

## Pete may end year not as number one

STUTTGART, Oct 25: Pete Sampras' hopes of finishing the season as world number one for the seventh time in a row virtually disappeared after he pulled out of the Eurocard Open yesterday, reports Reuters.

The 28-year-old Wimbledon champion was forced out of the tournament which begins today through a shoulder injury.

His highest cost him 195 ranking points and he now lies 1,100 behind US and French Open champion Andre Agassi.

If top seed Agassi wins in Stuttgart, then the gap between the two would grow far too much for Sampras to realistically make up.

He plans only two more tournaments in 1999, the Paris Open the week after next and the ATP World Championship Finals in Hanover two weeks after that.

## Kumble

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McMillan lbw Kumble	31
Cairns b Joshi	2
Vettori not out	8
Wiseman lbw Kumble	0
Extras (b-5, lb-9, nb-10)	24
Total (All out in 66.5 overs)	155
Fall of wickets: 1-16; 2-16; 3-17; 4-28; 5-33; 6-71; 7-128; 8-138; 9-150; 10-155	
Bowler: O M R W	
Srinath	9 5 12 0
Ganguly	1 0 2 0
Kumble	26.5 5 67 6
Joshi	15 6 27 1
Singh	15 3 33 3

INDIA: Second innings	
Ramesh b Cairns	5
Gandhi not out	31
Dravid lbw Nash	1
Tendulkar not out	44
Extras (lb-1, nb-1)	2
Total (For two wickets in 19 overs)	83
Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-7	
Bowler: O M R W	
Cairns	3 1 10 1
Nash	4 1 11 1
Vettori	6.2 2 22 0
Wiseman	5 0 39 0

Result: India won by eight wickets to take a 1-0 lead in the three-Test series.

Of the match: Anil Kumble.

Final Test: Mohali.

Drawn.

Final Test: Ahmedabad, October 29 to November 2.

## Lillee set for

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**SQUADS**

**President's XI:** Simon Katich (captain), Jo Angel, Rob Baker, Ryan Campbell, Matthew Hayden, Michael Hussey, Brendon Julian, Stuart Karppinen, Langer, Dennis Lillee, Daniel Marsh (to be named).

**Pakistan (from):** Wasim Akram (captain), Moin Khan (vice-captain), Saeed Anwar, Wajidullah Wasti, Ghulam Ali, Iftikhar Ahmed, Javed Miandad, Yousuf Youhana, Mohammad Wasim, Abdur Razaq, Azhar Mahmood, Saqlain Mushtaq, Mushtaq Ahmed, Mohammad Akram, Shoaib Akhtar, Waqar Younis (to be finalised).

## ITINERARY

**October 1999**

v ACB Chairman's XI Oct 26, Lilac Hill, Perth.

v Western Warriors Oct 27, Perth, Day/Night match.

v Queensland Bulls Oct 30-Nov 2, Border Field, Albion.

v Australia, 1st Ansett Australia Test Nov 5-9, Brisbane.

v Southern Redbacks Nov 12-15, Adelaide.

v Australia, 2nd Ansett Australia Test Nov 18-22, Hobart.

v Australia, 3rd Ansett Australia Test Nov 26-30, Perth.

**January 2000**

v Australia 'A' Jan 2, Perth, Day/Night match.

v Australia 'A' Jan 4, Adelaide, Day/Night match.

v Queensland Bulls Jan 6, Brisbane, Day/Night match.

v Australia, Carlton & United Series Jan 9, Brisbane, Day/Night match.

v India, Carlton & United Series Jan 10, Brisbane, Day/Night match.

v Australian Country XI Jan 12, Canberra.

v Australia, Carlton & United Series Jan 16, Melbourne.

v Australia, Carlton & United Series Jan 19, Sydney, Day/Night match.

v India, Carlton & United Series Jan 21, Hobart.

v Australia, Carlton & United Series Jan 23, Melbourne.

v India, Carlton & United Series Jan 25, Adelaide, Day/Night match.

v India, Carlton & United Series Jan 28, Perth, Day/Night match.

**February 2000**

Carlton & United Series First Final Feb 2, Melbourne, Day/Night match (Reserve Day: Feb 3).

Carlton & United Series Second Final Feb 4, Sydney, Day/Night match (Reserve Day: Feb 5).

Carlton & United Series Third Final (if required) Feb 6, Sydney, Day/Night match (Reserve Day: Feb 7).

The official programme, as announced by the Australian Cricket Board, is subject to change without notice.

The Pakistan team will return to Pakistan on December 2, 1999 and return to Australia on December 30, 1999.

# Nasser's men fly to SA today



LONDON, Oct 25: England's cricketers set off for their tour of South Africa on Tuesday as the worst team in the world, reports Reuters.

