SYDNEY, Apr 29: Previously a 40-a-day man, Shane Warne is just one day shy of collecting 200,000 dollars (128,000 US) for staying off cigarettes. It's been a long four months for Australia's star leg-spinner, with the media intent on grabbing the picture that would do him out of his pay-check, reports AFP.

But the 29-year-old looks like he's made it. Since it was first learned he was being paid 200,000 dollars by the Swedish manufacturers of Nicorette chewing gum to give up the habit, there have been dozens of reported sightings of Warne puffing away. Not one has been

"I heard I was meant to be at the WACA cricket ground smoking in the viewing area ... there's lots of people saying all differ-ent things," Warne told The Australian in a report Thursday. In fact, he says, after 12 weeks chewing on superstrength nicotine gum, he's off

the fags for good. "They said I'd put on weight, but I've actually lost six kilograms (13 pounds), so I'm doing

pretty well," he said. "At this stage, I'm doing OK, I'm hoping to keep off them for

Warne resurrected his career during the recent one-day series

against the West Indies after being dumped for the fourth Test following surgery on his shoulder and has been confirmed as vice-captain in the Australian World Cup squad.

But there will be no fanfare or public cheque presentation when his four months are up at midnight Friday, April 30 - his cricket commitments prevent it. Not that Nicorette mind. For them it's been a massively profitable stunt, with one public relations firm estimating it has reaped 2.0 million dollars in free publicity in terms of newspaper space and television and radio airtime.

Davis Cup

US-Australia tie sells out

BOSTON, Massachusetts, Apr 29: July's Davis Cup Centennial celebration tie between the United States and Australia. to be conducted here despite an Aussie protest over the site, sold out in 81 minutes Wednesday. reports AFP.

Extra spectator areas could be added to the 5,342-seat Longwood Cricket Club, the 122year-old site of the inaugural Davis Cup.

US officials will decide in the next two weeks about increased seating capacity for the quarterfinal tie.

Australia had protested the US hosting the tie because they hosted the previous tie between the nations in Washington in

But Davis Cup officials had already said that the US team would host regardless because of the 100-year anniversary.

The Aussies' only consolation is they will host the next two future ties against the US team, although there has been talk the Aussies could decline to participate in protest at the site.

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Finalists: 1975, 1996

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Group matches

TRACK RECORD

Leeds, June 7 - Australia bt Pakistan by 73 runs. Australia 278-8

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Oval, London, June 11 - Australia bt Sri Lanka by 52 runs.

Australia 328-5 (McCosker 73, Turner 101, G. Chappell 50, Walters

Oval, London, June 14 - West Indies bt Australia by 7 wkts.

Australia 192 (Edwards 58, Marsh 52 not, Roberts 3-39), West

Leeds, June 18 - Australia bt England by 4 wkts. England 93 (Gilmour 6-14, Walker 3-22), Australia 94-6 (Old 3-29)

Lords, London, June 21 - West Indies bt Australia by 17 runs. West

Lord's, London, June 9 - England bt Australia by 6 wkts. Australia

Nottingham, June 13, 14 - Pakistan bt Australia by 89 runs.

Pakistan 286-7 (Majid Khan 61, Asif Iqbal 61, Cosier 3-54), Australia 197 (Hilditch 72, Majid Khan 3-53, Sikander Bakht 3-34)

Birmingham, June 16 - Australia bt Canada by 7 wkts. Canada 105

Nottingham, June 9 - Zimbabwe bt Australia by 13 runs. Zimbabwe

239-6 (Fletcher 69 not), Australia 226-7 (Wessels 76, R. Marsh 50

Leeds, June 11, 12 - West Indies bt Australia by 101 runs. West

Nottingham, June 13 - Australia bt India by 162 runs. Australia

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LONDON, Apr 29 (AFP): Australia's World Cup track record:

1975-1996: Played 38, won 22, lost 15, forfeited 1

Eliminated before semi-finals: 1979, 1983, 1992

Indies 195-3 (Fredricks 58, Kallicharan 78)

Aussies attuned to achieve



side at the World Cup in a bid to extend their dominance to the one-day

Their success, however, will depend largely on one man - leg spinner Shane Warne.

For so long the team's linchpin and the world's premier bowler, he was dropped from the Test eleven for the first time in seven years against the West Indies in April after failing to recover his form following shoulder surgery.

Should he disappoint in the World Cup, the side will lose both its balance and much of its bowling bite.

