

Indian cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar gestures after being bowled during an exhibition match with underprivileged children in Bangalore yesterday.

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Dyson to work on players' attitude

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REUTERS, Colombo

New Sri Lanka coach John Dyson III not be imposing a style of play on his squad but will try to develop a winning attitude

The Australian, who arrived on Monday at the start of an 18-month contract said on Thursday he had a talented group of players to choose from in readiness for tours by England later this year and Australia early in 2004.

"I won't be imposing a style of play, but I want to develop an attitude where we play to win all the time, as opposed to perhaps playing to save the game," Dyson told reporters.

"We can learn from the transformation of attitude in the Australia team since the 1980s. Under Steve Waugh, a super-positive captain, they now look to win at all times no matter how deep in trouble they may

"With that approach they win much more than they lose," said Dyson, shortly to be joined by compatriot Shane Duff, who along with

two physiotherapists, will complete an all-Australian backroom team.

"This will be a long-term process. There is no magician who can come in to hypnotise the players and start a winning run. But I am very excited as Sri Lanka have a very talented pool of players.

Dyson's arrival in Colombo coincided with the players completing phase one of their pre-season training, an exhausting four-week SCORECARD fitness regime.

'The players look in terrific shape and are now busting to get in the nets after the completion of phase one of their fitness preparation. Nets will start next week," Dyson said.

"Before we know it England will be here, but we are not focusing too much on one tour. We are just trying to get everyone ready for a big year. There is a huge amount of cricket to be played.

"Fortunately, the break they have had after such a hectic schedule last year means that the players should be refreshed and rejuvenated by the time that England arrive in

England are scheduled to play three tests in Galle, Kandy and

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USTA doing no favours

AFP,New York

Denying any notion at American bias in their re-scheduling decisions, the US Tennis Association said popularity was a bigger factor than nationality in helping US players Andre Agassi and Andy Roddick.

Non-Americans spoke out, mostly in Spanish, after Thursday's start of a four-match in four-day endurance fight to the final for the US Open men's title while Roddick and Agassi were enjoying rest days.

"It's frustrating, but at least it's the same for everybody. At least it's the same for all the non-Americans.' Spain's Carlos Moya said after being ousted by Morocco's Younes El Aynaoui.

Agassi and Roddick were the only men able to finish fourth-round matches during three days of rain that allowed only bits and pieces of matches to be finished, mainly because they were on Arthur Ashe Stadium, the top drying priority to show off stars for US television.

Other courts did not receive such special attention and as a result, the men who are not backed by the host nation are squirming in an unprecedented grind for best-of-five matches.

"Everyone was upset," said Argentina's fifth-seeded Guillermo Coria, who gets to play a rested

Mukti's moment

But he felt very proud because his club had added another title to the other major domestic trophies --Premier Division League, Federation Cup under his supervision.

"My team didn't play as I had expected. I think we could have won outright if the referee had not made mistakes.'

He was referring to linesman Ramkrishna Gosh who raised his flag to declare Papel Mahmud offside in the tenth minute of the extra-time. But it was clear that Papel had sprang the offside trap with the ball.

Alfaz was adjudged man-of-the-

Mohammedan coach Abul Hossain said that his team lost the final because of poor finishing. "It was shocking what my players did in the

Red cards: Arman (Muktijoddha) Yellow cards: Jewel, Riyad, Joy, Salisu, Pappu, Faisal and Farhad (Mohammedan), Ghansa and Nono (Muktijoddha).

TEAMS

MUKTIJODDHA: Aminul, Hasan Al Mamun, Rajani, Sujon, Papel, Matiur (Nono), Prodip (Lajuk), Ghansa, Arman, Moni (Belal) and

MOHAMMEDAN: Nizam (Bijon), Jewel, Masud Rana, Riyad, Titoo, Jov. Salisu, Pappu (Nakib), Faisa (Anwar), Kanchan and Farhad. Referee: Mansoor Azad.

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Umpires: Asoka de Silva (SRI) and Russell Tiffin (ZIM)

PCB to convince

FROM PAGE 13 drought as foreign teams have refused to tour the country following two suicide bomb blasts in Karachi during Test series in May and June

last year. Pakistan was forced to play two of its home series matches against the West Indies and Australia at neutral venues last year as both

teams refused to tour the country. The first blast on May 8 outside a hotel where the New Zealand team was staying forced them to pack their bags and cut the tour short by

However, New Zealand are set to compensate for that match by touring Pakistan in November this year when they will play five one-

New Zealand has yet to finalise the itinerary of the tour but have already refused to play in Karachi.

Federer fails, Clijsters cruises



REUTERS, New York

Wimbledon champion Roger Federer's US Open run juddered to a halt on Thursday when he was bounced by his Argentine bogeyman but Kim Clijsters was on fine form as rain clouds finally cleared from Flushing Meadows.

