# DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

T HAT Sunil Gavaskar's "Dr-A eam Team", picked before the World Cup 1996 was as follows: Saeed Anwar, Sachin Tendulkar, Brian Lara, Mohammad Azharuddin (Captain), Carl Hooper, Steve Waugh, Ian Healy (keeper), Wasim Akram. Curtly Ambrose, McDermott Anil Kumble. 12th man Jonty Rhodes.

I have not talked to Sunny (makes you feel I know him personally) after the Calcutta crumble and the Bangalore bungle, but it is for certain that Azhar would be dropped as batsman and captain, Wasim Akram would be doubtful. Kumble axed, etc. etc. Instead. Jayasurya and Aravinda de Silva would perhaps be certain inclusions; so would Shane Warne.

The problem with Sunny's dream team is that today the end result may be a nightmare.



#### **Ricky Ponting**

(Australia's exciting batting

prodiau) B"Just being out there, realising you are batting with players like Mark Waugh would have been more daunting than it is for me now, for I know them quite well. Everything has happened very quickly in my career. Hopefully I can take this opportunity with both hands and be in the Australian team for a long time."

On how it feels to be in the Australian team.



#### Sports WHiZZ KID competition-32 Tick the Correct Answer

1.	In the 1996 World Cup, Zimbabwe were led by		
	Andy Flower	Grant Flower	Robert Flowe
2.	The first century in the 1996 World Cup was scored by Nathan Astle   Lee Germon   Adam Paron		
3.	The 1996 European soccer championship will be held in  Denmark Germany England		
4.	Sri Lankan cricket team is sponsored by		m is
	Panasonic		Singer
5.	In the Singer Cup Pakistan will be led by:		
	Salim Mahk	A	Ijaz Ahme

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#### Singapore for legalised \* betting

SINGAPORE, Apr 2: Deputy Premier Lee Hsien Loong has \* suggested that legalised betting on soccer be introduced in order to raise funds for the development of soccer in the city state, reports AFP.

"It's a reality in Chinese society, particularly. How can you play football without somebody having a little bit of wager on the side?," Lee was quoted today as saying by The Straits Times daily.

Lee's comments came two weeks before the kick-off of the Singapore professional football league, the prosperous island's experiment with prolessional soccer.

Singapore last year pulled out of neighbouring Malaysia's soccer league in which it had been participating for a long time following allegations by Kuala Lumpur that it was not

doing enough to stem soccer corruption. Several Singapore players and officials have been con-

victed of match-fixing. Expressing a personal view on the subject of betting, Lee said that if betting was systematised, the money generated could be channelled back into

the game. But he stressed that as gambling raised strong emotions, the matter would have to be considered cautiously.

Lee also said that Singapore's exit from the Malaysian league should not cause the game to lose its strong following here.

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#### Sohail dates with an incubus

# SL slaughter Pakistan



SINGAPORE, Apr 2: A record-breaking innings by Sanath Jayasuriya powered world champions Sri Lanka to a 34-run win over Pakistan in the opening match of the triangular Singer Cup today, report agencies.

Four international one-day records were shattered in the match -- three of them by Jayasuriya, who smashed 11 sixes in a scintillating 134 compiled from 65 deliveries.

"We have started winning. we just have to keep going." captain Arjuna Ranatunga said. Put into bat first, Sri Lanka amassed 349 runs for nine wickets in 50 overs in which

Kumara Dharmasena, batting-No 8, contributed a careerbest 51. A 120-run partnership for the fourth wicket between Inzamam-ul Haq and Salim

Malik couldn't rescue Pakistan. Inzamam, dropped twice by Dharmasena, made 67 in 54 balls before being bowled by a full toss from Chaminda Vaas. Malik made 68 in 77 balls. There were some other de cent scores, too. But the target was too big. The required run

rate of seven an over climbed to nine and then to more than 12. Pakistan was all out for 315 in 49.4 overs. The total of 664 runs scored by the two sides is the

highest ever in a one-day international Besides the fastest century he reached it in 48 balls layasuriya entered the record

books for two other feats: He hit 11 sixes in his 134. the most in a one-day innings. and also made 29 runs in an over by Aamir Sohail, the highest ever made in one over in a limited-overs match. Sohail also bowled a wide while his orthodox left-arm spins were blasted over the ropes four times by Javasuriya as he con-

ceded 30 runs in that over. Jayasuriya opened the innings with Romesh Kaluwitharana, tearing apart the attack from ball No 1, a style that has come to characterise the Sri Lankan innings in recent seasons.

