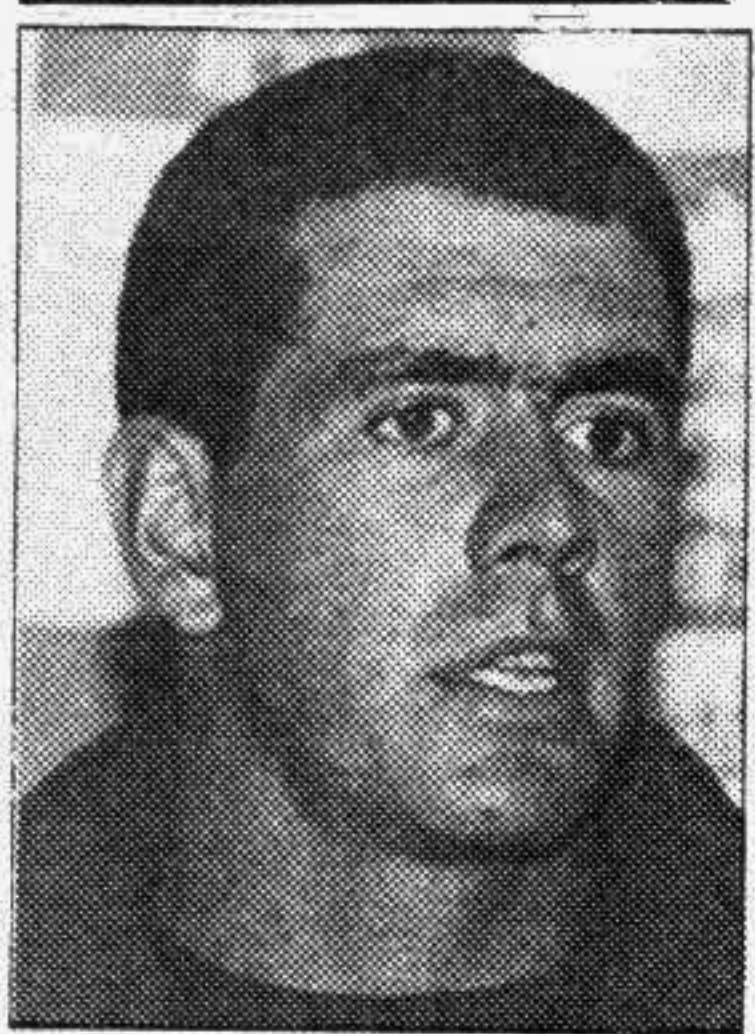


## Column One SPORTS TALK



**Hansie Cronje**  
(South Africa cricket captain)  
"When he grows older, he will learn it's not all about being fast."  
On Shoaib Akhtar.

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1	How many matches have been scheduled for the World Cup 99?	40	41	42
2	Pakistan beat New Zealand in the semifinal by	9 wks	10 wks	53 runs
3	How many wickets did NZ bowler Geoff Allott capture in the World Cup?	18	21	20
4	Saqibain Mustaq scored his hat-trick against which country?	Kenya	Zimbabwe	Bangladesh
5	How many runs did Minhazul Abedin score in the World Cup?	120	140	140

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## Saber re-elected

President of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Saber Hossain Chowdhury was yesterday elected an executive board member of the International Cricket Council (ICC) from the associate members group, reports BBS.

The election of three members to the ICC executive board was held at the annual general meeting of the associate group of ICC at Lord's, according to a message received in Dhaka from London.

The other two members elected were Jimmy Rayani from Kenya and J Holmen from Denmark.

Representatives from seven countries took part in the election. Saber Hossain was elected to the ICC executive board for the last two years.

BCB general secretary Syed Ashraf Hossain was elected to the ICC cricket committee.

## Lillee to look into Agarkar's action

CHENNAI, June 22: Indian medium pacer, Ajit Agarkar, is to undergo training to correct his 'defective bowling action' (for being past side-on) under the tutelage of speed-ace, Dennis Lillee, who is here to take stock of the trainees at the MRF pace foundation, reports PTI.

