Windies still the best: Border



Antigua, May 3: England cricket captain Graham Gooch can expect a phone call this

week from his friend and rival Australian captain Allan Border - and it will not make pleasant listening, reports Reuter.

For although Border aims to pass on to his former Essex team mate a few tips on how to beat West Indies, his main message will be: "They are still the best.'

Border has not let Australia's fifth Test, 157-run victory here fool him into believing his team are the West Indies' equals. Having lost the series 2-1, he admitted: They have some ancient warriors but are still a good side. They remain the best in the world."

"They have such a relentless bowling attack. To beat them you need a compact batting side and a couple of good bowlers.

"They are beatable but England must get their batting sorted out."

"Unless they can make 300plus totals they will struggle



ALLAN BORDER

because that doesn't give the bowlers a chance," he said.

"If Gooch and his boys can get stuck in and make some totals the English bowlers are good enough to do some damage. But the top six or seven will have to get the runs because, although our tail struggled here, they look like Don Bradmans compared to England's."

One man Border believes could make a difference is Zimbabwe-Born Graeme Hick

available for England for the first time in the coming series.

Border played with Hick for queensland last season. "He is perfect for the side. He works' hard at his game, fits into the team well and will give it his all. I will be very surprised if he is not used," he said.

West Indies captain Viv Richards said the he was looking forward to the England tour, which he intends will be his last series.

They will again be without injured fast bowler Ian Bishop but the West Indies pace attack still proved menacing against Australia.

The quartet of Malcolm Marshal, Patrick Patterson, Curtly Ambrose and Courney Walsh shared 74 wickets during the five- Test series, with Marshall's 21 at just over 20 runs each the pick.

With the bat, Richie Richardson again showed his liking for Australian bowling and his 475 runs will have put him in good heart for the trip to England where he has failed in his previous two tours.

For Australia, Mark Waugh blossomed into a player of high

class and is itkely to move up the order soon while Mark Taylor persevered to confirm his stature as an opening

championship scheduled to batsman. begin from May 20 has been The tour's sour note was the postponed due to the adverse open animosity between the situation prevailing in the sides and Clyde Walcott, presicountry after the recent cydent of the West Indies clonic storm in the coastal belt Cricket Board of Control, said according to a press release isat the final ceremony that he sued yesterday by the wished it had been conducted Bangladesh Football Federation in a better spirit.

"There is bad blood everywhere in cricket today," said Richards. "We need something so people respect the game. The sooner something is done the better."

Border said: "The game is not a waltz in the park like the good old days any more. It is a hard game and you are going to get clashes.

"West Indies are an arrogant and aggressive team with every right to be so because they have been the best for a very long time."

"We were determined not to back down. But when they come to Australia later this year we will get together and laugh about some of the things we said to each other."

1-1 with Bahrain Bangladesh tied with

for the departed souls.

Bahrain 1-1 after the two opening singles of the first round Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Zone Group Two held in Bahrain Friday according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday evening. Shovon Jamaly (Bangladesh)

Suhrawardi Cup

postponed

Sports Reporter

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The Suhrawardi Cup na-

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added that BFF has condoled

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lost in the devastating storm

and paid respect and prayed

Bangladesh tied

later on.

beat Shehab Shehab (Bahrain) 6-1, 6-1, 6-4 while Sardar Iftekhar (Bangladesh) lost to Essam Abdul A'al (Bahrain) 2-6, 3-6, 2-6.

The doubles match will be held today, reports BSS.

Soccer results

SZOMBATHELY, Hungary, May 3: Italy beat Hungary 1-0 (halftime 0-0) in a European under-21 soccer championship group three qualifier on Thursday, reports Reuter. Tyson-Ruddock re-match June 28

decisive victory over Canadian

Donovan "Razor" Ruddock

when the two meet for a Las

Vegas rematch on June 28,

in a controversial Tyson victory

when referee Richard Steele

stopped the bout in the sev-

enth round although it ap-

peared Ruddock was fully able

to continue. Ruddock's camp

bitterly argued the fight should

have continued and immedi-

ately demanded a rematch,

lenger in a New York studio.

