

# Waqar boosts Surrey hopes

LONDON, Aug 9: Pakistani pace prodigy Waqar Younis boosted Surrey's hopes of winning the English county championship on Thursday with another devastating burst of fast bowling, reports AFP.



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He grabbed four for 50 to steer his county to a 67-run victory over leaders Warwickshire at Edgbaston and lift Surrey into second place.

The Middlelanders were set 235 in 56 overs after Surrey declared on 195 for five. Darren Bicknell top-scoring with an unbeaten 75.

But Andy Lloyd's side lost wickets regularly and although Neil Smith resisted solidly with an unbeaten 40, Waqar claimed three of the final four wickets to register match figures of nine for 97.

Surrey are still 50 points adrift of Warwickshire, but climbed ahead of Nottinghamshire because they have won one more match.

Nottinghamshire's title chances were dented when Eastbourne, held out in their second innings for a draw.

They were indebted to a fourth-wicket partnership of 102 between Alan Wells (73) and Martin Speight, who stood firm after left-arm spinner Andy Afford had claimed three wickets.

Somerset were also thwarted at Weston-super-mare, finishing one wicket short of victory against Worcestershire.

The visitors got off to a great start in their pursuit of 265 through Tim Curtis (55) and Paul Bent (65), who added 110 for the first wicket.

However, off-spinner Harvey Trump turned the match with six for 48 and Worcestershire were left clinging on for a draw on 232 for nine.

Another spinner in form was Northamptonshire leg-break bowler Andy Roberts, who claimed a career-best six for 72 to send Lancashire crashing to a 53-run defeat at Lytham St Annes.

The 20-year-old grabbed the final four wickets as Lancashire, set 351, threatened briefly to reach their target as Graham Lloyd (79) and Dexter Fitoon (60) hit form.

But Roberts, with just eight championship games behind him, had too much guile for Lancashire, who were without Mike Watkinson, Pakistan all-rounder Wasim Akram and David Hughes because of a virus.

Derbyshire also cruised home, thrashing fourth-placed Essex by 199 runs to place top over Lancashire into fifth spot.

Set 375 in 95 overs, Essex were tumbled out for just 175 with England pace reject

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Graciela Mendoza (L) of Mexico tucks in behind Debbje Lawrence of US in the 10-kilometre walk race on August 8 in Havana Pan-Am Games. Lawrence led the race most of the way till Mendoza overtook her to finish first. —AFP photo

# Sibling rivalry — the Maleevas style

TORONTO, Aug 9: The Flying Maleeva Sisters would be a great name for a circus act if the three some wasn't tumbling around the women's tennis tour, reports AP.

But buy a ticket to see the Maleevas and you'll still be sure to see something different:

unique shots born from nervousness, frowns and apologies over victories and smiles at losses.

So it was Wednesday at the Player's Ltd. Challenge when the two younger Maleevas—Katerina and Magdalena—sheepishly played in the second round.

Fourth-seeded Katerina won 6-3, 6-3 and promptly apologized.

The only way you can know if you play tennis on the circuit and play against your sister.

The reluctant winner, however, took incentive from the victory to do even better in the event.

"If I win this tournament, it will mean more to me now, because in a way it will give me a chance not to feel guilty. .... It might justify beating my sister," she said.

It was just as hard for Magdalena on the court. The nerves showed in an errant overhead drop shot which surrendered a point in the second set. But she showed no remorse afterwards.

"Katerina's my best friend and it's difficult to play against someone you're so close to," said Magdalena. "We were both pretty nervous and sometimes I try not good things."

"I know we both feel bad when we hit a winner. Your think, 'She's going to be mad at me now.' We try to avoid playing the same tournaments as much as possible, but sometimes it's just bad luck."

Katerina has now beaten Magdalena in all three meetings, while eldest sister Manuela, 24, has beaten the baby of the family in their only match.

Manuela, the tournament's second seed, has not lost to Katerina, all seven matches being straight-set decisions. If the tournament goes to form, they could meet in the semis in Toronto.