Agarkar took lessons from Lillee for a day on the advice of Sachin Tendulkar during the camp here in August last for the Indian team before their tour to Toronto.

Tendulkar had then spoken to Lillee about Agarkar's problems on the day he (Tendulkar) left Chennai for Australia to meet Don Bradman on his 90th birthday.

Lillee, called Professor Emritius in the art of pace bowling, who was in Chennai then, had given few tips to Agarkar including 'bowling before a mirror' (shadow bowling).

Agarkar, had played a couple of matches in the just concluded World Cup, would undergo training till June 28, according to T A Sekar, coach at the foundation.

Punjab's Harvinder Singh, who had been campaign here for the last one month, as part of a rehabilitation programme would also undergo training, Shekar said.

# Champions start like champions

Sports Reporter

Holders Muktiyoddha Sangsad Kira Chakra got off to a flying start in the Keya Premier Division football league with a 5-0 whitewash of promoters Mirpur Chalanika Sporting Club in the inaugural match played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

In a rain interrupted match which started an hour behind the schedule, the all-reds simply ran over the Mirpur outfit.

Buoyed by the presence of their two Nigerian booters—Aliyu Rahman and Effian—Muktiyoddha meant business right from the word go and confirmed a cakewalk even before the lemon break with an unsalable 5-0 lead in the first 45 minutes.

However, it was a suicidal goal that opened the floodgate in the 13th minute with Mirpur Chalanika defender Dulal earning the dubious reputation of heading into his own net.

Inspired by the early lead, the defending champions went all out against the new comers and gave them a bitter test of playing football at the top level with a series of offensives.

Effian, who was brought to Bangladesh by his compatriot Aliyu, a member of the Muktiyoddha squad which won their



a Hasan Al-Mamun free-kick from the left flank after three minutes.

Al-Mamun, the mercurial right-wing back, then made it 3-0 in the 20th minute with a beauty of a 25-yarder that

maiden Premier league championship in 1997, headed home the second goal capitalising on

sailed into the upper right-hand corner of the net after kissing the outstretched hands of Chalanika custodian Humayun.

Effian scored his second goal in the 35th minute from close after being nicely fed by his compatriot Aliyu, who pumped in the fifth goal, heading home a Hasan Al-Mamun corner four minutes before the short whistle.

After a magnificent run in the first half, Muktiyoddha's resigned to a casual approach in the second session.

Effian, playing his first match in Dhaka football, almost got his hat-trick in the 76th minute. But his hurriedly taken left-footer slightly missed the far post.

**Yellow card:** Tushar (Muktiyoddha Sangsad)

**TEAMS**  
**Muktiyoddha Sangsad KC:** Biplab (Arjun), Hasan Al-Mamun (Mansoor), Jewel Rana, Rajani, Masood Rana, Tito, Tushar, Aliyu Rahman, Liton (Babu Zaman), Effian and Nabik.  
**Mirpur Chalanika SC:** Humayun (Nayan), Kabir, Rafique, Dulal, Zaglu, Kakan, Rinku, Mamun (Pappu), Sohag, Babu Das and Liton.  
**Referee:** Ibrahim Nessar.

**No matches today**  
Both matches of the Keya Metropolitan Premier and First Division football league, scheduled for today, have been postponed due to the non-availability of police personnel, reports UNB.

The matches will be held on tomorrow as per previous timings, league committee chairman Abdur Rahim said last night.

## Nat'l hockey Navy sink Sylhet

Bangladesh Navy moved into the second round of the BRTC 21st national hockey championship crushing Sylhet 10-0 in the inaugural match at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners dominated the first half 4-0.

Khokon scored five goals while Manik struck twice and Mithu, Mamun and Lukman scored one goal each.

Mithu opened the floodgates early in the 4th minute from a penalty corner while top scorer Khokon doubled the margin in the 11th minute by a field goal.

