

Imran's fruitful venture



ISLAMABAD. Aug 2: Former Pakistan cricket captain Imran Khan has said his marriage to Jemima Goldsmith, daughter of an Anglo-French tycoon, "has given Western civilisation a sense of defeat."

When he returned last week after the wedding two months ago some of his fans greeted him with slogans hailing him as a future prime minister.

"We want a system where the government serves the masses and is answerable to them," Khan said. "We want to end the VIP culture."

He said he was consulting

prompted some clergy and other critics in his country to complain that he was undermining his own efforts to promote the national culture and religion among young people.

The bride converted to Islam before the marriage.

Some Westerners suspected the marriage was part of an Islamic conspiracy



Imran Khan and Jemima Goldsmith revel in the spotlight.

culture," the Englishwoman "hoisted the banner of Islam," Khan told the Urdu-language daily Jang the day before his family threw a traditional post-marriage feast Tuesday, reports AFP.

"Now, from home to home across Europe, there is a debate going on about Islam and its message," he was quoted as saying. "My marriage has given Western civilisation a sense of defeat."

The sporting hero, whose marriage to the British heiress incited much controversy in his home country, also indicated an interest in politics despite earlier statements that he would not get involved.

with friends and intellectuals and would consider entering politics if he could help to free the government from the control of the privileged and moneyed class he accused of leading "luxurious" lives at national expense.

"A mere sneeze would send them rushing abroad for medical check up and treatment," he complained.

In Pakistan leaders have their own separate hospitals and schools, but even the children of the President and Prime Minister should be going to ordinary schools, he said.

Jemima, 21, is the daughter of a wealthy industrialist, Sir James Goldsmith. Her wedding to Khan, 42,

— Star file photo

against the West," Khan said. Meanwhile, press reports said the bride's mother, Lady (Anabel) Goldsmith, arrived in Lahore late Monday along with other family members.

Wearing a sky-blue Pakistani dress, Jemima embraced her mother, saying, "Oh, mama, I missed you."

"I am very happy because my daughter is happy," Lady Goldsmith told reporters, saying her daughter had decided to marry Khan only after a detailed study of Islam and Eastern culture.

It pleases me that she has covered her head, which is a requirement of her husband's culture... so it doesn't bother me at all," she said.

Gunnell not going to Gothenburg

LONDON, Aug 2: Sally Gunnell confirmed on Tuesday that she will miss the World Championships in Gothenburg altogether, reports Reuter.

Gunnell was disappointed with two comeback races in Germany at the weekend and has withdrawn from Britain's 4x400 meters relay squad.

The world record holder had previously abandoned her defence of the 400 metres hurdles title because of injury.

Hattestad too heavy to compete

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, Aug 2: Norway's Trine Hattestad said on Tuesday she would not defend her javelin title at the World Athletics Championship because she was five months pregnant and "too heavy" to compete, reports Reuter.

Hattestad, 29, who has been performing regularly on the Grand Prix circuit this summer, told the Norwegian daily newspaper, Verdens Gang: "I am sorry, but I am too heavy."

Hattestad won the world title in Stuttgart in 1993 and followed up with the European crown in Helsinki last year.

She would have been among the favourites to win again in Sweden.

Already a mother with a four-year-old son, she added: "What I don't have is an Olympic gold and I will make a major effort to get that in Atlanta next year."

"After I have the baby I will have seven months to go before the Olympics and that should be plenty of time."

Germany's Uta Pippig, a leading marathon runner who was entered for the women's 10,000 metres here, pulled out because of an injury.

Peter Graf arrested



FRANKFURT, Aug 2: The father of top-ranked women's tennis player Steffi Graf was arrested at his home Wednesday on suspicion of tax evasion, state prosecutors said, reports AP.

The arrest warrant was issued Monday, but was executed when authorities feared Peter Graf, who is also his daughter's manager, might flee Germany to avoid prosecution, said a statement issued by the prosecutor's office in Mannheim.



GRAFS in trouble

cut when authorities searched the family home at Bruch on May 23.

She said in the television she felt sure that her accountant and her father had acted "totally correctly," and that any irregularities would be cleared up.

The arrest warrant said Mr. Graf did not file a tax return for four years, and when he did, on estimated income of 35 million marks (25 million dollars) he paid only one-fifth of that income in taxes. In Germany a 50 per cent tax rate would be more normal in that income

bracket.

