

Boris Becker

(Germany's veteran tennis ace) "I still believe I have a couple of big ones left in me. As long as I am not embarrassing myself in shorts, then I'm going to do it." On his future.



Sports WHiZZ KID competition-31 **√** Tick the Correct Answer

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(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Mar 29, 1996)					
1.	In the 1996 World Cup, Sri Lankan Aravinda de Silva won the man-of- the-match awards				
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2.	Former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash is				
	Swedish	English	Australian		
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Donald skips Sharjah Cup

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CAPE TOWN, Mar 22: Allan Donald has been left out of South Africa's 14-man squad for the Sharjah Cup from April 11-19, reports Reuter. The Free State and War-

wickshire pacemen asked selection convenor Peter Pollock to consider his request for "a bit of a break from cricket." Pollock said today: "He mentioned it before the end of

the World Cup in Pakistan." "Naturally he would have been happy to go to Sharjah if we had particularly wanted him to, but he asked whether we would be happy to play someone else. We think he de-

serves the break."

Natal's 27-year-old off-spinner and all-rounder Derek Crookes who has a reputation as a hard-hitting batsman. takes Donald's place.

Veteran wicketkeeper Dave

Richardson also returns, replacing Steve Palframan who was drafted into the World Cup squad at the last minute when Richardson broke a finger.

Teenage spinner Paul Adams is in the 14 and he has also been named for the South African A squad to tour England in July and August. World Cup teammate and

all-rounder Jacques Kallis will also be touring as will Palframan, injury-prone left-arm paceman Breft Schultz and middle-order batsman John Commins, who is captain.

SQUAD

Andrew Hudson, Gary Kirsten, Hansie Cronje (captain), Daryll Cullinan, Jacques Kallis, Jonty Rhodes, Brian McMillan, Dave Richardson, Shaun Pollock, Craig Matthews. Fannie De Villiers, Derek, Crookes, Paul Adams, Pat Symcox.

Olympic qualifiers

ROK, Saudis in semis

KUALA LUMPUR, Mar 22: South Korea and Saudi Arabia will join Iraq and Japan in Sunday's semifinals of the Asian Zone Olympic qualifying tournament after convincing wins in the quarterfinals, reports Reuter.

Saudi Arabia, who went into their Group B match late on Thursday needing to win by at least two goals, trounced Kazkhstan 4-0 Asian powerhouse South Korea cruised past China 3-0 in the other Group B match.

Objed Al Dosdaary led the Saudis with a hattrick of goals. Saudi Arabia will meet Group A champions Japan in the first semifinal

In the other encounter the Koreans take on Iraq, who are playing international soccer for the first time since the Gulf War in 1990

Everlasting cricket obsession Lankans' lofty thinking

Nizamuddin Ahmed back from Karachi



T is about a week since standing beneath a Coca Cola umbrella the Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto handed over the coveted Wills World Cup to the vanquishing Sri Lankan skipper at Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium. Perhaps it was just as well that it drizzled when it did as Arjuna Ranatunga's tears of joy mingled with the rain; a lion should show no emotion in public. Despite the passage of time, Pakistan is still occupied by the bat-and-ball mania as are British PM John Major and other frequenters of that historical pub at Hambledon, the quaint birthplace of the game's governing rules.

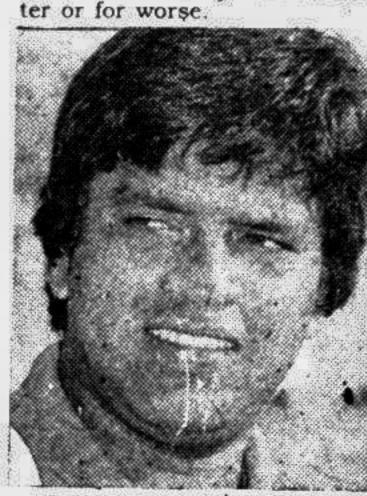
As in the Punjab capital, cricket fever still grips Karachi, the largest of the Pakistan cities, as elsewhere in this cricket-crazy country. Glittering World Cup adornment on major intersections of this megapolis of one crore people continue to celebrate the glorious game of cricket; stars of hopes twinkling against the darkness of their defeat to India at Bangalore. Giant billboards and gargantuan cutouts of their heroes in green create interesting silhouette during the day but are flooded with lights at night.

