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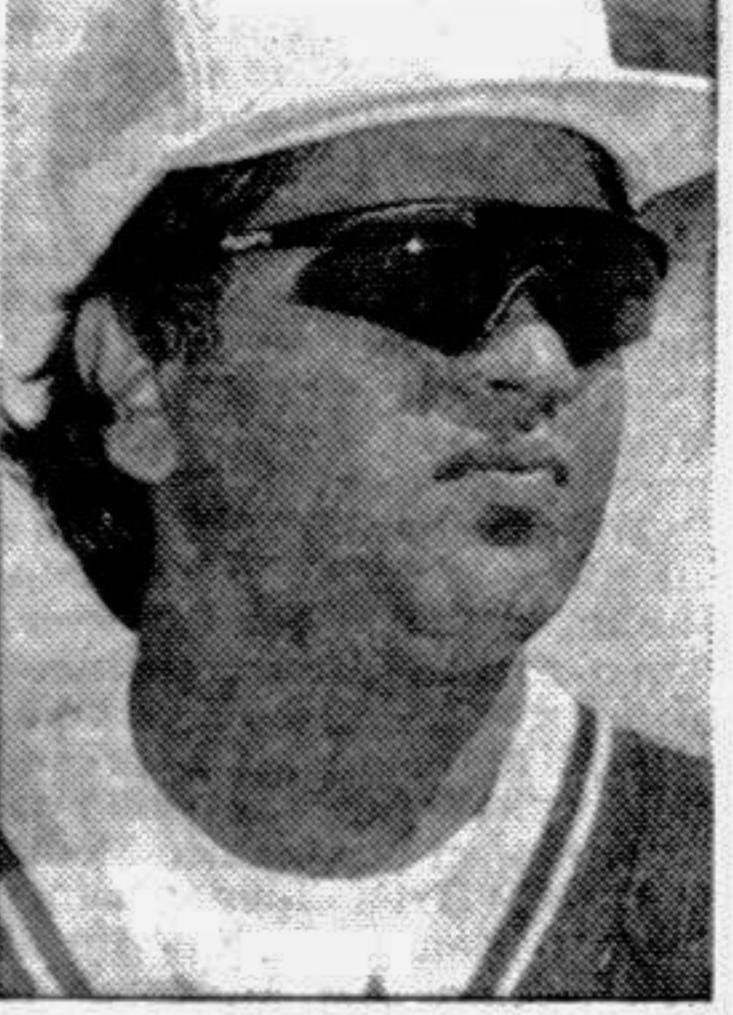
Tillekeratne back in team

COLOMBO, Aug 16: Sri Lanka's experienced middle-order batsman Hashan Tillekeratne is back in the cricket team for the first one-day international against India on Sunday, the cricket board said Saturday, report agencies.

Tillekeratne, nicknamed "Mr Dependable" by commentators for his steady batting at number six, has been sidelined since a Curly Ambrose delivery fractured his left hand two months ago in the Caribbean. He missed last month's Asia Cup, which Sri Lanka won, and the two-Test series against India in the last two weeks, which was drawn.

Tillekeratne captained a Board President's XI in a warm up match yesterday, impressing with a 33 run knock off 51 balls.

With Tillekeratne's return, new middle-order batsman



ARJUNA RANATUNGA

Mahela Jayawardhana, who played in the two Test matches, has been dropped from the 14-member squad.

Wicketkeeper Lanka de Silva, who impressed during his debut in the Asia Cup, returns, after regular stumper Romesh Kaluwitharana flopped once again during the Test matches.

What's wise for Warne

MELBOURNE, Aug 16: Aussie leg-spinner Shane Warne needs few rest and should reject lucrative offers to play English county cricket, former Australian captain Allan Border urged Friday, reports AFP.

Border conceded it would be hard to stop Warne playing his trade for an English county but said his massive workload and importance to Australian cricket meant he needed a rest.

"To be quite honest, I'd prefer to see him not go and play county cricket," Border told reporters here.

"But it's something he wants to do, he wants to experience county cricket."

