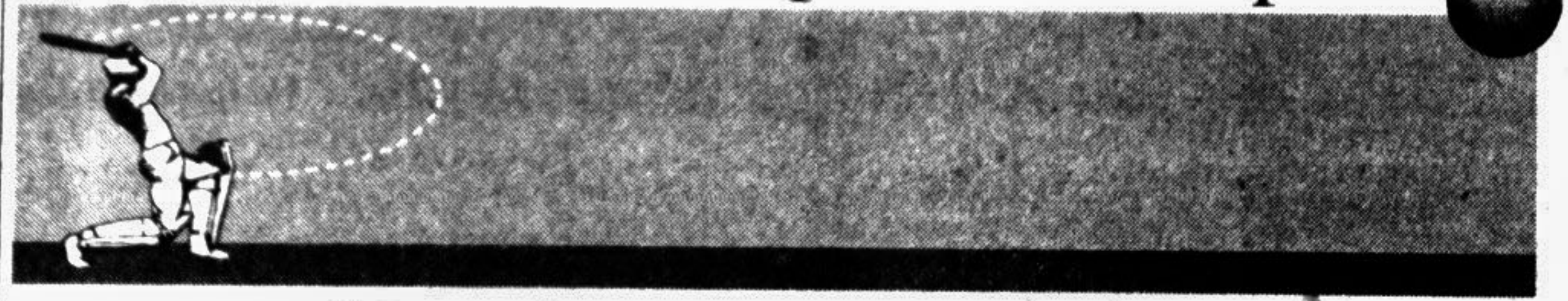


# The World Cup with Philips



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## Trinidadians top pt-table

PORT OF SPAIN, Feb 5: It took longer than expected, but Trinidad and Tobago easily defeated Guyana for their second successive Red Stripe Cup victory, reports AP.

Sunday's win, on the third day of a four-day match, put the Trinidadians at the top of the standings on a maximum 36 points over two rounds.

Guyana, overnight 93 for eight, put up stubborn resistance to reach 152 all out. Nicholas de Groot, the 20-year-old West Indies youth player, hit a career-best 78 in four and a half hours. Fast bowler Eugene Antoine bagged five wickets for 47 runs and took the man-of-the-match award.

Trinidad and Tobago captain Phil Simmons hit 44 as the home team got home by eight wickets just after tea.

In Bridgetown, Barbados, the home team was 78 without loss chasing a victory target of 213 against the Windward Islands.

The visitors, overnight 86 for three, eventually totalled 318. Left-hander Uzzah Pope (74) and captain Junior Murray (70) led the way.

In Montego Bay, Jamaica, the Leeward Islands were stung by an innings defeat in the face.

Replying to Jamaica's mammoth 424 for seven declared, the Leewards fell for 227 in their first innings. Following on, they slumped to 127 for six, still 70 runs in arrears.

Jamaican off-spinner Marlon Gibbs was the main wrecker with seven wickets (four for 61 and three for 21).

## Haile going great

STUTTGART, Feb 5: Ethiopia's Haile Gebreselassie set his second world indoor record in eight days on Sunday, clocking time of seven minutes 30.72 seconds over 3,000 metres at a meeting in Stuttgart, reports Reuter.

Gebreselassie's stunning run came the weekend after he had smashed the men's world 5,000 metres indoor record in Sindelfingen, also in Germany.

His new 3,000 metres time slashed almost five seconds off the previous record of 7:35.15 by Moses Kiptanui of Kenya, set in February 1995.

Gebreselassie timed his race to perfection, powering away from a field which included Olympic 3,000 metres champion Dieter Baumann of Germany. "At the end of the race, it was just fantastic," the Ethiopian athlete said afterwards.

Fermin Cachon finished second in a time of 7:36.61 and fellow Spaniard Enrique Molina was third. Baumann was a distant fourth in 7:43.60.

Just minutes after Gebreselassie had set the 3,000 metres record, Kiptanui narrowly failed at a world record of his own over 1,500 metres.

His time of 3:36.88 was not quite enough to beat Algerian Noureddine Morceli's record of 3:34.16, set in Seville a year ago.

## Waldner wags in time

CHARLEROI, Belgium, Feb 5: Olympic champion Jan-Ove Waldner recovered his golden touch just in time to beat attacking Belgian Jean-Michel Saive on Sunday and win the European top 12 table tennis tournament for the seventh time, reports Reuter.

The Swede, arguably the best server in the business, came from behind to beat European champion Saive 19-21, 21-19, 21-15, 21-15 in a 45-minute duel between two former world number one players.

But Saive, 26, said the match could have had a completely different outcome if he had clinched the tense second game.