Perhaps for fear of being at the wrong end of unexpectation in less than a month, few seem to show outward interest in the forthcoming Singer gup starting in Singapore from April 1 where the sub-continental giants shall once again ' pit their strength and wit against each other. But, speedster Wagar Younis has not minced his words when on Thursday on way to the Australia-World XI match at Melbourne he summarised the Pakistan perspective that the war against the azures is very much on the card. Till the last report, Wagar will be without his firing partner and skipper Wasim Akram who has been advised by his doctor to rest for six weeks following a ribcage injury while batting against New Zealand in the final group match of the World Cup. Pakistan will be bogged by this dilemma. While every Pakistani wants Akram to get up and fire rockets at De Silva and his retinue. Tendulkar and company, the moment he does so, he shall be charged with faking injury at Bangalore. With both India and Pakistan vocalising hum jeetengay (we shall win), it shall be interesting to see-who sings with the Signer Cup at Singapore.

With Jayasuriya and Kaluwitharana failing for the third innings running (Eden, Gaddafi and MCG), there is a lot of palm-rubbing going on from the banks of Hooghly to the heights of the Khyber Pass. But, the joint Indo-Pak enigma is that not even the flow of the Indus nor the Ganges has been as consistent as Sri Lanka's recent form. So meteoric has been the rise of Sri Lankan cricketers in the world market that even the analytic English have been taken by surprise. Prior to the World Cup the islanders were

considered poor commercial draw and as such were not given a spot in any English summer before 2001. Ranaand his men have changed all that by roaring all the way before clinching oneday cricket's most coveted trophy after literally burying

Australia at Lahore on March 17. Save for the Cup action in England in 1999, English fans will have to await five more years before they can witness a Test match against one of the most prolific sides in the game's history. The irony of it all is that it may not be the same Sri Lanka by then for bet-



ARJUNA RANATUNGA

The English reason for sidelining the Lankans boils down to the last three Tests that they played in England proving not as lucrative matches against other teams. However, the final Test in 1991 generated receipts of £450,000, only about £90,000 less than the Trent Bridge Test against the West Indies a month earlier. According to a Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) official Sri Lanka are very much a part of future Test programmes and in all likelihood they will be given a longer series after 2001. The question is will the cricketing intelligence of Ranatunga or the batting flamboyance of De Silva be still watering the greens till then?

To add to the English misery, none of the Sri Lankan stars will be seen in county gear this summer. Eight West Indians, five Australians, three South Africans and two New Zealanders complete the quota of foreign recruits of the 18 counties. The English, after possibly the most lacklustre and humiliating per formance in recent times, are trying to put their act together. This summer the 15-over field restriction will be applied in the domestic Benson & Hedges Cup which may bear well for the English team whose lack of experience in this department proved costly at this World Cup.

In spite of everything, the English habit of interfering with the sub-continent has not abated over the years. Several British papers have called for a ban on matches at the Eden following the semifinal fiasco. But, the West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu, in dismissing this demand, has firmly stated that Eden will again be host to international cricket. Although he described the incident as very unfortunate, Basu said that some Bad people entered the ground and it was not possible for the

police to lathi-charge 110 to 120 thousand spectators.

