

AFP, Colombo

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Kandy on Saturday.

before Saturday.'

Sri Lanka's coach Duleep Mendis

lashed out at his unfit team on Wednesday after New Zealand

captain Stephen Fleming set new batting standards in the drawn first

Fleming braved sweltering heat

The left-hander, who was on the

field for all but the first 45 minutes

of play over the five days, surpassed

Martin Crowe's match aggregate of

329 in 1991 to create a new New

Mendis, angry at his team's lack of effort in the field, said there was a lot to learn from Fleming before the

second and final Test starts in

Fleming," said Mendis, Sri Lanka's

interim coach till officials find a

replacement for Dav Whatmore

dropping so many catches was the

poor fitness level of the team.

who was sacked earlier this month.

"I wish my team was as fit as

"The only reason I can think for

"It is something we have got to

and humidity to remain unbeaten

in both innings with an epic 274

Sport

Lewis ready for more

BBC Online, London

Lennox Lewis feels he still has a couple of fights left in him before he retires.

The WBC heavyweight champion returns to the ring on 21 June in Los Angeles, where he will fight Canadian Kirk Johnson.

And Lewis revealed on BBC Radio Five Live's Sportsweek that he is coming back to satisfy the public's demand.

"I feel people are still crying out and 69 while the hosts spilled eight for Lennox Lewis and that really catches in the first innings and two motivated me," said Lewis. in the second in the Test that ended at the Tamil Union ground on

"I'm still young and I think there's a couple more fights in me people just want to see me back in the ring - they're saying 'Don't retire!'"

Lewis' fight with Johnson is not being sanctioned by the WBC, but the champion is not bothered by the governing body's decision.

"My linear championship (is at stake) - that's the most important championship there is. That's greater than any other title out there.

Lewis, who admitted that the reason he had not fought in nearly a year, also welcomed the rumoured appearance of Mike Tyson on the same bill when he fights Johnson.

Venus vows to turn the table

AFP, Warsau

Venus Williams has had enough of playing second fiddle to Serena, and on Tuesday promised to end her younger sister's run of Grand Slam victories when they compete for the French Open title next month.

Serena has claimed the Serena Slam by beating Venus in the final of the last four Grand Slams, beginning her dominance at Roland Garros last year and then adding the Wimbledon, US and Australian Open titles.

"Last year I don't think I was quite ready for her," said Venus, who will regain her number two ranking from Kim Clijsters on Monday after competing in the WTA event in Warsaw this week.

"She hits with such power and takes the ball so early that unless you've faced it it's hard to explain what it's like. I don't think I was ever on top of my game when I played her. I was just trying to keep my feet going.

And Venus believes that her own rise to number one and two consecutive Wimbledon and US Open titles gave Serena the motivation to lift her own game.While Venus spent much of her energy setting up an interior design business, Serena took advantage.

"Serena had a different motivation to me," said Venus. "She had a

Mendis terms SL unfit Cricket

team's long-time physiotherapist captain said. "The game may have been a lot different if the catches had been

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Fleming, meanwhile was deter-

mined to continue the good work

in the second Test and secure

victory in the series which he said

The stylish batsman has been a

both sides with 359 runs when the

two teams last played a series in Sri

on that occasion, but Sri Lanka

bounced back to win the remaining

New Zealand won the first Test

Fleming said he was happier at

"Martin Crowe is our greatest

playing two long innings than

batsman. I don't think techniquewise I am as good as him, but it is nice to go past him and contribute

a huge number of runs in one

"It makes up for some ones

"I have got a sore bottom from

stretching to hit the ball through

the covers but some icing should do the trick and I will be ready for

Fleming's 274 not out in the first

ripped up the stumps. A steward was injured during the invasion.

also led his side off at Trent Bridge

against Pakistan after a firecracker

exploded near fast bowler Brett

Lee, while Michael Bevan was

Before the World Cup earlier

this year, the British government

called on England to boycott their

match in Zimbabwe as a protest

against Mugabe. England rejected those overtures, saying they were

sportsmen and not politicians,

but eventually forfeited the match

from the Commonwealth last year

after allegations that Mugabe had

rigged his re-election as president.

million people are suffering food

shortages, a crisis which Mugabe critics have blamed in part on his

policy of redistributing white-

owned farms to landless blacks.

