



Players and officials of the Pakistan cricket team at the Zia International Airport yesterday. — Star photo



Players and officials of the Indian cricket team who arrived last night. — Star photo

Day belongs to dopings

PERTH, Jan 8: Doping controversies dominated the second day of the swimming World Championships Thursday...

The bag was confiscated at the Sydney airport as members of the Chinese team arrived en route to the championships in Perth...

Later at Perth airport after a five-hour flight from Sydney, Yuan appeared distressed as she left the aircraft...

Nobody has been detained in the incident, although importation of HGH is banned in Australia without prior approval...

The Chinese drug scandal broke only hours after German team leader Winfried Leopold had his accreditation to the championships restored...

The German Swimming Federation took FINA to court after the world body revoked Leopold's accreditation...

As the drug controversy raged, Chinese divers Shuwen Sun and Liang Tian won the men's platform synchronized event...

Russian Yulia Pakhalina took the women's 3-metre springboard title. The two diving events were the only two finals Thursday.

Preliminary competition began in both the team and individual synchronized swimming events while co-favourites Russia and the Netherlands were among the winners...

Evening Session 3:00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme summary...

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Sobers happy to know about Lara's appointment

Sports Reporter

Legendary West Indian all-rounder Sir Gary Sobers, who is one of the six TV commentators for the Coca-Cola Independence Cup...

This is for the second time the all-time great in world cricket, who scored 8032 runs in 93 Tests...

On his arrival at the Zia International Airport, Sobers said the expectant press that he was not very happy with the recent performances of his country...

'Well, West Indies cricket are at a low for a long time. As far as I am concerned, West Indies cricket is in trouble for last seven years. They should have been looked into rebuilding of the side...

'You don't drop players from a winning team regardless how bad they perform and that is where the problem lies. If someone does not perform he should be dropped immediately regardless whether the team is winning or not...

When asked about the appointment of Brian Lara as the new West Indian captain on Wednesday, the master charmer of the yesterday said he was very happy to know about the appointment of Lara...

The problem was that Walsh never captained the team... it was always given to him to send the batting order and do all those different kind of things. But Brian Lara won't find that problem as he was groomed to lead the West Indies cricket...

On Bangladesh, Sobers said that he had very little idea about the cricket played here. 'I know Gordon is coaching the team but I have not seen any match of Bangladesh yet. May be I will be able to make some comments after the tournament,' he said.



Sir Gary Sobers on his arrival at the ZIA yesterday. — Star photo

winning or not. And you've got to bring another player and give him a chance,' Sobers added.

The three umpires are: Rudi Koertzen of South Africa, Doug Cowie of New Zealand and Russell Tiffin of Zimbabwe.

Besides, two TV commentators — former Indian Test cricketer Rabi Shastri and Iftikhar Ahmed of Pakistan also arrived in the city yesterday.

As time control approached, it became clear that Karpov was better able to defend his passed D-pawn than Anand could his B-pawn. The champion was clearly better, and sought out further weaknesses with Anand condemned to finding accurate defensive parries.

Anand is one of the best players of the game at speed, and has led on the clock in every game to date. It was perhaps this extra resource that enabled him to engineer a plan whereby the B and D-pawns were exchanged, but at the cost of his H-pawn...

Although this left Karpov with a three-for-two pawn advantage, all five of them were on the F and G-files, and with only a rook each for extra material, a draw became inevitable.

Match Five ends in draw

LAUSANNE, Jan 8: Defending FIDE world champion Anatoly Karpov played to a draw with the white pieces on Wednesday, leaving Anand challenger Viswanathan Anand just one last hope of taking away his title...

Anand must now win with white in the sixth and final game of the contest today to draw level with the Russian at two wins each.

If he does, the match will go into the blitz play-off stage. At which the 28-year-old Indian's brilliant speed play would make him the favourite.

But Karpov, 46, needs only to draw today to retain the title and set himself up for a probable contest with his arch-rival Garry Kasparov, who is the world's number one player but has broken with FIDE.

Kasparov might have had more than a draw on Wednesday but for Anand's careful defence. The players repeated the moves of Game Three until Karpov deviated on move six, playing quiet moves that left Anand all the problems of creating imbalances in the position.

