

# Pakistan retain Australasia Cup

SHARJAH, Apr 22. Aamir Sohail starred for Pakistan as they continued their supremacy over arch rivals India to lift the Australasia Cup here Friday, reports AFP.

The World Cup champions, who began the grand final of the six-nation tournament with a 11-3 record over India, played the better cricket to run away with an easy victory by 30 runs.

Asked to take first strike in perfect batting conditions, Pakistan survived a middle order collapse to pile up 250 for six in the stipulated 50 overs.

India could manage only 211 in reply as the fired-up Pakistanis bowled and fielded superbly amid strong vocal support from 20,000 fans at the overflowing Sharjah Cricket Stadium.

Pakistan's hero in a tension-filled match was left-hander Sohail who hit a defiant 69 and picked up two for 22 bowling left-arm spin.

Sohail, who struck 134 against New Zealand on Wednesday during a world record stand of 263 with Izzatullah Haq, put on 96 for the first wicket with Saeed Anwar (47) in just 17.2 overs.

India struck regular blows after that to contain the run-rate before Basit Ali hammered

a glorious 57 off 58 balls including two sixes and three fours to fire Pakistan to five runs an over.

The Indians, who were promised a cash reward of 30,000 dollars by a local businessman if they won on their first appearance at this desert venue in three years, caved in under pressure.

They were reduced to 83 for four by the 19th over before Vinod Kambli and the hard-hitting Atul Bedade raised India's hopes with an

addition of just 48 runs.

Wasim Akram, Malik and Sohail returned with two wickets each. Sohail was later named both man-of-the-match and the best player of the tournament.

India began on the wrong foot as opener Ajay Jadeja was out to the second ball of the innings, pulling Wasim Akram to Basit Ali at short mid-wicket.

Sachin Tendulkar and Navot Sidhu carried the score to 60 when India lost two

36 off 61 balls, failed to read Akram Raza's flighted off-spin and gave a simple return catch in the 19th over.

With the top four batsmen removed at the score of 83, celebrations had already begun in the stands dominated by Pakistani supporters.

Bedade and Kambli silence their opponents for a while with their defiant stand, but India's cause was lost when both batsmen were dismissed.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard in the final of the Australasia Cup limited overs cricket tournament between India and Pakistan today:

**PAKISTAN**

Anwar c Prasad b Chauhan	47
Sohail b Srinath	69
Izzatullah c Mongia b Chauhan	12
Malik c Azharuddin b Chauhan	1
Basit Ali b Srinath	57
Mujtaba not out	34
Wasim Akram c Azharuddin b Srinath	2
Latif not out	17
Extras (lb-3, w-3, nb-5)	11
Total (six wickets-50 overs)	250
Fall of wickets: 1-96; 2-125; 3-127; 4-149; 5-215; 6-219	

Did not bat: Ataur Rehman, Akram Raza, Aaqib Javed

**Bowling:**

	O	M	R	W
Srinath	10	0	56	3
Prasad	9	1	44	0
Kumble	10	0	56	0
Chauhan	9	0	29	3
Tendulkar	8	0	45	0
Jadeja	4	0	17	0

**INDIA**

Jadeja c Basit Ali b Akram	0
Tendulkar c Sohail b Rehman	24
Sidhu c and b Raza	36
Azharuddin c Latif b Aaqib	3
Kambli c Raza b Malik	56
Bedade c Mujtaba b Sohail	44
Mongia c and b Sohail	3
Kumble c Latif b Malik	12
Chauhan run out	5
Srinath not out	6
V Prasad lbw b Akram	22
Extras (lb-4, w-10, nb-8)	21
Total (47.4 overs)	211
Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-60; 3-63; 4-83; 5-163; 6-180; 7-182; 8-203; 9-209	

**Bowling:**

	O	M	R	W
Akram	8.4	0	39	2
Aaqib	7	1	27	1
Rehman	8	0	27	1
Raza	10	0	47	1
Malik	9	0	45	2
Sohail	5	0	22	2

**Result: Pakistan won by 39 runs**



AAMIR SOHAIL ... m-o-m and man-of-the-series

80 run stand for the fifth wicket.