Around half the country's 14

over security concerns.

Australia captain Steve Waugh

breaking Crowe's record.

where I have missed out.

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Lanka six years ago

two matches

was his "greatest chal-

Alex Kountouri was packing his bags after resigning his job for family reasons. aken, but you can't brood over it. Both Whatmore and Kountouri The game's over.'

played major roles in Sri Lanka's World Cup triumph in 1996, but officials dumped the coach to bring in "fresh thinking" in the team nanagement Whatmore, the Sri Lanka-born

lenge' Australian, takes over as coach of Bangladesh next month, while thorn in Sri Lanka's side in the past, returning as the highest scorer on



DULEEP MENDIS

Kountouri will remain in Colombo to run a fitness centre.

Mendis conceded Kountouri had told him before the match a few players were not fit enough to concentrate for long hours.

improve and we have to do it fast "I could not believe my eyes when so many catches went down," the former Sri Lankan Mendis' outburst came as the

innings was the highest score by an overseas player in Sri Lanka, surpassing West Indian Brian Lara's 220 at the Sinhalese sports club two seasons ago

at Lord's.

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Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

A brilliant century from Raiib guided A H Khan Smriti Sangsad to a 191-run victory over Dilip Smriti Sangha in the Econo Cricket League at the Magura Stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss, A H Khan Smriti decided to bat first and scored 286 runs all out in the stipulated 35 overs.

In reply, Dilip Smriti were bun-dled out for 95 runs in 19.5 overs.

SCORES IN BRIEF

A H KHAN SMRITI SNAGSAD: 286 all out in 35 overs (Rajib 118, Munsur 49, Ali 12; Shipon 4/51, Lovon 2/66, Rony 1/14) DILIP SMRITI SANGHA: 95 for all

wickets in 19.5 overs (Morshed 26, Sadhon 17, Rony 9; Rubel 3/14, Ali 3/18, Ami 1/7, Arif 1/26). Result : A H Khan Smriti Snagsad

won by 191 runs. Man-of-the-match: Rajib

Today's match: Dariapur Cricket Vs Babukhali Cricket Club.

Lewis charged with drunken driving

Nine-time Olympic gold medal winner Carl Lewis was charged with a misdemeanour drunken driving offence here Tuesday by the cityattorney's office.

Tennis

Swiss top seed Roger Federer, still finding his feet for the Roland Garros run-up campaign, kicked

off a successful debut here on

Tuesday as he claimed a 6-4, 6-3

win over Croatian Zeljko Krajan at the 400,000-euro ATP event.

lacking in recent court time, having

not played competitively since leading his nation into the Davis Cup semi-finals in early April past

But with a week's worth of

training and an opening victory,

the winner of a Masters title on clay

last May in Hamburg is well into his

"My goals are not too high," he

said of his hopes for this week at the

Iphitos club. "I just want to win as many matches as possible. I got back onto clay last week.

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The 21-year old Federer is

AFP, Munich

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AFP, Los Angeles

The 41-year-old athletics legend was arrested April 21 by the California Highway Patrol after crashing his new Maserati into a sound-barrier wall off a major free-

Lewis is scheduled to be arraigned July 2.

Police said they "observed symp-toms of alcohol intoxication" in Lewis, who is one of only three Olympians to win gold in the same event four times, having done so in the long jump in the 1984, 1988, 1992 and 1996 Olympics.

Lewis also posted a blood-alcohol struck in the face by a full beer can level above 0.08 percent - the state's thrown from the crowd after legal limit, the police said.

