

Davenport in US Fed Cup squad

CHESTNUT HILL, Massachusetts, May 16: Olympic champion Lindsay Davenport heads a list of six players available for the US team to face Japan in a Fed Cup qualifying match this summer, captain Martina Navratilova said Thursday, reports Reuters.

Davenport, ranked fifth in the world, is joined by Mary Joe Fernandez, Kimberly Po-Chanda, Rubin, Jennifer Capriati and Gigi Fernandez in the player pool.

Four of the six will be chosen for the team, which will face Japan July 12-13 here at the Longwood Cricket Club.

Choices have to be made within 10 days of the matches.

"We are putting together the best possible team for this tie and looking forward to playing at Longwood, Navratilova said in a teleconference call, this is an extremely important match since we are playing to return to the fold next year."

Navratilova made no mention of third ranked Monica Seles, the highest ranking US player.

The United States winners of the Fed Cup last year, were stunned by the Netherlands 3-2 in the opening round in March and need a victory over Japan to rejoin the World Group.

Arjuna focuses on fightback SL take on India today



ARJUNA RANATUNGA

BOMBAY, May 16: Sri Lanka's reputation as the world's leading one-day team will be put under the grinder when they take on hosts India in a key Independence Cup clash here Saturday, reports AFP.

"The World Cup champions must win the day-night encounter in Sachin Tendulkar's home town to stay in the race for the finals after losing their opening match to Pakistan."

But Arjuna Ranatunga laughed away suggestions his team would fall apart under the pressure.

"All the pressure is on the home team, we have nothing to lose," the veteran Sri Lankan captain said during practice at the Wankhede Stadium on Friday.

"We know we have to win to stay in the tournament, another defeat will make it very difficult for us, we'll give this match everything."

The Indians fired by Tendulkar's 12th one-day century, put aside their disappointing West Indies tour to rout New Zealand by eight wickets at Bangalore on Wednesday.

Ranatunga, who watched the match on television, admitted the task of stopping the rampaging 24-year-old was not easy, but not impossible.

"We have a plan but I will not tell you what. Anyway it's not just Tendulkar we have to watch out for, the Indians have always been tough to beat at home."

Ranatunga, whose team ousted India in the World Cup semifinal at Calcutta last year before defeating Australia in the final, said desperate situations called for desperate measures.

He revealed that out of form Romesh Kaluwitharana will be moved down the order, ending the fruitful opening partnership with Sanath Jayasuriya that began Australia in 1995.

Kalu is a very good batsman, but it's not fair to make him open when he's not getting runs. He can be equally effective coming in at number six or seven.

Ranatunga said experienced Test opener Roshan Mahanama will join Jayasuriya but added that Kaluwitharana may be sent up if the target was in the region of 280 runs.

A Sri Lankan win will leave all four teams with two points each, making the matches New Zealand vs Sri Lanka on Tuesday and India vs Pakistan on Wednesday virtual semi-finals.

An Indian victory however,



SACHIN TENDULKAR

Haynes' tally of 17, is determined not to leave the suspense till the end.

"After our poor showing in the West Indies, winning the Independence Cup will be nice gift for the Indian fans," the young maestro said.

"I am always excited about playing before my home crowd in Bombay and hopefully we will give them a win here."

"But the Sri Lankans are a very dangerous side, one of the best in the world who are capable of anything on their day."

"We will have to be at our best here, play to our full potential if we have to win. But I am confident we can do it," he said.

Tendulkar's schoolmate Vinod Kambli, recalled to the national side after eight months in place of former skipper Mohammad Azharuddin, also hopes to shine before his home crowd.

The left hander had little work to do at Bangalore coming in when six runs were needed and hit the winning boundary, but he may play a pivotal role on the flat Wankhede Stadium wicket.

Both teams will wait till Saturday afternoon before naming their teams. But India are expected to retain the XI which beat New Zealand.

FTI adds, Indian all-rounder Noel David is fit to play against Sri Lanka.

"He has been cleared to play," coach Madan Lal said.

The Hyderabad player, who bats in the lower middle-order and bowls off-breaks besides being a top-class fielder, hurt his bowling hand and could not be considered for selection in the playing eleven in India's opener against New Zealand on Wednesday.

Graf bows to Coetzer again

BERLIN, May 16: Steffi Graf's return to tennis hit a stone wall Friday as South Africa's Amanda Coetzer handed the former world No. 1 a 6-0, 6-1 beating at the Berlin Open, reports agencies.