Waldner recovered from a 15-11 deficit to take a 19-17 lead.

Saive fought back to 19-19 before losing grip of the game — and the match.

"Losing (the second game) was a bit of a mental blow to me and he played so well afterwards, although he was a bit lucky on some crucial points in the third game," Saive said.

## SL in depths of despair



COLOMBO, Feb 5: The Sri Lanka Cricket Board said today it was deeply disappointed by Australia's announcement not to play their World Cup cricket tie in Colombo but hoped the decision would be changed, report agencies.

"We hope the door is not closed since there are another 12 days to persuade them to change their minds," Ana Punchihewa, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL), said in a statement.

Punchihewa was responding to the Australian Cricket Board's (ACB) decision to pull out of the February 17 Cup match because of safety fears following last week's bomb attack in Colombo.

"As far as we know, the other teams will play in Sri Lanka. We hope the Australians too will change their minds," BCCSL's vice-president Thilanga Sumathipala told Reuters.

Sumathipala said the Sri Lanka foreign ministry had discussed the issue at an emergency meeting and would now use diplomatic channels to persuade Australia to change its mind.

Sri Lanka Foreign Minis-

ter Lakshman Kadirgamar was expected to discuss the matter by telephone with his Australian counterpart, Gareth Evans.

The foreign minister said today it had offered Australia's World Cup cricketers security usually reserved for heads of state.

"This is a big blow to our fans," said Deputy Defence Minister Amuruudha Ratwatte who was in charge of the security arrangements for visiting teams.

The authorities had assigned special police task force commandos to guard teams and had made elaborate security arrangements for venues and official hotels.

"We can reassure (the Australians) that they will not be physically harmed," the deputy defence minister said last week.

"But we cannot guarantee that they will not be verbally abused," he added in a reference to a series of acrimonious disputes during Sri Lanka's recent tour of Australia.

Former Sri Lanka captain Anura Tennakoon said he was saddened by the decision not to come despite the security assurances given by the Sri Lankan authorities. "I would abide by the assurances given by the host country," he said.

Commenting on a reported remark by Shane Warne, the Australian spin-

bowler, that despite security arrangements, a bomb could go off while players were shopping, Tennakoon said, "I would confine myself to playing and not shopping."

Warnapura, Tennakoon's successor, said last week's bomb attack might have given the Australian players an excuse to avoid playing in Sri Lanka following the tensions between the two sides during the recent Sri Lankan tour of Australia.

The Sri Lankans were first accused of ball-tampering, a charge on which they were subsequently cleared by the ICC.

Then their key bowler, off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, was called by an umpire for an illegal bowling action.

Relations were strained to such a level that the Sri Lankan players and management refused to participate in the customary news conference at the end of the last Test.

"The Australians have been reluctant to play in Sri Lanka and may be this gave them excuse," Warnapura said.

Reaction was mixed over the Australian decision, with many cricket-crazy Sri Lankans expressing sorrow.

## Co-hosts back Colombo



NEW DELHI, Feb 5: World Cup organisers turned down a request from Australia today to move their opening match away from Sri Lanka for security reasons following a guerrilla bomb in Colombo, report agencies.

The convenor of the Pakistan-India-Lanka Committee (PILCOM), organising the 12-team World Cup, called on Australia to reconsider their decision to pull out of the match in Colombo after last Wednesday's bombing, in which up to 80 people were killed and more than 1,200 injured.

"Assurances were received... that the Sri Lankan government will leave no stone unturned to ensure the strictest safety and security of the players and officials of all visiting teams in Sri Lanka," PILCOM convenor secretary Jagmohan Dalmyia said in a statement.

"PILCOM has decided that the World Cup 1996 matches in Sri Lanka will be played as per schedule."

Dalmyia said that two of the other three teams due to play four matches in Sri Lanka, Kenya and Zimbabwe, had said they were willing to

go ahead, and word was expected soon from the West Indies.

The chairman of the Kenya Cricket Association Jimmy Rayan said today there was still plenty of time to monitor the situation.

"We shall play in Sri Lanka, provided this is with reasonable security and Kenya is playing outside

conference in Sydney that his team might be disqualified as a result of their stand, but PILCOM officials said this would have to be considered by the five-man technical committee of the World Cup.

"There is nothing in the playing conditions about this. It is totally unprecedented. It has never happened before," Indian cricket board president Inderjit Bindra, a member of PILCOM, told Reuters.

"Amrit Mathur, a member of the PILCOM said, 'Sri Lanka will continue as co-hosts and Australia will have to forfeit the match if they did not turn up.'"