They aim to return next February with the makings of a side who can offer an authentic challenge for the Ashes in 2001 and the World Cup in 2003.

England's longer term objectives were a prime consideration in giving captain Nasser Hussain eight players in a squad of 17 with only nine Test caps between them.

For all their lack of international experience, they were identified as the prospects who might ultimately transform the team's ailing fortunes.

They were at their lowest ebb after failing to progress beyond the first round of the World Cup and losing a four-Test series to New Zealand 2-1 in the last English season.

Hussain said: "We are the worst side in the world but we must try to keep on an even keel, try and look long term and set a game plan for two or three years down the line."

The feeling generally was we sat down to pick the side was 'let's see an injection of youth and new talent'. That's what we've tried to do for this tour, and I'm excited to see how some of these lads are going to go."

Sussex captain and powerful top-order batsman Chris Adams, Yorkshire opener Michael Vaughan, his county teammate and all rounder Gavin Hamilton, and Northamptonshire off-spinner Graeme Swann are the uncapped quartet with the opportunity to help haul England out of the doldrums.

In addition, relative newcomers Darren Maddy, Andrew Flintoff, Chris Read and Alex Tudor will be battling for a regular place during the four-month southern Africa adventure which includes a one-day series in Zimbabwe.

Read, the Nottinghamshire wicketkeeper who played three of the Tests against New Zealand, appears to have the hardest job because Alec Stewart has been pencilled in as the first-choice Test keeper.

Former England skipper Stewart forms part of the "spine of experience" that chairman of selectors David Graveney says they want to have running through the side.

Such a backbone starts with opener Michael Atherton, who is returning to the scene of his epic, match-saving 185 not out in the Johannesburg Test four years ago, continues with Maddy and Hussain in the middle, and has Darren Gough at the base.

Gough is not only their premier strike bowler but also the heart of the team, a personality whose infectious spirit can be guaranteed to lift the mood of

the dressing room.

He can rattle the South African batting, too, as he did so memorably with his Test best of six for 42 to fire England to a series-winning victory at Headingley in 1998.

Hussain will want men of heart and character around him for what will be a demanding assignment.

South Africans, by their personality, nationality and team spirit, are very up for it," the England captain said. "They are in-your-face sort of people on and off the field, and it's going to be a hard tour that will take a strong character to come

Province/Boland XI, Cape Town.

Nov 12-15: v Combined Free State/Griqualand West XI, Bloemfontein.

Nov 18-21: v Combined Northern/Gauteng XI, Centurion.

Nov 25-29: 1st Test v South Africa, Johannesburg.

Dec 1: v Gauteng Invitation XI, Lenasia.

Dec 3-6: v KwaZulu-Natal, Durban.

Dec 9-13: 2nd Test v South Africa, Port Elizabeth.

Dec 16: v Combined Eastern Province/Border Inv XI, Alice.

Dec 18-21: v Combined Bor-

## ENG V SA: SERIES BY SERIES

LONDON, Oct 25 (Reuters): Results of all Test series between England and South Africa.

Season	Tests	Eng won	SA won	Drawn
1888-89	in South Africa	2	2	0
1891-92	in South Africa	1	1	0
1895-96	in South Africa	3	2	0
1898-99	in South Africa	2	2	0
1905-06	in South Africa	3	1	4
1907	in England	3	1	0
1909-10	in South Africa	5	2	3
1912	in England	3	3	0
1913-14	in South Africa	5	4	0
1922-23	in South Africa	5	2	1
1924	in England	5	3	0
1927-28	in South Africa	5	2	2
1929	in England	5	2	0
1930-31	in South Africa	5	0	1
1935	in England	5	0	1
1938-39	in South Africa	5	1	0
1947	in England	5	3	0
1948-49	in South Africa	5	2	0
1951	in England	5	3	1
1955	in England	5	3	2
1956-57	in South Africa	5	2	2
1960	in England	5	3	0
1964-65	in South Africa	5	1	0
1965	in England	3	0	4
1994	in England	3	1	1
1995-96	in South Africa	5	0	1
1998	in England	5	2	1
Totals	115	49	21	45

out on top.

"Strength of character comes about in different ways. If you want to be in their face, then be in their face, but it also comes out from inner strength."

Recalling the fiery confrontation between Atherton and fast bowler Allan Donald in the 1998 Trent Bridge Test, Hussain said: "I don't think Mike said a lot but you could see in his eyes and in his face he was going to be strong."

"I think that's the sort of strength of character and the way we want our team to be. It has to come from knowing your game and feeling 100 per cent confident in your ability whatever they throw at you."

England's itinerary opens on November 1 and includes five Tests against South Africa and a triangular one-day series with the host nation and Zimbabwe.

## ITINERARY

Oct 26: Depart UK.