Bedade, playing only his fourth international, slammed four sixes and one boundary in a breezy 44 off 45 balls, while Kambli, made a sedate 56.

Bedade was held in the deep by Mujtaba off Sohail in the 36th over when 88 more were needed for victory.

Kambli was held at mid-wicket off Pakistani captain Salim Malik in the 40th.

Their dismissal took the fight out of the Indians who lost their last six wickets for

**Minhaz suspended**

Sports Reporter

Former captain of the Bangladesh national cricket team Minhazul Abedin, better known as Nannu, has been suspended for three matches by the disciplinary committee of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) for his unseemly behaviour in a semi-final match of Pepsi 20th national cricket championship.

Minhaz menacingly barged into the VIP gallery on his way back to the pavilion after being dismissed in the semi-final against Chittagong, where a section of the spectators indulged in barracking the pavilion-bound batsman. Minhaz, however, apologised to the Board following the incident.

The suspension order will be in effect immediately for any competition under the aegis of the BCCB.

**Indian cricketers on cash course**

BOMBAY, Apr 22: The Indian cricket team were richer by Rs 30,000 for their two wins — against the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in the league stage and against the Aussies in the semifinals — at Sharjah under the Sun-Grace-Mafiala-Awards scheme released here yesterday, reports PFI.

India's in-form opening batsman Ajay Jadeja with eight points was declared the player-of-the-week. Jadeja collected four points for taking four catches and another point for a direct hit run out. He also collected two points for his superb 87 against the Aussies and another point for the century partnership for the second wicket along with Navot Sidhu.

Wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia is breathing down Jadeja's neck with six points for his six catches from three matches. Sachin Tendulkar with five points is in the third position while skipper Mohammed Azharuddin and medium fast bowler Jagavall Srinath are in the fourth place with four points each.

# Becker's life threatened

MUNICH, Apr 22: Boris Becker is under police protection after his manager received calls from a man threatening to massacre the three-time Wimbledon champion and his family, police said Thursday, reports AP.

Becker, one of Germany's biggest sports idols, skipped this week's tournament in Monte Carlo, claiming an injury.

The threats against Becker were reported nearly one year to the day after Monica Seles was stabbed in the back during a tournament in Germany.

Munich police spokesman Bernd Fink said a man telephoned Becker's manager five times in March and threatened "a fearful bloodbath" of Becker's family.

The man said the family of Becker's manager, Axel Meyer-Weiden, a prominent Munich lawyer, was also in grave danger unless his demands were met.

The man never specified his demands, although he said he wanted money and had "other conditions," Fink said.

Both Becker and his manager have been given police protection, he said.

The man spoke with a fake East European accent and claimed to be a member of a larger organisation with close links to the Red Army Faction, a leftist terrorist group responsible for many deadly attacks on German and American business and military interests. It has no known history of attacking athletes.

Becker's manager received five calls between March 10-16, Fink said. Becker, his wife Barbara and their son Noah Gabriel, who was born in January, were at the time in Key Biscayne, Florida, where Becker was playing a tournament.

There were no more calls after that, Fink said.

"Since he never called again, we assume that he only wanted to spread fear," he said.

Police believe the man may be mentally disturbed, Fink said.

"But we took him very seriously and we will take him seriously," he said.

According to police voice experts, the man is from Bavaria and is middle-aged.

Fink said police were investigating and declined to give any other details.

Becker, 26, has a Monte Carlo home and often stays in Munich when he is in Germany. His wife lived there before and his manager also lives there.

**Record prize money**

WHITE PLAINS, New York, Apr 22: A record amount of prize money — more than 9.3 million dollars — will be on offer at this year's US Open tennis championships, the United States Tennis Association said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The men's and women's champions will each collect 550,000 dollars, an increase of 15,000 dollars from last year. The total prize money of 9,360,100 dollars represents an increase of nearly four per cent over the 1993 tournament.