Balance is one thing the Australian selectors have been struggling with for the past two seasons, attempting to blend Test players with one-day specialists.

The policy at one stage saw a disgruntled Mark Taylor in charge of Tests but dropped from the one-day side in favour of Steve Waugh.

Just in time, however, things began to click for the side.

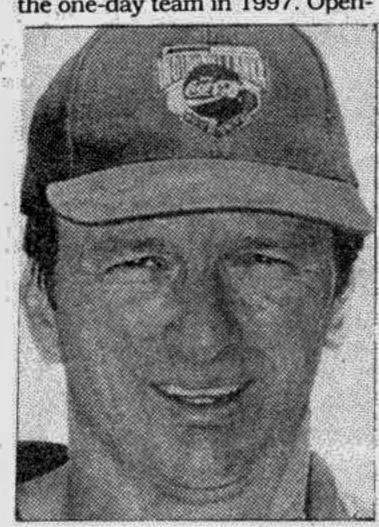
"We've played some good oneday cricket over the last year and a half," says Darren Lehman, one of several players now regarded as an automatic one-day choice but not always picked for Tests.

"It's an advantage to be so settled in terms of the direction you're going and what sort of game-plan you go in with. Most of us have also played in England before, which is a bonus.

"If we play to our potential we can win, but you've got to hope a lot of things go your way and you play well enough on a

given day. The decision to look for players attuned to the one-day format has uncovered several

Wicketkeeper-batsman Adam Gilchrist, yet to play a Test, deposed Ian Healy from the one-day team in 1997. Open-



ter. he boasts five one-day cenregarded as one of the most the world.

Michael Bevan, meanwhile, is probably the best organiser of end-of-innings run chases in the game. A useful chinaman bowler, he has never been able

STEVE WAUGH

ing the batting as a pinch-hitturies, including a national record 154 off 129 balls against Sri Lanka, and is now widely dangerous one-day batsmen in

to fully establish himself in the

TEAM DOSSIER

LONDON, Apr 29 (AFP): Australia cricket World Cup fact-file: Group B (with Pakistan, West Indies, New Zealand, Bangladesh, Scotland)

Strengths: The side is well balanced, blending world-class players like Steve and Mark Waugh, Shane Warne and Glenn McGrath, with several made-to-measure all-rounders, led by Michael Bevan, regarded as the best end-of-innings batsman in the world. Wicket-keeper Adam Gilchrist is also one of the best pinch-hitters around. The best Test side in the world, Australia also have one-day know-how. Nine of the squad featured in 1996.

Weaknesses: Ideally, the side could be strengthened by a bit more bowling bite. Tom Moody, Brendon Julian and Shane Lee are useful multiskilled one-day players but, unlike their South African rivals Shaun Pollock and Jacques Kallis, none are currently regarded as good enough for Test cricket.

Recent form: 98: October- beat Pakistan 1-0 in away Test series. Lose to India in mini World Cup quarterfinal. November- beat Pakistan 3-0 in away one-day series

99: January - beat England 3-1 in home Test series. February - beat England 2-0 in home one-day tri-nation tournament (Sri Lanka failed to reach final), overall 9 wins and three defeats. April-draw with West Indies 2-2 in away Test series, draw one-day series 3-3.

Prospects: The final, and perhaps the Cup.

Shane Warne, crucial to Australia's bowling penetration, is still struggling for his best form following shoulder surgery which kept him out of action for around six months last year. He was even dropped from the Test side in April for the first time in seven

vears. But he is a canny one-day operator and a fine strategist, as he showed when leading Australia to victory over England and Sri Lanka in a tri-nation series at the start of the year. Without his bowling, Australia's attack suddenly looks over-reliant on

McGrath. Squad: Steve Waugh (capt), Michael Bevan, Adam Dale, Damien Fleming, Adam Gilchrist, Brendon Julian, Shane Lee, Darren Lehmann, Glenn McGrath, Damien Martyn, Tom Moody, Ricky Ponting, Paul Reiffel, Shane Warne (vice-capt). Mark Waugh WC pedigree: 1975-1996: Played 38 matches, won 22, lost 16 (1 forfeited)

Winners: 1987 Losing finalists: 1975, 1996 Eliminated before semi-finals: 1979, 1983, 1992

And Adam Dale, bowling vice-tight fast-medium swing, is rapidly becoming the perfect foil for Glenn McGrath's pace, regularly picking up a couple of wickets while conceding less than 30 runs from his 10 overs.