Federer, seeded second here on the back of his grass court grand slam triumph, fell once again to Argentine David Nalbandian, this time 3-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-3 in the fourth

The stocky 21-year-old from Cordoba has now beaten Federer all five times they have met on the Tour -- three times this year and twice in 2002

Onen semifinal with a comprehen-

"I like his game... I don't know exactly why. Clijsters reached her first US

sive 6-1, 6-4 victory over France's Amelie Mauresmo The Belgian top seed will face former champion and third seed Lindsay Davenport for a place in Saturday's final after the American

"It's definitely a great feeling," Clijsters grinned.

ousted Argentine Paola Suarez 6-4.

Her fellow Belgian and second seed Justine Henin-Hardenne was also feeling great having booked her spot in the last four with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Anastasia Myskina.

Myskina had earlier in the day completed her fourth round victory against Mary Pierce.

"I like playing against him, what can I say?" he laughed. also played earlier on Thursday, completing a 6-7, 7-5, 6-2 win over completing a 6-7, 7-5, 6-2 win over seed Ai Sugiyama

Like Myskina, Schiavone could not duplicate that form later in the day and sixth seeded Capriati won 6-1 6-3 in straightforward fashion.

"I played tough... I had a lot of

energy out there," Capriati said. "Even though I am here in the US Open, I don't feel I have any of the pressure," she added, looking

ahead to the semis. "I've just got to go out there and give it all I've got.

Australia's Lleyton Hewitt underlined his revival in form, beating Thai Paradorn Srichaphan 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 in a fourth round clash.

The 2001 U.S. Open champion has endured a poor grand slam year and this result gave him his best run at a major in 2003.

"It took me a few games to get

Nalbandian allowed his oppo nent to punch himself out before thrashing the heavy tennis balls all over the court to reach his first U.S. Open quarterfinal.

"I'm ready... it's time to start talking of Nalbandian as a favorite,' he said

In the last eight he will face crowd favorite Younes El Aynaoui.

The Moroccan, who is developing a cult following in New York, reached his second straight U.S. Open quarter-final by beating ormer world number one Carlos

Moya 7-6, 7-6, 4-6, 6-4. The 31-year-old cradled his racket and rocked it like a baby after striking a winning backhand on match point -- a reference to the birth of his third son earlier this

month. "There's not many players have a crowd as enthusiastic as this," El Aynaoui said. "I apologized to Carlos afterwards if they disturbed

him but he told me it was fine. "They were definitely very help-

Guillermo Coria fought off Jonas Bjorkman to win his fourth round match 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 and earn a quarterfinal against top seed Andre Agassi.

"It is going to be tough because I am playing against my idol in his favourite tournament, at his home,' Coria told reporters. America's other hope for silver-

ware, Andy Roddick, will meet Sieng Schalken, a 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 winner over German Rainer Schuettler. Agassi and Roddick advanced

on Tuesday and Wednesday Grim conditions had once again

greeted players and tennis fans when they arrived at a water-logged National Tennis Center. But the rains finally cleared and gave organizers a glimmer of hope

of finishing the tournament this weekend on schedule. Before Federer and Nalbandian took to court, only five singles matches had been completed since Monday because of severe rain delays, forcing officials to seriously consider holding the men's final

But the action was thick and fast on Thursday evening. Matches were sprawled on to far-flung courts as organizers caught up on the schedule to put a Sunday finish back on track.

year, was also at a loss to explain his Italy's Francesca Schiavone had hold over the stylish Swiss player. Kirsten's angry story

in boundaries.

The Russian seventh seed won

that contest, which spanned four

days, 7-6, 6-1 but was no match for

Henin-Hardenne under the flood-

French Open champion Henin-

Hardenne will face Jennifer Capriati

in the last four after the American

also beat a "second-hand" oppo-

Cricket

DAVID NALBANDIAN

"I guess I am struggling against

"I don't know what to comment

"I am trying to figure out how to

Thirteenth seed Nalbandian,

beat him. He likes my game, that's

himself a finalist at Wimbledon last

him," Federer smiled wryly.

all I can say about it.

AFP, London

Gary Kirsten revealed on Thursday that he had to give century-making teammate Herschelle Gibbs a dressing down as their second wicket partnership of 227 piled on the agony for England on the first day of the fifth and final Test at The Oval.

Gibbs, who was eventually dismissed for 183, hit three successive boundaries at one stage as the tourists went looking for a 3-1 series

victory But veteran left-hander Kirsten, who made 90, warned the opener not to throw away all the good work.

"Herschelle hit three in a row and I had a go at him because he was getting loose and I thought he was able to get 200," said Kirsten after South Africa had finished the day on 362 for four. "I told him to wait for the right ball

to hit and take it easy," added Kirsten, a Western Province teammate of Gibbs.

"It's a great batting wicket. There's not much sideways movement for the bowlers."

