

Jadeja pads up

REUTERS, New Delhi
Former India batsman Ajay Jadeja played his first competitive game in three years after a court hearing his appeal against a match-fixing ban...

2007 WC games in US?

Cricket
The International Cricket Conference is looking into the possibility of America hosting some games at the 2007 Cricket World Cup...

Former American cricket captain Zamin Amin, of New York, was excited about the prospect of the ICC helping cricket grow and the possibility of 2007 World Cup games being played here.



He said, "It will be a good start because cricket has been stagnant here for a while. If the ICC injects something into cricket here then it will be good for the game. I would say there is a big market here because there are so many people from cricket playing countries who are interested in the game."

Middlesex make merry

AFP, Shenley
Middlesex piled on the agony for struggling Zimbabwe on Saturday by piling up their highest-ever score against a touring team.

Spaniards on song



AFP, Paris
Spain led the way into the last 16 of the men's singles with five players making it into the fourth round. Title-holder Albert Costa, tournament favourites Juan Carlos Ferrero and Carlos Moya...



Spainiard Juan Carlos Ferrero clenches his fist after beating Britain's Tim Henman at the French Open in Paris on Saturday.

made it through - giant Dutchman Martin Verkerk and Brazilian newcomer Flavio Saretta who may be joined later by his compatriot and three-times former winner Kuersten.

Pick of the fourth round matches looks like being a centre court showdown between marathon man Costa of Spain and battling Clement of France. Costa has drawn on huge taps of energy to get this far winning three five-setters and coming back from two sets down in two of them.

Barca bid

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Barcelona meanwhile look set to face stiff opposition from AC Milan according to Friday's Gazzetta dello Sport newspaper which suggested AC Milan had a preliminary agreement with Beckham and that Milan president Silvio Berlusconi, has made the English star his priority summer signing.

India spinning on their heads



AFP, New Delhi
A school for spinners in India? Sounds farcical as the country has always been envied for churning out quality spinners.

country," he said. After the five-hour brainstorming meeting, the panel recommended that a spin wing be set up to spot talented youngsters and also cricketers below 17 years be restricted from playing limited-overs games.

Venus slams All-England decision

REUTERS, Paris
Former champion Venus Williams believes Wimbledon's decision to stop players curtsying to the royal box will dent the tradition of the event.

French fries

AFP, Paris
Vera Zvonareva, the Russian 22nd seed who will face Venus Williams for a place in the women's quarterfinals, is caught on the horns of a geographical dilemma.

watching the Golden Girls!" LINDSAY NOT COUNTING THE MONEY
Lindsay Davenport, with three Grand Slam titles to her name - though she has yet to lift the French Open - says she's not counting the money these days, unlike when she first started off.

Army aquatics

BSS, Dhaka
Bangladesh Army swimming and waterpolo competition began at Army Swimming Complex, Banani yesterday.

Josephites

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for the winners while Joyti scored 14, Sajib and Setu 9 each for the losers.

Tough training

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While Al-Shahriar was raring to go, former Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud was reluctant to say much. Mashud who has been in the headlines for many reasons only told reporters that he wants to reclaim his position as the number one wicketkeeper in the country.

Aminul pilots

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50 overs (Aminul 72, Sajjad 54; Jewel 3-50, Nasir 2-47)

Hockeyroos

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In the 49th minute, sweeping home a short corner.

What was considered a joke three decades ago has now become a serious issue as India recently made an earnest attempt to revive the rapidly-declining art of spin. Former spin wizards rushed in from every part of the country to pool their experiences at a "Spinners Panel" in Calcutta on Friday in a bid to redeem the image of Indian slow bowling.

Off-spinner Harbhajan, 22, will soon be left to plough a lonely furrow as no match-winning spinner has appeared on the horizon to replace Kumble. In contrast, there was no dearth of skillful spinners in the past: Vinoo Mankad, Subhash Gupte and Bapu Nadkarni caught the shots in the 1950s and '60s before the quartet descended on the scene.

Hewitt, Henman

WARDS I began cramping," said the 26-year-old. Clement, seeded 32, beat fellow Frenchman Nicolas Coutelot 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 to book his passage.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Emulate
2 Johnny Appleseed
3 Bat a gnat
4 Agile
12 Doctors' org.
13 Bryn —
14 Quaker's address
15 Tenacious clinger
17 Verdi opera
18 Empty suitcases
19 Mal de —
21 The air up there
22 Big name in the big top
25 Talks
29 Winter affliction
30 Singer
31 Hinge (on)
32 "Lalume" writer
33 Give as an example
34 C10(k) alternative
35 Remuneration

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