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Sports

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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Competition closes 8 pm,
Feb 28, '97

- Who finished runners-up in the Premier Division cricket league?
Biman Kalabagan Brothers
- In the ICC Trophy, Bangladesh will be led by
Bulbul Nannu Akram
- The eighth SAF Games will be held in
Nepal Bhutan Sri Lanka
- Where was Martina Hingis born?
Switzerland Hungary Czech Republic
- Name the skipper of the Zimbabwe cricket team.
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SPORTS TALK



Amanda Coetzer

(South African tennis player)
"I don't think I have seen a Grand Slam like this. This is really strange."
On the absence of Steffi Graf, Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and Conchita Martinez in the quarterfinals of this year's Australian Open.

Sajjad moves into nat'l jr snooker final

Sports Reporter
Defending champion Sajjad M Sayed of hosts Dhaka Club powered his way to the final of the Ashok Leyland second national junior snooker championship thrashing Rizvi of Gulshan Club 6-0 in a semifinal yesterday. The other semifinal match between Tasken of the hosts and Jason Salgado of Catholic Club, Chittagong was still going on at the time.

The final will be held today at 3 pm.
Seles' father undergoes cancer treatment
ROCHESTER, Minnesota, Feb 27: Karol Seles, father and coach of tennis star Monica Seles, began chemotherapy treatments for stomach cancer at the Mayo Clinic last month, it was revealed, reports AP.

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Seles, 63, was recently diagnosed with leiomyosarcoma. He was originally diagnosed with prostate cancer in June 1993 and with gastric malignancy in December 1993.

Rivals' final battle today

Sports Reporter

Favourite Pakistan A and defending champions India A will go into the championship-decider of the 3rd SAARC cricket trophy as deserving finalists at the Dhaka Stadium today.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will grace the concluding ceremony as the chief guest and will distribute the prizes



ASIF MUJTABA

amongst the participants. Pakistan A go into final as the only undefeated team in the quadrangular tourney with convincing wins against hosts Bangladesh and today's opponents India A and a cliff-hanger of a victory against Sri Lanka A.

The Indians, on the other hand, had to run against the odds to make light of a hefty run-chase against the hosts in their final round robin encounter in order to book their place in the final. They had earlier been routed by the Pakistanis after their match against the Sri Lankans had been abandoned due to a wet



ground. The Pakistan A manager Zaheer Abbas expects the encounter to be a keenly contested one. Talking to this correspondent yesterday afternoon, Zaheer commented that the Indians are a good side and are likely to fare better than in the two teams' previous encounter. He said that his boys will have to perform well in every department if they are to win the game.

Krishnamachari Srikkant, the India A cricket manager said that his boys will try to play good, positive cricket. He claimed that their batting had let them down previously against Pakistan A and therefore his team will concentrate hard while batting. The Indian

skipper Amay Khurasiya added that his team has had a tremendous morale boost from their game against Bangladesh and he thinks that the confidence generated by that performance will help their chances.

S K Bansal of India and Javed Akhtar of Pakistan will officiate in the final.



AMAYA KHURASIYA

The organisers are hoping that the crowd-turnout in today's game will be more than in the previous few matches. Barring the first match, the tournament so far has failed to attract big crowds due to Bangladesh's poor performance in the event.

Henman, Bruguera in qtrs

MILAN, Feb 27: British number one Tim Henman served 13 aces as he brushed aside Adrian Voinea of Romania in just 44 minutes to get him in to the quarterfinals of the Milan Indoor tournament on Wednesday, report agencies.

Fourth seed Henman won 6-1, 6-2, Voinea contributing to his own downfall with a string of unforced errors. "Against Voinea I played better than in all the matches in Antwerp last week," Henman said.

Henman was runner-up to Switzerland's Marc Rosset in the European Community event on Sunday, his third ATP Tour final in a blistering start to the year.

Rosset also savoured a straight sets victory in Milan, he beat Francisco Clavet of Spain 6-4, 6-2.

Henman ranked 14th in the world, will face Petr Korda of the Czech Republic on Thursday. Korda defeated Ukraine's Andrei Medvedev 6-3, 6-3.

Sergi Bruguera followed up on his first round dismissal of Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek by beating fellow Spaniard Javier Sanchez 6-4, 6-0.