"We've let countless others go over there, me included, so it will be hard to stop him but given the workload he is under

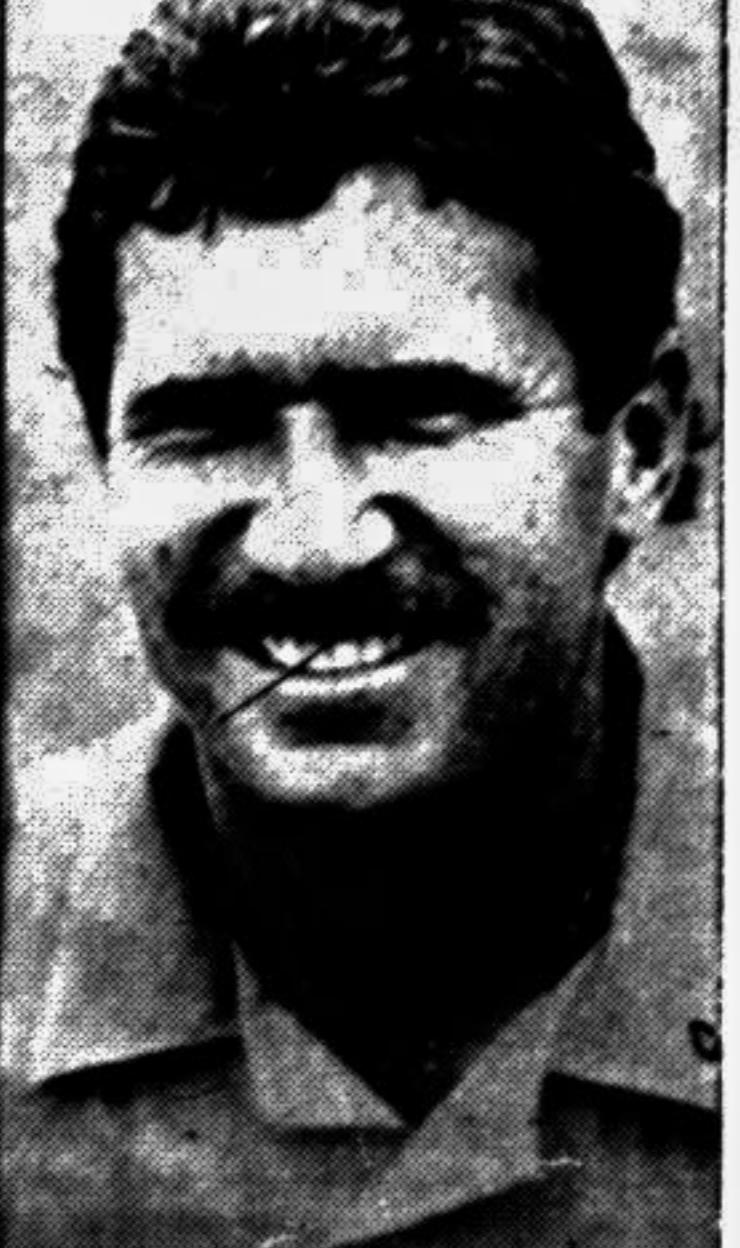
Darren in doubt

LONDON, Aug 16: Darren Gough's hopes of returning to the England side for next week's final Test against Australia at the Oval suffered a setback on Wednesday when he was withdrawn from Yorkshire's championship match against Hampshire, reports AFP.

The Yorkshire fast bowler, who has taken 16 wickets in this summer's Ashes series, failed a fitness test on an inflamed left knee in the run up to last week's Trent Bridge Test.

He had hoped to rest and play in the latest round of championship matches which start on Friday before joining up with the England party next week.

But the 26-year-old sent down only a few deliveries before feeling a twinge in his knee and he will now rest for the remainder of this week before joining England in London on Tuesday.