Although there was no crowd disturbance at Lahore, what with the entire Gaddafi rooting for Sri Lanka and the home side not in the running, management was not at its best. The Nawab of Pataudi (Saif Ali Khan's dad) and Begum Sharmila, Bishen Singh Bedi and several other celebrities as well as many invited guests and ticket-holders could not enter the Gaddafi Stadium on March 17. According to Pakistanis, it is customary in their country, particularly in the Punjab, for law enforcing and other agencies



WASIM AKRAM

to use their position to smuggle in friends and payingacquaintances into press boxes, media centres, VIP and other enclosures. A senior official of publicity management company Big Bang Communications Limited, Pervez Iqbal, who personally intervened to hinder such unwarranted entry into the press box at Lahore has been receiving threats from law enforcement and other agencies.

It was due to sheer mismanagement sponsored by the local administration that the final at Lahore ended in total chaos and confusion with thousands thronging the presentation dais, unlike elsewhere. The victorious Lankans were denied a lap of honour, the cherished dream of any triumphant athlete. The entire proceeding ended on a damp note when the £100,000 winners' pay check went missing from the pocket of a Lankan player. The rains also forced the organisers to call off the planned fireworks. But, then, the crowd had their money's worth with De Silva and his skipper having fired all the bazookas long before the sprinkle. The Pakistani on the street

would rather discuss the Calcutta crowd calamity than the Bangalore bungle. Despite their defeat at Bangalore. Pakistanis are content that India has been defeated by the ultimate champions Sri Lanka. They are taking considerable pleasure from the fact that the unsporting behaviour, of the Calcutta crowd proves their conviction that Pakistan could not return after winning at Bangalore, Indians considered the quarterfinal as "The Match" but the manner of their defeat at the Eden has been constantly peppering their wounds. Unaccustomed as he is with the sub-continental

scene, match referee Clive Lloyd certainly over-reacted and the security measures also left much to be desired. Although a section of the crowd showered water bottles and a few glass ones, the overall crowd behaviour was reasonable. At Calcutta not a single car was burnt, not a single wind shield was broken not a single CAB or police official was attacked, not a single building was pelted , with stones. Perhaps the opposition are right in claiming that Chief Minister Jyoti Basu did not play the role of a leader as he refrained from making any ap-peal over the public address



AZHARUDDIN

system to the agitating spectators. Many West Bengal leaders considered the Calcutta disturbances as the bankruptcy of Bengali pride, honour and culture. Mrinal Sen dubbed it as a shame for Calcutta. Perhaps Sunil Gangopadhya summed it all up when he lamented. "India has lost, why is Calcutta losing too?"

For that lone defeat (Bangalore conveniently forgotten by the Indians) skipper Azharuddin is having to take the stick but the present situation does not bear well on his men, or the Indian manager. Despite several press reports, none of the officials (Ajit Wadekar, Sandip Patil, Gundappa Viswanath et all or the vice-captain Sachin Tendulkar and others who had "jointly" decided in a prematch meeting to opt for fielding in case Azza called the coin correctly have come with a public statement confirming or denying the same. Yes, as captain, he alone should shoulder the responsibility: He has not shied away from it nor did he try to pass the buck on to any of the others in postmatch deliberation with the press. Azhar alone was not credited for the Bangalore victory or for the many occasions when his choice proved right, but in defeat he walks a lonely man.

From the castle of glory after beating Pakistan, Azharuddin has been brought down to the gutter by the same socalled "cricket lovers." It is time that the departing manager Wadekar and his successor Patil, the all-too-eager-totake-over Tendulkar and others should come out with a joint or individual statements to put the facts on record. If it indeed was a joint decision. the need to stand behind their captain becomes a sacred obligation. Or else the future may dub them as a bunch of cow-

22: Sri Lanka, the new world oneday cricket champions, hope to assist the other associate members of the ICC (International,

"One of the key factors that has emerged from our success is that we have given new hope to associate members because in just 15 years since our admission as full members we have risen to the top of oneday cricket," said Ana Punchihewa, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka.

Cricket Council) to improve

their standards, reports

"We know how hard it was for us to come up and there were times when we did not get the full cooperation of the other full members of the ICC." said Punchihewa.

