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## solve crisis

CALCUTTA, Feb 8: The Pak-India-Lanka Committee (PILCOM) today urged the ICC to refer the boycott issue to the United Nations in a bid to resolve the impasse which had jeopardised Wills World Cup matches in Sri Lanka, reports PTI.

PILCOM convenor-secre tary. Jagmohan Dalmiya said that United Nations should appoint an independent observer to comment on the state of affairs on security in the island nation.

"PILCOM's stand on the Sri Lankan issue remains the same. We have made a request to the ICC to appoint an independent United Nations observer to comment on the security situation there". Dalmiva said.

He said administrators were not in a position to comment on security, i should be done by people who knew.

He said there was still no reaction to PILCOM's latest proposal as top officials of the ICC were on transit at the moment.

The chairman of ICC. Clyde Walcott and chief executive David Richards were expected to reach the city by tomorrow to attend the meeting.

#### Historical tie sees a batting nightmare

SYDNEY, Feb 8: Nineteen wickets fell on the opening day of the historic day-night Sheffield Shield match between Queensland and New South Wales on Wednesday as the yellow ball swung and seamed continuously throughout both innings, reports Reuter.

At the close New South Wales were 151 for nine in reply to the defending champion's 150 all out at the Gabba in the first Shield match to be played under lights.

Veteran Queensland pace bowler Dirk Tazelaar took five for 37 in 16 overs as New South Wales rallied from a parlous four for four to take first innings points.

Queensland captain Allan Border was still optimistic that his team could snatch

The bottom line is that we are still in the game, our heads are not down," he said. "To bat like we did and then have them nine for 150. I'm quite satisfied. We want six points. In Hobart, an unbeaten

half century by wicketkeeper Mark Atkinson helped steer Tasmania out of trouble on the first day of their Shield match against South Australia. Captained by David Boon.

now retired from Test cricket. Tasmania had been in trouble at 122 for five before a steadying partnership between Atkinsonn and fast bowler Colin Miller, 31.

Atkinson was 59 not out at the close with Tasmania 258 for eight.

South Australian pace bowler Paul Wilson tore through the Tasmanian top order, finishing with four for 50 from 22 overs.

#### Cork deepens Illy's woe

LAHORE, Pakistan, Feb 8: Dominic Cork, England's leading strike bowler over the past 12 months got off the field during a practice match on Thursday with an injured knee, reports Reuter. Cork left the field after sending down only 13 deliveries in a one-day match against Lahore with a recurrence of an old tendon injury just below his right knee.

"We will give Dominic three days' rest and we think the knee should settle down during that period," said manager Ray Illingworth. "I certainly hope so."

Robin Smith, who pulled a groin muscle taking a spectacular catch at mid-wicket during another warm-up match on Wednesday, will learn his World Cup future

this weekend. Smith has already been ruled out of the first two matches and should know by

Saturday night whether he will have to go home early. "It is likely to take at least

a week to mend, hopefully 10 days at the worst," said England physiotherapist Wayne Morton. "But we will know more in a day or two.

Illingworth said he still did not know the position regarding replacements. The organisers have promised to inform the teams before Sunday's opening ceremony in Calcutta.

"Once we know the position regarding replacements we can see how Robin is pro-

there," said Illingworth.

## Proposal for urging UN to Preening for the party



NEW DELHI, Feb 8: Calcutta, a city regarded as one of the world's filthiest, has begun cleaning itself up for the grand opening of the 12nation World Cup Cricket tournament, reports AP.

This week, police set ablaze hundreds of mud-andthatch houses just behind the Eden Gardens Stadium. which sits alongside the Ganges river, and pushed out thousands of vendors who crowd the sidewalks selling everything from fruit to ballpoint pens.

Nearby roads are being resurfaced, and walls of 200year-old British colonial mansions, stained by betel juice that passersby spit out, are being scrubbed clean by municipal workers.

Luxury hotels are offering banquets, and one hotel has even redesigned its main restaurant to look like a cricket stadium.

