

## 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 Six, 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 Reuters.

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 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 shillings a 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 Reuters.

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 gruelling 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 forced a tie breaker.

But the American, who beat compatriot Andre Agassi in the French Open and Austrian world number one Thomas Muster in Lyon this year, seemed nervous in the tie-break and Enqvist won it 7-3.

Woodruff served for the second set at 5-4 but again faltered and in the second tie-break Enqvist again proved the stronger as he won it 7-2.

## Ctg swimming

CHITTAGONG, Nov 8: Mohammedan 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 Reuters.

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 Sanjeeva 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 Sanjeeva took those early wickets, I knew we had a chance."

Pakistan captain Wasim Akram said it was "an unprofessional display" by his team and apologised to his fans among the 20,000-strong holiday crowd at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium.

It was the biggest ever turnout at this desert venue outside the traditional India-Pakistan clashes, and the fans were treated to a rousing game.

Ijaz Ahmed played a lone hand for Pakistan with an attacking 49, studded with two sixes and as many boundaries.

## BTV to cover second leg

Sports Reporter

In a rescheduling of the programme, BTV will now telecast live the second round matches of the Singer Champions' Trophy now being played at Sharjah. The matches of November 11, 12 and 13 and the final of the November 15 will be covered by BTV.

We regret for inconvenience our readers with an earlier news that all the matches would be covered by BTV.

The first five wickets which fell for 93 by the 24th over.

The 23-year-old De Silva, playing only his fifth one-day, began by removing world record holder Shahid Afridi and Saad Anwar for seven apiece in his first five overs.

He dismissed Pakistan's most experienced batsman Salim Malik in his second spell, before Jayasuriya and off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan ripped through the lower half.

Jayasuriya made up for the absence of frontline spinner Kumara Dharmasena, who injured his shoulder in trying to catch Afridi and took no further part in the match.

Dharmasena dived at mid-on to hold a skier, and as the ball rebounded off his hands, Roshan Mahanama grabbed the catch to get rid of the fastest centurion in one-day cricket.

Dharmasena was taken to hospital for precautionary X-rays, but the team management said it would wait for 24 hours to decide whether Dharmasena needed to be replaced for the rest of the tournament.

"We bowled and fielded much



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before he was run out in the 32nd over in trying to reach his half-century.

Earlier, Akram sent Sri Lanka to bat on a moist wicket and led from the front with a four-wicket haul.

The match opened to a fascinating contest between Sri Lankan opener Jayasuriya and Pakistan's dreaded pace battery.

Jayasuriya, who lost his opening partner Romesh Kaluwitharna for 12, smashed five boundaries and a six in a run-a-ball 33 to lift Sri Lanka to 64 for one by the 11th over.

Shahid Nazir, who shared the new ball with Akram, went for 38 in a seven-over spell. Akram himself conceded 30 in his first six.

But Akram evened scores by removing both Kaluwitharna and Jayasuriya — the latter through a brilliant one-handed catch at gully by Ijaz Ahmed.

Pakistan boosted the total with 16 wickets and three no balls, but the Sri Lankan middle order did not capitalise on their rivals' generosity.

Star batsman Aravinda de Silva made only four, while skipper Arjuna Ranatunga (23), Asanka Gurusinha (32) and Roshan Mahanama (37) threw away their wickets after setting in.

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				
S Jayasuriya c Ijaz b Akram	33			
R Kaluwitharna c Waqar b Wasim	12			
A Gurusinha lbw b Afridi	32			
A de Silva c Malik b Waqar	4			
A Ranatunga c Saqlain b Malik	23			
R Mahanama c Shohail b Saqlain	37			
C Vaas c Afridi b Malik	14			
K Dharmasena c Ijaz b Saqlain	20			
K Dharmasena lbw b Wasim	1			
M Muralitharan b Wasim	4			
S de Silva not out	1			
Extras (lb=1, w=16, nb=3)	25			
Total (all 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
Saqlain	9.3	0	32	2
Afridi	9	0	35	1
Malik	6	0	32	2

## PAKISTAN

Saeed c Kaluwitharna b S de Silva	7
Afridi c Mahanama b S de Silva	7
Shohail c Kaluwitharna b Muralitharan	14
Ijaz run out	49
Azam c Jayasuriya b Muralitharan	14
Malik c Kaluwitharna b S de Silva	6
Wasim b Jayasuriya	12
Moin c b Jayasuriya	10
Saqlain c b A de Silva	2
Waqar b Jayasuriya	1
Nazir not out	1
Extras (lb=1, w=6, nb=1)	8
Total (all out in 36 overs)	131
Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-29; 3-38; 4-84; 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.

# Cairns bedevils Lankans



SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Nov 8: New Zealand's Chris Cairns bedeviled 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 Kaluwitharna 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 of Asanka Gurusinha.

When star batsman Aravinda de Silva was fifth out for 47, caught at mid-wicket trying to pull fast bowler Danny Morrison, Sri Lanka still needed 76 from the final 12 overs.

Hashan Tillakaratne kept the world champions in the hunt with a defiant 41, but his dismissal in the 49th over sealed Sri Lanka's fate.

It was Cairns, completed the shock win by shattering Muttiah Muralitharan's stumps and, with it, Sri Lanka's confidence.

## BAF hockey

The BAF inter-base hockey championship will begin at BAF Base Matur Rahman at Jessore for today, reports UNB.

On the opening day, BAF Base Matur Rahman will take on BAF Base Zahurul Haq and BAF Base Bashur will take on BAF Base Pahar Kanchanpur.

Each team plays the other twice in the preliminary league before the final on November 15.

