on.

"What is happening ... is unacceptable," he said.

The cricket showpiece begins on February 8 in Cape Town. Most of the matches will be played in South Africa, but Zimbabwe will play its six group matches at home, and two matches will be played in Kenya.

# Pakistan

Batsman Faisal Iqbal could make way for Hasan Raza towards that end. Pakistan may also have to find a place for fast bowler Mohammad Zahid after Waqar was struck a painful blow on the right forearm by Ntini during the first Test.

Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Shah Iqbal Mujtaba is seen with the winners of the annual tennis and squash championships of the Bangladesh Navy at the Area Tennis Complex in Chittagong on December 31.

# SL back to winning ways

## Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

Sri Lanka can look forward to the New Year with renewed confidence after beating Australia A by five wickets in their one-day cricket match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Wednesday.

Opener Marvan Atapattu's unbeaten 101 off 137 balls guided Sri Lanka home with eight balls to spare for only their second win of the Australian tour.

After Australia A made 210 for eight off their 50 overs thanks to Ryan Campbell's 61, Sri Lanka reached 211 for five in the 49th over with Atapattu and Russel Arnold (47 not out) combining for an unbeaten 78-run stand after the visitors lost 28 for four.

Sri Lanka were cruising at 105 for one in the 27th opener before Nathan Hauritz (2-34) and Greg Blewett (1-19) applied the brakes.

When captain Sanath Jayasuriya was adjudged run out by the third umpire from Michael Clarke's throw, Sri Lanka had slumped to 133 for five.

But Atapattu found form after amassing just 56 runs in the three tri-series matches to date and played the perfect foil to the dashing Arnold.

It was Sri Lanka's second win of the tour from six matches after beating a Victorian Country XI on Sunday.

Sri Lanka had Australia A on their knees at 137 for seven in the 38th over after cashing in on some poor early batting from the home side.

Clarke (18) and Michael Hussey (seven) gave easy catches and Andrew Symonds (19) was stuck mid-pitch after a mix-up with Campbell after captain Jimmy Maher won the toss.

But Campbell (61 from 70) and Hauritz (23 not out) saved face, adding 72 off 76 balls for the eighth wicket.

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# BKSP Int'l Tennis Chinese Taipei dominate

## Sports Reporter

16 matches of boy's singles first round and three girl's first round and eight second round games of the girl's singles of the BKSP International Junior Tennis Championship 2003 was held at the BKSP Tennis Complex in Jirani yesterday.

Top boy's seed Tai-we-Liui of Chinese Taipei and top girl's seed Tingwen Wang, also of Chinese Taipei, moved into the second round after straight sets victory over their first round opponents.

Bangladesh's Amol Roy also entered second round by beating compatriot Mizan.

# WI include two rookies for WC

## AFP, St. John's

The uncapped pair of opening batsman Devon Smith and wicketkeeper Keith Hibbert were named on Tuesday among five players who will train with the West Indies team at their World Cup preparatory camp.

Promising 21-year-old left-hander Smith and 22-year-old Hibbert, as well as international caps Daren Ganga, Ryan Hinds and Daren Powell will attend the two-week camp in Antigua, starting January 12, alongside the 15-man squad already named.

"Effectively, these five players have been shortlisted by the Selection Committee in case any member of the original 15 is unable to participate in the 2003 World Cup," said Michael Hall, chief cricket operations officer of the West Indies Cricket Board.

Smith has emerged as one of the bright batting prospects in the region following two solid seasons in the West Indies first-class championship, and outings with the Young West Indies and West Indies A-Teams.

Hibbert is one of the young candidates the selectors have been eyeing to fill the role of 'keeper in the future."

West Indies, World Cup champions in 1975 and 1979, meet hosts South Africa in the opening match of the World Cup in Cape Town on February 9. The other five teams in Pool B are Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Kenya, Bangladesh and Canada.

# PCB appoints new manager for WC

## AFP, Karachi

Pakistan Tuesday appointed former senior diplomat Shaharyar Khan as manager of its cricket team for the coming World Cup, replacing Brigadier Khawaja Mohammad Nasir, who reportedly developed differences with senior players.

"We have appointed Shaharyar Khan as team manager for the World Cup," Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) acting director Zakir Khan said.

Pakistan has a history of sacking its captains, coaches and managers in controversial circumstances.

Local media said Nasir, who is with the Pakistan team currently touring South Africa, had a clash with captain Waqar Younis and also developed differences with some senior players.

"The decision has nothing to do with press reports which we believe were not correct," the PCB official said, without giving reasons behind his replacement.

Nasir took over from Yawar Saeed in September this year and was given a tenure till the World Cup, to be held in Southern Africa in February-March next year.

Former foreign secretary Khan had also served as team manager during Pakistan's tour of India in 1999-2000.

# Arif new BSJA president

## Sports Reporter

Arif Rahman Shibly of the Daily Janakantha was elected president and his colleague Mujibur Rahman general secretary of the Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA).

The ninth biennial general meeting and election of the BSJA was held at its office on Wednesday.

Following are the new BSJA office bearers:

President: Arif Rahman Shibly (Janakantha).

Vice-presidents: Khandker Manjurul Islam (Ittefaq) and Kamal Ahmed (Arthaniti).

General secretary: Mujibur Rahman (Janakantha).

Treasurer: Parvez Alam Chowdhury (Jugantor).

