

Anis reddens Lalmatia

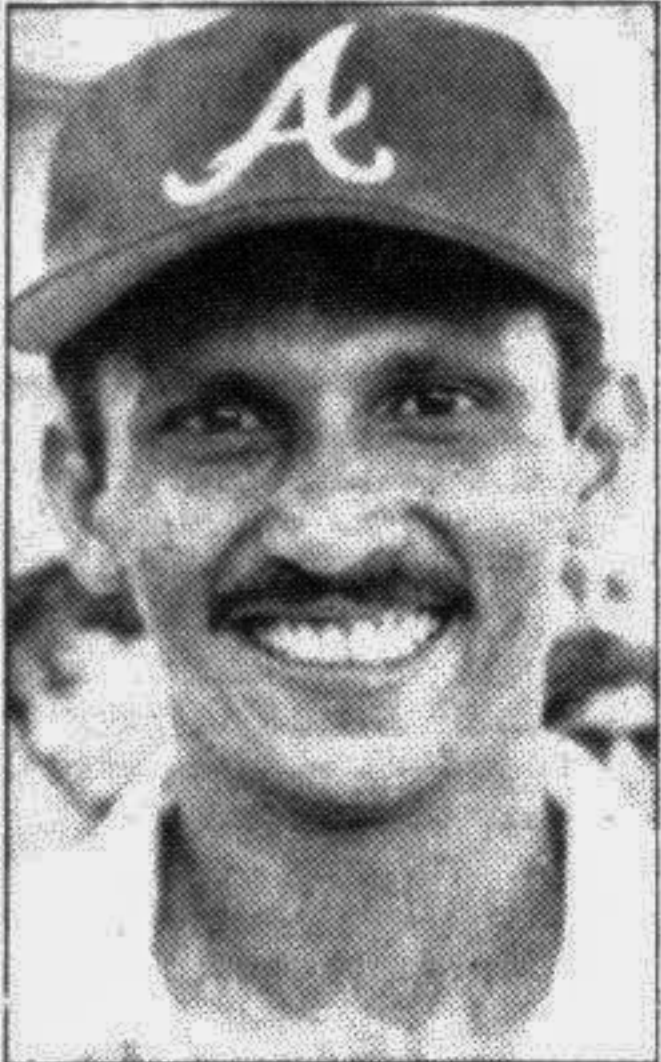
Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

Bangladesh Biman: 222/9 in 50 overs (Athar 63, Sumon 53, Rafique 21, Halim Babu 4/36)
Lalmatia Club: 38 in 22.4 overs (Anis 7/11)



A rare display of explosive fast bowling by national new-ball bowler Anis Rahman enabled Bangladesh Biman to virtually make sodden pulp out of an



ANIS 7 for 11
 appalling Lalmatia Club outfit as the high flying Premier Division team defeated their lowly opponents by a massive margin of 184 runs during their 16th Damal Summer Cricket tournament first round encounter at the City Club Ground in Mirpur

yesterday.
 Left-handed pacer Anis returned with career-best figures of 7/11 as his team made a complete mockery of the contest (l) by bundling out Lalmatia for a ridiculous 38 runs.

Chasing a target of 223 set down by the Biman batsmen, the First Division outfit started off as badly as can be when Anis clean bowled Atiq Kanian Ahmed with the third delivery of the post-lunch session with the score still on naught.

From then on, the Lalmatia wickets fell regularly, their batting lineup devastated by a combination of Anis's ruthless bowling and an unplayable pitch. None of their batsmen could even get up to double figures, Jinku being the highest scorer with nine and Mr. Extras contributing eight.

Watching the batsmen falling one-by-one without offering any resistance, one onlooker suggested, "May be they are in a hurry to catch the Bengali cinema on BTV this afternoon."

Anis's fiery bowling got him seven wickets for the cost of only eleven runs from 7.4 overs, which included three maidens. However, his effort could not eclipse the record of 8 for 10 in local top-class cricket which was set by Sarwar Imran of Gulshan Youth against Uddi Club in the First Division league of 1984.

Earlier, Biman captain Ziaur Rashid Rupam's decision to bat first was rewarded by

two brilliant half-centuries by national duo Athar Ali Khan and Habibul Bashar Shumon as the airline outfit scored a handsome 222 for 9 in 50 overs.