Earlier, Sri Lanka's left-arm opening bowlers Vaas and Sajeeva de Silva revelled in



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helpful conditions to rip through the New Zealand top half.

The lanky De Silva, playing only his fourth one-day, removed Nathan Astle in his second over and later cut short Craig Spearman's promising knock of 39.

The experienced Vaas trapped Adam Parore led before for no score and had Stephen Fleming taken superbly in the slips by Hashan Tillakaratne for one.

Cairns launched a spectacular assault on the Sri Lankans, smashing two sixes off Sanath Jayasuriya and one each off Muttiah Muralitharan and Kumara Dharmasena.

Cairns, who came in to bat in the ninth over, stayed till the 42nd before Upul Chandana, the fourth spinner for the world champions, had him top-edging a pull to the wicketkeeper.

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

over to cap an impressive bowling performance.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Champions' Trophy one-day international between Sri Lanka and New Zealand on Thursday:

NEW ZEALAND				
C Spearman c Chandana b S de Silva	39			
N Astle c b S de Silva	0			
A Parore lbw b Vaas	0			
S Fleming c Tillakaratne b Vaas	1			
C Cairns c Kaluwitharna b Chandana	7			
M Greatbatch c b Muralitharan	23			
C Harris not out	34			
L Gernon c S de Silva b Vaas	20			
D Patel b Vaas	2			
S Doull not out	1			
Extras (lb=1, w=6, nb=4)	17			
Total (all out in 50 overs)	206			
Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-7; 3-25; 4-48; 5-92; 6-165; 7-205; 8-205				

Did not bat: D Morrison.

	O	M	R	W
Vaas	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	0
Chandana	9	0	33	1

## SRI LANKA

Jayasuriya c Astle b Doull	15
Kaluwitharna lbw b Doull	16
Gurusinha c Doull b Patel	27
A de Silva c Harris b Morrison	47
A Ranatunga b Harris	3
Tillakaratne c Doull b Morrison	41
Chandana c Cairns b Harris	7
Dharmasena b Astle	1
Vaas c Harris b Cairns	3
Muralitharan b Cairns	0
S de Silva not out	0
Extras (lb=7, w=6)	13
Total (all out in 49.1 overs)	177

Fall of wickets: 1-23; 2-40; 3-83; 4-88; 5-131; 6-142; 7-158; 8-162; 9-175.

	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.

## Warne waiting to excel!

SYDNEY, Nov 8: Leg-spinner Shane Warne said on the eve of his first major cricket match in six months that he wants to test his injured finger with long bowling spells, reports Reuters.

"At this stage I'm not too concerned about the wickets and how many runs I go for," Warne told reporters during training for the Sheffield Shield match between Victoria and New South Wales which starts today.

"I'm just worried about ripping them and turning them and seeing how (the finger) pulls up the next day," Warne said on Wednesday.

Warne, who underwent surgery on the ring finger of his right hand in May, is Australia's main strike bowler, having taken 207 Test wickets in 44 matches and was badly missed by Australia during recent unsuccessful tours of India and Sri Lanka.

The match against New South Wales in Sydney and another against South Australia from November 15 will be the only two chances Warne has to prove his fitness before Australia take on West Indies in the first Test in Brisbane from November 24.

Warne will need to be near his prodigious best against a West Indies team likely to include at least three left-hand batsmen in world record holder Brian Lara, Shivnarine Chanderpaul and Jimmy Adams.

Left-handers are technically better equipped to cope with leg-spinners, whose stock ball spins into them rather than away from right-handers.

Warne said his haul of seven wickets from a total of 20 overs in two recent inter-state limited overs matches had been encouraging, but acknowledged that the real test of bowling successfully in long spells lay ahead of him.

"I think I'm ready, I've done all the work, and I've got 15 days to get myself right for the first Test," Warne said.

"At this stage it's fantastic, so now it's time to get some wickets," he said.

## Atherton's advice

LONDON, Nov 8: England cricket captain Mike Atherton has appealed to his squad to keep wives and girlfriends away from the tour of Zimbabwe and New Zealand, reports Reuters.

But several players are still believed to be planning to fly in their partners during the 14-week tour, which starts on November 25 and includes the Christmas and New Year period.

Atherton and England's management held a team meeting during a training trip to Portugal this week to try to settle the issue.

Atherton said on Thursday "We have had a chat about it and there were some strong views aired. We have tried to persuade the players we would like, in this instance, families to stay at home."

"But there is no clause saying players will be disciplined if wives come out. I don't however, expect to see any."

Atherton added: "It's important from the players' point of view that the structure of tours is looked into. Australia and the West Indies will always be long trips but others should perhaps be a bit shorter."

More than half of England's 15-man squad are married, with seven players having small children.

## Bosnia beat Italy

SARAJEVO, Nov 8: Striker Elvir Bolic, the man who shocked Manchester United last week, stunned Italy on Wednesday with the winning goal as Bosnia celebrated their first home in soccer international with a 2-1 win, reports Reuters.

Bolic, who plays in Turkey with Fenerbahce, ended Manchester United's 40-year unbeaten home record in Europe last week with a late goal but on Wednesday he found the net somewhat earlier, scoring in the 43rd minute.

He sidestepped goalkeeper Francesco Toldo in the right of the area and hit home an angled shot.

Hamburg player Hasan Salihamdzic had earlier put Bosnia ahead in the fifth minute, with Enrico Chiesa equalising for the visitors with a fierce shot in the 11th.

The result of the match played on a sunny and cloudless afternoon, had been widely held to be secondary on a day when symbolism and goodwill were predominant.



Promoter Don King (M) holds up Mike Tyson (L) and Evander Holyfield's hands during a press conference prior to their fight at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas on Nov 7.