SPORTS TALK



Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario (Spanish tennis star)

'Champion'. When asked to describe Steffi Graf.

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ENERGY RELEASING VITAGINS

Seeds tumble at Tashkent

TASHKENT, Sept 15: Italian Laurence Tieleman stunned second-seeded Briton Greg Rusedski with a straight sets victory in the first round of the President's Cup here on Tuesday, reports AFP. Rusedski failed to erase the

painful memory of his US Open defeat to Todd Martin as Belgian-born Tieleman won 6-3, 6-4 on a day when seeds tumbled. "I never got used to the condi-

tions," said Rusedski, who was attempting to win the title his compatriot Tim Henman had won the two previous years. "Tieleman's been here three

times before and adjusted well. Rusedski was joined on the sideli-nes by fifth-seeded Frenchman Cedric Pioline and sixth-seeded Russian Marat Safin.

Rising young Swiss player Roger Federer beat US Open semifinalist Cedric Pioline -who also lost to Martin at Flushing Meadow -- 6-4, 6-3. Ville Liukko of Finland led Sasin 4-6, 7-5, 3-1 when the Russian retired injured.

Juve without Zidane, Oliseh

TURIN, Sept 15: Juventus' French star Zinedine Zidane and new Nigerian midfielder Sunday Oliseh will both miss their team's opening UEFA Cup tie on Thursday, reports AFP.

Zidane, who had surgery at the end of last season, is being rested from the tie in Cyprus against Omonia Nicosia but will continue training here in

Turin. Oliseh has still not recovered from a twisted ankle, while two of the team's strikers, Nicola Amoruso and Uruguayan Daniel Fonseca are

also being left behind. Ba moving

to Perugia PERUGIA, Italy, Sept 15: Italian champions AC Milan are loaning out their unsettled French winger Ibrahim Ba to Serie A rivals, Perugia, it was announced on Tuesday, reports

Chunn One BOA unhappy over SAF football draw

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) has expressed its dissatisfaction over the handling of the draw for the SAF Games football competition and accused the All Nepal Foot-ball Association (ANFA), of arranging it on behalf of the SAF

Games Organising Committee . Bangladesh have been slated in Group B along with Sri Lanka and Maldives for the first round while the other group comprises holders India, Pakistan, Bhutan and hosts According to BOA secretary

general Zalar imam the draw was scheduled to be held tomor-

"I had a conversation with ANFA president Ganesh Thapa earlier this month after the chef de missions meeting in Kathmandu. When I enquired about the football draw he said it would be held on September 17 and our ambassador to Nepal was scheduled to attend," said Zafar yesterday.

"But on September 5 the ANFA performed it without informing us," he added.

"The fixture was supposed to go straight to the organising committee for approval and later sent to the respective national Olympic Councils. Instead the ANFA faxed it directly to the BFF. This is totally a farce," said an angry

On whether they would seek an explanation from the ANFA . Zafar said they replied saying

Tendulkar

not going

to Nairobi

Tendulkar today officially in-

formed the cricket board that

he needed three or four weeks

time to fully recover from his

lower spine injury and was not

available for the four-nation

tournament commencing at

Nairobi on September 25, re-

gapur said that the Indian skip-

per informed him from Ade-

laide that he was confident of

overcoming his back problem

and returning to full fitness af-

ter consulting specialists at the

when I spoke to him. He said he

needed three to four weeks to

become fully fit. Sachin intends

to stay at the academy for a

conditioning camp late last

month, which forced him to

miss India's first three engage-

four-nation event is to be se-

lected at Baroda on September

17. Tendulkar's deputy, Ajay

Jadeja, is expected to be named

the captain if he reports fit

from the calf muscle tear sus-

tained at Singapore during the

September 2-8 tri-nation event.

the DMC trophy, arrived in

tered Pakistan team will fea-

ture in their first match of the

three-match one-day series

against Brian Lara's West Indies

BRIAN LARA

Lara will lead an unchanged

West Indies squad that lost to

India 2-1 in the first leg of the

by the Pakistan Cricket Board

ad hoc committee in allegations

of fixing matches along with

Salim Malik and Ijaz Ahmed,

Wasim, who was suspended

Toronto cricket festival.

The betting controversy-bat-

Toronto on Tuesday.

A bleary-eyed

Pakistan team led

by Wasim Akram,

a very late inclu-

sion for the Pak-

istani team for

The Indian squad for the

ments after the World Cup.