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* Denotes not out.

Six Frank Worrell Trophy.

Australia :

Their March 18 bout ended

reports Reuter.

NEW YORK, May

weight champion

Mike Tyson on

Thursday promi-

a more

3 : Former heavy

points from six games. Yesterday Lodhi scored a major victory by defeating Indian IM T. N. Parameswaran. Playing white, Lodhi made an Old Indian opening and Parameswaran was forced to resign after 29 moves. In another Old Indian

Mahmud Ahmed Lodhi (I) of Pakistan beat India's T.N Parameswaran yesterday at the NSC

Tahmid maintains lead

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chess room earning five points from six games.

FIDE Master Syed

Tahmidur Rah-

man maintained

his lead in the

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Insurance Inter-

national Masters' tournament

with six points from his seven

terday afternoon Tahmid beat

Almasur Rahman in 22 moves.

Playing black, Almas made a

major blunder in his 19th

move and Tahmid quickly

At the NSC chess room yes-

matches.

went for the kill.

opening game on Board Number One, Rezaul Haq of Bangladesh sent compatriot Ashraf Hossain Nannu to his seventh successive defeat. Former Bangladesh national

champion International Master Mahmud Ahmed Lodhi, the Zillur Rahman Champak suffered a shock defeat at the Pakistani International Master, was placed second with five hands of Indian IM Niraj

Kumar Misra. Champak, despite having enjoyed a bit of the advantage in the early stages of the Catalan opening game, resigned in the 28th

-Star photo

Another former national champion, Jamilur Rahman, drew his game with compatriot Maruf Ahmed.

Younus Hassan, yet another ex-Bangladesh champion, was playing India's Vipin Shenoy while the two other Indians in the meet - V. Koshi and B. Sareen — were still locked in keen battle at the time of filing this report.

Maradona to sue for damages



BUENOS AIRES. May 3: Diego Maradona will sue Argentina's leading soccer magazine over a re-

port that said he was naked in the company of two male friends and a blonde undercover policewoman when he was arrested last week, his agent said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The police issued a statement on Wednesday saying the El Grafico report this week was false and that a true account would be released in due course.

"We will sue for injuries and illicit gain (by the magazine)", said Maradona's agent, Marcos Franchi. This week's issue of El Grafico had sold far quicker than normal because of the report, he added.

The two-page account, attributed to unnamed police sources, alleged that a 25-yearold blonde pelicewoman had struck up a friendship with Maradona, 30, and helped plan the police raid on a suburban "flat in which the rags-to-riches midol was arrested with two friends last Friday afternoon.

He admitted to the judge that he had been an occasional cocaine taker for the past three months.

Since his release a team of doctors has been giving him medical and psychological treatment at his Buenos Aires



Maradona with wife Claudia and their daughter

"Diego is undergoing strict medical and psychological treatment. He wants to recover, to become an ordinary citizen. The doctors say a complete recovery (from drugs) is possible although it is not a question of 48 or 72 hours," Franchi said.

Asked whether Maradona, who captained Argentina to its 1986 World Cup title and to the runner-up spot in Italy last year, would ever play football again, his agent replied: "I think a person who has come to this state cannot be clear as to what he will do in the future."

Sweden

singles to England's Alan

seed, had earlier saved two

match points in the fourth

game and went on to build up a

seemingly invincible 20-15

Cooke started taking the ball

early and clawed back to 20-

20. Appelgren saved a third

match point at 21-20 but

May 3 : Morten

Frost emerges

from the practice

area relieved to

be able to walk

But his broad smile hides an

inner sadness. For one of bad-

minton's greatest players

knows he may never achieve

his greatest ambition of being

onships in his native Denmark

looked to offer Frost a last

chance, in the autumn of his

career, to land the coveted

jured his heel in training

Since then it has been a fight

were doubts whether he would

be able to play. But by

Wednesday the Dane had de-

cided to take his chance -

away I would be okay," he said

in an interview. "I have been

practising hardly, physical

training and so on. Whatever I

"If only the pain would go

against considerable pain and a

Earlier in the week there

But a month ago Frost in-

Next week's world champt-

properly, reports Reuter.

