

County cricket scores

LONDON, May 9: Worcester-shire's former England seamer Phil Newport, ravaged by injury over the last 12 months announced his return to form and fitness by putting county champions Leicestershire on the rack on Thursday, reports AFP.



LONDON, May 9 (AFP): Mike Gatting has spelled out England's determination to give Dominic Cork time to overcome the problems which have blighted his attempt to recapture the sensational form which turned him into a star.

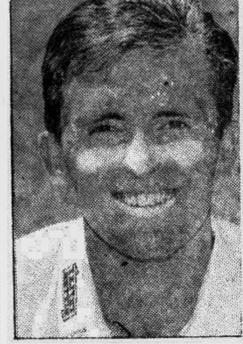
Gatting, recently appointed as an England selector, was at Derby on Monday to eye possible candidates for the forthcoming Texaco Trophy series with Australia starting at Headingley on May 22.

Although rain restricted play to just seven overs, Gatting was still able to hold lengthy discussions with Worcester-shire captain Tom Moody and his Derbyshire counterpart Dean Jones about the current form of their charges and talk inevitably turned to the personal difficulties and injuries which have prevented Cork repeating his early England heroics.

that same summer. But since that incredible start, Cork has wilted under the pressures of expectations and missed the first half of England's winter tour to Zimbabwe following the break-up of his marriage before taking only seven wickets in the three-Test series in New Zealand.

Since his return Cork has been sidelined with a groin injury which is expected to keep him out for a further three weeks almost certainly ruling him out of the Texaco series and making him doubtful for the first Test at Edgbaston starting on June 5.

England, however, plan to



DOMINIC CORK

leave the 26-year-old all-rounder to find his own cure for his problems, although Cork has publicly expressed a willingness to talk to former England legend Ian Botham about his loss of form.

"When Dominic is at his best, he is a useful performer and the

first thing he has to do is get back his fitness," explained Gatting. "That is the first step and once he is playing we can re-assess it further from there."

"Dominic has asked to talk to Ian Botham and the main thing is that the player is happy and he is dealing with someone he respects. We have just got to leave the boy alone so he can get himself fit and when he is, we can watch him again and hope he comes back to his best."

Former Australian Test star Jones revealed his teammates have already pledged their support to help him out of his crisis and are confident that Cork will be able to overcome his difficulties and recapture his form.

"He's been through a marriage break-up and it is a hard time in his life at the moment but the Derbyshire boys are rallying round him and trying to support him," said Jones.

"He has bowled a lot of overs in the last year or so and has had a few things happen to him away from the game and he has got a bit rattled about it. Cricket can be an ugly game and Dominic is upset because he has not done well for England."

"He is trying to emulate the way he played at the beginning of his England career. He has high standards as all great players have and I have no doubt that Dominic Cork will be a full force for England — and I can't see why that can't happen this summer."

Jones added, "One season does not make a career and he is well aware of that but when you are injured it is hard on you. Dominic is trying to do the right thing for Derbyshire and England but he had to get fit first and then get into the routine of bowling 50-60 overs a week."

Rezaul alone on top

Sports Reporter

Biman Fide Master Rezaul Haque took sole lead in the 23rd national chess championship after defeating Saifuddin Lovu of BTMC in the third round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Playing with white pieces, Rezaul, who followed a Catalan opening, checkmated Lovu after 17 moves for his third win in a row. The win raised his tally to three points from as many matches and gave him a half-a-point lead over teammate Kayes Hasan and Ali Anjad Mintu of Ansars on completion of the round.

In yesterday's round, Kayes tamed BTMC's Showkat Hossain Pallab while Mintu overcame Din Mohammad Swapan of Farashganj Sporting Club.

In the other engagements of the day, Enamul Hossain Rajib beat Teyebur Rahman Sumon, Abdullah-al-Rakib outplayed Abu Sufian Shakil, Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu defeated Amir Hossain while Saidul Islam Masum drew with Mohammad Javed. The other match between Sheikh Nasir Ahmed and Arifuzzaman Sikder was going on till filing of this report.

