

Gooch's poor preparation

LONDON, July 25: Graham Gooch's hopes of making a speedo splash far from England were dashed by Worcester's shire paceman Alamy Sheri- yar in the English county championship on Thursday, reports Reuters.

Former England captain Gooch was desperate to finish his career with a big score on his home ground in his penultimate innings for Essex at Chelmsford.

But the 44-year-old had made only 11 from 26 balls before losing his leg stump to Sheri- yar after making room to try and force the ball through mid-wicket.

Sheri- yar showed no mercy for one of the England's most popular cricketers.

He promised that he would be looking for a repeat performance when Gooch steps out for his final innings either on Friday or Saturday.

"He is a great player and it is always nice to get someone out who has scored so many Test runs and played that many years," he said.

"I was there to do a job. I know it could be very emotional when Graham goes to the wicket for the last time but I'll be trying to do the same as in the first innings."

That's what I'm paid to do and we need a win. It's first-class cricket and it is never an arena where you are going to throw freebies to someone just because he is retiring."

Essex went on to finish the second day of the four-day clash on 230 for three, still trailing Worcestershire's 394 all out.

Championship leaders Glamorgan have plenty to do if they are to stay out in front after seeing Derbyshire bat on to make 513 for six before the declaration finally came at Chesterfield.

Glamorgan that lost their in-form batsman Steve James for 25 out of 39 for one before the end of a rain-hit day.

Britain to pour \$15m into 2006 WC bid

LONDON, July 25: England, locked in a fierce competition with Germany, plans to spend a record 9 million pounds (15 million dollars) on its bid for the 2006 World Cup, reports AP.

The Times reported Thursday that the British government is offering full backing for the bid to bring soccer's showpiece to England for the first time since 1966.

The paper said the Football Association has already committed 3 million pounds (5 million dollars) and the figure is expected to be matched with 3 million pounds from the FA Premier League and a further 3 million pounds from lottery funding.

The government does not have direct control over lottery funding, which is currently in the hands of the English Sports Council. But the Times said the government wants lottery money spent on the bid and government lawyers are examining whether it can control the funds directly.

The 9 million pounds (15 million dollars) would be the highest amount ever spent in trying to bring an international sports event to this country. It would exceed by more than 4 million pounds (6.6 million dollars) the figure spent by Manchester on its unsuccessful bid for the 2000 Olympics.

Alec McGivan, director of the World Cup bid, said the FA was already discussing support from companies such as British Airways.

"However, we will not let it get out of hand as the Japanese and South Koreans did," he said, referring to the bitter campaign waged between the two Asian rivals before they were selected to co-host the 2002 World Cup.

McGivan said the government could play a significant role by giving leadership to the bid and providing hospitality and diplomatic support.

"The new government is extremely enthusiastic about our candidature," he said. "Both (Prime Minister) Tony Blair and (Sports Minister) Tony Banks are football followers. What we must do is to make the bid unique, to make it something to excite people."

Soccer's European governing body UEFA, initially endorsed Germany's bid as the sole candidacy from Europe. That upset the English, who insisted they should be allowed to go forward with their bid.

The Germans have accused the English of going back on a gentlemen's agreement to support the German bid.

Gillespie rocks England



LEEDS, England, July 25: Jason Gillespie produced a sensational spell of fast bowling to rip through England and help

bowling them out for 172 at lunch on the second day of the fourth Test at Headingley on Friday, reports Reuters.

The lanky speedster made a mockery of the England batting in a 45-ball spell, taking six for 23 and finishing with seven for 37, his career-best.

Gillespie and fellow fast bowler Glenn McGrath took ad-

concerting bounce while McGrath forced Mark Ealham to top edge a hook on to his right eye brow, leaving a cut.

Gillespie began the hosts' slide with his first ball of the morning. With a gentle limb-loosener, Gillespie forced night-watchman Dean Headley (22) to drive a catch to Steve Waugh at gully, ending a frustrating 35-run fourth-wicket stand.

While Gillespie took six of the seven wickets to fall in the morning, he also played his part in the other wicket picked up by McGrath, who claimed England's determined skipper

to wicketkeeper Ian Healy, also off McGrath.

England, somewhat well placed on 138 for three, lost their last seven wickets for 34 runs. The last three fell in 10 balls for no score.

It was the second time Gillespie has taken five wickets in an innings in his short eight-year Test career. His figures improved on a five for 54 against South Africa at Port Elizabeth.

He missed the second Test at Lord's through injury but returned for the third Test at the expense of fast medium bowler Michael Kasprowicz.

England left hander Graham Thorpe (15), who had hooked Gillespie for two boundaries in three balls, dragged on a delivery from outside off stump.