"We have decided not to change the venue of Sri Lanka's four matches," Mathur said.

He said it would set a "bad precedent" if venues are changed at the last minute.

"If tomorrow there was a blast in India or Pakistan, teams will want a change, and that's impossible now. The entire World Cup schedule would go awry," Mathur said.

Mathur added that a walk-over will be awarded to Sri Lanka if Australia did not go to Colombo for the opening match.

"It's a strange situation. There's nothing in the World Cup rules about forfeiting a game. It has never happened before," he said.

## DD defuses the dispute



NEW DELHI, Feb 5: The decks were cleared today for live broadcasts of the upcoming World Cup cricket tournament when India's state-run Doordarshan signalled it was willing to end its courtroom battle with US marketing firm WorldTel, reports Reuter.

A senior Doordarshan official told Reuters his organisation made a counter-offer in the Delhi high court in response to a WorldTel proposal on Friday offering the state-run network the broadcast rights for India. Doordarshan insists it has total rights.

While the court case would go on, Doordarshan offered to accept arbitration by India's Power Minister N K P Salve, a former Indian cricket board chief, to enable the broadcast of matches scheduled to begin on February 14.

"Doordarshan is most anxious to show the matches and is willing to bend," the official said. "All of them responded positively to the offer."

He said referring to WorldTel and media baron Rupert Murdoch's Star television, which has clinched a deal with WorldTel to broadcast the matches worldwide.

The court would give its views on the new proposals on Tuesday, the official said, adding that the proposed arbitration would also judge if Doordarshan needed any financial compensation under a new deal.

WorldTel which bought the broadcast rights from the organisers, sold it first to Doordarshan in 1994, but re-

voiced the pact last year and struck a new deal with the Hong Kong-based Star TV saying Doordarshan delayed payments.

But Doordarshan contested the decision in court.

It cited an Indian law that requires government approval to uplink broadcast signals from the Indian soil. It was not happy with WorldTel's initial offers which limited its rights.



England team manager Ray Illingworth (R) does a bit of managerial job on the ground putting up the net with the help of fast bowler Darren Gough (L) while Robin Smith — all padded up — looks on during a practice session in Lahore yesterday. —AFP/UNB photo

## Islanders irate!

COLOMBO, Feb 5: Sri Lanka warned Australia today, against trying to persuade other countries not to participate in the cricket World Cup here and said any such campaign would be considered a "hostile act," reports AFP.

Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar told reporters he had conveyed the warning to his Australian counterpart Gareth Evans in a telephone conversation today.

The Sri Lankan diplomat said he had summoned Australia's High Commissioner in Colombo, William Tweddell, to convey the government's displeasure over the Australian Cricket Board's refusal to send the team to Sri Lanka because of fears for the players' safety.

## Pankratov sets another world mark

PARIS, Feb 5: Russia's Denis Pankratov set a short course world record Sunday in the 100 metres butterfly event at a World Cup swimming meet, reports AP.

On Saturday, he set a world record in the 200 metres butterfly event at the same meet with a time of 1 minute, 52.34 seconds in the 25-metre pool. That bettered the previous record of 1:53.05 set by France's Franck Esposito in 1994.

Pankratov completed the 100 metres event Sunday in 51.94 seconds, bettering the previous record of 52.07 seconds set in 1990 by Canada's Marcel Grey.

Pankratov set two outdoor records last year and was a three-time gold medalist in the European Championships in Vienna last August.

## Donadoni on the move

ROME, Feb 5: Roberto Donadoni, winner of three European Cups with AC Milan and a key member of the Italian side beaten in the 1994 World Cup final, said on Sunday he was set to join America's new professional soccer league, reports Reuter.

The 35-year-old midfielder, who has spent to successful seasons with Milan, said he would fly to the United States today to sign a two-year contract with the New York Metro Star Club.

"I'm no longer at an age where I can perform at my peak every week, so I wanted to grab this opportunity before it was too late," Donadoni said after helping Milan open up a five-point lead in Serie A with a 3-1 win over Roma.

The American league is due to kick off in April, aiming to build on the success of the 1994 World Cup finals.

## Capriati to start afresh in Paris

PARIS, Feb 5: Jennifer Capriati will make her first tournament appearance since November 1994 at next week's Paris Open, organisers announced Monday, reports AP.

Capriati was granted a wild card for the Feb 13-18 event at the Coubertin arena.

Capriati, 19, left the tour after losing in the first round of the US Open in 1993.

She returned to school, dropped out, and was arrested in the spring of 1994 for marijuana possession. A teenager arrested with her claimed she also had been using heroin, an allegation Capriati never denied.

