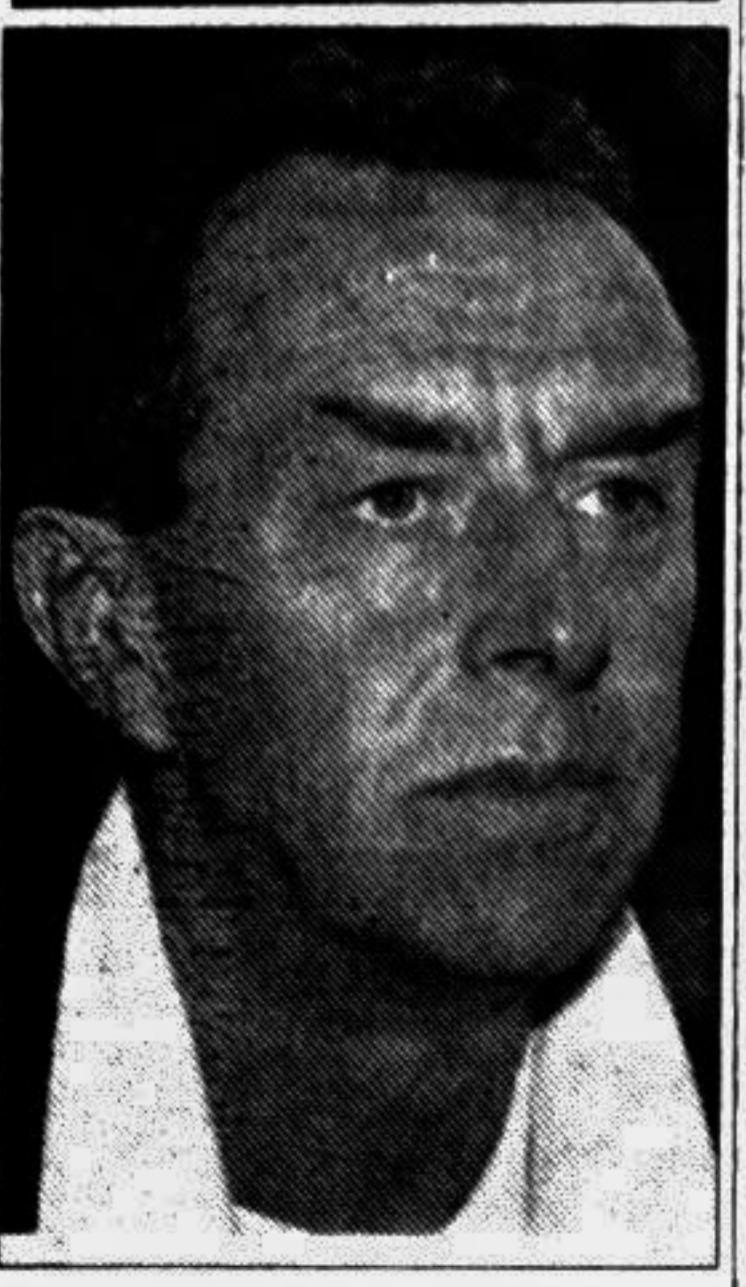


## Column One

## SPORTS TALK



**David Lloyd**  
(England cricket coach)  
'You'd go nuts if you worried about time lost through rain.'

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

## Competition-74

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Competition closes 8 pm.

July 25, '97

1 Who lifted the Wimbledon ladies' singles crown this year?

Majoli Hings Vicario

2 How many times has Sampras won the Wimbledon?

Two Three Four

3 Which nation clinched the Copa America title?

Brazil Peru Bolivia

4 Who became champions in the World Youth Soccer Cup?

Ghana Colombia Argentina

5 Who won this year's Green Delta First Division hockey league title?

Mohammedan Abahani Usha

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## Infiniti Open tennis results

LOS ANGELES, July 22: Fifth-seeded Patrick Rafter of Australia outlasted Lionel Roux of France 7-6 (7-3), 6-7 (3-7), 6-3 Monday in the opening round of the Infiniti Open, reports AP.

