

Injured Mushtaq,  
Aaqib Pakistan's  
WORRY

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Apr 7: With the first cricket Test between the West Indies and Pakistan just ten days away, the tourists are worried over back injuries to two key bowlers—seamer Aaqib Javed and leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed, reports AFP.

And in view of West Indies known weakness against wrist spin, Mushtaq's lack of fitness is the more serious problem.

The Pakistanis have two young pace bowlers in Aatur Rahman and Aamir Nazir as cover for Aaqib. But Mushtaq, who joins Somerset for the English county cricket season at the end of the tour, is a major trump card in the tourists' lineup.

Pakistan's coach, Mudassar Nazar, said: "When we pass through Barbados on Thursday on the way to Grenada, we will leave Aaqib and Mushtaq behind for scans. They will catch up with us on Friday—the eve of the Grenada match."

"If their injuries are only muscular they will play in Grenada match. But if they have stress fractures, it means the end of the tour for them."

The match in Grenada, against a West Indies Under-23 XI, is the Pakistanis' last before the Test series starts in Trinidad on April 15.

**Billy' Griffith  
is no more**

LONDON, Apr 7: Former MCC president SC "Billy" Griffith has died in a Sussex rest home at the age of 78, reports Reuter.

Griffith, who played three times for his country, managed the England team to Australia in 1965-66.

**Ctg jr cricket**

CHITTAGONG, Apr 7: Baikali Sangha and Nasirabad Sporting Club registered victories in their respective matches in the super league of the Metropolitan junior cricket competition here today, reports BSS.

Baikali beat West Ashkardighi Boys Club by 107 runs at the Dampara Police Lines ground.

Baikali batted first and made 205 for the loss of seven wickets. In reply, Ashkardighi lost all their wickets for just 98 runs.

Mohi with 46 was the highest scorer for Baikali followed by Rashed with 40, Tobid with 34, Shuvu with 24 and Mithu with 22. Rashedul of Ashkardighi got three wickets for 43 runs.

Shahjahan, 28, and Toyab, 16, were the main scorers for Ashkardighi.

Masud of Baikali took three wickets for only five runs while Shuja claimed four for 44 and Morshed two for 12 runs.

In the other match of the day, Nasirabad Sporting outplayed Agrabad Sonali Sangha by eight wickets.

Sonali Sangha batted first and were all out for only 55. In reply, Nasirabad reached their victory target of 56 runs for the loss of two wickets.

**Arsenal pay for complacency**

LONDON, Apr 7: Double cup finalists Arsenal came down to earth on Tuesday when they fielded a below-strength side and lost 1-0 at lowly Middlesbrough in the English Premier League, reports Reuter.

The victory took Middlesbrough off the foot of the table, the goal coming from John Hendrie in the 32nd minute.

Arsenal rested several of the FA cup semifinal side which beat Tottenham 1-0 on Sunday, including Lee Dixon, Ray Parlour, Kevin Campbell, Paul Merson and Ian Selley.

Anders Limpar impressed in flashes, but England international Ian Wright and Alan Smith had quiet games.

It was the first time in six games struggling Middlesbrough had not conceded a goal. They moved one point clear of Nottingham Forest who have two games in hand.

Brian Deane eased Sheffield United's cup semifinal heartbreak with an 86th-minute winner at home to Leeds to clinch three precious points which pulled them out of the bottom three.

United, beaten at Wembley on Saturday by city rivals Sheffield Wednesday, responded by winning 2-1 and condemning champion Leeds to a 12th away defeat of the season. Leeds have the worst away record in England.

Chelsea striker John Spencer equalised at 1-1 in the 58th minute to leave Ipswich uncomfortably close to the relegation zone.

Ipswich, without a win in their last 11 league games, had gone ahead with a superbly worked goal in the 38th minute from Bulgarian striker Bontcho Suentchev.

## Pakistan bowlers made to toil

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Apr 7: Highly-rated Barbados batsman Roland Holder hit an undefeated century to spur a West Indies President's XI to 276 for four at close on the second day of their three-day cricket match against Pakistan on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Holder ended a rain-shortened day on 140 while Young Guyanese left-hander Shivam Chanderpaul was 24 not out as the President's XI made a strong reply to Pakistan's first innings score of 255 for eight declared.

Holder and his captain Keith Arthurton, who made a classy 74, added 163 for the third-wicket in just over three hours as they slaughtered a depleted Pakistani attack, which was without injured pacer Aaqib Javed.

The President's XI, continuing from 126 for two at lunch, added 116 runs in the session while losing two more wickets.

Holder, who was 61 at lunch, reached his century in

212 minutes of 149 balls when he stroked pacer Aatur Rahman through extra-cover for his 13th four.

Arthurton, who struck 13



ARTHURTON ... 74

fours in his aggressive knock, was out with the score on 186 when he was trapped leg before wicket by Rehman. He had batted for 186 minutes and faced 136 balls.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second

day of the three-day cricket match between West Indies President's XI and Pakistan on Tuesday.

