

Kenyans first to arrive

MUMBAI Feb 3 The Kenyan cricketers a mixture of natives and players with Indian ancestry arrive here today from Nairobi for the Willis World Cup and said they had come well prepared for the mega event, reports PTI.

Team manager Harilal Shah, who had led the then East African Cricket Conference at the inaugural World Cup in England in 1975, said on arrival at the Bombay airport, "We have prepared very hard for the World Cup though we are the underdogs. We have come here also to gain valuable experience."

Coach and former Indian Test player Hanuman Singh echoed Shah's views by saying that the team has been preparing very hard for the event over the last one year or so by touring South Africa and Bangladesh besides playing host to India A. Holland and conducting a triangular tournament.

There is plenty of natural talent. But experience cannot be replaced and comes from only exposure. Our players have had a fair bit of exposure recently which should stand them in good stead."

Kenya are in Group A of the 12-nation championship along with the former two-time champions the West Indies, 1987 champions Australia, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka and 1983 champions India.

Kenya open their campaign with a round-robin against joint cup hosts India at Cuttack on February 18.

Simmons turns up heat

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, Feb 3: A typically hard-hitting, unbeaten 79 from West Indies opener Phil Simmons on Friday set up Trinidad and Tobago dominance over Guyana in the second round of the Red Stripe Cup, reports AP.

The 32-year-old Simmons, promoted to captain in the absence of Brian Lara, who is in camp with the West Indies World Cup team, led his team to 130 for three in reply to Guyana's modest 173 all out.

Leg-spinner Rajindra Dhanraj, who has played three Tests for the West Indies, took four for 64.

Avidesh Samaroo, an 18-year-old left-arm chinaman bowler in just his second first-class match, captured three for 36 to follow his seven wickets in the opening round victory over Barbados.

In Bridgetown, Barbados, the home team was 100 for two after bowling out the Windward Islands for 233.

Left-handed Barbados opener Adrian Griffith was undefeated on 50. Opener Kester Sylvester top-scored for the Windward Islands with 77 before he was last man out.

Left-hander Samuel, captain in place of Courtney Walsh, also preparing with the West Indies World Cup team, was unbeaten 87. Morgan made 67 in the first wicket stand of 126.

Bo goes down in history

MONACO, Feb 3: China's Jiang Bo, a pupil of star coach Ma Junren, has become the first athlete to hold the women's junior 5,000m world record, the sport's ruling body announced on Friday, reports AFP.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation said it had ratified Jiang's 14 min 45.90 sec set in Nanjing on October 24, 1995, following a decision last year to introduce world records for the discipline.

The women's 5,000m will form part of this year's world junior championships in Sydney, replacing the 10,000m.

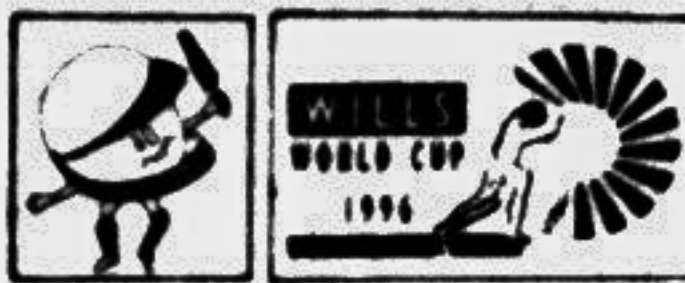
Now psychiatric test for Peter

BONN, Feb 3: Tennis player Steffi Graf's father, in jail since August on suspicion of tax evasion, has agreed to take a psychiatric test to decide whether he may have grounds to plead diminished responsibility, a newspaper reported on Friday, reports Reuters.

Peter Graf gave his consent after state prosecutors agreed to a defence suggestion that he should undergo the test now rather than delay any eventual trial, the Mannheim Morgen newspaper reported in an advance release from its Saturday edition.