"It is a big event for Calcutta - a city that is trying to look good to the world again," said Mansoor Adil, the resident manager of the Tai Bengal Hotel. Adil's hotel is organizing a

food festival with cuisines

COLOMBO, Feb 8 (AP): 11

the controversies don't take

their toll, Sri Lanka's cricket

squad could have their best

chance ever of winning the

scheduled to be played in Colombo Feb 21.

Muttiah Muralitharan faces

charges of throwing. But the

International Cricket Council

has cleared it of charges of

ball-tampering during its tour

In the last 100 one-day-

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more than 40 victories, in-

cluding wins against New

Zealand, Pakistan, Australia,

anced side . . . This is our

best chance of winning or

reaching the finals," said Roy

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the West Indies are trying to

avoid playing in Sri Lanka be-

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Ranatunga, a stocky left-hand

batsman who is a few runs

short of reaching 5,000 runs

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of Australia in January.

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World Cup.

from the 12 participating countries at the tourney: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Australia, New Zealand, West Indies, Kenya, Holland, Zimbabwe, the United Arab Emirates, South Africa and Eng-

"It's good for business. A lot of people will be coming to the hotel just to catch a glimpse of their favorite cricket stars," he said in a telephone interview.

Thousands of people are already visiting a museum close to Eden Garden where the Wills World Cup trophy is being displayed. The 28inch-tall (70 centimetres) silver cup, with a batsman perched atop it, was designed by a London jeweler.

Calcutta was once the pride of Britain's colonies. with wide boulevards, manicured gardens and huge country villas. But that was 200 years

Since then, the city has crumbled under the pressure of nearly 13 million residents, many of them illegal immigrants living in shantytowns like the one levelled alongside the stadium. Another five million arrive each day to work as hawkers or day laborers. They all produce Cal-

cutta's most visible problem: garbage. Piles of it clog sidewalks.

Determined yet dejected

sit in parks and block roads. Cows munch on it, dogs rummage through it, homeless children pick through it in search of rags and salvageable goods.

Traffic jams are common in Calcutta all day long, and it can take drivers up to one hour to travel a distance of five kilometers (three miles) across downtown.

Air pollution has become so bad that Calcutta police last week announced they will soon allow traffic policemen to spend part of the day in specially-designed oxygen tents to clear their

There appears to be little danger of street violence during the tourney, but the millions of fans could pose a problem.

"All possible safety measures are being taken," said police Commissioner Tushar Talukder. More than 10,000 policemen will be deployed on Sunday, when 10,000 spectators are expected at Eden Garden Stadium for the tourney's opening ceremony.

Police say they will frisk spectators for firecrackers and won't even allow them to carry water bottles into the

"We want to live up to the expectations," said Asim Burman, Calcutta's municipal commissioner.

#### Computer can compel 'em to play!

NEW DELHI, India, Feb 8: So what if the Australians won't play cricket in Sri Lanka during the World Cup. You can force them to. And even make them win or lose. reports AP.

A computer software has been released in India just in time for the World Cup, and it allows arm-chair cricket buffs to ring up their own teams, coach existing ones. and play in any of the 37 stadia in the subcontinent.

"Cricket Challenge" allows a user to play many one-day internationals, choosing teams from among 500 play-

The software, developed over six years by the Bangalore-based Hallmark Software Pvt Ltd, analyzes the records of bowlers and batsmen. weather conditions typical of various regions, and the quality of the grounds. It allows the user to programme specific strategies, from extremely defensive to utterly

The Windows version. which costs 1,490 rupees (40 dollars), was developed by Y Anantha Narayanan, and its database is constantly updated.

Cricket legend Sunil Gavaskar and a software company called Ravi Database have teamed up to launch a site on Internet's worldwide web for the World Cup.

It will provide 150 pages of cricket statistics, match schedules and Gavaskar's syndicated cricket column. During the match, Inter-

net visitors can obtain score updates and an interactive voice response.

#### Rivals ease visa issue

KARACHI, Feb 8: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said on Thursday that Pakistan and India had reached an agreement to issue special visas to each other's nationals to watch the World Cup matches starting on February 14, reports Reuter.