Later, Khokon scored three field goals in the 25th, 39th, 42nd minutes and another goal in the 50th minute from penalty stroke.

Manik netted two field goals in the 44th and 57th minutes while Mamun scored one field goal in the 27th minute and Lukman completed the winners tally by a field goal in the 63rd minute.

# Chief guest holds up start!

Sports Reporter

The Keya Premier Division football League got off to a rainy start at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. The resumption of the most colourful League after a season's lay-off was also marred by a comedy of errors by the organisers.

The scheduled 4pm start of the first match between Muktiyoddha and Chalanika eventually got off at 5pm as the chief guest BFF president and DCC mayor Mohammed Hanif and chairman of the sponsors arrived late.

Although, a Bangladesh Football Federation member tried to give the excuse of the afternoon shower, it was quiet apparent from the press box that the delay in arrival of guests invited for the inaugural ceremony forced the organisers to start the match an hour late.

The rain stopped ten minutes before 4 pm and both the

teams were present at the ground in time. But mysteriously, the match did not kick off. An organiser kept on announcing about the beginning of the league and who was going to inaugurate through public address system for about an hour. He also mentioned the name of the chairman of the league sponsor Keya Cosmetics Limited for more than 20 times.

After all these happenings, the chief guest arrived at the ground at 4:45 pm and then took another fifteen minutes to formally declare the meet open.

Rain began immediately after his departure and the match started in full shower.

However, the footballers were given a break, as referee Ibrahim Nessar stopped the match after two and a half minutes. The match re-started after 25 minutes.

**TEAMS**  
**Mohammedans SC:** Ponir, Faisal, Ruhul Amin (Anwar), Monwar, Jahangir, Selim, Motiur, Rakib, Askar Babu, Mizanur (Shoaib) and Alfaz.  
**Badda Jagorani:** Apel, Govinda, Riad, Hasan, Lajuk, Papal, Haider (Asad), Parvez (Prince), Monwar, Khokon and Tanvir (Harun).



**STEFFI'S ARMY:** Fans of Steffi Graf display their appreciation for the seven time champions during her first round match at the Wimbledon Championships against Slovakia's Ludmila Cervanova. Graf won 6-1, 6-4.

## AFC honours Bangladesh

Sports Reporter

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) in its monthly awards for May, made Bangladesh team-of-the-month in recognition of their impressive performances in the second South Asian Football Federation Championship held in Goa recently, according to a faxed press release.

Bangladesh lost 2-0 to hosts India in the final. At inaugural competition held in Nepal, they failed to progress past the group stage.

India's Bhaichung Bhutia picked up the Asian-player-of-the-month after scoring crucial goals in semifinals and final.

South Korea's Olympic team coach Huh Jung Moo received the coach-of-the-month title.

Goal-of-the-month went to Sirous Dinmohammadi who plays for Iranian side Esteghlal.

He scored a consolation goal against J-League outfit Jubilo Iwata in the final of the Asian Club Championship. They lost 2-1.

The 28-year-old picked the ball up 30 yards from goal, evaded three Jubilo challenges before firing through a group of players and into the keeper's top right-hand corner.

## Notts get Greenidge

NOTTINGHAM, England, June 22: Legendary West Indian opener Gordon Greenidge joined English county championship side Nottinghamshire today as their batting coach, reports AFP.

Former South African great Clive Rice, the county's manager, recruited 48-year-old Greenidge, who played 108 Tests and formed a world class opening partnership with Desmond Haynes, after he was sacked as Bangladesh national coach on May 31.

Gordon's track record as a world-class opening batsman speaks for itself, and so the opportunity to bring in someone with his experience and expertise was one which we couldn't afford to miss," Rice said.

Greenidge lives in Nottingham, having completed a sports and leisure studies course at a local college after his retirement.

As well as assisting the first team batsmen, Greenidge will also be working in a development role with promising young players.

## Fed Cup prizes given away

The prize distribution ceremony of the recently concluded Pedrollo Pumps 15th Federation Cup football tournament was held Monday evening at a city hotel, reports UNB.