Peter Graf, 57, is suspected of evading tax on more than 40 million marks (27 million dollars) of his daughter's earnings. She is also under investigation, but prosecutors attribute less responsibility in the affair to the world number one, who says she left her financial affairs in her father's hands from an early age.

The World Cup rule book



CALCUTTA, Feb 3: The teams will be declared joint winners and prize money will be shared in the event of a drawn final in the Willis World Cup cricket tournament, reports PTI.

If no result is achieved in the final on the scheduled day of play, the match shall be replayed on the scheduled reserve day. If no result is achieved in the replay on the reserve day, the match shall be declared drawn.

If the scores of both the teams are equal, the result shall be a tie and no account shall be taken of the number of wickets which have fallen, according to the playing conditions of the Willis World Cup released by the PILCOM.

Detailed mathematical analysis to determine target scores in rain-affected matches, a minimum of 25 overs for a result, one ball per innings and a wider role for the third umpire were some of the other salient features of the playing conditions.

Only one ball will be used per innings in all World Cup matches, unlike in the 1992 edition when one ball was used from each end. PILCOM

will provide 'kookaburra' turf white balls for all matches.

There shall be a reserve day for all matches on which an incomplete match may be replayed (but not continued from the scheduled day). The matches will consist of one innings per side and each innings will be limited to 50 (six ball) overs.

As per the playing conditions, the third umpire will officiate in regard to TV replays when the umpires on the field have referred the decision to him in regard to hit wicket, run out or stumping appeals.

The umpires on the field may also refer a decision to the third umpire when there is uncertainty about a catch on the boundary line or whether a "four" or "six" has been scored. The third umpire will communicate his decision by a two-way radio which will be provided for the purpose.

None of the three umpires appointed for any match will be from a country participating in that match.

If the innings of the team batting second is delayed or interrupted, the target score will be calculated as follows — the score of the team batting first shall be multiplied by the percentage factor for the number of overs to be bowled to the team batting second. Fractions shall be rounded to

the next higher whole number.

The percentage factors have been derived from a detailed mathematical analysis of database of one day matches with the object of establishing "normal" performance.

In Cuttack, where India begin their campaign against Kenya, the timings will be 0845 to 1215 hours and 1300 to 1630 hours.

The conditions specify that the innings of the team batting second shall not commence before the scheduled time for commencement of the second session unless the team batting first has completed its innings at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled interval.

In such a case, a ten-minute break will occur and the team batting second will commence its innings and the interval will occur as scheduled.

The playing conditions specify that a minimum 25 overs have to be bowled to the team batting second to constitute a match.

If the number of overs of the team batting first is reduced, a fixed time will be specified for the completion of the first session. Penalties shall apply for slow over-rates as per ICC code of conduct.

SA clinch Nations' Cup

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 3: South Africa won the African Nations' Cup soccer tournament today when they beat Tunisia 2-0 (halftime 0-0) in the final, reports Reuters.

Scorers: Mark Williams (73rd and 75th minutes)

Attendance: 75,000

US beat Norway in eves' soccer

TAMPA, Florida, Feb 3: Two second-half substitutes teamed up for the winning goal as the United States women's national soccer team edged Norway 3-2, reports AP.

In a Friday night match up of the last two world champions, Tiffany Milbrett's shot from 15 yards out in the 73rd minute broke a 2-2 deadlock. Cindy Parlow, who entered the contest a minute earlier, gave Milbrett a perfect crossing pass.

"We have a core of real good young players," US coach Tony DiCiccio said. "Our depth is very good. We have some kids to work out. I'm pleased that we won, but I know we made a lot of mistakes. We have to work the problems out."

Twice the US led by a goal, only to see the Norwegians battle back.

The Americans recorded the lone first-half goal at 38 minutes when Mia Hamm scored from 30 yards out. Hamm took a pass from Kristine Lilly near midfield and streaked along the sideline before beating goalie Bente Nordby.

Norway responded 90 seconds into the second half on a header by Marianne Pettersen.