India turns to Kapil again!

NEW DELHI, May 9: Test cricket's most successful bowler, Kapil Dev, is returning to centre-stage three years after retiring from the game — this time as India's head groundsman, reports AFP.

The Indian cricket board, taking note of criticism from visiting teams, has hired the former all-rounder to improve the quality of wickets and outfields across the country.

Indian board secretary Jagmohan Dalmyia said today that Kapil, 38, had agreed to take over as chief director (grounds and pitches) for a three-year term.

"India has often been criticised for producing under-prepared wickets to suit its spinners," Dalmyia said. "Kapil's brief is to examine how we can prepare sporting wickets."

Dalmyia added that Kapil, a successful businessman, refused to accept any money for his services, but the Indian board has decided to pay him an honorarium of 1,000 dollars a month.

Kapil, who toiled manfully on the slow Indian pitches for 16 years before retiring in 1994 with a record haul of 434 Test wickets, said he was delighted to accept the challenge.

"This is a good way to give back what I got from Indian cricket," he said. "Being a seamer, I know how hard it is for bowlers to exploit wickets in India."

The ideal wicket is one which favours the new ball bowlers at the start, events out for batting before taking turn in the later stages of the match. It should have something for everyone."

India, benefitting from designer spinning wickets, have not lost a Test series at home since 1987, even though they have won just one match abroad in the same period.

"You will never get an under-prepared wicket again in India," Kapil promised, but added: "There's no harm in giving wickets that suit the home team. But they should not be one-sided."

Mary mystifies Monica

ROME, May 9: Top seed Monica Seles crashed out of the Italian Open on Thursday night, going down 7-6 (8/6), 7-6 (8/6) to France's Mary Pierce in a third round thriller here, reports AFP.

Pierce fended off three set points in the opening set and five more in the second as the Canadian-born 10th seed secured a spectacular victory, booking a quarter-final date with Romania's Ruxandra Dragomir.

The other pairings had four-time defending champion and

of any predictions that this could be her first tournament victory since 1995.

"There's a lot of girls out there who are tough to beat and I'm just going to take it one match at a time," she said.

Seles meanwhile had no explanations for her defeat. "I don't know what happened," she said. "I've never heard of someone being 3-6 down in both sets and the person winning it, but things happen and that's what happened tonight. I wish I knew."

Seles, who said the rain delays had not affected her, was playing her third tournament of the year after losing the Key

Biscayne and Hilton Head finals to Hings.

The American's service let her down in the opening games, allowing Pierce to break twice as she accelerated into an unexpected 3-0 lead.

However, Pierce surrendered her own service in the fourth game, before holding on until she served for the set at 5-4.

It looked to be a turning point in the match for Seles, with Pierce missing an easy volley into an empty court and following up with a double fault as she threw the game away for 5-5.

She rallied in the tie-break, taking a 2-0 lead before Seles stormed back to lead 6-3. Pierce



Spaniard Conchita Martinez plays a backhand return against Russian Elena Likhovtseva during their Italian Open third round match in Rome on May 8. Martinez won 6-2, 6-1.

No 3 seed Conchita Martinez against Joannette Kruger; No 2 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario against Patty Schnyder; and No 7 Irina Spirlea against No 11 Barbara Paulus.

Kruger, a South African ranked 121st by the WTA, got past eighth seed Karina Habudova 6-2, 6-4, while Switzerland's Schnyder upset No 6 Amanda Coetzer 7-6 (7-3), 7-5.

"I just kept fighting for every point," said Pierce, who had never taken a set off the Yugoslav born, naturalised American in their three previous meetings. "I wasn't thinking of the outcome. Monica was playing some very good shots."

But Pierce, who reached this year's Australian Open and Anelia Island finals, was wary

Haas, Mantilla in semis

HAMBURG, May 9: Tommy Haas, a 19-year-old wild card from Germany, rallied to upset Alberto Berasategui 6-2, 6-2, 6-3 at the German Open Friday and reached the semifinal of a major tournament for the first time in his career, reports AP.

