

Windies won't give up

LONDON, June 19: West Indies, wounded by the defeat that England's cricketers inflicted at Headingley but confident the blow was not fatal, may be without their fastest bowler Patrick Patterson as they attempt to bounce back at Lord's, reports Reuter.

Viv Richards' team face the second Test on Thursday in positive mood but aware that the four-pronged pace attack that has been a winning formula in the last 11 years could lack one of its sharp edges.

Patterson, who has shown improved control and accuracy on this tour, is having daily treatment on the right calf muscle he hurt bowling late in the rain-hit match against Northamptonshire on Monday.

Ian Allen, an uncapped paceman from the Windward Islands who is on his first senior tour, would be the likely replacement.

a firmer pitch where the ball comes more truly on to the bat after the seamers' conditions in the first Test, West Indies want their strongest pace quartet on duty.

If Patterson is not fit, his absence may strengthen further West Indies' resolve to fight back after England's worthy victory by 115 runs at Headingley.

The Lord's Test, showpiece of the English season, provides Richards' side with the perfect stage to launch their recovery.

It is a favourite West Indian venue — they have won five Tests at Lord's — and Richards acknowledges it is a ground which inspires him.

Certainly, he has graced the traditional home of cricket with some of his most majestic innings, and West Indies have scarcely needed a Richards

masterpiece more than in the forthcoming Test.

With Gordon Greenidge sidelined after a knee operation and fellow opener Desmond Haynes only just starting to make runs following back trouble, Richards' batting responsibilities have increased.

Despite their problems, West Indies have been quick to minimise any despondency after Headingley, Richards underlining his faith in their ability to battle back in the five-match series and tour manager Lance Gibbs saying their was no lack of confidence.

England captain Graham Gooch, ever the realist, is certain to remind his team they have won the first battle but not the war.

His winning XI at Leeds, and 12th man Richard Illingworth, have been retained,

with Gloucestershire fast bowler David Lawrence completing a squad of 13.

Lawrence's call-up — his one previous Test was against Sri Lanka in 1988 — appears to be a veiled threat to Devon Malcolm, who bowled 20.4 ill-controlled and expensive overs in the first Test.

However, Malcolm is not likely to be discarded so early in the series and with fellow paceman Phillip Deffenhaugh certain to play, England would be left to omit two of their remaining bowlers: Lawrence, Steve Watkins, Derek Pringle and left-arm spinner Illingworth.

Such is the added interest generated after Headingley that 2.27 million dollars — a Test record here — has been taken in advance bookings for Lord's, with first three days sold out.

Indian govt to let Sunny visit SA

NEW DELHI, June 19: India's government has given the go-ahead for Sunil Gavaskar, Test cricketers' highest run-scorer, to visit South Africa, reports AFP.

However, a foreign affairs spokesman underlined that the visit does not mean there is any change in our general policy that sporting links with South Africa should not be encouraged.

India, a firm opponent of Pretoria's apartheid policy, has no diplomatic ties with South Africa.

Gavaskar, the former Indian skipper who retired after scoring more runs and centuries in Test cricket than anyone else, was invited to South Africa to attend the setting up of the republic's non-racial United Cricket Board.

The merger of the country's black and white cricketing bodies had taken place with the support of the African National Congress (ANC) to encourage racial equality, the spokesman said.

"We share the views of the ANC on welcoming such mergers," the spokesman added.

The International Cricket Council is expected to readmit South Africa at a meeting in London next month.

Azharuddin sparkles

LONDON, June 19: Indian Test captain Mohamad Azharuddin, who has struggled for runs in his first season in the English county championship, finally came good for Derbyshire on Tuesday with a sparkling century, reports AFP.

The 28-year-old from Hyderabad cracked 154 — his highest score in England — to lift Derbyshire to 287 for five off 92 overs against Gloucestershire after they had lost their first two wickets without a run on the board.

He shared in a stand of 211 in 67 overs with Tim O'Gorman (73) at Gloucester,



Md Azharuddin

hitting 21 fours and bringing up his 150 with a straight six off spinner Jeremy Lloyds.

Nottinghamshire opener Chris Broad was the only other player to pass three figures on another rain-hit day in the championship.

He compiled his third century of the season in the competition against Worcestershire at New Road and in the process boosted his tally in first-class cricket this season to 882 at an average of 73.5.

