

Sport

Column One SPORTS TALK



Viv Richards (West Indian master bat) 'Soccer for example is one of the greatest sports I know but I've seen that go to America and they treated it like a bird and took all its feathers out. Commenting on American influence on his other passion soccer.'

DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

That the most famous Australian race horse is Phar Lap, who in three years won thirty-seven out of fifty one races and collected more prize money (for his boss) than any other horse before him. He died, mysteriously, in the USA in 1932. His distraught fans had his body flown back to Australia — and dismembered. His heart went to Canberra, his skin is in Melbourne and his skeleton resides in New Zealand, where he was bred. Now I know why not many horses are too keen to repeat Phar Lap's phenomenal feat. They want to be buried in one piece — heart, skin and skeleton.

WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN The rules are published every Saturday.

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-19 Tick the Correct Answer (Competition closes: 8 p.m. Dec 29, 1995)

Yeltsin's green signal for Russian bid

MOSCOW, Dec 28: President Boris Yeltsin has backed a bid by St Petersburg, Russia's second city, to host the 2004 Olympic Games, a top Russian sports official said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. Alexander Kozlovsky, deputy president of Russia's Olympic Committee, told a news conference Yeltsin had issued a decree ordering the creation of a special programme to support the bid. St Petersburg will have to beat off competitors including Rome, Seville, Stockholm, Athens, Istanbul, Rio de Janeiro, Cape Town and Buenos Aires to make the shortlist of four or five in March 1997. "We will definitely be among the four chosen," Kozlovsky forecast. "The rest is not definite." He gave few details of what the programme demanded by Yeltsin would involve, except that it was likely to include building new sports facilities. Russia will present its application to the IOC in Lausanne on January 9. The IOC's final decision will be made in September 1997. Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, who visited St Petersburg earlier this month, has indicated the government will back the bid by making some investments. Russia last staged the Olympics in 1980 in Moscow. Last year St Petersburg hosted the Goodwill Games, but some athletes criticised the standard of facilities.

Mohammedans march on

BRIEF SCORES

MOHAMMEDAN SC: 275 for eight in 50 overs (Selim Shahed 80, Jahangir 41, Bulbul 32, Khokon 3/52, Zesan 2/48) ESKATON: 205 for five in 50 overs (Marwar 57, Pappu 51 not out, Parvez 44, Selim Shahed 2/25)



Joint holders Mohammedan SC recorded their third win in a row beating Eskaton SS by 70 runs in one of the two Premier League matches at the Dhaka Stadium today (Thursday). Owing to bat first, Damal Summer winners Mohammedans rattled up a huge total of 275 for 8 in the allotted 50 overs. They fielded a full local selection instead of their Pakistani cricketers for the first time. The major contribution came from the stylish middle order Selim Shahed who celebrated his return to form with a gutsy 80 off 112 balls. He scored 72 runs in the previous match against babes Wanderers Club. Jahangir Alam, the opening bat of the side, whose place in the batting order was in danger following his frustrating performances, made 40 in 61 balls. He shared 51 runs with Shahed after losing his opening partner Mustadir Litu(7) cheaply in the fifth over. Shahed's second successive half-century came from 68 balls with five fours. After sharing quick 69 off 13.3 overs with skipper Bulbul (32 in 38 balls), he lost another middle order Min-

hazul Abedin Nannu(8) in the 37th over and three overs later he made his departure giving a simple catch behind off seamer Intiaz Khokon with the score on 205. Tailenders Nasir Ahmed Nasu made a run-a-ball 16, seamer Shanta (16 off 14 balls) Zahid Solaiman not out 18 off 13 balls in his maiden appearance enabled Mohammedans to set a stiff target for their opponents. Khokon, the newball bowler of the Eskaton outfit, was successful in his second spell collecting all his three scalps for 52 runs in his 10 overs. His other two wickets

Included Nannu and Khaled Mahmud Sujon (23) whom he clear bowled in the fourth ball of the 42nd over. His partner Zesan Habib captured two wickets for 48 runs.



SELIM SHAHED ... 80

Littbarski to make a comeback

TOKYO, Dec 28: Three-time German World Cup veteran star Pierre Littbarski will return to competitive life next year to try to promote Brummel Sendai to Japan's professional football league, league officials said today, reports AFP. Littbarski, 35, who played for Germany's 1990 victory and runner-up finishes twice in the World Cup, hung up his boots in 1994 despite strong complaints from his fans in Japan. Since then he has worked as a coach for the Japanese league's (J-League's) JEF United Ichihara team. He will join Brummel in February with a two-year contract, estimated by a sports paper to have worth about 50 million yen (500,000 dollars). "I'm planning to make a team centring on Littbarski. My job is to take the top two spots in the league and earn a berth in the J League next year," said Choei Sato, who will also become the team's coach from February. Brummel was 15th in the 16-team Japanese football second league this season.

Some 61 athletes of eight residential halls including a female hall will take part in 25 events, said a press release. The annual sports competition of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) will be held at the university's playground today, reports UNB. Vice Chancellor of BUET Prof M Shahjahan will inaugurate the competition at 8:30 am.