German newspapers reported last month that Miss Graf and her father were under investigations by tax inspectors.

After winning the Wimbledon tournament, Graf had told ZDF television in an interview that she did not know what the 15 inspectors

is estimated at 70 million dollars. Her has won 1,348,855 dollars this year in tennis tournaments.

ITF backs down

LONDON, Aug 2: The International Tennis Federation (ITF) was forced into an embarrassing climbdown on Tuesday less than a week after backing a bid to create a new improved men's professional tour, reports Reuter.

The ITF had accused the existing ATP Tour of "losing its focus," but has now issued a statement acknowledging "negative and premature public debate" had halted discussions with an organisation interested in promoting a rival tour.

The statement admitted the ATP "had not completed the complex negotiations and considerations" necessary to launch an alternative tour, but did not rule out support for a future project.

"We still strongly believe the concept to be correct, but unfortunately the negative and premature public debate has caused us to suspend our deliberations for the time being, by mutual consent."

The ITF are still advocating a more streamlined men's tour and, among other things, more satisfactory dates for the Davis Cup.

They were reported to be in discussions with representatives of media magnate Rupert Murdoch, which prompted a terse reaction in Florida from ATP Tour chief executive Mark Miles.

Miles dismissed the plan last week as "an ill-conceived and transparent power-play," adding: "It is not in the best interests of anyone in tennis and potentially could hurt ITF members more than most."

US natant grabs gold

ATLANTA, Aug 2: Becky Dyroen-Lancer of San Diego won the solo technical event and the United States topped the team technical routine Tuesday night in the Synchronized Swimming World Cup at the Georgia Tech Aquatics Centre, reports AP.

Dyroen-Lancer, who has swept the solo, duet, team and figures titles in eight consecutive competitions, received three 9.9s in technical merit and four 9.9s and a 10 in artistic impression for a 98.800 total.

Canada's Lisa Alexander was second at 97.733, followed by Russia's Olga Sedakova at 97.267 and Japan's Miya Tachibana at 97.133.

Poor culprit!

MUNICH, Aug 2: Using voice comparisons, police have arrested a man accused of threatening tennis star Boris Becker and Becker's manager, police said Tuesday, reports AP.

Becker took the threats seriously and kept his wife and young son out of Germany for months last year as over 20 calls making threats and demanding money went to the Munich office of his manager, Axel Mayer-Woelden.

Police said the suspect, whose name was not released, is a 28-year-old resort workers who confessed to the campaign of threats after becoming a suspect in another extortion case.

Police had recorded one of the threatening calls to Mayer-Woelden's office and matched the caller's voice with that of the suspect, said a statement from Munich police headquarters. It said the man was arrested last Thursday, and a judge issued an order to hold him in jail pending trial.

The calls began in March 1994 and continued until February this year, the police statement said.

Martinez toils

CARLSBAD, USA, Aug 2: Third-ranked Conchita Martinez survived a scare in her opening match Tuesday, holding off unseeded Beate Reinstadler 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 in the Toshiba tennis classic, reports AP.

Martinez, seeded second, struggled throughout the second-round match that was far closer than the score indicated. The 23-year-old Spaniard, who had a first-round bye, was extended by Reinstadler in nearly every game.

Perhaps the biggest factor in the outcome was Reinstadler's inability to convert her many break opportunities. Reinstadler, a German-born Austrian, won just four of 19 break-point chances.

Third-seeded Mary Pierce of France had little trouble in her first match, routing Erika de Lone 6-0, 6-3. Pierce won the first set in just 18 minutes.

Bruguera breezes

KITZBUHEL, Austria, Aug 2: Second-seeded Sergi Bruguera of Spain easily defeated countryman Pepe Imaz 6-1, 6-4 to advance Tuesday to the third round of the 435,000 dollars Austrian Open men's tennis tournament, reports AP.

No 3, seed Alberto Berasategui of Spain had a tougher time against Gerard Solves of France, winning 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

IAAF to end controversy



GOTHENBURG, Aug 2: International athletics chiefs are ready to study controversial video pictures before ratifying Cuban Ivan Pedroso's world record breaking long jump at last Saturday's Sestriere athletics meeting, reports Reuter.

