

Sport

WI for biennial World Cup

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua, Feb 20: West Indies want cricket's World Cup to be staged every two years instead of every four years, reports Reuters.

Caribbean officials are also seeking to host the 2003 edition of the game's most prestigious limited-overs tournament.

The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) is to meet here on Saturday to finalise plans for its bid, ahead of an International Cricket Council (ICC) meeting in Malaysia next month, said board secretary Andrew Sealy.

England are hosting the next World Cup in 1999 and South Africa have been awarded the 2003 event, although the West Indies are still challenging for it.

They are also pushing to host an earlier World Cup if the ICC approves a proposal to have the tournament every two years instead of every four.

Sealy said on the Caribbean News Agency's (CANA) radio sports programme on Tuesday: "The West Indies have a two-fold attack basically."

"We feel that we are entitled to the World Cup in 2003... but outside that fact, we are also keen to have the World Cup changed from every four years to every two years, and we are suggesting that 2001 is when the next World Cup could be held after 1999."

At the ICC meeting in Malaysia, the WICB's position will put forward by president Pat Rousseau, vice-president Julian Hunte and chief executive officer Steve Camacho.

The WICB is "cautiously optimistic" the final decision over the 2003 venue — not expected until the traditional full ICC meeting at Lord's in July — will be in its favour.

England keep cruising



CHRISTCHURCH, Feb 20: Alec Stewart and Graham Thorpe shared a 170-run stand Thursday as England scored a four-wicket victory over New Zealand in the first limited-over cricket international at Lancaster Park, reports AP.

New Zealand made 222 for six from their allocated 50 overs and England responded with 226 for six with seven balls to spare.

Thorpe made 82 and Stewart contributed 81 as England continued the good form they showed in their 2-0 Test series win over the Kiwis.

Surrey teammates Thorpe and Stewart led a recovery after England had lost two early wickets for only 28 — including skipper Mike Atherton for 19.

"There was a lot of work to be done when I came to the crease," said Thorpe. "But we both struck the ball well and that took a lot of the pressure off."

England looked to be cruising to victory until Thorpe and Stewart both fell to Heath Davis.

They were quickly followed by John Crawley and Dominic Cork to leave the tourists wobbling on 218 for six, but Nasser Hussain — unbeaten on 11 — steadied the innings and Robert Croft hit the winning boundary.

Several of the New Zealand bowlers were wayward and all-rounder Chris Cairns, his head shaved to raise money for charity during the meal break, conceded 25 runs in four overs.

New Zealand also paid the penalty for not taking advantage of a flying start.

Having won the toss in the first day-night match at the five-match series is at Eden

Park, Auckland on Sunday

ground, the Kiwis raced to 75 in the first 15 overs before losing their way.

Opener Nathan Astle top-scored with 50 and the Kiwis were lifted by a spirited performance from left-hander Chris Harris, who hit a bold 48 not out from 51 balls to help seal a reasonably competitive total.

Harris shared a 55-run stand with captain Lee Gernon for the sixth wicket to help get some



PHIL TUFNELL ... m-o-m

momentum back into the New Zealand innings after left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell had cut through the middle-order.

Tufnell, who was alleged to have smoked marijuana at a restaurant on Monday night, produced his best one-day figures of four for 22 in an excellent 10-over spell to put the breaks on the New Zealand run rate.

At the end of his spell, he raised his cap theatrically to the capacity 25,000 crowd. He was later named man-of-the-match.

The second match of the five-match series is at Eden

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SCOREBOARD
Scorecard of Thursday's day-night limited-over first cricket international between New Zealand and England at Lancaster Park:

NEW ZEALAND

Young c Thorpe b Mullally 14
Astle c Thorpe b Tufnell 50
Parore c and b Tufnell 26
Fleming st Stewart b Tufnell 34
Cairns c Mullally b Tufnell 48
Harris not out 48
Gernon b cork 19
Patel not out 1

Extras: (lb-8, nb-2, b-1, w-4) 15
Total: (for six wickets, 50 overs) 222
Fall of wickets: 1-24; 2-87; 3-100; 4-134; 5-148; 6-203;