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France beat Holland

PARIS, Feb 27: Substitutes Patrick Loko and Robert Pires scored in the final 16 minutes to give 1996 World Cup hosts France a 2-1 win over the Netherlands in a friendly Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Arsenal striker Dennis Bergkamp put the Dutch ahead in the third minute when he rifled a 25-metre shot past Bernard Lama in the French goal.

Bergkamp could have put the match beyond the reach of the French in the 12th minute when he broke away again but his shot from the right was blocked on the line by France's stand-in captain Laurent Blanc.

It was France's second victory over the Dutch in three meetings since coach Aime Jacquet took charge.

The last time the two sides met in the Euro '96 quarter finals, France won on penalties after a 0-0 draw.

with a consistent play from the baseline and precise serves.

He took 61 minutes to beat his countryman in a second-round match, two days after stunning Wimbledon champion and No. 2 seed Richard Krajicek.

The 26-year-old Spaniard, an Olympic silver medalist at Atlanta, said he aimed at repeating his best performance in Milan when he reached the 1993 final, before losing to Boris Becker.

Bruguera, who had a poor 1996 after tearing ligaments of his right ankle, is trying to restore the form which earned him 14 titles, including consecutive French Open triumphs in 1993 and 1994.

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TV replay gets boost

LONDON, Feb 27: A penalty dubbed the "most controversial" in years is prompting English soccer to look at the possibility of television replays to help decide penalty decisions, reports AP.

The uproar over a penalty called in an FA Cup fifth-round match, resulting in a goal for Frank Leboeuf and a 1-0 win for Chelsea over Leicester, blanketed the English press Thursday.

"World's Worst Referee," the Sun said. The Daily Mail read simply, "Unbelievable."

It may be inevitable that football has got to look at it," said Graham Kelly, the English Football Association chief executive.

"We are talking about stock market quotations, a lot of money involved here," Kelly added. "Maybe it is inevitable."

He said the FA has been studying how technology might aid referees ever since an apparent goal by Romania was disallowed in last summer's European Championship.

"We are still in the middle of it at the moment," he said. "And as someone who has trouble setting their video recorder could testify — it is a little bit of a complex situation."

Italy's richest indoor tournament, Bruguera will play the winner of the match between seventh-seeded Marc Rosset and unseeded Frenchman Arnaud Boetsch.

Rosset broke his opponent in the fifth game of the first set and twice more in the second for an unchallenged one-hour victory.

The Swiss, winner of last week's EC Championship in Antwerp, said he was not yet playing his best tennis.

Daniel Vacek joined Bruguera in the quarterfinals by defeating Bohdan Ulihrach 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 in an all-Czech match.

Ivanisevic, the defending Milan champion and the top-seeded player of the tournament, played Frenchman Cedric Pioline in a second-round match later Wednesday.

Leicester manager Martin O'Neill ripped the referee. "It's a disgrace, shocking and heartbreaking," O'Neill said. "Everyone will see it and agree it was nowhere near a penalty."

"I'd like to speak to him (referee Reed) even though it wouldn't change matters," he added. "But I'd say he must go and genuinely study his own performance."

O'Neill said he would have even preferred the looming penalty-shootout, which would have been used to settle the match.

"Penalties are a lottery and no way to settle an FA Cup tie, but I'd sooner have a lottery than lose that way," he said.

American international Keller, who left London after the match for a World Cup qualifier this weekend in Jamaica, suggested a second referee might be needed.

"I don't blame Chelsea, but maybe instead of a third eye up in the grandstand for controversial incidents, there is a case for having two referees," he said.