Several old timers have also squeezed their way back into the squad West Australian captain

Tom Moody, big hitter, medium pacer and a veteran of the 1987 and 1992 tournaments, has been resurrected, his call-up spurred on by eight season with

English county Worcestershire. Paul Reiffel, who had an injury-plagued summer, last played in a Test match in India a year ago but, a specialist in English-style swinging conditions, he is also recalled.

"I'd been trying really hard to get back into the Australian team and this was my last chance," he said. On paper, Australia, the

winners in 1987 and with the deepest batting line-up in the world, will start the World Cup as second favourites, just behind South Africa. Pakistan will also pose a huge threat. Steve Waugh's side look to be

peaking at the right time. After winning a tri-nation event against Sri Lanka and England at the start of the year, winning seven games out of 10, they came away from the Caribbean cauldron with hard-earned draws in both the Test and oneday series. They start their campaign

against Scotland at Worcester on May 16. Pakistan, New Zealand, Bangladesh and the West Indies make up the group. Australia will be keen to ef-

face the memories of an unhappy 1996 World Cup. Then, they were criticised throughout Asia after refusing to play in Colombo after a bombing massacre.

They still reached the final only to lose to their most bitter international rivals, Sri Lanka. For many Australian players, that sour taste remains

Keegan wants the job

BUDAPEST, Apr (AFP/AP): Stand-in coach Kevin Keegan revealed Wednesday he has agreed to lead England beyond Euro 2000.

Speaking after the 1-1 draw here Wednesday with Hungary Keegan confirmed he will decide in the next two weeks whether to accept the job on a full-time or part-time basis, but insisted "I will definitely take the job." "I will do it. It is a case of

how that we still have to sort His club Fulham, whom he

has taken to the Second Division championship, have been kept fully informed of developments, Keegan said. Moments after England's 1-

friendly draw with Hungary in Budapest, Keegan had told Sky television that he was yet to make up his mind about the job.

He said: I want another big game under my belt before I really know if I'm the right guy for this job."

As for the possibility of continuing the job on a part-time basis while still managing Fulham, Keegan said: "I do want the job. I don't want people to think I don't want the job.

Lahore, November 4 - Australia bt Pakistan by 18 runs. Australia 267-8 (Boon 65, Imran Khan 3-36), Pakistan 249 (Javed Miandad 70. Imran Khan 58, McDermott 5-44)

Calcutta, November 8 - Australia bt England by 7 runs. Australia 253-5 (Boon 75), England 246-8 (Athey 58)

Preliminary round Zealand 248-6 (Crowe 100 not, Rutherford 57), Australia 211 (Boon

Sydney. February 26 - South Africa bt Australia by 9 wkts. Australia 170-9 (Donald 3-34), South Africa 171-1 (Wessels 81 not)

(Jones 90, Kapil Dev 3-41, Prabhakar 3-41) India 234 (after target revised to 235 off 47 overs, Azharuddin 93, Moody 3-56) Sydney, March 5 - England bt Australia by 8 wkts. Australia 171 (Moody 51, Botham 4-31), England 173-2 (Gooch 58, Botham 53) Adelaide, March 7 - Australia bt Sri Lanka by 7 wkts. Sri Lanka

189-9 (de Silva 62), Aus 190-3 (Marsh 60, Moody 57) Perth, March 11 - Pakistan bt Australia by 48 runs. Pakistan 220-9 (Sohail 76, S. Waugh 3-36), Australia 172 (Aaqib 3-21, Mushtaq 3-

Hobart, March 14 - Australia bt Zimbabwe by 128 runs. Australia 265-6 (Jones 54, M. Waugh 66 not out, S. Waugh 55), Zimbabwe 137 Melbourne, March 18 - Australia bt West Indies by 57 runs. Australia 216-6 (Boon 100, Cummins 3-38), West Indies 159 (Lara 70, Whitney 4-34)

Played 8, won 5, lost 3 (1 forfeited)

Colombo, February 17 - Sri Lanka v Australia. Australia forfeit

Vishakhapatnam, India, February 23: Australia bt Kenya by 97 runs. Australia 304-7 (M. Waugh 130, S. Waugh 82, Ali 3-45), Kenya 207-7 (Otieno 85, M. Odumbe 50)

(M. Waugh 126, Taylor 59), India 242 (Tendulkar 90, Manjrekar 62. Fleming 5-36) Nagpur, India, March 1 - Australia bt Zimbabwe by 8 wkts.

