



Brazilian soccer legend Pele kicks the ball around with members of the US national team during a promotional meeting in New York on Tuesday. — AFP photo

## Honours easy in rehearsal



LAHORE, Mar. 23:

Pakistan and Germany played out a 1-1 draw in the last match of the round-robin series in the 16th Champions Trophy hockey tournament here Wednesday, reports AFP.

The teams will meet in the final on Friday.

Wednesday's match was watched by a crowd of approximately 65,000 and although it never rose to great heights, the result was satisfactory to both sides.

Pakistan, who were without their regular captain Shahbaz Ahmed, seemed lost in the first half and sprang to life only after the change of ends when Rahim Khan was brought in as a substitute.

Germany dominated terms in the early minutes of play and put goalkeeper Mansoor Ahmed under pressure. They made successive moves of Uli Moiss and Stephan Saliger.

Germany made a substitution in the 18th minute by removing Christian Stengler and calling on Florian Kunz who put them ahead two minutes later from a short corner.

In the 24th minute Andreas Becker had a great chance of increasing Germany's lead but

once again Mansoor Ahmed saved.

Pakistan began the second half with a strong attack through the middle of the field and continued to tax the German defence. In the ninth minute of this period a centre by Kamran Ashraf led to a scramble inside the circle where the Germans were punished for obstruction.

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pace and the goalkeepers were tested at both ends. Australia eventually found an opening in the 26th minute with Stephen Davies running through on the left and passing to Greg Corbit to score from close range.

Five minutes before the interval Mark Hager, the acting captain, combined well with Jay Stacy for Lee Bodimeade to score the second goal.

Hager, who was on his own, failed to outwit the goalkeeper in the 45th minute and at the other end Xavier Molone made the move.

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Faster delights home fans



SHEFFIELD, England, Mar. 23: Britain's Mark Foster beat his own short-course 50 metres butterfly world best time at a World Cup meeting on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Foster stormed home in 23.68 seconds to slice 0.04 of a second from the 23.62 mark he set in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, in February 1993, and equalled — again in Gelsenkirchen last Saturday.

It was Foster's fifth win in five World Cup events he has entered this year and brought the first day of the two-day meeting at the Ponds Forge to a rousing conclusion.

Foster, who set a 50 metres freestyle short course world record here last February, utterly dominated the 50 butterfly.

Fastest in the morning's heats in 25.06 when he eased up on the second length of the 25-metre pool, Foster hurtled away in the final and left the rest way behind.

Alberto Luis Laera of Italy took second place in 24.36 with Milos Milosevic, Croatia's European long-course 100 butterfly bronze medalist here last August, third in 24.77.

Foster felt over-eagerness might have cost him his world-beating time, which is not designated as a world record because 50 butterfly is not an event swum at the major championships.

"I didn't actually think I'd done it. I was conscious of the Italian next to me. The second length was just hanging on really. Foster said after a performance which earned him a 2,000 dollars bonus for the world best time."

"On the second length it's just aggression more than anything else."

Foster, who said he had been feeling tired, did not hit the turn ideally and felt his stroke was slipping in the water and he was "over-revving."

But it was a barnstorming

Magic may return as Lakers' coach

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 23: Marvin "Magic" Johnson, who retired from professional basketball in 1991 after testing positive for the virus that causes AIDS, is returning to coach the Los Angeles Lakers, according to broadcast news reports, reports Reuters.

Los Angeles television station KCAL and radio station KMPK reported on Tuesday that Johnson was being named to replace Lakers coach Randy Flunk.

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## Sport

### Atherton sure his men would fight back

GEORGETOWN, Guyana. Mar. 23: England captain Mike Atherton says he is confident his team are not heading for a Test series whitewash despite going 2-0 down against West Indies on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

With Atherton's side losing the second Test by an innings and 44 runs at the Bouda Ground, the prospect loomed of England suffering their third 5-0 series thrashing by West Indies in 10 years.

But before England left for Trinidad, where the third Test starts in Port of Spain on Friday, Atherton refused even to discuss the possibility of defeat in all five Tests.

"I'm confident it won't happen," he insisted within minutes of his team being beaten here.

"Hopefully Trinidad will give us the conditions we need to bowl them out twice," said Atherton. "Our mood is pretty low after losing this Test but it's important that we keep thinking positively."

England have fast bowler Devon Malcolm returning to the squad after knee surgery at home but, although due to start bowling in the nets again later this week, he cannot realistically be considered for the third Test.

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### India have nothing to lose



NEW DELHI, Mar. 23: India's Davis Cup squad are counting on home court advantage and luck to help them spring a surprise against a US team led by Jim Courier in their first round tie beginning here Friday, reports Reuter.

And the top-seeded Americans, despite being the prohibitive favourites, say they are not taking the Indians lightly.