The US went up 2-1 when Michelle Akers converted a penalty kick at 57 minutes. Lilly was knocked down by Agnete Carlsen in the penalty box after receiving a pass from Joy Fawcett.

With 23 minutes left, Norway rebounded again as Hege Riise scored on a rebound after Brit Sandaune's shot was blocked.

The US team will open competition in the 1996 Olympics on July 21 at the Florida Citrus Bowl against an opponent to be determined.

Africa Pele's choice

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 3: Pele, three-times World Cup winning player and Brazil's Minister for Sport, on Friday said Africa merited being World Cup hosts, reports AFP.

Pele, here to watch the African Nations' Cup final between South Africa and Tunisia on Saturday, said: "Africa deserve to host the World Cup in 2006."

"Africa have made a lot of progress in the last few years. Cameroon did well in the 1990 World Cup, and, but for inexperience, could have reached the final. Then Nigeria did well in the 1994 event."

Just before the January 13 to February 3 tournament, President Nelson Mandela agreed to put forward a South African bid to organize the 2006 World Cup after a request from FIFA president Joao Havelange.

And on Saturday's final, Pele said Tunisia would find it very difficult to beat South Africa on home soil.

"Tunisia will put in a good team effort, whereas South Africa have more key players who could win the game. But I think Tunisia will have a hard time beating South Africa in front of their own supporters," Pele added.

Bwalye shines for Zambia

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 3: Ten-man Zambia took third place at the African Nations Cup here on Saturday after an opportunistic goal by Joel Bwalya for a 1-0 win over Ghana, reports AFP.

With striker Kalusha Bwalya unable to increase his five-goal tally, it was left to his midfield namesake to earn victory in the 52nd minute.

Zambia were reduced to ten-men in the 68th minute when, John Lungwa was sent off for a second bookable offence by bringing down Abalade Kumbah.

Lungwa was the fifth player to receive him marching orders in the finals after Burkina Faso's Hassane Keamagate, Mozambique keeper Rui Alves, Zaire's Nzele Lembi and Ghana's Nii Lamptey.

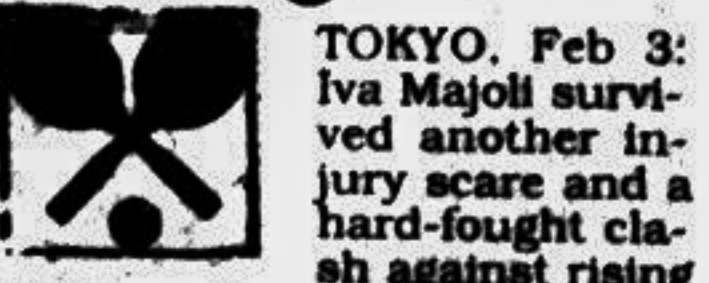
Zambia gave chances to many unused players and Ghana did not field Leeds United's Anthony Yeboah, with coach Ismael Kurtz preferring Ibrahim Tanku up front.

Ghana peppered Zambia's Woodworth in the first 20 minutes-Abalade Kumbah hit Davies Phiri's righthand post and Charles Akonnor struck the other.

Then Ghana's Yaw Acheampong saved on the line from Andrew Tembo, before Felix Aboagye skied the ball over the bar seconds before half-time.

Zambia's goal came out of the blue. Joel Bwalya hit a shot from 25 yards past the diving Phiri to put Zambia, who have reached three of the last four semi-finals, in the driving seat.

Majoli tames Swiss teen



TOKYO, Feb 3: Iva Majoli survived another injury scare and a hard-fought clash against rising Swiss star Martina Hingis today to earn a final berth in the Toray Pan-Pacific Open tennis tournament, reports AFP.

Hingis, who became the youngest Australian Open finalist last week at 15 years four months, got off to a solid start hitting five aces in the first set, while Majoli struggled with the timing of her powerful strokes.

Hingis broke Majoli in the

middle of the second set and I just concentrated and focused a lot on every point in the third. I'm glad I came through again today," said Majoli.