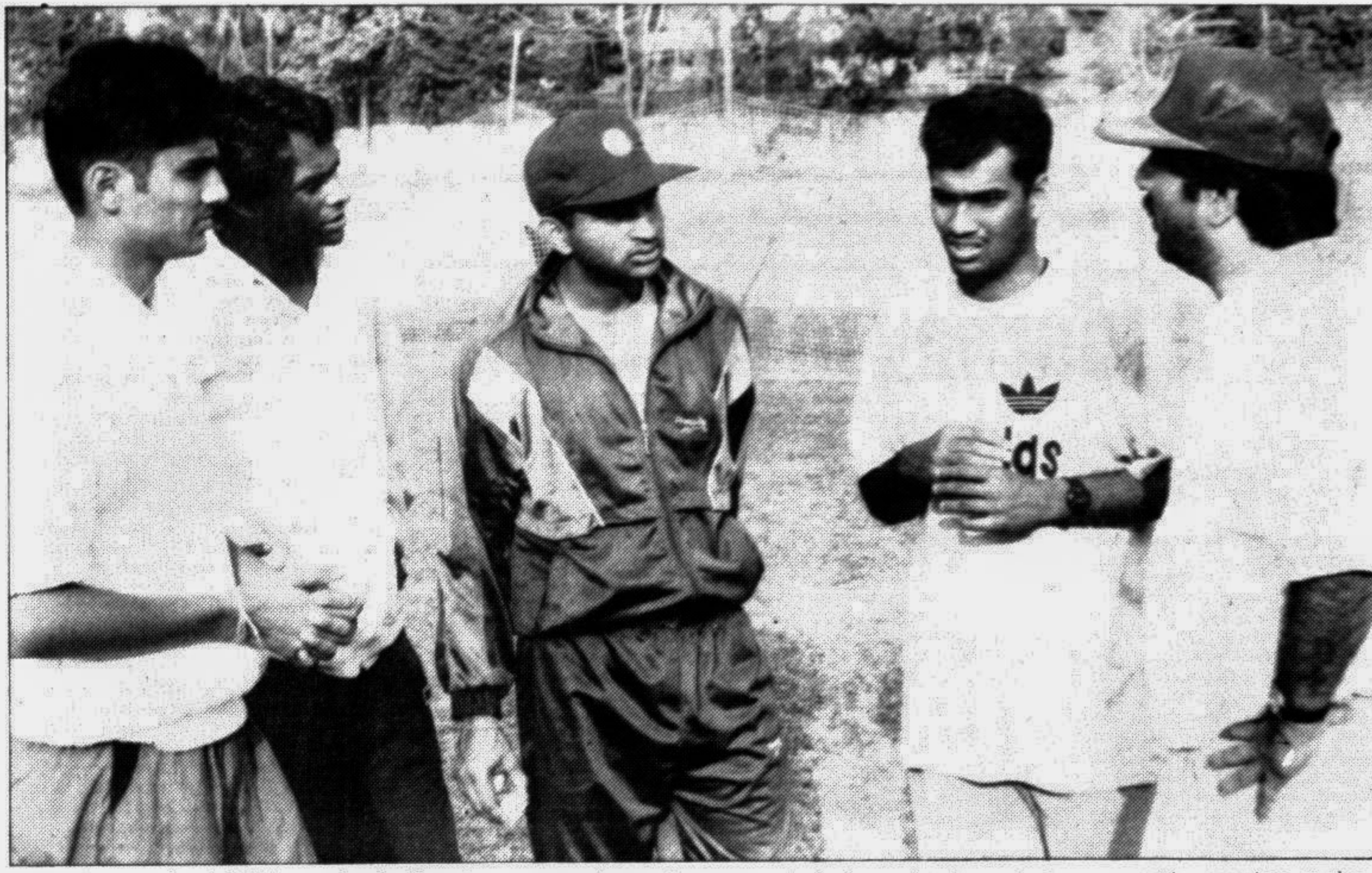
"It was a bad decision," Keller added. "Call it cheating, a professional trick or whatever, but Johnsen just went down in a heap and the referee bought it."

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Krishnamachari Srikkant, the India A manager, imparting some vital tips to his boys during a practice session at the BUET ground last afternoon.

Inter-varsity cricket Jnagar outplay Khulna

Sports Reporter

Two brilliant centuries by openers Mahfuz and Rinku guided hosts Jahangirnagar University to an impressive 213-run victory over Khulna University in a Coca Cola inter university cricket tournament encounter at the Jahangirnagar University ground yesterday.

Batting first, the hosts piled up a huge 351 for two in their stipulated 40 overs with Mahfuz hammering 118 and Rinku scoring 109 runs. Timir added 41 runs while Mukul scored 38 runs.

In reply Khulna University were restricted to only 138 for nine in their allotted 40 overs with Tuhin scoring 36 followed by Rimon who added 20 runs.

For Jahangirnagar University, Timir was the most successful bowler capturing four wickets for 25 runs while Manju and Ullash claimed one each.

Islamic University will take on BUET in today's match at the same venue.