Felix Mantilla beat giant-killer Hicham Arazi 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 in the first quarterfinal of the day and will face Haas in the semifinals.

Surrey's denial

LONDON, May 9: Surrey, one of England's leading cricket clubs, have moved to dampen speculation that former prime minister John Major is set for a top post with the county after resigning as Conservative Party leader, reports AFP.

Major, who headed straight for the Oval to watch Surrey in action just hours after last week's election defeat and minutes after resigning as Conservative Leader, was reported to be considering playing a leading role in the running of the club's affairs.

But Surrey chief-executive Paul Sheldon insisted on Wednesday no discussions had taken place with the former prime minister, who has been a keen supporter of the county since he was a young boy.

LATEST

ROME, May 9: Conchita Martinez, the four-time defending champion, moved into the Italian Open semifinals with a 6-0, 6-4 victory over South Africa's Joannette Kruger Friday, reports AP.

But Martinez, seeded third here showed some vulnerability in the second set, dropping three straight games to lead behind 3-2 and later wasting four match points in the ninth game.

The Spaniard has struggled this season, failing to reach any final. But now she's at the friendly Foro Italico, where she has now won 23 consecutive matches.

fought her way back into the match, taking the set with a deft drop shot that left Seles stranded.

The second set went with serve until the 11th game, although Seles missed one chance to break for 2-1 and two more for 4-3 before she finally made it at 6-5, sending in a superb backhand return off Pierce's serve.

Seles promptly missed two set points before finally being broken and heading into the tie-break.

Pierce took a 2-0 lead in the tie-break, before Seles rallied to lead 6-3 in a replay of the way the first set ended.

The sense of deja vu continued as Pierce broke for 6-6 and went on to win it when Seles sent a return long.

In the Light of Plant Quarantine Rules for Information of Importers & Exporters

Bangladesh Plant Quarantine Programme is controlled by law amended up to 30 July, '89 and now in force of Destructive Insects & Pest Act 1966 (Plant Quarantine) 4V to time amended under power brought in by Section Nos 4V & 5 of Destructive Insects & Pest Act 1914 (1914 of No 2). If commodities are imported from abroad in violation of this Act, then there remains the chance of dangerously destructive insects & diseases entering with the consignment and causing heavy damage to crops. In the greatest interest of the country all concerned are specially request to import & export plants/plant based items following the undermentioned quarantine rules.

- 1. Prior to opening LC from bank to import plant & plant-based items, import permit shall have to be obtained from Plant Protection Wing of the Directorate of Agriculture Extension.
2. Attested photocopy of IRC, original copy of challan of depositing quarantine fee under prescribed head should be submitted with the application for import permit.
3. Govt Phytosanitary Export certificate from the exporting country of imported goods must be submitted. No private phytosanitary export certificate will be acceptable.
4. Any firm importing plant/plant-based items without import permit, will not be given clearance certificate for the goods.
5. In case of export of plant/plant-based items, phytosanitary export certificate shall have to be obtained by depositing, along with application, quarantine fee through treasury challan under prescribed head of Plant Protection Wing.
6. Fumigation of exportable/plant-based goods must be done the Plant Quarantine Centre concerned under this wing. No private organisation has been legally permitted for fumigation of exportable plant-based goods.
7. That the imported plant/plant-based items or any other packing materials (made of plant-based material) are insects & diseases free should be mentioned in certificate/rectification certificate, phytosanitary export certificate from appropriate authority of the country of export/origin. Besides, it is requested to contact Plant Protection Wing of the Directorate of Agriculture Extension, Khamarbari, Dhaka & Plant Quarantine Centres for detailed information.

