

TCCB lets Devon off the hook

LONDON, Apr 13: England pace bowler Devon Malcolm has escaped punishment over newspaper articles in which he criticised the treatment he received from manager Ray Illingworth during the recent tour of South Africa, reports Reuters.

Malcolm's prospects of playing for England again appeared in jeopardy after a series of articles, in which he claimed he was verbally abused by Illingworth and that his confidence had been destroyed.

In one of the articles in the British Daily Express, West Indies-born Malcolm said: "I have to ask, would this have happened if I had been a white bowler?"

But in a statement released on Friday by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), spokesman Richard Little said: "Malcolm has assured the board that in those articles he did not suggest, or intend to suggest, that the England manager or management had used language or exhibited behaviour towards him which was of a racist nature."

The board has decided not to take the matter further, in particular not to institute disciplinary proceedings.

The TCCB also noted Malcolm's previous "exemplary record" on England tours and added he "remains eligible for selection for England in future."

Malcolm has also made it clear that his motive for writing the articles was not financial and, after paying his related expenses, has donated the money to charity.

Hampshire won't get in Marshall's way

LONDON, Apr 13: Malcolm Marshall will have no problems from Hampshire should he decide to accept the West Indies coaching job, his English county employers said on Friday, reports AFP.

Just after the 37-year-old former West Indies fast bowler signed a three-year deal as coach with Hampshire, West Indies Board of Control had wanted Marshall to work as coach alongside team manager Clive Lloyd.

Hampshire commercial manager Mike Taylor said: "Malcolm's contract with Hampshire is for three summers over the next three years. If he decides to work with the West Indies in the winters it would not affect us."

Asian swimming Japan, China dominate Day 1

BANGKOK, Apr 13: Japan and China shared supremacy winning four gold medals each on the first day of the fifth Asian Swimming Championships here Friday, reports AFP.

Japan's Nakao Miki set the new Asian Championships record in the women's backstroke 100 metre event with 1 min 02.60 sec, smashing the old record of 01.30.08 registered by He Chihong of China in the third Asian championships in 1988.

The silver and bronze medals winners, Jia Yuayuan (China) and Nakamura Mai (JPN) also bettered the meet record.

China's Qu Yun took the gold in the women's butterfly 200 metre event with 2:10.43, breaking the old record of 2:12.63 set by Japanese Rie Shito in the fourth championships in 1992.

Japan's Kashima Hitomi clocked in 2:10.95 to win the silver.

A total of 370 swimmers from 21 countries are taking part in the championships.

SL outsmart WI Masters

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Apr 13: World champion Sri Lanka warmed up for their one-off, one-day cricket international against the West Indies with a comfortable 141-run victory over the West Indies Masters XI Friday, report agencies.

The Sri Lankans, sent in by West Indies Masters' captain Joel Garner, showcased their formidable batting line-up in totaling 309 for five off 50 overs.

The West Indies Masters, made up mainly of former Test players older than 35, never seriously challenged the visitors and were bowled out for 168 off 40 overs.

Sri Lanka was powered by Romesh Kaluwitharana's quick-fire 86 and Asanka Gurusinha's 99. Marvan Atapattu supported well in the late innings with an unbeaten 72.

Gurusinha and opener Kaluwitharana added 146 for the second wicket in 22.3 overs after the first-over loss of Sanath Jayasuriya for a duck.

Explosive left-hander Jayasuriya, player-of-the-tournament in the recent World Cup, was caught at gully off the fifth ball of Sylvester Clarke's opening over.

The West Indies Master, after a promising start of 74 for one, slumped dramatically and were all out for 168 in the 40th over.

Former West Indies all-rounder Collis King was top scorer for the Masters with 35 while Carl Hooper and Brian Lara, playing as guest players for the West Indies Masters team, contributed 34 and 23 runs respectively before getting out to reckless shots.

Off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was the best of the Sri Lankan bowlers, capturing three wickets for 17 runs.

Joel Garner gave his team a great start after winning the toss and choosing to field. Just four balls into the innings, he held a smart catch to remove Jayasuriya.

But Gurusinha, who joined Kaluwitharana, immediately went on to the attack as the pair tore apart the Masters' bowling and shared a century-

stand for the second wicket. Kaluwitharana, dropped by King off Clarke when he had scored just one, hit 14 fours and a six in his 86 before he was run out by Lara after a mix-up with Gurusinha.

