#### Russell skates on thin ice

LONDON, Apr 29: England wicketkeeper Jack Russell jeopardized his international career and sparked a furious row after the publication of extracts from his autobiography on Monday, reports AFP.

The authorities at Lord's are insisting that Russell rewrites the book which contains vitriolic attack on former England cricket chairman Ray Illingworth.

But the 31-year-old Gloucestershire captain is refusing to comply and has threatened legal action against the England Cricket Board (ECB) if they seek to punish him.

In the book Jack Russell unleashed Illingworth is accused of poor man management making inflammatory comments to the media and lowering the morale of some players during his controversial reign.

In his book which is being serialised by the Daily Mail, Russell wrote "He (England skipper Mike Atherton) was undermined in front of his own players by Illingworth. To me that was cardinal sin."

He also claimed Illingworth "ushered in a time of uncertainty for many England player. Illingrowth's particular brand of man-management did little for the morale of those he picked during that period."

Russell told the Mail he was being 'squeezed into a corner' by Lord's. "If they are going to ban me or take a lot of money off me I will have to consider legal options. There are no two ways about it," he said.

But Illingworth has hit back in the Express, for whom he writes a column, saying, "I guess I can understand why Jack's done this, he's a wicket-keeper and a painter and there's nothing much in his life that would make his book a big seller."

Tim Lamb, the ECB's chief executive, refuted claims by Russell that Lord's have dragged their heels "in dealing with the

Lamb added: "The board will look at Today's article and subsequent articles and if there are any concerns then the matter will be referred to the board's discipline committee."

### Wiesner plans to quit

VIENNA, Apr 29: Judith Wiesner, Austria's most successful women's tennis player and the world number 17, said on Monday she will retire at the end of the year, reports Reuter.

Wiesner, 31, has been sidelined by a virus illness since the middle of March. She has won a total of 1.7 million dollars during her 12-year professional cafeer and was a quarterfinalist at Wimbledon and US Open last

"I had a long time to think while I was ill and I just couldn't find sufficient motivation for 1998," she said.

"Ever since taking this decito my next tournaments.

Wiesner, whose highest world ranking was 12th, still has tournaments in Berlin, Strassbourg and Paris on her schedule as well as Wimbledon and the US Open.

She will also play for Austria in the Fed Cup in July.

#### Capello may leave Real

MADRID, Apr 29: Fabio Capello is to leave Real Madrid after just one season, the Italian coach told Spanish radio today, reports AFP.

"I made up my mind to leave Real Madrid at the end of the season only two days ago after failing to reach agreement with Real president Lorenzo Sanz and some of his staff," Capello

He was reported to have asked for more money to spend on the transfer market to strengthen the side for next season's Champions' League.

Real at the end of last season and is guiding them to the Spanish title.

Capello quit AC Milan for

He said he had not signed for another club but reports in Italy say he may well be returning to Milan.

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# Pakistan put into perils



COLOMBO. Apr saw the world one-day champi-29: Aravinda de Silva's third century in a row and a fiery burst by Chaminda Vaas

left Pakistan gasping for survival in the second cricket Test against Sri Lanka here today, reports AFP.

Set an improbable victory target of 426, or a minimum of 121 overs to battle for a draw, Pakistan limped to 28 for two by the end of the fourth day's play at the Sinhalese Sports Club Ground.

De Silva, who scored 168 in the opening Test and 138 not out in the first innings here, smashed an unbeaten 103 off 99 balls as Sri Lanka flayed the depleted Pakistani attack.

Opener Sanath Jayasuriya chipped in with 106, his second Test century, and skipper Arjuna Ranatunga hammered 66 off 62 balls before Sri Lanka closed their second innings at 386 for four soon after tea. Left-armer Vaas, working up

a lively pace before some 6,000 roaring home fans, and Pakistani stand-in captain Rameez Raja edging his fourth delivery to wicket keeper Romesh Kaluwitharana before a run has been scored.

Salim Elahi batted for 32 minutes to score 14 before driving Vaas to mid-on where Russell Arnold, the lone fielder in front of the wicket on the onside, grabbed the easy catch. As the light faded towards

the end, Ranatunga was forced to take off Vaas and fellow seamer Sanjeewa de Silva after sion, I am able to look forward | 10 overs and bring on the spin- a

Ijaz Ahmed and Salim Malik played out an over each from Jayantha Silva and Ruwan Kalpage before the umpires called off play with 19 overs still remaining in the

Rain, which has been forecast for Wednesday, will be Sri Lanka's biggest stumbling block in their bid to wrap up the short series on the final day. The first Test ended in a draw.