Hingis said, "It's difficult to play against someone who has tape on her shoulder and both legs. She looked like she was in a war or something. But she moved much better than I ever saw her."

Kostadinova's world best

WUPPERTAL, Germany, Feb 3: World champion Stefka Kostadinova of Bulgaria cleared a 1996 world best of 2.01 metres to win the women's event at an invitation high jump meeting on Friday, reports Reuters.

World silver medalist Alina Astafei of Germany and Ukraine's Inga Babakova both jumped 1.98 metres and tied for second place on count-back.

Poland's world bronze medalist Artur Partyka won the men's event with a jump of 2.30 metres, five cms short of his own world best this year.

Britain's Dalton Grant and Jan Janku of the Czech Republic were second and third, also with clearances of 2.30 metres.

World champion Troy Kemp of the Bahamas retired hurt after clearing 2.24.

ITF given 14 days deadline

LONDON, Feb 3: The High Court on Friday gave lawyers for the International Tennis Federation a 14-day deadline to produce evidence of alleged cocaine taking by tennis stars Mats Wilander and Karel Novacek, report agencies.

The two players have launched proceedings against the federation in an attempt to clear their names after the ITF allegedly found traces of cocaine in their urine samples at the French Open last year.

Justice Rafter also gave the players legal team a further 14 days to reply. The ITF must give the players 21 days notice to reconstitute their own appeal hearing.

An appeals committee was to have heard in London on January 23-24, with the players' lawyers having tried without success since November to obtain documents relating to the tests from the French laboratories.

But although the players' legal team flew to London for the appeal the hearing was called off by the American counsel for the ITF the day before it was due to start.

No change in Pak venue



KARACHI, Feb 3: Interior Minister Naseerullah Babar Friday ruled out shifting matches in the forthcoming cricket World Cup from strife-torn Karachi despite a threat by the city's main opposition group to disrupt them, reports AFP.

"All the matches here will be held and there is no question of postponing or shifting the venue," Babar told reporters, adding that the authorities were "satisfied" that security measures would be adequate.

The opposition Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM) earlier warned the government that it would disrupt the World Cup if security operations against the party's followers continued during the competition.

"If the government con-

tinues raids, arrests and extra judicial killings of our activists during World Cup then we would go for a strong protest. There is no other way out," a senior MQM leader Ajmal Dehlvi told AFP.

Action would include strikes and boycotting the matches, he added.

But Babar said he was not concerned by this threat, saying that the residents of Karachi — the country's largest city would not let any group damage the image of Pakistan in the international community.

"People here are more interested in sports — especially cricket," he said.

The MQM, which represents an Urdu-speaking migrant community which came from India after the sub-continent's partition in 1947 is at loggerheads with the government of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

Political violence in this port city last year claimed nearly 1,800 lives.

Three matches are scheduled in Karachi. Defending champions Pakistan face South Africa on February 29 and England on March 3. One of the quarterfinals is also set to be played here on March 11.

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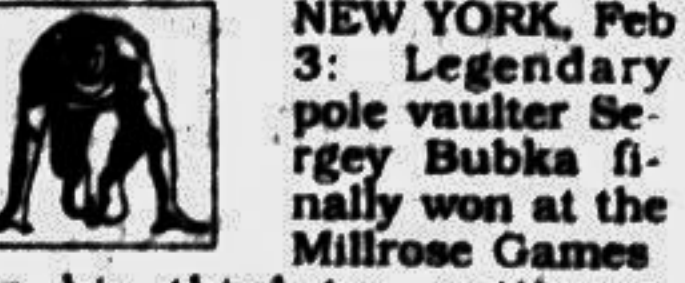
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Luck's with Bubka at last



NEW YORK, Feb 3: Legendary pole vaulter Sergey Bubka finally won at the Millrose Games in his third try, setting a meet record on Friday to highlight the 89th staging of the Premier US Indoor athletics competition, reports Reuters.