The opener's unbeaten 108 contained 10 boundaries and was made out of a total of 187 for five.

David Gower, his former England teammate, was also among the runs on Tuesday, grafting for two and a half hours on a slow wicket at Bath to make 69 against Somerset — his first championship half-century for more than a year.

It was hardly vintage stuff from the one-time England captain, though, he struck only seven fours and faced 158 balls after being caught off a no-ball on 10.

But Hampshire were grateful for his grin as it enabled them to reach 21 for five in 103 overs.

Meanwhile, Chris Lewis, another England exile, bounced back from his second Test snub with three for 25 as Leicestershire reduced Lancashire to 84 for four at Grace Road.

There was even less play at Coventry, where leaders Warwickshire crawled to 47 for one off 28.2 overs against Sussex.

Walcott advises caution on SA

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, June 19: Clyde Walcott, president of the West Indies Cricket Board, said Tuesday there was no rush to readmit South Africa at next month's meeting of the International Cricket Council in London, reports AFP.

Walcott said a report on the proposed merger of the two South African cricket bodies was on the ICC's agenda but there was no resolution to readmit the South Africans.

Walcott said it was not the West Indies boards' position to push the matter faster than is necessary.

"We feel that things should be allowed to settle a little bit more," he added.

Walcott said they were quite prepared to listen to South Africa hear some more about the merger, ask questions, that is provided the two groups come together.

Walcott said his board had discussed the South African issue but he had no mandate to vote on re-admission. But he described the move towards merger as a real step forward.

Nat'l swimming from Aug 20

Sports Reporter

The fourteenth national swimming championships, organised by the Bangladesh Swimming Federation, will begin from August 20 at the Dhaka Stadium Swimming Pool.

All the interested teams have been requested to send their entries by August 5.

Altogether nineteen events including water polo and diving will be held the four-day competition this year.

Agassi says God turned him away from pot

LONDON, June 19: Andre Agassi's casual use of whiskey and marijuana as a teen-ager ended when he found religion, the tennis star said in an interview with a British tabloid newspaper, reports AP.

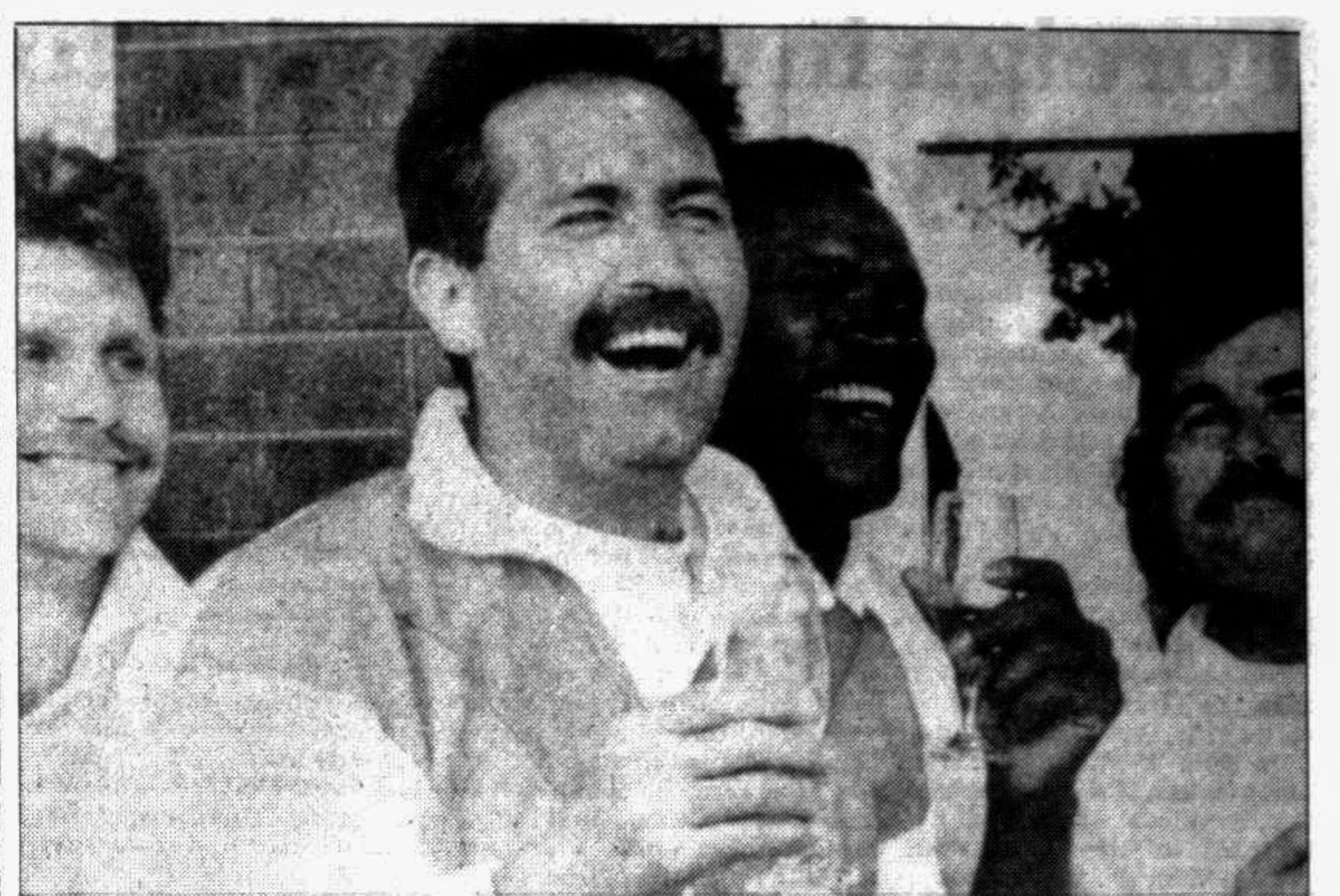
"I began to have a total disregard for alcohol and drugs when I got a stronger faith in God," he told the Daily Express as part of an exclusive interview contract with the newspaper.