Post, Telecommunication and Home Minister Mohammad Nasim was the chief guest at the ceremony of the season's curtain-raiser meet.

Speaking briefly on the occasion, Nasim said: "I came to know that the BFF is going to organise the Bangabandhu Cup Football very soon. I am ready to give my full support for staging the tournament."

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) general secretary Harun-ur-Rashid, MP, managing director of tournament sponsors Pedrollo NK Limited Nader Khan, chairman of the tournament committee and Commerce Secretary Sayed Alamgir Farouk Chowdhury and tournament secretary Prof Shah Alam Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion.

National media Iqbal Hossain of Abahani who was adjudged best player of the tournament, received a refrigerator.

Another national media, Monwar Hossain of Badda Jagorani, was given a colour television as the highest scorer of the tournament.

Federation Cup champions Abahani received prize money of Tk 100,000, runners-up Muktiyoddha Sangsad KC Tk 75,000, and two semifinalists Mohammedan SC and Badda Jagorani Sangsad Tk 50,000 each.

# Hingis humiliated

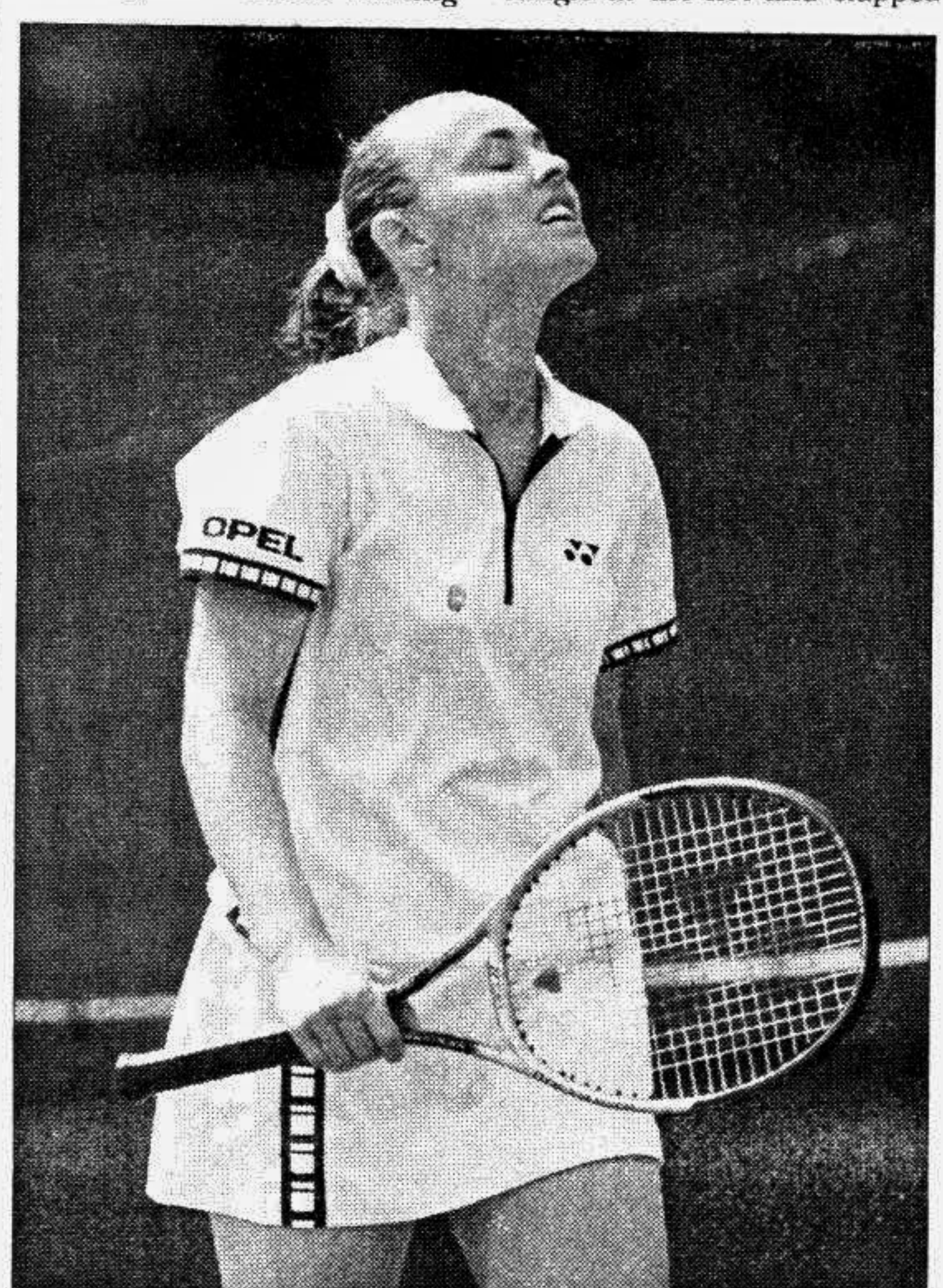


WIMBLEDON, June 22: Martina Hingis, playing her first singles match since an emotional loss in the French Open final, was upset Tuesday at Wimbledon by 16-year-old qualifier Jelena Dokic, 6-2, 6-0, reports AP.

Dokic, a Yugoslav-born Australian, was the world's top-ranked junior before turning

professional in January. She beat the top-ranked Hingis by mixing power from the baseline with deft drop shots.

Dokic won the final 11 games and showed no sign of nervousness, closing out the stunning opening-round victory when Hingis floated a service return long on match point. Dokic raised her fists in triumph, shook hands with Hingis at the net and clapped



**TOTALLY OUT OF SORTS:** World No 1 Martina Hingis looks towards the skies after her humiliating first round loss to Australian Jelena Dokic yesterday. —AFP photo

her racket strings as the Court 1 crowd cheered.

