

Chen, Paes to play in Aussie Open

MELBOURNE, Jan 3: China's Chen Li and Leander Paes of India have been granted wild card entry into this month's Australian Open here, Tennis Australia said today, reports AFP.

In a move designed to forge stronger links and develop tennis within the Asia-Pacific region, Tennis Australia introduced a measure giving Chen and Paes automatic entry in the 128-strong main draws of the men's and women's singles events.

Chen and Paes' world rankings of 134 and 128, respectively, were insufficient to place them in the main draw, so both would normally have had to gain entry through pre-tournament qualifying.

It will be Chen's first main draw appearance in a Grand Slam. Paes, an Indian Davis Cup team member, won the bronze medal behind Andre Agassi at last year's Atlanta Olympics.

"By adding these two countries to the main draw, (it) automatically added 1.7 billion people who have a potential interest in the tournament," Tennis Australia president Geoff Pollard said in a statement today.

"This move was designed to forge stronger links and develop tennis in the strategic Asia-Pacific region."

"We see it as a significant gesture in our campaign to help develop the already exciting rapid expansion of the sport in the region and strengthen our player and spectator base."

The Asian singles wildcard was designed for a player from a nation not already represented in the draw and has a computer ranking inside the world's top 200.

Asian players have performed well at recent Australian Opens. Japan's Kimiko Date reached the semifinals of the 1994 Open only to lose to eventual winner Steffi Graf, while compatriot Naoko Sawamatsu made the quarterfinals of the 1995 singles before losing to Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario.

The Australian Open gets underway at the re-named Melbourne Park from January 13-26.

Tillstrom rolls on

ADELAIDE, Jan 3: Unseeded Mikael Tillstrom of Sweden moved impressively into the semifinals of the US \$328,000 Australian Hardcourt tennis championships with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Russian Andrei Cherkasov on Friday, reports AP.

Tillstrom upset top-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov in straight sets in the first round and was equally ruthless against Kafelnikov's compatriot and practice partner.

Tillstrom, 24, said he had called on his determination in on a day when temperatures soared to 35 degrees Centigrade (95 degrees Fahrenheit).

"I think we both handled the heat pretty well, but when it gets into a rally you really have to fight for the next point," he said. "You know your opponent is not feeling any better than you, so you just have to hang in there."

Tillstrom now plays fourth-seeded Australian Todd Woodbridge in the semis after Woodbridge defeated fifth-seeded American Alex O'Brien 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Woodbridge came from 1-4 down in the second set to win the next five games and the match.

"I knew Alex really suffers in the heat and suffers from cramps," Woodbridge said.

The heat really knocks him about so I thought if I could stay calm and steady and make him play points, I would be able to pull him back.

"I just relaxed when I got down two breaks and didn't try and force winners."

Woodbridge is the only seed left in contention.

Two further quarterfinals will be played Friday night with Australian Scott Draper facing Karol Kucera of Slovakia and Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden facing American qualifier Jeff Tarango.

The 32-draw ATP Tour event, which is being played on the same Rebound Ace courts used for the Australian Open, continues through Sunday.

The Australian Open starts Jan. 13 at the National Tennis Centre in Melbourne.



South African Brian McMillan acknowledges cheers of the crowd on his maiden Test ton against India at Newlands, Cape Town yesterday. — TV photo