Gurusinha sustained the scoring rate before he was bowled off the inside edge, one short of a century by seamer Ezra Moseley. His innings included three sixes and seven fours.

Atapattu hammered an enterprising 72 not out to see the Sri Lankans past the 300-mark.

In reply, Gordon Greenidge executed one trademark straight drive in a brief stay for 13 runs before he was brilliantly caught by Hashan Tillekeratne at short mid-wicket off Pramodaya Wickremasinghe with the score on 28.

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they added 46 for the second wicket before Logie was run out with the score on 74. That was the beginning of the end for the Masters.

The Sri Lankans were captained by Aravinda de Silva, but regular captain Arjuna Ranatunga will return to the helm Saturday for the more meaningful one-day international against the full West Indies side.

The brief series is part of celebrations marking the 100th birthday of the Queen's Park Oval ground in Port of Spain.

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The Spaniard successfully took advantage of six of 10 service breaks McGrath never held serve in four games in the first set and lost her opening two service games in the second set.

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SCOREBOARD

Scores in the one-day cricket match between Sri Lanka and the West Indies Masters at Queen's Park Oval Friday

SRI LANKA
Jayasuriya c Garner b Clarke 0
Kaluwitharana run out 86
Gurusinha b Moseley 99
Atapattu not out 72
De Silva c Dujon b Moseley 20
Chandana b Dujon b Dhanraj 2
Tillekeratne not out 1
Extras (b8, lb7, w14): 29
Total (for 5 wickets): 309
Fall of wickets: 2: 148; 250; 293; 296.

Did not bat: Kumara Dharmasena, Pramodaya Wickremasinghe, Muttiah Muralitharan, Ravindra Pushpakumara.

BOWLING
O M R W
Clarke 8 1 41 1
Garner 8 0 44 0
Moseley 10 0 47 2
King 5 0 40 0
Dhanraj 10 0 58 1
Hooper 9 0 64 0

WEST INDIES MASTERS
Hooper c Jayasuriya b Chandana 34
Greenidge c Tillekeratne b Wickremasinghe 13
Logie run out 18
Kallicharran st Kaluwitharana b Muralitharan 0
Lara c Chandana b Muralitharan 23
King c Chandana b Muralitharan 35
Dujon not out 17
Gomes run out 0
Ezra Moseley c Pushpakumara b Atapattu 2
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Garner c Pushpakumara b Tillekeratne 2
Extras (b9, lb5, w7, nb3): 24
Total (all out, 40 overs): 168
Fall of wickets: 28; 74; 74; 137; 146; 152; 165; 165; 168.

NB: Rajindra Dhanraj bowled for the West Indies Masters but Larry Gomes batted in his place.

BOWLING
O M R W
Pushpakumara 6 0 32 0
Wickremasinghe 7 0 32 1
Muralitharan 7 0 21 3
Chandana 6 0 30 1
Dharmasena 6 1 20 0
Jayasuriya 3 0 6 0
Atapattu 3 1 6 2
De Silva 1 0 4 0
Tillekeratne 1 0 3 1

Result: Sri Lanka won by 141 runs.
Man-of-the-match: Kaluwitharana

Pretty Pierce perks up

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida, Apr 13: Seventh-seeded Mary Pierce of France scored a major upset Friday with a 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 quarter-final victory over defending champion and top seed Conchita Martinez of Spain at the 450,000 dollars Bausch and Lomb Championships, reports Reuters.

In another quarterfinal pairing, second-seeded Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain defeated 13th-seeded Meredith McGrath of the United States 6-3, 6-4.

The 14th-ranked Pierce meets sixth-seeded American Mary Joe Fernandez in one semifinal. The third-ranked Sanchez-Vicario meets eighth-seeded Irina Spirlea of Romania in today's other semifinal.

The 13th-ranked Fernandez defeated 12th-seeded Sabine Hack of Germany 6-4, 6-3 and the 22nd-ranked Spirlea defeated 58th-ranked Barbara Schett of Austria 7-6, (9-7), 6-2 in the quarterfinals.

Friday marked Pierce's first quarterfinal appearance in 1996 — in all three of the other tournaments she played this year she bowled out in the second round.