Australia beat Pakistan in the final The arrest came after a week of bad publicity for Lewis. He was Spectators invading cricket pitches in England now face fines among athletes who were targeted by allegations they were allowed to compete at the Olympics despite of up to 1,000 pounds (1,592 dol-

failing doping tests. The allegations came in docu ments released by former US Olympic Committee anti-doping officialWadeExum.

Boldon out of Mexico meet

AFP, Mexico City Zimbabwe was suspended

> Frinidad sprinter Ato Boldon is out of Saturday's Grand Prix meeting in Mexico with a left leg strain, organisers said Monday, meaning he will not go up against 100m world record holder Tim Montgomery.

Event coordinator German Silva said Bolton had called organisers overnight Sunday to say he would not be racing, adding that another racer of similar standing would likely be brought in as a replace-

21 Zero-star added that Australian

PHOTO AF

The Daily Star

Brit Tim Henman shrugged off

his winter shoulder surgery, open-ing his spring clay season at the last

possible moment a 7-5, 4-6, 6-1

first-round win over Nicolas

Three weeks into the start of the

clay campaign, the 28-year-old

seventh seed was playing his first match in a month after a slow

return during February and March on indoor and cement.

He only entered Munich as a wild card after a computer scan gave him an all-clear to begin truly

testing the success of his Novembersurgery.

Russian Nikolay Davydenko

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Pakistan coach Javed Miandad (M) talks to (L-R) Yousuf Youhana, Shoaib Akhtar, Rashid Latif and Mohammad Sami during a practice session at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore on April 29. Pakistan play in a triangular one-day cricket tournament in Sri Lanka from May 10 to 23.

Federer finds form

"It's nice to come outdoors again and I'm happy to be here for first time

Federer, holder of two titles this eason, had to recover from an early break secured by the 24-year-old Krajan, 103rd in the world and winner of a only two matches since Ianuary.

But after overcoming a early break and winning the first set, the Swiss increased his tempo to take victory in 64 minutes.

German Rainer Schuttler, this year's Australian Open finalist against Andre Agassi, also needed to repair his game on the fly.

"Winning and losing didn't even cross my mind," he said in victory. The fourth seed, last year's losing finalist to Younes El Aynaoui, man-"The result was so fare from my focus. "I was just interested in being out there playing and not thinking of the shoulder." aged a 6-4, 6-3 win against Jurgen Melzer to book a second round berth.

"I was expecting a tough match and I got one. I made too many owner of titles this year at Adelaide and on clay in Estoril, beat American Cecil Mamiit 7-5, 6-1. early mistakes and had to fight a lot. I'm not at all satisfied with my performance. I've got to improve on this."

arrested, has been quoted in the British media warning of protests at matches. Zimbabwe are due to play two Tests against England before taking part in a triangular one-day

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ournament involving South Africa.

Human rights activists have promised a string of protests against President Robert against the visit.

That has shifted the focus firmly from the cricket Zimbabwe, ranked a lowly ninth out of 10 in the Test and inexperienced side to security

attempts to have Mugabe couple of years when she didn't do as good and I was doing really well, but then I became tired and she became motivated. It was a flipflop, so hopefully this year I'll be motivated too. On court, fifth seed Magdalena Maleeva slumped to a stunning 6-7 (0/7), 6-4, 6-1 defeat at the hands of qualifier Arantxa Parra. Sixth seed Eleni Daniilidou also struggled when I first played the game. I was before overcoming Katalin Marosi fortunate that my father played 6-4, 6-1. cricket with people like Fannie de

Cricket **REUTERS,** London

Zimbabwe arrive in England on Thursday for a cricket tour in danger of featuring more drama off the pitch than on.

