

Aussies to tour India in Feb

MUMBAI, Aug 29: Australia's cricketers are scheduled to arrive in India on February 21, 1998 to play three Tests against the home team and participate in the one-day triangular series with the hosts and Zimbabwe, reports PTI.

The tourists would play three Tests and three three-day games between February 24 and March 28 before going into the three-nation one-day tournament which is to commence on April 2, according to the acting secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) J Y Lele.

The first five matches of the triangular tournament are scheduled for April 2, 4, 7, 9 and 12 — the dates suggested by the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) for a bilateral series.

The tournament would be extended by a few days following confirmation from Zimbabwe, Lele said. The Australians had also agreed for the triangular series.

The venue of all the matches would be decided at the September 9 meeting of the special BCCI committee formed under the chairmanship of BCCI president Raj Singh Durgapur and convened at New Delhi.

The three Tests would be held from Mar 5-9, Mar 12-16 and Mar 24-28. The three-day games would be held from Feb 24-26, Feb 28-Mar 2 and Mar 19-21. The tourists would also play a one-day practice game on March 31 prior to the triangular series.

Tennis Hall of Fame

Connors atop the nominees' list

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, Aug 29: Jimmy Connors, who was ranked in the world's top 10 for 16 consecutive years, heads the list of nominees for the International Tennis Hall of Fame, reports AP.

The 1998 ballot was announced Thursday by Tony Trabert, chairman of the Hall of Fame Enshrinee Nominating Committee.

Also on the ballot, which is voted on by members of the international tennis media, are Francoise Durr of France, Ken McGregor of Australia and American Nancy Richey. Herman David is included on the international media ballot, which honors individuals for outstanding contributions to the sport.

Connors, from Belleville, Illinois, was ranked No. 1 in the world for 160 consecutive weeks. In 1973, he won three of the four Grand Slam tournaments, and in one stretch, 1974-78, reached the US Open singles final in five consecutive years.

He is the only player to win the US Open singles on all three surfaces — grass (1974), clay (1976) and hardcourt (1978, 82, 83) — and teamed with Hall of Famer Ilie Nastase to win the US Open doubles in 1975.

Durr, born in Algeria, is the last French woman to win her country's national singles championship, winning the title in 1967. She also won 11 doubles crowns at the majors.

McGregor was an integral member of the 1950 Australian Davis Cup team that ended the United States' four-year possession of the Cup. He teamed with countryman Frank Sedgman to complete the only male Grand Slam in doubles in 1951, and the duo won three of the four majors the following year.

McGregor also won the Australian singles in 1952, defeating Sedgman in the final.

Richey, from San Angelo, Texas, won a record six consecutive US Clay Court Championships and the first French Open women's singles in 1968. She also won an Australian singles title on grass in 1967 and paired with Hall of Famer Maria Bueno for doubles titles at Wimbledon and the US Championships in 1966.

Richey and her brother, Cliff, hold the distinction of being the only brother-sister combination to hold the No. 1 US rankings in singles.

David was an advocate of open tennis during his 15-year tenure as chairman of the All-England Club. He was a teammate of Hall of Famers Fred Perry and Bunny Austin on the British Davis Cup team in 1932 and was the team's non-playing captain from 1953-58.

No alternative, but Atherton



LONDON, Aug 29: Mike Atherton ended mounting speculation about his future today by announcing that he will stay on as England captain despite the failure to win the Ashes, reports AFP.

Officials at Lord's confirmed that 29-year-old Atherton, who has won 12 out of 16 of his record-breaking 46 Tests as skipper, will stay on for the winter tour of West Indies.

But he will not skipper England's one-day international side in a pre-Christmas tournament in Sharjah or in the one-day series against the West Indies which follows the Test matches.

Atherton, who has been likened — admirably — to a cockroach because of his qualities of stubbornness and endurance, has spent five days pondering his future since Saturday's victory against Australia at The Oval.

He had made it known during the sixth Test that he is worried about his batting form — he made just 257 runs at an average of 23 against the

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Prasad, Kumble omitted

BOMBAY, Aug 29: India have dropped bowlers Venkatesh Prasad and Anil Kumble from the squad for the forthcoming tour of Canada and Pakistan, officials said today, reports Reuters.

Medium pacer Prasad is being rested on medical advice as he is suffering from pain in his bowling arm, Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary JY Lele said.

He said leg spinner Anil Kumble was also asked to take rest, and all-rounder Ajay Jadeja would be vice-captain in his place.

Wicketkeeper Saba Karim will make a comeback, at the expense of Nayan Mongia, while opening batsman Navot Sidhu has also been left out.

The 14-man squad has two new faces — medium-pacer Harvinder Singh of northern Punjab state and Hrishikesh Kanitkar, a left-handed all-rounder from western Maharashtra state.

The team leaves New Delhi on September 10 and will play five one-day matches against Pakistan in Toronto for the Sahara Cup on September 13, 14, 17, 20 and 21.

After playing in Canada, the team will travel to Pakistan for another three matches as part of Pakistan's Golden Jubilee of Independence celebrations.

