

Prabhakar en route to politics

NEW DELHI, Apr 3: All-rounder Manoj Prabhakar today filed papers to contest a seat in the Indian general elections...

Opinion

A case for speedsters

Tanvir Haider



In the World Cup 1996 Sri Lanka have proved that this game of cricket, particularly the limited over game, should be played with strong mental strength and total team spirit.



Tanvir Haider, former national cricketer

From this World Cup, I would like to highlight a few important points for further improvement in the next World Cup in 1999.

The fast bowlers cannot show their real ability. Because here the batting sides and the batsman at the crease has no technique to apply but only to push the ball between the gaps and over the fielders.

limited overs cricket. Because for a fast bowler this a strong weapon or trump card to apply for making the batsman strike a wrong one.

Meanwhile, in limited overs cricket, the spectators enjoy when a batsman strikes. A four or a six in front or behind the wicket, hitting the fast bowlers. There is no restriction for batsman to do so even by not hitting the ball in the cricket technique.

Please note that this restriction was given to benefit some cricket-playing nations. This was implemented under the influence of the world body a few years back.

Caddick's ambition

TAUNTON, England, Apr 3: New Zealand-born seamer Andrew Caddick said Tuesday he hopes to win back his England place as he strives to put an 18-month injury nightmare behind him.

a) Field restriction: The World Cricket Body should re-think on the condition of nine players in the circle. This I would like to bring to the notice of general public that this nine men restriction in the circle has done a lot to increase the interest of the game.

b) Restriction of bounce for the fast bowlers: The World Cup '96 has proved that if there are restriction for fast bowlers on bouncers or anything above shoulder - then there is no use of fast bowlers in the

A bad omen for '96 Games

ALTANTA, Apr 3: Spectators and athletes at the Atlanta Games may be exposed to a 20 per cent increase in ultraviolet light, which can cause skin cancer.

any increase in UV light - could be minimal. The same factors Crutzen cited make it difficult to predict the ozone loss, which could be insignificant.

World Meteorological Organisation, a United Nations agency, reported that the ozone layer over parts of northern Europe was about 30 per cent below average levels.

Fairytale indeed!

LONDON, Apr 3: Scottish national champion Anne Gibson received an early wedding present when her Atlanta place was confirmed by Britain's Olympic chief Andy Goode.

Researchers discovered in the 1970s that the chemical broke down into chlorine in the atmosphere and that the chlorine was depleting the ozone layer.

The farmer's daughter is the Cinderella of Britain's squad who has made major sacrifices to fulfil her Olympic dream. She lacks the cash support provided for English players, has no major sponsor and although she supplements here meagre badminton income with part-time work as an accounts clerk she has not taken a holiday for 10 years and rents a small room in Marlow near London.

More than 7,300 Americans are expected to die of skin cancer this year, according to the American Cancer Society. About 1 million people are expected to be diagnosed with skin cancer, including 38,300 with the more deadly malignant melanoma.

Laudrup to end Spanish honeymoon

MADRID, Apr 3: Danish midfielder Michael Laudrup said on Tuesday he would leave Real Madrid at the end of this season and go to either Japan or the United States for a year.

The increase in the skin-damaging light will depend on numerous factors, including cloud cover and wind patterns, said Paul Crutzen, a Dutch chemist at the Max Planck Institute of Chemistry in Germany.

"I don't want to sound alarmist, but this is something that health officials should be monitoring and considering," he said during a visit to Georgia Institute of Technology.

The increase in UV rays could result from a depletion of the protective ozone layer above the southern United States, he said. The layer this summer could be 5 per cent to 10 per cent thinner, allowing more of the damaging rays through, predicted Crutzen, who shared the 1995 Nobel Prize in chemistry for controversial work warning that gases once used in spray cans and other items are eating away earth's ozone layer.

But Georgia Tech atmospheric scientist Mike Rodgers said the ozone loss - and

An expensive crime

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But some critics say the Games have been sold off to corporate sponsors and have dubbed them the "Coca-lympics," in reference to the 40 million dollars paid by the Coca-Cola company to sponsor the Games in its home town.

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He wisely chose to highlight the beauty of the south to the rhythm of jazz, blues and gospel music, and have Atlanta show of its nationally famous hospitality.

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To be able to host the 1996 Games Atlanta had to put forward a unified racial front and the race issue inspired the slogan 'come and celebrate our dream' a clear reference to King's famous phrase 'I have a dream'.

But the slogan will not prevent the hundreds of thousands of tourists that will attend the Games from noting the contrasts of Atlanta's futuristic skyscrapers and the poverty stricken residents who live scraping the bottom of the barrel.

Of course we still have problems," said Atlanta mayor Bill Campbell. "We still have poverty and the world will see it."

But he said the Games are a great honour for the city and criticised the "cynicism" of critics of the multimillion dollar sponsorship.