Doubts have been cast over the official wind reading for the leap when Pedroso appeared to take advantage of a rare lull in a gusting wind in the Italian ski resort to achieve his record jump of 8.96 metres.

Some spectators said they saw a man standing in front of the wind measuring machine alongside the track just before the 22-year-old Pedroso set off down the runway.

International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) general secretary Istvan Gyulai said Tuesday the IAAF's technical committee would be prepared to look at video material of the incident if necessary.

"We want all our world records to be watertight," Gyulai said. "If necessary we are prepared to look at video evidence."

Thick, low-lying clouds sweeping across the exposed stadium during the event meant the wind gauge was out of vision for official television cameras filming the event.

But video taken by an amateur cameraman alongside the track clearly shows someone in a blue jacket standing very near to the machine. German television pictures, broadcast on Saturday, also showed a figure in a blue anorak at the scene.

Pedroso's jump beat American Mike Powell's previous record of 8.95 metres set at the Tokyo World Championships in 1991.

On a chilly, blustery day, only one other competitor in the long jump managed to make a leap with the wind level below the legal limit of 2.0 metres per second.

The wind was recorded at 1.2 metres per second when Pedroso made his world record leap, just before US

athlete Kareem Streete-Thompson jumped 8.20 metres with an illegal 4.4 metre tailwind.

The Cuban athlete enjoying a magnificent season, recorded four valid jumps in all, an early jump with a wind assistance above the 2.0 metre threshold then three in a row well under that level, culminating in the world record leap.

Gyulai said the IAAF always studied the circumstances of world records. In the past they had decided not to ratify a world record after certain evidence was brought showing an athlete had broken the rules.

"We always collect all the evidence to check everything is in order," Gyulai said. "We must make sure that world records are established in ordinary circumstances."

Gyulai refused to comment on whether the IAAF regarded the possibility of a man standing in front of the wind measuring machine as "ordinary circumstances," adding the technical committee would look at all the evidence.

opposed the four-year ban and believe expanding out-of-competition testing is a more effective way of catching cheats.

German officials, battle-hardened by two doping scandals involving former double world sprint champion Krabbe in 1992, put a proposal to the congress in Stuttgart two years ago to reduce the penalties because they were not practical. The congress rejected the idea.

The mood of the debate is likely to be less passionate and more practical in Gothenburg, especially in view of the council's support of the idea which has been officially proposed by Russia.

Some countries, such as Britain, were fierce opponents of change last time.

Gyulai said: "It would be left to the discretion of a country such as Britain if they wanted to maintain the four years. It could even be longer. There is no upper limit."

IAAF officials admit, however, that some countries might find it hard to ban their athletes from competing for four years while doping offenders from other nations were returning to action after two years.

They also concede that an athlete banned for four years is less likely to return to competition than one who is out of the sport for just two seasons.

The congress will also discuss a German proposal to force athletes to prove they have undergone at least two out-of-competition drug tests in the build up to major championships before they are allowed to compete.

The IAAF is keen to make sure the proposal is enforceable in all countries. Athletes from the less developed world could be in danger of missing championships, simply because their country does not have an efficient testing programme.

A softer line of action



GOTHENBURG, Aug 2: The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) looks certain this week to halve its four-year ban for serious doping offences after a series of challenges in the civil courts reports Reuter.

The IAAF council has backed a proposal to be presented to its congress starting on Tuesday calling for a two-year ban for first offenders in line with International Olympic Committee (IOC) moves to harmonise drugs penalties across all sports.

Recently the IAAF has found itself fighting doping cases in the civil courts, most notably in much-publicised scandals involving German sprinter Katrin Krabbe and American 400 metres world record holder Butch Reynolds.

"Some delegates believe that the IAAF has to be responsible and realistic in its recommendations and have enforceable rules," IAAF general secretary Kstvan Gyulai said.

Being passionate about doping is one thing. But some say there is no point in having law suits that are destined to be lost and rules that are impossible to enforce."

The IAAF is keen to emphasise that a minimum two-year ban brings athletics in line with other sports but officials admit legal problems have played a major role.

Some of the IAAF's medical experts have consistently

Rosset advances

PRAGUE, Czech Republic, Aug 2: Top-seeded Marc Rosset of Switzerland defeated Czech Jaroslav Bulant 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 in Tuesday's first round at the 365,000 dollars Czech Open tennis tournament, reports AP.

