

Pak cricketer accused of raping

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Sept. 3: A member of Pakistan's under-19 cricket team was released on bail on Monday after being charged with allegedly raping a woman at her hotel, where the cricket team was also staying, a police spokesman said, reports Reuters.

Zeeshan Perviz, 18, was released from jail after posting \$7,000 US dollars bail, the spokesman said.

A court hearing will be held tomorrow to determine if there is sufficient evidence to warrant a trial, authorities said.

The 36-year-old visitor, a Jamaican who has lived in the United States, since 1978, told police the incident occurred on Saturday night.

The 15-member Pakistani youth cricket team began a four-day match against Jamaica on Saturday in Kingston. Perviz batted for 6 that day but did not play on Sunday.

Team officials told reporters he was out due to "food poisoning" but in fact he was in police custody at the time.

Durham rope in Boon

LONDON, Sept. 3: Former Australian Test batsman David Boon will join English county side Durham next season, cricket officials said today, reports Reuters.

Boon, 35, signed a two-year contract after Durham's director of cricket Geoff Cook flew to Australia to clinch the deal, the club said.

Boon retired from Test cricket last year after scoring 7,422 runs, including 21 centuries, in 107 Tests at an average of 43.

He will take over as captain from Mike Roseberry, who resigned on Saturday with Durham bottom of both the English County Championship and the Sunday League.

Boon, currently captain of Tasmania, is expected to play in England in April, the club said.

Kent knock down Notts

LONDON, Sept. 3: Kent moved to the top of the English County Championship on Monday after cruising to a seven-wicket victory over Nottinghamshire at Tunbridge Wells, reports Reuters.

They edged one point ahead of previous leaders Derbyshire, who beat Worcestershire on Saturday, nine points ahead of Leicestershire, and 10 ahead of Surrey.

Kent's eighth championship win of the season came courtesy of a century stand between Trevor Ward (54 not out) and Carl Hooper, whose 86 included 13 fours and a six.

Nigel Long joined in with 34 not out, including a six which shattered a nearby window.

Nottinghamshire had set the home side a target of 213 by advancing from an overnight 187 for six to 242 all out, thanks mainly to lower order resistance from Chris Tolley (67) and Kevin Evans (54).

Kent's Martin McCague finished with four for 80 and a match analysis of eight for 135, while Mark Ealham, playing his first match since recovering from a rib injury, took five for 52.

Yorkshire needed just an hour to mop up Essex's last five wickets and clinch a 98-run win at Headingley which revived their slender title hopes.

Left-arm spinner Richard Stemp took four for 19 in 10 overs as Essex, who had won their previous five matches, slumped from 100 for five to 149 all out.

John Crawley, who hit a debut Test century against Pakistan at The Oval eight days ago, compiled an unbeaten 112 as Lancashire beat Sussex by five wickets at Hove.

He shared a third-wicket stand of 150 in 29 overs with Neil Fairbrother as Lancashire claimed only their second championship win of the season.

Nantes, Lyon split points

PARIS, Sept. 3: Nantes rallied to salvage a 2-2 draw at home to Lyon on Monday night as they tried to bounce back from their worst start to a French league season for 30 years, reports AFP.

Nantes, champions two seasons ago, now have taken just two points from a possible 15 in the opening five rounds of the French championship.

But the news was just as bad for Lyon, who lost rising attacking star Florian Maurice with an Achilles tendon injury that could sideline him for up to six months.

Cameroon-born Japhet N'Doram scored the equaliser for Nantes in the 88th minute — his second headed goal of the game. Alain Caveglia and Sylvain Delpeut netted for Lyon.

De Silva rules the day

COLOMBO, Sept. 3: Aravinda De Silva hit a masterly unbeaten 27 to guide world champions Sri Lanka to a six-wicket win over Zimbabwe and maintain their 100 per cent record in the four-nation Singer World Series today, reports AFP.

The master stroke-maker, who hit an unbeaten 49 against India and plundered 83 off Australia without losing his wicket, single-handedly carried Sri Lanka past the improved Zimbabwe team.

The Zimbabweans, outplayed in their first two matches, appeared easy prey for the islanders when they were restricted to a modest 227 for five.

But fast bowler Henry Olonga, playing his first match in the tournament, raised Zimbabwe's spirits by removing star opener Sanath Jayasuriya and Ramesh Kaluwitharana by the sixth over.