Gibbs, 29, whose innings was his 10th Test century, admitted that the conditions were just too good to

GARY KIRSTEN

"It's a really good wicket. It's not swinging, it's not moving so why not go out there and hit the ball." South Africa, chasing their first

Test series win in England since

1965, saw Gibbs eventually bowled "I got to 100 and I just wanted to unleash and play the way I want to by left-arm spinner Ashley Giles play. It is such a good wicket that after he missed an attempted slog. you can latch on to the short stuff, But Gibbs, whose innings was he said after his initial hundred his highest against England. contained an extraordinary 86 runs insisted: "It was the first ball that

KIM CLIJSTERS

3-6, 5-7, 6-3.

ing it well," Hewitt said.

into it but then I really started work-

Carlos Ferrero after the Spaniard

beat American Todd Martin 6-2, 6-4,

Nalbandian in the final of the junior

event here in 1998, slowly lost his

He next meets third seed Juan

Federer, who also lost to

turned and to his credit he bowled it "If it's there to be hit, it has got to Giles, recalled after being

dropped for South Africa's 191 run fourth Test win at Headingley, was England's most successful bowler with two for 75 from 21 overs. "We've got a lot to do to win this

game but it's still not out of the question," Giles admitted. "It's a good cricket wicket.

Hopefully our guys will make runs like their guys have and fill their boots. "It was a difficult day. But you either get on with it, do the job prop-

erly or turn your back, walk off and so something else for a living." Meanwhile Kirsten, who has gone back on his original plans to retire, said that despite the loss of Neil McKenzie off the last ball of the day, South Africa were still confident

of wrapping up victory. "We are still in a good position. The boys are very motivated."

But Gibbs warned: "We need another 200 runs tomorrow (Friday) and we'll take it from there. But the match will last five days."

Radcliffe ready to roll

early next week

AFP, London

The fastest ever woman over the marathon distance Paula Radcliffe prospect of running her first race since winning the London Marathon

The 29-year-old Briton missed last month's World Championships after failing to meet her high standards of fitness following a shin injury and then a bout of bronchitis bút is set to run in a 10 kilometres run in Richmond Park this Sunday where she set a European record for the distance last year.

"I don't feel nervous," she said on Friday.

"If anything I feel excited as this is the longest time in my career I've gone without racing.

The Commonwealth champion over 5,000 metres and European champion over 10,000 is to then contest the 5km London Woman's Challenge on September 14, round London's Hyde Park, which means she will miss the IAAF Grand Prix finals weekend in Monaco, as part of her preparation for a likely tilt at the world half marathon later this year.

Radcliffe will face tough opposition in the second of the London races with Ethiopia's double Olympic champion Derarta Tulu, Ireland's Sonia O'Sullivan and the former fastest woman marathon runner and recently crowned world champion Catherine Ndereba of Kenva all set to run.

Pollock's Oval joy

was run out.

Pollock drove Giles through extra cover and completed a single. But, going for a second, Adams fell after he failed to beat Butcher's throw to Giles. England made a fine start Friday

when five balls into the day Jacques Rudolph went lbw for nought to Surrey seamer Martin Bicknell SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the second day of the fifth Test between England and South Africa at The Oval on Friday SOUTH AFRICA: First innings (overnight 362-4)

Smith run out Gibbs b Giles 183 Kirsten Ibw b Giles 90 Kallis run out McKenzie c Stewart b Anderson 9 Rudolph Ibw b Bicknell Boucher c Stewart b Bicknell Pollock not out Hall Ibw b Flintoff Adams run out Ntini b Anderson Extras: (b-12, lb-10, w-4, nb-5) 31

Total: (All out in 128 overs, 542)484

Fall of wickets: 1-63, 2-290, 3-345, 4-362, 5-365, 6-385, 7-419, 8-421, 9-432 71 Bicknell 20

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Toss: South Africa

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Umpires: Simon Taufel (AUS) and

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Ailing Ramchand seeks BCCI's help According to the BCCI's medical

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

GS Ramchand, the former Indian captain, has been discharged from the Intensive Care Unit of the Hinduia Hospital in Mumbai after recovering sufficiently from heart complications. Ramchand had been admitted to the hospital on Monday. Speaking to Rediff.com. Leela

Ramchand, Partab's wife, admitted that while his condition had improved, financial considerations had also played a part in forcing the move from the ICU

"He is still very weak," she said, "But had to be shifted out of the ICU as we cannot afford it." Leela Ramchand also said that she had approached the BCCI for

medical documents and we hope to

financial assistance.

get help at the earliest.'

"I sent a request to Mr Sharad Diwadkar [executive secretary of the BCCI] today [Thursday] requesting for help. I have sent all required

scheme, players are entitled to an assistance of three lakh rupees (6,400 dollars approx). However, SK Nair, the BCCI secretary, said that the board had not received any request from

Ramchand's family. "If the letter comes in, we will give it the highest priority. We will give all the financial assistance that can be

"Under normal circumstances, it is the finance committee that takes such decisions, but they might not meet for some time. So, as an interim measure, BCCI president Jagmohan Dalmiya can sanction the amount. It may take around 2 to 3 days for the matter to be sorted

"The maximum amount for compensation is three lakh rupess, but we do make exceptions based on the gravity of the situation. For instance, BS Chandrashekar was allocated five lakh rupees.

Ramchand played 33 Tests in the 1950s -- of which five of them were as captain -- scoring 1180 runs and taking 41 wickets.



