

Ian Taylor warns Kiwis against Pak ball doctoring

AUCKLAND, New Zealand. Aug 30: Former New Zealand cricket manager Ian Taylor has warned the national side to look out for Pakistani ball-doctoring when the World Cup champions tour here in January, the Sunday Star newspaper reported, reports AFP.

Taylor created controversy when he returned with the New Zealand team from their 1990 Pakistan tour and claimed fast bowlers Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis had scuffed up the ball to enhance late swing and contribute to the Kiwis' downfall.

Similar allegations by England batsman Alan Lamb clouded the just-completed home series against Pakistan, who deny the charges.

Taylor said in an interview with the Sunday Star that he was not surprised the Pakistani pacemen were apparently continuing the practice but he was mildly surprised they tried it in England.

"I was surprised that they were attempting those tactics in England. If what we read is true," he said in the interview. "I thought the umpires there would have been too alert and vigilant for them to have got away with it."

Taylor, who stepped down as New Zealand manager after last season's World Cup, said the New Zealand team could do a lot to help itself.

"We have got to keep an eye on it. I don't think it's only an umpires responsibility. The batsmen have got to be aware of it too."

"They should be observing what's going on. They're close to the ball and if they have any suspicions they should draw them to the umpires attention."

Indo-Pak hockey in November

LAHORE, Aug 30: Traditional rivals Pakistan and India have tentatively agreed to play two hockey matches in November in the United Arab Emirates, capital of Abu Dhabi, a Pakistani hockey official said on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) secretary Abdul Hamid said the matches would be played on November 5 and 6 at the Abu Dhabi soccer stadium.

He said the Indian Hockey Federation had agreed in principle to play, pending final approval from the Indian government.

Hamid said the matches would be a first step towards reviving hockey ties between the two countries hit by tension over a Muslim revolt in the Indian-ruled part of disputed Kashmir state.

Indian crowds chanted anti-Pakistan slogans during the 1989 Asia Cup hockey tournament in New Delhi and the Indian players were given extra protection when they played in the 1990 World Cup in Lahore.

Uzbekistan to make hockey debut in Pakistan

LAHORE, Aug 30: Pakistan has invited Uzbekistan to take part in a six-nation international hockey tournament to be held here next February, hockey officials said Sunday, reports AFP.

Inam Rabbani, Secretary of the Punjab Hockey Association, said this would be the first appearance of the Uzbek hockey team in any international tournament since the collapse of Soviet Union, adding that six Uzbek players played in the Soviet team.

Niaz still in third place

Grandmaster Niaz Morshed of Bangladesh beat British Grandmaster Julian Hodgson in the eighth round of the Lloyd Bank International chess tournament Saturday in London, reports UNB.

With the creditable victory, Niaz maintained his third place with six points from eight ties, according to a message received here this afternoon.

The Bangladeshi Grandmaster will face British Grandmaster John Nunn in the ninth round encounter Sunday.

British Grandmaster Jonathan Speelman in leading the table securing 7 points from eight matches.

Grandmaster David Norwood of Great Britain and Granathe Timosenko of Ukraine followed with six and half points each at the end of the eighth round.

In the eighth round held Saturday, Rani Hamid of Bangladesh lost to German International Master Strain Baker and remained with her previous collection of four and half points.

250 chess players including 19 grandmasters, two women grandmasters and 29 international masters are taking part in her ten round Swiss League competition.

McDermott burst rocks Lanka

COLOMBO, Aug 30: Australian fast bowler Craig McDermott rocked Sri Lanka with a four-wicket burst on the third day of the second Test here Sunday as the home side lost five wickets for 18 runs to reach 258 for 9 at the close, reports AFP.

Sri Lanka, who were cruising at 211 for three at one stage, lost the advantage after medium-pacer Tony Dodemaide made the breakthrough by sending back skipper Arjuna Ranatunga (18) with the score on 240.

But McDermott stepped in and with skipper Allan Border taking the wicket of Romesh Kaluwitharana, the next five wickets fell for a mere 18 runs.

Sri Lanka's batsmen have only themselves to blame for squandering their chances for a big total in spite of a cavalier 85 by vice-captain Aravinda De Silva. Sri Lanka now have a slim 11-run lead over Australia.