Middle order batsman John Crawley fell to a rebound catch at short leg. The right hander, trying to flick Gillespie, hit the ball on to Greg Blewett's right boot and the felder pounced on it.

Croft fell to a leg side trap after fending a short ball to Ricky Ponting at leg gully, while Darren Gough and debutant Mike Smith had their stumps shattered.

McGrath, the leading wicket-taker in the series, took two for 67 while medium paceman Paul Reiffel took one for 41.

On Thursday, a late strike by Glenn McGrath prevented England seizing the initiative after being sent in to bat.

In his penultimate over of the day, paceman McGrath had Nasser Hussain snapped up by his captain Mark Taylor at first slip to leave England on 106 for three at the end of a rain-hit day in which only 36 overs of action.

Kain permitted less than five full overs to be bowled until after the tea interval. Then Greg Blewett held a blinding catch to dismiss opener Mark Butcher for 24 and a straightforward one to send back Alec Stewart for seven after a poor shot.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the fourth Test between England and Australia at Headingley on Friday:

ENGLAND: First innings (overnight 106-3)

Butcher c Blewett b Reiffel 24
Atherton c Gillespie b McGrath 41
Stewart c Blewett b Gillespie 7
Hussain c Taylor b McGrath 26
Headley c S Waugh b Gillespie 22
Thorpe b Gillespie 15
Crawley c Blewett b Gillespie 2
Ealham not out 8
Croft c Ponting b Gillespie 6
Gough b Gillespie 0
Smith b Gillespie 0

Extras: (b-4, lb-4, w-1, nb-12) 21
Total 172
Fall of wickets: 1-43; 2-58; 3-103; 4-138; 5-154; 6-154; 7-163; 8-172; 9-172

Bowling: O M R W
McGrath 22 5 67 2
Reiffel 20 4 41 1
Gillespie 13.4 1 37 7
Blewett 3 0 17 0
Warne 1 0 2 0

Australia's Jason Gillespie (R) roars in ecstasy after having Englishman Graham Thorpe's (C) stumps shattered during the second day's play of the Headingley Test in Leeds yesterday.

—AP/UNB photo

Michael Atherton.

Atherton top scored with a subbed 41 in nearly four hours, but couldn't curb the temptation to hook a short delivery from McGrath, which he top edged to Gillespie at long leg.

It is the second time in three innings Atherton has fallen hooking. He tried to hook in the first innings of the third Test at Old Trafford and gloved a catch

of some undisciplined batting to give Australia the upper hand.

After most of the first day had been rained out, the pace duo made up for the lost time with some blistering bowling on a wicket already showing signs of playing up.

Gillespie in particular exposed the brutality of the under-prepared pitch, extracting dis-

Tour of Sri Lanka

BCCI delays naming squad



BOMBAY, July 25: The meeting of the national cricket selection committee to announce the additions and changes, if necessary, to the Indian squad in Sri Lanka, which was scheduled for yesterday, has been put off to July 26 at the request of the team management, reports PTI.

The five-member selection committee had a telephonic conversation with Indian skipper Sachin Tendulkar, coach Madan Lal and manager Ratnakar Shetty after India reached the final of the Asia Cup.

The committee agreed not to pick the squad until after the final against the hosts on Saturday according to acting secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), J.Y. Lele.

The selectors had a discussion which lasted for about 20-25 minutes, made a short-list of players and then authorised selection committee chairman Ramakant Desai to finalise the team on Saturday after further talks with the Indian team management in Colombo, Lele said.

The president of the BCCI, Raj Singh Dungarpur, also agreed with the Indian team management's views not to upset its poise by announcing the team before the Saturday final, according to Lele.

The selectors had a detailed discussion about the formation of the team and, in view of the team management's request to defer the selection, it was unanimously decided to authorise the final 16 to chairman (Ramakant Desai), Lele said in

a press statement.

"I and Desai would meet on Saturday at 1430 hours, have discussions with the coach (Madan Lal) and manager (Shetty) in Lanka (as captain) would be in the midst of playing the Asia Cup final and finalise the team which would be announced to the media at 1500 hours," Lele said.

Yesterday's developments show that Tendulkar's outburst in the media, when he criticised the non-inclusion of Vinod Kambli and Nayan Mongia, has had some effect.

It seems the master blaster, finally, would have his say in the selection of the squad to play the two Tests (August 2-6 and August 9-13) and the three one-day internationals (August 18, 21 and 23) against the Lankans after the Asia Cup.

The decision to authorise Desai to decide the final composition is, also, an indication of

Betting okayed in S-League

SINGAPORE, July 25: Singapore said today it would legalise betting on football to generate funds for its fledgling S-League, reports Reuters.