Mugabe's government throughout the tour, while some British politicians have also spoken out

Championship, will field a young England and Wales Cricket

Board (ECB) spokesman Mark Hodgson said on Wednesday: "We have been reading about what potentially may happen. "We have been discussing

security around international matches and the appropriate measures will be put into place." Human rights activist Peter Tatchell, who has made several

Security at English cricket venues, which are unprotected by fencing, has been a major issue for several years. Tatchell and a group of fellow protesters highlighted the point

by forcing their way past Lord's security guards during an anti-Mugabe protest before this year's World Cup in southern Africa. During the 1999 World Cup in

England, players from several teams complained they were forced to run off at the end of matches because stewards were unable to stop crowd invasions.

In 2001 during a triangular series between England, Australia and Pakistan, experimental plastic fencing and extra stewards were introduced.

But England conceded defeat against Pakistan rather than resume the game at Headingley after Pakistan fans, sensing victory, ran onto the square and

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cial side, he played for his college side. DSS: You have already set a benchmark for others to follow. What else do you want to achieve? JR: Everybody thinks about setting benchmarks for others, but I'm trying to establish myself in the national team over the next two or three years. I think when

you play for your country, records

Refreshingly Rudolph

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when I was in primary school. DSS: How did you begin your career in cricket? JR: I was only four years old

DSS: It was very hot in Chittagong and the conditions were pretty draining. Did you have Villiers and Micheal O'Brian. It any plans in your mind before going out to bat? was an advantage that I grew up in a cricket family. Although my father did not play in any provin-

JR: No, not really. I walked into the middle in a situation where there were about 20 overs left in the day. So, I just had to see that period off and that was my first aim. Then on Day Three, I tried to bat as long as possible and establish a partnership with (Boeta) Dipennar.

DSS: Who is your batting idol?

JR: My batting idol is Steve Waugh just because of his mental

do not really matter. It's an hontoughness. I do not think techniour to play for your country and cally he's a class player, but men-I'm happy to fit in anywhere. But tally he has got all the qualities and obviously I would like to bat in the discipline you need to succeed in top three and I like facing the new international cricket.

> DSS: How has your family helped you in becoming a cricketer?

JR: My family has always helped me since I was young. They never put any unnecessary pressure on me and always encouraged me during the tough times.

DSS: What is your target in the second Test?

JR: I will start all over again from ball one in Dhaka, try and establish myself at the crease again and try to score from there and hopefully score another hundred. I can't possibly think that I'm starting from a double hundred.

400m Olympic champion Cathy Freeman was set to fly in for the event on Thursday

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selectors David Graveney said on Wednesday. The pair join nine other players contracted for 12 months; Nasser Hussain, Mark Butcher, Andy Caddick, Andy Flintoff, Ashley Giles,

Matthew Hoggard, Alec Stewart, Marcus Trescothick and Michael Vaughan. Lancashire's Anderson, aged 20,

was England's leading wicket-taker in the World Cup with 10 victims costing 22.50 apiece.

Durham bowler Harmison, 24, played four Tests against Australia but failed to break into the World Cup starting line-up.

England play Zimbabwe in a two-Test series in May and June before hosting South Africa.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals T

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Glenn back to trouble WI

champion's wicket 13 times in Tests and their personal battle will be one of the major highlights of the Kensington Oval Test.

"You want to challenge yourself and do things differently and I think you'll see some interesting fields to Brian Lara in this Test match," skipper Steve Waugh said on Wednesday.

Waugh tried everything during Lara's century in Trinidad, stack ing the covers with three men and even pushing himself into short mid-off in the hope of a lofted drive.

Lara prevailed and the Australians appeared stuck for answers because he had become less vulnerable since tightening up his technique outside off-stump that brought him undone in Australia more than two years ago.

Australia's tactics, now that premier strike bowler McGrath is back in the lineup, is likely to involve shorter-pitched bowling to try and make the left-hander uncomfortable at the crease.

"My approach in the remaining matches will be very positive," Lara said.

"I am very optimistic about our batting in the remaining matches but in the bowling we need to do some work to limit the Australians.

