

Sport

Test WC nears reality

JOHANNESBURG. Mar 1: International Cricket Council (ICC) chief executive David Richards said on Friday that a formally recognised Test World Championship could be instituted by the end of the year, reported Reuters.

Richards told a news conference at the Wanderers on the first day of the first Test between South Africa and Australia that he would be seeking assurances from all nine Test playing nations that a formalised World Championship would have their backing.

"The next ICC meeting is in Kuala Lumpur on March 23 and once we've agreed in principle it's just a question of juggling itineraries to make sure that all the countries play each other home and away over perhaps a four-year period," Richards said.

"The points system suggested by Matthew Engel seems to be the simplest."

Engel, editor of Wisden, cricket's annual almanac suggested a system whereby a team winning a series would get two points, one point for a draw and no points for a lost series.

Richards added, "There is a feeling that we need to reaffirm what the players feel about the importance and status of Test cricket and a World Championship would certainly raise its profile."

"The ICC cannot limit the number of one-day games played around the world — that is up to each individual country but both Mark Taylor and Hansie Cronje have expressed their concerns to me about the hectic nature of modern playing schedules."

Taylor and Cronje captain Australia and South Africa respectively.

Barnali bridge from Mar 6

The Barnali team event bridge competition will be held from March 6 to 10, reports BSS.

The quarterfinals will take place on March 6 and 7 at the Bangladesh Bank Club while the semifinals and the final will be held at the Officers' Club from March 8 to 10.

Dhaka Electric Supply Authority Tender Notice

নিয়মিত বিদ্যুৎ বিল পরিশোধ করুন

According to Tender Notice No. EEN/Q&M/MIR(D)/97/126/86, dt. 5.2.97 said tender in DESA Form No-T-1, are hereby invited from enlisted contractors. Regarding yearly repairing & maintenance work of wooden-leaf, door-frame, iron grill and sanitary goods etc. for the quarters under supervision of Operation and Maintenance Division, Mirpur, DESA, Dhaka. Those who are interested to participate in the supply of stores materials they can purchase the tender schedule. After seen by valid trade licence, VAT registration, GIR/TIN. The detailed of tender documents, schedule to be obtained at a cost of Tk. 200/- (Two hundred) only per set (Non-refundable) in favour of the Additional Director, R.A.O. DESA Dhaka through Bank Draft/Pay-Order during office hours up to 9.3.97 from the office of the (i) General Manager, Consumer Service (North), DESA, Dhaka (ii) Superintending Engineer, Consumer Service, Mirpur Circle, DESA, Dhaka (iii) Manager, Janata Bank, Sec-1, Branch Mirpur, Dhaka with permission from the undersigned. Tender will be received on 10.3.97 at 12.00 Noon and opened on the same day at 12.30 PM in presence of the bidders (if any). The authority reserves all right of acceptance or rejection of any tender without assigning any reason thereof.

DESA-25/97
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Executive Engineer
O&M Division, Mirpur
DESA, Dhaka.

Sunday 2nd March
(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programmes).

BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement
Al-Quran Programme Summary
3:10 News in Bangla 3:15 Patriotic Songs 3:20 Recitation from the Bible 3:25 Retelecast of Drama 4:50 Marami 5:00 News in Bangla 5:25 Sports Programme 6:00pm Getmalya 6:35 Mayeder Janno 6:50 Open University 7:00 The News 7:25 Documentary on Freedom Fighting 8:00 News in Bangla 8:25 Women in Freedom Fighting 9:00 Film Series: Akbar The Great 10:00 News in English 10:25 Those Days of Freedom Fighting 10:30 Shono Anaban 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Monday's programme 11:40 Close down

BBC

6:00am BBC World News 6:30

Srinath may return home



KINGSTON, Jamaica, Mar 1: West Indies Test batsmen Robert Samuels and Jimmy Adams both failed to get substantial scores here Friday as India spent the opening day of their Caribbean tour in the field against Jamaica at Sabina Park, reports AFP.

Sent in to bat, Jamaica reached 245 for five by the close with left-hander Tony Powell unbeaten on 59.

Wicketkeeper Shane Ford had joined him at the crease and was not out on one.

But the cricket was largely overshadowed by news that Indian fast bowler Javagal Srinath will probably have to return home.

The 27-year-old new-ball bowler aggravated a shoulder injury that he sustained prior to the solitary Test against Australia on the eve of the match.

Although the Indian team doctor was not too optimistic about his chances of recovery on tour, manager D V Subba Rao said they were awaiting a medical report and advice from the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

With Srinath unable to bowl

alongside Venkatesh Prasad, Jamaica made a sound start but lost both of their openers Samuels (27), a West Indies left-hand opening batsman, and Leon Garrick (30) before lunch.