McDermott claimed four wickets for 11 runs in a devastating seven-over spell to finish with figures of four for 53 while Dodemaide, who was making his first Test appearance in four years, ended with two for 74 off 24 overs.

Sri Lanka's last pair of Don Anurasiri and new cap Muttiah Muralitharan held on grimly as Border applied intense pressure by bringing on himself to bowl the last few overs together with McDermott.

The match which was badly affected on the first two days because of rain, resumes Tuesday after Monday's rest day.

McDermott's victims in his fiery third spell in the final session included De Silva and middle-order bat Sanath Jayasuriya (19), both trying to slash outside their off-stump and

edging catches to wicket-keeper Ian Healy.

The diminutive De Silva hit ten boundaries and a six in his fifth Test half-century off 191 balls.

Earlier, De Silva was involved in a record-breaking 107-run stand for the 3rd



McDERMOTT...4 for 53

wicket with opener Chandika Hathurusinghe who struck form with a cautious 67, his fourth Test half-century which contained six boundaries.

Hathurusinghe, who was dropped on three by Whitney off his own bowling, played the sheet anchor-role for De Silva as they erased Sri Lanka's 61-run third wicket stand against Australia by Sidath Wettimuny and Ravi Ratnayake in 1983.

After thrashing eight boundaries De Silva pulled Moody over the mid-wicket fence for the first six of the match and then brought up Sri Lanka's 200 by turning Moody to the same region for three runs.

Australia struck early when medium-pacer Tony Dode-

maide, in his first ball of the day, dismissed veteran opener Roshan Mahanama (14), caught at gully by Tom Moody with the score on 26.

Then, after a 41-run second wicket stand with Hathurusinghe, in-form left-hander Asanka Gurusinha tried to hook a rising ball from left-arm Mike Whitney but instead succeeded in giving Healy an easy catch.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the third day of the second cricket Test between Sri Lanka and Australia on Sunday.

Australia: First Innings 247 (D Jones 77, G Matthews 55)

Sri Lanka: First Innings (overnight nought for no wicket)

R Mahanama c Moody b Dodemaide 14
C Hathurusinghe b Moody 67
A Gurusinha c Healy b Whitney 29
A de Silva c Healy b

McDermott 85
A Ranatunga c sub b Dodemaide 18
S Jayasuriya c Healy b McDermott 19
R Kaluwitharana c sub b Border 1
H Ramanayake b McDermott 8
D Liyanage c Healy b McDermott 4
S Arunasiri not out 2
M Muralidharan not out 0

Extras: (lb-6 bn-5) 11
Total: (for nine wickets) 258
Fall of wickets: 1-16; 2-67; 3-174; 4-211; 5-240; 6-243; 7-243; 8-255; 9-258.

| Bowling | O | M | R | W |
|-----------|----|---|----|---|
| McDermott | 20 | 4 | 53 | 4 |
| Whitney | 16 | 1 | 49 | 1 |
| Dodemaide | 25 | 4 | 74 | 2 |
| Matthews | 10 | 2 | 20 | 0 |
| Waugh | 4 | 0 | 11 | 0 |
| Moody | 6 | 1 | 17 | 1 |
| Border | 11 | 3 | 28 | 1 |



Mexico's Olga Avalos Appell raises her arms in jubilation as she crosses the finish line of the women's Hokkaido marathon in Sapporo, Japan yesterday. The 29-year-old Appell clocked 2 hours 30 minutes 38 seconds, inside her previous personal best. — AFP photo

Dittmar ends a career-long jinx

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 30: Australian world number two Chris Dittmar ended a career-long jinx when he came back from two games down to beat world champion Rodney Martin in the Malaysian Open squash final, reports Reuter.

Dittmar, who was beaten in the finals of both the World Open and World Junior tournament here in 1989 and 1988 respectively, won his first tournament in Malaysia with a hard-fought 70-minute 12-15, 13-15, 15-10, 15-12, 15-8 victory over his compatriot.