De Silva and Ranatunga hit 105 in 81 minutes for the fourth wicket to lift the Sri Lankan scoring rate after just 85 runs were scored before lunch from 26 overs.

Their spectacular assault

ons pile up 142 runs off 25 overs in the afternoon session.

The portly Ranatunga hit nine boundaries and three sixes, including two off successive balls from leg-spinner Mushtag Ahmed.

De Silva smashed 11 boundaries and a six in his 11th Test hundred before the declaration came as soon as he crossed the landmark.

Pakistan, already without pace spearhead Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis, were left with just two frontline bowlers after injuries laid low seamers Muhammad Zahid and Shahid

Starting the day at 102 for no loss, a led of 141, the Sri Lankans began slowly against the steady spin attack of



DE SILVA... 3rd in a row

Saglain Mushtag and Mushtag

Jayasuriya, 61 overnight in score of 102 for no loss, reached the three-figure mark 10 minutes before lunch by sweeping Saqlain for his eight boundary

Arnold, playing his second Test, hit up 50 during an opening stand of 157 with Javasuriya before being bowled by a sharp leg-spinner from Mush-

Their partnership fell two short of Sri Lanka's best ever score for the first wicket — 159

by Siddath Wettimuny and Ravi Ratnayake against India at Kanpur in 1986. Marvin Atapattu was run out for four in trying to give Jayasuriya his hundred to leave Sri Lanka on 187 for two at lunch.

outscored his in-form partner by reaching 50 off 51 balls with the help of eight boundaries.

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Ranatunga and De Silva after

Jayasuriya was caught on the

mid-wicket fence of Saglain,

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the loss of his most attacking

batsman by launching a fierce

onslaught on the tiring Pak-

when De Silva was on 11

Ranatunga compensated for

Ranatunga, who came in

He finally was stumped b part-time wicket keeper Salim Elahi, standing in for the injured Moin Khan, while trying to hit Mushtaq out of the De Silva, 63 at tea, needed

just 25 balls after resumption to reach his century and then walked off as Ranatunga signalled the declaration. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the second and final Test between Sri Lanka and Pakistan Tuesday: SRI LANKA: First innings

331 (De Silva 138 not out, S Javasuriva 72). PAKISTAN: First inning 292 (Moin Khan 98; Sanjeewa 5-85,

C Vaas 4-60). SIR LANKA: Second innings (overnight 102-0). Javasuriya c Sub (Razzag) b -

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# Bailey raises the stakes



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AUSTIN. Texas. Apr 29: Donovan Bailey says his 150-metre match race against Michael Johnson

will be about Canada vs the States, flamboyance United against intensity and a short sprinter taking on a long sprinter, reports AP.

The race on June 1 in Toronto will not, however, be a

Md. Rafiqui Islam

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battle for the title of "world's fastest man," said Bailey, the world record holder and reigning Olympic champion in the 100 metres.

Johnson is the world record holder in the 200 metres and Olympic champion in the 200 and 400 metres. "The fastest man runs on a

straightaway," Bailey said, alluding to the fact the 150-metre race against Johnson will include 75 metres of curve and 75 metres of straightaway.

The race will open with a staggered start on the curve, with Bailey in Lane 2 and Johnson in Lane 3. "Michael and I are the two biggest stars in track and field

worldwide," Bailey said, "We both train in Texas and we are from opposite countries, Canada and the USA, two very patriotic countries. "As far as the title is concerned, I mean, I don't see it."

Bailey said the race is more about marketing a sport that he says is suffering an identity crisis. Each will get 500,000 dollars for showing up in. Toronto, and the winner will take home 1 million dollars.

"There are people who don't understand that there is a need for marketing in our sport and need to go in another direction. Those are the ones hoping this will fail," Bailey said, adding he thinks match races will become more common.

"Me and Michael are pushing for a new direction and ensuring that track and field goes differently and becomes something that a family can pack a picnic basket and get out there and see who the stars are, just like basketball, baseball or football."

Bailey said he is recovering from an inflamed left Achilles tendon and will be ready to go on June 1.

"I've never run without pain. Never," said Bailey, who cramped up and was unable to

finish the anchor leg of the 400metre relay at the Texas Relays in Austin earlier this month.