ALLAN BORDER

Sunday 17th August
(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programme)

BBC
6:00am BBC World News 6:30
World Living: Madhur Jaffrey's Flavours Of India 7:00 BBC World News 12:30 World Focus: Panorama 11:00 BBC Newsdesk 12:00 BBC Newsdesk 12:30 Hard Talk 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 World Focus: Panorama 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Living: The Travel Show 2:00 BBC World News 3:30 Hard Talk 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: Madhur Jaffrey's Flavours Of India 5:00 BBC Newsdesk 6:30 World Focus: Panorama 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC News 10:30 World Living: Clarkson's Motorworld 11:00

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CHANNEL V

6:30am Rewind VJ Sophie 7:00 Tune On T 7:30 Rewind VJ Sophie 9:30 Turn On T [V] 11:00 BPL Oyle 12:00 Winner Mangle Hal 12:30 Liberty First Day First Show 1:00 Videocon Flashback 1:30 Turn On T [V] 2:30 Viewer's Choice Award Special 4:30 [V] Hour Special 5:30 Turn On T [V] 6:30pm Simply South 7:30 Rexona Deo Out There 8:00 The Indian Top 10 8:30 Malibu Jammin' VJ Sophie 9:00 Speak Easy 9:30 70's Rewind VJ Sophie 10:00 [V] Mainstage 12:00 Turn On T [V] 2:00 Pepsi By Demand VJ Trey 3:00 Pepsi Chinese Top 20 5:00 Turn On T [V] 5:30 Amped

STAR PLUS

6:30am Voltron 7:00 Wildlife International 7:30 King Arthur 8:00 Dungeons & Dragons 8:30 Ek Lhamu Saath Tumhara 9:00 Meri Pasand 9:30 Chandrakanta 10:30 Janata Ki Adalat 11:00 Maal Hai To Taaq Hai 11:30 Amd India Show 12:00noon The Great Escape 12:30 India Business Week 1:00 Living On The Edge 1:30 Star Trek 2:30 Film Festival: Current 5:30 Chandrakanta 6:30 Plus Preview 7:00 Amer India Show 7:30 Priya Tendulkar Show 8:30 Ooh La La 9:30 Ek Din Ek Jeevan 10:00 Freedom 50-50 & Around the World 10:30 Star News Sunday 11:30 Dynasty 12:30 India Business Week 1:00 Star News Sunday 2:00 BBC Documentary: The Look 3:00 Movie Classic: Love Affair 5:00 Burke's Law

STAR SPORTS

6:00am Inside Cricket 1st Session 6:30 Samsung Nations Cup 7:30 Omega Tour 9:30 Sport Open Day 3:30 World Wrestling Federation Live Wire 9:30 Asia

Sports Show 10:00 Powerboats World Champs 10:30 Water Sports World 11:00 High 5 12:00 Live Omega Tour 9:30 Canon Singapore Open Final Day 3:00 Inside PGA Tour 3:30 ASIA Sports Show 4:00 US PGA Championships Golf 1997 Day 3 9:00 FIM World Motorcycle Championships Grand Prix 97 British GP 11:30 Inside PGA Tour 12:00 Live US PGA Championship Golf 1997 Final Day 4:30 FIM World Motorcycle Championships 97 British Grand Prix

STAR MOVIES

7:30am Adventure : White Wolves ... A Cry in the Wild 11 9:30 Family : The Magic Adventure G 11:00 The Bhaskar Ghose Show 11:30 Family : Bach and Broccoli PG (Hindi Subtitles) 12:00 Thriller : The Island of Dr Moreau 15:30 Comedy : National Lampoon's Scuba School 15:30 Sunday Family : Double Feature : The Mask 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 7:30 Sunday Family Double Feature: The Dog Who Stopped The War PG (Hindi Subtitles) 9:30 Asia

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PTV

6:00 TILAWAT AUR TARJISH 8:20 CARTOON 8:30 KHAIBRAN 8:45 Fun Time 9:05 TV ENCYCLOPEDIA 9:25 KHAITARMAIS 9:40 SPORTS CLINIC 9:45 PTV Gold 10:30 ENGLISH FILM: DARKWING DUCK 10:55 MAST MAST SANYO 11:00 KHAIBRAN 11:10 SPORTS HOUR 12:05 Biscop 95/96 Faasana 10:00 Alco-Ru-Ba-Ru 10:30 Stand By (Trailer Show) 10:45 Hindi Feature Film 1:30 Yeh Duniya Gazab Ki 2:00 Teknik 2:30 VIP Number One 3:00 Anurag 3:30 Mast Mast Show 4:00 Hindi Feature Film (B/W)

9:30 Family : Double Feature: The Mask 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 7:30 Sunday Family Double Feature: The Dog Who Stopped The War PG (Hindi Subtitles) 9:30 Asia

India win warm-up

COLOMBO, Aug 16: India beat the Sri Lanka Board President's Eleven by two wickets in a warm-up one day match on Friday, report agencies.