Anand probed for weaknesses, but needed to retain a solid structure because Karpov's endgame wins in games one and four were built on the back of his measured understanding of slight advantages in positions with little material.

On move 20, Anand signalled his acquiescence by exchanging queens to minimise further risks. A game of intricate strategy characterised the next 10 moves, until, on move 33, Karpov played a telling march with his king into the centre of

Bijlani, Lubna in town

Sports Reporter

Only two players, Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin and Pakistan vice-captain Saeed Anwar, who arrived in the city yesterday with their respective teams to participate in the Coca-Cola Independence Cup cricket tournament...

Indian actress Sangeeta Bijlani, currently performing in a Zee TV serial named 'Chandni' came here for the first time.

On the other hand, Lubna, wife of dashing left-hand Pakistan opener Saeed, will accompany him during the eleven-day Independence Cup assignment.

Meanwhile, former England captain Mike Dennis, match referee for the Independence Cup, arrived in the capital along with the three international umpires.

Weird!

COLOMBO, Jan 8: A Sri Lankan man ordered his wife to slay under a bed without food and water for several hours every day after she refused to worship the photographs of his idols. The Independent Island newspaper reported today, reports Reuters.

It said Ajith Pathmakumara of western Gampaha town wanted his wife to worship the photographs of the Sri Lankan cricketer Roshan Mahanama and Vijaya Kumaratunga, the assassinated husband of President Chandrika Kumaratunga.

The wife's lawyer told a court in the Gampaha that Tushanee Priyadarshini had lived under a bed for most of the two years that she had been married because she declined to obey her husband, the newspaper said.

It said Priyadarshini was still prepared to live with her husband for the sake of their one-year-old child, but was not ready to spend her life under a bed or kneel before the pictures. The magistrate has postponed the case until next month, the newspaper added.

'Beautiful game' in debate

SINGAPORE, Jan 8: The sport's top officials took a look Thursday at the future of soccer and came away divided on whether it will have to change to stay strong, reports AP.

FIFA chief spokesman Keith Cooper, who moderated a panel discussion on the topic, asked whether soccer might someday need to add the equivalent of crowd-pleasing events like beach volleyball or one-day cricket to keep interest high.

Former players like Bobby Charlton and Franz Beckenbauer made strong cases for changing the sport as little as possible, while Alan Rothenberg, president of the US Soccer Federation, warned against complacency.

'I get irritated sometimes when FIFA tinkers with the rules,' said Charlton, ambassador for England's bid for the 2006 World Cup. 'The game is thriving. Why tinker with it?'

He said that if more offence was encouraged to the point where scores rose to 10-13, 'People would get bored with goals. It's very easy to change rules. It's very hard to rescind them.'

But Rothenberg, jokingly referring to himself as the 'token heretical American,' said the NBA would not be a success story today if it had not introduced a shot clock, ended the centre jump after every basket and added the three-point shot.

'We cannot forget we're in the entertainment industry,' he said. 'We can't be too conservative. We can't let our love for the game have us wake up 10 years from now and find we've lost our place.'

While Beckenbauer spoke out against rule changes — except for revamping the offside rule to take away the 'active or passive' ambiguities — he admitted there is increasing competition from other sports.

Andre Gorgemans, general secretary of the World Federation of the Sporting Goods added that sports in general also are having heavy competition for kids' attention from other activities.

Other challenges ahead include the growing rift between rich and poor soccer federa-

tions, the increasing influence of sponsors who may not have the sport's best interests at heart, the long-term impact of the Bosman free-agency court decision, and whether to introduce technology such as instant replays, into the game.

Sponsorship was a particularly hot topic at the three-day Football Expo 98, soccer's first global trade fair.

Several speakers Thursday expressed concern over deals like the 10-year contract signed by Nike with the Brazilian soccer federation that gives Nike the right to stage five exhibition games each year featuring the Brazilians.

Nike Sports Entertainment will be in charge of the games, selling television rights and advertising at the stadium. Gorgemans said it was 'an exaggeration that they are trying to control the sport.'

But Charlton said he worried about the extra demands placed on the Brazilian players, adding that foreign clubs would be less interested in hiring those who have national commitments for a third of the year or more.