Bailey briefly ran into Johnson in the parking lot after that meet. He said Johnson and a large entourage were standing near his Porsche con-

"I said, What's up?" and then I started my car and they got out of my way," Bailey said.

Bailey's coach, Dan Pfaff, said he hoped Bailey would run some 200-metre races prior to June 1, but that injuries have hampered that plan.

"I think the big thing is to run a few races so that he knows in his mind where he sits," Pfaff said. "He has some questions about what level of fitness he's at right now, because the injury has prevented us from doing some of the things that we've had planned."

Bailey is likely to see Johnson this weekend at a meet in Rio de Janeiro. Bailey is running the 100 and Johnson the

NEW DELHI, Apr 29: India has sought the help of two top experts from New Zealand to bring its infamous dead cricket pitches back to life, reports

Keith McAuliffe, director of New Zealand sports Turf Institute and Russel Smith, head groundsman at Fitzherhert Park in Palmerston North are visiting major cricketing centres in India, officials said. An official of the Board of

Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said the two experts were conducting soil tests, studying the methods adopted to prepare cricket pitches and suggesting measures to improve them. McAuliffe told reporters in

India's Bangalore city that some of the Indian cricket pitches were "as fast and bouncy as can be found in Australia and South Africa."

However, the nature of the pitch depends on its usage. In India I found that either the cricket pitches are over-used or under-used. Perhaps, we can have controlled cricketing activity.

The two will identify the areas for development and report their investigations to the BCCI, the officials said.

"It is upto the Indian board to pass on our findings to the respective state associations for implementation," McAuliffe

The Indian cricket board is presently preparing for the upcoming four nations Independence Cup, to be played in India next month to mark the country's 50th year of independence.

## Scifo back to business

BRUSSELS, Apr 29: Enzo Scifo will lead Belgium in their crucial World Cup qualifier against Turkey on Wednesday after missing the last two games of the campaign because of a toe injury, reports Reuter.

Scifo's inclusion is the only change to the team which beat Wales 2-1 in Cardiff last month, Belgium coach Georges Leekens said on Monday.

The Monaco midfielder replaces Dominique Lemoine for the Group Seven match in Istanbul. Lemoine moved to Spain's Espanol from Belgian club Mouscron earlier this month. "I think I'm playing at a high

level again after my injury," Belgium's captain said. TEAM

Filip de Wilde, Bertrand Crasson, Bart de Roover, Eric van Meir, Rudy Smidts, Franky van der Elst, Lorenzo Staelens, Enzo Scifo, Nico van Kerckhoven, Luis Liveira, Emile Lokonda Mpenza.

#### Five Israeli booters banned

JERUSALEM, Apr 29: The captain and four other members of Israel's national football team were suspended today on the eve of an international match against Cyprus for violating a night-time curfew. team officials said, reports

Coach Shlomo Sherf suspended the five indefinitely after they returned to their quarters after midnight Monday following celebrations of Mimouna, a holiday marked by Moroccan Jews at the end of passover. Those suspended including

captain Nur Klinger. Israel is scheduled to play Cyprus Wednesday at Ramat Gan outside Tel Aviv in a quali-

## **DBC's incentive**

fying match for the World Cup.

A new sporting and recreation centre has been introduced in the capital on commercial basis to popularise the game of billiards, reports UNB. Dhaka Billiard Centre (DBC) was established at the city's

Gulshan area last August with training and playing facilities for pool, snooker and billiard, said its managing director Syed Ekramuzzaman at a press conference in the city yesterday. He said DBC introduced the

game commercially for the first time not to earn profit only, but to extend playing and recreation facilities to the less privileged people who cannot manage entrance to the elite clubs. DBC has now four trainers.

115 full members and 25 happy members for students only. A full member has to pay Tk 10,000 as annual membership fee and a happy member yearly fee of Tk 1,500 plus another amount for playing the games. One can also get entrance to the club providing a fee of Taka 50 for one occasion.

The DBC organised a billiards tournament at the centre last March and a five-member DBC team participated in the last 13th national snooker championship.