Windies whack Pakistan

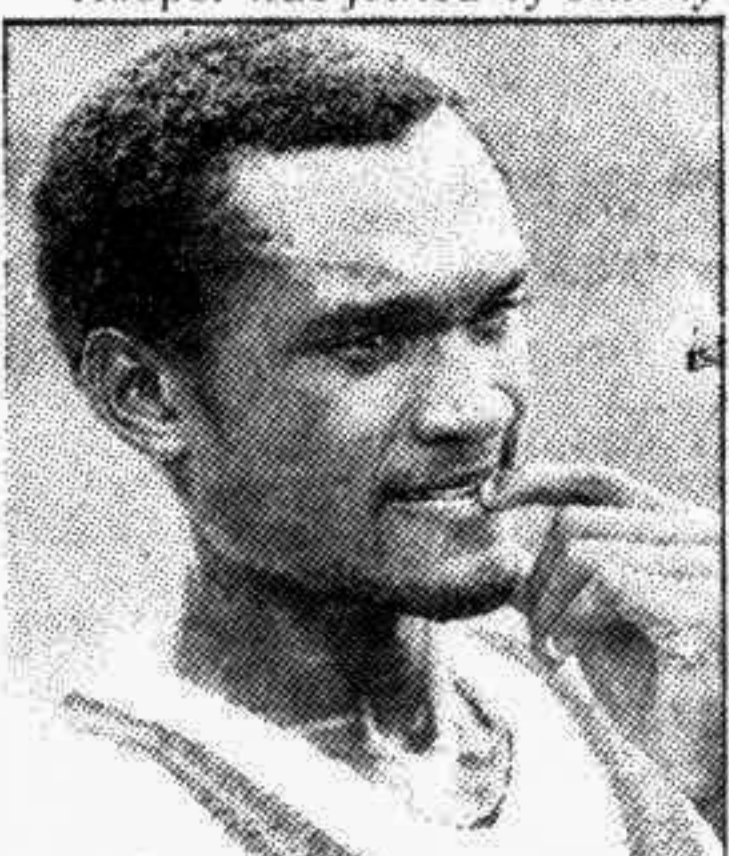
BRISBANE, Jan 3: A resurgent West Indies celebrated Brian Lara's return to form with a six-wicket victory over Pakistan in their limited-over World Series match today, reports agencies.

Lara ended a dismal run of low scores by hitting 48 as West Indies maintained their recent improvement in a tens encounter at the Gabba.

In reply to Pakistan's total of 197 all out in 49.5 overs, West Indies scored 198 for four with 11 balls to spare.

Carl Hooper, batting one place below Lara at number five in the order, scored an unbeaten 54, his 20th in limited over internationals, to guide his side to victory.

Hooper was joined by Jimmy



HOOPER... 54 not out
Adams in an unbroken fifth-wicket partnership worth 74 runs. Adams contributed a valuable 33 not out.

Lara, who has endured a miserable Test series against Australia, scoring a paltry seven runs in his last four innings, finally found some touch and timing.

But the world record-holder for the highest score in Test cricket almost found himself back in the pavilion with another failure to his name after a tentative start.

The West Indies vice-captain was extremely fortunate to survive a huge appeal for leg before wicket after playing back in his crease to a yorker from fast bowler Mohammad Zahid.

After losing their first two matches in the triangular competition, West Indies have won two in succession.

West Indies, Pakistan and hosts Australia all have four points from four games at the half-way stage of the qualifying round.

Coming back into the attack from a second spell of extreme pace, Zahid finally accounted for Lara when the left-hander offered a catch off the bottom edge to wicketkeeper Moin Khan.

Sent into bat by West Indies captain Courtney Walsh, Pakistan stumbled to 47 for four on a lively pitch before Ijaz Ahmed steadied their nerves with a patient 59 off 122 balls.

The Pakistani team turned out today for the match with bats still displaying tobacco advertising despite a warning from the Australian government.

The warning, delivered to the Australian Cricket Board (ACB), came after health officials decided Thursday that the Wills Kings cigarette brand logos breached Australia's tough tobacco advertising laws.

As organisers the ACB would be liable for any fines, which can be as high as 60,000 dollars (48,000 US) for corporations and 12,000 dollars for individuals.

Pakistan was given until January 7, when it plays Australia in Hobart, to comply with the demand to remove the red and white logos, prominently displayed as Pakistan thrashed Australia in earlier matches here Wednesday.

Pakistan's manager, Yawar Saeed, said he had passed the request on to his board on Thursday night and was awaiting instructions, though Friday was a public holiday in Pakistan.

"We have come here to play cricket and we shall continue to do that, and whatever the instructions are, they will be followed," he said before the match with the West Indies started in Brisbane.

SCOREBOARD
The West Indies won by six wickets.