Nov 1: v NFO XI, Randjesfontein.

Nov 2, 3: v Easterns, Benoni.

Nov 5-8: v Combined Western

der/Eastern Province XI, East London.

Dec 26-30: 3rd Test v South Africa, Durban.

Jan 2-6: 4th Test v South Africa, Cape Town.

Jan 9-11: v SA Invitation XI, Port Elizabeth.

Jan 14-18: 5th Test v South Africa, Centurion.

Jan 20: v North West Potchefstroom (d/n).

Jan 23: One-day International v South Africa, Bloemfontein (d/n).

Jan 26: One-day International v South Africa, Cape Town (d/n).

Jan 28: One-day International v Zimbabwe, Paarl (d/n).

Jan 30: One-day International v Zimbabwe, Kimberley (d/n).

Feb 4: One-day International v South Africa, East London.

Feb 9: One-day International v Zimbabwe, Centurion (d/n).

Feb 12: Final (reserve day 13th), Johannesburg (d/n).

Feb 14: Leave for Zimbabwe.

\* d/n indicates day/night matches.

# Spirit of Sabina with him



LONDON, Oct 25 (Reuters): Sabina Park, Kingston, holds fond memories for Nasser Hussain.

It was at the Jamaica ground on March 1, 1990, that England, including new boy Hussain, beat the all-conquering West Indies in a Test for the first time in 16 years.

Nearly 10 years on, Hussain recalls that a key element in England's triumph was the inclusion of players who had never tasted defeat at the hands of West Indies.

As he now prepares for his first overseas assignment as England captain, Hussain hopes the composition of his squad for the tour of South Africa will have a similar effect on the country's cricket fortunes.

England, bottom of the unofficial Test rankings after losing a four-match home series against New Zealand last season, have included four uncapped players in their party of 17 while four others have only nine Test caps between them.

"It's a similar basis to how I came into the Test side in 1990, going to the West Indies with Gus Fraser, Alec Stewart, Devon Malcolm and Gladstone Small," Hussain said.

People like that hadn't played for England, and we won the first Test in Jamaica because we didn't have any of the baggage of losing to West Indies before. We just went out and enjoyed ourselves."

"Hopefully, that's what this younger-looking side, with a few senior players threaded through it, can do (in South Africa)."

Hussain did not establish himself as an England regular until six years after that 1990 Caribbean tour, by which time his growing maturity and fiercely determined middle-order batting brought him back in favour with the national selectors.



NASSER HOSSAIN

Then came the captaincy after England failed to go beyond the first round of the World Cup last season, though Hussain endured a frustrating first series against New Zealand in which a broken finger curtailed his appearance in the second Test and ruled him out of the third of the four Tests.

Hussain is a firm believer in his players taking individual responsibility, and is less con-

cerned at the moment with putting his mark on the team.

"I will always try and get the extra 10 per cent out of someone," he said. "At the end of the day, if you can go and say something to a player that might inspire him to do something great the next day, then I'll be there doing that."

"But the captain is only the little percentage on top (of the team). We must all look at the statistics over the past few years, see where we've been going wrong, (poor) first innings batting and things like that, and really work to get those areas right."

"I think that's much more important to this team, and to English cricket at the moment, than my personal stamping of any more authority on the team."

## W Australia duck defeat

PERTH, Australia, Oct 25 (AFP): A defiant century by opening batsman Michael Hussey rescued Western Australia on the final day of their Sheffield Shield clash against Tasmania here Monday.

Hussey hit a six-hour 112 as the home side held on to finish with a second innings 313-6 to escape with a draw at Perth's WACA ground.

Hussey was finally dismissed 80 minutes before stumps, but acting captain Brendon Julian (36 not out) and Matt Nicholson (38 not out) combined to ensure the Islanders did not capture outright points.

## ENGLANDERS' AVERAGES

LONDON, Oct 25 (Reuters): Career averages of England Test squad for the tour of South Africa:

Player	Tests	Inns	No	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50
Michael Atherton	90	167	6	6178	185	38.37	12	38
Mark Butcher	22	43	1	1087	116	25.88	2	4
Andrew Caddick	25	39	0	417	45	11.91	0	0
Andrew Flintoff	2	3	0	17	17	5.66	0	0
Darren Gough	31	47	6	468	65	14.11	0	2
Dean Headley	15	26	4	186	31	8.45	0	0
Nasser Hussain	42	76	6	2604	207	37.20	7	11
Darren Maddy	1	2	0	19	14	9.50	0	0
Alan Mullally	16	24	4	117	24	5.85	0	0
Chris Read	3	4	0	38	37	9.50	0	0
Alec Stuart	90	164	12	6185	190	40.69	12	32
Alec Tudor	38	6	3	166	99	55.33	0	1
Phil Tufnell	3	53	26	137	22	5.07	0	0
Chris Adams, Gavin Hamilton, Graeme Swann and Michael Vaughan have yet to play a Test.								