Pierce seemed out of contention in the two-hour, 27 minute match after squandering two set points on Martinez's serve in the 10th game of the first set. When Martinez won that set by winning the final three games, Pierce seemed stymied.

That was frustrating, that I lost the first set," Pierce said. "No one looks forward to playing three sets against Conchita. I was kind of disheartened."

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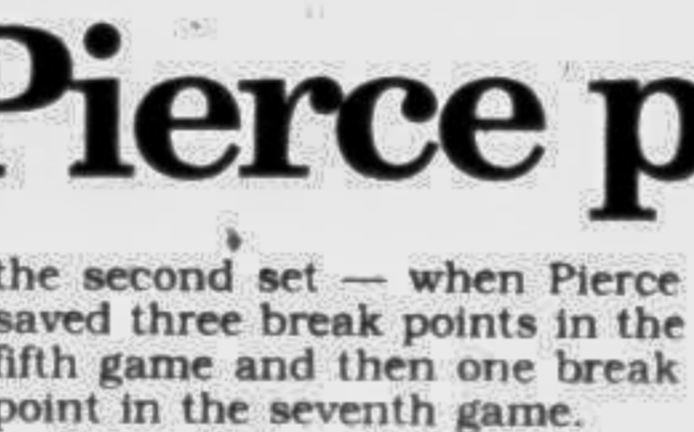
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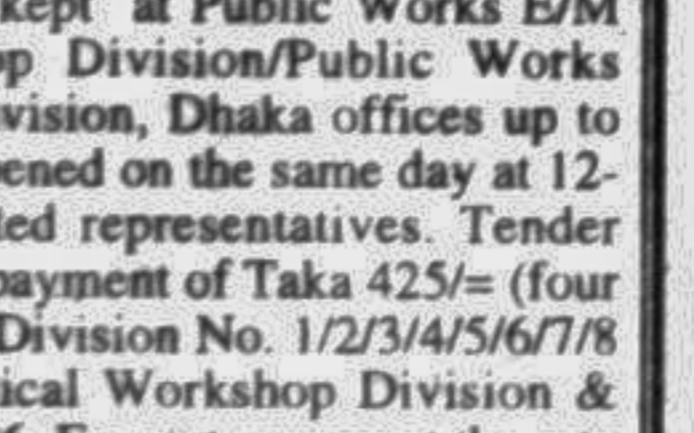