Acme Div II cricket result

Sports Reporter

Brilliant bowling by Rashedul Haq helped Bangladesh Railway to record an emphatic nine-wicket win over Dhanmondi Progoti Sangha in the lone Acme Second Division Super League match at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

The Railway seamer, who bowled with venom with the new-ball, captured six wickets as Dhanmondi Progoti, electing to use the wicket in the morning were shot out for a meager 67 in 19.5 overs.

Rashedul gave only 19 runs for his six scalps in his nine overs which yielded three maidens. While his partner Subroto played the perfect foil at the other end claiming three wickets for 22 runs.

Among the Dhanmondi willow-wielders skipper Azad with 19 and lower-order bat Tutul, who scored 12, were the only double-digit scorers after Mr Sundries which contributed highest 20 runs to the vanquished total.

In reply, Railway rattled up 69 in 11.1 overs losing the wicket of Rashedul, who after a fantastic job with the cherry, did one better with the bat scoring a rapid-fire 11. Skipper Harun remained unbeaten on a 33-ball 29 while one-down Saffar Ali scored 14 not out.

School sports

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Umrigar hangs up his hat



NEW DELHI, Feb 27: Former Indian Test batsman Polly Umrigar has resigned his salary with the Indian cricket board, saying he was fed up dealing with the country's cricket establishment, reports AFP.

Describing his 10-year tenure as the board's executive secretary as "a waste of time," Umrigar told the United News of India (UNI) today that his experience and knowledge of the game was never fully utilised.

"When I took up the job in 1987 I was given to understand that I would be given importance in cricketing matters too. But these blighters, who had never touched a bat in their lives, thought I was encroaching their domain," said the 70-year-old, who played 59 Tests for India between 1952 and 1963, seven as captain.

Umrigar was a full-time board employee, unlike other officials, including the president and secretary, who hold honorary positions.

Umrigar was unhappy over

the hectic schedule drawn up for the Indian team, who have been playing non-stop since the World Cup in February last year and will be without a break till June.

"I have asked the board to send India's second string, instead of the national squad, to play the scheduled exhibition matches in Bermuda in May, but they refused," he said.

"The Indian team will now be forced to stop over in Bermuda on their way back

from the West Indies even though the Independence Cup tournament will have started at home.

"No one considered the physical and mental condition of the team, who have just completed a gruelling tour of South Africa and are now already in the West Indies for another tough five-Test series."

Umrigar was also angry that the board turned down his proposal to delay the team's departure to South Africa in January to allow players some breathing space after a busy home season.

"There was no need to play two one-day matches in Zimbabwe since that country was already taking part in the triangular series in South Africa."

"But the players were sent straight off, did not have enough time to acclimatise to the faster wickets in South Africa, and were thrashed."

Umrigar said he would resign his post on March 1.

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Solid start for Sampras



PHILADELPHIA, Feb 27: World number one Pete Sampras extended his current winning streak to 16 matches on Wednesday with a first-round straight sets victory at the Advanta Championships, reports Reuter.

The top-seeded Sampras took 56 minutes to brush past Marcelo Filippini of Uruguay 6-4, 6-1.

Second seed Jim Courier followed Sampras by opening defence of his title with a 6-3, 7-6 win over 89th-ranked Guillaume Raoux of France.

Sampras, who has twice won this tournament, got off to an

erratic start, making an inordinate number of errors and struggling to find a rhythm with his serve.

"I concentrated pretty well, so it was okay, but I didn't serve well in the first set," Sampras said.

Sampras finally found his form in the ninth game of the first set, completing a love game with two sizzling service winners and an ace.

He then captured the first set

by breaking the 79th-ranked Filippini at 30-40 on a winning forehand approach shot.

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Krajicek to play in India

NEW DELHI, Feb 27: Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek and runner-up Malivi Washington have confirmed they will take part in the Indian Open in Madras in April, organisers said today, reports AFP.

Also included are world number eight Thomas Enqvist of Sweden and India's Olympic bronze medalist Leander Paes.

The event takes place from April 7 to 13 and temperatures are expected to be around 36 degrees centigrade (97 degrees Fahrenheit).

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French striker Christophe Dugarry (L) and Dutch defender Frank de Boer fight for the ball during a friendly match at the Parc des Princes Stadium on Feb 26.

— Reuter / UNB photo



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