In another all-Australian final on Saturday night, defending champion Michelle Martin beat Robyn Lambourne 15-11, 15-10, 15-10, to win the women's title.

Brazil keep their bridge Olympiad hopes alive

SALSOMAGGIORE, Italy, Aug 30: Brazil jumped into the top four in their division of the World Contract Bridge Team Olympiad with a 18-12 victory over Hungary Saturday, reports AP.

The Brazilians, who won the Bermuda Bowl in 1989, had performed poorly early in the round-robin competition but came to life over the past two days. They captured fourth place, giving it a chance to enter Wednesday's quarterfinals. The top four in each group make it.

The United States, defending champions, blitzed Chile and increased their lead in Group B to 20 points, almost a full match ahead of Turkey. Leaders in Group B were: the United States, 367; Turkey, 347; the Netherlands, 341; and France, 341.

Denmark, held to a 15-15 tie by Portugal, remained in the lead in Group A, with 353 points. Behind them were Hong Kong, 339; Israel, 336; and Brazil, 332.

In the Women's Olympiad, Germany and Great Britain remained in first place in their respective groups.

Germany scored blitzes against both China and Ireland to move ahead by more than a full match in Group A. Great Britain lost to Sweden 18-12, and had a bye, but that was good enough to stay six points ahead of Sweden.

Group A leaders: Germany, 483; Austria, 453; China, 435; the Netherlands, 430; Group B leaders: Great Britain, 484; Sweden, 478; France, 477; Canada, 470.

Round-robin play was to continue Sunday.

Park retains WBA crown

SEOUL, Aug 30: South Korea's Park Yung-Kyun retained his World Boxing Association (WBA) featherweight title in the south-eastern city of Kyongju on Saturday with a unanimous 12-round points decision over Venezuelan Giovanni Nieves, reports Reuter.

The fighters began as they clearly intended to go on, training flurries of punches from the start of what remained a tireless slugging match, marred by grabbing and clutching towards the end.

There were no knockdowns but Park's solid counter blows often sent the gussy Venezuelan off balance.

American judges Elias Quintana and Larry Rozadilla scored the fight 116-113 while another American Judge, Oscar Perez, had Park ahead 115-113.

Park, 25, won the title in March last year by outpointing Antonio Esparragoza of Venezuela. His professional record is now 23 wins against one defeat and one draw.

Chen's third of the season

SHIMACHO, Japan, Aug 30: T M Chen of Taiwan sank a birdie putt on the first hole of a three-way sudden-death playoff Sunday to win the 100 million yen (dhs 800,000) Daiwa-KBC Augusta golf tournament, reports AP.

Chen rolled in the 12-foot putt for a birdie, while Australian Bradley Hughes and Japan's Norikazu Kawakami parred the 568-yard, par-5 18th hole.

Over the regulation 18 holes, Chen and Kawakami both shot 67s to join third-round leader Hughes in the lead at 12-under-par 276 to force the playoff. Hughes had a 71 Sunday.

Chen received 20 million yen (dhs 160,000) for his third victory of the season.

Tetsu Nishikawa fired a 68 for a 278 and was tied in fourth place with Australian Wayne Smith, who also shot a 68.

Frankie Miñoza of the Philippines, who led the first two rounds, fired a 74 and was alone in sixth place at 280. Canadian Brent Franklin was tied at 282 with three Japanese — Teruo Sugihara, Akihito Yokoyama and Seiki Okuda.

Essex enhance lead

LONDON, Aug 30: A defiant century by Martin Speight on Saturday came close to checking Essex's march towards the English county championship, reports Reuter.

The defending champions appeared set for an innings victory at Chelmsford when Sussex slumped to 113 for seven at lunch — still needing 88 to make Essex bat again.

But Speight, superbly supported by Franklyn Stephenson (49), put on 136 in 31 overs.

Speight was last man out at 279 for 126, scored off 185 ball with 20 boundaries.

Essex were left needing 79 to win off 23 overs. That proved a formality, England

skipper Graham Gooch weighting in with a rapid unbeaten 46 as the target was reached with six overs to spare.

If Essex beat Hampshire — and pocket a minimum 22 points — in their game at Chelmsford starting on Monday, they will end this year's title race two matches ahead of schedule.