Kaluwitharana raced to 24 in 10 balls but in the last ball of the third over, he was caught by Saglain Mushtag off

He does not possess the

stereotype build-up of an ex-

plosive cricketer. He is rather

introvert and shy in and off the

brand Sri Lankan opener.

speaks little, but the outcome

of his slaughtering of the

otherwise reputed Pakistani

bowling attack at the Padang.

Singapore on Tuesday, is now

part of history and a golden

scripture in cricket's record

der, who was in the thick of

things for his side's World Cup

triumph only a couple of weeks

ago, yesterday eclipsed three

records in the limited version

of the game with a masterly

took the Pakistan attack to the

sword from the word go.

reached the magical three-fig-

ure mark off only 48 deliveries

to crown himself as the fastest

The master blaster, who

134 off only 65 balls.

The free-lancing left-han-

Sanath Jayasuriya, the fire-

But the tone had been set. The run rate was then 15 an over. It later hovered at 10 while Jayasuriya -- given much of the strike by Gurusinha --

went on the rampage. He was dismissed in the 21st over when, trying to drive Mushtaq, he edged the ball at deepish slip to Mohammad

The score then was 196 for

Gurusinha (29) was out in the same over and Sri Lanka began losing wickets regularly as Pakistan, freed of Jayasuriva's stranglehold, mounted

Pakistan made a good effort to reach their daunting target. but it always looked beyond them despite the superb batting wicket and the inviting boundaries at Singapore's Padang cricket ground, which is small by international standards.

Salim Malik and Inzamamul-Haq put on an entertaining 127 runs for Pakistan's third wicket.



SALIM MALIK ... 68 bowled by Chaminda Vaas which included one massive six. Pakistan's hopes were virtually over.

Jaya — the fiery sunrise

Sports Reporter

centurion in the bracketed

version of the game toppling

Mohammad Azharuddin's 100

off 62 balls — the previous best

Malik was dismissed soon afterwards for a fluent 68 and only a breezy 20, including two sixes, by tail-ender Aagib Javed took Pakistan beyond 300.

But the hot, steamy day belonged to man-of-the-match Jayasuriya, who was unaware he had broken three records until he returned to the changing room.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the Singer Cup opening match between Sri Lanka and Pakistan in Singapore on Tuesday: SRI LANKA

Jayasuriya c M Akram b Saglain 134 Kaluwitharana c Saglain b Younis 24 Gurusinha e Sohati b Saglain De Silva c and b Malik Ranatunga c Inzamam b Younis Tillekeratne b M Akram Mahanama c Younis b M Akram Dharmasena b Younis

Vaas c Sohail b Younis Wickremasinghe not out Extras: (w-9, nb-2, lb-3, b-1) Total (for nine wickets in Fall of wickets: 1-40; 2-

196; 3-197; 4-203; 5-238; 6-245; 7-318; 8-328; 9-348 Bowling: Younis Akram Malik 0 34 PAKISTAN Sohail Ibw Dharmasena Saeed c Kaluwitharana b Vaas Rameez c and b De Silva Malik c Dharmasena b Muralitharan Inzamam v Vaaš 67

ljaz st Kaluwitharana b Javasuriva Younis c Muralitharan b Dharmasena Latif c Dharmasena b Muralitharan Saglain run out Aagib c Muralitharan b Tillekeratne M Akram not out Extras: (b-3, lb-6, w-1, nb-2)12 Total: (all out off 49.4 overs)315

3-120; 4-247; 5-253; 6-257; 7-281: 8-291: 9-291 Bowling: Muralitharan Dharmasena De Silva Javasuriva 0 20 Ranatunga Tillekeratne 0.4 0 13

Fall of wickets: 1-77; 2-96;

Man-of-the-match: Sanath Jayasuriya.