Jaipur, India, March 4 - West Indies bt Australia by 4 wkts. Australia 229-6 (Ponting 102, S. Waugh 57), West Indies 232-6 (Lara

Madras, March 11 - Australia bt New Zealand by 6 wkts. New Zealand 286-9 (Germon 89, Harris 130), Australia 289-4 (M. Waugh 110, S. Waugh not 59)

Semi-final Chandigarh, India, March 14 - Australia bt West Indies by 5 runs. Australia 207-8 (Law 72, Bevan 69), West Indies 202 (Chanderpaul 80, Richardson 49 not)

Silva 107 not)

RECORDS AGAINST OTHERS v England: Played 4, won 2 (1975, 1987), lost 2 (1979, 1992)

v India: Played 6, won 4 (1983, 1987, 1992, 1996), lost 2 (1983, 1987) v New Zealand: Played 4, won 3 (1987 x2, 1996), lost 1 (1992) v Pakistan: Plated 4, won 2 (1975, 1987), lost 2 (1979, 1992)

v West Indies: Played 7, won 2 (1992, 1996), lost 5 (1975 x2, 1983 x2,

Adam Dale declared Thursday he is over a bout of pneumonia and eager to return to the Australian squad for next month's World Cup in England.

The seamer is expected to fly out of Brisbane on Friday to rejoin the Australian team after being forced home from the tour of the West Indies earlier this month with fears he would miss cricket's showpiece tourna-

Dale said he was satisfied with his recovery after completing three bowling sessions this week under the guidance of Queensland coach John Buchana.

"The doctors say I won't be affected as long as I don't do anything foolish." Dale said. "I'm convinced it's gone but

now I have to get the energy and the strength back to where I'd like and I'm not 100 per cent yet from that point of view." When Australia lost the last World Cup final to Sri Lanka in

1996. Dale was in Brisbane

watching on television. But he has emerged as one of the keys to Australia's hopes of regaining the trophy they last won in 1987, even if he ex-



ADAM DALE

pressed surprise at one magazine tipping him to be Australia's standout player in Eng-

"I've played 24 one-day internationals and if you put five or six of the blokes together in our team, they've probably played 1,000," Dale said.

"I'm still trying to establish myself in the team and I'm keen to keep doing that. At no time do I ever think that I'm a walkup start to play or that I'll be successful every time I walk out on the park.

"I've played in plenty of games when the batsmen get the better of you and anyone capable of playing in a World Cup is capable of hitting you around the park." While Australia and South Africa have been ranked as World Cup favourites. Dale said the team would not underestimate its opponents despite facing cricket minnows Scotland in their opening clash on

Australia then face matches against New Zealand-Pakistan. Bangladesh and the West Indies before the top six teams advance to a further qualifying series from June 4.

"If we do things right then we have the skills to win but we would be foolish to underestimate any team," he said.

Brown wins MU contract

MANCHESTER. Apr 29 Manchester United defender Wes Brown has been rewarded with a new five-year contract for his remarkable season for club and country, reports AFP. United began talks with

Brown some months ago after he won a regular place in the first-team squad and the 20year-old has finally put pen to paper on a new deal. 'The agreement caps a re-

markable season for Brown. who is being hailed as the new Paul McGrath, United's stalwart Irish defender of the 1980s. As well as rising through the

ranks at Old Trafford, he has enjoyed rapid promotion with England. He played for England in last summer's European Under-18s Championships in Cyprus be-

fore becoming a regular with the Under-21s this season. On Wednesday, England coach Kevin Keegan handed him his first senior cap in the 1-1 draw against Hungary at

Morocco shock Netherlands

Budapest.

ARNHEM, Holland, Apr 29: Morocco shocked Holland in a friendly international here on Wednesday, beating the cohosts of next year's European Championships 2-1, reports

Youssef Chippo put the visitors ahead on the hour and Salahedine Bassir doubled their advantage with 20 minutes remaining before PSV Eindhoven striker Ruud Van Nistelrooy scored a consolation in the dying seconds before a stunned 27,000 crowd.

The Dutch, coached by Frank Rijkaard, a member of the star-studded side which lifted the 1988 European Championship trophy, were sluggish throughout and allowed themselves to be caught on the counter-attack by the speedy Moroccans.