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But England number two

lead in the decider.

Appelgren, the number two

Cooke today, reports Reuter.

When Maradona returned with his wife and two daughters to Argentina from Italy early last month he said he wanted to quit the game as he was fed up with professional

AP adds: Maradona is undergoing treatment for a drug problem that threatens to end his brilliant soccer career. And his manager says "in six months we will have a new

"Diego is firmly resolved not to fall under the temptation of drugs again. He is beginning to recover and, if necessary, he is willing to be hospitalized" for treatment, said Franchi.

Aires apartment, accompanied by his wife Claudia and daughters Dalma and Gianina. He has been visited by friends and relatives, Franchi said. The daily newspaper La Nacion, quoting sources close

Maradona has remained se-

cluded at his suburban Buenos

to Maradona, said Thursday he had begun "detoxification treatment, aided by a physician, a nurse and a psychotherapist." Maradona, considered the

world's best soccer player for most of the 1980s, has not been seen in public since he was released on 420,000 bond Sunday following arrest on Friday for drug possession and distribution. Franchi refused to speculate

on Maradona's future or comment on reports that the drug problems have cost the player millions of dollars in cancelled publicity and advertising con-"At the moment he is con-

fused (and) disheartened," the manager said. "At times, it seems he wants to continue, and at others he seems ready to abandon soccer for good." Conviction of drug posses-

sion and distribution can be

penalized by a jail term of from while Tyson complained he two months to six years. was denied a chance to knock out the Canadian. Argentine law, however, also permits acquittal if the ac-Tyson said he would not let cused was not trafficking in a second chance slip away. drugs and seeks treatment and "There is no doubt in my cure of addiction. mind I'm going to take Razor out," Tyson declared during a televised hookup from Las Vegas to his Canadian chal-

Mike Tyson (L) Donovan "Razor" Ruddock (R)

your will out, you're in trouble," Tyson said as the verbal sparring and official promotion for the June bout began.

"You're soft and you're putty. assure you are going to suffer severe pain and I'm going to enjoy this very much," continued the surly, puffy-looking former champion from behind "Tell your family to write

his sunglasses. Tyson, who had hugged

Ruddock and told him he loved him following their first fight, appeared to have no trouble slipping into the typical pre-fight banter as he continued to denigrate the Canadian who had provided such a game challenge.

What can he do? He can't do anything with me. By no means is he my equal," said the 40-1 Tyson, who lost his title to James "Buster" Douglas in February 1990. "He doesn't stand a chance and he's going to get obliterated."

Ruddock never flinched from Tyson's verbal barrage and even occasionally jabbed

"If you think the next one is going be any easier, you better come in tougher than the last time," said Ruddock, who has a record of 25-2-1. "If you are trying to intimidate me don't you know that doesn't work?"

Playing his part to the hilt, Tyson countered: "How dare you talk to me like that ? You should kneel to me now and then I will spare you on June

It was Ruddock, however, who landed the final blow. "Do I have to sit here and listen to this moron ?" Ruddock asked as the bell sounded, signalling the end of

round one.

Row resolved! Cooke shocks Appelgren COPENHAGEN, May 3: A

row which resulted in a top player at a leading badminton championship having to wear his shirt inside-out was settled on Thursday, reports Reuter. Danish star Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen prevented from starting a match in the Sudirman Cup a mixed team world event after officials ruled the shirt he was wearing broke regulations stating shirts have to be at least 75 per cent white. Hoyer-Larsen played the

first game in Tucsday's match against Japan with his shirt inside-out before an acceptable temporary replacement was found.

with a new design to be worn by teams from the Scandinavian countries they

Aouita's quiet comeback

MADRID, May 3: Middledistance runner Said Aouita of Morocco settled for eighth place in a low-key comeback to competition in the Madrid Mile on Thursday.

