

Imran Khan's crusade against ignorance

LAHORE, Apr 16: Pakistan's cricket hero-turned-social reformer Imran Khan launched Saturday a programme to spread literacy in the country, reports AFP.

four billion dollars during his nationwide fund-raising campaign for the hospital, constructed in memory of his mother, who died of colon cancer in 1985.



IMRAN KHAN

The impressive public response, coupled with his periodical articles in the national press over political and administrative

ills in the country, sparked speculation that the cricket hero had political ambitions.

But, he said like the cancer hospital, the educational programme was "free from any political motive, reiterating that he had no political aims. "One can serve the nation without being involved in politics."

Imran was recently quoted as saying he was considering coming out of his cricket retirement. But the unmarried sports star subsequently denied the report.

He criticised Pakistan's "discriminatory" educational system with its different standards for the rich and the poor, leading to creation of a "privileged class."

Imran called for enhanced budget for education in Pakistan, which has a low literacy rate of 27 per cent in a population of 130 million and spends only around two per cent of GDP on education.

No change in Windies line-up

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Apr 16: West Indies selectors named an unchanged 13-man squad on Saturday for the third Test against Australia starting in Trinidad on April 21, reports Reuters.

They have kept faith with out-of-form opener Stuart Williams, who has managed just 58 runs in the first two Tests and who has yet to score a Test half-century in eight Tests.

West Indies, one down in the four-match series, also retain left-arm spinner Rajindra Dhanraj and middle order batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul who have not yet played against Australia.

The home side lost the first Test by 10 wickets while the rain-hit second Test was drawn.

SQUAD: Richie Richardson (captain), Stuart Williams, Brian Lara, Carl Hooper, Jimmy Adams, Keith Arthurton, Junior Murray, Winston Benjamin, Curtly Ambrose, Courtney Walsh, Kenneth Benjamin, Rajindra Dhanraj, Shivnarine Chanderpaul.

India in need of another Kapil

COIMBATORE, Apr 16: Despite the good performance by the Indian cricket team this season during which it won three tournaments, former Test opener Krishnamachari Srikkanth feels that the team needs an all-rounder of the calibre of Kapil Dev to become a formidable unit, reports PTI.

The absence of a genuine all-rounder, who could score a few vital runs, was being felt in the lower middle order, especially in the one-day games, the dashing opener, who was here in connection with the Coimbatore Stock Exchange's second anniversary, told PTI.

The void left by Kapil Dev's retirement was very much evident and it would be hard to find a substitute for him. However, in course of time, the team would have to find one.

To a question on the Indian team's bowling resources, Srikkanth said skipper Azharuddin himself had felt the need for another strike bowler. Srinath looked promising but he would take some time to mature. There was, however, still a need for a bowler like Wasim Akram, he said.

Azharuddin hailed the team effort and said it was instrumental in the team's success this time around. "Everybody played their part. It was never an individual show", he added. He also did not fail to praise the batting efforts of man-of-the-tournament Navjot Singh Sidhu, which he described as "very good", and his deputy Sachin Tendulkar who notched the only century in the four-nation tournament involving Bangladesh too.

Tailenders frustrate Aussie bowlers

BASSETERRE, St Kitts, Apr 16: Australia received some unexpected late-order resistance from a West Indies second-level squad on a rain-hit opening day of a three-day match here Saturday, reports AFP.

Nehemiah Perry took an unbeaten 52, reaching his half-century off 79 balls in 92 minutes, lifting the hosts to 209 for eight at the close. He is partnered with Otis Gibson in a frustrating ninth-wicket stand of 31 that endured a 70-minute rain break in the final session.

The Jamaican off-spinning all-rounder guided the West Indies away from a precarious 110 for six after veteran fast bowler Carl Rackemann captured three wickets for 42 runs off 15 overs to engineer the middle-order collapse.

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Marsh runs world's best

WALNUT, California, Apr 16: American Michael Marsh, the 1992 Olympic 200 metres champion, ran the world's fastest 100 metres of the year on Saturday, recording a wind-aided 9.89 seconds at the Mt San Antonio College relays, reports Reuters.

World record holder and Marsh's Santa Monica Track Club teammate Leroy Burrell finished third in 10.09, behind Ato Bolden from Trinidad and Tobago, who finished second in 10.01. The wind was 2.81 metres per second over the allowable 2.00.

Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis, who did not run in the 100 metres, won the long jump with a leap of 26 feet, 8 1/4 inches (8.13 metres).

An expected 400-metre relay showdown never materialised between the Santa Monica Track Club, with Lewis, Burrell, Marsh and Sam Jefferson, and the world class all-stars quartet of Americans Dennis Mitchell and Jon Drummond and Britons John Regis and Tony Jarrett.