No. 2 seed Andre Medvedev of Ukraine gave up, citing stomach problems after losing the first set against Sweden's Nicklas Kulti 5-7.

"Doctors say it is probably an infection from some food," Medvedev said after the match. "I was feeling worse and worse every minute."

In other first-round matches Tuesday, fourth-seeded Karol Kucera of Slovakia beat Russia's Andrei Cherkasov 6-3, 1-6, 6-1; sixth-seeded Slava Dosedel of the Czech Republic defeated France's Henri Laconte 6-1, 6-3, and No 7 Javier Sanchez of Spain outplayed Roland Agener of Haiti 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Also Alberto Portas defeated fellow Spaniard Marcos Aurelio Gorri 6-2, 6-4; Karim Alami of Morocco beat Czech David Miketa 7-6 (7-6), 6-0; Bohdan Ulihrach of the Czech Republic beat Marco Meneschineri of Italy 6-4, 6-1; Mariano Zabaleta of Argentina defeated Poland's Wojtek Kowalski 6-4, 1-6, 7-6 (7-3), and Czech Jiri Venek outplayed countryman Radomir Vasek 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

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AAAA in turmoil



GOTHENBURG, Aug 2: Asian athletics chiefs were locking horns here Tuesday after failing to agree on their candidates for this week's International Amateur Athletic Federation elections, reports AP.

Too many members of the Asian Amateur Athletic Association (AAAA) want to win a seat on the sports supreme body, the IAAF council, thereby risking a damaging split of the vote.

The council is due to be re-elected on Wednesday and Thursday.

In addition to its two automatic places, Asia currently has three council members — China's Dapeng Lou, Singapore's Maurice Nicholas and Jung-Ki Park of South Korea — all of whom are seeking re-election.

However, four extra Asian officials have also thrown their hats in the ring — Eisa Al Dashi (Kuwait), Prince Nawal Bin Mohamed Al Saud (Saudi Arabia), Mohammad H. Sam (Indonesia) and Umroo Singh (India).

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But Nicholas, the AAAA's

honorary secretary, admitted the move failed.

"We have seven candidates but only three or four are going to get in," he told AFP. "It's going to split our vote because the other areas like Europe and Africa are not going to support all our positions."

"We were trying to get people to stand down, but it's very difficult and we haven't been successful yet."

The two automatic places have gone to Japan's Hanji Aoki, standing unopposed as a council vice-president, and Sheikh Khalid Bin Thani Al-Thani of Qatar, who was elected here today as Asia's area representative.

The meeting also voted to back the IAAF's move to reduce the longest drugs bans from four to two years.

Nicholas said: "Personally, I think the four-year ban should remain."

But for administrative purposes, with the IOC having two years and so many countries having laws against bans for more than two years, it will be streamlined."

Asia will meanwhile be backing Primo Nebiolo in his likely re-election as IAAF president this week.

"We fully support him," said Nicholas. "He's improved the development department of the IAAF and made the competitions more interesting and, of course, he's made us very rich."

Israel withdraw

JAKARTA, Aug 2: Israel pulled out of the World Archery Championships that started here Tuesday because of demands by the host country that they conceal their national identity during the event, reports AP.

Israel and Portugal had faced problems ahead of the championships because it has no diplomatic relations with Indonesia.

The Portuguese flag, however, was loudly applauded when it made its appearance in front of the small contingent of three archers during the opening parade watched by President Suharto.

Portugal broke off diplomatic relations with Indonesia shortly after Indonesian troops invaded the former Portuguese colony of East Timor in 1975.

President of the Portuguese Archery Association, Nono Simoes, was Tuesday quoted by a newspaper here as saying that the Indonesian authorities have lifted all restrictions and assured him the Portuguese team will be treated like any other delegation.

Fifty-six nations are taking part in the championships, a qualifying event for next year's Atlanta Olympics.

Competitions runs from today until Sunday.



Formula One world champion Michael Schumacher of Germany and his newly-wed bride Corinna pose for photographers after a civil ceremony at Schumacher's hometown church office at Karpen, Germany on August 1. The formal church wedding is scheduled for the fifth of this month.

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