Enjoying one of the finest periods in their history, with wins in New Zealand, Pakistan, Sharjah and Australia, the Sri Lankans ensured a fitting cli-

fairy-tale with one-day cricket's most prestigious prize. Sri Lanka had a dismal

World Cup record prior to this year's tournament having won just four of the 25 matches played but they turned that form around to remain the only unbeaten team in the tournament.

This year, Kenya, still an associate member, caused the biggest upset in the history of the tournament when they beat former champions West Indies by 73 runs. Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe too had achieved similar feats whilst carrying the tag of associate members.

Other World Cup upsets include Sri Lanka beating India by 47 runs at Old Trafford in 1979 and Zimbabwe scoring a narrow 13 runs win over Australia at Trent Bridge in 1983 and Punchihewa said he felt that Sri Lanka had a big role to play in the development of the game amongst the 22 associate member countries.

"We must encourage them

to compete in more tournaments and help them raise their standards by sending our second string sides to tour these countries," said Punchi-

The Sri Lankans plan to maintain the momentum of their greatest 'triumph and extend their prowess to the Test arena as well. It will be back to the drawing boards soon for Ranatunga, team manager Duleep Mendis and coach Devenell Whatmore as they set out to achieve more success.

"We must find two or three bowlers who are capable of getting wickets," said Ranatunga. Sri Lanka were unable to dismiss any of their opponents' full teams in the six matches they played.

• The Sri Lankans will be seen in action again in Singapore when they join India and Pakistan in triangular one-day tournament starting on April I Singapore is an associate member of the ICC and is keen to develop the game there.

Capriati's rusty return



KEY BISCAYNE, Florida Mar 22: Jennifer Capriati shook off a nervous start in her return to tourna-

ment tennis in her native Florida to advance to the second round of the 4.1 mil lion dollars Lipton Championships on Thursday night, reports Reuter.

Despite her extremely shaky early play, the former prodigy, who turns 20 next month; needed just 64 minutes on court to turn back Lea Ghirardi-Rubbi of Frnce 7-5.

Capriati, committing a multitude of errors, won just two points in her first two service games and quickly fell behind a seemingly insurmountable 0-5 in the first set.

"I think every human has feelings and gets those jitters and I am only human," Capriati said. "I haven't been playing and I haven't been playing in front of a lot of people. I mean.

supportive fans whom she described as a "hometown crowd," Capriati rebound with amazing fortitude.

Displaying flashes of the skills she used to take the ties world by storm six years ago at 14. Capriati won 13 of the next 14 games, losing just 14 points along the way.

She dropped just seven points in the entire second set and four of those came in the one game she lost when Ghirardi-Rubbi managed to hold serve in the fifth game. Capriati, who had her entire

family out to watch her play, insisted that in spite of her personal turmoil and lengthy disappearance from the game, she never intended to turn her back on tennis permanently.

"I never thought I was just done, completely done with tennis," said Capriati, who in the past couple of years has dealt with shoplifting accusations, an arrest for marijuana possession, a couple of stints

you just can't go right into it." in drug rehabilitation centres But in front of extremely and a move away from her family to the west coast.

"I just started felling the desire again. I just knew it was inside me and it is what I do

She said the attraction to tennis comes from "the satisfaction of working really hard at something and seeing the results of what you have been working at."

Her next result will likely come at the expense of second-round opponent Elena Likhovtseva of Russia. With 32 men's and women's

seeds all receiving first-round byes, Capriati was the only major drawing card on the tournament's opening day. Women's top seed Steffi

Graf was expected to play a second-round match today. Thomas Muster of Australia

is the men's top seed, followed by Pete Sampras and defending champion Andre Agassi in a deep and extremely competitive men's draw.



American Jennifer Capriati executes a backhand during her Lipton Championships first round encounter against Lea Ghirardi-Rubbi of France at Key Biscayne, Florida, on Mar 21. Capriati won 7-5, 6-1. -AFP/UNB photo

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CAPE TOWN, Mar 22: Athletics' governing body is expected to change the Atlanta Olympic schedule to give Michael

Johnson a shot at an historic double and give men's marathon runners a cooler starting time, report agencies.

