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No music at  
the Wankhede

BOMBAY, Feb 24: There would be no huge-blowing or drum-beating at the Wankhede Stadium here on February 27 when India and Australia clash under the lights in their World Cup Group A league fixture before a capacity crowd of 35,000, reports PTI.

The spectators would have to be content with exerting only their vocal chords or clapping their hands as the Bombay police have decided to ban musical instruments from being taken into the stadium for security reasons.

The bursting of firecrackers has also been banned along with carrying of glass and plastic bottles into the stadium as the police fear that these articles may be used as missiles against the players, according to a police spokesman.

The security, as has been the practice at various centres during the ongoing Cup, would be stringent with as many as 600 police personnel — including 400 constables — being deployed in and around the stadium.

Earlier this morning city police commissioner Ramdeo Tyagi visited the stadium and discussed internal security arrangements with the officials of the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) which is hosting the tie.

An antique trophy  
awaits the winners

JAIPUR, India, Feb 24: When the World Cup final ends in Lahore on March 17 the winning captain will hold aloft an antique, sterling silver trophy made 118 years ago by London crown jewellers Garrard, reports Reuters.

The four kilo trophy is 12 cm high and has etchings of a 1785 painting depicting a cricket match in progress. The painting itself adorns the wall of Lord's Cricket Museum.

When Philon, the Pakistan-India-Lanka Organising Committee, was planning a trophy for the tournament, Garrard and Jaipur's Arun Industries were shortlisted for their designs.

After the design submitted by the London company was approved by the cup organisers and sponsors Wills, Garrard modified the original trophy and presented it to PILCOM.

Arun Industries is making six replicas at its workshops which have become a focus of attention from local cricket fans who have come to look at the original design.

While the winning team will be handed the original trophy at the presentation ceremony after the final, they will be allowed to carry home only a replica. Replicas will also be given to the three host countries.

The original trophy will remain the prized possession of the sponsors.

Sampras-Chang  
semis showdown

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb 24: Top seed and world number one Pete Sampras rallied past Australian Mark Woodford 6-4, 7-6(9-7) Friday to set up a semifinal match with third seed Michael Chang in the Korgor St Jude tennis tournament, reports Reuters.

Chang beat sixth seed Maliwa Washington of the United States 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 in their quarter-final.

Mark Philippoussis of Australia, seeded 10th, blasted 15th seed Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-1 to earn a semifinal spot against fifth-seeded American Todd Martin, who beat fourth-seeded Swede Thomas Enqvist 6-4, 6-4.

## Capriati crashes

ESSEN, Germany, Feb 24: Jana Novotna beat Jennifer Capriati 7-6, 2-6, 6-3 in the quarter-finals of the WTA tournament on Friday, dashing the American's hopes of marking her comeback with a title, reports Reuters.

In the best match of the 450,000 US dollar tournament so far, Novotna and Capriati took a power-packed first set to a tie-break.

The Czech former Wimbledon finalist eventually took the set on her fourth set point, winning the tie-break 8-6.

Novotna's reward is a semifinal against second seed Anne Huber, who defeated fellow German Barbara Rittner 6-4, 7-5.

## Rubin rallies

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb 24: Top seed Chanda Rubin struggled early before rallying Friday to beat Katrina Adams and advance to the semifinals of the IGA Classic, reports AP.

Rubin, ranked No. 10 in the world, lost the first set 4-6 but then closed out Adams, of the United States, 6-2, 6-1. Rubin, also of the United States, will meet No. 3 seed Amanda Coetzer in Saturday's semifinal. Coetzer beat fellow South African Joannette Kruger 6-1, 6-4.

## Bob's boys in fine tune



Australian coach Bob Simpson spoke to Tapan Majumder exclusively in Calcutta before the team flew to Bombay to play some warm-up matches.

Q How do you role your changes in this World Cup keeping in mind the conditions prevailing in this sub-continent?

S: We have got a lot of experienced players. They had been in the subcontinent before. So the conditions here would not be unusual for us.

Q What do you think about your batting?