Both Athar and Shumon made most of an almost unplayable wicket during the second-wicket partnership of 136 from 31 overs. Athar clubbed four boundaries in his inning of 63 while Shumon sent the leather to the fence four times to get to 53.

Halim Babu delivered the best figures for Lalmatia as he spun his way to 4 for 36 from



ATHAR 63
 ten. Farid and Mithu took two wickets apiece.
 Players, officials and spectators observed a one-minute silence prior to start of the match in memory of Biman Manager Ali Ahsan Babu's mother who passed away on Wednesday.

Juninho ready to roll

London, Nov 3: Brazilian international Juninho was cleared on Thursday to make his debut for Middlesbrough in their English Premier league match against Leeds United on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The English Football Association (FA) said they had received from their Brazilian counterparts CBF the paper work relevant to the 22 year old midfielder's 4.75 million pounds sterling (7.5 million dollars) transfer from Sao Paulo.

Middlesbrough's delighted player manager Bryan Robson said, "It's great news. It takes away all the publicity and the hype and leaves the Leeds free to get on with playing football."

Juninho, who will make his debut in front of a 30,000 sell-out crowd at Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium, took part in his first full practice game with his new team on Thursday after three days of training since his arrival at the weekend.

Robson played down concerns about Juninho's match fitness after his protracted transfer.

"I told him to take it steady after stepping off the plane. He played in a practice match today and showed up well," said he former Manchester United and England captain.

Juninho last played in a Brazilian Championship match for his old club Sao Paulo a month ago.

Basit bone in Pak flesh



ADELAIDE, Australia, Nov 3: Former Pakistan captain Salim Malik, at the centre of a bribery scandal, lasted just nine balls on his return to the crease on Friday after an eight-month exile from cricket, reports Reuter.

Malik scored seven runs during an uncomfortable seven-minute innings at Adelaide Oval as Pakistan laboured for form in their four-day tour match against South Australia.

At close of play on the second day, the tourists were 199 for five in reply to South Australia's first innings 392 for eight declared.

Malik, who was suspended from Pakistan cricket in March before being cleared for bribery charges by an internal inquiry two weeks ago, lost his wicket when he edged a delivery from left-arm fast bowler Mark Harry to wicketkeeper Tim Nielsen.

Batting at number four in the order, Malik walked to the middle during the afternoon session to a polite reception from the 2,000-strong crowd.

Looking out of practice during his brief stay in the middle, Malik's dismissal prompted an equally subdued response from spectators as he trudged back to the pavilion.

The home side, who have outplayed the tourists over the first five sessions of the match, greeted his dismissal with no more enthusiasm than any of the other Pakistani wickets to fall before tea.

South Australia spin bowler Tim May, one of three Australian Test players who accused Malik of offering bribes last year, reacted by clapping twice from his fielding position at mid-on.

Off-spinner May, who accused Malik of offering him money to play poorly during Australia's tour to Pakistan last year, bowled two overs before tea without success.

Malik is almost certain to face his two other accusers — leg-spinner Shane Warne and batsman Mark Waugh — when Pakistan play Australia in the first Test in Brisbane, starting next Thursday.