Aouita, world record-holder in 1,500 and 5,000 metres, was making his first international outing since surgery last June to correct constricted muscles in both calves - a condition which affects blood

He finished over five seconds behind winner Matthew Yates of Britain who covered the distance on Madrid's central Pasco de La Castellana boulevard in three minutes 58.6 seconds.

Chris Smith's

LONDON, May 3: South African-born Chris Smith sustained his fine start to the English cricket season by hammering his third century to set up a decisive Benson and Hedges Cup victory for Hampshire on Thursday, re-

Opener Smith's 142 and a fluent 63 by England batsman David Gower powered Hampshire to 299 for four in the 55 overs match against Glamorgan at Southampton.

go," said Cooke after his 21-CHIBA, Japan. 12, 21-19, 14-21, 24-26, 23-May 3 : Three 21 first round victory. times European

"I started hitting the ball champion Mikael early and took some chances. Appelgren of I've beaten him six times before but to beat him in the squandered five match points World Championships is extra before crashing out of the World Championships men's

> "That is obviously one of my best ever wins; it's not normal to come from 20-15 behind and win, especially against Appelgren.

> Appelgren, who helped Sweden retain the men's team title on Tuesday, was forced on to the defensive by Cooke's power in the first two games but played more positively to level the match 2-2.

After carving out the big lead in the last game his concentration seemed to wander and before he knew it, 25-year-old Cooke was When he lost the final point

celebrating victory.

Appelgren, 29, angrily ripped the rubbers off his bat and threw them into the crowd. Appelgren, whose coolness

under pressure has been likened to that of compatriot Bjorn Borg, would not make any immediate comment on his loss or vital mental lapse. Fellow Swede Erik Lindh.

the number 12 seed, was also a shock first round casualty. He was beaten 22-20, 19-21, 21-10, 16-21, 21-18 by

lowly-ranked Japanese Hiroshi Shibutani. World champion Jan-Ove Waldner kept the Swedish flag flying with a 21-14, 22-20, 21-18 first round triumph over

Zsolt Harczi of Hungary. The men's singles second round matches were due to be

played later today.

Richardson, Marshall top the averages ST JOHN'S, Antigua, May 3: Averages after the final Test

cricket match between West Indies and Australia on Wednesday:

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BOWLING

(Tabulate under : overs, maidens, runs, wickets, average, best figures, average): Australia : McDermott 192.5 40 574 23.92 5-80 M. Waugh 59 18 174 4-80 24.86 Border 74 21 188 5-68 26.86 Hughes 172.3 33589 31.00 4-44 P. Taylor 21 2 79 39.50 1-39 Reid 73 12 229 2-50 45.80 Matthews 73.5 10273 3-155 91.00 105.00 Alderman 22.4 4 105 1-53 West Indies : 20.8 Marshall 156.2 25 437 3-31 136 19409 Patterson 5-83 22.72 Walsh 179.3 52426 4-14 25.06 Ambrose 205.4 47493 3-36 27.39 151 36391 1-37 Hoper 78.20

Also bowled: V. Richards 23-2-101-0, R. Richardson 1-0-

First Test : Drawn (Kingston) Second Test: West Indies won by 10 wickets (Georgetown) Third Test: Drawn (Port-of-Spain) Fourth Test: West Indies won by 343 runs (Bridgetown) Fifth Test: Australia won by 157 runs (St John's)

Result: West Indies won the series 2-1 and retained the

Frana upsets Arias

TAMPA, Florida, May 3 : Javier Frana of Argentina upset No. 2seeded Jimmy Arias on Thursday

night to gain a quarterfinal berth at the 250,000-dollar USTA Clay Courts of Tampa, reports AP.