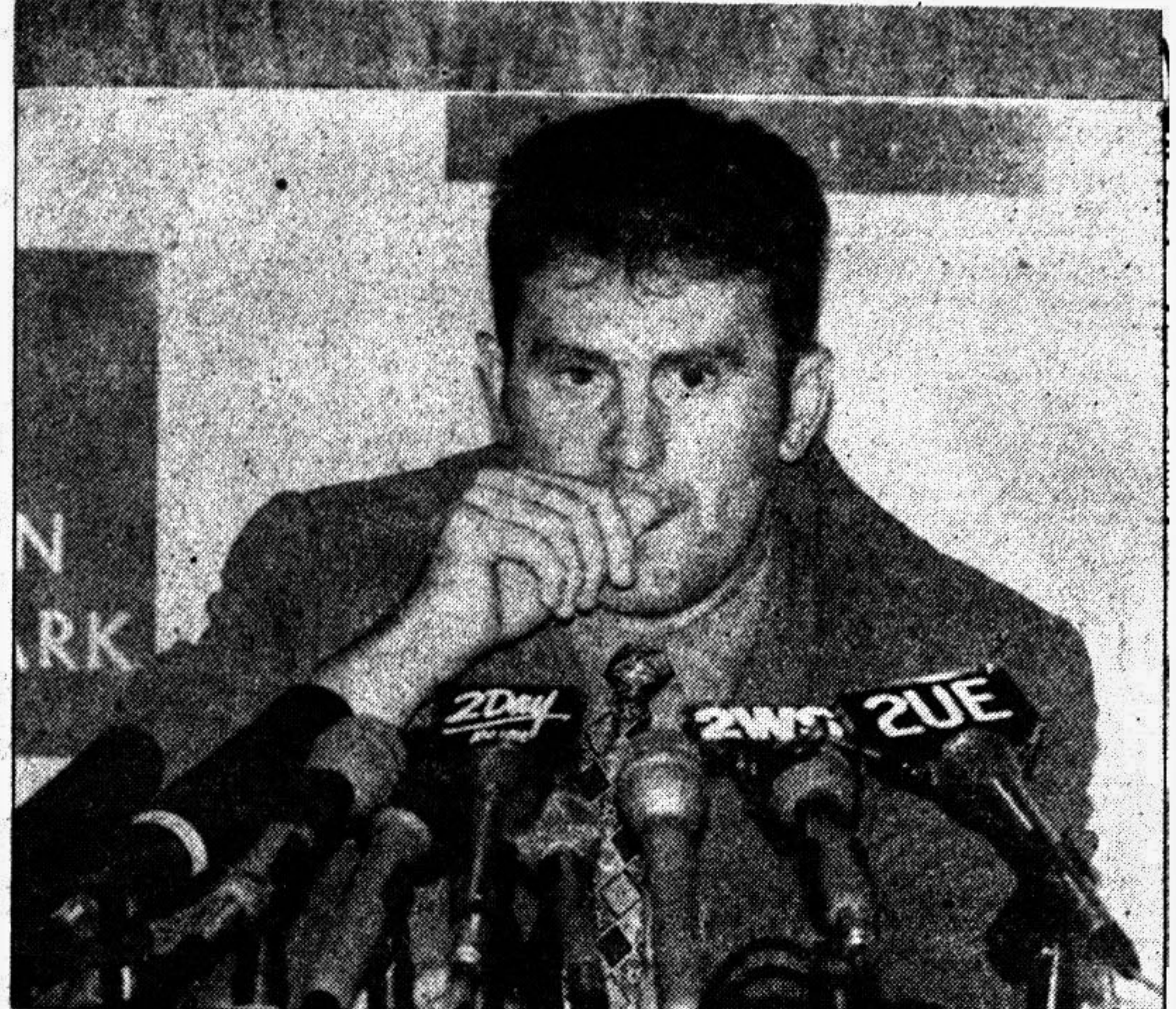
Capriati went for treatment in two drug rehabilitation clinics, then attempted a comeback at a tournament in Philadelphia in November 1994. She lost in the first round to Anke Huber and has not played since.

"She feels ready physically and mentally after a long period of preparation in Florida," Paris Open organisers said in a statement.

Huber and former Australian Open champion Mary Pierce are the top entries in the Paris tournament. The 28-player field also includes Ivana Majoli, Jana Novotna and Martina Hingis.