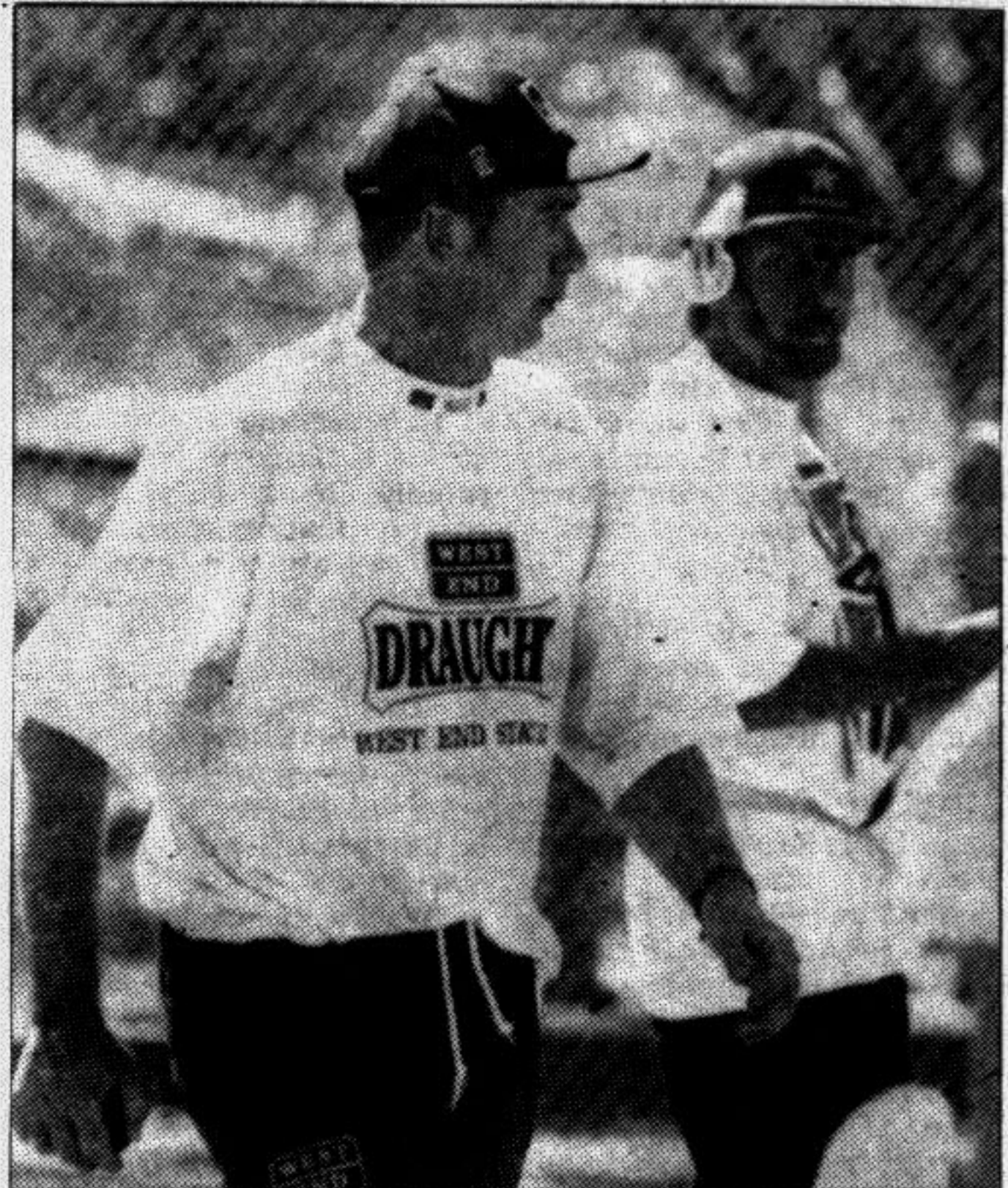
Earlier, South Australia captain Jamie Siddons declared after his side added 110 runs to their overnight score of 282 for four.

Darren Lehmann, resuming on 109 not out, was finally dismissed for 138 when he lofted a catch to Inzamam-ul-Haq off the bowling of Pakistan captain fast bowler Wasim Akram.

Spinner Saqlain Mushtaq produced the best bowling figures for the tourists, finishing with three for 128 from 29 overs.
 Pakistan lost their first wicket without putting a run on the board when opener Salim Elahi edged a catch to Nielsen off pace bowler Jason Gillespie.
 But in-form batsman Basit Ali rallied his side to finish 64 not out, while keeper Moin Khan was unbeaten on 17.

S AUSTRALIA: First innings

Johnson c Moin b Saqlain	54
Nobes lbw b Wasim	0
Blewett b Saqlain	28
Lehmann c Inzamam b Wasim	138
Siddons st Moin b Saqlain	20
Nielsen b Rehman	57
Brayshaw not out	40
Gillespie lbw b Aaqub	40
May c Inzamam b Aaqub	35
Extras:	0
Total (for 8 wks declared, 113.5 overs)	392
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-49, 3-158, 4-188, 5-325, 6-333.	



IF LOOKS COULD KILL! Pakistani batsman Salim Malik (R) glares at Australian spin bowler Tim May, who — along with two other colleagues — have accused Malik of offering them bribes to "throw away" a Test match during Australia's tour of Pakistan last year, during a net session at the Adelaide Oval on November 2.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the four-day match between South Australia and Pakistan at Adelaide Oval today:

7-390, 8-392				
BOWLING	O	M	R	W
Wasim	25	6	59	2
Aaqub	24.5	8	66	2
Rehman	27	2	103	1
Saqlain	29	4	128	3
Sohail	8	2	25	0

PAKISTAN: First innings

Sohail c Gillespie b Harry	34
Elahi c Nielsen b Gillespie	0
Raja c Brayshaw b McInNyre	33
Malik c Nielsen b Harry	7
Inzamam b McInNyre	39
Basit not out	64
Moin not out	17
Extras:	5
Total (for five wickets)	199
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-67, 3-75, 4-84, 5-172	
To bat: Wasim Akram, Aaqub Javed, Saqlain Mushtaq, Ataur Rahman.	