Batting first, the Board Eleven, led by Hashan Tillekeratne who scored a breezy 51-ball 33, mustered 246 for seven in their share of 50 overs.

India scrapped through to win the match with two wickets in hand and three balls to spare. Rahul Dravid top-scored with 95.

Robin Singh, promoted to bat at number three, made 33.

Independence Day vow

COLOMBO, Aug 16: The touring Indian cricketers in Sri Lanka celebrated the 50th year of their country's independence Friday with a vow to win the World Cup "four or five times" in the next 50 years, reports AFP.

"We have done it once so far, I hope we can win the Cup at least four or five times in the next 50 years," said coach Madan Lal, a key member of the 1983 World Cup winning squad.

The tourists attended an early morning flag-raising ceremony at the Indian high commissioner's residence in Colombo.

Sachin Tendulkar's men, sporting the team blazer over their cricket flannels, listened attentively as High Commissioner Nareshwar Dayal read out a speech delivered by President K R Narayanan at the special midnight session of parliament in New Delhi seven hours earlier.

"It is obviously a very special moment. The last time I attended a flag-raising ceremony was in school," said former captain Mohammad Azharuddin, a veteran of 13 years on the international circuit.

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Imran ready for a bloodtest



LONDON, Aug 16: Pakistani cricket hero turned politician Imran Khan, ruled by a US judge to be the father of an illegitimate five-year-old girl, on Thursday offered to take a blood test, reports Reuter.

He also pledged to abide by any decision of a Pakistani court on the paternity issue.

"Imran Khan is the father of the child," Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner (judge) Anthony Jones ruled on Wednesday after hearing evidence from the child's mother, Sita White, daughter of the late British industrialist Lord Gordon White.

Khan, defeated in his bid to become prime minister of Pakistan in February, did not appear in court but issued a statement through a London publicist.

"As I do not live in California or in England, my response is to welcome Sita White to Pakistan, where I live," he said.

"And I would more than welcome the opportunity to present my side of the story in a Pakistani court rather than conducting an undignified trial by media."

"I will of course be prepared to submit to a blood test in Pakistan and will fully stand by the decision of the competent Pakistani courts."

White testified that she met Khan, then captain of the Pakistani cricket team, in 1988, and conceived a child by him in 1991. The girl, referred to in court only by her first and middle names, Tyrian Jade, was born on June 15, 1992.

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outside of marriage could be disqualified from being eligible to be prime minister," Allred said.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 16: Australian Mark Woodford put a halt to the comeback progress of former world number one Andre Agassi with a 6-3, 6-3 defeat in the quarterfinals of the one million dollars RCA championships Friday, reports Reuter.

Agassi, determined to recover from a slump which has taken him down to a draw-low ATP Tour ranking of 4th. Dropped serve twice in the final set as the 31-year-old from Adelaide claimed the victory in slightly more than two hours.

"Winning the first match was more than I expected, no joke," said Agassi, the 14th seed, who will rest and train next week before the August 25 start of the US open in New York.

In another match sixth seed Carlos Moya of Spain defeated Czech Jiri Novak 6-3, 7-5.

"Woody," one-half of the five-times Wimbledon champion doubles pairing with Todd Woodbridge, will face ninth seed Jonas Bjorkman today the Swede beat American qualifier Tommy Haas 5-7, 6-4, 7-5.

Bjorkman reached his eighth semifinal of 1997 and boasts a match record since January of 43 wins, 18 defeats.

The Monte Carlo-based player admitted that he might need to consider moving to North America based on his solid results in the United States this year.

Sweden's 16th seed Magnus Larsson, who knocked out world No 1 Pete Sampras, lost to ninth seed Wayne Ferreira of South Africa 3-6, 6-3, 7-6. Ferreira and Moya will play in the second semifinal today.

Bulgaria-Israel WC tie Aug 20

SOFIA, Aug 16: Bulgaria is in a World Cup qualifier on Wednesday that could go a long way towards deciding the destiny of Group Five, reports Reuter.

