

Benson & Hedges Cup cricket results

LONDON, May 7 (Reuters): Results in Benson and Hedges Cup (50 overs) cricket matches on Tuesday:

Northamptonshire beat Scotland by 5 wickets at Northampton.

Scotsland 160-9 in 50 overs.

Northamptonshire 165-4 in 32.4 overs.

At Edgbaston: Yorkshire beat Warwickshire by 5 wickets.

Warwickshire 233-8 in 50 overs.

Yorkshire 235-5 in 46.3 overs. (M Vaughan 88, D Lehmann 67).

At Walsall: Lancashire beat Minor Counties by 35 runs.

Lancashire 210-7 in 50 overs.

Minor Counties 175 in 43.3 overs.

At Glamorgan: Glamorgan beat Ireland by 6 wickets.

Ireland 202-9 in 50 overs (W Cronje 85).

Glamorgan 203-4 in 30.3 overs (M Maynard 50).

At Derby: Derbyshire beat Worcestershire by 20 runs.

Derbyshire 231 in 49.4 overs (K Barnett 59, V Clarke 52; D Leatherdale 4-33).

Worcestershire 211 all out in 45.5 overs (T Moody 77).

At Durham: Leicestershire beat Durham by 19 runs.

Leicestershire 287-4 in 50 overs (A Habil 111, V Wells 90). Durham, set a revised target of 282 in 48 overs after rain interruption, 263-9 in 48 overs (J Morris 62, N Speak 59).

Hingis skips German Open

STAMFORD, Connecticut, May 7: World number one Martina Hingis has withdrawn from next week's German Open in Berlin to give herself more time to heal from knee injury, the WTA Tour announced Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Hingis suffered a slightly torn ligament in her left knee after falling from a horse on April 21 and doctors have recommended the Swiss sensation take another two weeks of rehabilitation, the tour said in a statement.

The 16-year-old Hingis, who has already begun hitting balls, is expected to return to action for the French Open, beginning the week of May 26.

"Though I am disappointed that I am not ready to compete in the German Open, it is better for me to fully recover before returning to the tour," the statement quoted Hingis as saying from her home in Trubbach, Switzerland.

Hingis became the youngest player ever to assume the top ranking when she passed Germany's Steffi Graf on March 31. She has won all six singles events she has entered this year including the Australian Open and the Lipton Championships, and has a 1997 singles record of 31-0.

Graf returns at Berlin

HAMBURG, May 7: Former world number one Steffi Graf will return to action next week in Berlin following more than three months out with knee problems, her entourage revealed Tuesday, reports AFP.

Organisers of the 926,250-dollar event had hinted last week that Graf, a winner in Berlin nine times since 1986, would have recovered in time to go for a tenth success.

The German, who has won 21 Grand Slam titles, was recently displaced at the head of the WTA rankings by Swiss teenage sensation Martina Hingis.

Graf's manager Hans Engert said training had been going well under coach Heinz Guenthardt and that she was itching to return to the fray.

Graf has meanwhile reiterated that she does not want to become German team captain for the Federation Cup, Engert revealed.

Current captain Klaus Hofsaess is set to take over as national youth coach working with Boris Becker.

But although he wanted Graf to step into his shoes, Engert quoted her as saying she would not take on the post "as long as I am still playing."

Independence Cup from Friday

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