The 32-year-old Bubka is the world indoor and outdoor record holder and the only person ever to vault 6.10 metres, but in two previous Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden the Ukrainian had come up short.

This time Bubka broke the meet record of 5.82 metres set by Russian Maksim Tarasov four years ago, on his third and final try at 5.85.

"Before it was an unhappy competition," said Bubka, who holds world records both indoors at 6.15 metres and outdoors at 6.14.

"I don't know why this place has not been lucky for me," said Bubka, who added that he had used last year's loss as extra incentive this time. "Sometimes it is difficult to find motivation for somebody in my situation."

Tarasov and Frenchman Jean Galfione failed in their three tries at 5.90.

In his last jumps, Bubka missed at 6.00, hitting the bar with his chest on the way down on his third and final attempt.

In the 70th anniversary running of the meet's structure event, the Wanamaker Mile, Niall Bruton won for the second time in three years, as the Irishman covered the 11 laps around the steep banked track in 4 minutes 0.58 seconds.

Bruton was low-key in victory, noting that pre-race favourite Marcus O'Sullivan was injured.

"I guess some guys are not ready right now," said Bruton, the 1994 Wanamaker Mile champion.

O'Sullivan had been bothered by a sore leg and was a doubtful starter right up until the gun went off. The 34-year-old Irishman was bidding for his sixth Wanamaker Mile victory in pursuit of the meet record of seven, held by his countryman Eamonn Coghlan.

Though O'Sullivan took second for the third consecutive year, he never really made a run at Bruton, clocking 4:02.52.

on the Millrose's wooden boards. "It's last."

Running side by side with Surin, Bailey used a late burst of speed for the victory. Surin finished second in 6.59.

Against a dazzling field of last year's top two hurdlers in the world and 10-time Millrose champion Greg Foster, American Courtney Hawkins was the surprise 60 metre hurdles champion.

Hawkins put on a late surge to overtake the early leader, the 1995 world indoor and outdoor champion Allen Johnson, as well as last year's world top-ranked hurdler Mark Crear to speed across the line in 7.64 seconds.

Johnson faded badly to fourth place and Crear barely held onto third as veteran Roger Kingdom of the United States closed for second place in 7.77. Foster was fifth.

In another unexpected development, the women's 60 metres hurdles favourite Gail Devers of the United

States had to pull out of the event just moments before the starting gun after suffering a cramp in her right leg in the warmup.

Devers has not lost a hurdles race since June 18, 1993 when she finished second to Lynda Tolbert at the USA championships.

Without Devers, Michelle Freeman of Jamaica cruised to her second Millrose title in three years. The 1993 champion grabbed the lead at the first hurdle clocked a 7.93 winning time well in front of countrywoman Dionne Rose.

In the women's 60 metres, Olympic champion Gwen Torrence of the United States also was never seriously challenged in winning for the second year in a row and sixth time at the Millrose Games overall. Torrence finished in 7.02.

Joetta Clark went wire to wire in the 800 metres for the American's sixth Millrose win. Clark's time was 2:03.20.



Ukrainian legendary Sergei Bubka clinches his fists while clearing the bar at 18 feet, on his way to win his monopolised pole vault event at the 89th Millrose Games in New York on Feb 2.

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Read the information and rules carefully. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

- 1. The final of the 1975 World Cup was held on June 14, 21, or 27.
2. The 1979 World Cup was won by Australia, West Indies, or England.
3. The man-of-the-match in the 1983 final was M. Amarnath, S. Gavaskar, or Kapil Dev.
4. The 1987 World Cup final was held in Bombay, Calcutta, or Lahore.
5. The highest scorer in the 1992 final was Graham Gooch, Imran Khan, or Javed Miandad.
6. In the 1996 World Cup, Zimbabwe will be led by Grant Flower, D. Houghton, or Andy Flower.
7. Bangladesh has been participating in the ICC Trophy since 1975, 1977, or 1979.

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