Result: Sri Lanka won by 34

PERHAPS THE ONLY WAY TO CONTAMINATE HIM: Sri Lanka's explosive opener Sanath Jayasuriya, who shattered three one-day records in his whirlwind 134 off 65 deliveries in the Singer Cup opener against Pakistan, looks on at an wide delivery by an unidentified opponents' bowler at the Padang, Singapore on April 2. --- AFP/UNB photo

#### Booters censure pool system

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Football Players Association has condemned the proposed national footballers quota system likely to be implemented in the Premier league from the forth-

coming season. According to a press release signed by the convenor Shafiqui Islam Manik yesterday, the association has asked Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DMFA) not to go ahead with such an undemocratic system that will restrict the fundamental rights of the footballers.

The association has also rejected DMFA's justification in favour of the proposal. To increase the appeal of local football what DMFA and its officials need to do is to stop making table conspiracies; the so called pool system would then not be necessary, the press release added.

#### Office cricket from April 15

Sports Reporter

The 1905-96 Office cricket league will commence in the capital from April 15 under the auspices of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB). says a press release.

Different Dhaka-based gov ernment, semi-government autonomous, banks, insurance companies and other commercial teams are eligible to take part in the league.

Teams interested to participate in the league should deposit 5,000 taka as entry fee at the BCCB office latest by April

#### H'ball training course for U-14

Sports Reporter

A junior handball training course organised by the Bangladesh Handball Federation for boys under 14 years will begin in Dhaka from April 15; says a press release. Interested school boys of

Dhaka city have been advised to register with 20 taka as entry fee sharp by April 14 at the federation office, Dhaka Sta-

#### Tele Santana won't quit

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr 2: Brazil's former World Cup coach Tele Santana left hospital on Monday and vowed to return to his job in charge of the Sao Paulo club, reports Reuter. "I'll return, after a while I'll

return," said Santana, who looked rather frail and tired. Santana, 64, a diabetic. fainted at his home outside the city of Belo Herizonte on March 24. Doctors said he had suffered blood circulation problems.

#### Nantes' plea turned down

GENEVA, Apr 2: The European Football Union (UEFA) on Monday turned down an appeal by French champions Nantes to have a five-game suspension imposed last week on winger Reynald Pedros lifted, reports Reuter. The decision is a blow to

Nantes' European Cup hopes as he will miss their semifinal against Italian champions Juventus later this month. Pedros, who was sent off for kicking a Moscow Spartak player during the first leg of their European Cup quarterfinal, will also miss the final

should Nantes advance. The

suspension will extend into

next season. UEFA also announced that the appeal board had decided to reduce Barcelona defender Miguel Angel Nadal's threegame suspension to a single

## Singapore sees records tumble like nine pins Sports Reporter



Master blaster Sanath Java suriya slammed one-day cricket's fastest century and set two other world records Tuesday as his breathtaking 134 helped Sri Lanka defeat Pakistan by 34 runs in the Singer Cup tournament at the Padang, Singapore.

Taking the attack to the otherwise respected Pakistani bowlers from the very fast ball, the workmanlike Jayasuriya bewildered nearly 500 millions viewers across the world and kept the statisticians busy in rewriting cricket's record books.

The daring leftie Lankan and his swashbuckling opening partner Romesh Kaluwitharana put on 40 in only three overs before Jayasuriya produced one of the most explosive displays of hitting in the history of the

The diminutive opener reached his century off just 48 balls - including seven sixes and nine fours - smasfling the previous 62-ball one-day record held by India's Monammad Azharuddin. Jayasuriya was eventually

out for 134 off 65 balls, including 11 sixes and 11 fours, breaking West Indian Gordon Grenidge's record for the greatest number at sixes hit in a one-day innings, who hit eight against India in 1989. The day belonged to man-

of-the-match Jayasuriya, but fewer than 1,000 spectators were in the stands to see his sixers soaring out of Singapore's small Padang cricket

Pakistan's captain Aamir Sohail record.