Dropped early in his innings by India's captain Sachin Tendulkar, Adams, whose place in the West Indies eleven for the first Test is questionable, made 26 and shared 73 for the third wicket with Mario Ventura 42.

However, leg-spin bowler

Garrick lbw b Prasad 30

Samuels run out 27

Ventura run out 42

Adams c Azharuddin b Kumble 26

Powell not out 59

Murphy c Sidihi b Joshi 37

Ford not out 1

Extras: (b-5, lb-7, nb-11) 23

Total: (for five wickets) 245

Fall of wickets: 1-49; 2-71; 3-144; 4-165; 5-233.

To bat: Nehemiah Perry, Laurie Williams, Franklin Rose, Courtney Walsh (captain)

Bowling: O M R W

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Kumble 21 7 43 1

Joshi 21.4 5 55 1

David 9 1 28 0

Laxman 9 1 23 0

Tendulkar 2 2 0 0

JAVAGAL SRINATH

Anil Kumble claimed him for the only wicket in the after-

noon period which Jamaica ended at 164 for three.

In the evening session, Jamaica, with Powell in the forefront, made India endure the long, hard grind even though the tourists had Ventura run out and Brian Murphy caught in the deep for 37.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard Friday on opening match of India's cricket tour of the West Indies at Sabina Park:

JAMAICA: First innings

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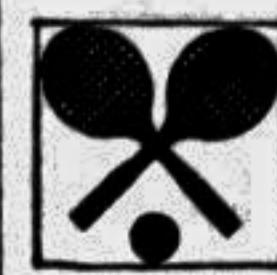
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16th Lancer golf tourney held



KOSICE, Mar 1 (AP): Tennis prodigy Martina Hingis moved away from this town in eastern Slovakia more than a dozen years ago and recalls little of her birthplace.

"I don't remember much from my childhood as we left Kosice when I was three years old," said Hingis, the world No 2

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She then moved to Switzerland with her mother, Melanie Molitor, and settled in Trub-

bach near the border with Liechtenstein.

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Hingis will play Slovakia's No 2 player Katarina Studivnikova in the opening singles on Saturday. Swiss Patty Schnyder faces rising Slovak star Karin Habsudova, the world's No 10 player, in Saturday's other singles.

Reverse singles and the doubles are scheduled for Sunday in the World Group II tie.

Hingis' parents were both ranked in the Czechoslovak top 30 in their time. While her mother took on the role of Martina's coach and sole adviser, Karol Hingis stayed in Kosice, where he works as a caretaker at the VSZ Kosice tennis club and occasionally coaches young players.

Her father was living in relative anonymity — interviewed only by Czech and Slovak journalists. That all changed when his daughter won the Australian Open earlier this year, becoming the youngest Grand Slam singles winner of the century.

"Suddenly all those people asked for an interview, and I'm just not used to publicity," he said, explaining he and relatives have been getting calls from around the world.

He said he was offended by stories in foreign newspapers about his standard of living.

"I'm not complaining about my life," he said in reaction to reports he earns about 6,000 crowns (200 dollars) a month and lives in a shabby prefab house.

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Return of the native

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R&H, Tender Invitation Notice

1) Tender Notice No.	185/EE/1996-97.
2) Name of work	Supply of spare parts for repairing Isuzu Trooper Jeep Dhaka Metro-Ka-02-1821 of (R&H) Equipment Control Division, Dhaka under R&H, Workshop Division, Dhaka.
3) Estimated cost	2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost should be submitted through BD/TC/Sanchay Patra/CD from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh Bank in favour of the Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Dhaka.
4) Earnest money	As per schedule.
5) Time for completion of work	15 (fifteen) days from the date of issuing work order.
6) Eligibility of contractor	As per eligibility & rules, R&H, Directorate's enlisted 'A' to 'E' class contractors.
7) Offices where tender & schedule will be available	Can be purchased at Tk 510/- (non-refundable) per set with Bangladesh Form No-2908 from Workshop Division, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Mymensingh up to the day before the date of receiving tender.
8) Officers & offices to receive tender & schedule	Superintending Engineer, R&H, Workshop Circle, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Mymensingh.
9) Last date of selling tender	09-03-97.
10) Last date & time of receiving sealed tender	10-03-97 up to 12:00 Noon.
11) Date & time of opening sealed tender	12-03-97 at 12:30 PM.
12) Date of lottery (if needed)	12-03-97.
13) Head of expenditure	2-Repair.

Md. Humayun Rashid