The US Open begins on Monday, August 29, and runs through Sunday, September 11.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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**CRYPTOQUIP**

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DAIRY FARMER FINALLY NOTICED THAT HIS COWS WERE WEARING MOOD RINGS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: W equals P

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

## Lara's triumphant homecoming

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Apr 22: Trinidad and West Indies batsman Brian Lara, who broke a world record this week with the highest individual score in Test cricket, received a hero's welcome on his return home, reports Reuter.

Among the thousands at Piarco International Airport to welcome cricket's new superstar on Thursday night were Prime Minister Patrick Manning and several cabinet members.

Manning, speaking at a reception at the airport, said a new city street would be named the Brian Lara Promenade and said the government had decided to buy a house for Lara and give his mother, Pearl, free travel on the state-owned British West Indian Airways (BWIA).

Lara, 24, scored 375 runs on Monday against England in the drawn fifth Test in Antigua, beating the previous record of 365 not out scored by fellow West Indian Sir Gary Sobers against Pakistan at Kingston in 1958.

Lara, whose record-breaking innings is the highest individual score in cricket history, said he was moved by the reception. "It is like a dream," he said.

He added his accomplishment was now sinking in and paid tribute to all those responsible for helping him, including Sobers, a Barbadian, who greeted Lara at the airport.

**Illingworth to put his foot down**

LONDON, Apr 22: Ray Illingworth threatened a mass Test clear-out on Thursday and accused England's cricket selectors of "running scared a bit" during the last few years, reports Reuter.

On the day England ended their West Indies tour, Illingworth, elected last month as Ted Dexter's successor as chairman of selectors, launched himself into what he promises will be a "more aggressive" administration.

His first delivery was a bouncer at all-rounder Chris Lewis, wicketkeeper Jack Russell and batsman Mark Ramprakash and Graeme Hick, all four, he warned, have their Test places in doubt.

He also admitted great concern about the ability, fitness, wise, of Angus Fraser to cope with the busy international schedule.

Illingworth then backed Keith Fletcher in his recent criticism of Robin Smith, who England's team manager claimed was allowing off-the-field money-making activities to get in the way of making Test runs.

He said: "You do need to be one-eyed in Test cricket. If Fletcher reminded Smith of that then that's good thing."

Illingworth re-iterated that former captain Graham Gooch would have to make himself available for the Australian tour if he was to win a recall against New Zealand and South Africa.

**Pattern remains unchanged**

Sports Reporter

Shabana Parveen Nipa retained her position atop the points table when the Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) player notched four and a half points at the end of the fifth round of the 15th women's national championship at the chess room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

Playing with white, Nipa beat International Women's Master Rani Hamid in 50 moves in one of yesterday's encounters.

Tanima Parveen of Chittagong beat Jahanara Huq Rumu in 38 moves to raise her tally to four to stay behind the table leader.

Roxana Gulshan Nikkon and Afroza Khanam Bablee had three points to their credit having recorded win in their respective matches.

Roxana despatched reigning champion Zakia Sultana in a game spanning 41 moves while Dhaka University's Bablee needed 56 moves to wring out submission from Selina Banu Tuhin in 56 moves.

**MSC want time**

Sports Reporter

Holders Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club have put forward a plea to the authorities Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) for a slight deferment of the imminent DMFA Cup.

Mohammedans, who along with the other three semifinalists of last year, are entitled to automatic passage to the second round, have their first match on May 7 according to the schedule. But lack of preparation as the petition alluded, has made it difficult for the club to take part in the meet scheduled to begin from May 3.

# Windies home record runs on Honours even in last Test

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua, Apr 22: The history-making fifth and final cricket Test between the West Indies and England ended in a draw on Thursday, reports Reuter.