The story, published Wednesday, was accompanied by photos of Agassi with girlfriend Wendy Stewart. It was part of a huge publicity buildup preceding the fifth-ranked American's first appearance at Wimbledon since 1987, including speculation about what outfit the flashy Agassi, will wear at a tournament that demands 'predominantly white' clothes.

Agassi, a native Las Vegas who spent most of his teen-age years at the Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy in Florida, said he had trouble dealing with such a disciplined environment.

"I used to rebel against everything when I was younger," he told the newspaper. "I grew my hair long because school said you couldn't have it that way."

"I got to drinking some when I hung out with the other guys. In the academy it was tougher to get away with, but I enjoyed it because you weren't supposed to. I smoked pot, oh sure," he said.



England captain Graham Gooch celebrate their victory in the first Test over the mighty West Indians as teammates — Robin Smith (L), Devon Malcolm and Graham Gooch (far right) look on.

Martina fires warning

EASTBOURNE, England, June 19: Martina Navratilova fired off a warning to the pretenders to her Wimbledon crown when she whitewashed Italian Laura Golarsa in the second round of the Eastbourne women's grass court tournament on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Navratilova, chasing her 10th Eastbourne title in the traditional warm-up for Wimbledon, understandably declared herself delighted with her form after the 6-0, 6-0 victory.

"Everything is just going super," said the Czechoslovak-born American who will defend her Wimbledon crown next week.

"I am hitting the ball better than I had planned on at this stage. I am really felling the ball square on my racket. It is getting better and better every day."

Golarsa's humiliation was at least swift. The Italian was kept on the centre court just 41 minutes.

As if playing an in-form Navratilova were not enough, Golarsa also had problems coping with the gusting wind which played havoc with her serve.

"She is a much better player than she showed today," Navratilova said of Golarsa, ranked 109th in the world.

Navratilova, the top seed here but ranked only fourth at Wimbledon despite her pedigree at the All-England Club, will now meet big-serving Dutch player Brenda Schurz, the woman she beat in the Edgbaston semifinals last weekend.

The unseeded Schultz knocked out 12th seed Rachel McQuillan of Australia 6-3, 6-2.

Seventh seed Nathalie Tauziat of France also made a second-round exit, beaten 3-6, 7-6, 6-3 by American Heather

Ludloff.

Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, the beaten finalist in the French Open 10 days ago, is having no problems adjusting from clay to grass.

The second seed sped past Czechoslovak Andrea Strandova 6-3, 6-2 to reach the third round.