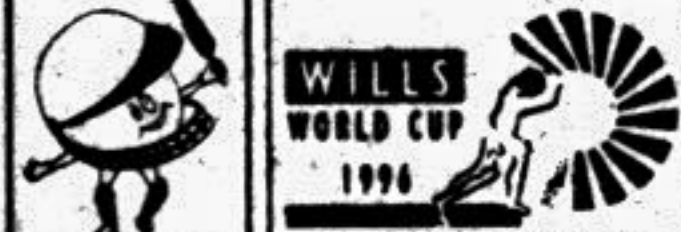
Steffi Graf was originally seeded No 1 but had to withdraw last week because she is still recovering from foot surgery.

Capriati beat Graf to win the Olympic gold medal at the 1992 Barcelona Games. She was ranked No 6 in the world in 1993, and reached the semifinals at the French Open in 1990, and Wimbledon and the US Open in 1991.



Aussie skipper Mark Taylor exchanges his views with the journalists in Sydney yesterday over ACB's decision to forfeit their World Cup opener in Colombo. —AFP/UNB photo

## Aussies 'no' to organisers



MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb 5: Australia will not play their World Cup cricket match in Sri Lanka and will ask the Cup's organising committee to move their opening match to another venue, Australian Cricket Board chairman Denis Rogers said here Monday, report agencies.

Rogers said the ACB had a genuine fear for the team's safety after last week's bomb blast in the Sri Lankan capital Colombo which killed at least 80 people and after death threats to players here.

He said this made it impossible for Australia to play in the troubled island nation and was seeking a switch in venue to either Pakistan or India, the other joint Cup hosts.

Australia were scheduled to play their opening Cup match against Sri Lanka in Colombo on February 17.

The ACB is not prepared to play in Sri Lanka because

of serious concerns for the safety and the security of the players," Rogers told reporters.

He said Australia had notified the Cricket Board of Control for Sri Lanka of its decision, and expressed its deep regret.

"The Sri Lankan president (Chandrika Kumaratunga), was deeply disappointed as they had gone to great trouble and length to arrange facilities and they are good hosts," Rogers said.

"I've expressed our deepest regret that we cannot take part in that leg of the World Cup."

He said last week's suicide bombing in central Colombo was the main reason Australia was opposed to playing the opening match there.

"Up until late last week we were looking forward to playing there and even playing in a warm up match the week before," he said.

"We will ask Pilcom to move the game and they have to decide what the outcome would be," the ACB chairman said.

The ACB looks forward to a resumption of normal

cricket activity between Australia and Sri Lanka at the earliest opportunity possible."

The Australian government has advised all Australian citizens to defer non-essential travel to the strife-torn country after last week's blast.

But Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating said last week it would be left to the ACB to decide if Australia should tour Sri Lanka.

Australian captain Mark Taylor said the decision not to play in Colombo was not a matter of giving in to terrorism — but one that avoided being placed in the middle of the conflict.

"I don't like to give in to anything, but I don't want to see us being used as pawns," he said.

"We don't see ourselves as pawns in any sort of dispute — or putting lives at risk."

The West Indies, Zimbabwe and Kenya also are scheduled to play matches in Sri Lanka during the 12-nation World Cup tournament. They have not formally signalled their intentions, although several Zimbabwe players have expressed reservations.

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QUIZ 1	
1st Prize	Powervision 21" Colour TV
2nd Prize	Powervision 14" Colour TV
3rd Prize (three nos)	Turbo Bass Two-in-One

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2nd Prize	Powervision 30" Colour TV
3rd Prize (three nos)	CD Player

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- Residents of Bangladesh will be eligible to participate in the Daily Star-Philips World Cup Quiz. Employees of the Daily Star and Transcom Electronics Ltd and their immediate family members shall not be eligible to participate in the Quiz competition.
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Read the information and rules carefully. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

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2. The 1979 World Cup was won by	Australia <input type="checkbox"/>	England <input type="checkbox"/>	West Indies <input type="checkbox"/>
3. The man-of-the-match in the 1983 final was	M. Amarnath <input type="checkbox"/>	S. Gavaskar <input type="checkbox"/>	Kapil Dev <input type="checkbox"/>
4. The 1967 World Cup final was held in	Bombay <input type="checkbox"/>	Calcutta <input type="checkbox"/>	Lahore <input type="checkbox"/>
5. The highest scorer in the 1992 final was	Graham Gooch <input type="checkbox"/>	Ismail Khan <input type="checkbox"/>	Javed Miandad <input type="checkbox"/>
6. In the 1996 World Cup, Zimbabwe will be led by	Grant Flower <input type="checkbox"/>	D. Houghton <input type="checkbox"/>	Andy Flower <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Bangladesh has been participating in the ICC Trophy since	1975 <input type="checkbox"/>	1977 <input type="checkbox"/>	1979 <input type="checkbox"/>

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