

Cash for a cause keeps Imran going

SYDNEY, Mar 3: Pakistan captain Imran Khan has stopped playing cricket for the glory. Now he's playing for money to help the poor of his country, reports AP.

The tall all-rounder, labelled the Lion of Lahore by his fans and world cricket's only sex symbol by women's magazines, said his motivation was to establish a cancer clinic in his home country.

"My ambition in the next five years is to get the clinic off the ground and running," Imran said.

"It will be in memory of my mother and for the poor of Pakistan."

The catalyst was the death of his mother through cancer and my following awareness that there is not one cancer institute in Pakistan.

The clinic will be based in Lahore and will be called the Shaukat Khanum Memorial Hospital.

Imran, 39, knows cricket tours will help him raise funds to help realise his goal. He has already helped raise more than \$5 million and construction is already underway.

Imran is in Australia leading Pakistan in the nine-nation World Cup competition. His personal campaign has been frustrated by a shoulder injury but he may return in Wednesday's match against India at the Sydney Cricket ground.

He has played international cricket for 17 years and is one of only two players, along with teammate Javed Miandad, to appear in all five World Cups.

The pursuit of funds for the clinic makes this the most im-

portant tournament of all for Imran and he said he would like to continue into next season's tour of England.

"It's wrong to be presumptuous and this Cup may turn out to be a disaster. If that happens, then may be the selectors will want a whole new team."

"But I want to play. That would give me a chance to raise money, as well as the fact

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that I want to go to England and beat them there," he said.

"On a personal level this World Cup means more to me than any other and it also means more to the people of Pakistan."

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SYDNEY, Mar 3: England batsman Allan Lamb and all-rounder Chris Lewis are both likely to miss Thursday's World Cup match against Australia at the Sydney Cricket ground, reports AP.

The England team management refused to rule out either player on Tuesday, but officials said Lamb re-tore his hamstring while warming-up for Sunday's match against Pakistan, in which he had expected to play.

Lamb originally injured the hamstring in the final match of England's pre-World Cup tour of New Zealand, and it took him two weeks to recover.

If the injury lingers for a similar period, Lamb will not be fit to play any first round matches in the nine-nation tournament.

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Jones ready to justify reputation

SYDNEY, Mar 3: Super-confident Australian cricketer Dean Jones, who called his autobiography "One-Day Magic", believes he is ready to return to his spell-binding best in the World Cup, reports AP.

Jones is rated by many experts as the world's premier limited-overs batsman. He has created a number of memorable innings with his dashing stroke-play, including a best of 145 against England last year.

His reputation was built as much on his arrogant shot-selection and daring running as his raw ability.

He was the first player to introduce flashy sunglasses to the cricket field and often appears to favour cool over the technically correct.

It is strange, then, to hear him use words such as "scared", "frightened" and "shy" about himself.

Jones, an important member of Australia's World Cup winning team in India 1987, received a setback this year when he was dropped during the triangular World Series limited-overs competition against India and the West Indies.

He returned to the side but in the latter matches of that tournament, and the opening games of the World Cup, he still struggled to dominate bowling attacks. Then against India in Brisbane on Sunday, Jones changed his approach, hitting a six and then a four to open his innings and marching onto 90.

Jones, it seems, is ready to roll.

Eric Namesnik, US record holder in the 400 metre individual medley, qualified for his first Olympics by winning the race in 4:15.60.

Deaf swimmer and former world record holder David Wharton finished second in 4:17.58 to qualify for his second Olympics. He won a silver medal at the GTP the 1988 Games.

World Championships gold medalist Nicole Haislett won the 200 metre freestyle in 1:58.65. Jenny Thompson was second in 1:59.98.

Nail's record was the second world mark to fall in as many days. Jenny Thompson, 19, on Sunday clocked 54.48 to break the five-year-old world record of the six-time Olympic gold medalist Kristin Otto of East Germany.

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Australia has lost two and won one match from its three. Cup starts and needs him to take the lead.

"I've been frightened to lift the ball at the start of my innings. Since the first World

"I haven't been my free self and playing the shots I should have played."

"I've been scared. My spot was on the line in the middle of the season and when I was dropped I was about how to

my runs over the last five years by having a go. Not by trying to burn runs and look pretty," he said.

"I don't care how it looks. Sometimes I'm going to look ugly, having a few wild swings. But if it comes off it gives the team a bit of snowball effect and helps us off to a flying start."

Jones has come in for more criticism domestically this season than he can recall in a one-day career of nine years, and almost 130 matches.

Having a reputation is good because the bowlers are worried about me," he said. "But when things don't come off people start getting into you. That's one of the things I've been a bit upset with this year. There are a lot of people trying to get at blokes and get at the team."

"People have to understand that if guys are going to hit over the top in the first 10-20 overs sometimes they're going to get out."

Jones believes the tight win over India has turned around Australia's fortunes.

"It's amazing how everyone's confidence has risen. Everyone's talking about the little things in the game and getting right into it. That wouldn't have happened if we'd won by 80."

Australia's next assignment is a match against unbeaten England in Sydney on Thursday.

"I just feel that if we work hard we'll give the England boys some worries," he said. "It's always special playing against the old enemy and I respect a lot of their guys but we'll give them a heck of a fright."

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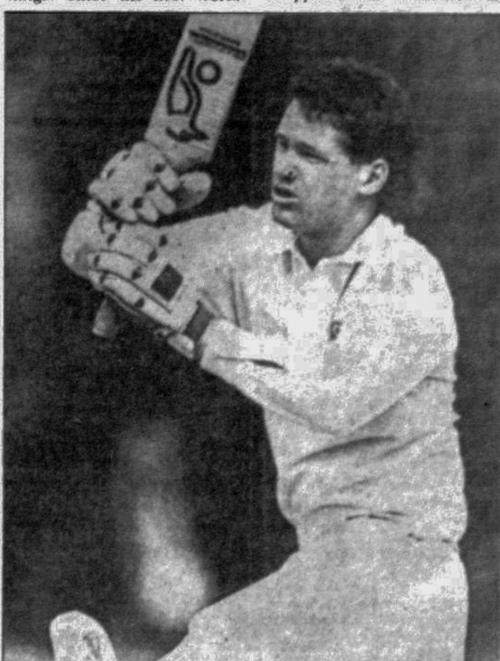
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INDIANAPOLIS, Mar 3: Fifteen-year-old Anita Nail twice broke the 200 metre breaststroke world record and veteran butterflyer Pablo Morales completed a dramatic comeback at the fiercely competitive selection meeting for the US Olympic swimming team on Monday, reports Reuter.

Nail, the youngest member of the US team, swam a world record time of two minutes 25.92 seconds in the morning preliminaries at the Indiana University.

She then came back in the final and bettered her own mark with a sizzling 2:25.35.

The Towson, Maryland, schoolgirl snapped the nearly

four-year-old mark of 2:26.71 set by former East German Silke Hoerner at the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

"I knew I was swimming fast and I knew I was capable of a world record, I just didn't know when it would come," said Nail, who won a place on the US team for the Barcelona Games.

"I always dreamed of making the Olympics and the team. I just never had a concept how," added Nail, who had more than a body length lead on the rest of the field.

The top two finishers in each final of the seven-day meeting qualify for the US Olympic team.

Among those competing in Barcelona will be Morales, the 100 metre butterfly world

record holder who came out of retirement last August after the bitter disappointment of failing to qualify for the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

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