European Cup hockey results

PARIS, June 19: The Soviet Union and Germany joined England and the Netherlands in the men's European Cup hockey semifinals on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

The Soviet side dominated throughout to beat Italy 3-0 in their last group match. Igor Atanov converted a penalty in each half with Bering Seksembaev adding the third goal.

They finished second behind the Dutch in the group, level on points but with a greatly inferior goal difference.

Germany beat Spain 2-0 on first-half goals by Christian Blunck and Carsten Fischer to go in England at the top of Group B with eight points.

England and Germany clash for top spot in the Group on Wednesday.

The winners of each group play the second of the other group in the semifinals on Friday.

TT coaching concludes

A three-week long table tennis coaching camp concluded at the Mohammadpur Preparatory Girls' School premises yesterday afternoon, reports UNB.

A total of 40 paddlers participated in the camp, organised by Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation (BTTF) in co-operation with Mohammadpur Preparatory Girls' School.

BTTF President Syed Yousuf Hossain was present at the closing function where sports goods were distributed among the participants and to the school authority.

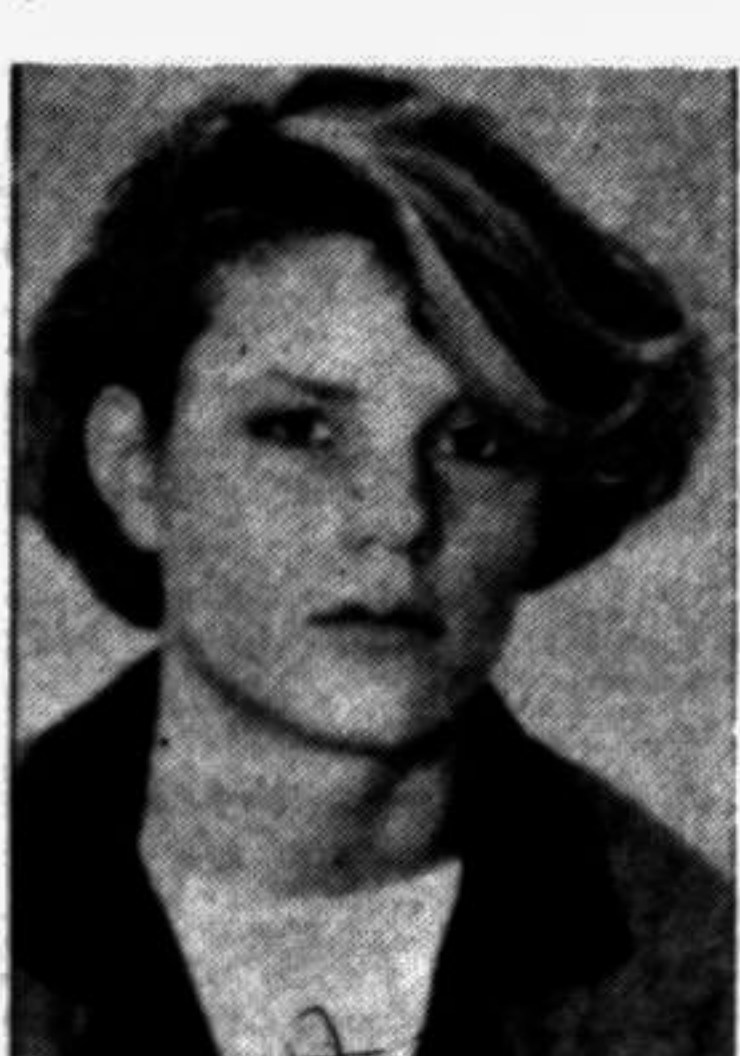
Death threats upset Krabbe

LONDON, June 19: Katrin Krabbe, the German glamour girl of world athletics, revealed here on Tuesday how her life has been disrupted by a series of death threats, reports AFP.

The sprint queen, in England for Germany's international with Britain at Crystal Palace on Wednesday night, said the anonymous calls had affected her training and confidence.

"It's all been too much for me," explained the 21-year-old triple European champion, whose golden girl image and dazzling sprint ability have made her the hottest property in the sport.

"I don't want to talk about the threats. It's something I



KATRIN KRABBE

anything of the race because of the worry."

In Dijon Krabbe could only clock 11.37 seconds, compared to a brilliant run of 11.09 seconds in Duisburg the week before.

Krabbe has reported the news of the death threats, sent to her home in Neubrandenburg, to police — a problem which has afflicted other German sports stars like tennis ace Boris Becker and Steffi Graf.