# US grappler out for revenge

HAVANA, Aug 9: The humiliation, the memory of Lazro Reinoso standing over him on the mat, dancing, taunting, still burns in John Smith's mind as he plots his revenge in the Pan American Games, reports AP.

Victory won't be enough. Smith wants to wipe out the Cuban wrestler. Not necessarily break his collarbone, as Smith once did to a Soviet foe, but beat him so badly that he knows the embarrassment Smith felt here a year and a half ago, when he lost a controversial 4-3 decision.

"It's something that's been burning inside of me since," said Smith, the 1988 Olympic champion at 136 pounds, four-time world champion and 1990 Sullivan Award winner as the top US amateur athlete. "I visualized that while I was training. That was his mistake. By no means am I going to lose here. I plan on dominating."

The US freestyle wrestling team is one of the strongest American squads at the Pan Am Games, where many other US teams have been taking a beating.

"I think it was a mistake for any federation not to send its best here," US wrestling coach Bobby Douglas said.

Besides Smith, the most accomplished US wrestler in history, the team that gets into action Saturday has 1988 Olympic champion Kenny Monday (163 pounds), 1984 Olympic champion and 1988 Olympic silver medalist Bruce Baumgartner (286), and 1990 world silver medalist Chris Campbell (190).

"American wrestling in the 21st century will be the dominant force in the world," boasted Douglas, who expects to sweep the golds there at the Olympics next year.

Campbell, 36, the 1981 world champion, is the George Foreman of the team, coming

back from a five-year retirement last year after recovering from injuries and establishing a law career.

Smith had excuses—not sleeping well in Cuba for two nights before the match; judges who leaned to the hometown here—but refused to make them. The answer, he knew, lay within himself.

"I knew that I was going to change or I was going to retire," he said. "I realized a guy like that shouldn't be the one who takes me out of the sport. I knew I couldn't leave without wrestling at least one more time."

Smith pushed himself harder than ever last year, and when he faced Reinoso again in Pittsburgh in December, Smith won 13-2. Rather than pay back Reinoso in full by celebrating over him, Smith shook his hand.

"I don't need to taunt him," he said with a tone of disdain.

# Capriati rushes past Gomer

TORONTO, Aug 9: Jennifer Capriati raced past Britain's Sara Gomer 6-2, 6-3 in a third-round match at the 500,000-dollar Canadian Open women's tennis championship on Thursday, reports Reuter.

"I play fast," said the third-seeded Capriati after the 50-minute victory. "It's better than having to go three sets."

Gomer was annoyed at letting the American star dictate play so easily.

"The big thing I was disappointed with is that I allowed her to rush me an dominate the pace," said Gomer, a nine-year tour pro ranked Number 123 in the world.

Capriati, 15, barely took time to bounce the ball before

each serve as she ploughed along. Gomer showed a brief glimmer of hope when she broke for a 3-2 lead in the second set, but Capriati broke back in the next game and then again to go up 5-3. Capriati wrapped up the match with a love service game.

Capriati meets ninth-seeded Natalia Zvereva, of the Soviet Union, in the quarterfinals.

Zvereva overcame a first-set challenge from American qualifier Jelene Watanabe before scoring a 7-6 (7-2), 6-0 win.

The Maleeva sisters, second-seeded Manuela Maleeva-Fragniera and younger sister, fourth-seeded Katerina Maleeva, scored easy victories to march one match closer to a semifinal clash.

Maleeva-Fragniera eliminated No. 16 seed Regina Rajchrtova of Czechoslovakia 6-1, 6-2. With matching ease, Katerina Maleeva, of Bulgaria, beat No. 12 seed Naoko Sawamatsu of Japan 6-1, 6-3.

Maleeva-Fragniera will face American Amy Frazier, the No. 8 seed, in today's quarterfinals. Frazier outlasted compatriot Debbie Graham 6-3, 1-6, 6-1 to advance.

Katerina Maleeva will take on tenth seeded Laura Gildemeister, of Peru, who defeated fifth-seeded Nathalie Tauziat, of France, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Top seeded Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina and sixth-seeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia, who both had the day off, will meet in the other quarter-final.

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