

## Sport

## Toothless, hopeless Englishmen



GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Mar 9: England's seam bowling jinx has struck again with the news that both Andrew Caddick and Alan Iglesden are likely to miss Thursday's four-day game with the West Indies Board President's XI through injury, reports AFP.

Caddick has had a recurrence of the toe infection which kept him out of two one-day internationals, while Iglesden has had an injection in his left shoulder to ease inflammation.

The duo's likely absence from England's last match before back-to-back Tests in Guyana and Trinidad makes their depleted seam attack — already without Devon Malcolm, who flew home for surgery on a knee injury — look even more threadbare.

It once again raises the

question of whether a replacement should be sent for. But the England management are likely to delay any announcement on that subject until after they hear a progress report on Malcolm, who is due to see a specialist about his injury at the end of this week.

Caddick picked up the infection to his left little toe during the first Test, and it quickly spread to his foot, then his groin. The management clearly felt it had settled down following a course of anti-biotics, but as it remains a problem they are unlikely to risk him on Thursday.

Iglesden's problem comes just as he is recovering from a stomach upset which left him dehydrated during Saturday's one-day international in Port-of-Spain.

The injury is not thought to be serious, but physio Dave Roberts has recommended three to four days rest.

## England prove a point

(A round-up of the England-West Indies one-day series)

by Asrarul Islam Chowdhury

Contrary to the media hype over England's real and imagined plight in the current tour of the West Indies, the young, inexperienced English team has fared fairly well in the recently concluded one-day series.

Quite in line with my conviction as expressed in the article under "English lambs up against" title on February 20, 1994 issue of The Daily Star, Atherton's boys have proved that with determination in odes, one can keep going, albeit tardily when chips are down.

England certainly did show that they had the will to win, by subduing the Windies in the first one-dayer at Bridgetown by 61 runs. However, they let the initiative go, by losing the next three, but managed to salvage some pride by winning the 5th one-dayer on a better run-rate. The Windies thus clinched the series 3-2.

The present English side did better than the previous one to the Caribbean in 1989-90 under Graham Gooch. 6 one-dayers were played, with the Windies winning 4, while

Following is the table of averages in the recently concluded series between West Indies and England.

BATTING (M=Matches, Inn=Innings, NO=Not out, C= Catches St=Stumps, Ave=Average)

WEST INDIES	M	Inn	NO	Runs	50s	100s	Best	C/st	Ave
Desmond Haynes	4	4	0	268	2	1	115	0	67.00
Phil Simmons	5	5	0	202	2	0	84	2	40.40
Jimmy Adams	5	5	1	127	1	0	52NO	4/1	31.75
Richie Richardson	5	5	1	124	1	0	52NO	2	31.00
Roland Holder	1	1	0	26	0	0	26	0	26.00
Brian Lara	5	5	0	112	1	0	60	3	22.40
Andy Cummins	5	5	2	61	0	0	24	2	20.33
Roger Harper	5	5	0	86	0	0	37	4	17.20
Keith Arthurton	5	5	0	63	0	0	28	1	12.60
Curly Ambrose	3	1	0	10	0	0	10	1	10.00
W Benjamin	4	3	2	9	0	0	9NO	0	9.00
Courtney Walsh	3	1	1	0	0	0	1NO	1	1.00
K Benjamin	5	2	1	0	0	0	0NO	0	0.00

  

ENGLAND	M	Inn	NO	Runs	50s	100s	Best	C/st	Ave
Mike Atherton	5	5	1	243	2	0	86	1	60.75
Graeme Hick	5	5	1	167	0	0	47NO	1	41.75
Alec Stewart	5	5	0	145	2	0	66	3/1	29.00
Robin Smith	5	5	0	135	1	0	56	4	27.00
Ian Iglesden	3	3	1	20	0	0	18	1	20.00
Andy Caddick	2	1	1	21	0	0	21NO	1	21.00
Mark Ramprakash	2	2	0	41	0	0	31NO	2	20.50
Matthew Maynard	5	5	1	59	0	0	22NO	1	14.75
Nasser Hussain	2	2	0	26	0	0	16	1	13.00
Chris Lewis	5	5	2	28	0	0	16NO	4	9.33
Angus Fraser	2	2	1	5	0	0	4NO	1	5.00
Ian Salisbury	2	1	0	5	0	0	5	0	5.00
Graham Thorpe	1	1	0	4	0	0	4	3	4.00
Phil Tuffnell	4	2	2	2	0	0	2NO	0	2.00
Devon Malcolm	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Bowling (O=Overs, M=Maidens, R=Runs, W=Wickets)									

  

WEST INDIES	O	M	R	W	Best	Ave
Brian Lara	2	0	5	2	2/5	2.50
Andy Cummins	39.4	3	162	9	2/22	18.00
K Benjamin	43	3	195	10	3/44	19.50
Roger Harper	37	0	170	8	4/40	21.25
Keith Arthurton	10	1	34	1	1/34	34.00
Curly Ambrose	24	4	83	2	1/13	41.50
Courtney Walsh	25	1	126	1	1/58	126.00
W Benjamin	28	2	119	0		
Phil Simmons	14	1	50	0		