The Santa Monica Club did not run due to the death of Jefferson's father last week. World class did run, but dropped the baton.

Frazier bags women's title

Courier spoils Agassi's party

TOKYO, Apr 16: Jim Courier spoiled Andre Agassi's debut as the world No 1, out-slugging him 6-3, 6-4, Sunday in the final of the Japan Open, reports AP.

Playing in chilly winds before nearly 10,000 spectators, many of them cheering for Agassi, Courier set up match point with a backhand lob just over his opponent and then claimed victory when Agassi sent a forehand long.

Agassi had saved one previous match point on his own serve at 3-5 in the second set, blasting an inside out cross-court forehand past Courier.

Agassi, who has been troubled by a back strain since Davis Cup preparations last month, was in no danger of losing his ranking. Fellow American Pete Sampras, who headed the rankings for 82 weeks until last Monday, lost two days later in the second round of a tournament in Barcelona, Spain.

"I feel like I didn't play great today by any means," Agassi said. "Some had to do with the back, some had to do with conditions and the wind, and a lot had to do with Jim and the way that he was playing."

He added: "You can't be casual or lackadaisical or compromise your movement with Jim. He's one of the best players in the world. I felt like the odds were a little bit against me going out there just based on the fatigue factor, my back, and the conditions."

Courier, a former No 1 who had gone more than 10 months without beating a top ten player, reached the final here by beating fellow American Michael Chang, ranked sixth, in the semifinals. He collected 156,000 dollars for the victory.

Agassi, who came into the final with a 30-2 match record and three singles titles this year, will go home with 82,100 dollars. Because of his back strain, he already had said Saturday that he was skipping the coming week's tournament in Hong Kong for a few weeks of rest and treatment.

Courier now has won seven of his 11 meetings with Agassi, but the two had not played since Courier won in the quarterfinals of the US Open in 1992.

He broke Agassi in the second set, but Agassi broke back twice for a 3-2 lead. Then Courier broke twice, gaining the key break on a passing shot down the line, and served out the first set.

In the second set, Courier's service break in the first game held up and he almost broke again for the match at 3-5.

At 5-4, he came back from 15-30 with a deep forehand

Paitoon Asian U-21 snooker champ

Sports Reporter Paitoon Polboon of Thailand beat Farhan Mirza of Pakistan 8-5 to win the 2nd Asian under-21 snooker championship 1995 held in Brunei from April 1 to 8, says a press release.

In the semifinals, Farhan Mirza beat Wong Kok Wai of Malaysia 6-0 and Paitoon Polboon beat Marvin Lim of Singapore 6-2.

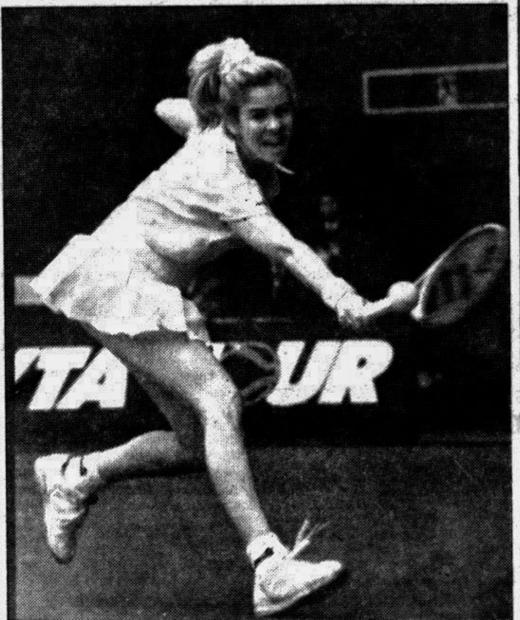
Some 28 players from 8 countries participated in this championship.

and angled volley combination, hit a winning lob and watched an Agassi forehand fly long.

Date, took this year's title with a 7-6 (7-5), 7-5 triumph in one hour, 40 minutes.

The second-seeded American pounded deep backhands and Date, seeded first, scored with sharp angles.

Serving at 5-6 in the first set, Frazier survived two set



American Amy Frazier makes a well-stretched backhand return against Japan's Kimiko Date during their Japan Open tennis final in Tokyo yesterday. Frazier won the match 7-6, 7-5.

— AFP/UNB photo

Frazier, who lost in last year's Japan Open final to

Medina wins WBC crown

MIAMI, Apr 16: Manuel Medina of Mexico scored a unanimous decision over Colombia's Juan Polo-Perez in a fight between former world champions Saturday night, reports AP.