The games are scheduled for Lahore on September 28, Hyderabad on September 30 and Karachi on October 2.

Sachin Tendulkar (captain), Ajay Jadeja, Mohammad Azharuddin, Rahul Dravid, Sourav Ganguly, Vinod Kambli, Robin Singh, Saba Karim, Debashish Mohanty, Abey Kuruvilla, Harvinder Singh, Nilesh Kulkarni, Rajesh Chauhan, Hrishikesh Kanitkar.

Four-nation tourney
Lanka-Windies opener Nov 1

COLOMBO, Aug 29: World Cup holders Sri Lanka will meet the West Indies in the opening match of a quadrangular one-day cricket tournament in Pakistan in November, reports Reuters.

South Africa and host nation Pakistan complete the tournament line-up which will be played at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore from November 1 to 8.

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Nov 1: Sri Lanka v West Indies
Nov 2: South Africa v Pakistan
Nov 3: West Indies v South Africa
Nov 4: West Indies v Pakistan
Nov 5: Sri Lanka v South Africa
Nov 6: Sri Lanka v Pakistan
Nov 8: Final

Guyana's sixth in a row

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Aug 29: Guyana were crowned champions of West Indies youth cricket for the sixth consecutive year Thursday with a decisive 10-wicket win over the Leeward Islands, reports AP.

The home team ended the Northern Telecom-sponsored tournament with an unassailable 52-point tally, 15 more than nearest rivals Trinidad and Tobago and the Leewards.

Jamaica, who humiliated Barbados by 180 runs on Thursday, finished the annual three-week tournament with the same 32-point tournament score as the weaker Bajan team.

In a surprising upset, the Windwards Islands, usually last in nearly all regional competitions, pulled off a consolation victory by beating favourites Trinidad and Tobago by three wickets.

Guyana's captain Ramnarace Sarwan tallied 363 runs, the highest in the competition, followed by his senior opening batsman Azeemul Haque, with 362.

In the bowling department, the leg-spinners dominated with Avidesh Samaroo of Trinidad and Tobago picking up 35 wickets and Jamaica's Ryan Cunningham, 31.

Most of the players depart for home Friday. But West Indies selectors were expected to name an all-star team to play against former youth players at Georgetown's Everest Ground on Saturday.



An AFP file photo shows Diego Maradona reacting to photographers who were trying to take snaps of the Argentine football star having breakfast at a Beijing hotel.

Diego does it again!



BUEENOS AIRES, Aug 29: Soccer superstar Diego Maradona failed a drug test Sunday, the third time he has tested positive for banned substances, the Argentine Football Association (AFA) said on Thursday, report agencies.

AFA spokesman Washington Rivera said the test was conducted after Maradona's Boca Juniors defeated Argentinos Juniors 4-2. Maradona scored once on a penalty.

Rivera did not say which drug showed up in the results for Maradona, who publicly has admitted he has used cocaine.

The AFA will conduct an additional test to confirm Sunday's findings.

In 1994 World Soccer governing body FIFA banned Maradona from playing for 15 months after he failed a drug test following a match against Nigeria in the US World Cup in which Argentina was eliminated in the quarter-finals.

In 1991, while playing for Napoli, Italy's soccer federation also banned him for 15 months after a urine test revealed he had taken cocaine.

The same year he came back to Argentina where he was arrested on drug charges but ultimately was freed on a procedural slip up by police.

Maradona had returned to the field on Sunday after months of opting not to play because he said he lacked motivation.

Maradona's manager Guillermo Coppola expressed astonishment at the failed drug test, saying the team had tested Maradona Sunday morning.

On Sunday Maradona "was calm," Coppola said. "We know about his (good) behaviour lately and this is astonishing... (but) on the evidence there is nothing but resignation."

Coppola himself was jailed for several months last year on drug trafficking charges but was later acquitted.

Former Star Ramon Diaz, Maradona's long-time comrade and his arch-enemy, said, "Everybody is astonished. I don't know what has to be done in this case, but the only thing I can think about is to wish him good luck."

In 1994 Maradona and several other men shot at guns, slightly wounding journalists gathered at the front of his home in the outskirts of Buenos Aires. Maradona faces criminal charges that could lead to a jail term.

Coppola said Maradona was taking "some medication" to aid his latest comeback. He did not specify what medicine that was.

The player's whereabouts Thursday night could not immediately be confirmed.

Maradona, 36, protested vehemently Sunday after his number was pulled out of a bag to undergo a drug test after the match.

Maradona then sat out of a mid-week cup match against cross-town rivals Independiente. The former Argentine captain said Sunday the draw was rigged due to his past drug record.

Maradona, who has undergone extensive drug rehabilitation, launched his fifth comeback in July with Boca Juniors.

But as part of his contract Boca officials insisted that the club's doctors submit him to their own doping test before every game. Maradona said that test on Sunday had proved negative.

Thursday night, Boca's vice-president Luis Conte said the news of Maradona's doping test was like "a punch in the face."