S: I think we have got all-round strength. We have great depth. We have some of the best players in the world as far as the batting is concerned. And that has been shown over quite a few years. The batting will be very solid as always it has been.

Q And what about the bowling?

S: Well, it's done us proud, hasn't it? When you look back the last few years, it's really the bowling that has clinched many victories for us. Our bowlers have performed very well against West Indies, Pakistan and recently against Sri Lanka.

Q You have some rookies in your squad. How are you shaping up as a team?

S: Most of our players in the squad played four or five years in first class cricket; so they are not rookies in that sense. They had also been here and played some form of cricket in the subcontinent. So you know that they have gathered much more experience playing first class cricket than youngsters in India who perhaps don't get as much exposure as we do.

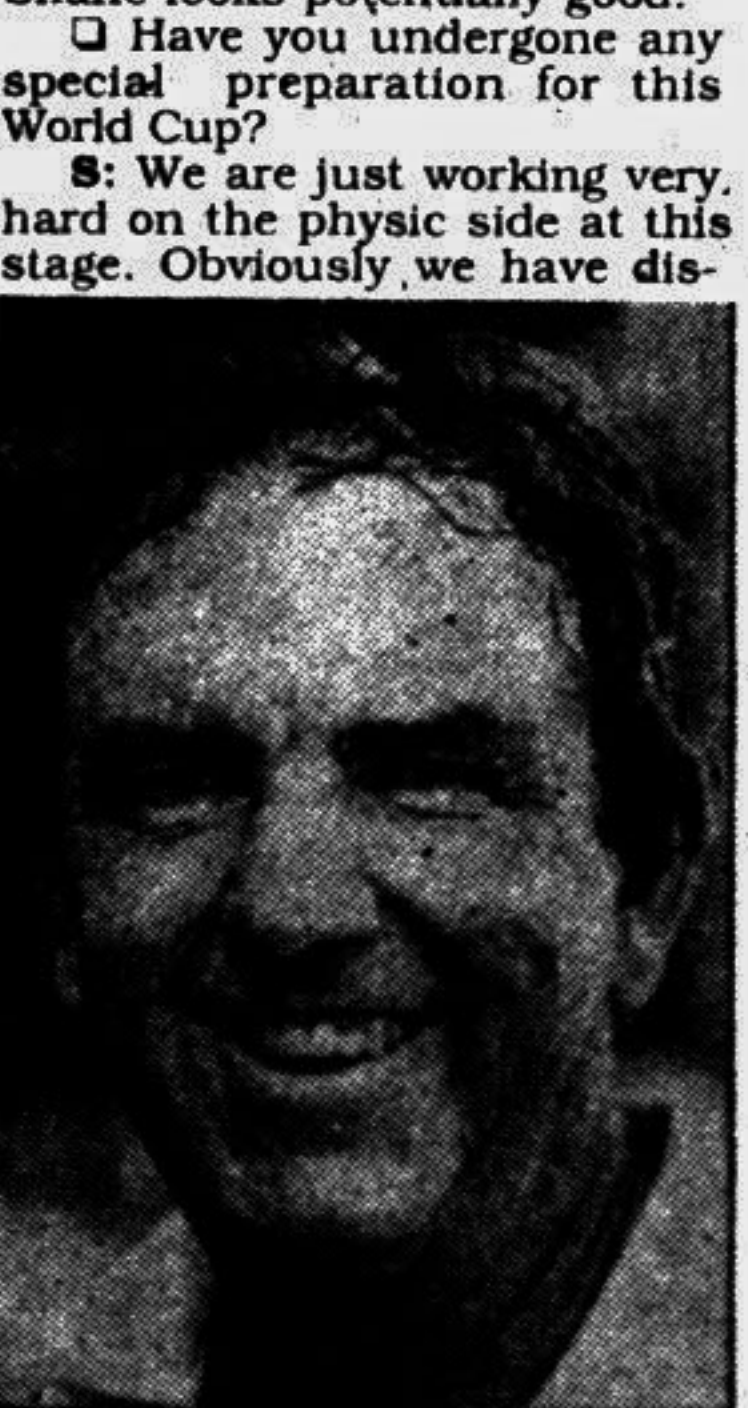
Q Don't you think if you

field Ponting, Law and Shane Lee in a match, your middle order would be a set of inexperienced cricketers?