The \$30,000 dollars event is being played at the Los Angeles Tennis Centre on the UCLA campus.

Rafter prevailed even though he had two match points in the ninth game of the second set with Roux serving at 15-40. Roux held on to win that game and broke Rafter in the next game to tie the score at 5-all. Both players were serving in the 118 mph (190 kph) range and held serve to take the set into the second tiebreaker which Roux won 7-3.

Rafter broke Roux in the sixth game of the final set and served it out, winning with a service winner.

In other first-round matches Monday, Sandon Stolle of Australia beat countryman Michael Tebbutt 6-2, 6-3, 6-7 (5-7); Vincent Spadea beat Stephane Simian of France 6-4, 6-2; Guillaume Raoux of France defeated Gaston Etilis of Argentina 6-3, 6-4; and Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark outlasted Sebastien Lareau of Canada 7-6 (7-4), 6-1.

Rafter, who had eight aces to just one for Roux, was asked what his thoughts were when he had two match points in the second set.

"I thought 'Just be careful. He can get back into the match.' And that's exactly what happened," Rafter said. "When the pressure came again in the third, I thought I handled that pretty well."

The only other time the two met was at the 1994 French Open when Rafter won.

**Crime won't bar Cape Town**

PRETORIA, July 22: South Africa's crime problem should not pose a threat to Cape Town's bid for the 2004 Olympic Games. Members of a visiting International Olympic Committee (IOC) fact-finding team said today, report agencies.

"All major cities in the world have a crime problem," Prince Albert of Monaco told reporters here after he and other members of the IOC team held talks today with President Nelson Mandela.

Libyan IOC member Bashir Attarabousi said that Atlanta, which staged the Games a year ago, also had a high rate of crime.

"The important thing is security," Attarabousi said, adding that Cape Town's crime problem could be settled "in three, four or five years."

## Positive approach missing

Sports Reporter

The boys in the men's league learned yet another lesson in a harsh way when Bangladesh conceded a heavy defeat quite predictably at the hands of world champions Sri Lanka at the Singhalese Sports Club ground in Colombo yesterday.

Few had expected an upset result when Bangladesh met the mighty Lankans in their second league match of the sixth Asia Cup. Explosive Sri Lankan opener Sanath Jayasuriya, many bowlers' nightmare, tore apart the toothless Bangladesh attack to celebrate his first Cup ton with a whirlwind 108 off 83 balls. The hosts' tweakers then did the rest to restrict Bangladesh for 193 for 8.

Although Bangladesh showed few improvements in their approach against the Lankans, the determination in chasing a mammoth total like 297 in 46 overs is still missing. Bowlers were less erratic, fielders threw their bodies to stop the ball; but they were still under par in ground fielding and catching.

It was once again a treat to watch the way Athar Ali Khan took the awe-inspiring opponents' attack to the sword.

The tall right-handed opener, who scored a brilliant 82 in the previous match against Pakistan, almost got his successive half-century before falling for 42.

But after his departure Bangladesh lost their way against an ever increasing run-rate. The margin of defeat, however, would have been more reasonable had the middle-order lived up to their potential.

Aminul Islam Bulbul, one of the recognised bat, contributed 20-plus runs and skipper Akram Khan made 32, but both perished quickly at a stage when they were needed most to cross the 200-mark.

On Thursday, Bangladesh will face the other giants India in their last league tie. Sports buffs will keenly observe how much Gordon Greenidge's boys learn from yesterday's lesson.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Asia Cup one-day international between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh in Colombo Tuesday:

## SRI LANKA

Jayasuriya c Mafizur  
b Salahuddin 108  
Atapattu c Aminal b Minhzul 15  
De Silva c Mashod b Minhzul 15  
Ranatunga c Naimur b Salahuddin 51

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