"We will be playing at 100 per cent for every single point," Tom Gullikson, the non-playing captain of the US squad, said during practice at the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association grass courts.

"There is no question of taking this tie lightly," said Gullikson, who is making his debut as captain and has gone so far as to ensure that food and water were flown in for his players rather than have them risk 'Delhi belly.'

"We are here to win," he said as world number three Courier and Australian open finalist Todd Martin traded strokes on grass for the first time in nine months, since

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ing for his country for the first time.

"Leander is quite capable of causing an upset on the first day," Mukherjee said of Paes, a former junior Wimbledon and junior US Open champion who has proved to be a disappointment in the senior ranks.

The Indian challenge will be led by Leander Paes, who teamed up with veteran Ramesh Krishnan to lead India into the semifinals last year but is ranked only 330th in the world.

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Martinez begins on a winning high

HOUSTON, Mar. 23: A rejuvenated Conchita Martinez kicked off her clay court season by soundly beating Canadian Helen Kleins 6-3, 6-2 in the second round of the Virginia Slims of Houston tennis tournament on Tuesday. reports Reuter.

Martinez, the top seed and defending champion, received a first-round bye and was playing her first match since the Australian Open quarterfinals.

Sixth-seeded Houston native Zina Garrison-Jackson disappointed her hometown fans by falling 6-2, 6-4 to German Meike Babel in a first round match.

With the score even at 2-2 in the first set, the 19-year-old German shocked the sixth seeded by reeling off the next eight games to take a 4-0 lead in the second set.

Garrison-Jackson has been slowed by Achilles tendon problems and her mobility was clearly hampered on Tuesday.

"It's hard to move around," said the 15th-ranked Garrison-Jackson.

"It's hard because I always want to play well here."

Haven't played this bad in a while."

After an exhausting 1993 in which Martinez played 115 matches, including doubles, the Spaniard decided to take some time off before returning to defend her title here in just her third tournament of 1994.

"Since it was my first match in nearly two months I can say I really played solid," said the third-ranked Martinez.

"I lost concentration some times but I was quite happy with the way it went," added Martinez, whose last title came at the Virginia Slims of Philadelphia last November.

Martinez beat Steffi Graf in that final. No player has defeated the German star since.

Kelesi opened the match by breaking Martinez, but the Canadian failed to convert her next eight break opportunities.

Sanfrecce, Antlers find going easy

TOKYO, Mar. 23: Sanfrecce Hiroshima and the Kashima Antlers each scored their fourth straight victories against no defeats in the Japanese Professional Soccer League Wednesday, reports AP.

South Korea's Noh Jung-Youn scored the game's only goal 27 minutes into the first half, giving the Sanfrecce a 1-0 victory over the Urawa Red Diamonds at Urawa, northeast of Tokyo.

Noh, not expecting to be tapped, had eased off on training. When he got the news, "it was a panic feeling," he said.

"I told Brian, 'I better get off the phone and get to the rink now,'" he said, laughing.

"I'm still surprised to be here. It's kind of a blur. I'm just trying as hard as I can."

Bez jailed

BORDEAUX, France, Mar. 23: Claude Bez, former owner of the Bordeaux soccer team, was sentenced Monday to one year in jail and fined 2 million francs (dlrs 350,000) for fraud, reports AP.

Bez, whose team dominated the French League for much of the 1980s, was also ordered to pay 2.5 million francs in damages and interest to the governing council of Gironde, the district surrounding Bordeaux.

Bez was accused of fraudulently overbilling local authorities by more than 10 million francs for the 1987 renovation of facilities at his team's training center outside Bordeaux.

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Yoshiyuki Hasegawa scored a winning shot six minutes into the second sudden-death extra period as the Antlers beat the Shimizu S-Pulse 3-2 in the rain at Kashima, northeast of Tokyo.

Argentine striker Diaz scored the winning goal on a penalty shot in the 34th of the second half as the Yokohama Flugels a 1-0 triumph over the Nagoya Grampus Eight in the rain at Yokohama.

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- 2 Accumulate
- 3 Emulate Jeremy Irons
- 4 Pub
- 5 Annual visitor
- 6 Performing pair
- 7 Ticket price
- 8 USSR, subsequently
- 9 Least typical
- 10 Reclining seat
- 11 Poker holding
- 12 Boy
- 13 Vat
- 14 Welsh veggies
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- 16 Edge
- 17 Fended off
- 18 Frenzied
- 19 Michael Jackson
- 20 Conks out
- 21 Dressed
- 22 Gilligan's Island
- 23 Edge
- 24 Legal
- 25 Poolroom array
- 26 Morning moisture
- 27 Mamie's man
- 28 Tire tracks
- 29 Soprano Te Kanawa
- 30 Test drive
- 31 Annual visitor
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