S: This is Ponting's second trip away. He played a lot of cricket. Ponting played four or five years of first class cricket in Australia. He has scored a thousand run every season. He has had a tremendous season. We have got Stuart Law, who's the captain of Queensland and he is now twenty seven. So he has been playing for eight years. There is only one newcomer whom we are looking at — Shane Lee. At this stage Shane looks potentially good.

Q Have you undergone any special preparation for this World Cup?

S: We are just working very hard on the physical side at this stage. Obviously, we have dis-



BOB SIMPSON

cussions among our players. We have put a lot of time and effort in our preparation.

Q Which are the teams that might create problems for you?

S: I think the subcontinent opponents who are used to the conditions over here. I also think England, who has a great record in the World

Cup, is a hard nut to crack. South Africans are always tough competitors. But turning to the conditions in the subcontinent will be a major problem for them to sort out.

Q In one-dayers is Shane Warne as effective as he is in Test matches?

S: His record is fantastic in one-day cricket. Yes, I certainly think so.

Q Many experts feel that cricketers of this subcontinent can play spin bowling very well. Do you think that Warne would be effective against these players?

S: Warne is a great bowler. He would be effective against any batsman.

Q How do you expect Shane Warne to perform in this World Cup?

S: Shane would have a wonderful World Cup. He is as consistent as ever.

Q The Aussie selectors didn't consider David Boon for this World Cup. And he subsequently retired from Test and one-dayers. What's your view about the whole episode?

S: I am very disappointed that David has retired. He has been a magnificent player and a great competitor in one-dayers. But I think the selectors and David had come to an agreement and David is very happy now that he is leaving the game with a proud reputation.

Q Would you like to tell something about the cricket academy guided by Rod Marsh?

S: No, it's not really an academy; it's a finishing school. Players go there for four months. The best under-nineteen cricketers in Australia go there.

Q Your views about the 'Colombo imbroglio'.

S: Well, I don't think I have anything further to say. We were advised by the government that it wouldn't be in the best interest of tourists or Australian cricketers to go there.

McDermott's  
World Cup  
dream over

VISHAKHAPATNAM, India, Feb 24: Australian fast bowler Craig McDermott has been ruled out for the rest of the World Cup because of a serious calf-muscle injury, coach Bob Simpson announced on Saturday, reports AFP.

Simpson said McDermott will fly home and permission was being sought from the World Cup Organising Committee (PILCOM) to bring in a replacement.

He added that it was too early to finalise a replacement, but insisted he did not have to be from the original list of four standby players — batsman Dean Jones, fast bowler Michael Kasprowicz, off-spinner Tim May and all-rounder Greg Blewett.

The decision to send back McDermott, who limped off the field after sending down just three overs against Kenya on Friday, was taken after team physiotherapist Errol Alcott examined the bowler.

The Queensland paceman has had more than his fair share of injury and illness, and this will be the fifth time he has been forced to leave a tour early in the last three years.

"It does wear you down a bit eventually," said the 30-year-old McDermott. "Words can't describe the disappointment. I'm shattered I can't play in this World Cup."

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## African pride at stake



PATNA, India, Feb 24: A brave performance by Kenya against tournament favourites Australia has given added spice to their World Cup Group A match against Zimbabwe on Monday, reports Reuters.

In the greater scheme of things, the outcome of the match between two of the tournament's rank outsiders is probably of little consequence.

But it gives each their best chance of registering a win ahead of their almost certain elimination before the quarter-final knockout stage starting on March 9.

Overshadowed by South Africa, who are emerging as genuine contenders to win the tournament, the match between these two African countries is more about continental pride than any hope of World Cup fame.

Zimbabwe, now a full member of the Test playing circuit, have tasted victory in this competition twice before, with wins over Australia and England in their previous 20 matches before this tournament began.

