

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Shaun Pollock

South African fast bowler
"If someone had said I
would make a start like that, I
would have laughed at him."

After capturing four wickets
in four successive balls against
Leicestershire in his debut
match for Warwickshire in
England on April 27.

Sports

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN



Sports WHIZZ KID
competition-36
✓ Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m.
May 10, 1996)

1. The 2002 World Cup football will be held in
South Korea Japan Not yet decided
2. If FIDE is for chess, FINA is for
Billiards Snooker Swimming
3. Tennis star Jennifer Capriati is
Swedish American Dutch
4. The fastest one-day hundred by
Sri Lankan Sanath Jayasuriya is
off
46 balls 47 balls 48 balls
5. The man-of-the-series in Pepsi Cup was
Cullinan Kinsen Symcox

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Euro TT

Sweden regain
men's crown

BRATISLAVA, May 3: Sweden's men won their fifth European table championship title with a 4-1 win over defending champions France on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The Swedes, runners-up to France at the last championship, got off to a shaky start when Peter Karlsson lost 21-15, 21-15 to Jean-Philippe Gatien in the first match.

European silver medalist and current European number two Jan Ove Waldner pulled Sweden level after beating Damien Eloi 21-14, 21-17 and Jorgen Persson put the Swedes ahead by defeating Patrick Chiba 21-17, 21-6.

In the crucial doubles, Waldner and Persson beat Gatien and Eloi 21-17, 21-16 to give Sweden an overall 3-1 lead.

"For us the doubles was the decisive moment, because that was what we lost last time and what really lost us the title," Waldner said.

The fifth match was the tightest, Waldner eventually beating Gatien 19-21, 21-13, 24-22, after trailing 20-17 and fighting off five match points before winning.

Friday is a rest day and the championships resume on Saturday with the doubles events.

Nastase can't
believe it

BUCHAREST, May 3: Romanian former tennis star Ilie Nastase, who is running for mayor of Bucharest, today threatened to sue over newspaper claims he had served the communist-era Securitate spy service, reports Reuter.

Increasingly under attack by some elements in the media, Nastase responded angrily to claims in top-selling *Eyewitness* newspaper that he had been a secret police officer.

The paper based its coverage on an April 30 story in the German daily *Die Welt*.

"I was surprised that such a serious paper (as *Die Welt*) might have reported that I was a Securitate officer," Nastase told reporters as he registered his candidacy for the June 2 poll. "If true, I will sue the paper and I will earn big money."

Nastase said there was no truth to such a story.

"I'm afraid the German newspaper have been misled by somebody in Romania," an angry Nastase said.

"I had to live 50 years to hear stuff like this. This is an experience, a bad experience."

Nastase, a darling of Romania for his tennis achievements in the 1970s, has returned to his home town from Paris and New York to stand for the ruling party of Social Democracy which has governed since the 1989 revolution.

Antigua Test ends tamely



ST JOHN'S, Antigua, May 3: New Zealand's batsmen failed to respond to the challenge as they played out the second and final Test against West Indies to a dull draw on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Faced with an admittedly tough target of 296 runs to win in two and a half sessions after dismissing West Indies for 184 in their second innings, New Zealand made no effort to go for the runs after losing three wickets with only 39 on the board.

When the match was called off as a draw, New Zealand were way short of their target on 130 for five and West Indies won the series 1-0.

West Indies tailors batsmen had earlier frustrated New Zealand by adding a further 37 runs after they had resumed at their overnight 147 for seven.

Captain Courtney Walsh did the bulk of the scoring, making 17 not out and featuring in a vital last-wicket stand of 26 with Rajinder Dhanraj, who made nine.

Fast bowler Danny Morrison, who caused the West Indies collapse on Wednesday, added the wicket of Curly Ambrose soon after play resumed to finish with five for 61.

Ambrose quickly rocked New Zealand when they began their second innings by having Roger Twose caught by Robert Samuels at third slip for two and the fast bowler then had fellow opener Craig Spearman caught behind for 24.

After first innings century-maker Nathan Astle had fallen soon afterwards for eight, New Zealand made no attempt to go

for the runs.

Left-hander Stephen Fleming batted for just over four hours and 172 balls in making an unbeaten 56 while Justin Vaughan was slightly faster in scoring 32 from 88 deliveries in 108 minutes.

Vaughan was finally trapped leg before Walsh, his 30th wicket in 82 Tests, putting him level with off-spinner Lance Gibbs as West Indies' second highest wicket-taker behind Malcolm Marshall, who took 376.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the second cricket Test between West Indies and New Zealand on Thursday:

WEST INDIES: First innings 548-7 declared (J Astle 208 not out, R Samuels 125)

NEW ZEALAND: First in-

nings 437 (N Astle 103, D Patel 78, C Spearman 54; C Ambrose 5-68)

WEST INDIES: Second innings (overnight 147-7)

S Campbell c Fleming b Vaughan 36
R Samuels lbw b Morrison 4
B Lara c Fleming b Morrison 74
P Simmons c Vaughan b Harris 0
J Adams c and b Vaughan 6
S Chanderpaul b Morrison 8
C Browne lbw b Larsen 5
I Bishop c Germon b Morrison 9
C Ambrose lbw b Morrison 6
C Walsh not out 17
R Dhanraj b Vaughan 9
Extras: (lb 2, w 2, nb 8) 10
Total: 184

Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-89; 3-94; 4-119; 5-128; 6-133; 7-147; 8-155; 9-158.

Bowling O M R W

Morrison 20 2 61 5

Larsen 11 3 27 1

Kennedy 10 2 30 0

Vaughan 16.3 5 30 3

Harris 4 0 34 1

Total: (for 5 wickets) 130

NEW ZEALAND: Second in-

C Spearman c Browne b Ambrose 24
R Twose c Samuels b Ambrose 2

S Fleming not out 56

N Astle c Adams b Simmons 8

J Vaughan lbw b Walsh 32

C Harris c and b Dhanraj 4

I Germon not out 0

Extras: (lb 1, w 2, nb 1) 4

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Bowling O M R W

Ambrose 12 3 22 2

Walsh 16 5 32 1

Simmons 10 6 12 1

Dhanraj 18 6 33 1

Bishop 7 1 24 0

Adams 2 1 5 0

Result: Match drawn. West Indies won series 1-0

Man-of-the-match: Jimmy Adams.

Player-of-the-series: Jimmy Adams.

ADAMS ... man of series

Solid start by Yorkshire



LONDON, May 3: Yorkshire openers Martyn Moxon and Michael Vaughan broke a 66-year-old club record by reaching 316 without loss against Glamorgan in Cardiff as the English county cricket championship began on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The pair beat the previous county best of 235 for the opening wicket by Percy Holmes and Herbert Sutcliffe against Glamorgan in 1930.

Moxon reached his 43rd career century from 202 balls with 13 fours and eventually finished unbeaten on 150 for four in 32.1 overs at New Road.

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