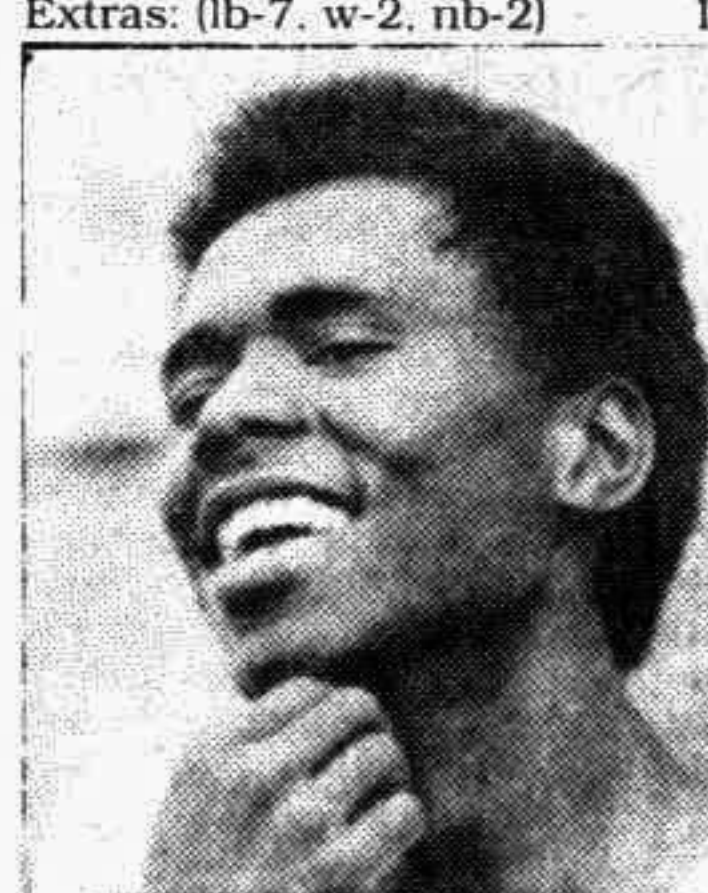
West Indies and Pakistan at the Gabba Ground here today:

PAKISTAN
Sohail c Murray b Walsh 9
Afriqi c Griffith b Walsh 2
Elahi c McLean b Bishop 14
Ijaz c Murray b Walsh 59
Inzamam c McLean b Ambrose 1
M Wasim run out 34

Akram run out 1
Moin c Samuels b Bishop 43
Saqlain c Murray b Bishop 4
Nazir c Ambrose b Bishop 6
Zahid not out 0
Extras: (lb-9, w-6, nb-7) 22
Total: (all out, 49.5 overs) 197
Fall of wickets: 1-12; 2-12; 3-45; 4-47; 5-120; 6-124; 7-157; 8-184; 9-192.

Bowling O M R W
Walsh 10 1 40 3
Bishop 9.5 1 38 4
Ambrose 10 0 26 1
McLean 4 0 21 0
Hooper 10 0 38 0
Adams 6 0 25 0

WEST INDIES
Campbell b Saqlain 35
Murray b Akram 15
Griffith run out 2
Lara c Moin b Zahid 48
Hooper not out 54
Adams not out 33
Extras: (lb-7, w-2, nb-2) 11



BISHOP... 38 for 4
Total: (for 4 wickets, 48.1 overs) 198
Fall of wickets: 1-26; 2-37; 3-78; 4-124
Did not bat: Robert Samuels, Nixon McLean, Ian Bishop, Courtney Ambrose, Courtney Walsh

Bowling O M R W
Akram 9 0 30 1
Zahid 10 2 29 1
Nazir 8 0 37 0
Saqlain 10 2 38 1
Sohail 5 0 18 0
Afriqi 6.1 0 39 0

Result: West Indies won by six wickets.
STANDINGS
BRISBANE, Jan 3 (Reuters): Standings in the World Series cricket tournament after Friday's match (tabulate under played, won, lost, point):
West Indies 4 2 2 4
Australia 4 2 2 4
Pakistan 4 2 2 4

Robson's day of reckoning

PARIS, Jan 3: Barcelona's embattled coach Bobby Robson will have to wait until after Saturday's crucial league meeting with Deportivo la Coruna to know whether this year will be a happy one, reports AFP.

Robson, the former England and Porto coach, has been under pressure since Barcelona lost 2-0 to bitter rivals Real Madrid on December 7. The fans have been baying for his blood and his star Brazilian striker Ronaldo has added weight to the discontent by criticising Robson's style of coaching.

The young Brazilian, their top scorer with 13 goals, further aggravated his tenuous relationship with Robson by arriving back late with compatriot

Giovane for his Christmas holiday in Brazil — for which he received an extra day's training.