BOWLING (to date) O M R W

Harry	15	1	61	2
Gillespie	12	1	55	1
McInNyre	25	9	47	2
May	16	5	33	0

BASIT ALI 64 n.o.

Hart gives India horror



HYDERABAD, India, Nov 3: Left-arm spinner Mathew Hart returned a career-best six for 73 on Friday as New Zealand dismissed Indian Colts XI for 180 in reply to their 454 for four declared on the second day of a three-day match, reports Reuter.

After resuming on 367 for three, the visitors took the opportunity for some further batting practice with all-rounder Chris Cairns finishing unbeaten on 75.

Acting skipper Martin Crowe took four simple catches as Indian Colts succumbed to Hart's flighty spin. Although the pitch did not hold the bowlers, none of the Indian batsmen looked comfortable with the exception of Jyoti Yadav who scored 59.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in New Zealand's first innings against an Indian Colts XI at Hyderabad today:

NEW ZEALAND: First innings

Greatbatch c Harminder b Morris	9
Twose retired	119
Parore st Harminder b Munnuswamy	33
Crowe c Haldipur b Munnuswamy	110
Fleming c Harminder b Morris	65
Cairns not out	75
Young not out	17
Extras (lb-4, b-9, w-7, nb-6)	26
Total: (for 4 wks declared, in 123 overs)	454



M HART ... 6 for 73

Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-85, 3-289, 4-393.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Harvinder	21	5	58	0
Morris	16	1	59	2
Balaji	32	5	123	0
Munnuswamy	31	4	94	2
Manohar	22	1	103	0
Raul	1	0	4	0

INDIAN COLTS: First innings

S Das c Crowe b Cairns	17
Haldipur c Crowe b Haslam	2
Pagnis c Parore b Cairns	0
Yadav b Hart	59
Raul c Crowe b Hart	27
Harminder c Crowe b Hart	2
Morris c Haslam b Hart	39
Balaji c Gale b Hart	26
Manohar c and b Hart	0
Hurvinder b Haslam	1
Munnuswamy not out	0
Extras: (b-2, lb-4, nb-1)	7
Total:	180

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-7, 3-25, 4-32, 5-82, 6-134, 7-162, 8-171, 9-176.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Cairns	16	7	17	2
Gale	10	6	10	0
Hart	20.2	1	73	6
Twose	5	0	10	0
Haslam	28	11	64	2

Shocking!

LONDON, Nov 3: Former Brazilian footballer Jose Amorim Pimenta killed his five-year old son and then committed suicide, a British inquest ruled on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Amorim Pimenta, who played for top Rio De Janeiro team Botafogo, threw his two sons from the balcony of his London home before he leapt to his death. His son Asunto died instantly but two-year old Jubrya survived.

"Jose was consumed utterly by intense jealousy and tumultuous anger," said coroner Stephen Mingh Chan. "Jose chose death as a way out for himself, but tragically he inflicted fatality on his innocent offspring."

The ex-footballer's estranged wife Natasha told the court he had telephoned her the morning of the suicide and complained about her relationship with one of his friends. He also said she would not see the children again.

The inquest heard that police found several suicide notes in Amorim-Pimenta's flat.

Crawley turns up heat



EAST LONDON, South Africa, Nov 3: Mark Ramprakash virtually cemented his position at number three in the England batting line-up for the first Test against South Africa with a classy 70 against Border at Buffalo Park on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Ramprakash was the most fluent of the batsman on a slow pitch as England, captained by Alec Stewart in the absence of Mike Atherton, reached 218 for four by the

Davenport wins

OAKLAND, California, Nov 3: Lindsay Davenport took a small step forward after a dismal summer and autumn slump by beating Tami Whittinger-Jones 7-5, 6-1 on Thursday in the second round of the Bank of the West Classic, reports Reuter.