"He sounded very relaxed

Australian Cricket Academy.

Board chief Raj Singh Dun-

ports PTI.

MUMBAI, Sept 15: Sachin

that the draw was made with the consent of all the chef de

missions on August 31. "This is also a false statement because our chef de mis-



Zafar, however, admitted that there was hardly any chance of rectifying the situa-

Meanwhile, BFF general secretary Harunur Rashid MP also voiced disappointment over the

"Only champions India and runners-up Bangladesh deserve to be seeded to head the groups while the other teams could have gone through a lottery." said Harun while talking to The Daily Star.

"They have also seeded

weaker sides and placed them in Groups B and A which is un

fair, said Harun. "The draw ensured that we will meet either fancied India or the hosts in the semifinals,"

He added. The seven-nation football competition will begin from September 24, a day before the official opening of the Games. On the opening day, Sri Lanka will take on Maldives in their Group B opener. Bangladesh will play their first match against Maldives on September 27 and face Sri Lanka September 29.

A 20-member Bangladesh team led by defender Jewel Rana, has already been announced for the biggest sporting extravaganza of the South Asia.

TWI team due September 29

Sports Reporter

The production team of Trans World International (TWI) which will telecast the two one-day internationals between West Indies and Bangladesh from the Bangabandhu National Stadium on October 3 and 4, will reach the capital on September 29.

The matches will be shown either on ESPN or Star Sports channel.

The TWI team will come by road from the south Indian city of Bangalore.

Camp in BKSP

Aminul's Red beat Green

a practice match away at the BKSP conditioning camp in Savar yesterday.

total of 140 all out in 42 overs, overhauled the target with eight wickets in hands.

couple of days more and then leave for Sydney to consult another specialist there before returning home. Ajit Agarkar too assess the strengths and weakhas been shown some exernesses of his available players. cises", the board president said. Paceman Agarkar accompanied Tendulkar to Adelaide and received treatment for the hamstring injury he sustained at Chennai during the team's

which started on Sept 1, could not get into full swing as 12 of the selected players are yet to report to Barlow. With the permission of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), Brothers Union club took those players to India to play in the Moin-Ud-Dowla Gold Cup invitational tournament, from which they made an early exit. However, in the yesterday's

match, Selim Shahed, the experienced top-order batsman. scored highest 41 runs for Green while young off-spinner Fahim Muntasir made 25. But with a gangling stroke-

Star Sport Desk

has been reinstated as captain

on Monday after wicketkeeper

Moin Khan was named as skip-

per for the Toronto series ear-

who is yet to be cleared for-

mally by the one-man inquiry

commission in Pakistan, re-

fused to comment on the con-

troversy surrounding his side's

defeat in the World Cup final

and the lingering match-fixing

good cricket and win the series."

he said. The Pakistan team.

being coached by newly ap-

pointed Wasim Raja, also in-

cludes Wasim's main accuser

and former skipper Agamir

team had a disappointing World

Cup. The magic returned in Sin-

gapore as it downed Zimbabwe

and India (twice) to take the

Coca-Cola Challenge Series but

they have shown signs of

weariness so far in Toronto.

The team's batting rarely got

started in three matches

against India and the team

which they had so easily de-

feated in the Asian tournament,

whipped them to capture the

in the World Cup, when an out-

standing bowling display from

Pakistan knocked West Indies

out 27 runs short of their target.

In the last three years, though.

honours are even. They were the

top teams in the 1996/97 Cable

Although West Indies won three

times in the group stages, Pak-

istan swept the best-of-three fi-

& Wireless Series in Australia.

The two sides last met early

DMC trophy.

On the other hand, Lara's

"We have come here to play

The mercurial all-rounder,

lier this month.

The conditioning camp,

Sports Reporter



The Red led by skipper Aminul Islam recorded a comprehensive eight-wicket win sided affair. over the Green in

in a low-scoring affair the Reds, chasing a paltry Green

But the trail match between the two selections of the national team gave the newly appointed South African coach Eddie Barlow an opportunity to

maker Al Shahriar and a doughty opener Javed Omar living up to their usual self, the Red looked never in trouble to make the match into a one-

Javed scored a patient 52 to lay the foundation before an itchy-footed Al Shahriar hammered a breezy unbeaten 37 off 28 balls to throttle his side to victory with fifteen overs to spare. Skipper Aminul remained not out on 8.