The 12-round bout was for the vacant World Boxing Council Latin American featherweight title. Medina, a former international Boxing Federation featherweight champion, survived a deep cut above the left eye late in the fight to improve his record to 50-6. Polo-Perez, an ex-IBF bantamweight champion, is 36-11-2. There were no knockdowns.

Two judges scored the fight 118-108 and the third had Medina winning 119-107.

Polo-Perez had points removed in the eighth and ninth rounds for hitting below the belt. Ironically, Polo-Perez managed to land solid rights to stagger Medina after both point deductions in what were his strongest rounds of the fight.

In the 10th, Polo-Perez's punches opened a cut above Medina's right eye. Polo-Perez managed to shorten the distance from his taller opponent to score more consistently than earlier in the fight.

Medina used his height and reach advantage to outscore Polo-Perez through the first half of the fight. Lead left jabs followed by rights enabled Medina to land repeated combinations.

Graf moves into Houston final

HOUSTON, Texas, Apr 16: World number one Steffi Graf remained unbeaten for the year here Saturday, dispatching fellow German Sabine Hack 6-2, 6-2, to reach the finals of the 430,000-dollar WTA Houston championship, reports AFP.

Graf needed only 75 minutes to eliminate the sixth seed and secure a place in Sunday's 79,000-dollar final against Sweden's Asa Carlsson, who ousted Germany's Meike Babel 6-4, 6-3 in the other semifinal.

Graf, now 17-0, has won titles at Paris, Delray and Key Biscayne and is one match away from taking another crown in her 1995 clay court debut.

Muster takes Conde de Godo title

BARCELONA, Apr 16: Austria's Thomas Muster won his 19th consecutive final on a clay court Sunday, defeating Sweden's Magnus Larsson 6-2, 6-1, 6-4 in the Conde de Godo ATP tournament, reports AP.

The win in the final gave the 27-year-old a record 20th title on clay since the ATP tour began in 1990. Twenty-five of 26 professional titles are on clay and he is 16-0 in matches this season on the surface.

Muster, seeded No 9 in the tournament and 17th in the world, easily beat the 25-year-old Larsson with his consistent ground stroke. Larsson was seeded seventh in the tournament and No 12 in the world.

Muster and Larsson came to the fore when top-seeded American Pete Sampras and No 2 seed Sergi Bruguera — a claycourt specialist like Muster — fell in early round matches.

The victory was the third this season for Muster in a claycourt event with a win last week in Estoril, Portugal, and earlier in Mexico City.

"Maybe you didn't like me in the beginning when I played against (Spaniard Carlos) Costa, but I hope you respect me now," Muster said.

Tyson signs deal for new home

LAS VEGAS, Apr 16: Boxer Mike Tyson has signed the financial papers on a \$3.7 million home just down the street from entertainer Wayne Newton's ranch, reports AP.

The 11,000-square-foot (4,160-square metre) home, which is patterned after a French castle, is located on Tomiyasu Lane just a short distance from Newton's ranch and palatial Southern-style mansion.

Tyson, who has been in Las Vegas since March 31, has been living in the house for the past week, a source close to the deal said Friday. Movers were seen carrying in furniture Wednesday, and reports of the pending deal have circulated all week.

Tyson was released from an Indiana prison March 25 after serving three years of a 6-year sentence for rape. He had been staying at the MGM Grand Hotel where he has a 2 1/2 year contract to conduct his fights at the 1 billion dollars gambling resort.

During the past two weeks, he's been spotted shopping at the Forum Shops at Caesars Palace and walking through the MGM Grand Theme Park with his girlfriend, Monica Turner.

Azhar's men return home

Pakistan still haunt Indians

BOMBAY, Apr 16: The triumphant Indian cricket team flew into Bombay this morning after a seven-year gap, winning the four-nation Asia Cup for the fourth time in their five-edition history in the United Arab Emirates of Sharjah on Friday, reports PTI.

An enthusiastic bunch of supporters were present at the international airport to greet the victorious team members with garlands for winning the title for the third successive time and claiming a crown at Sharjah for the first time since their last title-triumph in the '87-88 Sharjah Cup.

Talking to PTI on arrival, an obviously tired skipper Mohammed Azharuddin and cricket manager Ajit Wadekar expressed happiness over the Indian team's show and also brushed aside India's comprehensive defeat against Pakistan in the round-robin phase.

Azharuddin, who steered

India to an eight-wicket win over Sri Lanka in the final with a masterly innings of 90 not out which fetched him the man-of-the-match award to boot, said about the 97-run loss to arch-foes Pakistan, "It does not matter. That's a game. The Cup matters".