Md Delwar Hossain Director Plant Protection Wing for Director General DFP-10410-30/4 G-1336

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Directorate of Relief & Rehabilitation HBFC Building (5th Floor) 22, Purana Paltan, Dhaka Tender Notice

No Trapua/Trasha-2/Tran-8/96(Part-1)/186 Dated: 7th May '97 Sealed Tenders are invited from the interested manufacturer/importer and supplier for the supply of 1400 (One thousand four hundred) only metric ton (more or less) CI sheet.

The schedule of tenders contained full description, conditions and rules will be available at a cost of Tk 2500/- (Two thousand five hundred) only (Non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned up to the 17th May '97 during office hours. The tenders will be received in the tender box kept in the office of the undersigned up to 12:00 Noon on the 19th May '97. The tender box will be opened on the same days at 12:30 PM in presence of the bidders or their representatives (if there be any).

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

DFP-11157-75 A M Abdul Jabbar Director General G-1332

Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD) CHT Workshop Division, Rangamati Notice of RHD Inviting Tender

- 1. Tender Notice : 32 (thirty-two) RHD/1996-97dt. 27.4.97 No. Eng. 14.1.1404 Bangla.
2. Name of work : Supplying of spare parts, engine overhauling & repairing of Polish Pay-loader No. 197, Model UE-400, of Workshop Sub-Division, Khagrachhari under CHT Workshop Division, Rangamati during the year 1996-97.
3. Estimated cost : Tk 4,00,230/-
4. Earnest money : (In favour of EEW/S.Divn. Rangamati) Tk 8,005/-
5. Time for completion of work : 30 (Thirty) days from the date of issue of work order.
6. Eligible class of general category of contractor : "A" to "E" general category of contractor of RHD, according to their financial limit & rule/authorised agent of manufacturer.
7. List of offices where tender document available for sale : Executive Engineer, RHD, Workshop Division, Rangamati/Chittagong/Road Division, Rangamati & Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Workshop Sub-Division, Khagrachhari up to 19.5.97 Eng/5.2.1404 Bangla.
8. Name of offices where tender will be received and opened : Superintending Engineer, RHD, Workshop Circle, Chittagong. Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Rangamati. Executive Engineer, RHD, Workshop Division, Rangamati. Executive Engineer, RHD, Workshop Division, Chittagong.
9. Last date & time of receipt of tender : 20.5.97/Eng/6.2.1404 Bangla at 12:00 Noon.
10. Date & time of opening bids : 20.5.97/Eng/6.2.1404 Bang at 12:15 PM.
11. Charged to : 168-2 Repair.

The tender will be opened in presence of interested tenderers (if any present) by the concerned authority. M G Sarwar Bhuiyan Executive Engineer, RHD CHT Workshop Division, Rangamati. DFP-10722-55 G-1340

Pusan Games open today

PUSAN, South Korea, May 9: The East Asian Games, which start Saturday, has been given a major boost by Australia's admission from the next Games in 2001 in Osaka, reports AFP.

The inaugural East Asian Games were held in Shanghai in 1993 with nine countries and it seemed to struggle after.

North Korea was to host the next event in 1995 but withdrew. Kazakhstan has joined the event for 10-day event being held Saturday. But North Korea is still absent.

"Getting Australia into these Games will be an important step for us," said one senior Olympic Council of Asia executive member.

"Hong Kong and Japan opposed the move, fearing it would lessen their medal chances but these Games will never get a chance like this to increase its international profile. It is change or die."

Athletes from China, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Mongolia, Macau, Hong Kong, Kazakhstan and Guam will compete for the 199 gold medals in athletics, swimming, badminton, basketball, boxing, football, gymnastics, judo, soft tennis, taekwondo, weightlifting, wrestling and wushu.

China, Asia's sporting superpower, will dominate the event swimmers Lu Bin and Xiong Guoming return to inter-

national competition for the first time since serving two years drug bans as the spearhead of their team.