The Green team was led by Mahbubur Rahman. Earlier on Tuesday, crick-

eters played another trial match. Mahbubur-led Reds defeated Aminul-led Green by 14 runs in that 45-over-a-side match. Barlow, who stepped into the

shoes of Gordon Greenidge, is preparing a national team, which will play a series of matches against the touring West Indies and the England A.

West Indies led by Brain Lara will arrive in the city on October 1 to play a couple of one-day matches and a three-day against the national team. On the other hand, the second string England side will fly in Dhaka in the second week of October to play a series of exhibition matches against different local selections. Pace war begins today

The Toronto crowd will

however look forward to watch

the battle between the two cap-

tains. Having been gone

through the probe ordeal for so

much so that it is now a ques-

tion whether Wasim's mind will

be completely on this tourna-

ment. But even his harshest

critic would not dare to raise

question about his ability both

WASIM AKRAM

meanwhile leads with his bat.

But his man-management

skills have been questioned

regularly during his time at the

helm, most often during a dis-

appointing tour to South Africa

Akhter of Pakistan and Court-

ney Walsh of West Indies are

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But pace merchants Shoaib

last vear.

as player and leader. Lara

Singapore shocked.

SINGAPORE, Sept 15 (AFP): Singapore cricket authorities have criticised a leading South African umpire for failing to tell them he was approached by a bookmaker before last week's India-West Indies clash here.

Singapore Cricket Association secretary Anil Kalaver told Wednesday's Straits Times that he had only learned of the approach to umpire Rudi Koertzen after it was revealed by South African cricket supremo Ali Bacher.

"We have absolutely no idea of anything of this nature having taken place," Kalaver said.
"This is the first time I am hearing about it."

Bacher said in Cape Town Tuesday that Koertzen had been called in his hotel room by a man claiming to be a bookmaker on the eve of the final of the Singapore triangular tour-

nament. The umpire put down the phone before establishing the identity of the caller, Bacher

Kalaver said he felt that Koertzen should have told Singapore officials about the ap-

proach. "At least, I think Koertzen should have informed the match referee Ranjan Madugalle about the incident," he

West Indies beat India by four wickets to clinch victory in the Singapore tournament, in which Zimbabwe also took

Kalaver said he was confident the outcome of the match had not been influenced by any off-the-field activity.

No World Chess C'ship match

CHENNAI, Sept 15 (PTI): The much-awaited rival World Championship match between Indian Grand Master Viswanathan Anand and chess wizard Garri Kasparov has been put off 'due to lack of sponsor-

Kasparov's Microsoftbacked ongoing Internet chess match against the world, has provoked original sponsors - a Silicon Valley Mega-Corporation — to pull out of sponsorship following conflict of interests.

The 16-game championship match, scheduled for this October, has been put off by a year following pulling out of the sponsors, a press release from TNQ sponsorship, which represents Anand in India, said here today.

Unofficial world champion Kasparov is playing an Internet match against the 'best chess brains' of the world and it is being played on Bill Gates' Microsoft backed environment. As a consequence, the pro-

moter of the Kasparov's World Chess Council (WCC) Serge Grimaux, was unable to finalise an alternative sponsor within the deadline prescribed by the formal agreement signed between the parties involved. Anand, who had kept away

for the FIDE World Championships in Las Vegas due to his contractual obligation to this event, stated it is sad that the championship will not happen this year. It would have meant a big

boost for committed commercial sponsorship of chess, he

Sydney parties

SYDNEY, Sept 15: Thousands of Sydney residents celebrated at downtown Darling Harbour on Wednesday during a 16-hour day of festivities to mark one year to the opening ceremonies of the 2000 Olympics, reports AP. Darling Harbour will be the

site of Olympic volleyball.