When queried whether the Indians were confident of beating Pakistan after the heavy defeat suffered at their hands in the league phase had the latter made the final, the Indian skipper who topped the batting average, retorted by

asking "Why not?"

His optimism obviously ignored the fact that India have not upstaged their bitter rivals in the finals held in cricket's desert outpost since the last ball six hit by the irrepressible Javed Miandad which had guided Pakistan to a sensational win in the Australasia Cup final of '85-86.

It started a run of four successive defeats for India against their neighbours — with the last one being in the '93-94 Australasia Cup final lost by Azhar himself as captain.

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Cute handball Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Ansars beat Dhaka Wanderers Club by 26-16 goals in the Cute premier handball league played at the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium, yesterday.

The winners led the first half 15-6.

Rafiq netted 12 goals for the winners.



Eintracht Frankfurt's Jay Jay Okocha (C) dribbles past Bayern Munich's Marcel Witteck (L) and Christian Nerlinger during their German league match on April 15 in Frankfurt. Munich won the match 5-2.

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Tender Notice

Sl No	Description of work	Estimated cost (Tk)	Cost of tender documents (Non-refundable)	Completion time
1.	Construction of Officers' Club Bhaban at Head Office Complex, Chapapur, Comilla	30,33,558/00	Tk 1,000/- per set	180 days

2. Earnest money: 2.5% of the total quoted amount.

3. Eligibility:
The intending contractors/firms will have to take prior permission from General Manager (P&D)/Dy. General Manager (Construction), BGSL, Chapapur, Comilla to purchase tender documents by showing original and producing photocopy of current enlistment certificate with Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous Organisation, Bank Solvency Certificate, Municipal Trade Licence, Income Tax clearance certificate and VAT registration certificate, similar nature of building construction work execution certificate of Tk 30.00 lakh & experience in aluminium works with a copy of work order in a single tender completed within last seven years with any Govt./Semi Govt./Autonomous Organisation. No necessity of aluminium works experience for the contractor previously enlisted with BGSL for civil works.

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7. Date and time of tender opening: On 7-5-95 at 12-10 PM.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Sound of laughter
5 "— woman, hear me roar"
8 Turn one's nose up at
12 Elliptical
13 Once called
14 Salad fish
15 Celebration
17 Mayberry's town drunk
18 Confidential
19 Gymnast's garb
21 Keep bugging
22 Europe's neighbor
23 Legume holder
26 One of Louisiana's girls
28 Paris' subway
31 "...maids all in —"
33 Charles Dutton sitcom
35 Garbage barge
36 Boston

DOWN

1 Kachina worshiper
2 Shake-speare's water
3 Millinery
4 Ex-hausted
5 Whole number
6 NRC forerunner
7 Conductor Zubin
8 Cheap cigars
9 Sharp-beaked
10 Troop group
11 Low
16 Leading man?
20 Doctrine
23 Buddy
24 Treasure of the Sierra Madre?
25 Yokums' home
27 Creator
29 Caviar
30 Personal
32 Bellicose
34 Ghouls' prey
37 Word of denial
39 Agana's island
42 Al Capp creature
44 Orchestra section
45 "Old MacDonald — farm..."
46 Slaughter of baseball
48 Ollie's pal
49 Beige
50 Go after fly balls
53 Cattlefish protection

TEASDALE

airport
Follow relentlessly
Coop
occupant
Those in favor
Difficulty
Toaster's word
Examines grammatically
41 Across' opponent
Wear two different socks
Harbor structure
"— singular sensation..."
Poet

SONGBIRD

Carolina county
Approves
Comfy-cozy
Kachina worshiper
Shake-speare's water
Millinery
Ex-hausted
Whole number
NRC forerunner
Conductor Zubin
Cheap cigars
Sharp-beaked

SOLUTION time: 21 mins.

LACE SKI SHED
ALOE PEN TOLE
DARKMARK APSE
SIN OWN GREED
HON WOK
ATLAS BABBITT
SEAR FUN AGUA
HECKLED WRONG
CEE YAK
SHALE PAL MARK
LARA LARK PARS
EVER AND URGE
DESK YES GLOW

Cryptogram puzzle grid with numbers 1-50 indicating starting positions for words.

CRYPTOQUIP

B H F J M V A N H T Z V C
K P F W M H K A M M A S
N C P B A M S H Q : " F M Z H B
H B T H Q !"
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HE'S CLAIMING THAT HE CLIMBED THE MOUNTAIN, BUT HE'S ONLY BLUFFING.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: N equals M
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.