Russia top the group with 14 points from six games with Wednesday's protagonists second and third, Israel, bidding to qualify for the finals for only the second time, have 13 points from seven games with Bulgaria a point back but with two games in hand.

Bulgaria, semifinalist in the 1994 World Cup, lost 2-1 to Israel in their first meeting and cannot afford another slip with two games against Russia still to come.

Bulgarian striker Risto Stoichkov also gave credit to the Israelis but said his teammates were in confident mood.

"These 90 minutes will be much harder than the match against Russia," said the Barcelona man. "But, one of us thinks we will lose this match."

The squad have gathered in the village of Pancharevo on the outskirts of Sofia for their first training session. They will be joined by Ivailo Yordanov from Portugal's Sporting Lisbon.

This will be Israel's final qualifying match while Bulgaria host Russia on September 10 and then play the return fixture on October 11.

Yifter seeks asylum in Canada

TORONTO, Aug 16: Miruts Yifter, a double gold medalist at the 1980 Moscow Olympics, has left Ethiopia to seek asylum in Canada, reports AP.

"Hopefully he will be granted refugee status," Mulukun Muchie, editor of Hawaryya, an Amharic-language newspaper in the local Ethiopian expatriate community, told the Toronto Globe and Mail on Friday. "He has a political problem at home and has started the formal process."

Yifter, whose age varies from 51 to 57 depending on the source, won the 5,000 and 10,000 metres at Moscow, deposing Lasse Virne of Finland. Yifter also earned the 10,000-metre bronze at the Munich Games in 1972 but missed the Montreal Olympics when African countries boycotted in protest against New Zealand's sports links with South Africa's former apartheid regime.

Yifter also won the 5,000 and 10,000 at the World Championships in 1977 and 1979.

Philips Top Ten 12:30 Yeh Kaha Agaya Hum Ep-40 1:00 Hasraten (Comedy Serial: Sime Kapoor) 1:30 Shapath (Serial: Kiron Kumar, Nikita) 2:00 Zee Arabic: Paying Guest (Serial) 2:30 ZEE Arabic: Dastan (Serial) 3:00 Hindi Feature Film

12:00 PRCA Rodeo : Santa Maria Elks Rodeo 1:00 1997 Konica Open Finals 3:00 ESPN's Speedweek 3:30 Sportscenter: Int'l Edition 4:00 Cart Pole Qualifying 5:00 ATP Cart Pole (Int'l) 5:30 World of Rugby 6:00 Brazilian National Football 8:00 European PGA Tour 9:00 Sportscenter: Int'l Edition 9:30 Golf : US PGA Champ 1997 Day 3 11:30 1997 Pilot Pen Int'l Tennis 9:00 12:30 1997 Pilot Pen Int'l Tennis S/F 2:30 1997 Pilot Pen Int'l Tennis S/F 2:30 1997 ESPN's Speedweek 4:00 Sportscenter: Int'l Edition 4:30 1997 Norba National Champs Cross-Country Series 5:00 Boxing Series (Int'l Version) 6:30 Sportscenter: Int'l Edition 7:00 WWF, SPEC 6:00 ESPN's Speedweek 6:30 Dutch Football PSV vs Roda JC.

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Olga Sedakova of Russia performs her freestyle solo synchronized routine at the European Swimming Championships in Sevilla, Spain on Friday. The defending champion scored 99.24 points to finish ahead of Virginie Dedieu of France and Italian Giovanna Burlando.

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8:00 Over Drive 8:30 Star World 9:00 Spring the Wheel 9:30 Stardust Hot 20 Songs 10:30 Once More — Hindi Film Trailer Show 11:00 Gajal / Surajani — Film Songs 11:20 Maina Dekha Tuna Dehka 12:00 Hum Kisie Se Kam Nahi (Game Show) 12:30 Heart To Heart 1:00 Home Shopping 1:30 Pop Mix 2:00 The Music Channel

9:00 Birthday Greetings 9:30 Movie Club Film (Rpt) 12:30 Serial: Gopal Bhar 1:00 Nabajamai (Serial) 3:30 Geet Sangeet 4:30 Sunday Bangla Film 5