weightlifting, boxing, wrestling, fencing and judo. Crowds watched demonstrations of those sports and met athletes from many of the 28 sports to be contested next year in between live entertainment. In the evening, a live cross

was made to the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne, officially inviting the athletes of the world to compete in Sydney next year beginning September 15, 2000. In Canberra, a meeting of 60

indigenous leaders convened by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) decided not to jeopardise the success of the Games next year through protest ac-"Basically, because we're a

sport-loving people ourselves. we want to be at the Games, we want a successful Games, we want to see Cathy Freeman reach her full potential and get gold," former ATSIC chairwoman Lowitja O'Donoghue Council for Aboriginal Rec-

onciliation Chairwoman Evelyn Scott said the success of Australian athletes was paramount. "We're not about to jeopardise the livelihood of our Aus-

tralian athletes be they indigethe only change to the side that nous or non-indigenous," she lost to Glamorgan last week and said. "They've worked all their lives for this, to win gold in their own country." Australians received good

news on Wednesday when it was determined that although 1 track and field finals have been moved to different days than those of originally advertised in the ticket order form, Freeman's 400-metre final will still be on the same day. be a wonderful way to finish the



RICARDO POWER: The sensational Ricardo Powell clobbering the Indian bowling during his swashbuckling 76 on Tuesday.

Powell can't stop India both of the previous matches,

obviously intended to make it

opening ball sent the middle

But Debashish Mohanty's

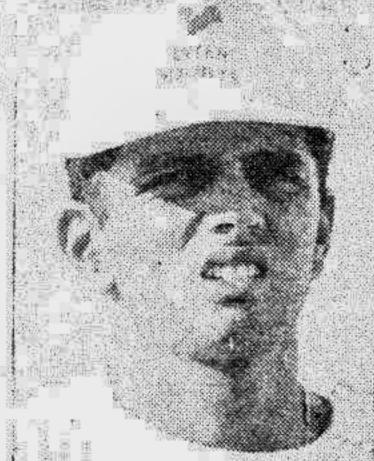


TORONTO, Sept 15 (AFP/Reuters/AP) Despite a late scare, India scored a relatively

easy 88-run victory over the West Indies on Tuesday in the third and final DMC Cup one-day international, to win the series 2-1. India scored 225 for seven in

50 overs and the West Indies replied with just 137 all out in 34.2 overs. A couple of times, for extended periods, it looked as if India would have a virtual

walkover. But Ricardo Powell gave them a major scare with an impressive 76 which included



DRAVID ... m-o-m

seven virtually identical sixes -- long and high over the heads of the bowlers -- plus three fours. West Indies skipper Brian

Lara won the toss and chose to send India in to bat and the Indians put on the tournament's highest score with Rahul Dravid, eventually chosen man-of-the-match, making an impressive 77 and anchored the two most successful partnerships with Vinod Kambi (for 77) and with Jacob Martin (for 59). Dravid slammed two sixes in

by Mervyn Dillon after 112 minutes at the crease. Dillon took five of the seven Indian wickets. The West Indies got off to a disastrous start.

his knock before being bowled

Opening batsman Sherwin Campbell, who scored four off the first ball of his innings in

stump flying. Campbell's opening partner, Ridley Jacobs, was out eleven

three in a row.

minutes later, also for a duck, caught by Dravid off Ventkatesh Prasad, to leave the West Indies 0 for two. Dravid went on to catch three more players -- Shivnar-

ine Chanderpaul captain Brian Lara and Jimmy Adams. Just as many of the few fans present (organizers said 2,700 turned up at the 5,000-seat Toronto Cricket, Curling and

rather than see the West Indies make a total disgrace of themselves Ricardo Powell arrived and looked as if he might even save the day. His seven sixes were spectacular, with five of them going

Skating Club) were preparing to go home in mid-afternoon

way out of the club grounds. His record 84-run partnership for the eighth wicket with Corey Collymore -- whose cotribution was just three -- was due in large part to Collymore's ability to score the occasional quick single to give Powell every opportunity to pile on the agony. The previous high was 65 between Carl Hooper and Winston Benjamin also against India at Nagpur in 1987/88.

But in the 33rd over the dream of a miracle comeback for the West Indies was over as Powell was caught by Robin Singh off Nikhil Chopra.