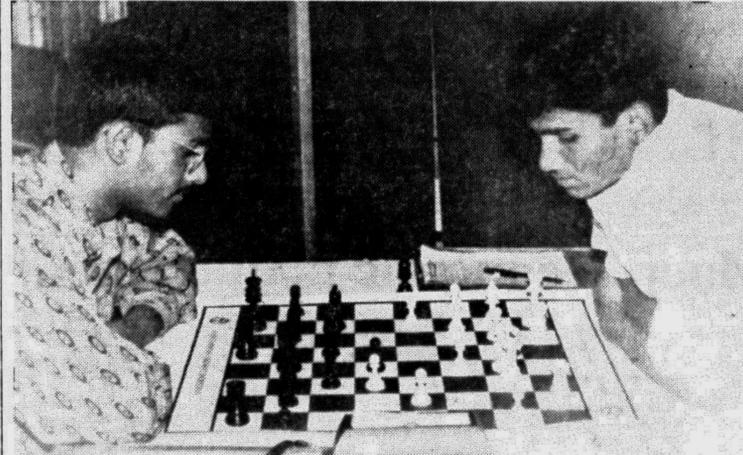
Lu and Xiong were among several Chinese athletes — including seven swimmers — who failed drug tests at the 1994 Asian Games in Hiroshima, forcing their country into a prolonged period of self-imposed sporting isolation to clear its name.

Lu, who continues to insist she did not knowingly take performance enhancing steroids, and Xiong, each won four gold medals in Hiroshima which were taken back by the international swimming federation, FINA.

Zhang Bin, winner of the men's 200m butterfly in Hiroshima, and Fu Yong, who missed a 400m individual medley bronze medal, were also on the list.

China, winners of 105 gold, 74 silver and 34 bronze medals at the first East Asian Games in 1993, has the largest delegation — 399 athletes and officials at the competition from May 10 to May 19.

Japan, winners of 25 gold, 37 silver and 55 bronze medals in Shanghai, has 397 and hosts South Korea 276. South Korea won 23 gold medals last time, but as host in Pusan will be looking to beat Japan.



Abdullah-al-Rakib (L) pondering over his next move against Abu Sufian Shakil during the third round engagement of the 23rd national chess championship yesterday. — Star photo

Saturday 10th May (All programmes are in local time. There may be changed in group programmes.)

BTB

3:00pm Opening Announcement Al-Quran Programme Summary 3:20 Movie of the Week 4:00 The News 5:25 Bantash-area 6:00pm Angkor 6:30 Nabedon 7:00 News in English 7:25 Maati-o-Manush 8:00 News in Bangla 8:30 71 Dirlipi 8:40 Deganlo 9:10 Abhimot 10:00 News in English 10:30 Film Show: Chicago Hope 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Tomorrow's Programme Summary 11:40 Close Down

BBC

6:00 BBC World News 6:30 Hard Talk 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 World Focus Panorama 8:00 BBC World News 8:30 World Focus: The

Money Programme 9:00 BBC World Headlines 9:05 Weekend World: Horizon 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 World Focus: Window On Europe 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 Reporters 12:00noon BBC World News 12:30 Hard Talk 1:00 BBC World News 1:05 World Focus: Assignment 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 Time Out: Tomorrow's World 3:00 BBC World Headlines 3:05 Weekend World: Cracking The Code 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 Time Out: Cities of the Future 5:00 BBC World News 5:30 This Week 6:00pm BBC World News Headlines 6:05 Weekend World: Horizon 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 Reporters 8:00 BBC World News 8:30 Time Out: Film 9:00 BBC World News Headlines 9:05 Weekend World: Future-watch 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Time Out: The Cities Show 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 This Week 12:00pm BBC World News 12:30 Hard Talk 1:00 BBC World News Headlines 1:30

CHANNEL V

6:00am Over The Edge 7:00 Rewind VJ Sophia 8:00 Frame by Frame 10:00 Asian Top 20 VJ Trey 12:30 Big Bang Week-end VJ Alessandra 1:00 Billboard US Countdown 4:30 Rewind VJ Sophia 5:30 Speak Easy 6:00pm Top of The Pops 7:00 Soul Curry 8:00 BPL Oye! 9:00 The Ticket 9:30 Udam Singh Compo 10:00 Soul Curry 10:00 VJ Spin 12:30 The Ticket 1:00 Over The Edge VJ Sophia 2:00 Music Update Tokyo 2:30 The Ride 3:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 4:30 Billboard US Countdown