But she pointed out: "Steffi and Boris have been popular for several years and may be used to that sort of thing. I've only just become popular."

Life has changed dramatically for the former East German athlete since the Berlin Wall came down.

She has swapped her pro-

TECTED lifestyle of the East, where she earned only 50 dollars a race, for all the trappings of capitalist success in the new Germany.

Reckoned to be earning about 300,000 dollars a year for track appearances, as well as fashion and modelling contracts, she says she cannot go anywhere since her triumph in Split without being mobbed by well-wishers.

Today she looks every inch the glamour symbol of the new Germany, wearing her expensive designer jeans and blouse, as well as diamond ear studs, when she attended a news conference.

"My new lifestyle has many advantages," she said.

"But sometimes I wish I could go back to the situation I was in three years ago."



ANDRE AGASSI — a sudden change of mind

Boost for South Africa

SYDNEY, June 19: South Africa's hopes of soon returning to international cricket received a major boost Tuesday as Australian cricket officials announced they will support its readmission at a key meeting next month, reports AFP.

The International Cricket Conference (ICC) meeting in London is almost certain to consider an application by the embryonic multi-racial United Cricket Board of South Africa on July 9.

Australian Cricket Board (ACB) chief executive David Richards said Tuesday the ACB believed the final obstacle to South Africa's return had been removed by the repeal Monday of the last of its apartheid laws.

"Effectively South Africa have put their house in order and it is now up to world cricket to acknowledge that and readmit them to world ranks," Mr. Richards said.

The Australian government has told the ACB it will no longer have objections on policy grounds to South Africa's readmission once the UCB is established.

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SOCCER SCENARIO

Inter to let Trapattoni rejoin Juventus

MILAN, June 19: Internazionale of Milan on Tuesday agreed to release Giovanni Trapattoni from his coaching contract to rejoin Juventus of Turin, which he led to four league championships in the 1980s, reports AP.

After weeks of negotiations, a deal was worked out by Inter management and Fiat tycoon Gianni Agnelli, the Juventus owner. Juventus will loan one of its current players to Inter for one year and buy a second player to then be turned over to the Milan team.

Inter called it an agreement reached "in the traditional spirit of cooperation and friendship" between the two clubs. It had looked as if Trapattoni would be forced to stay with Inter for another year.

Spasic to play for Spanish side

MADRID, June 19: Yugoslav international Predrag Spasic signed with the Spanish First Division side of Osasuna on Tuesday after completing just one year of a four-year contract with Real Madrid, reports Reuter.

"I am extremely pleased" Spasic said after signing a three-year contract. "With Osasuna I'll work as hard as I did with Real Madrid and I'll do my very best."

He said he had no complaints over how the Madrid team had treated him, adding they had been helpful in transfer talks, but would not say what his new terms were.

Osasuna, from the northern town of Pamplona, ended the league season ranked fourth, one place behind Real.

CAF to assess SA readiness

LISBON, June 19: A delegation from the African Football Confederation (CAF) will make a fact-finding visit to South Africa next month, the International Football Federation (FIFA) announced here, reports Reuter.

FIFA president Joao Havelange said the CAF delegation would make trip from July 18-24 to assess South Africa's readiness for a return to world soccer.

"FIFA's congress in Montreal in 1976 expelled South Africa, and only congress can revoke that momentous decision. In Zurich on July 3 next year, if the CAF recommends it," Havelange told a news conference.

Until then the ban on contact with South African soccer players and officials would remain in force, he added.

England earn a draw

FARO, Portugal, June 19: England, at one point down 3-1, rallied to a 3-3 draw against Syria in their first phase Group D world youth championship match on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

England went straight into the attack from the start, needing a win to be sure of a place in the quarter-finals after being defeated 1-0 by Spain in their opening game on Saturday.

England team manager David Burnside stayed with the same squad, except to bring in Charlton Athletic's Scott Minto for Steve Harkness who was banned for two matches after being sent off for violence against Spain.

A goalmouth scramble from a cross by Arsenal's Andrew Cole in the 12th minute led to the opening goal for England. Queens Park Rangers striker Bradley Allen put the ball in.

But English elation was short-lived when Mounaf Ramadan, profiting from defensive errors, volleyed in an equaliser in the 17th minute. Ian Walker in England's goal didn't have a chance.