Sangeeta Bijlani (L), wife of Indian cricket captain Azharuddin, watches as her husband is busy with something on their arrival at the ZIA last night. — Star photo

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Club: Secret Places 15:30 Romance: Bed of Roses 15:30 Family: Lucky Luke...

Judo Championships Hyundal World Judo Championships 3:30 Watersports World 4:30 Volvo World Cup Showjumping...

India News 10:15 Chitrahaar 10:45 Sabadh Gurbani 11:15 Amul Surabhi 11:45 Maal Karoji...

FRIDAY NIGHT CLASSIC CINEMA & KHAS KHAB-RAIN CLOSE DOWN 7:00 Yeodon Ki Barat 7:30 Hasen Pal (Trailer Show) 7:40 Sur Tal 8:20 Bajaj Darpan...

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PTV 8:00am TILAWAT AUR TARJUMA/HAMD/NAAT 8:20 BOLTAY HAATH 8:35 Sada-E-Kashmir 9:15 DASTAR KHAWAN 9:35 Karb (serial)...

DD 7 10:25 Janmadin (Birthday Greetings) 10:30 Daily Sopa: Oga Priyatama 11:00 Daily Sopa: Rajeshwari 11:30 Parliament Hour/Rabindra Sangeet...

STAR PLUS 6:30am Ninaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Ek Din Ek Jeevan 10:00 Ek Lamha Saath Tumhare 10:30 Post Card From Pakistan 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 Media TV 12:30 Are You Being Served? 1:00 Nine to Five 1:30 Murder She Wrote 2:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 3:00 Santa Barbara 4:00 The Crystal Maze 5:00 The Wonder Years 5:30 Small Wonder 6:00pm Kaleidoscope 6:30 Ghutun 7:15 The Trial Show 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 Ashok Masale Meni Pasand 8:30 Suneet Varma's Style Gurus 9:00 Master Card Family Fortunes 9:30 Star News 10:00 Rendezvous With Simi Garwal 10:30 Due South 11:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 12:00am Santa Barbara 1:00 Star News 1:30 Heartbeat 2:30 Burke's Law 3:30 Vega 4:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 5:30 21 Jump Street

STAR SPORTS 5:30 Scuba Diving: Sea TV. 6:00 Scuba Spanish League World 6:30 Cricket Up Close 7:00 Motorsports: Max Power 8:00 Cricket Up Close 8:30 Sports Unlimited 9:30 The Road To Nagano 10:00 Best and Worst of Sports (Series) 10:30 Scuba Diving: Sea TV. 11:00 Soccer: Spanish League Highlights 11:30 Boating Wildread Round The World Race 12:00 Tiger 5x Int: Indoor Soccer Championships Event Highlights 1:00 Boxing Pro-Masters 3:00 WWF, Live Wire 4:00 World Swimming Championships 5:00 8th World Swimming Championships - Perth 8:00 NBA Inside Stuff 8:30 USA Football Show 9:30 Boating: Whitbread Round The World Race 10:00 Sports India 10:30 World Swimming Championships 11:30 The Road To Nagano 12:00 Scuba Diving: Sea TV 12:30 WWF, Live Wire 1:30 Cricket Classics 2:30 World

ESPN 5:30 Asia Sport Show 6:00 97-98 World Cup Bobsleigh Champ. 6:30 European Football Weekly 7:30 Motorsport Asia 8:00 Indian Cricket Home Cricket Action 8:50 Tri Series New Zealand vs. S. Africa ODI 1st Session LIVE 12:30 Sportscenter: International Edition 1:00 Sportscenter LIVE 1:15 Tri Series New Zealand vs. S. Africa ODI 2nd Session LIVE 2:45 Sportscenter: International Edition 5:00 World Squash Doubles Championships 6:00 Racehorse Digest 6:30 World Of Rugby 7:00 Sportscenter: International Edition Year in Review 8:00 Tri Series New Zealand vs. S. Africa ODI Highlights 10:00 Tri Series New Zealand ODI (5th Rpt) 3:00 Snowboarder Magazine 3:30 Bobsleigh Championship 4:00 Ski World 4:30 World Of Rugby 5:00 Sportscenter: International Edition 6:00 NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls vs. New York Knicks LIVE