"I didn't come in here with a lot of confidence and when you don't have that, you don't know what shots to hit," said Davenport, who is seeded third. "But after I won the first set, I felt a lot better."

The 19-year-old Davenport, the highest ranked US-born player in women's tennis, came into Oakland reeling, not having reached a semifinal since she won Strasbourg in May.

In other matches, up-and-coming Ai Sugiyama of Japan upset sixth-seeded Romanian Irena Spirlea 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

The 20-year-old Japanese took advantage of Spirlea's spotty service games and erratic groundstrokes to earn a berth in the quarterfinals against Garrison-Jackson on Friday.

close of the rain-hit opening day of their four-day match.

But Robin Smith's batting woes continued as he once again failed with the bat — trapped leg before without scoring — and his place at number six in the England Test team is now under great pressure from John Crawley.

Crawley, opening the innings with Stewart, took full advantage of a weak bowling attack when the match finally got underway after the morning session was lost because of heavy overnight rain.

He spent almost five hours at the crease and was unbeaten on 87 at the close. Coupled with his 85 against a South African Invitation XI in Soweto in the previous

LATEST

EAST LONDON, South Africa, Nov 3: The second day's play in the four-day match between England and Border was abandoned on Friday without a ball being bowled following heavy morning rain, reports Reuter.

match, it must make Crawley favourite to replace Smith in England's middle order.

Of the other England batsmen, Stewart made 11, Graeme Hick 18 and Jack Russell was unbeaten on 16 at the close.

Ramprakash's 70 came from only 97 deliveries and he was particularly severe on anything over pitched by a mediocre Border attack.

Having struck nine fours and a straight-driven six off the left-arm spin of Ian Howell, Ramprakash perished driving uphill to be caught by Daryll Cullinan in the covers.

He had dominated a second-wicket partnership of 120 in 33 overs with Crawley either side of tea.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the opening day of the four-day match between Border and England

at Buffalo Park on Thursday:

ENGLAND: First innings

Crawley not out	87
Stewart c Kirsten b Ntini	11
Ramprakash c Cullinan b Fourie	70
Smith lbw b Fourie	0
Hick c Pallframan b Cronje	18
Russell not out	16
Extras: (lb-4, nb-10, w-2)	16
Total: (for four-wicket)	218
Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-143, 3-145, 4-184	

Bowling (to date) O M R W

Fourie	16	6	30	2
Ntini	19	2	58	1
Botha	9	0	29	0
Emslie	5	0	31	0
Howell	8	0	33	0
Cronje	8	1	18	1
Pope	3	0	15	0
Strydom	1	1	0	0

Condolence

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federation condoled the demise of its former president and Bangladesh Ambassador to Turkey, Major General Mahmudul Hassan, says a press release.

All the members of BFF expressed deep sorrow at his death in Ankara last Thursday and conveyed heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved family.

Mosammat Dilboren Nessa, mother of Ali Ahsan Babu, Manager and player of Bangladesh Biman cricket team, expired at a local clinic yesterday. She was 60.

Bangladesh Cricket Control Board expressed deep sorrow and prayed for the departed soul, says a press release.

PCB eats humble pie

Lillee's tips for ACB



PERTH, Nov 3: The three Australian cricketers, who leveled bribery charges against Pakistan's Salim Malik, should be withdrawn from next year's World Cup for their own safety, former Test great Dennis Lillee said on Friday, reports Reuter.

Lillee said Shane Warne, Tim May and Mark Waugh cannot be guaranteed protection during the four-week tournament, to be held in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, while their bribery charges

against the former Pakistan captain remain in dispute.

Lillee, the retired Australian fast bowler and former world record Test wicket-taker, said the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) would be insane to let the trio play in Pakistan while they are seen in that country as "absolute villains."

Unless the bribery affair is finally and completely settled, the ACB must simply inform Warne, May and Waugh it regards the situation as too volatile," Lillee wrote in his column for the West Australian newspaper on Friday.

"How on earth can they (the ACB) contemplate allowing them to play in World Cup final in Lahore, against anyone, with Australian-Pakistan relations almost at boiling point?"

"With all the potential missiles - firecrackers, fruit, bottles and the like - Pakistan crowds cart into cricket grounds, it would be impossible to guarantee the safety of anyone fielding in the deep," Lillee said.

Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka are hosting the four-week limited overs World Cup tournament in February and March.

Waugh, May and Warne have accused Malik of offering them bribes to play poorly during Australia's tour to Pakistan last year.