Hingis looked rattled at times en route to defeat, but there was no repeat of her emotional display earlier this month against Steffi Graf in Paris. In that match she walked to the other side of the court to question calls, served underhand near the finish, drew jeers from the crowd and sobbed afterward on her mother's shoulder.

This time, when the match ended, Hingis quickly left the court with a stoic expression.

The upset took just 54 minutes, and it's only third time the No. 1 women's seed has been eliminated in the first round at Wimbledon. The others to lose were Margaret Smith in 1962 and Steffi Graf in 1994.

Dokic played Hingis once previously, losing at the Australian Open in January 6-1, 6-2.

Dokic was playing a tournament in Birmingham, England, two weeks ago when her father, Damir, was expelled from the grounds for disorderly behavior. He later blocked traffic, threw himself on the hood of a car and was held by police for several hours.

Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario rallied to avert a first-round upset loss, beating qualifier Anna-Maria Foldenyi 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Sanchez-Vicario, a two-time Wimbledon finalist, struggled with her usually reliable forehand and turned the match around when she started coming to the net.

The seventh-seeded Spaniard overcame 40-15 deficits to win each of the last two games against Foldenyi, a Hungarian ranked 119th. Foldenyi double-faulted at deuce in the final game, and Sanchez-Vicario put away a backhand volley to close out the victory.

In men's play, 18-year-old Australian Lleyton Hewitt showed his affinity for grass by routing Marcelo Filippini 6-2, 6-2, 6-1. Hewitt nearly beat Pete Sampras on the surface in the Queen's semifinals earlier this month.

# County calling Warne



LONDON, June 22: Australia's legendary leg-spinner Shane Warne said today that far from thinking of retiring from cricket, he was keen on returning to England to play county cricket next year, reports AFP.

Warne, who embarrassed all the pundits who suggested he was a spent force by taking eight wickets and being named man-of-the-match in both the World Cup semifinal and final wins over South Africa and Pakistan, has been linked with several counties in the past but decided against taking up any of the reported big-money offers.