Robson, though, can point out in his defence that Barcelona are the leading scorers in the league, 47 in 17 matches, and are in the quarterfinals of the Cup Winners Cup.

However, should Barcelona slip up away at Deportivo on Saturday the game may well be up for the 63-year-old Englishman.

Deportivo, managed by another former international coach Welshman John Toshack, are third on goal difference behind Barcelona with Real two points clear.

Toshack, who has repaid the confidence the Galician club's board placed in him at the end of last season after the had

pleaded for time to rebuild an ageing side, will be boosted by the fact that the Spanish football authorities have postponed the sentence of playing a home match behind closed doors, because of earlier crowd violence, to the meeting with Sevilla on January 15.

Deportivo's main strength is their defence, which has only conceded eight goals in their 17 league matches, and it has been bolstered by Toshack employing occasionally a five-man midfield with Brazilian World Cup winning midfielder Mauro Silva and the Brazilian born but naturalised Spaniard Donato both outstanding.

Real Madrid face a home match with the only other side to have beaten Barcelona this season Athletic Bilbao, who are coached by former French midfielder star and Paris Saint Germain boss Luis Fernandez.

Brandes baffles England

HARARE, Jan 3: A 33-year-old chicken farmer plucked the heart of England's batting here today as Zimbabwe rushed to their third straight one-day victory winning by 131 runs, reports AFP.

Eddo Brandes, who destroyed England in a one-day international four years ago, had a sensational hat-trick as he took the first five England wickets, giving up only 28 runs.

In the end Mike Atherton's struggling team were all out for 118 in reply to Zimbabwe's 249 for seven.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the third one-day international between Zimbabwe and England on Friday:

ZIMBABWE
Waller run out 19
G Flower c Mullally b White 62
Campbell not out 80
A Flower c Stewart b Irani 35
Evans c Stewart b Gough 1
Whitall b Croft 19
Houghton c Stewart b Mullally 19



BRANDES... hat-trick
P Strang run out 13
Extras 19
Total: (for 7 wickets in 50 overs) 249
Fall: 1-57; 2-131; 3-181; 4-183; 5-190; 6-220; 7-249

Bowling O M R W
Mullally 10 0 29 1
Gough 10 1 42 1
Silverwood 5 0 27 0
White 7 0 39 1
Irani 10 0 39 1
Croft 8 0 54 1

ENGLAND
Knight c A Flower b Brandes 3
Stewart c A Flower b Brandes 29
Crawley lbw b Brandes 0
Hussain c A Flower b Brandes 18
Atherton c A Flower b Brandes 18
Irani c Whitall b Streak 0
White c A Flower b Streak 0
Croft not out 30
Gough c Streak b P Strang 7
Mullally b Whitall 20
Silverwood c Streak b Whitall 0
Extras 11
Total: (all out in 30 overs) 118
Fall of wickets: 1-9; 2-13; 3-13; 4-45; 5-54; 6-55; 7-63; 8-77; 9-118

Bowling O M R W
Brandes 10 0 28 5
Streak 10 0 50 2
Sennie 3 0 11 0
Strang 5 0 18 1
Whitall 2 0 11 2

Cesare outlines objective
ROME, Jan 3: Italy's new coach Cesare Maldini will face his first test in a friendly against Northern Ireland on January 22 in Palermo ahead of a key World Cup qualifying match against England in February, reports Reuters.

The Northern Ireland team are not England but they are similar and will be good training for us," Maldini told the newspaper Corriere Della Sera on Thursday.

Maldini, who won the last three European titles as a coach of Italy's under-21 squad, took over the senior side in December after Arrigo Sacchi resigned to return as trainer of AC Milan, his former club.

Maldini is expected to make few surprise changes to Sacchi's squad in his initial matches. "I can't make a revolution. Our target to qualify for the 1998 World Cup is too close."

Italy play Group Two leaders England on February 12 at Wembley Stadium in a match being billed as vital to their hopes of a place in the finals in France.

The final 10,000 tickets for the match went on sale to the public in London on Thursday morning and were sold within four hours, ensuring at 76,000 capacity crowd.

Maldini said Roberto Mancini, Sampdoria's 33-year-old star striker, was too old to come back to the Italian team.