STAR PLUS

6:30 Voltorn 7:00 Wildlife Inter-

STAR SPORTS

6:00 US PGA Tour 1997 Shell Houston Open Day 3 7:30 Snowboard Extreme 8:00 WLAJ 8:30 World Wrestling Federation Raw 9:30 NBA-In-Action 10:00 Cricket Week 10:30 The Asian Football Show

STAR MOVIES

7:30am Family: Heart of a Child 12 (Arabic Subtitles) 9:30 Family: Lucky Luke — Daisy

ZEE TV

6:00 Jagran 6:30 A to Z of Computer 7:30 Ru-Ba-Ru 8:00 Aae News & Business 8:30 Helpline 9:00 Disney Hour 10:00 Gaane Anjane 10:30 Parampara 11:00 Sallaab 11:30 Banegi Apni Baat 12:00 Philips Top Ten 1:00 Kya Scene Hai 1:30 Silsila 2:00 Lakme

EL TV

7:00 Yeदन Ki Berat 7:30 Stand By 7:40 Nasir H Special 8:20 Haseen Pat 8:30 Karam 9:00 Meri Marzi 9:30 V3: 10:00 HFF: Chameli Ki Sadi (Anil K. Amrita) 1:00 Cine Smyle 1:30 Kal Bhi Aaj Bhi 2:00 Gujratii 3:30 Film Based 3:30 Tehkkaat 3:30 TBA 4:00 Tanav 4:30 Chori Chori 5:00 HFF: Sardar 7:50 Haseen Pat 8:00 N Problem 8:30 Siarams Kamal

PTV

8:00 Tilawat aur Tarjuma/HAMD/Naat/ 8:20 Car-juma 8:30 Khabran 8:45 Visitors Book 9:10 Phool Khushboo 9:25 Dastarkhwan 9:40 Mehman 10:05 Asp Ki anwar Magsood 10:30 English Film: Tarzan 10:55 Milli Naghma 11:00 Khabran 11:10 Meri pasand 11:35 Janun 12:55 Quran-E-Haheem 1:02 Bismilla (1:15 Grind 2:05 Lazwal 'Ep-67 (Drama Serial) 2:55 Husool-E-Insaf & Sports Coaching 3:20 TV Encyclopedia 3:40 Sports Time 4:05 Daastark (Drama) 5:05 Medicine 5:25 Computers 6:20 Alou Course 7:00 English

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10:30 Janmadin 10:35 Movie Club Film 1:00 Movie Club Film 4:35 Movie Club Film 7:00 Sap-tahiki 7:30 Bangla Sambad 8:00 Pallikatha (Serial) 8:30 TBA 9:00 Rural Programme 9:25 Classical Music 10:00 Sports Prog/Katha-o-Kahinee (Drama) 10:30 News & Bengali Sambad & Closed

ZEE CINEMA

07:30 Jaan Lada Denge 09:30 Maa Mahakali 12:15 Taraana 12:30 Double Gadbab (Baba S. Tanaz C) 03:15 Bajaj Lehera 03:45 Taraana 04:00 Yeh To Kamal Ho Gaya (Kamal Hassan, Poonam Dhillon) 06:45 First Take 07:15 Mera Saaya (Sunil Dutt, Sadhana) 10:00 First Take 10:30 Phir Teri Kahani Roy, Pooya Bhoj (11:15 Piller 01:45 Sooma Bhojani (Jagdeep) 04:30 Filler 04:45 Vaade Trade (Aaysh Kumar, Mamta Kulkarni)

SONY ET

8:30 Khoya Khoya Chand 9:00 Pehli Mulakat 9:30 Star Ki Pasand 10:00 Chhamaikata 10:30 Taj Mahal Takhtadhin Countdown 11:30 Take Five