Agencies add: Jayasuriya also hit four successive sixes of

in an over which yielded 30 runs - yet another one-day Jayasuriya said later he was unaware he had broken the

records until he returned to

the Sri Lankan changing room.

"I only knew I had broken the records after I heard the announcement. We needed a big score on a small ground," he added.

"I played my normal game and got runs. I saw the ball early today," said Jayasuriya. "I believed in myself," said the 27-year-old balding left-

One of the most exciting one-day openers. Jayasuriya hit 11 boundaries in his 156-run partnership with Asanka Gurusinha for the second wicket.

Unlike most of his teammates, who hail from the Sri Lankan capital Colombo, Jayasuriya is a native of a fishing village near Matara in southern Sri Lanka.

He long was on the fringe of the team until his stardom this season. He was voted the Most Valuable Player after the World Cup, which Sri Lanka won by defeating Australia on March 17. Before Tuesday's match, Jayasuriya's batting average from 104 matches was only 20.80

# Seeds sail to Round Two



of Bulgaria celebraas the US clay court season got underway at the Family Circle Cup tennis tournament on Monday. The patient Maleeva, last

year's runner-up here, frustrated go-for-broke American Lisa Raymond with an array of offspeed groundstrokes to score a 6-2, 7-6 (7-3) victory that gave her something other than her birthday to celebrate. "Oh great, now I can have a drink in this country," laughed Maleeva after advancing to the

In other first-round matches that followed a twohour rain delay, Barbara, Paulus of Austria bounced Nathalie Tauziat of France 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, and Swiss teenager Martina Hingis coasted past Yayuk Basuki of Indonesia 6-3, 6-2.

second round.

**ACROSS** 

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With the withdrawal of Monica Seles due to a shoulder injury. Spaniards Conchita Martinez and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario were installed as the

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top two seeds in the 28-player seaside event. The top four seeds received first-round

The seventh-ranked Maleeva's tactic of slowing down play and waiting for her chances to attack paid off, especially in

#### Steffi off the hook

MANNHEIM. Germany, Apr 2: Steffi Graf will not be charged with fraud, for which her father Peter is still in prison, Mannheim prosecutors revealed on Monday, reports

Monday's Der Spiegel weekly magazine reported Graf's financial advisor Joachim Eckherd was threatening to reveal Steffi's exact role in the affair with new evidence.

But a spokesman for the prosecutors said on Monday they had found no concrete evidence with which to arrest Germany's world number one tennis player. Peter Graf, however, has been in jail since August 2 last year.

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the first set "The balls were extremely heavy because the weather is very humid, so'l decided to play lots of high topspin shots and, if I have the chance, to come into net.

"She didn't like it." ex-

plained Maleeva Raymond's aggressive style began to pay off early in the second set as she built a 3-1 lead with a third-game service

break. But Maleeva remained patient and won the next five games, breaking Raymond in the sixth and eighth. Raymond managed to force a tie-break by saving match

points in the next two games. But the momentum shifted

back to the Bulgarian, who jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the breaker and built her advantage to 5-2 with a perfectly executed lob over the attacking Raymond's backhand. She ended it three points later with a forehand passing shot down the line.

"She took more risks in the second set, and I had to make more winners," said Maleeva.

"I'm happy with the match because it shows I can play on all surfaces."

# CRYPTOQUIP

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NOTSVGVXJ. STGZ Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE DEEP-SEA DIVER WAS VERY DISAPPOINTED; HIS MATES ALWAYS LET HIM DOWN.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: J equals G The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one 51 One of the letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short niacs" trio words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