# Kiwi boost for Indian pitches Hoddle in tricky situation



LONDON, Apr 29: England coach Glenn Hoddle admits that he will have no excuses if his team fail to beat Georgia by a conclusive

bley on Wednesday, reports It is a game which England must win in order to keep alive their hopes of qualifying automatically for the 1998 finals in

margin in their World Cup

Group Two qualifier at Wem-

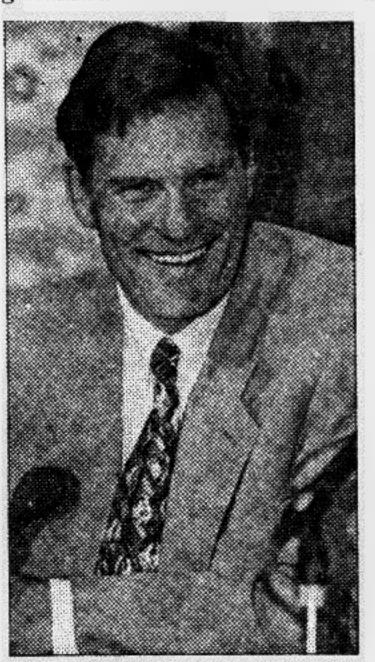
France. The 1-0 defeat to Italy at Wembley in February left the 'Azzurri' in pole position to qualify and meant England's route to the finals now likely to be through a play-off clash with

another top runner-up nation. But Poland could still complicate the equation especially by forcing a result against the Italians in Naples on Wednesday night.

Hoddle concedes he does not know which result from Italy he would prefer to hear, an Italian win which would extend their lead, at the top, or a polish triumph which would threaten England's hopes of a place in the play-off. The young England boss

masterminded away wins over Georgia and Moldova and a home win over Poland, but he was widely criticised for his tactics and selection in the defeat to the Italians 10 weeks

But those reviews will be like music to his ears compared to the headlines he can expect to wake up to on Thursday morning if England fail to beat a skillful but lightweight Geor-



The visitors' best player, Georgi Kinkladze, plays for Manchester city, who are currently languishing in the bottom half of the English First

Hoddle, though, says he will not be reading the papers for three days - whatever the result on Wednesday.

Hoddle has been boosted by a near clean bill of health amongst the squad with only

reserve goalkeeper Ian Walker (achilles heel) forced to drop out from his original squad. Captain and key striker Alan Shearer, goalkeeper David Seaman, inspirational central defender Tony Adams, veteran full back Stuart Pearce, striker

One ever-present throughout Hoddle's reign has been combative midfielder Paul Ince, who the England boss believes is now a truly world class player after adding guile to his natural grit since moving to Inter Mi-

mer Manchester United hardnut to dictate Wednesday's game from his position just in front of the defence, says:

but he's added to his talents in going abroad and taking on the challenge.

"He's gained experience, and there's not so much of the hotheaded stuff he showed at West Ham and early on at United".

It is Shearer, though, that the Georgia manager David Kipiani fears most, "Shearer is very strong, with a good brain and so dangerous in front of goal," said Kipiani.

# Destination France nears



much closer than that for a handful of countries if results go their way on Wednesday, reports Reuter. Romania, streaking away at

the top of Group Eight with a 100 per cent record of five wins, could be excused for booking their plane tickets this week if they beat Ireland in Bucharest. Already boasting a maxi-

of second placed Macedonia with both countries having The Netherlands are also in

would move eight points clear

tiny San Marino. Ideally the Dutch would like Turkey and Belgium, who meet in Istanbul, to draw on Wednesday. Belgium are currently three points behind the Netherlands with a game in hand — but have already lost 3-0 to the Dutch at home.