DD METRO 7:00am Boot It 7:30 Bhakti Sagar 7:45 Business Aaj Tak 8:00 Good Morning Today 8:30 The First Edition 9:00 Serial 9:30

1:30 Serial: Simarekha 2:00 Kussha Zakhat (Serial) 2:30 Gaaner Khujee 3:00 Daily Sopa: Oga Priyatama 3:30 Daily Sopa: Rajeshwari 5:05 Nepal Prg 5:30 News 5:35 Shilpa Jagat/Health Prog 6:00 Pali Katha 6:20 Surar Sarathi 6:50 Janmabhumi (Serial: Sabbaysachi, Anuradha, Shankar) 7:30 Bangla Sambad 8:30 Surja Snan (Serial) 8:30 Kolner Sansar (Serial: Tapas Pal) 9:00 Janmabhumi (Serial: Sabbaysachi, Anuradha, Shankar) 9:25 Sahitya Sangshikri 10:00 Bengali Movie Club Film Show: Ek Je Chila Desh 1:00 Closed

ATN 7:00 Bhakti Sagar 8:30 Bipul Classic Old Film Songs 9:00 Tere Sur Mere Geet 9:30 Once More-Hindi Film Trailer Show 10:00 Spining The Wheel 10:30 Gunjan 11:00 Bangladeshi Film Songs 11:30 Telebrands /Film Songs 12:00 Stardust Hot 20 Songs 1:00 Sangeet 1:30 Over Drive 1:55 Hindi Film Trailer Show 2:00 Gujarti Prog- Sapna Na Vevtar 3:00 Hindi Film Based Prog 4:30 Bangladeshi Prog: Bangla Film 7:00 Bangladeshi Prog: Aaj Natak 8:30 Humm Kisise Kam Nah 9:00 Spining The Wheel-Pop Songs 9:30 Once More-Hindi Film Trailer Show 10:00 Halla Golla 10:30 On Line - Latest Hit Songs 11:00 Chill Out Zone 11:30 Stardust Court Martial 12:00 X'Cuse Me (Hit Film Songs) 12:30 Tarana (Film

Songs) 1:00 Home Shopping 1:30 Bangladeshi Film Songs 2:00 The Sony Channel Songs

SONY ET 8:30 Gaane Jaana Maane 9:00 Silver Spoon 9:30 Cartoons (Hindi Dub) 5:30 Cartoons (Hindi Dub) 6:00 Silver Spoon 6:30 Who is the Boss 7:00 Different Story (Hindi Dub) 7:30 Parachute-Premier (Trailer Show) 12:00 Jagir 12:30 Taak Jhaank 1:00 Hospital (Serial) 1:30 Star Yaar Kalakar (Contest Show) 2:30 Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature Film 5:30 Cartoons (Hindi Dub) 6:00 Silver Spoon 6:30 Who is the Boss 7:00 Different Story (Hindi Dub) 7:30 Parachute-Premier (Trailer Show) 8:30 Cine Prime-Hindi Feature Film 12:00 Kakke Main Keya Harz Hai (Contest Show) 12:30 Boogi Woogi (Contest) 1:00 Dekh Bhai Dekh 1:30 Thoda Hai Thoda Jarurat Hai 2:00 Toofan Mail (Trailer Show) 2:30 Closed

TNT CARTOON 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy Doo 8:55 Perils of Penelope 9:00 Josie & The Pussycats 9:30 Dink, The Little Dinosaur 10:00 Flintstone Kids 10:30 Richie Rich 11:00 Top Cat 11:30 The Yogi Borer Show 12:00 Scooby Doo 12:30 The Cartoon Grand Prix 1:00 Captain Planet 1:30 Top Cat 2:30 The Real Adventures of Jonny 3:00 Mask 3:30 Sky Commanders 4:00 Centurions 4:30 Swat Kats 5:00 Ninja Robots 5:30 Flintstones 6:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 6:30 Captain Planet 7:00 The Mask 7:30 Dexters Laboratory 8:00 The Addams Family 8:30 Scooby Doo Where Are You? 9:00 The Popeye Show 9:30 World Championship Wrestling