The alterations are expected to be given the green light by the International Amateur Athletic Federation this weekend. Johson has pleaded with

the IAAF for months to alter

the Atlanta timetable so he can attempt an Olympic gold medal sweep in both the 200 metres and 400 metres. At last year's World Championships in Sweden Johnson became the first runner to win

both those events. Under the current Atlanta timetable 200 and 400 overlap on two days. Johnson wants the 400 to be completed be-

fore the 200 starts. IAAF president Primo Nebiolo was initially reluctant to make the change but changed his mind when he met Johnson in Monaco in De-

cember. "Nebiolo has said he will try to do what is possible." IAAF spokesman Giorgio Reineri said. "I think the chances for Michael Johnson are very

The IAAF will also consider

WHiZZ KID-30 **Winners**

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Green Gems International Dhaka M. Rajib Chowdhury St. Joseph High School

Nusrat Pervin

Dhaka

Quazi Fidia Farah Agrani School, Azımpur Dhaka

IAAE may stretch rules petition from eight-time Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis, who is asking for the schedule to be changed so he can compete in the long jump, 100m and 200m.

Lewis, however, could have trouble in qualifying for the American team in any event and his request is unlikely to be accepted.

The IAAF council, whose two-day meeting starts on Sunday in Cape Town, South Africa, will also consider the case of Diane Modahl, Britain's former Commonwealth 800 metres champion who has been fighting a doping ban for

the past 18 months. Modahl was banned for four years by a British Athletic Federation (BAF) disciplinary hearing offer testing positive for testosterone in Lisbon in 1994

She was cleared by a BAF appeals panel last year which accepted there had been scientific and legal irregularities in the testing procedures.

Mahbuba Afroze Zinia

Sarwat Anjum Shaily

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Lalmatia Girls High School

WHiZZ KID-29 winners

IAAF spokesman Girogio Reineri said the federation's doping commission would present its recommendations to the council on the Modahl

The other key issue for Atlanta is the starting time of the men's marathon. The race is presently scheduled to start at 18 30 on August 4, with the finish coinciding with the closing ceremonles in the Olympic

· The IAAF is expected to bow to the demands of runners and doctors, and early start in order to avoid Atlanta's heat and humidity in late afternoon. IAAF medical commission chairman Arne Ljungqvist is

recommending the change. There is no such thing as an ideal time for running a " marathon in July in Atlanta." he said. "We have to find the. least unfavourable time, based on experience and recommendations. The morning would be better than the afternoon or evening

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PSG ride on Rai LONDON, Mar 22: Brazil's

Cup Winners' Cup

Rai scored from two penalties as Paris St Germain kept French interest alive in all three European club competitions by beating 1993 champione a Parma in the Cup Win-

ners' Cup quarter-finals on Thursday, reports Reuter. Paris St Germain will be joined in today's semifinal draw in Zurich by Feyenoord Rotterdam, Rapid Vienna and' Deportivo Coruna, who eliminated holders and fellow Spanish side Real Zaragoza 2-1 on

aggregate. Deportivo's Brazilian striker Bebeto scored the crucial equaliser in a 1-1 draw in the second leg in Zaragoza after his side had taken the first leg

1-0 at home two weeks ago. Rai's second penalty in the 68th minute clinched Paris St Germain's tie as the French league leaders beat Italy's Parma 3-1 in the second leg and 3-2 on aggregate.

It ended a run of three suc-

cessive European finals for Parma, last season's UEFA Cup. winners who took the Cup Winners Cup in 1993 and were losing finalists the following season. Parma's defeat left Italy

with only Juventus still in European competition. Should they not win the European Cup then Italy will be without any of the three trophies this season for the first time since

WHiZZ KID-30

Curtly Ambrose take in the World Cup? 10 wickets

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World Cup? Astle. Cup final?

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The present South African cricket captain

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