### Miles to go ere Ma rests "Ma is still in our hospital, but

SANATH JAYASURIYA

of sports lovers and arguably

The adored devil of millions



BEIJING, Apr 2: China's mercurial supercoach Ma Junren, in hospital for the last two weeks with intesti-

nal bleeding, has vowed not to rest until the "Ma family army" of runners win Olympic gold in Atlanta, assistants and Chinese media said on Tuesday, reports Reuter. Ma, who gained international fame when he coached

three Chinese women to world

records in 1993 but then saw

his star-studded "army" split in anger a year later, has been in a Beijing hospital since March 18, a hospital official said. Ma, 53, said he still wanted to coach his runners, officially known as the Liaoning women's long distance running

team despite the inclusion of some men, to Atlanta Olympic gold. "How can I rest when the Ma family army has won almost every major world honour except an Olympic gold medal?" the Hainan daily newspaper

quoted him as saying. Ma's 40-member team was back in northeastern Liaoning after completing its "long march" regime of high-altitude winter training at Songmao Camp in southwestern Yunnan

province, a Liaoning sports official told Reuters. Ma said in January his team would "tidy up the foreigners at the Atlanta Olympics" after a three-month programme at 2,180-metres (7,150-ft) Songmao which included daily pre-dawn runs of 26 kms (16-

miles) for women and 28 km

(17 miles) for men. "Ma's illness will not influence the training, which is carried out as normal under an assistant coach at Dalian training centre," the sports official

A nurse at the Beijing Institute of Medicine Hospital said:

WTA rankings ST PETERSBURG, Florida, Apr 2 (Reuter): Women's ten-

nis rankings as issued by the WTA Tour: 1. Steffi Graf (Germany) Monica Seles (US) Conchita Martinez

(Spain) 3. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario (Spain) 4. Iva Majoli (Croatia) 5. Anke Huber (Germany) 6. Gabriela Sabatini (Argen-

Magdalena Maleeva (Bul-8. Chanda Rubin (US) 9. Kimiko Date (Japan) 10. Lindsay Davenport (US)

11. Brenda Schultz-McCarthy (Netherlands) 12. Mary Joe-Fernandez 13. Mary Pierce (France) 14. Jana Novotna (Czech

Republic) 15. Amanda Coetzer (South Africa) 16. Martina Hingis (Switzerland) 17. Julie Halard-Decugis France)

18. Natasha Zvereva (Belarus) 19. Amy Frazier (US) 20. Nathalie Tauziat (Fran-

all around the tiny ground. He clobbered 11 huge sixes and as many hits across the rope in his polished knock including 30 runs, 29 from hits and one off a no-ball, from

tinent with an early morning

thunderstorm as he virtually

toyed with the Pakistani

bowlers with a flurry of shots

Aamir Sohail's one over - both are new records in one-day international. Sohail, the makeshift Pakistani skipper who after failing to stop the Jayasuriya onslaught with his regular bowlers took the cherry, and shouldered the ultimate ignominy when the left-arm spinner conceded four con-

secutive sixes in that recordbreaking over. With Jayasuriya going great guns in the Singer Cup opener. Sri Lanka, who are out to prove their World Cup triumph as not a fluke, posted a mammoth 349 for 9. In reply, Pakistan scored 315. The only consolation for the dethroned world champions is that the aggregate score of the totals of the

he doesn't need to stay in bed

if my illness was cancer, so l

could make arrangements for

my remaining days," Ma was

quoted as saying in the Hainan

daily, seen in Beijing on Tues-

his characteristic secrecy

about his training programme

crets, especially to foreign

journalists, some of whom are

once-formidable army, which

broke up in late 1994 after

double world champion Wang

Junxia led a mutiny of mem-

bers who could no longer

stand what she called Ma's

brutal, unhealthy and humiliat-

Wang soured many Chinese

fans, said the real reason be-

hind her mutiny was different

but added "You won't hear it

Wang Junxia, to put it rudely,

she has wronged me," he told

the newspaper. "Wang Junxia

back and I don't welcome her

new army - Chi Dalin, Cui

Ying, Song Liqing, Jiang Bo, Dong Yanmei and Wang Xiaoxia

- last month won a surprise

victory in an international relay

hint that his fortunes could be

marathon in Beijing, giving a

has not mentioned coming

A six-strong team from Ma's

"I've done nothing to wrong

Ma, whose public spate with

athletics spies?" he said.

ing training regime.

from my mouth."

back."

restored.

Ma in the interview kept up

"How can I reveal these se-

Ma has been rebuilding his

"I told the doctor to tell me

#### the coolest predator of topclass bowlers, awakened teletwo teams is also a new world vision viewers of the sub-con-

every day."

for Atlanta