  

ENGLAND	O	M	R	W	Best	Ave
Devon Malcolm	8.4	1	41	3	3/41	13.67
Angus Fraser	29	1	127	5	3/31	25.40
Steve Watkin	36.5	2	193	7	4/49	27.57
Chris Lewis	45.4	3	257	9	4/35	28.56
Ian Salisbury	19	0	99	3	4/41	33.00
Phil Tuffnell	31	2	147	3	2/52	49.00
Graeme Hick	24	2	149	3	2/32	49.67
Andy Caddick	10	0	61	1	1/61	60.00
Ian Iglesden	28	4	122	2	2/12	61.00

told this to the magistrates," Galliani told reporters on Tuesday.

The investigation, led by Turin magistrates, has been dubbed "clean feet" in the spirit of the two-year-old political corruption probe "clean hands." Each member of the rules committee would be free to interpret the matter in his own way," Neri added. "We will have to wait and see how the investigation proceeds."

While Italian soccer rules stipulate fines for teams involved in under-the-table payments, clubs found guilty of owning shares in another team could be relegated. But AC Milan, who are heading for their third straight league title and are favourites for the European Cup, may not have to face such a harsh punishment over a matter which sports daily Corriere Dello

sports has christened "Milangate."

"Even if Milan were actually proven guilty of such grave charges, the soccer federation would then have to make a decision on what to do," said Luigi Neri, a spokesman for Italy's soccer federation.

The newspaper said the official flew from Hong Kong to China's northeast Liaoning province to conduct the tests at the training camp run by Ma Junren.

Chinese women won gold medals over 1,500, 3,000 and 10,000 metres in last year's Stuttgart World Championships then set three world records at China's National Games.

## Jansher, Martin struggle to move up

VALE DO LOBO, Portugal, Mar 9: Top seeds Jansher Khan and Australian Brett Martin moved into the second round of the Portuguese Open squash tournament on Tuesday with straight games victories, reports Reuter.

But both found it far from plain-sailing against unrated opponents.

Jansher, playing his first match since a dramatic second round defeat at the hands of Scotland's Peter Nicol two weeks ago in the Welsh Classic in Cardiff, was made to struggle by another Briton.

Qualifier Clive Leach, 21, from Birmingham and ranked world number 59, came within one point and a dreadful refereeing decision of taking the third game before the Pakistani came through 15-8, 15-9, 17-14 in 53 minutes.

Leach led 12-6 in the final game and had game point at 14-13, but was then refused what appeared an obvious let' decision.

But Jansher, looking to have a shed some weight since Cardiff, was not worried by his below-part performance.

"I needed to play a fairly long match. I am fit and I am happy about my chances," he said.

Martin, elevated last week to world number two, trailed in all three games against Hong Kong's Pakistan-born Abdul Faheem Khan.

But he managed to put on the pressure at the vital stages to win 15-11, 15-13, 15-13 in 42 minutes in his bid to follow up his title success in Cardiff.

## Wiranata warming up well

BIRMINGHAM, England, Mar 9: Indonesian badminton superstar Ardy Wiranata will need to maintain his recent run of excellent form to regain his all-England men's singles title here next week, reports AFP.

The top seed was back to his best with victories in the Japan and Korean Opens, but the favourite faces a severe test if he is to recapture the trophy he won in London three years ago.

He is scheduled to take on compatriot Fung Permai in the quarter-finals and world bronze medalist Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen of Denmark in the semifinals.

Should Wiranata get past that pair, he has the prospect of a return with defending champion Heryanto Arbi, who will be itching for revenge over his Indonesian teammate after a final defeat by him in Japan.

The second seed plays a qualifier in the first round, but will have plenty on his plate afterwards.

He is due to encounter wily South Korean Kim Hak-Kyun in the last 16, Commonwealth champion Rashid Sidek of Malaysia in the quarter-finals and world number two Pou-Erik Hoyer-Larsen of Denmark in the semis.

Women's singles favourite Susi Susanti will have her work out as well to retain her all-England crown on the tournament's first appearance at the national indoor Arena after 95 years in London.

Tuesday's draw was harsh on the world and Olympic champion. After a first-round bye she faces experienced Dane Pernille Nedergaard in round two, and is expected to meet tricky Swede Liam Xiaoqing in the last eight and old rival Bang Soo-Hyun of South Korea in the semis.

Second seed Ye Zhaoying appears to have a much easier passage to the final, with South Korean Kim Ji-Hyun her projected quarter-final opponent and Young Dana Camilla Martin her probable semifinal rival.

Testing time for Ma's army

BELING, Mar 9: World 10,000 and 3,000 metres record holder Wang Junxia was one of 10 Chinese runners tested for drugs by an International Amateur Athletic Federation official on Tuesday. The China Sports Daily reported today, reports Reuter.

The newspaper said the official flew from Hong Kong to China's northeast Liaoning province to conduct the tests at the training camp run by Ma