It was Rijkaard's first defeat in charge. He took over from Real Madrid-bound Guus Hiddink after last summer's World

Cup.

The Dutch, however, were missing a clutch of regular first choices, with Ronald and Frank De Boer, Phillip Cocu, Patrick Kluivert, Michael Reiziger and Boudewijn Zenden all involved in Barcelona's centenary fixture against Brazil. For Morocco, unlucky not to

reach the second phase of France '98 after destroying Scotland, the win was a huge boost on the day the North Africans said they were still bidding to stage the 2006 World Cup despite pressure to withdraw and support South Africa as the African candidate.

Dale declared fit Pains of greatness

By Tawfiq Aziz Khan

Shahid Afridi, or even Ten-

dulkar, has been out of form

and out of cricket for quite

some time now. His last few

flow from his bat had he been It was a sunny affully fit and did not have the ternoon at Lord's. pains of greatness. Sir Len Hutton Jayasuriya, still the most was softly comdreaded one-day opener, despite plaining about a

persistent pain in

his back. In his early sixties,

the moderately-built, slightly

stooping first professional

captain of the England cricket

team was confining in none

other than John Arlott, the

'voice of summer'. It was almost

a private conversation partici-

pated by Denis Compton, Keith

Miller and Freddie Trueman in

the lounge of a coffee bar at the

entrance to the press enclosure.

I was in the august company.

Thanks to John Arlott who had

introduced me to the 'greats' as a

"friend and gentleman from

tal speedster of the Australian

side that played England in the

forties and fifties. His partner

Ray Lindwall was quick himself

but batsmen of the time felt

'Miller's faster one was faster

than Lindwall's fastest one.' He

was once a tormentor of Sir

Len. But they were friends now.

Tall, sun-burnt and erect,

Miller looked as handsome as

ever in his flannel and grav

blazer. He, too, had been suffer-

ing from pain in his back. Long

run-up and a fierce delivery

stride that entailed a robust fol-

low-through on heavy landing

having taken its toll. He was

lucky to have escaped with oc-

casional pain. He spoke of his

discomfort in his typical Aus-

tralian accent, but softly and

tive, hardly spoke, nodding ev-

ery now and then with a thin

many Australians and Indians,

was as usual fidgety and ever

willing to butt in. He was on a

mission of charity, collecting

autographs of great cricketers

on a small bat that would be

auctioned for fund raising.

was standing beside John Arlott

savouring the conversation and

great cricketers have been

complaining about pains, from

Brian Lara to Sanath Java-

suriya and Sachin Tendulkar to

Shane Warne. They are some of

the top names of contemporary

cricket, living legends of their

times. With them there are oth-

ers who may not measure up to

them, but, nevertheless, bril-

liant and important cricketers

by their own rights and

achievements. They have also

been sidelined, and fighting for

full and complete recovery in

hopes of making worthwhile

contributions to the World Cup.

ures since his world beating

records in 1994 until the

Aussies arrived in the

Caribbeans. The little genius

must have been tired of fighting

with his body as well as his

mind. When a player like Lara

fails to deliver day in and day

out, he not only encourages his

critics to doubt his greatness

but takes upon himself the ex-

traordinary pressure that can

ruin his career. When every-

thing in the garden looked rosy

for him, he has to take time off

The injury may not be that serious but it is always vexing

particularly with the World Cup

round the corner. Imagine the

staggering prospect of double

and triple centuries that could

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SIR LEN HUTTON

too, has been struggling hard to come out of his pains, both physical and mental, well in time to make the trip to England. His wrist and elbow had gone through close scrutiny before he returned to the squad and hopes are high once again in the Sri Lankan camp.

Muralitharan's pains have been mainly caused by Darryl Hair, the Australian umpire. At a crucial point of his career he has been devastated by Mr. Hair's misinterpretation of the no-ball rule. Humiliations apart, this classy off-spinner had to pass a pain barrier that is mainly reserved for long-distance runners. His great feat against England has put him on top as one of the best offspinners in the game today. Muralitharan is basically a wrist spinner and it is quite appropriate that he would have problems with his wrist. He was in pain for quite some time, missed a number of Tests and one-dayers during this period. but was back on time to make the team. Sri Lanka depend on his success a lot.

Little Mushtaq Ahmad, the gifted Pakistani leg-spinner, is also in pains.