Olonga had Kaluwitharana top-edging an intended pull in his second over, before shattering left-hander Jayasuriya's stumps with an express delivery six balls later.

From 25 for two, Sri Lanka reached 100 without further loss as Asanka Gurusinha and De Silva put on 75 for the third wicket.

Gurusinha, whose contribution in the stand was a sedate 15, and skipper Arjuna Ranatunga (20) fell in quick succession to make the hosts a shaky 129 for four by the 30th over.

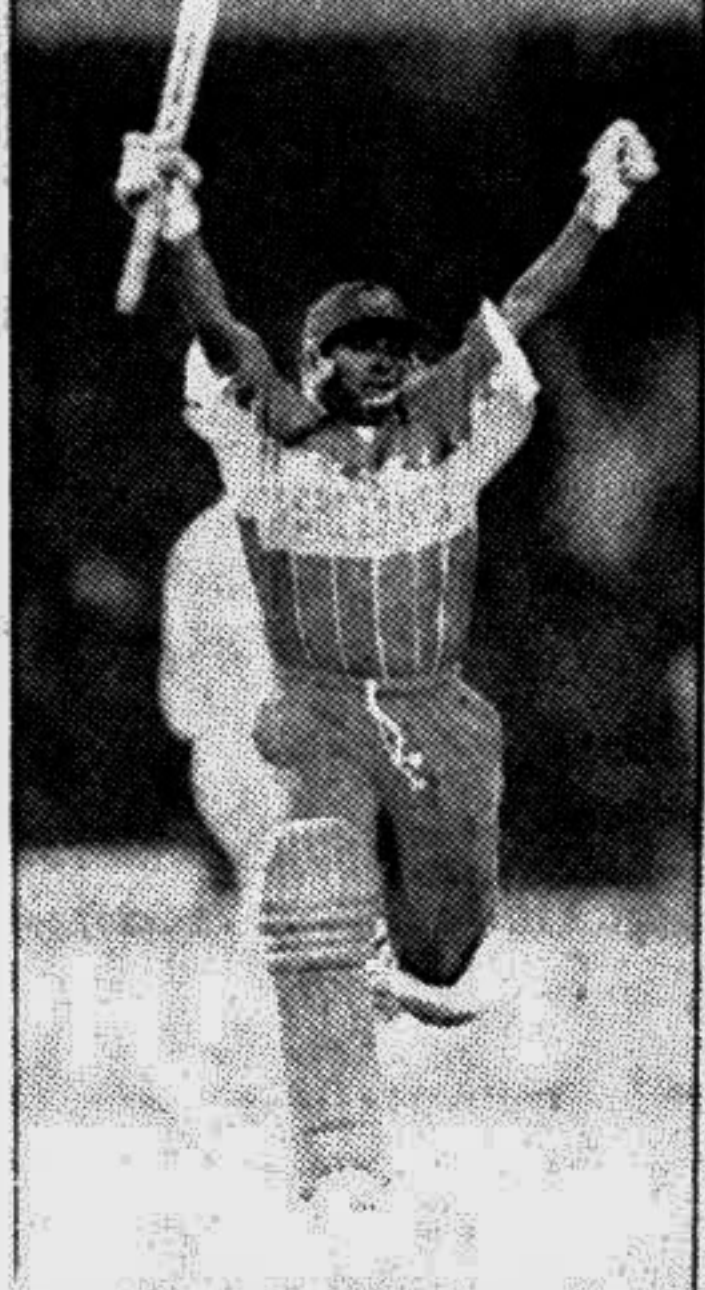
De Silva, whose brilliant century helped his team win the World Cup final against Australia in March, and Hashan Tillekeratne (34 not out) ensured their team's victory with an unbroken 99-run stand for the fifth wicket.

The 32-year-old De Silva, who hit 13 boundaries and a six in his brilliant 123-ball knock, was former Sri Lankan captain Anura Tenekoon's expected choice for man-of-the-match.

Sri Lanka now await the winners of Thursday's crucial clash between Australia and

India in Saturday's final. It was Ranatunga's 50th win in 113 one-day matches as Sri Lanka skipper, making him the fifth most successful international captain in limited-overs cricket.

Australia's Allan Border leads the list with 107 wins in 178 matches as captain, followed by Imran Khan of Pakistan (75 in 139), West Indian Vivian Richards (59 in 118) and Mohammad Azharuddin of India (59 in 118).