Frana will meet Chris Garner of the United States, who outlasted the No. 8-seed, Stefano Pescosolido of Italy 7-6 (8-6), 7-6 (7-5). Pablo Arraya of Peru de-

feated Niclas Kroon of Sweden 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (7-0) and will face Kelly Evernden of New Zealand in another quarterfinal on Friday. Evernden advanced by walkover when his secondround opponent, Henrik Holm of Sweden, withdrew due to a

Frana played a doubles match after beating Arias, who said his intensity level dropped drastically after winning the first set. "Why? I don't really know,"

Arias said. "I guess I'm a little bit pooped out this year. I never really got mad or excited. That's not my style. I just got a little lazy." Frana, ranked 164th in the world, maintained a steady

baseline game and let Arias make the mistakes. Arias squandered a game point in the third game of the third set and eventually lost his serve. That was pretty much the

turning point," Arias said. " should've won that game three times over."

Pescosolido said Garner played well, but pointed to several missed opportunities. Pescosolido held four set

points in the first set, including a 6-4 lead in the tiebreak. but couldn't convert any of them. Pescosolido was serving for the second set at 6-5 but Garner broke him and won the tiebreak to close out the match.

"At the important moments, did not make the shots." Pescosolido said. "I had many chances to win this match. It was just a few points differ-

Garner said he felt conditioning was a factor in the 90degree heat. Garner normally

trains at Bradenton, Florida Pescosolido arrived last week

from Europe, where he said it was snowing. "I sensed some fatigue from him," Garner said. "It was re-

ally important for me to win the first set ... got a lot of confidence after that."

Agassi pips Chang

ROSWELL, Georgia, May 3: Top seed Andre Agassi overcame a second-set lapse to defeat Michael Chang 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 Thursday at the 280,000 dollar A-T-and T Challenge, reports AP. Agassi forced play with

Powerfwl ground strokes and

took advantage to Chang's

short reposes. He came to net 49 times in the round-robin match, winning 37, or 70 percent of the points. . "He's never volleyed that much or that well against me,"

Chang said. Bruguera beaten

MADRID, May 3 : Sergi

Bruguera, who beat world number two Boris Becker three days ago, suffered as second round defeat by fellow Spaniard Javier Sanchez Vicrio in the Madrid International tennis tournament on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Second seed Bruguera, who beat Becker to win the Monte Carlo final, his second ATP title in a month, went down 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

India lead ROK in Davis Cup

NEW DELHI, May 3: Ramesh Krishnan outclassed South Korean newcomer Jie Seung -Ho to put India 1-0 ahead in the Asia -Oceania zone Group One Davis Cup second-round tie here today, reports AFP.

The 31-year-old Indian touch artist ranked 90th in the world brushed aside the loss of the first set before galloping to an easy 4-6, 6-2, 6-0, 6-3 win in 137 minutes at the sunbaked Delhi Lawn Tennis Association complex here.

Cooke clinched it 23-21. Sponsors have now come up "After losing match points in the fourth game I decided to stick in there and have a Frost fighting against pain and time

circulation.

third ton

ports Reuter.



But if the pain is there I

have no chance." Frost is 33 now and has graced badminton for many of those years. In the 1980s he dominated the All-England championships and generally bestrode the game, certainly in Europe. But unsuited to hot and

humid Far East climates, world title bids in Asia were not conductive to his best badmintor. It was therefore an even greater disappointment when the championships were last crown again eluded him. Frost would love to atone. But the threat from the

held here in 1983 that the

Indonesians and Chinese in particular, continues apace. The Dane reckons it more than likely an Asian will take the men's championship, despite the home advantage enjoyed by the challengers from

tent force. All-England champion Ardy Wiranata of Indonesia starts favourite with China's Wu Wenkai seeded two.

Denmark, Europe's most po-

But Frost said: "I see 12 main contenders. There are a lot of good players in men's singles. Even I can win." But is it his last chance? "It's been my last chance many

years," said Frost, who is less

obsessed about his age than

the media are. "I'll just play and enjoy it. If play well I have a good chance. If I don't, I will lose. It's quite simple."

The Dane did not play well in the All-England this year, bowing out in straight games in an early round to another talented Indonesian, Allan Budf Kusuma.