That does not mean the Games have lost their soul, he said "you'll see"

Schaller stunned

CASABLANCA Morocco Apr 3: Tomas Carbonell of Spain upset defending champion Gilbert Schaller of Austria 7-5, 1-6, 6-2, to capture the title at the King Hassan II Casablanca Open.

The unseeded Carbonell ranked 62nd in the world, took his second singles tournament of his pro career, his first since 1992 at Maciejo.

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A S M Faruq, one of the five cricketing stars of yesteryear invited to the bumper round draw of The Daily Star-Philips cricket World Cup Quiz, addressing the audience at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium yesterday.

Bumper round draw held

A service-holder and a businessman won the first and second prizes respectively in the bumper lucky draw of The Daily Star-Philips Cricket World Cup Quiz-2 held at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium yesterday.

Mohammad Monirul Hoque, a service-holder from 15 Zigatala, Dhanmondi, won the first prize, a 29-inch Philips Powervision colour television.

With Mahfuz Anam, Editor of The Daily Star, in the chair, the draw was hosted by Dr Nizamuddin Ahmed, the advisory sports editor of The Daily Star and conducted by five former national cricketers.

All the prizes were sponsored by Transcom Electronics Limited.

World Cup Cricket Quiz-2 winners

Winner of First Prize: (Philips Powervision 29" colour TV)

1. Mohammad Nuruzzaman Student 29/A/3 Satish Sarkar Road Dhaka-1204

2. Md Anwarul Hassan Service-holder IDE House-15, Road-7, Dhanmondi R/A Dhaka

3. Mita Debi Student 121/B, Moneswar Road, Zigatala, Dhaka 1209

Winners (3) of Third Prize: (Philips CD player)

1. Mohammad Nuruzzaman Student 29/A/3 Satish Sarkar Road Dhaka-1204

2. Md Anwarul Hassan Service-holder IDE House-15, Road-7, Dhanmondi R/A Dhaka

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'99 Africa Games in Johannesburg

JOHANNESBURG, Apr 3: Johannesburg, South Africa's commercial capital, will host the 1999 All-Africa games, the national sports council said Wednesday.

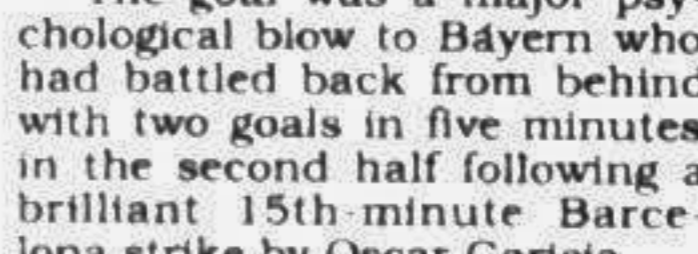
The Daily Star-Philips World Cup Cricket Quiz Competition Quiz 2: Bumper Round Correct Answers (Draw held on April 3, 1996)

Hagi bails Barca out

Barcelona escape with a 2-2 draw against Bayern Munich at the Munich Olympic Stadium while Bordeaux overcame Slavia Prague 1-0 in their UEFA Cup semifinal first leg encounters on Tuesday.

Bayern turned up the pressure after that and looked capable of stretching their lead. But Hagi pounced on Babel's poor pass across the middle of the pitch, outpaced defender Thomas Helmer and

nant in the second half, but failed to break down a seemingly impenetrable Bordeaux defence.



GHEORGHE HAGI



ROBERTO DURAN

Duran-Camacho bout in June

NEW YORK, Apr 3: Roberto Duran and Hector "Macho" Camacho officially announced their June 22 fight with a fight on Tuesday.

The news conference had started with the usual exchange of barbs. But Duran suddenly stood up and challenged Camacho to fight - add the two fighters scuffled on the dais, after Camacho said he would beat Duran in the scheduled 12-round bout at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City.

"He's fat and lazy, a fat hamburger-eating slob," Camacho said of the 44-year-old Panamanian after the fracas. "I used to respect him. Now I come over here and he makes a big show by disrespecting me."

Duran (97-11), a five-time world champion, appeared unharmed and unmoved by the scuffle.

Camacho, however, was visibly shaken by the incident with tears on his face and blood on the back of his left hand from a cut when he hit one of Duran's rings.

"I'm just angry and disappointed," said the 33-year-old Camacho, a native of Puerto Rico, and a former four-time champion with a 58-31 record. "I was just having fun with him."

Later Duran said he had grown tired of hearing Camacho spout off to the Hispanic media about him, and that the fracas had given him sharper focus on the bout.



Luis Figo (L) of FC Barcelona tries to stave off a challenge from Bayern Munich's captain Lothar Matthaus during their UEFA Cup semifinal clash in Munich on April 2. The match ended in a 2-2 draw.