His is an unusual injury, unlike others in the game, he has pain in his ankle and it has proved to be a nagging one. He is out of touch for quite some time now, missing a number of ODIs and Tests that could have fetched him a number of victims and improve his career records.

The master of 'reverse swing' and until the arrival of Shoaib Akhtar, the fastest bowler of present time, Waqar Yunis, has been fighting hard to get the pain off his back to return to the game. A 'rhythm bowler'. according to the modern-day cricket experts, Wagar has not been his usual self and not been performing to his full capacity. As a result, his illustrious career is in jeopardy at 27 and only a few scalps short of 300 in Test cricket.

about the greatest left-arm fast bowler of the game, Wasim

A passing reference here

Akram, would not be out of place. His pains and problems with groin, a common one for fast bowlers, made his career miserable for some time. But his strong determination coupled with modern medical and surgical methods have brought him back into the attack again.

He, too, has lost valuable time. Shane Warne has been heralded as the king of right-arm leg-spin bowling even by his harshest critics. In quick time he joined the illustrious band of bowlers in the 300-club. Richie Benaud, a right-arm leg-spinner himself, sat with the calculator and predicted a staggering 600plus wickets for Warne. At the rate Shane was going it might have been possible. But there were elements beyond computation. Warne had to opt for surgery in the shoulder for nagging pain. That put him out of commission temporarily with hopes of one hundred per cent recovery that would give him unfettered chances of reaching the dream figure of 600-plus wickets in Test matches alone.

It was worth the salt for him to endure the pains to become fit again. In the process he, too, missed a number of matches. But the recent series in the Caribbeans have woefully shown the ineffectiveness of this maestro in Tests, in particular, against the West Indies. Gone are his bite and venom and he was dropped from the team. Australia without Warne is like Australia without Kangaroo, unimaginable, unbelievable, unthinkable,

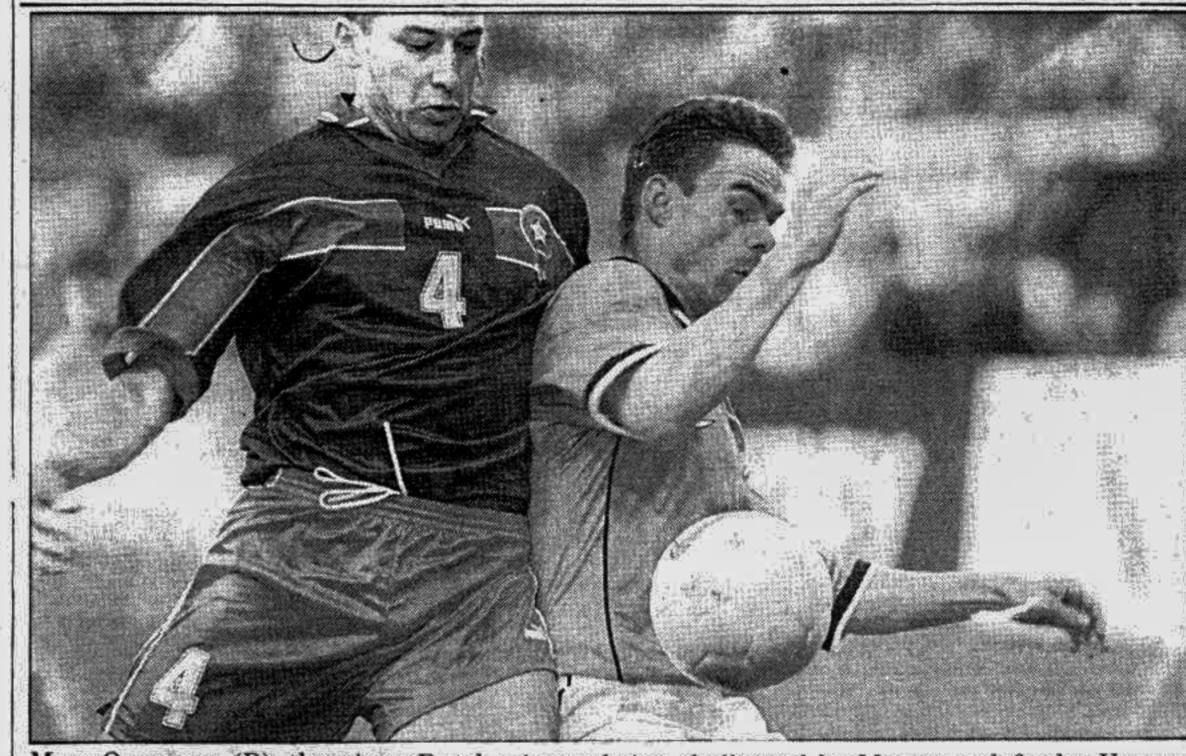
The most recent casualty of pains of greatness is the great Sachin Tendulkar, retreating from the crease with pain in the back. The little master fought against the pain valiantly played some matches but did not think it wise to continue with it. He took time off from the busy schedule at home and Sharjah, went off to London, consulted specialists and came back home to join the Londonbound party, hopefully fully fit.