Members: Masud Ahmed Rumi (BSS), Aghore Mandal (Bhorer Kagoj), Al-Musabbir Sadi (Independent), Raihan Al-Mughni (Sangbad) and Manija Rahman (Janakantha).

# Serena chases Clijsters

## Tennis

AFP, Perth

World number one Serena Williams was licking her lips Wednesday at the prospect of getting even with Belgium's Kim Clijsters in a Hopman Cup clash later this week.

"There is definitely a bit of a score to settle, and I've been looking forward to this," said the American, still smarting over her defeat by the 19-year-old in the WTA Tour

Championship in Los Angeles in November.

Fourth-ranked Clijsters won in straight sets, 7-5, 6-3 -- though the muscular American from Florida leads 5-1 in head-to-heads.

"Last time we played I was so tired -- I just had no energy," Williams said, after breezing to a straight sets victory over Spain's Virginia Ruano Pascual in a Cup tie won 3-0 by the US, the tournament's top seeds.

"But she's playing great, and it's good to see her doing so well. She is

such a nice girl."

Explaining why she thought she was beaten by Clijsters the last time they met, Williams said: "It was a case of too much tennis at the end of the year. Mentally, I was shot and physically I was 'dead'."

"I just needed a break. I was playing too much. It was my first time playing that many tournaments consecutively. I never took time to have a deep breath."

"The thing is I have been playing all the matches, and everybody isn't playing as many as I am."

"But now I am feeling a lot better than I was in November. Anything from what I was then, for me, right now, is just a huge step ahead. I'm just happy that it's not LA."

Asked how she planned to play against Clijsters, Williams said: "I'm just going to go out there and have fun. It should be real fun."

Williams began the New Year in dazzling fashion, breezing to a straight sets win over Virginia Ruano Pascual, 6-3, 6-3.

Blake, ranked 28th, gave the US an unbeatable 2-nil lead when he outclassed Tommy Robredo (30th) 6-3, 6-0 in just 50 minutes.

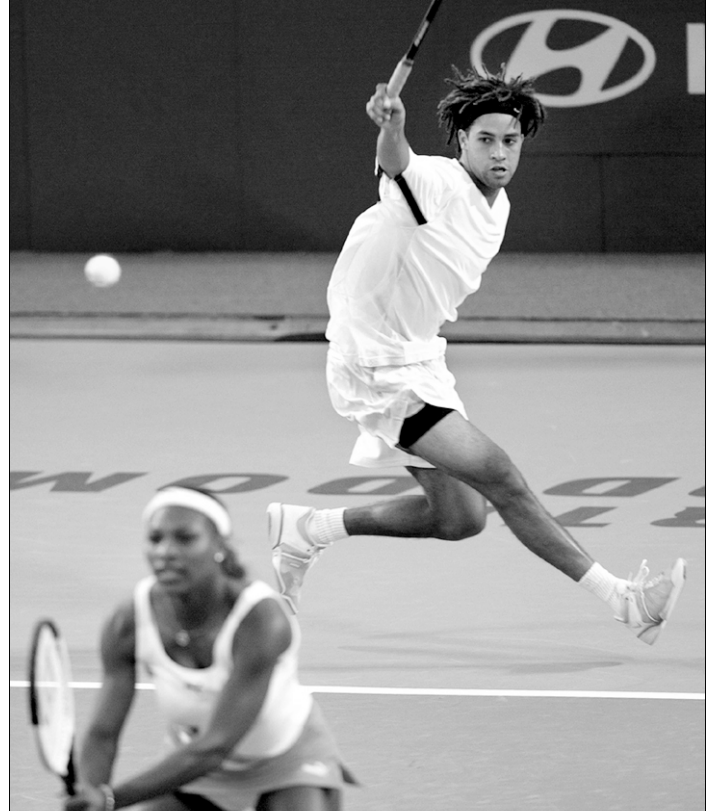
Williams, 21, needed only 61 minutes to wrap up the women's singles against her 65th-ranked opponent at Burswood Dome.

Williams and Blake then teamed up to win the mixed doubles, beating the Spaniards 6-1, 6-4.

The victory gave the US, top seeds in the mixed teams tournament, a strong chance of reaching Saturday's final of the million dollar (\$60,000 US) contest, as well as ensuring Spain -- reigning competition champions -- will not defend their title.

The US had already trounced Uzbekistan's Iroda Tulyaganova and Oleg Ogorodov 3-nil.

It was Spain's second loss in the contest -- they went down 1-2 to Belgium's Kim Clijsters and Xavier Malisse two days earlier.



American James Blake (top) plays a backhand return while compatriot Serena Williams waits during their doubles match against Spain at the Hopman Cup in Perth yesterday.

# Big win for Chittagong

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Nuruzzaman run out 22  
Anisur lbw b Ahsanullah 15  
Bidyut b Ahsanullah 3  
Mostaq not out 1  
Ripon lbw b Sabbir 10  
Aminul b Ahsanullah 52  
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Shafiuddin 18 7 37 0  
Aftab 7 3 19 1  
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Raju st Shahin b Pijush 41  
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Hasanuzzaman c & b Nadif 55  
Manzarul c Debabrotto b Arman 59  
Monirul run out 18  
Jamal st Shahin b Nadif 17  
Razzak not out 1  
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