The top-seeded German, who dominated women's tennis for a decade, suffered one of the worst defeats of her career against the world No. 10.

Graf, returning from a three-month layoff due to a knee injury, could not win a game in the quarterfinal match until she trailed 4-0 in the second set.

The German, who lost her No. 1 ranking to Martina Hingis in her absence, made 16 forehand errors and had four double faults in the first set which lasted only 28 minutes.

Her forehand, perhaps tennis' most lethal stroke the past decade, often missed landing in the court by several feet against the South African.

Coetzer, who also ousted Graf at this year's Australian Open, had dropped only three games in her three matches at the tournament.

On Thursday, Russia's 15-year old Anna Kournikova grabbed the limelight in the \$26,250 dollars event with a 3-6, 6-0, 6-3 win over Spain's former number one Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario.

Sanchez-Vicario, an undoubted queen of the clay surface and the fifth seed, was swept aside by this inform youngster ranked just 56th in the world.

Kournikova now comes up against American Mary Joe Fernandez, who beat France's Sandrine Testud 6-2, 6-2.

France's Marie Pierce, recent winner in Rome, continued her fine run just two weeks before the French Open with a 6-2, 6-0 third round win over Spain's Conchita Martinez.



Barcelona coach Bobby Robson holds the European Cup Winners' Cup trophy as he appears on the balcony of the Generalitat Palace in Barcelona on May 15.

— Star photo

Invitation for International Bids Loan No. 1505-BAN (SF) Contract No.: 57297/3

1. People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan in various currencies from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) under Loan No. 1505-BAN (SF)-Ninth Power Project towards cost of Greater Dhaka Power Distribution Project, Phase-IV and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Supply only of 33 KV Cables and Jointing Materials.
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Warne bucks up Englishmen

ARUNDEL, England, May 16: Shane Warne believes Australia will face a much more resilient England side this summer and insisted on Thursday that Mike Atherton's men should not be underestimated, reports Reuters.

Warne, took 34 wickets in the last Ashes Test series in England in 1993 which Australia won 4-1, but says the touring side will have to work much harder to succeed this time.

"I think a lot of people are writing them off a bit too early. We're not taking them lightly and we're not going to be complacent, that's for sure," said Warne, who sat out the Australians' opening tour fixture against the Duke of Norfolk's XI.

"We're here to try and win every game we play and to really nail the England side, because we think they've got half a chance of beating us."

Some may suspect Warne is simply trying to soften up his intended targets, but the leg-spinner is adamant the series is not a foregone conclusion.

"I've had a lot of success against England, but I think the English players just need to get some team spirit together. They've always had a good side on paper but they haven't been able to do the business on the field."

Warne's varied assortment of deliveries will be closely studied by the English batsmen before the Test series starts, but the blond-haired spinner believes staring at videos is not the perfect answer to playing him.

"It can help you get a bit of an idea, but the best thing is to stand behind the net and watch."

Warne, who singled out Jason Gillespie and Matthew Elliott as men the England team should watch out for, realises this summer's Test pitches may well suit the seamers more than himself.

For that reason he is reluctant to reveal if he was set himself any personal targets for the series. "If I can take one wicket in each Test that changes the game, I'll be happy," he smiled.

Just one replay!

BOMBAY, May 16: The Bombay police has restricted the number of replays to be shown on the giant video screen at the Wankhede Stadium to just one per action during the India-Sri Lanka Independence Cup match on May 17, reports PTI.

This has been prompted to avoid a repetition of the crowd trouble witnessed during the T-20 Cup final in November last when Mohammad Azharuddin was out to a dubious umpiring decision, which was replayed thrice on the screen, police commissioner, Subhash Mahotra told reporters here yesterday.

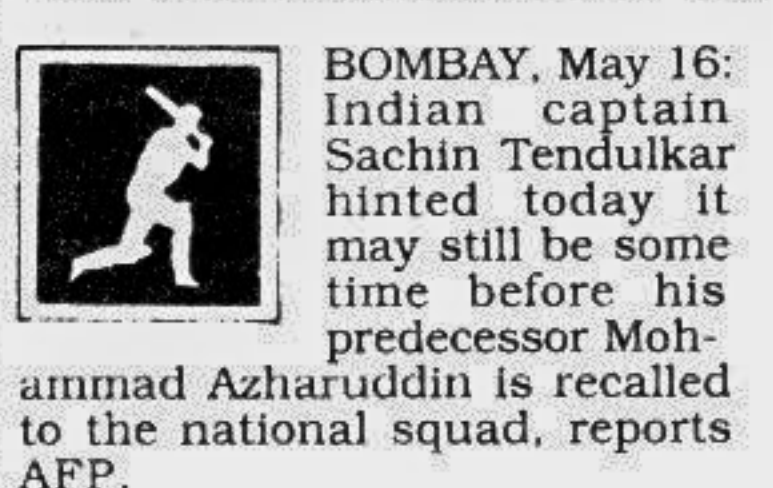
He said 10 companies of state reserve police and 1,000 constables, supervised by 400 police officials will be deployed in and around the stadium in south Bombay to ensure smooth conduct of the match.