Communications Minister Mah Bow Tan said in a speech a special task force had been set up to work out ways of implementing the decision.

He said betting would pump money into the S-League, now in its second season, and provide funds for youth development as well as the national squad.

the tough stand adopted by the BCCI bigwigs after wide-spread criticism of selectors recently from several past Test cricketers.



Australian athletes Adam Sipir (L) and Leanne Cartoon being pushed in their wheelchairs during the closing parade of the Maccabiah Games in Jerusalem on July 24. The Aussies were injured in a bridge collapse during the opening of the meet.

—AFP/UNB photo

Bailey yet in doubt

TORONTO, July 25: Reigning 100 metres world and Olympic champion and current world record holder Donovan Bailey says he is unsure whether he will defend his title at the World Championships in Athens next week, reports AFP.

In an interview published by the Toronto Star on Thursday, Bailey said he was injured and "feels like garbage."

But the Toronto Sun newspaper, quoting unnamed sources who know Bailey well, said the world's fastest man is simply engaging in psychological warfare, pointing out that immediately prior to both the Atlanta Olympics and June's "fastest man" 150-metre race against Michael Johnson, Bailey was complaining about his condition.

But in the Star interview, conducted from Bailey's training base in Texas, the Canadian world champion insisted: "I'm flying to Athens on Saturday and if I feel the same way I do now, I think I'd be better (to skip the 100 metre) and try to get better to run the relay."

He added: "I think it's scary that people on the whole don't understand I've been going non-stop since March of '94. There's going to be a down period, I'm not a machine."

IAAF to change its stance?

LONDON, July 25: World athletics chiefs are set to soften their penalties on drug cheats next week because most civil court judges are ready to throw the present rules out of court and undermine their control of the sport, reports Reuters.

With more athletes hiring expensive lawyers to contest doping bans, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) will decide whether to have its four-year ban for serious offences at a two-day congress prior to the World Championships in Athens.

The present four year ban was introduced in 1991 when the athletics world was still trying to come to terms with Ben Johnson's positive test for steroids at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, the biggest scandal in the history of the sport.

But the tough stance has been in danger of falling apart in recent years because a ban of four years is regarded as being too harsh under restraint of trade legislation and athletes can take their cases to the civil courts and win.

Edwards not risking it

LONDON, July 25: Britain's Jonathan Edwards has pulled out of a meeting in Budapest this Saturday as a precautionary move ahead of the Athletics World Championships in Athens, reports AFP.

But the reigning triple jump champion and world record holder insists that he has fully recovered from the heel injury picked up when capturing the European Cup title in Munich on June 22.

A week later, at the Sheffield Grand Prix, he quit the competition after only one valid jump still feeling the effects of the injury.

Muster's crisis on clay



KITZBUHEL, Austria, July 25: Top seed Thomas Muster suffered another blow on his favourite clay surface on Thursday when he was ousted from the Generali Open by Czech Slava Dosedel, reports Reuters.

The Austrian was beaten 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the third round of the \$35,000 dollars event, saying he especially struggled with Dosedel's returns.

Muster, previously known as the clay-court king following a series of wins in 1995 including the French Open title, ended his clay season with a disappointing nine wins in 18 matches.

He recorded his biggest clay success of the year by reaching the quarter finals in St. Poelten in May, however, he won two hard court tournaments in Dubai and Key Biscayne earlier in the year.

In the first set, Dosedel made several unforced errors. With Muster playing what coach Ronald Lettgeb termed his best tennis in a while, the Austrian star had no trouble.

But the No 15 Czech then found his rhythm and broke Muster once in the second set — to go 4-2 up — and again in the third — for 3-2.

"I have no problems playing on clay. It is still my favourite surface," said Muster. "My problem at the moment is that I can't take my chances."

"I feel physically fit, even now after three sets. I just need more match practice and I have

knocked out defending Kitzbuehl champion Alberto Berasategui, beat Nicolas Pietrangeli 7-5, 6-3.

He will face Spain's Gilo Blanco in the quarterfinals. Blanco, No 70 in ATP rankings, knocked out the third-seeded compatriot, Alex Corretja, in two sets, 7-6 (7/5), 7-5.

Another Spaniard, Julian Alonso, faces Hernan Garmy of Argentina, after both beat German players — Alonso Bernd Karbacher, and Garmy Hendrik Dreikmann — in straight sets.

Dosedel will play ninth-seeded Uruguayan Marcelo Filippini, who breezed past Hicham Arazi of Morocco, seeded seventh, with a 6-3, 6-1 victory Thursday.

The last quarterfinal pits Belgium's Filip Dewulf against the winner of the last third round match, which was halted due to rain late Thursday.