Bowling: O M R W
Cork 9 0 51 1
Mullally 5 2 21 1
Croft 10 1 41 0
Gough 10 0 46 0
Tufnell 10 1 22 4
Thorpe 6 0 32 0

ENGLAND
Knight c Gernon b Doull 19
Atherton b Patel 8
Stewart c Astle b Davis 81
Thorpe b Davis 82
Hussain not out 11
Crawley b Doull 5
Cork c Young b Davis 0
Croft not out 12
Extras: (w-6, lb-6) 12
Total: (for six wickets in 48.5 overs) 226
Fall of wickets: 1-28; 2-28; 3-198; 4-205; 5-207; 6-218

Bowling: O M R W
Doull 10 0 33 2
Patel 7 0 43 1
Astle 4 0 26 0
Cairns 4 0 25 0
Davis 8.5 0 44 3
Larsen 8 0 23 0
Harris 7 0 26 0

Result: England won by four wickets
Man-of-the-match: Phil Tufnell (England).

Careless Steffi!

NEW YORK, Feb 20 (AP): Steffi Graf has been the subject of many items in the American magazine Sports Illustrated over her career. But not like this.

The world's No 1 ranked woman player posed as part of the weekly's annual winter swimsuit issue, running through the sand and splashing in the surf for the benefit of the



camera wearing several different bikinis.

Graf said she was not bothered that so many will see so much of her.

"I mean, if it were Playboy, that would be another thing," she told the magazine.

The swimsuit issue has been an annual tradition for Sports Illustrated for 33 years, which is both its widely read issue far most and its most controversial. The magazine annually draws protests from feminist groups and receives letters from readers canceling their subscriptions — some of which are published.

Shot on exotic locations, the swimsuit section has grown in size and stature from being part of the regular weekly edition to its own "special issue."

Graf gets her own eight-photo spread on the magazine, adjoining but separate from the main photo spread — dedicated to the bikini — which features the model Tyra Banks.

Graf isn't the only athlete that is the subject of photos in the swimsuit section. Also in the main photo spread is beach volleyball player Gabrielle Reece.

ATP's to 20

The latest ATP tour rankings released on Feb 16:

1. Pete Sampras, United States, 5,767 pts
2. Thomas Muster, Austria, 3,709 pts
3. Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia, 3,452 pts
4. Michael Chang, United States, 3,413 pts
5. Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Russia, 3,367 pts
6. Marcelo Rios, Chile, 2,413 pts

7. Richard Krajicek, Netherlands, 2,393 pts
8. Thomas Enqvist, Sweden, 2,267 pts
9. Wayne Ferreira, South Africa, 2,203 pts
10. Carlos Moya, Spain, 2,171 pts

11. Boris Becker, Germany, 1,992 pts
12. Todd Martin, United States, 1,873 pts
13. Albert Costa, Spain, 1,871 pts
14. Andre Agassi, United States, 1,857 pts
15. Felix Mantilla, Spain, 1,688 pts

16. Jim Courier, United States, 1,633 pts
17. Stefan Edberg, Sweden, 1,561 pts
18. Magnus Gustafsson, Sweden, 1,537 pts
19. Tim Henman, Britain, 1,536 pts
20. Michael Stich, Germany, 1,516 pts

Enqvist sent tumbling

ANTWERP, Feb 20: Sweden's Thomas Enqvist joined the parade of seeds marching out of the million dollar European Community Championship when he suffered a surprise 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3 defeat at the hands of Spaniard Francisco Clavet on Wednesday, reports AFP.

"It was a very tough match," said the Swede. "The balls here are very different from those we used in Arseville. I couldn't feel them very well on my racket."

"I had my chances in the second set, but I'm tired mentally after winning the singles and doubles in Marseille. Physically, though I'm fine."

Man United climb atop



LONDON, Feb 20: Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson said he was delighted with his team's battling 2-1 win over Arsenal in the English Premier league on Wednesday, describing their top-of-the-table victory as "extremely significant," reports Reuters.

This game had to be won tonight," he said. "Arsenal is never an easy place to come to and they have had a terrific season. It was an important victory and a very significant one."