Indians in dire straits

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Jan 3: South Africa, after amassing a massive 529 for seven declared in their first innings in the second Test, struck three early blows to have India reeling at 29 for three, reports AP.

Already faced with the task of scoring 330 just to avoid the follow on, India started cautiously until a foolhardy second run by Woorikeri Raman saw the opener run out for five.

Sixteen runs later, with the score on 24 for one, Rahul Dravid, moved up in the order after wicketkeeper and opener Nayan Mongia was struck in the eye by a ball, was bowled by Lance Klusener for two. Two balls earlier, Dravid was dropped by Allan Donald at square leg off the allrounder.

Opening bowler Venkatesh Prasad was bowled by left-arm leg-spinner Paul Adams with a chinaman for a duck. When stumps were drawn, India, still 500 behind, were precariously placed. Captain Sachin Tendulkar had one and No. 3 batter Saurav Ganguly had 19.

Earlier, South Africa's batting machine recorded a record score against India, easily beating the 428 they scored in the second Test in Calcutta last year and the 360 for nine they scored in Cape Town in January 1993.

South Africa were helped by three centuries — Gary Kirsten (103), Brian McMillan (103 not out) and Lance Klusener (100 not out) — as they squeezed the life out of India.

It was the first time in South Africa Test cricket history that they scored three centuries in one innings.

Klusener was the most exciting. He smashed his way to the century, which included 13 fours and two sixes. He smashed five fours and one six off Javagal Srinath.

Klusener came to the wicket with the score 382 for seven and immediately made his inten-

tions clear by smashing, rather than dabbing, at each ball. While Klusener was hitting India's tired bowlers to all parts of the field, McMillan steadily advanced his cause to become the cricket world's No. 1 all-rounder. He batted responsibly for his 103 not out, which in-



KLUSENER... 102 not out
cluded eight fours and easily surpassed his previous highest Test score of 74 at Cape Town.

McMillan's unbeaten 147 run partnership with Klusener for the eighth wicket was also a South African record, overtaking the 124 set by A W Nourse and E A Halliwell in 1902-1903.

Srinath and Prasad were the most impressive Indian bowlers, but were let down by lack of support. Anil Kumble, India's No. 1 spinner, found his fast spinners much to South Africa's liking. He bowled 51

overs for 136 runs and scarcely bothered the batsmen or the wicket.

India, after their 328-run defeat in the first Test in Durban, now have their backs against the wall. The record books shows their highest previous score against South Africa in South Africa was 277.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard at close on the second day of the second Test between South Africa and India at Newlands on Friday:

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings
Hudson c Mongia b Prasad 16
Kirsten run out 103
Bacher c Mongia b Srinath 25
Cullinan c Mongia b Prasad 77
Cronje c Mongia b Srinath 103
McMillan not out 103
Pollock c Tendulkar b Prasad 1
Richardson c Dravid b Srinath 39
Klusener not out 102
Extras: (b-5, lb-9, nb-8) 22
Total: (7 wickets) 529

Fall of wickets: 1-37; 2-89; 3-203; 4-251; 5-291; 6-299; 7-382

Bowling O M R W
Srinath 38 8 130 3
Prasad 36 1 114 3
Ganesh 23.5 6 93 0
Kumble 51 7 136 0
Ganguly 9 1 24 0
Raman 5 1 18 0

INDIA: First Innings
Raman run out 5
Dravid b Klusener 2
Ganguly not out 19
Prasad b Adams 0
Tendulkar not out 0
Extras: 2
Total (for three) 29
Falls of wickets: 1-8; 2-24; 3-25

Bowling: O M R W
Donald 6 2 7 0
Pollock 5 0 15 0
Adams 3 1 3 1
Klusener 2 1 4 1

Bijoy Dibash badminton

Sports Reporter

The Agrani Bank Bijoy Dibash badminton tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Badminton Federation began at the wooden floor gymnasium yesterday afternoon.

A total of 24 shuttlers are participating in the tournament, sponsored by Agrani Bank.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

LGED, Jhenidah

Tender Notice

No. 7/(96-97)

Memo No: LGED/EE/Jheni/96/1950

Dated: 24-12-96

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Loan (No 1215-BAN (SF) from the Asian Development Bank in various currencies towards the cost of Rural Development Project-18 Infrastructure greater Khulna, Jessore & Kushtia districts. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contractor for the following works.