No. 2 seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia was leading Italy's Renzo Furlan 7-6 (7-5), but was 4-5 down in the second set when rain forced the players off court.

Martinez, Seles in qtrs



STANFORD, California, July 25: Monica Seles overcame a sluggish start by winning nine straight games and defeated Rita Grande 6-2, 6-1 Thursday night to advance to the quarterfinals of the Bank of the West tournament, reports AP.

The second-seeded Seles needed just 50 minutes to beat Grande and advance to a quar-

terfinal match against sixth-seeded Conchita Martinez who defeated Amy Frazier 6-1, 6-1 earlier Thursday in the 450,000 dollars outdoor hard-court tournament.

Seles was not significantly bothered by the back stiffness that forced her to retire midway through a match at an exhibition in New Jersey last Saturday.

"I feel pretty stiff, but there was no pain and that was good," Seles said. "What I had was just my back stiffened up (last weekend). There was no injury or

anything like that."

Seles and Grande were tied 2-2 in the first set when Seles began using drop shots to take control of the match. Seles won the next nine games, and was one game from the match before Grande won another game.

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Linda Wild defeated Anne Kremer 6-3, 6-4 to set up a quarterfinal match against top-

seeded Martina Hingis, the world's No. 1 player and the tournament's defending champion.

The other quarterfinal at the new Tautou Family Tennis Centre at Stanford University will be third-seeded Lindsay Davenport against Elena Likhovtseva. The tournament, which was played indoors for 17 years at the Oakland Coliseum Arena, is being held for the first time at Stanford.

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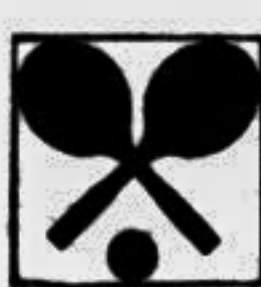
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Moya leads Spaniards



UMAG, Croatia, July 25: Spaniard Carlos Moya, last year's winner, survived a hard-fought match before cruising into the quarterfinals by defeating compatriot Fernando Vicente 2-6, 6-2, 7-5 at the 400,000 dollars Croatia Open tournament, reports AP.

After having lost the first set, Moya started to benefit from his forehand. Ranked 10th by the ATP and second seed at the tournament, Moya led 5-4 on his serve in the third set, but Vicente broke back.

In the 11th game, Moya played for another break, after which he served a love game.

Seventh-seeded Spaniard Albert Portas defeated Croatia's wild card Ivan Ljubicic 7-6, 6-1.

Ljubicic was up a break in the first set three times and served for the set at 6-5, but was broken again. Portas, ranked 40th, capitalised on the first set point in the tie break, hitting a forehand to win the set.

The Spaniard prevailed in the second set after missing a break point at 2-1. Ljubicic didn't win a single game by the end of the match.

Spaniard Alberto Martin, a clay court specialist, defeated sixth-seeded Karol Kucera of Slovakia in two straight sets 6-3, 6-4. Kucera was the first seeded player who lost a match.

Martin had a break point for a 5-1 lead in the second set. When Kucera served Martin corrected the linesman who had ruled the serve out. Kucera saved that game, but Martin served for the match at 5-3, double-faulting twice in a row. In the next game Kucera made three double faults.

Javier Sanchez (4) of Spain dominated throughout the

match to defeat Romanian Adrian Panaitescu with 6-2, 6-4.

Voina had his only chance in the second set when he led 2-0, but Sanchez prevailed and sewed up the match quickly.

Goran reaches last eight

LOS ANGELES, July 25: Top-seeded Goran Ivanisevic used his powerful serve to beat Olivier Delatre of France 7-5, 7-6 Thursday and advanced to the quarterfinals of the 303,000 dollars Infniti Open, reports AP.

Ivanisevic faced a break point in the 12th game of the second set before rallying and held serve to tie the score 6-6. Delatre won the first two points of the tiebreaker before Ivanisevic closed out the match played at the Los Angeles Tennis Centre on the campus of UCLA.

"It was an okay match. I was having trouble coming up with a big serve," Ivanisevic said.

In other matches Thursday, No. 6 Jim Courier survived a challenge from Mahesh Bhupathi of India before prevailing 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 and Byron Black of Zimbabwe, a former star at Southern California eliminated former UCLA standout Justin Gimelstob 6-2, 7-6 (7-1).

Black will face Ivanisevic in one of Friday's quarterfinals, while Courier will face the winner of Thursday night's second-round match between No. 4 Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands and Glenn Weiner.

The other quarterfinals have No. 2 Thomas Enqvist of Sweden against Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark and No. 3 Mark Philippoussis of Australia against Lionel Roux of France.

Saturday 26th July

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