The win, courtesy of first half goals from Andy Cole and Ole Solskjaer, kept the champions at the top of the table, a point clear of Liverpool and five ahead of third placed Arsenal, who have played a match more than United.

But Ferguson refused to be drawn on what appeared to be an outrageous Ian Wright foul on United goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel after 76 minutes. Wright launched himself into a flying two-footed tackle on the Dane.

"Every time I come to London I get misquoted," Ferguson said. "So I am going to keep my thoughts in my big Scottish head. I have nothing to say about it."

The two players were also involved in an scuffle at the entrance to the players' tunnel after the match, but Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger attempted to play down the incident.

"The referee on the field had to be the judge of what happened and he and the linesman were in the best position to see the incident. Every time Ian Wright is involved in anything it becomes a major issue with the whole country talking about it. I don't know if anything happened in the tunnel. I can't speak about that."

Wright had earlier been booked for a scything tackle on Denis Irwin and was then frustrated by having a goal disallowed for offside after 68 minutes.

But a few minutes later, after being flagged offside, he chased a loose ball through to Schmeichel and appeared to lunge at him with both feet.

Ferguson reacted angrily and had to be restrained from going on to the pitch by two stewards. Afterwards Wenger

said: "I thought (Ferguson's) reaction was surprising. After all, you can only have 11 men on the field."

United have now lost only once in their last six visits to Highbury and became the first team to beat Arsenal at home in the league this season.

As Wenger said afterwards: "That was a very, very important match for us to win. Mathematically it is not over and it depends on how we react against Wimbledon on Sunday but they are a very good team."

More bad news for the Gunners came when it was revealed Wright, Steve Bould and Ray Parlour would all be suspended following their bookings.

"That is very bad for us. I'll have to go out and buy some new players tonight," Wenger joked.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
Cox's Bazar Public Works Division,
Cox's Bazar

Memo No-195

Dated: 4.2.97

Tender Notice

No 50/96-97

1. Tenders in BD Form No-2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted special first class and first class electrical/mechanical contractors, and Chittagong Public Works Zone, Chittagong enlisted second class electrical/mechanical contractors for the undermentioned work. The said tenders will be received by the undersigned, the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division-3/4, Agrabad, Chittagong, and the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Bandarban up to 12:00 Noon of 3/3/97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the interested tenderers (who may be interested to be present). Attested copy of value added registration certificate of the Value Added Tax Department should be attached with the tender and attested copy of A.B.C licence (as per financial ability) should be submitted with the tender. Tender should be submitted by superscribing the name of work on the cover.

2) Name of work : Construction of Cox's Bazar District Jail: (Sub-head: Internal electrification work of Women Prisoners' Barrack Building). Year — 1996-97 (Barrack No-1 & 2).

3) Estimated cost : 3,92,251/-

4) Earnest money : 7,845/-

5) Time limit for : 120 (one hundred twenty) days from the completion of work date of issuing work order.

6) a) Contractors can see and purchase BD Form No-2911, additional terms & conditions of tender etc at the usual price from the office of the undersigned, Executive Engineer, Public Works Division-3/4, Agrabad, Chittagong, Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Bandarban on or before 1/3/97. Tender can be purchased by the contractor himself or his authorised representative.

b) Contractors shall be bound to pay VAT at the rate decided by the Ministry of Finance/National Board of Revenue for collection of VAT against class basis work. Final settlement/payment of the bill will not be made until VAT registration & VAT clearance at prescribed rate by the contractor.

7) If more than one individual or firm happen to be the lowest tenderer by submitting the same rate individually, then lottery will be held on 6.3.97, at 12:00 Noon by the undersigned or his authorised representative before the contractors (those willing to be) present.