PCB chief executive Arif

Abbasi, quoted by the official APP news agency, said Indians and Pakistanis holding match tickets worth 700 rupees (20 dollars) or more would get visas for a limited period without having to report to police. Normally, Pakistani and

indian visitors to each other's country report their arrival to police because of oftenstrained relations between the two countries, who are co-hosting the World Eup with Sri Lanka. Abbasi said it had been

agreed that Pakistan would issue 1,500 visas to Indians for the World Cup final at Lahore, capital of its Punjab province.

India will issue 1,000 visas for semi-finals and both India and Pakistan will issue 1,000 visas each for quarter-finals and 500 visas for each of group matches, he said. Abbasi said tickets for all

matches had already been put on sale in Pakistan and India.

#### God bless 'em!

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Feb 8: The West Indies's World Cup squad were forced to return to Barbados on Wednesday night when their aircraft developed engine problems shortly after take off, reports Reuter.

"Half an hour into the flight, the aircraft developed engine trouble and returned to Barbados," said Andrew Sealy, the secretary of the West Indies Cricket Board of Control on Thursday.

"If all goes well, they will leave this evening on a different aircraft."

West Indies are travelling to London en route to India. where they were scheduled to play their opening Group A game next Friday against Zimbabwe.

Both West Indies and Australia have refused to play in Sri Lanka after the bomb blast last Wednesday which killed up to 80 people and injured 1,200.

### ROK rock Aussies

LUCKNOW, Feb 8: Defending champions South Korea came from behind to beat Australia 4-2, while India thrashed Olympic hosts the United States 5-0 on the opening day of the Indira Gandhi Gold Cup today, reports Reuter.

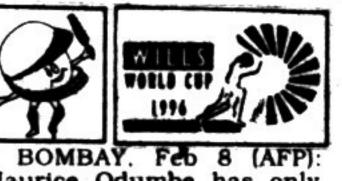
Australia, including seven members of the team they expect to field at the Atlanta Olympic Games later this year, went 2-1 up with two goals in a minute from Glen Ringston and Damian See to midway through the first half.

But within three minutes Kang Koon-Wook equalised. following Kim Young-Kyu's 19th-minute opening goal.



England fast bowler Darren Gough follows through on a delivery while the striking batsman anticipates during their practice match for the World Cup against Lahore yesterday. AFP/UNB photo

## Aspiring to an autograph



Maurice Odumbe has only two things on his mind as he prepares to lead Kenya at their first cricket World Cup - to score a "million runs" and to get Brian Lara's autograph.

Even if his first wish remains a dream, Odumbe will almost certainly fulfill the second when Kenya play Lara's West Indies at Pune on February 29. "It's great to be playing

against men whom you only read about or have watched on video," said the 25-yearold, the team captain and leading batsman. "Imagine being on the same field as Brian Lara." Odumbe has not forgotten

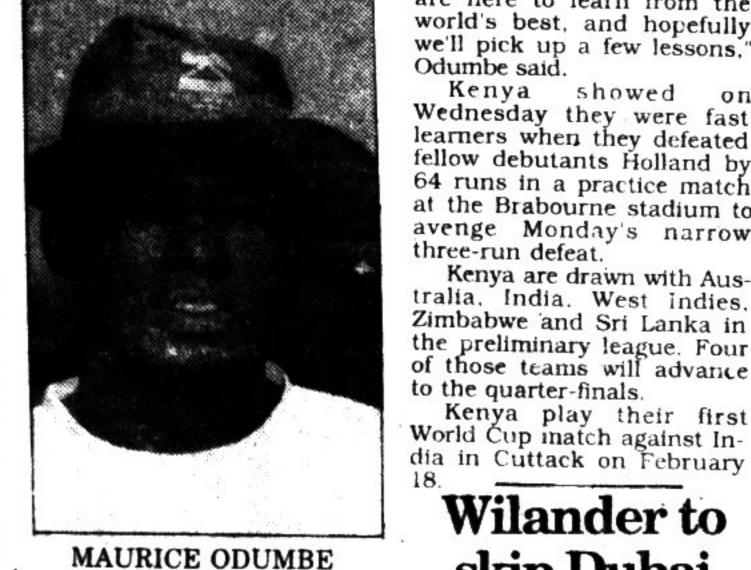
Lara's refusal to give him an autograph three years ago in England. "I was playing in Swansea as a professional and Lara had come to town to play a county match. "I went up to him for an

autograph, but he refused. Hopefully, he will not turn me down this time," he said. Odumbe said he learnt cricket in Nairobi watching the Asians play.

