

Kenya cancel Aussie tour

MELBOURNE, Nov 8: Kenya have cancelled a three-week tour to Australia in December and January because of a lack of funds, the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) said today.

The Kenyans, who stunned cricket followers at this year's World Cup by defeating former champions West Indies, were due to arrive in Australia on December 29.

The problem is purely one of finance. They cannot raise the finance to pay for the tour. It is an unfortunate situation, particularly for the players involved," ACB operations manager Richard Watson told Reuters.

Kenya's five-match tour itinerary included fixtures against New South Wales and Victoria Second XI, and the Australian capital territory.

Kenya are associate members of the International Cricket Council, the sport's world governing body. Only the nine full members, including Australia and West Indies, are eligible to play Test matches.

Lawton passes away

LONDON, Nov 8: Tommy Lawton, once Britain's most expensive footballer, has died aged 77, reports Reuter.

A popular figure during an era which produced many soccer heroes, he scored 22 goals from only 23 appearances and centre forward for England either side of the Second World War.

He began as a 17-year-old with Burnley and, at the age of 19, scored 34 goals for Everton in the 1938-39 season, when they won the league championship.

Lawton, who favoured a distinctive centre-parting hairstyle, also struck 90 goals in 151 matches for Third Division Notts County and increased attendances from 9,000 to 35,000 after joining them for the then record fee of 20,000 pounds (\$32,000 dollars) in 1947. His other clubs were Chelsea and Arsenal.

As he played at a time when the maximum wage operated in English football he was never rich, earning at most 21 pounds 19 dollars week before retiring to a modest existence in the English midlands at Nottingham.

Enqvist in qtrs

STOCKHOLM, Nov 8: Sweden's Thomas Enqvist played two strong tie-breakers to reach the quarter-finals of the Stockholm Open Grand Prix on Thursday by beating American Chris Woodruff 7-6, 7-6, reports Reuter.

But the 23-year-old from Knoxville, Tennessee, fought bravely and fully extended Enqvist, who won the Paris Open on Sunday.

Enqvist, seeded third, looked headed for an easy win at 5-2 in the first set, but it became a grueling battle as Woodruff, who has gone from 115 to 46 in the rankings this year, produced a number of aces and broke the Swede's serve as he won it 7-2.

Ctg swimming

CHITTAGONG, Nov 8: Mohanned Sporting Club clinched the championship of the Star swimming competition securing 24 points at the Laldighi here today, reports BSS.

Eleven brothers became runners-up in the day-long competition held under the auspices of Chittagong Star Club.

About 50 swimmers from ten clubs participated in the competition.

Abu Taher general secretary of Chittagong Divisional Sports Association distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest.

Scot-Estonia rematch Mar 16

GLASGOW, Scotland, Nov 8: Scottish officials have agreed to abide by the FIFA ruling that their World Cup qualifier with Estonia should be replayed, while their Estonian counterparts said they were "delighted" by the decision, reports Reuter.

Scottish Football Association chief executive Jim Farry said Scotland would go back to Tallinn, but they were seeking clarification on a number of issues.

"Let me make it clear that we will abide by this decision by FIFA," he said.

However, officials are concerned about the weather and the floodlight conditions in Estonia for any rematch of the Group Four fixture which has to be played by March 16.

The match had previously been awarded to Scotland after Estonia failed to turn up for the tie on October 9. The referee blew the final whistle just three seconds after the match, and Scotland were awarded a 3-0 win.

"My view is that there will be a major difficulty in arranging this match in the time scale set," Farry said. "There is the possibility of an international date in December and one in February, but much could depend on the weather conditions."

World champs bounce back



SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Nov 8: World champions Sri Lanka took a lead out of New Zealand's book to crush Pakistan by 75 runs in the Champions Trophy here on Friday, reports AFP.

Bowled out for 206 — the same total New Zealand defended against them in Thursday's opener — the Sri Lankans fought back to dismantle Pakistan for a paltry 131 off just 36 overs.

Sanath Jayasuriya led the way with a run-a-ball 33 and three wickets with his left-arm spin to earn the man-of-the-match award.

But Sri Lanka's hero was young left-arm seamer Sanjeewa de Silva, who scuttled Pakistan's reply with three of

better today," a relieved Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga said.

"We knew that the score of 206 could be defended, like New Zealand did against us, and when Sanjeewa took those early wickets, I knew we had a chance,"

Off-spinners Saqlain Mushtaq and Salim Malik chipped in with two wickets each to leave Pakistan facing the modest victory target of 4.2 runs an over.