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Memo No PHU/Ban DSE 001/96-97/880

Dated: 12-2-97

RE-APPOINTMENT NOTICE

Applications in prescribed form are invited from Bangladesh nationals for appointment to the undermentioned posts for the WHO financed Ban DSE Project under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Sl No	Name of post	Duration	Number of post
1	National Consultant (Bio Medical Equipment)	1 (one) year	1 (one) No
2	National Consultant (Bio Medical Re-agent Production)	3 (three) months	1 (one) No

Educational Qualification & Experience:

1. Candidate for post No 1 must be minimum B.Sc Engineer (Electrical) or should possess equivalent degree for recognised university. Should have minimum 20 (twenty) years experience in Bio Medical Equipment repair, installation & maintenance.
2. Candidate for post No 2 must be minimum science graduate or possess equivalent degree from recognised university. Should have minimum 20 (twenty) years experience in Bio Chemical Re-agent production & quality control.

Pay: Pay will be decided on the basis of expertise & experience as per existing rules of ERD.

Terms & conditions and rules & regulations:

1. The incumbent should abide by the rules of WHO & conducted by Govt Service Rules as is applicable.
2. The decision of the committee formed by the Ministry of Health & Family Planning is final in selection of candidates.
3. Departmental candidates should apply through proper channel.
4. Application form & terms of reference will be available at the Office of the Director, Public Health Institute, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
5. Application must reach the office of the undersigned by 2 PM of 28-02-97 at the latest.
6. Date of interview will be communicated by post, but no TADA will be admissible for attending.
7. Those who have earlier applied for the above posts, need not apply afresh.

Dr Mrs Latifa Khanam
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Bridge Notes

By An Expert

Hands from Bermuda Bowl

Score: 100-99
Board: 52
Dir: West
Vul: Both

♠K1097
♥A1086
♦A86
♣10932

♠A543
♥A542
♦QJ973
♣—

Open Room
WEST Solodar
Pass
1NT
2NT

Closed Room
Masood
1NT
2NT

The American lead remained at 3 IMPs. Both East-West pairs reached 4♥ and made an over-trick after different lines of play and defense.

Open Room
With Fazli staying out opposite a passed partner, vulnerable, the Americans had a clear run to 4♥. Solodar's 2NT asked for shortness and Levin, with no slam ambitions, once Solodar couldn't open the bidding, simply jumped to game to conceal information from the defenders.

Munir started trumps, leading the 8. This ran to the 9 in the closed hand and Solodar continued with the ♦10, ducked. Munir won the ♥K with his ace and continued the trump attack. Solodar drew a third round himself and led the ♣J, covered. Dummy took the ♣A and ran the diamonds but he still had one black loser in the end. Making five without much pain.

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A tribute to Ashe

NEW YORK, Feb 20: A new 23,000-seat US Open Tennis Stadium will be named for the late Arthur Ashe following complaints from top players after the US Tennis Association had decided to call it USTA Stadium, reports AFP.

The whole family is very proud of you, Arthur," Ashe's widow, Jeanne Moutoussamy Ashe, said at a ceremony here Wednesday, one day before what would have been her and Ashe's 20th anniversary.

"He would be very proud of this honour because of the relationship he had with the USTA. I am proud because now there is a memorial in New York for Arthur. This city was very special for him. He won the US Open. Here is where we met. And that's the city where our daughter Tamara was born."

Closed Room
Masood opted for a 12-point notrump on the West cards, bolstered by the wealth of intermediate cards. Zia drove to game with Forcing Stayman, playing in hearts rather than spades as a consequence of the partnership's agreement to respond in hearts first.

Meckstroth started the ♦10. Masood ruffed in dummy and led a diamond to his king, ducked. The ♦10 came next and Meckstroth won his ace and switched to the ♦7. Masood ran this to his 8. He ruffed a second club in dummy and played of the king and ace to trumps. He was now able to play on diamonds with the ♠A as a reentry and Rod, well scored only his trump queen. Eleven tricks here too.

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Net Score: (0 IMPs)
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Champions' Tour schedule

LONDON, Feb 20: Bjorn Borg and John McEnroe will be back in London this year to renew their classic rivalry — not at Wimbledon but at the Royal Albert Hall, reports AP.

The famous concert hall will be the venue for the season-ending event of Europe's ATP Senior Tour of Champions on Dec 5-8.

Borg and McEnroe, who had some of tennis's most memorable duels at Wimbledon in the 1980s, will be among those competing on the tour. Others include Jimmy Connors, Pat Cash, Yannick Noah and Henri Leconte.

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