Pace bowler Martin McCague kept second-placed Kent's title hopes alive by taking five wickets in 23 balls to speed his side to a 233-run victory over Gloucestershire at Canterbury.

McCague took five for 44 — to complete match figures of 10 for 86 — and left-arm spinner Richard Davis five for 61 as Gloucestershire lost their last nine wickets for 60 runs.

POINTS TABLE

English county championship cricket table after Saturday's matches (tabulated-played, won, lost, drawn, batting points, bowling points, total):

| | P | W | L | D | BP | BOP | T |
|------------------|----|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Essex | 19 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 58 | 54 | 256 |
| Kent | 20 | 8 | 2 | 10 | 54 | 47 | 229 |
| Northamptonshire | 20 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 55 | 54 | 221 |
| Leicestershire | 20 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 36 | 54 | 202 |
| Nottinghamshire | 19 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 47 | 50 | 193 |
| Middlesex | 20 | 5 | 2 | 13 | 57 | 54 | 191 |
| Derbyshire | 19 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 42 | 51 | 189 |
| Warwickshire | 19 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 46 | 61 | 187 |
| Gloucestershire | 19 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 41 | 54 | 175 |
| Surrey | 19 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 50 | 45 | 175 |
| Hampshire | 20 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 57 | 50 | 171 |
| Sussex | 19 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 53 | 50 | 167 |
| Yorkshire | 20 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 50 | 51 | 165 |
| Lancashire | 20 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 68 | 46 | 162 |
| Worcestershire | 20 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 49 | 59 | 156 |
| Somerset | 19 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 54 | 53 | 155 |
| Glamorgan | 19 | 3 | 4 | 12 | 45 | 42 | 135 |
| Durham | 20 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 40 | 50 | 122 |

Note: Worcestershire and Gloucestershire figures include abandoned match.

Morgan's dream run

SCHENECTADY, New York, Aug 30: Qualifier Jamie Morgan of Australia continued his string of upsets at the dollar 225,000 QTB International Tennis Open tournament by eliminating fifth-seed Emilio Sanchez of Spain 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Morgan, ranked 161st in the world, had beaten seventh-seed Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands and Mark Woodforde of Australia in the two previous rounds.

Morgan, a 21-year-old in his second year on the pro tour, lost in the final round of the qualifying rounds, but gained main draw status as a "lucky loser" when Tomas Carbonell withdrew with an ankle injury.

"I told myself on paper, he (Sanchez) was supposed to win. So I had nothing to lose," Morgan said.

Morgan was aggressive throughout the match, coming to the net at every opportunity.

"I let him play his game a lot," Sanchez said. "I was a little slow today. I think his best shot is that first volley and I was not serving so well."

Morgan will meet third-seed Wayne Ferreira of South Africa in today's final. Before Ferreira reached the semifinals, he had to complete his quarterfinal match with Richard Fromberg that had been suspended on Friday because of bad light. Ferreira beat

BOA meets Sept 2

Sports Reporter
A meeting of the executive members of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) will be held on September 2 at 4 pm at the National Sports Council conference room with the BOA chief Gias Kamal Chowdhury in the chair.

Apart from finalising the disciplines for the Bangladesh Games scheduled to be held from December 18 to 25 in Dhaka, the meeting is likely to select officials for organising the sixth SAF Games, to be held in Dhaka next year.

The meeting will also consider the feasibility of computerisation of the SAF Games results.

Besides, the BOA members will have an extensive discussion on the two Olympic solidarity programmes to be held in Dhaka and Chittagong next month.

NSC meeting Sept 7

The budget meeting of the National Sports Council (NSC) will be held on September 7 at its conference room.

However, prior to this meeting, the members of the finance sub-committee will meet on September 5.

Meanwhile, the twice postponed annual general meeting of the NSC is now likely to be held on September 20.

The meeting is expected to be followed by the annual NSC awards presentation ceremony.

BSJA donation for Shahin

Sports Reporter
The Bangladesh Sports Journalists' Association (BSJA) donated a cheque for ten thousand taka for the treatment of the ill-fated national youth booter Shahin, who had his right foot amputated very recently after sustaining an injury which eventually led to gangrene.