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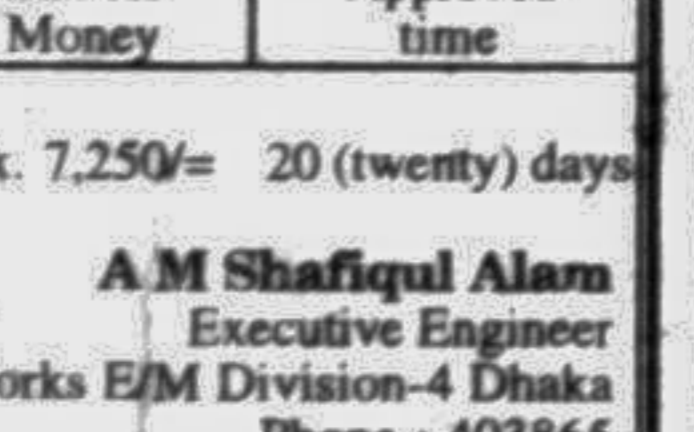
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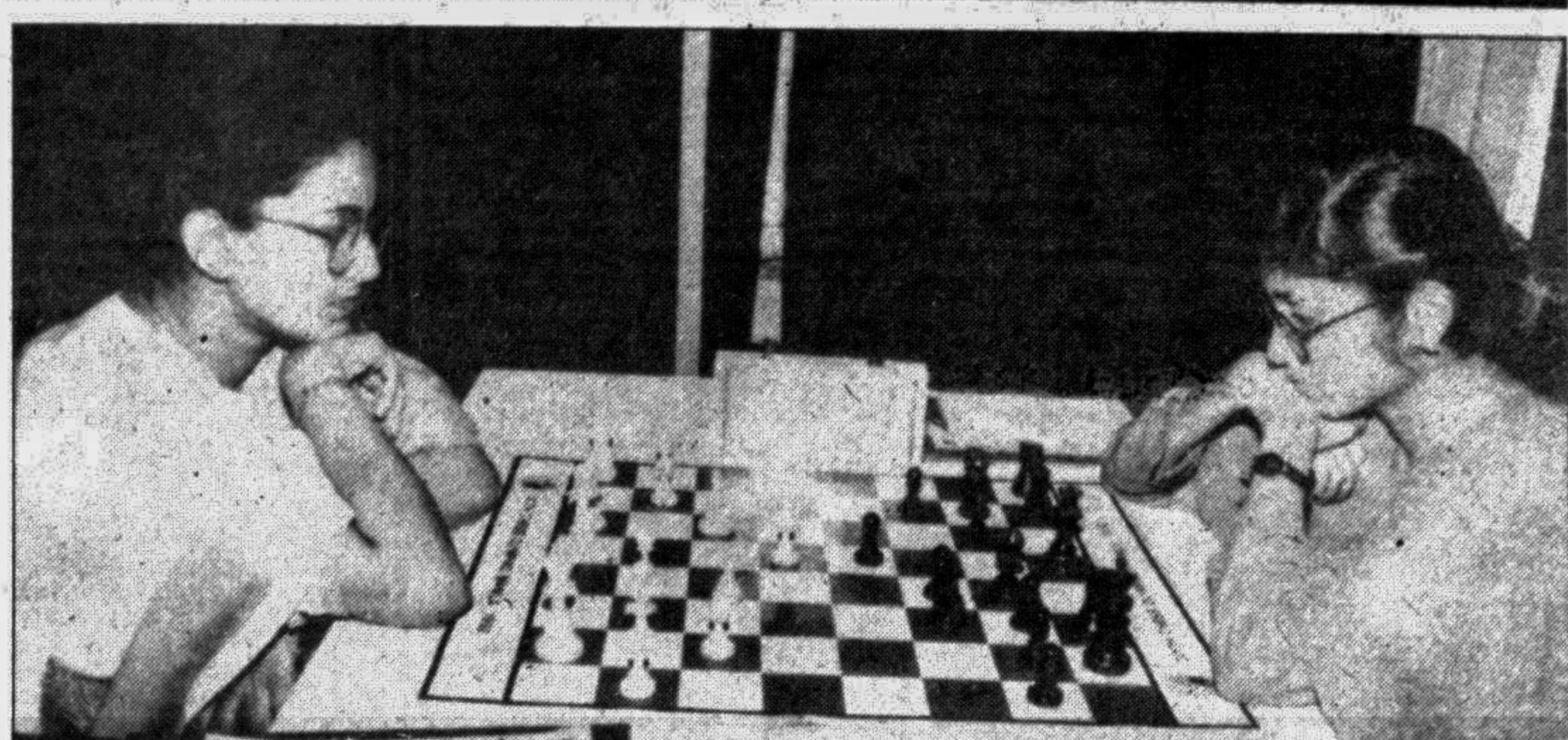
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Tanima Parveen (R) thinking on her next move against defending champion Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa during their yesterday's fourth round clash of the 17th national women's chess championship at the NSC chess room. Tanima won the match.