Pakistan play New Zealand next on Sunday after a day's rest. Each team plays the other twice in the league before the final on November 15.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Champions Trophy one-day international between Pakistan and Sri Lanka on Friday:

	SRI LANKA	Pakistan		
Jayasuriya c Jiaz b Akram	33			
R Kaluwitharana c Waqar b Wasim	12			
A Gurusingha Bw b Afridi	32			
A de Silva c Malik b Waqar	4			
A Ranatunga c Saqlain b Malik	23			
R Mahanama c Shahid b Saqlain	37			
C Waqar c Afridi b Malik	14			
H Tillekeratne c Jiaz b Saqlain	20			
K Dharmasena lbw b Wasim	1			
M Muralitharan lbw b Wasim	4			
S de Silva not out	1			
Extras (lbw-1, w-6, nb-3)	25			
Total: fall out in 49.3 overs	206			
Fall of wickets: 1-25; 2-64; 3-79; 4-119; 5-133; 6-158; 7-191; 8-194; 9-204				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
Wasim	10	0	42	4
Nazir	7	0	38	0
Waqar	8	0	21	1
Sanjeewa	9.3	0	32	2
Afridi	9	0	35	1
Malik	6	0	32	2

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Shahid c Kaluwitharana b Muralitharan	7			
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Azam c Jayasuriya b Muralitharan	14			
Malik c Kaluwitharana b S De Silva	6			
Wasim b Jayasuriya	12			
Moin c and b Jayasuriya	10			
Saqain c and b A de Silva	1			
Waqar b Jayasuriya	2			
Nazir not out	1			
Extras (lbw-1, w-6, nb-1)	8			
Total: fall out in 36 overs	131			
Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-29; 3-38; 4-48; 5-93; 6-109; 7-126; 8-127; 9-129				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
Vaas	6	1	12	0
S de Silva	10	0	48	3
Muralitharan	7	1	33	2
Ranatunga	3	0	15	0
Jayasuriya	5	1	15	3
A de Silva	5	2	7	1

Result : Sri Lanka won by 75 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Sanath Jayasuriya.

Today is a rest day.

Tomorrow Pakistan face New Zealand.

Chris Cairns

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Nov 8: New Zealand and stunned world champions Sri Lanka with a 29-run victory in a sensational start to the three-nation Champions Trophy here on Thursday, reports AFP.

Reduced to a modest 206 for eight, the Kiwis hit back through all-rounders Chris Cairns and Chris Harris to skittle Sri Lanka out for 177 at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium.

Cairns followed a brisk 71 off 91 balls with two wickets and a catch to earn the man-of-the-match award in his first appearance at this popular desert venue.

But it was Harris who led New Zealand's brilliant display in the field with the wickets of skipper Arjuna Ranatunga and Upul Chandana, besides two vital catches.

Less than 1,000 fans turned up to watch the thrilling finish at the start of the nine-day event which also features Wasim Akram's Pakistan.

There were twice as many at the stadium on Wednesday night to witness the live relay of the triangular series final from India on especially-installed television sets in the main pavilion.

Cairns steered New Zealand out of trouble with the bat after the Sri Lankans, electing to field first on a seaming wicket, had reduced them to 48 for four.

Left-handed Harris, who helped Cairns and 73 for the sixth wicket, remained unbeaten on 34.

Simon Doull rocked Sri Lanka's reply by getting rid of explosive openers Sanath Jayasuriya and Romesh Kaluwitharana by the 10th over with the score at 40.

Off-spinner Dipak Patel kept the free-stroking Sri Lankans in check during a steady 10-over spell in which he conceded just 26 runs for the wicket-keeper for the score of 177.

Vaas removed skipper Lee Germon and Patel off consecutive balls in the 50th

over to cap an impressive bowling performance.

SCOREBOARD

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	SRI LANKA	Pakistan		
Jayasuriya c Astle b Doul	15			
Kaluwitharana lbw b Doul	16			
Gurusingha c Doul b Patel	27			
S Fleming c Kaluwitharana b Chandana	7			
M Greatbatch c and b Muralitharan	23			
C Harris not out	34			
L Germon c S de Silva b Vaas	20			
D Patel b Vaas	0			
S Douli not out	1			
Extras (lbw-1, b-6, nb-4)	17			
Total: fall out in 50 overs	206			
Fall of wickets: 1-27; 2-37; 3-38; 4-48; 5-92; 6-165; 7-205; 8-205.				
Did not bat: Morrison	O	M	R	W
Chris Cairns	9	1	22	4
S de Silva	8	1	37	2
Dharmasena	7	0	31	0
Muralitharan	10	0	37	1
Jayasuriya	7	0	39	1
Chandana	9	0	33	1

Fall of wickets: 1-27; 2-37; 3-38; 4-48; 5-92; 6-165; 7-205; 8-205.

Bowling:

O	M	R	W	
Morrison	9	0	28	2
Doull	7	1	29	2
Cairns	9.1	0	39	2
Astle	6	1	20	1
Patel	10	2	26	1
Harris	8	0	28	2

Result: New Zealand won by 29 runs.

Man of-the-match: Chris Cairns.

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