Their best chance of reaching the quarterfinals probably depended on beating Sri Lanka, but the Zimbabweans hopes of reaping reward from venturing where Australia and West Indies dared not were dashed when the hosts won comfortably by six wickets.

However, they should be confident of beating Kenya, making their debut in a World Cup. A team entitled the East African Cricket Conference, mainly comprising Kenyans, took part in the 1975 tournament.

Kenya's batting performance against Australia on Friday showed they may be capable of springing a surprise.

A brave 85 from Kennedy Otieno and an even 50 by captain Maurice Odumbe saw the pair share a century partnership and raise the run rate to more than five an over.

Odumbe was forced to retire hurt briefly towards the end of his innings, suffering from cramp, but should be fit for Monday's encounter.

Of greater concern is the leg injury to the experienced left-arm spinner Asif Karim, who finished the match limping badly. His absence would seriously deplete an already weak attack.

"We don't have enough bite in our bowling," Odumbe admitted.

In recent years, Zimbabwe's batting has often centred around the Flower brothers, captain Andy and Grant.

They have yet to blossom in this tournament but with the pitch at the Moinul Haq Stadium promising to favour the batsmen, the Kenyan attack could be in for a punishing time.

McMillan set for Surrey

LONDON, Feb 24: South African Brian McMillan, one of the world's great all-rounders, could be on his way to English county side Surrey, reports AFP.

Newspaper reports suggest 32-year-old McMillan, who played for Warwickshire 10 years ago, has been offered a two-year contract.

South African coach Bob Woolmer confirmed the player is considering coming to England.

"I believe he's certainly been made an offer and he's having a look at it at the moment," said Woolmer.

"Whether he'll take the offer or not I don't know. On the grapevine he's 75 per cent certain."

## WILLS WORLD CUP DIARY

ISLAMABAD, Feb 14 (AFP): World Cup diary here today:  
SO EASY FOR JAVED

PAKISTANI great Javed Miandad, taking part in an unprecedented sixth World Cup after returning from a two-year retirement, said he was surprised how easy it was to get back into shape.

The 38-year-old batsman said: "I have played four of five matches in a tournament in Pakistan and trained with the team for almost a month. It didn't take much time because I had already trained a lot and went to the gym. It didn't feel like I had been away for 19 or 20 months. My form is not bad but it's difficult to say. The main matches are yet to come. We'll just have to see."

Miandad, who has almost 9,000 Test and 8,000 one-day runs to his credit, couldn't make up his mind who would win the tournament. "At the moment, I don't think I can predict who will win — all the sides are so well prepared," he said. "It's open for everyone, but we are very confident."

## NOW UNLUCKY HUDSON'S OUT

South African opener Andrew Hudson was the latest World Cup cricketer to be pole-axed by illness when he was ruled out of the Group B game against England.

Hudson, however, fell victim to flu while most earlier cases have been caused by stomach trouble. The Dutch team hold the record so far for players in quarantine. They lost seven players for a couple of days at the start of the tournament while England lost Neil Smith halfway through an innings.

## WORLD CUP SEMI GETS GO AHEAD

The World Cup semifinal at Calcutta's Eden Gardens will definitely go ahead after worries the stadium could be declared unsafe.

West Bengal's Marxist state government said a row over a new stand built to increase the venue's capacity to 110,000 had been resolved.

## ATHERTON STAYS TIGHT LIPPED

England skipper Mike Atherton is staying tight-lipped over plans for his side's unsettled batting line-up.

Atherton, normally an opener, was asked if he would continue to use Neil Smith as a pinch-hitter at the top of the order while relegating himself down to No 5. "Maybe," he replied. "I might extend it."

The return to fitness of Robin Smith and continuing concerns over Graeme Hick's strained thigh muscle make the permutations endless.

## Inside Windies' world



NEW DELHI, Feb 24: West Indies, once the undisputed kings of one-day cricket, find themselves in a serious if not necessarily critical condition at the sixth World Cup, reports Reuters.