Women's chess Tanima keeps on winning

Sports Reporter

Former champion Tanima Parveen continued with her winning run in the 17th national women's chess championship as she defeated defending champion Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa in the fourth round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Playing with black pieces and adopting Queen's Indian defence, Tanima compelled Nipa to surrender after 39 moves for her fourth consecutive win in the nine-round Swiss-league tournament.

The win raised Tanima's account to four points from as many matches and kept her atop the table with a 1.5 points lead over JWM Rani Hamid and Afroza Khanam Bably who earned 2.5 points each.

In the day's round, Rani Hamid beat Zakiya Sultana while Bably suffered her first defeat in the meet to Nazrana Haque Iva.

Besides, Syeda Afsana Parveen Nira defeated Masuda Begum while the remaining match between Faizunnissa Foly and Zahana Haque Runu ended in a draw.

Sampras, Chang in final

HONG KONG, Apr 13: Top-seed Pete Sampras defeated Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (7-2) Saturday to advance to the final of the 328,000 dollars Salem Open, reports AP.

In the final, World No. 2 Sampras will face second-seed and two-time defending champion Michael Chang, who beat Australian Todd Woodbridge 6-3, 6-4 in his semifinal.

Black blocks Alex's way

NEW DELHI, Apr 13: Third-seeded Byron Black of Zimbabwe defeated Alex Radulescu of Germany, 6-4, 6-4, on Saturday to reach the final of the Indian Open, reports AP.

Radulescu had beaten two other seeded players in the last two days to reach the first semifinal of a top-level ATP Tour in his career. And Radulescu, who is ranked 139th, began by darting daring passing shots and nine aces by Black, who is ranked 32nd.

But Black's game was more consistent, and Radulescu double faulted five times and only got 52 per cent of his first serves in.

A turning point came in the second set when Black broke Radulescu's serve when he double faulted twice. Black began the next set 0-40, but won it thanks to Radulescu's errors.

100th Boston bigger, better

BOSTON, Apr 13: The Boston Marathon celebrates its 100th anniversary on Monday with a field whose strength threatens to eclipse all other long-distance races this year — even the Olympics, reports Reuters.

The world's oldest annual marathon features a pair of familiar faces looking to mark the centennial with Boston records for consecutive victories as Kenyan Cosmas Ndeti goes for his fourth successive triumph and German Uta Pippig shoots for three in a row in the women's race.

"It would be for me a thrill to win it three times in a row. There is so much history involved," said Pippig, the top-ranked woman marathoner in the world.

To a lot of people, this is the Olympics," said Greg Mayer, the last American to win Boston in 1983. "I think partly it's because it's the hundredth."

Ndeti is favoured to break the record of three consecutive Boston wins he currently shares with Americans Clarence Demar and Bill Rodgers.

The 24-year-old Kenyan focuses on Boston like no other race and even named his son for the city after he set a course record of two hours, seven minutes and 15 seconds in 1994.

"I'm not worried... I'm ready," said Ndeti, who trains on hills, of 7,000 to 8,000 feet in Kenya that dwarf Boston's infamous "heartbreak hill" at

the race's 22-mile mark. "Cosmas loves the race and so does Uta Pippig and I think when that occurs, when you really do find a connection to the race then it gives you a big incentive to try to win again," said local favourite Rodgers, who won Boston four times, including a three-year stretch from 1978-80.

With the race designated as the Kenyan Olympic trials, Ndeti's toughest competition is likely to come from his compatriots' Sammy Lele, whose 2:07:02 in the 1995 Berlin Marathon is the second fastest time ever, and Moses Tanui, who finished second to Ndeti last year in Boston.

Also expected to challenge for the 100th Boston victory is Brazilian Luiz Antonio Dos Santos, the world's third-ranked marathoner.

Pippig, whose kisses blown to spectators have made her a crowd favourite, says she has recovered from a left foot injury she suffered in 1995, a year in which she recorded the two fastest women's times with wins in Boston and Berlin.

Since women were officially allowed in the race in 1972, no one has won Boston three years running. For Pippig to accomplish the feat, she will likely have to hold off Kenya's Tegla Loroupe, the 1994 and 1995 New York Marathon champion, and Madina Biktagirova of Belarus, who was placed third here last year.

"Tegla is going to make it real tough for her, I think," Rodgers predicted.

Forecasters are calling for cool, ideal weather for the race — cloudy conditions for the more than 37,500 official entrants and far better than anyone can hope for at the Olympic Marathon in the Atlanta heat this summer.

"For me, this race is more important than the Olympics," Pippig said, trying to put the event into perspective.

"It's the oldest race, it's the oldest marathon," she said. "You want to go to heaven and you want to go to Boston."

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Project Director
Animal-Cattle-Health Management Extension Project
Animal Resources Directorate
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Notice No: A H M E P/6 (1st Part)/94/122 Dated : 4-4-96

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in prescribed form are invited from bonafide manufacturing & supplying firms for supply of motor cycles under Animal Health Management Extension Project. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the Project Director, Office of the Director, Animal Resources Research Institute, Mohakhali & Office of the Deputy Director, Central Medical Store, 48 Kazi Alauddin Road up to 11-00 am of 21-4-96 and opened on the same day at 12-00 Noon in the Chamber of Director (Administration), Animal Resources Directorate before the tenderers or their representatives (if any) present. Tender document, description of goods and terms & conditions can be purchased on cash payment (non-refundable) from the office of the Project Director or office of the Director, Animal Resources Research Institute, Mohakhali or the office of the Deputy Director, Central Medical Store, 48 Kazi Atauddin Road during office hours up to 2-00 PM of 20-4-96. No tender will be sold on the date of opening. The authority reserves the right to reject or accept any tender without assigning any reason.