DE SILVA... m-o-m

Zimbabwe's score revolved around an unbeaten 96 from burly Craig Evans after Ranatunga had won the toss and elected to field on a moist wicket.

Skipper Alistair Campbell (54) helped Evans add 114 for the fifth wicket after Sri Lanka had reduced Zimbabwe to 66 for four by the 19th over.

Evans who hit six boundaries and three sixes, managed only a single off the final delivery from spinner Sanath Jayasuriya when another six would have taken him to a maiden one-day century.

Sri Lankan wicketkeeper Ramesh Kaluwitharana took three catches and effected a stumping, but missed three other stumping chances.

Sri Lankan seamer Pramodaya Wickremasinghe sent down five wides in the first over after play began eight minutes late because the groundsman forgot to put the balls on the stumps.

There were eight wides in a total of 13 runs by the second over when Ravindra Pushpakumara had Grant Flower caught by Kaluwitharana for no score.

The Sri Lankans bowled only five more wide balls for the rest of the innings.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard in the Singer World Series one-day international between Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe here on Tuesday:

ZIMBABWE
G Flower c Kaluwitharana b Pushpakumara 0
P Strang c Kaluwitharana b Pushpakumara 24
A Flower c Kaluwitharana b Wickremasinghe 11
Campbell st Kaluwitharana b Murlitharan 54
Wishart c Chandana b Ranatunga 7
Evans not out 96
Whitall not out 15
Extras: (lb-7, w-13) 20
Total: (5 wickets in 50 overs) 227
Fall of wickets: 1-13; 2-48; 3-48; 4-66; 5-180.

Did not bat: W James, H Streak, H Olonga, A Whittall
Bowling: O M R W
Wickremasinghe 8 1 33 1
Pushpakumara 6 0 27 2
Murlitharan 10 1 36 1
Ranatunga 5 0 22 2
Chandana 10 0 48 0
Jayasuriya 10 1 54 0

SRI LANKA
Jayasuriya b Olonga 5
Kaluwitharana c Wishart b Olonga 12
Gurusinha run out 15
De Silva not out 127
Ranatunga c Olonga b A Whittall 20
Tillekeratne not out 34
Extras: (lb-1, lb-2, w-8, nb-4) 15
Total: (4 wickets in 47 overs) 228
Fall of wickets: 1-18; 2-25; 3-100; 4-129.

Did not bat: M Atapattu, U Chandana, P Wickremasinghe, R Pushpakumara, M Murlitharan
Bowling: O M R W
Streak 8 0 24 0
Olonga 6 0 47 2
G Whittall 5 0 26 0
A Whittall 10 1 30 1
Strang 10 0 50 0
Wishart 4 0 24 0
G Flower 1 0 10 0
Evans 3 0 14 0

Result: Sri Lanka won by six wickets
Man-of-the-match: Aravinda de Silva

Fans catch Diego fever

TORONTO, Sept. 3: Diego Maradona, playing what was billed as the last game of his career, scored a goal, leading his brother Lalo's Toronto Italia club team to a 2-1 victory, reports AP.

The goal, from a corner kick, came over a group of minor professional all-stars from the seven-team Canadian national soccer league.

The convergence of the most famous player of the last 15 years and the non-descript all-stars of a southern Ontario league did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of nearly 8,000 fans.

When Maradona curled in the corner kick to break a 1-1 tie in the 67th minute he was engulfed by hundreds of pitch-invading fans who attempted unsuccessfully to carry away the short, stocky Argentinian.

Maradona left the game with about eight minutes to go and was on his way out of the stadium before the final whistle.

He had nothing to say afterwards and granted no interviews.

He did say after arriving in Canada from a stint in Switzerland at a drug rehabilitation clinic that Monday's game might be his swan song.

It took about 20 minutes for the 35-year-old Maradona to make his marked on the somewhat spotty game.

He had a curling free-kick from the right edge of the box that forced all-star keeper Paula Silva to make a save in the first half. Maradona barely missed a sliding conversion of a cross about 15 minutes later.

Scalpers were demanding — and getting — nearly twice the face value of a 20-dollar (14.6 US dollars) ticket.

Large Argentinian and Italian flags waved from the concrete grandstands and the familiar refrain, "Ole, Ole, Ole, Ole," rose up from the chanting audience.