However he said the club would stick by Maradona, who sprang to fame at the club as a teenager before transferring to Spanish side Barcelona in 1981.

"We will never abandon the man," Conte, who personally took it upon himself to get Maradona playing again, said.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD)
Ferry Division, Topkhana, Sylhet

Tender Notice

1. Tender Notice No	: 06 (97-98) dt 20-08-97.
2. Name of work	: As per group list.
3. Nature of contractor	: 1. A to C General Category of (RHD). 2. D General of Dhaka Ferry Circle. 3. E General of Ferry Division, Sylhet.
4. Name of offices where tender documents will be available	: 1. Executive Engineer (RHD) Ferry Division, Sylhet. 2. Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Construction Division, Dhaka. 3. Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Maintenance Division, Dhaka. 4. Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Ferry Sub-Division, Sylhet.
5. Name of offices to receive tender	: 1. Superintending Engineer (RHD), Ferry Circle, Dhaka. 2. Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Division, Sylhet. 3. Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Construction Division, Dhaka. 4. Executive Engineer (RHD), Ferry Maintenance Division, Dhaka.
6. Last date of selling the tender documents	: 14-9-97 up to office hour.
7. Last date and time of receiving tender	: 15-9-97 up to 12-00 Noon.
8. Last date and time of opening tender	: 17-09-97 at 12-30 PM.
9. If lowest tender is more than one then date and time of lottery	: 18-9-97 at 12-30 PM.
10. Group list	

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1	Supplying of brand new spare parts for 110 HP Daf Engine Model-620/615 & 60 HP Kalvin Engine under Ferry Division, Sylhet during the year-1997-98.	Tk 3,79,500/-	Tk 7,590/-	15 (fifteen) days	2908
2	Supplying of brand new spare parts for propulsion unit of 110 HP Daf Model-615 under Ferry Division, Sylhet, during the year 1997-98.	Tk 3,50,000/-	Tk 7,000/-	-do-	-do-

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The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Saturday 30th August
(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programme.)

BTV

3:00 pm Opening announcement, Al Quran programme summary 3:10, Recitation from the Tripoli 3:15, National 5:00 News 5:25 Sports Programme 5:40 Open University 6:20 Samachar 6:50 Nebadon 7:00 The News 7:05 Health Tattha 7:25 Giti Mallya 8:00 News in Bangla 8:25 Binoy 9:00 Rotocop 10:00 News at Ten 10:25 Ghatana Aarala 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Sunday Programme Summary 11:40 Close down.

BBC

6:00 BBC World News 6:30 World Living: Tomorrow's World 7:30 Weekend World: Horizon 8:00 BBC World News 8:30 World Focus: Panorama 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Hard Talk 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 World Focus: Window On Europe 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 World Focus: Panorama 12:00 noon BBC World

CHANNEL V

6:30am Rewind VJ Sophiya 7:30

News 12:30 Hard Talk 1:00 BBC World News 1:05 World Focus: Correspondent 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Living: Tomorrow's World 3:00 BBC World News 3:05 Weekend World: BBC Global Report 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: The Travel Show 5:00 BBC World News 5:30 This Week 6:00pm BBC World News 6:05 Weekend World: Horizon 7:00 BBC World News 7:05 Weekend World: After The Raj 8:00 BBC World News 8:30 World Living: Airport 9:00 BBC World News 9:05 Weekend World: After The Raj 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 World Living: Madhur Jeffery's Flavours Of India 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 This Week 12:00pm BBC World News 12:30 Hard Talk 1:00 BBC World News 1:05 Weekend World: Horizon 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Living: Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 World Focus: BBC World Debate 4:00 BBC Newsweek 4:30 This Week 5:00 BBC World News 5:05 Weekend World: After The Raj

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninasd 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Breakfast With Seetha 10:00 Ek Lamha Saath Tumhare 10:30 A Question of Answers 11:00 Travel Asia 11:30 BBC Documentary "The Last Days of Pompeii" 12:30 Betman 1:30 Denver The Last Dinosaur 1:30 Saber Rider & Star Shirts 2:00 Capitol Critters 2:30 Bakeman's Ooh La La 3:00 Gaatha 4:00 Arts Update 4:30 Jubilee Plus 5:00 Britania Marigold Tea Time Cinema: Ek Duje Ka Lye 6:00

Turn On T (V) 8:30 Rewind VJ Sophiya 9:30 By Demand VJ Trey 10:30 Amped 11:00 Over The Edge 11:30 Rewind 12:00 Speak Easy 12:30 Mainstage 1:30 Turn On T (V) 2:30 Billboard 3:00 US Countdown 4:30 VJ Hour Special 5:30 The Ride 6:00pm Turn On T (V) 7:30 BPL Ovel 8:30 Liberty First Day First Show 9:00 The Ticket 9:30 Turn On T (V) 10:00 Close Up Close Encounters 10:30 Turn On T (V) 11:00 V Spot 12:00 Turn On T (V) 12:30 The Ticket 1:00 Turn On T (V) 2:00 Music Up-date Tokyo 2:30 Turn On T (V) 3:00 Asian Top