Govt feels Imran's ire

ISLAMABAD, Dec 28: Pakistani sporting hero Imran Khan on Wednesday accused the government of attempting to "destroy" the cancer hospital he founded because he was seen as a political threat, reports AFP. The former national cricket captain said the government of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto had deliberately attempted to block funding and had attempted to discredit him. "The greatest obstacle to the hospital is our own government," Khan said in a statement issued from Lahore where the one-year-old Shaukat Khanum Memorial Hospital is located. Khan, 42, raised money through public donations to build the hospital in memory of his mother who died from cancer. Since retiring from cricket, many people want him to enter politics. His marriage this year to 21-year old Jemima Goldsmith, daughter of the Anglo-French financier Sir James Goldsmith, caused a controversy at home. Critics accused him of being a hypocrite who ranted against Western culture and then chose a European wife. But supporters pointed out that his wife had converted to Islam, and Khan remains a hugely popular figure. But he said, "Ever since I have been perceived as some kind of political threat to the government, the hospital has been targeted continuously, their fear being that the more successful the hospital is the more popular I will become." Khan said the hospital had been banned for appearing on state-run television while cigarette adverts are allowed even though lung cancer is on the increase in Pakistan. Khan said he had been told he could not collect public donations without official permission and in November he was stopped from entering any government school or college. State-owned Pakistan International Airlines has cancelled all concessions to the trust managing the cancer

hospital, he said. "So blinded are our politicians by the lust for power that they are actually willing to destroy a cancer hospital giving free treatment to over 90 per cent of the patients," he said. "It has convinced me that a majority of these politicians can quiet easily sell the interest of the country just as long as they can remain in power." The former cricketer also said there was a personal campaign. He said he had been accused of tax conceal-

ment by a tax commissioner who asked him to explain his "supposedly extravagant" lifestyle. An aide to Bhutto recently "brandished" tax files in an interview with a foreign television network "accusing me of tax evasion" and a federal investigation agency has probed his financial interests, he added. Khan, who turned to social work after leading Pakistan to victory in the 1992 cricket World Cup, vowed to further develop the hospital with public support.

IA official airlines for WC cricket

CALCUTTA, Dec 28: The Indian Airlines has been designated the official domestic airlines for the Wills World Cup 1996 in India, reports PTI. Besides a number of facilities for the travel of the teams, umpires, referees and match officials during the Wills World Cup 1996, Indian Airlines will undertake a massive promotional campaign in conjunction with the event sponsors, ITC Limited, the convenor secretary of INDCOM, Jagmohan Dalmyia said here yesterday. The Indian Airlines has agreed to paint the event logo and the event mascot on the exterior of the IA aircraft, Dalmyia said, while those aircraft transporting the teams will have the photographs of players in the cabin. The "Swagat", inflight magazine of IA, will carry special complements on Wills World Cup 1996 before and during the event. Three lakh attractive picture cards were being printed for free distribution to Indian Airlines passengers during the event. The baggage tags of Indian Airlines passengers will have the event logo and the event mascot printed on them. In addition, a cut-out of the trophy of the Wills World Cup 1996 is being prepared, carrying a good luck message for the Indian cricket team, which will be signed by the Indian Airlines passengers, Dalmyia said.

BU BOUNCE BACK

In the day's other match at Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Brothers Union regained their winning ways beating Wanderers Club by nine wickets. Replying to a modest Wanderers total of 186, Brothers Union reached their target making 188 for the loss of opener Shahriar Hossain Bidyut (79 off 127 balls) in 41.4 overs. Sanwar Hossain, the other opener, remained unconquered on 60 off 87 balls along with one down Halim Shah who made not out 30 in 40 balls. Earlier, sent in to bat first, Wanderers were all out for 186 in 45.5 overs. Opener Kiron (35), middle order Monirul Haq (36), Nayan (29) Totam (25) and Pakistani Zafar (16) were the notable contributors.

Asian Cup Winners' Cup Bellmare's

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Dec 28: A late goal by Hidetoshi Nakata gave Japan's Bellmare Hiratsuka a 2-1 win over Talaba of Iraq in the final of the Asian Cup Winners' Cup here Wednesday, reports AFP. Bellmare won the cup for the first time, but it kept a Japanese stronghold on the title. Yokohama Marinos have won it twice and Yokohama Flugs, who were beaten in Monday's semifinal, won last year. But Bellmare had to fight hard on a cold and windy night at the Mitsuzawa stadium against the fast moving Iraqi visitors. Emerson, the brilliant Brazilian who scored four goals in the 4-3 defeat of the Flugs on Monday, narrowly missed with a close range shot in the 21st minute. But Bellmare defender Akira Naraahashi put his side one up six minutes later after being set free in the area by a Bentinho pass that enabled him to shoot home. Emerson, the brilliant Brazilian who scored four goals in the 4-3 defeat of the Flugs on Monday, narrowly missed with a close range shot in the 21st minute. But Bellmare defender Akira Naraahashi put his side one up six minutes later after being set free in the area by a Bentinho pass that enabled him to shoot home. Emerson, the brilliant Brazilian who scored four goals in the 4-3 defeat of the Flugs on Monday, narrowly missed with a close range shot in the 21st minute. But Bellmare defender Akira Naraahashi put his side one up six minutes later after being set free in the area by a Bentinho pass that enabled him to shoot home.