"In the next Test, we will have more options and we should not get too carried away. We are playing against the best team in the world and trying too much could

be a problem. West Indies fast bowling great Michael Holding believes tearaways Jermaine Lawson and Tino Best must play against the Australians

Holding said with Australia already holding an unbeatable series lead there was little to gain from denying the 21-year-old bowlers their chance.

"I think we have done very well in the batting department where we have brought in a lot of youngsters and they have shown promise and they have now started to produce," he said.

"I think we now need to do the same thing with our bowling department, if we are losing with people who have been there for a long time and not showing any improvement, we might as well lose with the youngsters.

Underlining the West Indian bowlers' plight is that Australia have only been bowled out once in the series so far and won the Port of Spain Test on the strength of their fast-tempo scoring, racking up a total of 814 runs for the loss of just seven wickets.

Waugh has warned the Windies they have no hope of drawing the Bridgetown Test.

"They're not going to get a draw they're going to win or lose," Waugh said. "Unless it rains it's not going to be a draw. We're willing to ose a game to win it.

Waugh is likely to stick with five bowlers, probably including four pacemen for the first time since February 1992 and wrist-spinner Brad Hogg is the likely man to be left out for McGrath.

TEAMS

AUSTRALIA (probable): Matthew Hayden, Justin Langer, Ricky Ponting, Darren Lehmann, Steve Waugh (captain), Adam Gilchrist (wkt), Andrew Bichel, Brett Lee, Jason Gillespie, Stuart MacGill, Glenn McGrath. Brad Hogg (possi-

ble 12th man). WEST INDIES (from): Chris Gayle, Devon Smith, Daren Ganga, Brian Lara (capt), Ramnaresh Sarwan, Marlon Samuels, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Ridley Jacobs (wkt),

Vasbert Drakes, Merv Dillon, Jermaine Lawson, Tino Best, Omari Banks, Carlton Baugh

Umpires: David Shepherd (England), Srinivas Venkataraghaven (India)

Dennis irate at

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up on the eve of the third Test in Barbados, with Australia leading a four-match series 2-nil.

Richards had effectively accused Perth-based Lillee of cowardice, the West Australian newspaper said.

It said Richards had implied Lillee had stopped bowling bouncers regularly because he feared what he would receive in return.

Richards said Lillee lost his mpact when he had to play against a team capable of returning fire.

"Lillee realised what would be coming at him," Richards said.

"You could see it in Lillee. He was all huff and puff, but he wasn't quite the same later on Lillee said Richards' comments

were laughable.

"What a heap of bulldust," he said. "Viv must have a short memory

BCCI wishes

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of May.

issue with his Pakistan counterpart Tauqir Zia next week in Dubai during an Asian Cricket Foundation (ACF) meeting.

"We will be happy if the government allows us to play at least in neutral venues," said BCCI secretary Karunakaran Nair. "We want to somehow resume bilateral cricket

Nair said senior board members would discuss the issue by the end

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ment, he r Lillee, 53, captured 355 Test

Lillee dismissed Richards nine times in Tests, more than any other

Additionally, Lillee snared Richards seven times while snap-ping up 45 wickets in 10 World Series

ing the second half of Lillee's career.

Anwar looks

even fail to arrange that. I think the BFF has a role to play here. We can help the DSAs (District Sports Associations) in arranging spon-sors. My aim is to see football activities in the country through-out the year," added the veteran football organiser from Mohammedan Sporting Club. Anwar added that the BFF

would appoint coordinators in divisional headquarters to moni-tor the activities of the DSAs.

"You give me some time. I have a lot of plans. Allow me to try and implement those," said Anwar

Cricket Tests against the West Indies between 1977 and 1979.

The West Indies' extreme pace dominated world cricket from the late 1970s to the early 1990s, includ-

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wickets 55 against the West Indies in four series between 1973 and 1982.