"The natives too began playing their own version of the game. We cut wood into

the shape of a bat and used maize corn as a ball," he rememberea. "People thought I was

more talented than the rest and picked me to play alongside the Asians for the second eleven of the Agha Khan



Gymkhana in Nairobi. That

was a real opportunity to play the game I loved most." Odumbe's skills were fur-

ther sharpened by tips from Northamptonshire player Robert Boyd-Moss and India's former Test star Balwinder Sandhu, who turned out for the Gymkhana as profes-

His dream of playing in the big league came true in 1994 when Kenya won the ICC trophy for non-Test nations in Nairobi to qualify for the upcoming World Cup.

"No one gives us a chance, and that's fair enough. But we are here to learn from the world's best, and hopefully we'll pick up a few lessons," Odumbe said.

Kenya showed on Wednesday they were fast learners when they defeated fellow debutants Holland by 64 runs in a practice match at the Brabourne stadium to avenge Monday's narrow three-run defeat. Kenya are drawn with Aus-

Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka in the preliminary league. Four of those teams will advance to the quarter-finals. Kenya play their first World Cup inatch against In-

dia in Cuttack on February Wilander to

#### skip Dubai tourney STOCKHOLM, Feb 8: Swe-

den's Mats Wilander has pulled out of next week's Dubai ATP tournament because of the drug taking charges hanging over him said his lawyer today, reports



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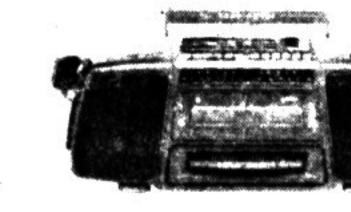


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3.	The man-of-the-match in the 1983 final was	M. Amarnath	S. Gavasker	Kapil Dev
4.	The 1987 World Cup final was held in	Bombay	Calcutta [_	Lahore
5.	The highest scorer in the 1992 final was	Graham Gooch	Imran Khan	Javed Miandad
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gressing and take it from chess tournament at the NSC

Scene from yesterday's seventh round matches of the International Masters' qualifying Star photo

sweetly time the ball to all parts of the ground, Ranatunga is a useful gentlemedium pace bowler who has in the past often taken the ball to capture vital wickets. His deputy, Aravinda de Silva, almost matches his

captains in run getting, and

although he is recovering

from a side strain he has

turned many matches Sri

A welder gives his final touch Feb 8 on the security fence at the Sinhalese Sports Club

grounds ahead of the first round. World Cup match between Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe

inha. Sanath Jayasuriya and

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these batsmen have played

Romesh Kaluwitharana as an

opener has further boosted

Sri Lankan's chances. Kalu-

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This tiny island nation has Lanka's way Sri Lanka has a string of been performing at its best during the past months, even capable batsmen in Roshan though its ace off-spinner Mahamana. Asanka Gurus-

wide exposure during the upcoming World Cup have been dashed as two key teams stay away and newspapers. politicians and the cricket-crazy public have roundly blasted Australia and the West Indies for pulling out of their matches scheduled in Sri Lanka.

"The Pope's been here, Princess Anne's been here. the Duke of Kent's been here," cricket fan and chairman of the famous Galle Face Hotel, Cyril Gardiner, told

— AFP/UNB photo

"There was no problem.

The mood of the country

Colombo is as safe as any

other city in the world, Paris,

London or New York," he

is disgruntled," said Tamil

MP Joseph Pararajasingham.

"As far as cricket is con-

cerned there isn't any threat.

The Tigers won't do anything

to a cricket team. They like

cricket just as much as any-

Australia and the West Indies

to act in such a manner," said

MP Ravi Karunanyake. "Sri

Lanka is no less safe that In-

tors have said Australia had

been searching for an excuse

not to come to Sri Lanka

even before the bomb attack.

fearing a hostile reaction

after Sri Lanka's recent tour

of Australia in which they

were accused of cheating.

Many cricket commenta-

dia or Pakistan."

"It is very unfortunate for

Reuters.