Croatian Goran Ivanisevic is about to serve during his third round match against German Boris Becker at the Italian Open in Rome on May 15. Ivanisevic won 7-6, 6-3.

— AFP/UNB photo

Sachin's advice for Azhar



SACHIN TENDULKAR

BOMBAY, May 16: Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar hinted today it may still be some time before his predecessor Mohammad Azharuddin is recalled to the national squad, reports AFP.

In his first comments on Azharuddin's unusual omission for the ongoing four-nation Independence Cup, Tendulkar said, "He is a great batsman who can come back into the team by making runs."

Tendulkar's emphasis on runs effectively rules out Azharuddin's return till the next domestic starts in October, although the Indians have a busy international schedule before that.

India are due to tour Sri Lanka from July for the Asia Cup and two Test matches followed by two back-to-back limited overs series against arch rivals Pakistan in Canada and Pakistan in September.

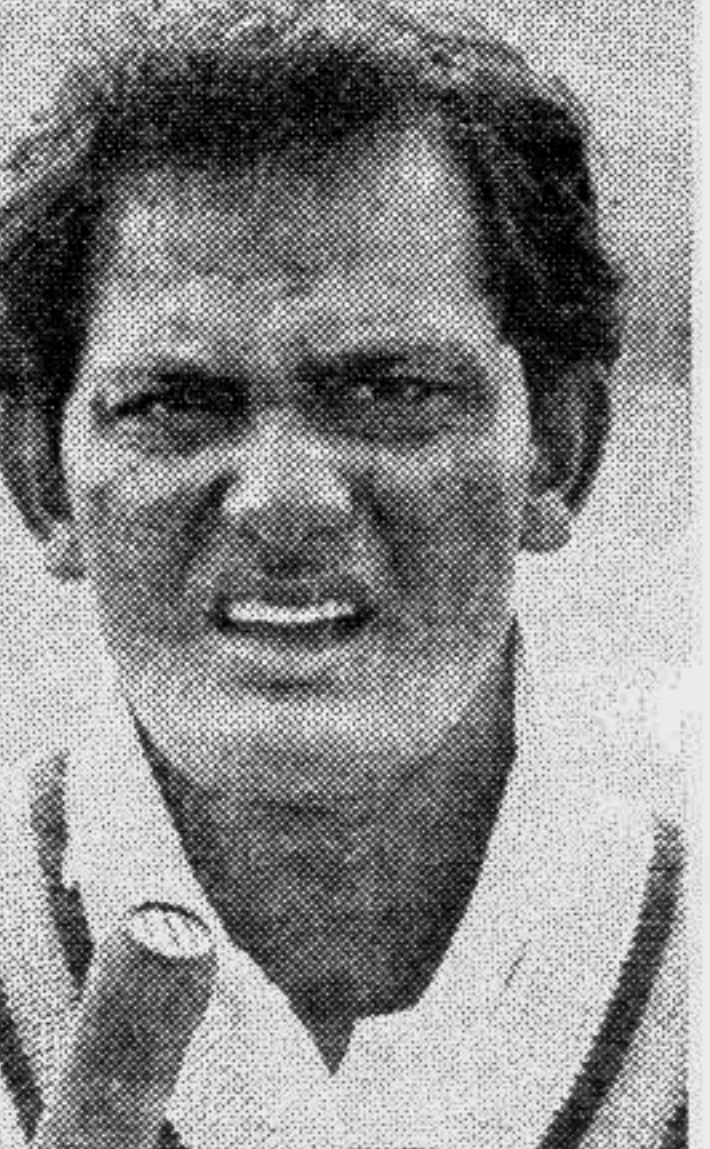
The 34-year-old Azharuddin, the only Indian to score more than 6,000 one-day runs, was dropped after a poor tour of the West Indies where his top score was 40.

Azharuddin said he was disappointed at not being part of India's Independence celebrations but vowed to come back.

"I am not retiring yet," he told reporters. "I did not expect to be dropped for such a historic event, but I will be back."