The 1975 and 1979 champions were well beaten by India in Gwalior on Wednesday



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after forfeiting their match in Colombo against Sri Lanka on diplomatic advice following last month's bomb blast.

Despite repeated assertions from captain Richie Richardson that West Indies do not depend unduly on Brian Lara, the dismissal of the world Test record holder for only two on Wednesday dealt his team a

blow from which they were not to recover.

Ian Chappell, captain of the great 1970s Australian side, commented: "The West Indies problems are two-fold when Lara is dismissed cheaply."

"It boosts confidence of their opponents and has a dampening effect on the Windies' hopes of a really big total."

Lara remained at the crease for some moments after he was given out caught behind after some deliberation by Pakistan umpire Khizar Hyatt, sparking speculation that he had not edged the ball.

But Steve Tovey, officiating as the third umpire on Wednesday, had no doubts.

"Khizar always takes his time," said the Netherlands' umpire. "Lara definitely edged the ball and, if he hadn't he'd have been out long."

Match referee Raman Subba Row said he had not reported Lara for dissent.

"Mind you, if he had stayed a bit longer it might have been interesting," Subba Row conceded.

Two major weaknesses were revealed in Wednesday's match, which followed a comfortable victory over Zimbabwe in West Indies' opening game.

Firstly, the West Indian batting is clearly fragile with Roland Holder, batting at number five, making a duck on his World Cup debut.

And Roger Harper is a useful batsman but number six is at least two positions too high.

One solution could be to give the wicketkeeper's gloves to Jimmy Adams, who has not been selected for either of the

opening matches, which would shorten the West Indian tail.

The other problem lies paradoxically with West Indies' traditional strength.

There was no doubting the commitment and skill of pace bowlers Curtly Ambrose, Courtney Walsh, Ian Bishop and Ottis Gibson on Wednesday but on a typically slow, low Indian pitch they were largely imprudent after a fierce opening burst from Ambrose.

On a happier note, West Indies should still qualify for the knockout stages where



BRIAN LARA

three good performances in a row could yet give them the Cup for the third time.

Officials travelling with the team are adamant that the West Indies, including Lara, who pulled out of the recent unsuccessful tour of Australia, are united behind Richardson.

Peter Short  
to step down  
in May

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Feb 24: West Indies Cricket Board of Control president Peter Short says he will resign at the board's next meeting in May, reports AP.

"We've had a difficult year and I think the time is now right for someone else to take over," Short, a 69-year-old retired Barbadian businessman, told The Associated Press on Thursday. "I've already faxed my intentions not to seek re-election to member associations."

Short took over as president in November 1993, after Sir Clyde Walcott resigned the post to become chairman of the International Cricket Council.

In the past year, the West Indies lost their 15-year unbeaten record in Test cricket when they were beaten 2-1 in a home series by Australia. Meanwhile, Short was at the centre of a controversy over star batsman Brian Lara, who walked out on the team during a summer tour of England and later withdrew from the squad's Australia tour.

There were news reports that some board members felt Short overstepped his authority by intervening to persuade Lara to rejoin the team in England, giving the batsman the impression the matter was resolved.

At the time, Short dismissed the reports as "press speculation" and said there was no move to unseat him. Short is one of the longest-serving administrators in world cricket.

He was WICBC secretary from 1968 to 1972 and was one of Barbados' representatives on the board from 1973 until he became president. He was president of the Barbados Cricket Association from 1973 to 1993.

King Viv reassures Windies

NEW DELHI, Feb 24: Viv Richards said on Friday West Indies were under a lot of pressure in the World Cup after losing to India but all was not lost, reports Reuters.

The former West Indies captain said in an article in the Times of India that the team must pull themselves together after going down to the emphatic five-wicket defeat by India in Gwalior on Wednesday.

"I still believe that all is not lost for West Indies," he wrote. "For West Indies the emphasis now should be on the fact that things are getting desperate for them."

"They have a lot to play for and they should go all out. They will have to rally themselves and rally themselves pretty quickly."