Traditional south American dance numbers blared from the public address system before the game. The halftime and post-game periods were frenzied as fans streamed on to the pitch and an increasingly frustrated organising group tried to restore order.

Scalpers were demanding — and getting — nearly twice the face value of a 20-dollar (14.6 US dollars) ticket.

Large Argentinian and Italian flags waved from the concrete grandstands and the familiar refrain, "Ole, Ole, Ole, Ole," rose up from the chanting audience.

Traditional south American dance numbers blared from the public address system before the game. The halftime and post-game periods were frenzied as fans streamed on to the pitch and an increasingly frustrated organising group tried to restore order.

Scalpers were demanding — and getting — nearly twice the face value of a 20-dollar (14.6 US dollars) ticket.

Large Argentinian and Italian flags waved from the concrete grandstands and the familiar refrain, "Ole, Ole, Ole, Ole," rose up from the chanting audience.

Traditional south American dance numbers blared from the public address system before the game. The halftime and post-game periods were frenzied as fans streamed on to the pitch and an increasingly frustrated organising group tried to restore order.

Scalpers were demanding — and getting — nearly twice the face value of a 20-dollar (14.6 US dollars) ticket.

Large Argentinian and Italian flags waved from the concrete grandstands and the familiar refrain, "Ole, Ole, Ole, Ole," rose up from the chanting audience.

Traditional south American dance numbers blared from the public address system before the game. The halftime and post-game periods were frenzied as fans streamed on to the pitch and an increasingly frustrated organising group tried to restore order.

Scalpers were demanding — and getting — nearly twice the face value of a 20-dollar (14.6 US dollars) ticket.

Large Argentinian and Italian flags waved from the concrete grandstands and the familiar refrain, "Ole, Ole, Ole, Ole," rose up from the chanting audience.

Traditional south American dance numbers blared from the public address system before the game. The halftime and post-game periods were frenzied as fans streamed on to the pitch and an increasingly frustrated organising group tried to restore order.

Scalpers were demanding — and getting — nearly twice the face value of a 20-dollar (14.6 US dollars) ticket.

Large Argentinian and Italian flags waved from the concrete grandstands and the familiar refrain, "Ole, Ole, Ole, Ole," rose up from the chanting audience.

Traditional south American dance numbers blared from the public address system before the game. The halftime and post-game periods were frenzied as fans streamed on to the pitch and an increasingly frustrated organising group tried to restore order.

Scalpers were demanding — and getting — nearly twice the face value of a 20-dollar (14.6 US dollars) ticket.

Large Argentinian and Italian flags waved from the concrete grandstands and the familiar refrain, "Ole, Ole, Ole, Ole," rose up from the chanting audience.

Traditional south American dance numbers blared from the public address system before the game. The halftime and post-game periods were frenzied as fans streamed on to the pitch and an increasingly frustrated organising group tried to restore order.

Scalpers were demanding — and getting — nearly twice the face value of a 20-dollar (14.6 US dollars) ticket.

Large Argentinian and Italian flags waved from the concrete grandstands and the familiar refrain, "Ole, Ole, Ole, Ole," rose up from the chanting audience.

Traditional south American dance numbers blared from the public address system before the game. The halftime and post-game periods were frenzied as fans streamed on to the pitch and an increasingly frustrated organising group tried to restore order.

Scalpers were demanding — and getting — nearly twice the face value of a 20-dollar (14.6 US dollars) ticket.

Large Argentinian and Italian flags waved from the concrete grandstands and the familiar refrain, "Ole, Ole, Ole, Ole," rose up from the chanting audience.

Mixed moments for tyros

NEW YORK, Sept. 3: One precocious teen pouted and shouted and flung her racket at the umpire's chair. The other hardly issued a peep.

In tennis, though, love means nothing and manners often count for less, and on Monday at the US Open, the 15-year-old who acted most churlish, Martina Hingis, came away with the tournament's biggest upset to reach the quarterfinals, reports AP.

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."

Kournikova came away from her first match against Graf upset with herself though not at

the age of 9, showed signs that in a few years she may surpass Hingis and, perhaps, everyone else.

"She has so many different shots," Graf said of Kournikova. "She's gutsy. She's really eager out there. She's got a good physique, which is going to definitely work for her. Good service motion. Good backhand. Just needs to be a bit more patient."