The Pakistan batsman was cleared of the charges last month by an internal inquiry which concluded the three Australians appeared to have concocted their statements.

The ACB rejected the inquiry findings and suggested the International Cricket Council (ICC) and not the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) was the proper body to investigate the matter.

"The way to get its message of total dissatisfaction across to the PCB is to im-

mediately make Warne, May and Waugh unavailable for the World Cup," Lillee said.

"With Salim Malik emerging from the bribery scandal smelling like roses and the International Cricket Council (ICC) loathe to take strike against a growing barrage of complaints, the ACB has to stand up and be counted," Lillee said.

Lillee said it would be unfair on India and Sri Lanka if Australia boycotted the tournament completely.

While in Karachi, The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said on Thursday it regretted comments by a judge who investigated bribery allegations against Salim Malik had caused offence in Australia.

PCB chief executive Arif Ali Abbasi, apparently seeking to cool tempers, said the findings and wording of the independent inquiry were those of its author, former Supreme Court judge Fakhruddin Ebrahim, and not those of the PCB.

"He was given approval to conduct the inquiry in whatever manner he chose," Abbasi said, adding that Ebrahim had stipulated that the findings be published in full.

He said the PCB recognised that Ebrahim's conclusion that "the allegations made against Salim Malik cannot be believed and appear to have been concocted for reasons best known to the accusers," had given offence to the Australian Cricket Board and Australian accusers.

"We regret that offence was taken of that statement, which also resulted in advance publicity," he added.

"The PCB is also conscious of the stress caused to Salim Malik during the time he stood accused," Abbasi said.

Ambrose returns to Northants

LONDON, Nov 3: West Indies fast bowler Curtly Ambrose has signed one year contract to become Northamptonshire's overseas player in 1996, reports AFP.

The 32-year-old paceman returns to Wantage Road for a sixth season after being replaced by Anil Kumble last summer while he toured England with the West Indies.

Kumble, who claimed 105 wickets in his debut championship season, will be on duty with India next year but is being strongly tipped to return to Northants for the 1997 campaign.

"Most people still regard Curtly as being at the top of the international tree and indeed probably the outstanding fast bowler of the last six or seven years," said Northamptonshire Chief executive Steve Coverdale.

"He was always our no 1 for 1996 and in all our discussions he has been very committed to Northamptonshire. He wants to help us win something next season."

Parma's great escape act

LONDON, Nov 3: An own goal finally saw Parma into the European Cup Winners' Cup quarterfinals after the 1993 champions fought back from a three-goal first-leg deficit to win their second round tie against Halmstadt on a 4-3 aggregate on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The Italians' 4-0 home win in the second-leg with strikes from Filippo Inzaghi, Dino Baggio and Hristo Stoichkov plus Tony Andersson's 69th-minute own goal was as comprehensive as Paris St Germain's 3-0 away victory over Celtic in Glasgow.

The Scottish side's defeat, going down 4-0 on aggregate after striker Patrice Loko punished defensive mistakes with two clinical first half goals, rounded off a dismal week for British clubs in the three continental club competitions.

Six of Britain's eight participants were eliminated — and a seventh, Glasgow Rangers, are clinging to a slim chance in the European Cup — after they managed just one goal between them, scored by another Scottish side, Raith Rovers in the UEFA Cup on Tuesday. Only Nottingham Forest of England scraped through in the UEFA Cup.

Everton, Cup Winners' Cup champions 10 years ago, went out to Feyenoord Rotterdam as all five English sides shot blanks in front of goal this week.

Stubbs stuns Raymond

QUEBEC CITY, Nov 3: Australian qualifier Rennae Stubbs saved six match points on her way to upsetting third-seeded American Lisa Raymond 3-6, 7-6 (13-11), 7-6 (8-6) Thursday at the Bell Challenge women's tennis tournament, reports Reuter.

In another second-round surprise, 60th-ranked American Lindsay Lee toppled fourth-seeded Nathalie Tauziat of France 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5).

Two other Frenchwomen, six-seeded Julie Halard-Decugis and eighth seed Sandrine Testud, won second-round matches to join top-seeded Brenda Schultz-McCarthy of the Netherlands into the quarter-finals of the 32-player event.

Schultz-McCarthy overpowered qualifier Melin Tu of the United States 6-2, 6-4 to set up a quarterfinal