India now fly home with the winners' trophy of 20,000 dollars plus the man-of-the-series award, presented to skipper Saurav Ganguly as Pakistan arrive for a similar three-day tournament for the DMC Tro-

The Pakistan-West Indies matches are scheduled for Thursday, Saturday and Sun-

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the DMC Cup third and final one-day international between India and

West Indies at the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club ground on Tuesday: INDIA

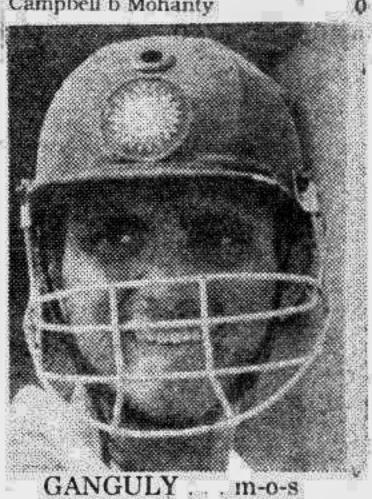
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Ganguly b Dillon 34 Ramesh c Campbell b Dillon 2 Martin c Jacobs b Walsh Dravid b Dillon Kambli c Jacobs b Dillon Singh c Lara b Dillon Chopra not out Extras: (lb-6, w-16, nb-14) -Total: (For 7 wickets in 50 overs) 225

Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-24; 3-61; 4-120; 5-197; 6-203; 7-225. Bowler: Walsh King Dillon Adams Collymore 0 36

WEST INDIES Campbell b Mohanty

Powell



Jacobs c Dravid b B Prasad Chanderpaul c Dravid b B Prasad 12 Gayle c Ganguly b Mohanty Lara c Dravid b Chopra Adams e Dravid b Chopra Powell c Singh b Chopra Dillon b Chopra Collymore Ibw b Chopra King c Kambli b Singh Walsh not out Extras: (lb-2, w-4, nb-4) Total: (All out in 34.2 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-6; 3-20; 4-20; 5-49; 6-52; 7-52; 8-136;

Bowler: 35 Mohanty 30 Prasad Ganguly Chopra 1 21 Result: India won by 88 runs and the DMC Cup series 2-1.

Man-of-the-match: Rahul Dravid. Man-of-the-series: Saurav 2 Ganguly.

placing absent Australian star

enough to guarantee Chris

Adams' side's top-flight status.

McLean and veteran seamer

Peter Hartley return for Hamp-

missing the last two matches

gapore while Hartley has recov-

runners-up finish with a win at

Lancashire can confirm a

ered from a knee injury.

McLean is recalled after

Avoiding defeat should be

Two other counties hopeful

Michael Di Venuto.

Byas plots Surrey fall



(Internet report): Yorkshire can move into unprecedented territory in their final match of the season by

LONDON, Sept 15

to extend his reign as captain for a fifth season, takes his side to The Oval keen for a bright finish a campaign that promised much before a plethora of injuries struck down their charge.

England new boy Gavin Hamilton may provide some end-of-season cheer if he passes a fitness test. The Scot has struggled with hamstring trouble in recent weeks. If Hamilton plays he will be

Byas is hoping a positive result will ensure the Tykes at least match last season's third-place finish. "If we can win and other sides draw or lose we can still

finish third or second as the table is packed tightly behind Surrey," he said. "We want to take the opportunity of being the only side to beat them this season. It would

Surrey have left young bowler lan Bishop out of the side at the expense of either spinner Rupesh Amin or paceman Carl Greenidge.

Sussex at Edgbaston to avoid

the drop and they must do so without their most potent weapon, South African speed merchant Allan Donald. last game before making way

for Bob Woolmer, believes his players have the big match know-how. much about the consequences

and treat it as a cup final and

with the win that would con-Cox, who has scored more than 1,500 first-class runs this season, said: "We want to win and we would rather be in the top nine, where we are, than

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Elsewhere, with Gloucesterof playing in the top echelon, becoming the first side to beat Derbyshire and Hampshire, are shire, Nottinghamshire, runaway PPP county champisixth and 10th respectively and Worcestershire, Middlesex and Glamorgan all doomed to Secons Surrey. meet at Derby. David Byas, who has agreed ond Division action in 2000, Derbyshire welcome back the other four relegation slots Matt Cassar from injury and he replaces James Pyemont, who will be decided. Warwickshire, champions made a king pair on his county just four seasons ago, must beat West Indian paceman Nixon

> But coach Phil Neale, in his while playing for his country in a one-day tournament in Sin-

"I think we'll not worry too

just play to win," he said. "Generally, because we have had some success at Warwickshire over the years, when the guys find themselves in a makeor-break situation they tend to play well."

Eighth-placed Sussex have made one change to their side that beat Nottinghamshire last week, with former Warwickshire batsman Wasim Khan re-

seventh-placed Somerset but the home side's skipper Jamie Cox is keen to cap a good season firm Division One cricket the game. We are well-placed

trying to make it in there.