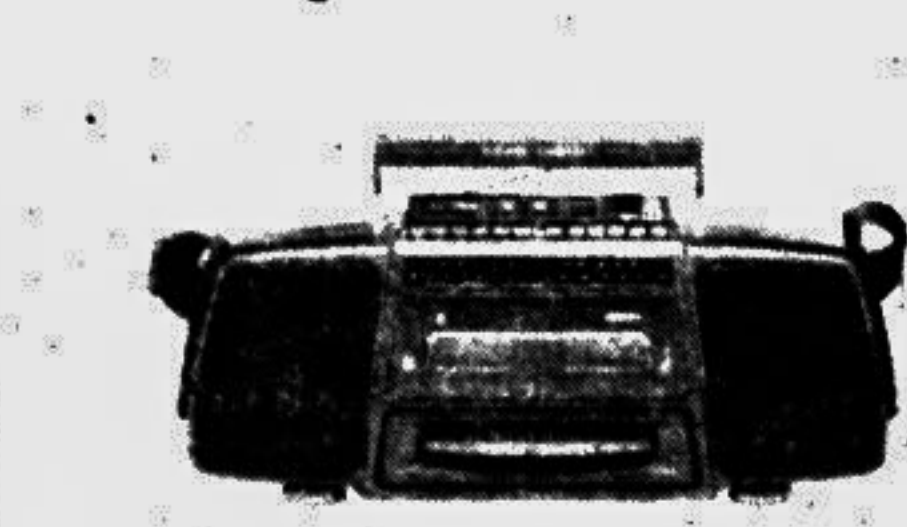
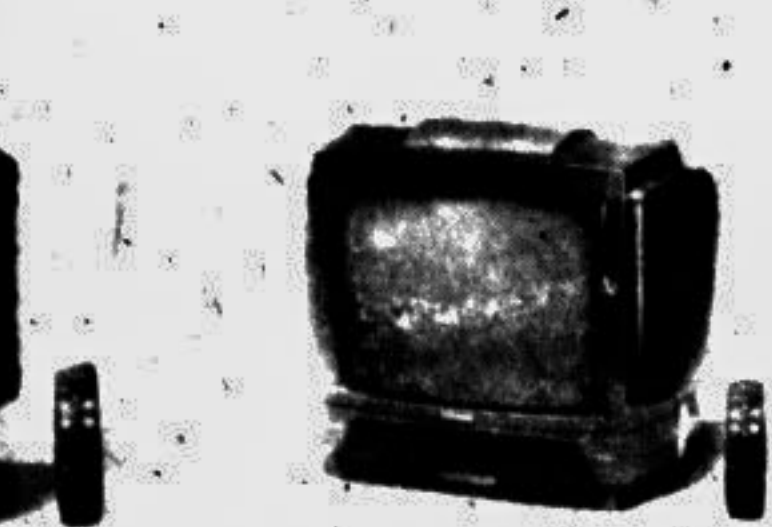
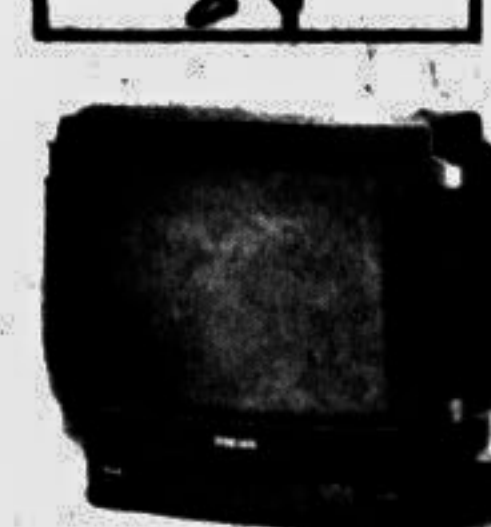


Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic executes a delicate backhand against American Jennifer Capriati during their quarterfinal clash of the WTA tournament in Essen, Germany, on Feb 22. Novotna upstaged the American 7-6, 2-6, 6-3.

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