Six minutes later England got another shock when the unbeaten Syrians went ahead. Ammar Ammar Awad scored from a fast counter after Syria's keeper just managed to smother a Cole header on the line.

After the resumption, Ramadan continued to be a thorn in the England side,

Burrell won't run 100m at Lille

PARIS, June 19: New world record holder Leroy Burrell will not intrude on the Carl Lewis-Ben Johnson Olympic rematch at Lille on July 1st, reports AFP.

"I think that would detract from the interest of the race," said Grand Prix athletics organiser Raymond Lorre.

Lewis ran his fastest 100 metres since the Seoul Olympics when he finished second to Burrell in last Friday's record-breaking run of 9.90 sec.

His 9.93 sec dethroned Johnson's seasonal best of 10.41 sec.

The Canadian, back after a two-year ban for steroids, has been told to run 10.71 sec to earn his half of the 500,000 dollars the two men have been offered.

Lorre said the contract allowed them to cut Johnson's fee if he had not run at least that time.

French sprinters have refused to enter the race in protest over the purse and so far Lorre had found only four other runners

Champs lie in Edberg's path

LONDON, June 19: Wimbledon top seed Stefan Edberg will find former champions John McEnroe, Pat Cash and Jimmy Connors lying in wait for him when he begins his defence of the men's title next week, reports Reuter.

When the main draw was announced on Tuesday, all three ex-champions were placed in the same quarter as the Swedish defending champion.

But cash, who lifted the title in 1987, faces the prospect of having to dispose of last year's semifinalist Goran Ivanisevic of Yugoslavia in the third round to remain in line for an eventual shot at Edberg.

Connors, winner in 1974 and 1982, is likely to take on fellow American Pete Sampras, the U.S. Open champion, at the same stage.

McEnroe, champion three times in the early 1980s and always a draw at Wimbledon, appeared to have a straight forward passage to the last 16 and a potential meeting with Edberg.

Edberg begins his defence on Center Court on Monday with a first-round match against big-serving but unpredictable Swiss players Marc Rosset.

Boris Becker, seeded second

oid, faces German Davis Cup teammate Carl-Uwe Steeb in the first round while Ivan Lendl, still chasing an elusive first Wimbledon title, begins his 1991 quest against New Zealander Kelly Evernden.

Andre Agassi, seeded fifth despite his virtually non-existent past record on grass, meets Canadian Grant Connell with the focus likely to be as much on what the flamboyant American wears as on how he plays.

The pairing gives Connell the chance of another gant-killing exploit after his surprise win over Lendl at the Queen's Club tournament in London last Wednesday.

In the women's singles

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Ruddock moots fresh strategy

NEW YORK, June 19: Donovan "Razor" Ruddock doesn't care that Mike Tyson is partying all night, he's sticking to the game plan for the upcoming June 28 rematch in Las Vegas, reports Reuter.

"I don't try to penetrate what Mike goes," said the Canadian heavyweight in a televised hookup from Las Vegas with reporters on Tuesday.

"I'm just trying to focus on what I've got to do and make sure my stuff is ready when I go in the ring," he said.

Tyson, the former heavy-

weight champion, has been reported to be indulging in all-night party binges in Las Vegas and Los Angeles and to be fighting with promoter Don King.

King denies that anything is a miss with Tyson (40-1, 36 knock-outs), who was not scheduled to appear on the news conference telecast.

"He's fine and he is training as he normally does," King said. "No matter what happens, Tyson is going to be ready to fight and there is no reason to think it won't be like it was last time."

The Paris's first bout March 18 ended in controversy when referee Richard Steele stopped the fight in the seventh round with Ruddock still standing against the ropes.

Ruddock, just one round earlier, had unloaded a three-punch combination showing a powerful right hand for the first time in the bout. Ruddock's reluctance to use the right hand in the early rounds had fuelled rumours that he was fighting with an injury.

"In the last fight I don't think that was totally me, it was not of my strength," said Ruddock, who is now 25-2-1 with 18 knock-outs.

"In that fight I used the left hand predominantly because it

had been successful in the past and I think I abandoned my right hand and didn't use it as I should have," he said.

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Islamic History Dept run riot

Sports Reporter

Islamic History Department drubbed History Department 6-0 in the Dhaka University inter-department football championship match yesterday at the Jagannath Hall ground.