"I hope to return to England to play county cricket next season," he wrote in his column in The Times.

"I have spoken to two counties and, although there isn't an offer in writing, I am optimistic that something will materialise."

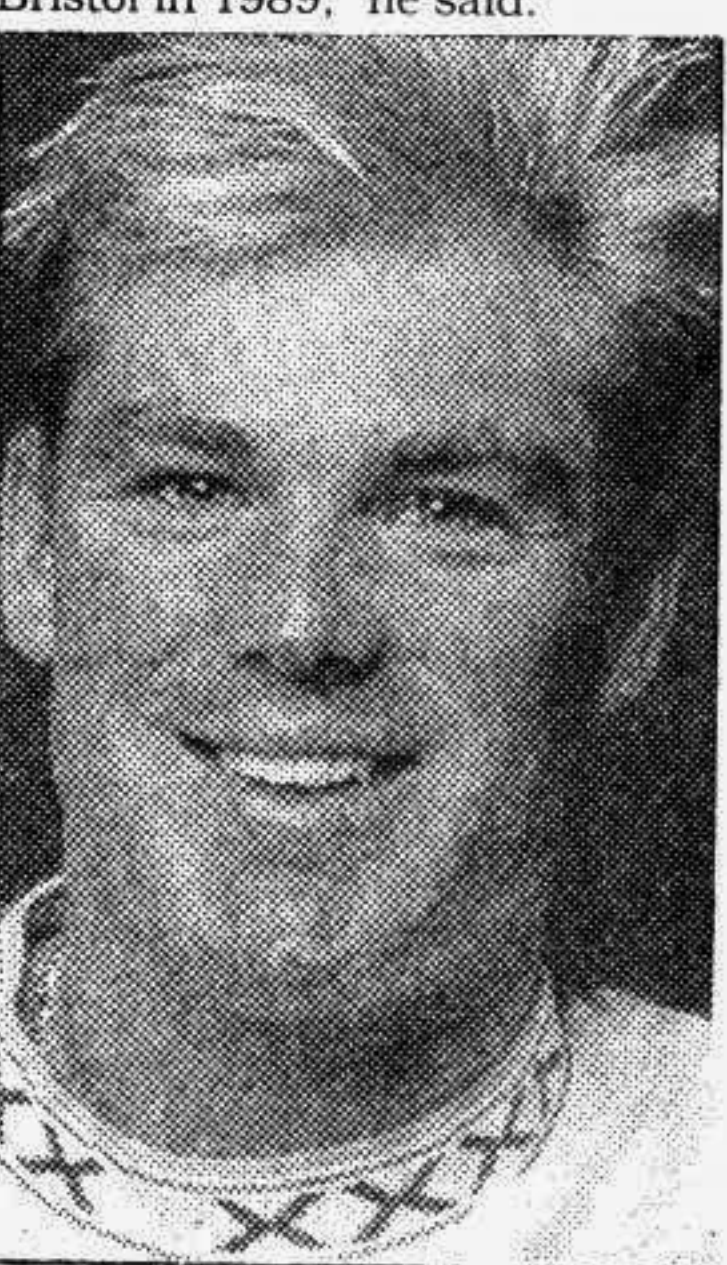
"It is down to my manager and one of the counties to arrange a package that I'm happy with," he added.

The change of mind by Warne, who will be 30 in September, coincided with news that his fellow Australian Star Glenn McGrath is set to replace Tom Moody as Worcestershire's overseas player next season.

Warne, though, is taking nothing for granted, having come through a troubled past

year that saw him suffer a serious shoulder injury and struggle for several months to regain his international form.

"Playing county cricket has been a serious ambition since I came to play for a club team in Bristol in 1989," he said.



**SHANE WARNE**  
"Next year will be as good a time as any, but I do not want to make any predictions. After the past 12 months that would be daft."

Warne has come under intense pressure in recent months

following revelations he and Mark Waugh were disciplined by the Australian Cricket Board for providing information to a bookmaker during a 1994-95 tour of Sri Lanka.