Serial No	Description of goods	Earnest money	Price of tender document	Time for supply of goods
1.	Motor Cycles-17 Nos.	5% of quoted value	Tk 750/- (non-refundable)	Within 15-5-96

Other detailed descriptions can be known from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Dr Md Sultan Mohiuddin
Project Director
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Office of the Executive Engineer
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Memo No. LGED/NIL/XEN/96/417 Dated: 6.4.96

Re-Tender No. 19/95-96

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors of LGED and Pre-Qualified contractors under different Projects of Local Government Engineering Department for construction of single storied pucca school building under Islamic Development Bank Assisted Government Primary School Construction Project.

Interested contractor can obtain necessary tender documents during normal office hours on all working days up to 23rd April/1996 from the office of either (i) Superintending Engineer (Training) LGED, Lalmitia, 7/4, Block-A Dhaka-1207 (ii) Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Rangpur/Lalmonirhat/Kurigram/Gaibandha (iii) Thana Engineer LGED, Thana Nilphamari Sadar/Saidpur/Domar/Jaldhaka/Dimala/Kishoreganj Dist. Nilphamari and the office of the undersigned, on cash payment of Tk 300/- (Three hundred) only (Non-refundable) in favour of the undersigned after obtaining written approval from the respective officers for purchase of Tender documents on showing documentary renewal evidence of their enlistment & VAT Registration Certificate. Tenders will be received by the above mentioned offices up to 1.00 PM on 24th April/1996. No tender will be accepted beyond this time, and tenders will be opened at 1.30 PM on the same day in the presence of the tenderers, if any.

Interested tenderers may gather necessary information regarding tender and work from the above mentioned offices during normal office hours on all working days. Tenders must be accompanied by all relevant papers and Earnest Money at 2.5% (Two point five per cent) of the total quoted price in favour of the Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department, Dist Nilphamari as stated in Tender Document.

The Authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. Tenders not complying with the stipulated conditions will be treated as non-responsive, and will be rejected.

Sl No	Name of the work	Earnest Money (2.50% of the total quoted amount)	Cost of Tender Document (Tk)	Completion Time for work
01	Re-const of Mohammadia Shah Sekendar Govt Primary School under Saidpur Thana	-Do-	300/-	90 days

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Public Works E/M Division-4, Dhaka

Memo No. 2441 Dated: 3-4-96/ (20-12-1402 BS)

Tender Notice

No. 97 (1995-96)

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are invited from special first class & first class/second class, enlisted for E/M work, contractors of Public Works Directorate for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at Public Works E/M Division No. 1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8 Public Works Wooden Workshop Division/Public Works Mechanical Workshop Division & Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka offices up to 12-00 Noon during office hours of 25-4-96 and the tenders will be opened on the same day at 12-15 minutes in presence (if any) of the tenderers or their nominated representatives. Tender schedule form and terms & conditions etc can be purchased on usual payment of Taka 425/= (four hundred twenty-five) only (non-refundable) from Public Works E/M Division No. 1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8 Public Works Wooden Workshop Division/Public Works Mechanical Workshop Division & Public Works Eden Building Division, Dhaka offices latest by 24-4-96. Earnest money at the rate 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost must be submitted with each tender in the form of Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Public Works E/M Division No. 4, Dhaka. This office authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. The tenderer himself or his representative bearing letter attested by him may purchase the tender on production of registration book with necessary papers.

Sl No	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Approved time
1.	Supply & installation of dehumidifier machine on 1st & 2nd floor of Record Building of Dhaka District Judge's Court	Tk. 3,59,976/60	Tk. 7,250/= 20 (twenty) days	

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Thomas Enqvist of Sweden plays a double-handed return against Jean-Philippe Fleurian of France in the Indian Open in New Delhi on April 12. Enqvist won 6-3, 6-3.

— AFP/UNB photo