Wilander pulls out

SYDNEY, Dec 28: Former world number one Mats Wilander has withdrawn from next month's Sydney international tennis tournament because of a back injury, reports AFP. Tournament officials said today the 31-year-old Swede had informed them he would not be playing. No further details on his injury were available, they said. The Sydney White City tournament, formerly known as the New South Wales Open, the main lead-in to the Australian Open, starts on January 8. Headlining the men's field is Croatian Ivanisevic, while co-world No 1 Monica Seles leads the women's entry, making her first appearance in Australia since she was stabbed in Hamburg in April 1993.



Sharmin Zakir Risha of Jessore DSA performs her floor exercise during the 12th national junior gymnastics championship yesterday. She bagged the gold medal. — Star photo

S Africa in catbird seat

PORT ELIZABETH, Dec 28: Tricky wrist-spinner Paul Adams failed to take a wicket in the eagerly awaited first spell of his Test cricket career on Wednesday, reports Reuter. But England know they have a battle as they limped to 40-1 in reply to South Africa's 428 all out on the second day of the fourth Test. The 18-year-old left-arm produced his full repertoire in seven overs and, although captain Mike Atherton seemed largely in control, newcomer Jason Gallian might have perished on two or three occasions. Although luck appeared to be with the home side at various times, England did themselves no favours with five dropped catches. The seven-match one-day series between the two countries begins in Cape Town on January 9. England's chances of winning the current Test are now put at 33-1 by London bookmakers with the draw the favourite at 2-5 and South Africa at 7-4. The series stands at 0-0.

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

Boxing banned in British sports centre

LONDON, Dec 28: A local council banned boxing from one of its sports centres on Wednesday following the death of James Murray after his recent British bantamweight title fight with Drew Docherty in Glasgow, reports AFP. Heartsmere council in north London, who own the Furze field sports centre, called a halt at the venue where Mark Delaney was due to defend his WBO inter-continental super middleweight title against Welsh champion Darron Griffiths on January 23. Barry Hearn's Matchroom organisation staged three successful promotions at the venue this year, including two British title fights. The ban means that the title fight and support bill has had to be switched to Bethnal Green. A Heartsmere council spokesman said: "Given recent boxing tragedies which have involved crowd unrest, particularly in Glasgow, we feel that Furze field is not a suitable venue for boxing."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

S Africa in catbird seat

PORT ELIZABETH, Dec 28: Tricky wrist-spinner Paul Adams failed to take a wicket in the eagerly awaited first spell of his Test cricket career on Wednesday, reports Reuter. But England know they have a battle as they limped to 40-1 in reply to South Africa's 428 all out on the second day of the fourth Test. The 18-year-old left-arm produced his full repertoire in seven overs and, although captain Mike Atherton seemed largely in control, newcomer Jason Gallian might have perished on two or three occasions. Although luck appeared to be with the home side at various times, England did themselves no favours with five dropped catches. The seven-match one-day series between the two countries begins in Cape Town on January 9. England's chances of winning the current Test are now put at 33-1 by London bookmakers with the draw the favourite at 2-5 and South Africa at 7-4. The series stands at 0-0.

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

S Africa in catbird seat

PORT ELIZABETH, Dec 28: Tricky wrist-spinner Paul Adams failed to take a wicket in the eagerly awaited first spell of his Test cricket career on Wednesday, reports Reuter. But England know they have a battle as they limped to 40-1 in reply to South Africa's 428 all out on the second day of the fourth Test. The 18-year-old left-arm produced his full repertoire in seven overs and, although captain Mike Atherton seemed largely in control, newcomer Jason Gallian might have perished on two or three occasions. Although luck appeared to be with the home side at various times, England did themselves no favours with five dropped catches. The seven-match one-day series between the two countries begins in Cape Town on January 9. England's chances of winning the current Test are now put at 33-1 by London bookmakers with the draw the favourite at 2-5 and South Africa at 7-4. The series stands at 0-0.

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."

England to tour Zimbabwe next Nov

HARARE, Dec 28: England are to make their first tour of Zimbabwe, playing two Tests and three one-day internationals, the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The tour, from November 30 next year to January 3, 1997, will also include three one-day and two four-day warm-up games. "The scheduling of this tour means that Zimbabwe will have hosted tours by all the Test nations with the exception only of Australia and West Indies," ZCU president Peter Chingoka told a news conference. Zimbabwe and England first met in the World Cup in Australia in 1992 when Zimbabwe scored a shock nine-run win. Meanwhile, Zimbabwe were due to leave on Wednesday for a tour of New Zealand en-route to the 1996 World Cup with captain Andy Flower hoping for a quarter-final place. "It's possible," he said. "We have to beat Kenya although they are a tough side and we've lost to them before. They have some good batsmen. We need the confidence to play attacking cricket."