**PAKISTAN:** First innings 255-8 declared (Inzamamul Haq 84, Rameez Raja 75, S Chanderpaul 4-68)

**PRESIDENT'S XI:** First innings (overnight 23-2)

D Joseph b Aaqib 4

S Williams c Rehman

b Nadeem 11

R Holder not out 140

K Arthurton lbw b Rehman 74

J Adams c Moin b Nadeem 13

S Chanderpaul not out 24

Extras: (lb-4, w-1, nb-35) 10

Total: (for 4 wickets) 276

Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-23; 3-186; 4-227

To bat: R Jacobs, B Browne, K Benjamin, A Cummins, O Sibson

**Bowling** O M R W

Aaqib Javed 3.1 0 12 1

Aamir Nazir 10 0 61 0

Nadeem Khan 22 7 74 2

Asif Majeed 23.5 4 44 0

Aatur Rehman 12 0 69 1

Basit Ali 1 0 5 0

Zahid Fazal 1 0 7 0

## Christie-Lewis duel at last

LONDON, Apr 7: The long-awaited duel between Carl Lewis and Linford Christie, the 100-metre champions from the last two Olympics, will take place in Britain this summer, a London newspaper reported Wednesday, reports AP.

The Evening Standard quoted track promoter Andy Norman as saying Lewis and Christie will both run in an invitational event in Birmingham on July 16, and again a week later at a Grand Prix meet in London.

"So far as all parties are concerned there will be two 100-metre races in this country, both with full eight-man fields featuring Linford against Carl," Norman was quoted as saying.

Efforts to bring the two gold medalists together have been in the works since Christie won the 100 in Barcelona last year. Lewis, weakened by illness at the US trials, did not qualify for the race and was unable to defend his title.

Plans for a big-money "Challenge of Champions" at Las Vegas in May fell through earlier this year. The special meet was also to feature Lewis vs. world-record holder Mike Powell in the long jump.

Norman told the Standard the money for July's races was yet to be secured, "but I'm sure that will be no problem."

### Smooth sail for Sabatini

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla, Apr 7: Defending champion Gabriela Sabatini routed South Africa's Joannette Kruger 6-1, 6-2 on Tuesday in the opening round of the dls 375,000 Bausch and Lomb Tennis Championships, reports AP.

Top seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario also won her first match, a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Flora Perfetti of Italy. Kathy Rinaldi of Amelia Island, playing on her home court, beat Silke Frankl of Germany 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Steffi Graf, who lost to Sabatini in the title match the past two years, skipped this year's tournament. Patricia Hy of Canada withdrew because of illness.

The singles champion will receive dls 75,000 and the winning doubles team will split dls 22,500.

### Mohun Bagan have a score to settle

CALCUTTA, Apr 7: Star-studded Mohun Bagan, yet to win a match against arch rival, East Bengal in the Airlines Gold Cup football tournament, will have a point to prove when the two giants clash in the final at the Salt Lake stadium here tomorrow, reports PTI.

Mohun Bagan's quest for airline glory appears to be jinxed as even after cruising into the final a number of times, they have never succeeded in getting past East Bengal, who have won the tournament for the last two consecutive years.

Mohun Bagan needed the tie-breaker luck to scrape past a spirited Mohammedan sporting 6-4 in the first semifinal while holders East Bengal missed chances galore before suppressing Dempo Sports Club of Goa by a solitary first half goal in the second semifinal.

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Australian Todd Woodbridge returns the ball against third seeded American Michael Chang during their second round match of the Japan Open tennis tournament in Tokyo yesterday. Woodbridge ousted Chang 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5).

— AFP photo

## Chang loses a seesaw encounter

TOKYO, Apr 7: Australian Todd Woodbridge prevailed in a seesaw final set tiebreak Wednesday and eliminated third seed Michael Chang from the Japan Open Tennis Tournament, reports AP.

Top seed Jim Courier bounced back from a service break and then a lapse in the tiebreak in the first set, beating Martin Damm of the Czech Republic 7-6 (8-6), 6-4 in another second-round match.

American Chang, fresh from winning the Salem Open in Osaka, Japan, last week, bowed out 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5) in a nearly three-hour match.

Chang and Woodbridge were tied 2-2, 3-3 and 4-4 in the deciding tiebreak before Woodbridge gained an edge with a passing shot and a netted backhand by Chang. Chang closed to 6-5 with a forehand volley before Woodbridge ended the match with a volley winner of his own.

"In the end, I hung in well. In the tiebreak, I went for my serve and got a couple of my

**Costa cruises**

BARCELONA, Spain, Apr 7: Spain's Carlos Costa, winner of the 1992 Conde de Godo men's tennis tournament, swept into the third round of the competition on Tuesday with rare ease, beating Spaniard Juan Vilos in just 55 minutes, reports Reuter.

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Fellow American Pete Sampras, who is pursuing Courier

third-seeded American

Becker given a wildcard entry

NICE, France, Apr 7: Boris Becker, who announced his engagement to girlfriend Barbara Feltus on Tuesday, has been awarded a wildcard to play in the 300,000 dollar Nice Open here next week, reports AFP.

Becker, the world number four, has missed his last four tournaments due to a virus.

## Soccer sours their ties



Borussia Dortmund's Rene Tretschock (L) and Auxerre's Raphael Guerreiro fight for the ball during the UEFA Cup semifinal in Dortmund, Germany on Tuesday. — AFP photo

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