Nasimul Kabir, the treasurer of the association, handed over the cheque to the unfortunate footballer on behalf of the BSJA at the National Orthopaedic Hospital at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.



Nasimul Kabir, treasurer of the Bangladesh Sports Journalists' Association, handed over a cheque for Tk 10,000 to footballer Shahin at the Orthopaedic Hospital at Sher-e-Banglanagar yesterday. — Star photo

Lendl faces Korda for his 6th Hamlet title

COMMACK, New York, Aug 30: Petr Korda of Czechoslovakia upset top-seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden 7-5, 7-5 and Ivan Lendl easily handled Michael Chang 6-2, 6-3 in the semifinals of the 2,650,000 dollar Hamlet Cup tennis tournament on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Korda, 24, who said he was a ballboy for Lendl, 32, in the 1979 Czech-Sweden Davis Cup match in Prague, beat Lendl in their only previous meeting, last year in Stockholm.

"The guy played very well," Edberg said of Korda. "He had a very good day. He proved he's a very good player and he should do well at the Open."

"The only worry I'd have if I were him is that he played so well today," said Edberg, who begins the defence of his US Open title next week. "You don't want to play your best tennis the week before the Open."

Korda's left-handed, cross-court accuracy with his fore-

hand and passing shots were powerful weapons against the persistently charging Edberg.

"I played consistent. I was strong on important points," Korda said after he broke Edberg's service in the last game of each 12 game set.

Edberg lost his first service game of the week when Korda took advantage of a double-fault and two Edberg errors to go up 3-1 in the first set.

Edberg broke back in the fifth game, a 14-point duel when Korda, a French Open finalist this year, failed on three game points and committed three double faults.

In the last game of the set Edberg lost a 30-15 lead when Korda scored two passing shots and Edberg's backhand half-volley went into the net.

"I thought I had two aces in this game," Edberg said. "He had a little luck going for him too."

"Every match is preparing me for the US Open and it doesn't bother me. I'm never mentioned as a favourite at the Open," Korda said. "I'm getting ready for the big players."

He duelled Edberg on service through the second set and won by winning the last three points after Edberg was 30-15 on service. He whipped two more passing shots and the match ended when Edberg hit an unforced forehand over the baseline.

Lendl, the third seed who has won the Hamlet tournament five times, scored his third straight victory over the second seeded Chang in as many weeks.

Lendl played good tennis," Chang said. "He hits the ball harder than the average player. It takes time getting used to."

"I won the first game and lost the next five. That's not the way to start a match," Chang said.

Lendl, who beat Chang in service-return winners, 37-13, said, "The ball did funny things in difficult windy conditions. I'm playing better tennis than I did last year."

Lendl won the last four games of the second set and said of his Sunday final round meeting with Korda: "He's a dangerous player, but streaky."

A close call for James Toney

RENO, Nevada, Aug 30: James Toney, who fought Mike McCallum to a classic draw the last time they met, escaped with his middleweight title again Saturday night with a majority decision win in a Lackluster 12-round bout, reports AP.

Toney fought an uninspired fight but it was enough to beat the aging McCallum, who tired in the later rounds to lose for only the second time in his pro-career.

Unlike their first fight in December, when they fought toe-to-toe in a thrilling 12-round draw, the rematch was so dull that the crowd was booing both fighters.

Judge Phil Newman had the fight 114-114, but judge Doug Tucker had Toney winning 117-110 and Tom McDonough had him ahead 118-110. The Associated Press had Toney winning 114-113.

It was Toney's sixth defence of the International Boxing Federation 160-pound (72.5 kilos) title he won in May 1991 from Michael Nunn, while McCallum lost for only the second time in 14 title fights.

"A win is a win," Toney said. "I wanted to take it easy and be smooth about it."

Take it easy Toney did, almost to be point in the early rounds where he appeared to be sleepwalking.

McCallum did his share to make it a long night also, adopting a strategy of throwing left jabs and then trying to fight inside while launching very few right hands.

"You give it your best, but 116-110, that's ridiculous," McCallum said. "I feel I won."