He has also faced a long recovery from shoulder surgery, was dropped from the Test team during this year's tour of the West Indies, and fined by the International Cricket Council for derogatory comments about Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga he made in a newspaper column during the World Cup leadup.

But Warne weathered the pressure well.

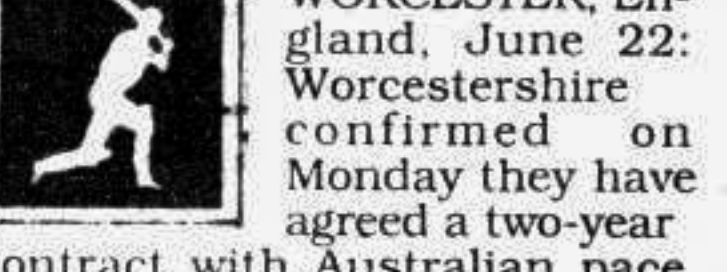
He ended the World Cup as one of the Australian side's heroes and as one of only two bowlers to take a record 20 wickets in the tournament.

And, more importantly perhaps, he proved his wizardry had returned by bowling a ball to take the wicket of South African Herschelle Gibbs that drew comparisons to the 1993 "Ball of the Century" that baffled England's Mike Gatting.

Warne's four wickets in Sunday's final romp over Pakistan lifted him to 202 in 125 one-day internationals — only one behind Australia's all-time leader Craig McDermott.

He also has more Test wickets — 317 in 71 matches — than any other spin bowler and needs just 39 more to pass leading Australian Dennis Lillee's 355.

# Worcester win McGrath?



WORCESTER, England, June 22: Worcestershire confirmed on Monday they have agreed a two-year contract with Australian pace bowler Glenn McGrath, reports Reuters.

Graeme Hick, Worcestershire's new captain next season, said McGrath would be a "brilliant signing."

The 29-year-old New South Wales paceman will join the English county side next season and will return for the 2002 summer. He will miss the season in between because of Australia's Ashes tour to England.

McGrath, Australia's premier strike bowler and a key figure in their World Cup winning triumph, will replace fellow countryman Tom Moody as Worcestershire's overseas player.

Moody has spent nine seasons at New Road but told Worcestershire recently that this would be his final year in county cricket.

Martin Horton, Worcestershire's chairman of cricket, revealed Moody had been instrumental in securing McGrath as his replacement.

"Tom has been very helpful in advising both us and Glenn," said Horton. "Happily, everything has been sorted out and, although Glenn has not actually signed yet, we're certain he will."

England batsman Hick, who will take over the captaincy from Moody, described McGrath as "a class act — a brilliant signing."

"Tom has been a wonderful servant to the club and we'll be sorry to see him go," said Hick. "But Glenn will be a brilliant replacement."

Warne indicated after the finals win over Pakistan at Lord's on Sunday that he was considering bowing out of the game after coming under pressure in the past six months for his involvement in a bookmaking scandal and being dropped from the Test team in the West Indies.

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AFP adds from Sydney: McGrath has issued a challenge to his fellow World Cup heroes



**GLENN McGRATH**

replacement. He's a typical Aussie — very competitive on the field and a good bloke off it.

"He will also teach the youngsters a lot. Some of them haven't stopped talking about him ever since the rumour first started going round the dressing room that he was joining us."

McGrath has issued a challenge to his fellow World Cup heroes

as they head home — now it's time to stay on top of the one-day cricket world.

"It's slightly easier to reach the top than it is to stay at the top," McGrath said, speaking from London before the Australians caught the plane home for what is expected to be a jubilant welcome Wednesday after their World Cup victory.

"We've got it ahead of us to stay there and continue playing very good Test cricket as well as one-day cricket. The challenge is to stay at number one."

McGrath said that task would be best met with Shane Warne in the side.

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"It hit him pretty hard getting left out of that last Test side in the West Indies."