All these 'greats' are now fit as a fiddle and we are waiting anxiously to watch them in action a couple of weeks from

Since the days Len Hutton scored his 364 against Australia, times have changed and so has the game. There has been corresponding changes in attitude, and in physical and psychological fitness. The improvement and inventions in medical science, the quality and technique of treatment and the emergence of the 'barehand' doctors known as physio keep the modern-day cricketers on their feet despite tremendous pressures with which they have to pass through because of hect tic schedules.

Sir Len passed away with his pains. Compton and Arlott have also left this world. But the memory of that small rendezvous of galaxies is still fresh in my mind. As I look back, pains for separating company fill my heart. It is not the pains of greatness but pains of being in great company.

NOTE: The writer is the first journalist from Bangladesh to have covered a World Cup cricket tournament for SPORTSWORLD and KRIRAJA-GAT in 1979. — Sports Editor



Marc Overmars (R), the nippy Dutch winger, being challenged by Moroccan defender Youssef Rossi during their friendly at Arnhem on April 28. Morocco won 2-1. -AFP photo

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UNANNOUNCED. Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals I

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Lord's, London, June 18 - West Indies bt Australia by 7 wkts. Australia 273-6. (Hughes 69, Hookes 56, Yallop 52 not), West Indies 276-3 (Greenidge 90, Richards 95 not)

Chelmsford, June 20 - India bt Australia by 118 runs. India 247 (Hogg 3-40, Thomson 3-51), Australia 129 (Madan Lal 4-20, Binny

Madras, October 9 - Australia bt India by 1 run. Australia 270-6 (G. Marsh 110), India 269 (Srikkanth 70, Sidhu 73, McDermott 4-56) Madras, October 13 - Australia bt Zimbabwe by 96 runs. Australia 235-9 (G. Marsh 62, Border 67), Zimbabwe 139 (O'Donnell 4-39) Indore, India, October 18, 19 - Australia bt New Zealand by 3 runs. Australia 199-4 (30 overs) (Boon 87, Jones 52), New Zealand 196-9

New Delhi, October 22 - India bt Australia by 56 runs. India 289-6 (Gavaskar 61, Sidhu 51, Vengsarkar 63, Azharuddin 54 not, McDermott 3-61), Australia 233 (Boon 62, Azharuddin 3-19) Chandigarh, India, October 27 - Australia bt New Zealand by 17 runs. Australia 251-8 (G. Marsh 126 not, Jones 56), New Zealand 234 (Wright 61)

Cuttack, India, October 30 - Australia bt Zimbabwe by 70 runs. Australia 266-5 (Boon 93, Jones 58 not), Zimbabwe 196-6 Semi-finals

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Final

Played 8, won 4, lost 4 Auckland, February 22 - New Zealand bt Australia by 37 runs. New

Brisbane, March 1 - Australia bt India by 1 run. Australia 237-9

Group matches

Bombay, February 27 - Australia bt India by 16 runs. Australia 258

Zimbabwe 154 (Waller 67, Warne 4-34), Australia 158-2 (M. Waugh

60. Richardson 93 not, M. Waugh 3-38) Quarter-final

Final Lahore, March 17 - Sri Lanka bt Australia by 7 wkts. Australia 241-7 (Taylor 74, de Silva 3-42), Sri Lanka 245-3 (Gurusinha 65, de

v South Africa: Played 1, lost 1 (1992) v Sri Lanka: Played 4, won 2 (1975, 1992), lost 2 (1996 x2, 1 forfeited)

v Zimbabwe: Played 6, won 5 (1983, 1987 x2, 1992, 1996), lost 1 Others: v Canada: played 1, won 1 (1979). v Kenya: played 1, won 1