Azharuddin's omission evoked a mixed response from former cricketers, but his fans were livid.

A group of 30 in the western city of Aurangabad went on a hunger strike and requested Prime Minister Inder Kumar Gujral to intervene in the matter.



AZHARUDDIN

squad, preparing in for next week's showpiece match against arch rivals India, received invaluable tips from an unexpected ally.

Former Indian captain Bishan Bedi accepted an invitation from old friend Mushtaq Mohammad, the Pakistani coach, to visit his team's training session at the National Stadium in New Delhi.

Bedi, rated by many as the world's best left-arm spinner, spoke at length about the art of slow bowling to the Pakistani spin trio of Saqlain Mushtaq, Shahid Afridi and Mohammad Husein.

"You must enjoy your game, only then can you perform," said Bedi, who took 266 wickets in 67 Tests as a member of the famed Indian spin quartet two decades ago. "Keep working the nets to bring more wickets, your bowling."

A grateful Saqlain said, it was an honour to speak to the Indian master. "I learnt a few things about spin bowling I never knew even existed. I'll be happy being half the bowler he was."

Bedi and his former Northamptonshire colleague Mushtaq Mohammad were rival captains when India and Pakistan resumed cricketing relations in 1970 after 17-year.

Pakistan take on India in their last league match at Madras on May 21. They lost their opening match to New Zealand but upset world champions Sri Lanka in their second.

Yevgeny joins the list



YEVGENY KAFELNIKOV

ROME, May 16: World number four Yevgeny Kafelnikov suffered a heavy blow ahead of his French Open title defence when he was knocked out of the Italian Open by Spain's Alberto Berasategui on Thursday, reports Reuters.

Kafelnikov lasted less than an hour against his unseeded opponent, losing 6-3, 6-2 and then said it "would take a miracle" to retain the French crown at Roland Garros. The Grand Slam tournament starts on Monday week.

The Russian is desperately short of match practice after a three-month lay-off with a broken finger in his right hand, and his error-strewn performance against Berasategui earned him a chorus of boos from the Foro Italico faithful.

"They don't understand anything," said Kafelnikov.

Kafelnikov's exit means just three seeded players have survived to the quarter finals — seventh seed Marcelo Rios of Chile, Spain's Alex Corretja, seeded 10, and sixth seed Goran Ivanisevic.

Ivanisevic saved four set-points before defeating German Boris Becker.

The lanky Croat, recovered from 3-6 down in a first set tiebreak to win 7-6, 6-3 — and then thanked god for his broken finger and a 20-day break from tennis prior to this tournament.

Ivanisevic is playing his first tournament since slamming his finger in a door and breaking it in three places in Barcelona last month.

"I was burnt out, a little bit sick of tennis, then I got injured in a stupid way that only I can do," he said. "Maybe it was god's wish."

The world's top two Pete Sampras and Michael Chang, both American, were eliminated in the first round, and Austria's Thomas Muster and Dutchman Richard Krajicek — last year's finalists — were knocked out on Wednesday.

Ivanisevic will next meet

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ROME, May 16: Goran Ivanisevic, back from an injury and "hungry" for tennis, rolled through Scott Draper 6-4, 6-4 Friday to reach the semifinals of the Italian Open, reports AP.

The big-serving Croat needed just a little over an hour to defeat the unseeded Draper, a left-handed Australian who had ousted Thomas Muster, the dominant player on clay the past two years.

The No. 6 Ivanisevic is the highest seed remaining in the 2.3 million dollar tournament after the top players made early exits as in the other European clay court events this season.

Another interesting quarter-final pitted No. 7 Marcelo Rios of Chile, winner of Monte Carlo and perhaps the top clay court player of the season, against Jim Courier, an Italian champion in 1992 and 1993 when he was at the height of his game.

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TODAY'S MATCHES

- Green Delta First Division Hockey League:
(Venue: Hockey Stadium)
Wari Club vs Bachelors SC (2:15 pm)
Abahani KC vs Police AC (4 pm)
- National Bank Premier Division Volleyball League:
Bangladesh Rifles vs Sonali Bank (3:30 pm)
Wari Club vs Bangladesh Police (5 pm)
- Suncrust Cup Handball Tournament:
Dhaka Wanderers vs Bangladesh Air Force (2:30 pm)
Kendri Kishore Kafeia vs Bangladesh Police (3:30 pm)
Menjys KC vs West Jatrabari KC (4:30 pm)

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Saturday 17th May
(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in group programmes.)

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