After the heroics of Brian Lara's world record Test score of 375 and 303-run partnership between England's Mike Atherton and Robin Smith, the last day was, as expected, an anti-climax.

England were finally bowled out in their first innings for 593, equalling the West Indies 593-5 declared.

When the home side batted again they reached 43-0 before a draw was agreed, leaving the West Indies 3-1 series winners.

England had started the morning on 442-6, 151 behind the West Indies and sure of a draw, barring disaster.

Jack Russell, caught behind off Winston Benjamin for 62, was the only wicket to fall before lunch and England were safe.

Andy Caddick (22) and Angus Fraser and Phil Tufnell, both without scoring, were dismissed in the afternoon session, but it was academic by then, with all-rounder Chris Lewis unbeaten on 75.

Russell and Lewis will have been relieved to make runs as new England supremo Ray Illingworth looks to patch up weaknesses exposed by the five-match series.

The new chairman of selectors indicated in England earlier in the day that Lewis, wicketkeeper Russell and batsmen Mark Ramprakash and Graeme Hick still had plenty to prove if they are to hold their place.

But England captain Mike Atherton's position looks secure for some time to come.

After the disastrous day in Port of Spain when his side were shot out for 46, the lowest England total this century, he lifted them to a win and an honourable draw in the last two Tests.

Lara was named man-of-the-match after his record-breaking 375 which established him

as the sport's hottest property.

But Alec Stewart could take considerable satisfaction after his two centuries set England up for their success in the fourth Test, while Atherton and Smith's record third wicket stand here on Wednesday was another splendid feat.

Curtly Ambrose, after destroying the English batting earlier in the series, was less



BRIAN LARA ... m-o-m

effective in the final two games, but ended Thursday with typically mean figures of one for 66 off 40 overs.

Atherton said: "I like to look at the positive side of this tour. The chairman (Illingworth) has been watching on television and I hope he has seen some positive things."

"I hope he has the same idea as me about keeping faith with players who showed faith in to start with."

The captain added: "I stand by what I said at the start of this series. With a group of young players you are going to take one step forward and then one back on occasions."

"But provided you see progress and development I am happy to stick with them."

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the fifth and final cricket

Test between West Indies and England on Thursday:

**WEST INDIES:** First Innings 593-5 declared (B. Lara 375, S. Chandernaul 75 not out, J. Adams 59)

**ENGLAND:** First Innings (overnight 442-6)

Atherton c Murray	175
b Ambrose	175
b K. Benjamin	24
Ramprakash lbw	19
b K. Benjamin	175
Hick b K. Benjamin	20
Thorpe c Adams	9
b Chandernaul	9
Russell c Murray	62
b W. Benjamin	75
Lewis not out	75
Caddick c W. Benjamin	22
b Adams	22
Fraser b Adams	0
Tufnell lbw b W. Benjamin	0
Extras (b-9, lb-20, nb-23)	52
Total:	593

Fall of wickets: 1-40; 2-70; 3-37; 4-393; 5-401; 6-417; 7-535; 8-585; 9-589

**Bowling:**

	O	M	R	W
Ambrose	40	18	66	1
Walsh	40	9	123	0
W. Benjamin	41.1	15	93	2
K. Benjamin	37	7	110	4
Chandernaul	24	1	94	1
Adams	22	4	74	2
Arthurton	2	1	4	0

**WEST INDIES:** Second Innings

Simmon not out	22
Williams not out	21
Extras:	0
Total (For no wicket)	43

**Bowling:**

	O	M	R	W
Smith	8	2	11	0
Fraser	2	1	2	0
Caddick	2	1	11	0
Tufnell	6	4	5	0
Ramprakash	3	1	5	0
Thorpe	2	1	1	0
Stewart	1	0	8	0

**Result: Match drawn**

**First Test: Kingston, Jamaica** — West Indies won by eight wickets

**Second Test: Georgetown, Guyana** — West Indies won by an innings and 44 runs

**Third Test: Port of Spain, Trinidad** — West Indies won by 147 runs

**Fourth Test: Bridgetown, Barbados** — England won by 208 runs

**West Indies win the series 3-1**

# Kafelnikov stuns Stich

MONTE CARLO, Apr 22: Top seed Michael Stich crashed to Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov in straight sets in the third round of the Monte Carlo Open on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Kafelnikov, 20, who burst into the limelight this season with wins in Adelaide and Copenhagen, proved he was no longer afraid of anyone by seizing a hard-fought 7-6, 6-4 victory to reach the quarter-finals of the 1.2 million dollar event.