Oslo in a Group Three match battle for second place. In Group Two the tussle be-

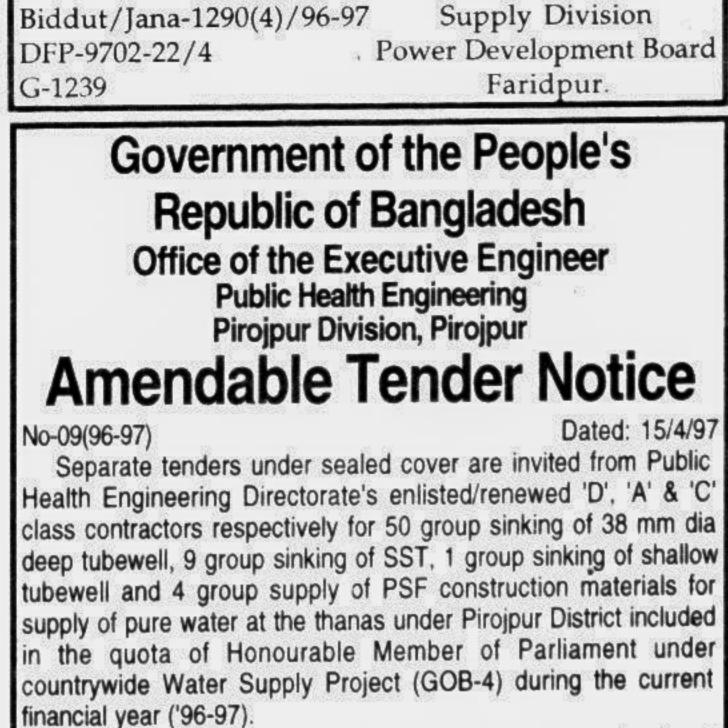
tween leaders Italy and secondplaced England could become even closer if England beat Georgia as expected at Wembley and Italy fail to beat Poland for the second time in a month following their 0-0 draw in Poland four weeks ago. Italy currently lead the group with 13 points, four

Group One looks set to be-

cially if Greece beat Croatia in Salonika. Greek coach Costas Polychroniou said the match was

### Shilton's career over?

LONDON, Apr 29: Former England goalkeeper Peter Shilton's league career looked to have finally ended at the age of 47 on Monday when Third Division Leyton Orient said they were letting him go because he could not kick the ball far enough, reports Reuter.



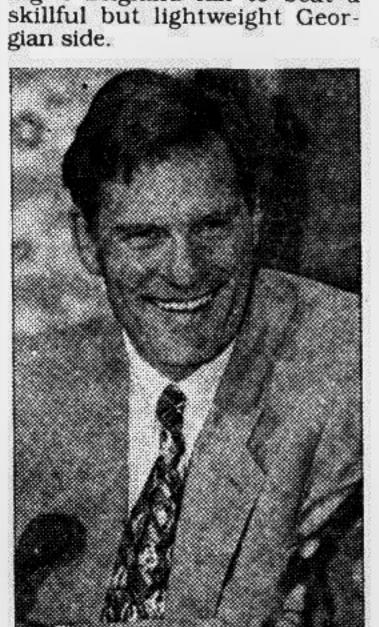
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GLENN HODDLE

Teddy Sheringhamare all available again after injury.

Hoddle, who wants the for-

"Paul's always been a winner

and most will have a major

bearing on the outcome of the

purely about pride. The Faroe

Islands who have lost all their

five games with a goal tally of 5-

22 travel to Valletta to face

Malta, who have lost all their

six games, without scoring once

and conceding 27 in the pro-

fiers, Ecuador play Argentina

in Buenos Aires, Peru play

Colombia in Barranquilla, and

· Uruguay play Paraguay in

In South American quali-

But one, in Group Six, is

qualifiers.

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#### LONDON, Apr 29: to who qualifies from the are being played on Wednesday

The Danes are optimistic

There is also a close fight for

about beating Slovenia despite

being without midfielder and

skipper Michael Laudrup who

qualification in Group Six

which sees leaders Spain (16

points from six matches), take

on second-placed Yugoslavia

(15 from six) in Belgrade. Third-

placed Slovakia are not out of

the hunt yet but will have to

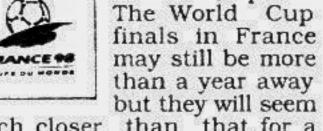
wait until May 21 when they

face the Czech Republic to fur-

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finals in France may still be more than a year away but they will seem

mum total of 15 points and a goal tally of 19-0, Romania

four matches to play. a commanding position in Group Seven - and should pick up three more points by beating

Scotland also look set to

qualify from Group Four but their seven-point lead is not quite as secure as it might appear. Scotland have 14 points from six matches but have played two matches more than every other team in the group If they were to beat Sweden in Gothenburg they would, at worst, be guaranteed second place in the group.

Norway could also take a big step towards the finals if they beat Finland as expected in The Norwegians have a 100 per cent record after three games and a goal tally of 9-0. Switzerland and Hungary look set to

ahead of England who have a match in hand. The Poles will be all but eliminated if they lose in Naples. come a straight fight between Denmark and Greece - espe-

crucial and could hold the key

"Peter is magnificent for his age and if he could kick a ball would keep him," Orient manager Tommy Taylor was reported as saying in the London Evening Standard.



the city yesterday.