Code No	Name of work	Completion time	Cost of Tender Document	Class of Contractor
JH7R07MR 114a	Maintenance of Noritala-Moheswarchanda Road CH 1062.50-2240m	60 days	500/=	A & B Classes
JH7R07 MS114b	Construction of 5 Nos box Culvert on Noritala-Moheswarchanda Road at CH 1210, 1715, 2035, 2060 and 2170m	45 days	300/=	All Classes

- The Executive Engineer, Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Jhenidah, now invites sealed tenders in prescribed form for construction and completion of the works mentioned above from pre-qualified Contractors of above mentioned class under this Project.
- Tenderers may obtain further information on the Tender Form and inspect the tender documents at the offices of the undersigned as well as Divisional Commissioner's Office, Khulna, the Project Director, Rural Development Project-18, LGED Head Quarter (6th floor), Agargaon, Dhaka-1207, the Executive Engineer, LGED, Jessore/Magura/Kushtia/Chaudanga and Thana Engineer, LGED, Jhenidah Sadar Thana.
- A complete set of tender document may be purchased by interested eligible tenderers upon payment of non-refundable fee mentioned above from the offices mentioned in para 3 on or before 14th January, 1997.
- All tenders must be accompanied by a Tender Security of 2.5% (Two point five percent) of the total tender price in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Jhenidah and must be submitted either via mail (registered with A/D) or in person to the office mentioned in para 4 above and the offices of the Deputy Commissioner, Jhenidah & Superintendent of Police, Jhenidah on or before 12:30 PM, 15th January 1997 and will be publicly opened at the same offices at 1:00 PM on the same day.
- The undersigned shall not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by tenderers in connection with the preparation or delivery of tenders, including costs and expenses related to visits to the site.
- The Tenderer shall submit attested copy of enlistment/pre-qualification document valid for the fiscal year 1996-97 with the Tender.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without showing any reasons thereof.

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Executive Engineer

LGED, Jhenidah

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Saturday 4th January

(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in group programmes.)

BTV

3:00pm Opening Announcement: Al-Quran Programme Summary 3:10 News in Bangla 3:15 Patriotic Songs 3:20 Recitation from the Taptak 3:25 Move of the Week: The Master of Ballantry 5:25 Banbhare 6:00pm Samachar 6:30 Releasac of selected programme 7:00 News in English 7:25 Maati-o-Manush 8:00 News in Bangla 8:25 Prabaha 9:00 Geshi Shatadal 10:00 News in English 10:30 Ai Prethibe 10:30 Drama Series: Dynasty 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Tomorrow's programme summary 11:40 Close down

BBC

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CHANNEL V

6:00am Frame by Frame 7:00 Rewind VJ Sophia 8:00 Frame by Frame 8:30 Asian Top 20 VJ 10:30 Big Bang Weekend VJ Alessandra 12:30 Billboard House Of Noise VJ Luke 4:00pm Classic Rock 7:00 Top of the Pops 8:00 BPL Oye! 9:00 The Ticket 9:30 Fashion Police 10:00 Soul Curry VJ Sophia 11:30 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 12:30 The Ticket Year End Special 1:00 Over The Edge VJ Sophia 2:00 Music Update Tokyo 2:30 The Ride 3:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 4:30 V Spot

STAR PLUS

6:00am Nanny and the Professor 6:30 Voltorn 7:00 Aerobics Oz Style 7:30 Star News 8:00 Sky News 8:30 SKY Business News 9:00 Sky News 9:30 Katts & Dogs 10:00 Incredible Hulk 10:30 Spider 11:00 Man Zooile with Jack Hanna 11:30 BBC Documentary "All Our Children" 12:30 Mystery Movie: Inspector Morse "Greys Bearing Gifts" 2:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 4:30 Jubilee Plus 5:00 Hindi Film: "Phool Aur Patthar" 8:00 Star Talks 8:30 Baywatch 9:30 Baywatch Nights 10:30 L A Law 11:30 Backup 12:30 Movie: "Captive" 2:30 E! TV 3:00 Hardcastle and McCormack 4:00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea 5:00 The Wild Wild West

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