World number two Stich, struggling to adapt his serve and volley-game to clay, made repeated unforced errors including hitting a forehand wide on match point to bow out of the event.

"I'm disappointed but I'm not looking for excuses," said the German, whose only title this year came in February in Rotterdam. "He just played very solid and made fewer mistakes than I did."

Both players held serve through the first set which Kafelnikov won on a 7-3 tie-break.

The Russian controlled play against a nervous Stich in the second. He broke the German to take a 3-2 lead, dropped his own service for 4-4 then broke Stich again in the next game.

Stefan Edberg and Jim Courier, seeded second and third respectively, reached the last eight comfortably.

Edberg, who will resume pursuit of a first French Open title next month in Paris, relied on his fluent attacking

game to move past Spanish teenager Alex Corretja 6-1, 7-5.

Courier, the American fighting back from a lean spell. Showed glimpses of his old form to tame rising Italian Andrea Gaudenzi 6-3, 6-4.

"I found my patience," said

**Bates advances**

SEOUL, Apr 22: Jermy Bates of Britain upset second-seeded Chuck Adams of the United States 6-4, 7-5 Friday to advance to the semifinals of the KAL Cup Korea Open, reports AP.

Bates will face sixth-seeded Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands in Saturday's semifinals. Siemerink beat fourth-seeded Jamie Morgan of Australia 6-4, 6-2.

Jeff Tarango of the United States faces Joern Renzenbrink of Germany in the other semifinal.

**China's first**

BEIJING, Apr 22: China's State Council (cabinet) has approved China's biggest ever nationwide lottery to raise money for sports, an official of the State Sports Commission (SSC) said on Friday, reports Reuter.

The SSC will sell one billion yuan (115 million dollars) worth of tickets over the next two years. Officials are hoping to raise 300 million yuan (34.5 million dollars) for sports projects.

The official could not give any further details of the lottery.

Courier who was upset by Corretja in the first round of the Spanish Open earlier this month.

"I needed some matches but now I feel comfortable with my game. I've got the weapons to hurt guys, as long as I don't hurt myself."

Edberg and Courier face tough tests in the next round against Austrian Thomas Muster and Ukrainian Andrei Medvedev respectively.

Ninth seed Muster, who won here in 1992, overpowered eighth seed Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden 6-2, 6-4.

Sixth seed Medvedev, recovering from a knee injury, managed a fairly easy 6-4, 6-3 win over Czech Slava Dosedel.

Hard-hitting Goran Ivanisevic, the fourth seed Croatian, also advanced to the quarter-finals in devastating fashion by demolishing Peruvian baseliner Jaime Yzaga 6-1, 6-3.

French Open champion Sergi Bruguera of Spain moved nearer a third title in the principality by beating compatriot Alberto Berasategui 6-7, 6-0, 6-0.

Berasategui, who impressed by beating Courier to take the Nice Open on Sunday, mounted a brave challenge to take the first set, winning a tense tie-break 10-8.

But fifth seed Bruguera, who won here in 1991 and 1993, then got on top of a tiring Berasategui to win 12 straight games.

Baseliner Bruguera faces an interesting battle in the next round against serve-and-volley specialist Ivanisevic.



Rising Russian tennis star Yevgeny Kafelnikov returns a serve against top seed Michael Stich of Germany during their third-round match in the Monte Carlo Open on Thursday. Kafelnikov won 7-6 (7-3), 6-4.