

Fergie enforces curfew!

Football

AFP, London

Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson, reportedly fighting to save his job, has ordered his players to be back home by 9pm from David Beckham's party for son Brooklyn.

bid back on track Wednesday with a win over Leeds. So he has ordered all the United party-goers home early, ensuring there is no temptation for the adults to continue enjoying themselves once the youngsters have left.

Ferguson said a second successive year without a title was 'unthinkable'. 'I have to produce a winning team. Being at the top is a hard business. Only the very best can do it,' he said last August.

Marcelinho Picks wrong time to party

AFP, Berlin

Hertha Berlin's Brazilian midfielder Marcelinho has been slapped with a 20,000 euro (21,800 dollar) fine for celebrating the carnival here after two successive losses by his team, the club said Tuesday.

Up against 'The Wall'

ICC Cricket World Cup SOUTH AFRICA 2003

AFP, Johannesburg

India's Rahul Dravid may have been overshadowed by Sachin Tendulkar's awesome form, but he is leaving his own mark at the World Cup.

offered him the wicket-keeper's role in one-dayers to lend balance to the side, the Bangalore man jumped at the idea. 'If I kept wickets, we could either play an extra batsman or a bowler and it gave me something to do,' Dravid said.

captain, is confident the team can go far in the tournament, but stressed it would be best to take it one match at a time. 'It would be foolish to think about the final, when there are three important games to play in the Super Sixes first.'

England have only themselves to blame

AFP, Bulawayo

Zimbabwe skipper Heath Streak celebrated his team's passage into the Super Sixes on Tuesday and then said England will live to regret carrying out their costly boycott of Harare.

Nasser quits

FROM PAGE 16 'I want to captain England in the Test arena for a while yet but that's up to other people to decide.

'I am 100% dedicated to the Test side and would like to carry on as England Test captain.' Hussain said the stress of England's poor winter tour of Australia and the World Cup boycott of Zimbabwe had taken its toll.

Wessels whacks

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Monday's. He couldn't cope with the pressure, he got injured, mentally struggled and that was a massive problem. Prior to the tournament, former South Africa cricket chief Ali Bacher, now the World Cup supremo, gave late sports minister Steve Tshwete a promise that five coloured players would be included in the 15-man squad.

copy when they go out to the wicket.' Henry added that the team were understandably shell-shocked, especially as some of them had been involved in the 1999 semi-final tie against Australia, a result that also led to South Africa's exit.

Bergkamp may carry on

AFP, London

Dennis Bergkamp is ready to extend his stay at Highbury beyond the end of the season. The Arsenal striker will be 34 in May but believes he is in good enough shape to carry on playing.

WADA blasts ACB

Cricket

REUTERS, Copenhagen

Australia's cricket authorities have come under fire at an anti-doping summit in the Danish capital after banning spin bowler Shane Warne for just 12 months following a positive drugs test.

month after testing positive for a diuretic he said his mother had given him to help him slim down. Diuretics can also be used to help mask other performance-enhancing drugs.

has happened I have decided that I no longer want to put my family under even more stress. Enough is enough. In Copenhagen, Pound, a Canadian lawyer as well as IOC member and WADA chief, said Warne had made the right decision.

Fat boys do win

FROM PAGE 16 today and we were beaten by the better side," said captain Deon Kotze.



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Gillespie's WC over?

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He said today. 'I'll continue to work with Errol Alcott over the next few days and hopefully come good. On a more positive note it was fantastic to see a fellow fast bowler in Andy Bichel stand in and do so well against England.'

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FA not so accomodating anymore

AFP, London

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The beginning was the end

Football

REUTERS, Port Elizabeth

It may have been the Bulawayo rain which finally knocked England out of the cricket World Cup but the real damage had been done before they even set foot in Africa.

and ethical concerns. It took the players themselves around five days of meetings, during which time England did not train, to come to that decision.

though, was soon followed by disappointment in Durban where England's lack of top-class technique was evident as they were beaten by India.

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Shoaib blames in-fighting

ICC Cricket World Cup SOUTH AFRICA 2003

REUTERS, London

Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar has described the World Cup as a bit of nightmare so far, especially losing to India, but added he had not given up hope for his team.

were ranked as the side most likely to challenge world champions Australia, along with South Africa. What ever the result of Tuesday's match Akhtar said the Pakistani cricket team needed to curb in-fighting and keep their eyes open for new talent if they were going to be a force in the game in future.

Hooper to

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round, the Super Sixes. 'It's something we've got to overcome,' he added. 'I've had a few days to think about it and I look forward to the Australian tour with eagerness.'

Jackson takes Birmingham bow

AFP, London

Colin Jackson will lead Britain's biggest ever team in the world indoor athletics championships in Birmingham from March 14-16.

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