Butcher 44

Caddick 942.3

Flintoff 35

Gough 1116

Headley 504.2

Mullally 665.4

Tudor 58.2

Tufnell 1669.4

## USOC chief to quit

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Oct 25: One of the most harrowing years in US Olympic history is ending with USOC president Bill Hybl's decision to follow executive director Dick Schultz in stepping down, reports AP.

Hybl told US Olympic Committee board members Sunday that he will not seek re-election and will leave office after completing his four-year term at the end of 2000.

In a year when a bribery scandal in Salt Lake City stained the Olympic image, three of the most powerful men in the USOC have announced their resignations - former marketing boss John Krimsky, Schultz, and now Hybl.

Hybl's decision means the USOC will start with a clean slate of leaders at least a year before the Winter Games in Salt Lake City in 2002.

Hybl, 57, said his business obligations as chief executive officer of the philanthropic El Pomar Foundation and vice chairman of the luxurious Broadmoor hotel in Colorado Springs were too pressing to continue his 40-60 hour-a-week volunteer position at the USOC.

"Dick and I talked about this over the last three months," Hybl said. "It really is a question of being able to devote the amount of time necessary."

Hybl said the deciding factor was his feeling that he had to devote all his energy at the USOC over the next 14 months to moving ahead with an independent drug-testing programme and putting restructuring proposals into place without spending time running for another term.

"There are some regrets," Hybl said, saying he might have pushed sooner for the independent drug-testing.

"I think for all of us currently in office, Salt Lake City and to a lesser degree, Atlanta have had an impact on the way that we've been perceived by the public. And it's our job then to work even harder to bring the true Olympic ideals back to the forefront."

Schultz praised Hybl's quiet, steady influence in the face of scandal.

"He did a great job in providing the leadership we needed during the Salt Lake City challenge," Schultz said. "The thing everybody has to realise is that the president's job, as it's constructed now, demands a huge amount of time."

Schultz announced two months ago that he would resign as soon as a replacement was found. He could be replaced as early as February.

"I'll be 71 by the time of Sydney," Schultz said. "What we need now is a chief executive officer is somebody willing to come in and make a 5-10 year commitment, start the changes, see them through and have that continuity. My family would kill me if I made another five-year commitment."

Hybl said he believes "the transition will be seamless" as the USOC installs new leaders. He and Schultz will continue to help with fund raising an act as advisors.

## Lapentti lifts Lyon title

PARIS, Oct 25: Ecuador's Nicolas Lapentti pulled off a rare indoor tennis title success when he crushed Australian Lleyton Hewitt 6-3, 6-2 in the final of the L'Orn Grand Prix on Sunday, reports Reuters.

The sixth-seeded Lapentti had two narrow escapes earlier in the tournament, saving match points in his first round tie against Dutchman Jan Siemerink and in his semifinal clash with Swede Magnus Gustafsson.

"This tournament will remain something very special to me because I never was very successful indoors and I nearly lost twice this week. It could not dream of a better outcome," said Lapentti.

Winner in Indianapolis earlier this year, Lapentti will now hope to emulate Alex Corretja. The Spaniard had never shone when he won in Indianapolis and Lyon, then went on to win the ATP Tour World Championship.

"The problem is have not yet qualified for the Tour Championship," said Lapentti, world ranked 14th.

"To improve indoors when you're considered a clay-court specialist is a matter of psychology. You must not tell yourself you cannot play on all surfaces."

The 18-year-old Hewitt, also a relative newcomer indoors, had only come to Lyon to prepare for the Davis cup final against France in December.

"I missed a lot of easy volleys early on and it gave him confidence. But I was surprised how varied his game is," the Australian said.

## ATP rankings

PARIS, Oct 25 (AFP): Latest ATP standings unveiled

Monday	Points
Agassi	4144
Kafelnikov	3842
Sampras	3141
Martin	2812
Kuerten	2537
Rusedski	2409
Kiefer	2322
Krajicek	2313
Rios	2298
Hennman	2137
Lapentti	2113
Corretja	1926
Haas	1903
Rafter	1833
Moya	1765
Pioline	1727
Kucera	1653
Enqvist	1645
Spadea	1629
Norman	1615

# Target three-digit mark



PERTH, Australia, Oct 25 (AFP): Pakistan's explosive fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar revealed here Monday he is planning to become the first man in the world to be recorded hurling the ball down at 100mph (161kph).

And the 24-year-old right-arm firebrand said he aimed to

break that barrier in the next month, during the three-Test series against Australia, starting in the Queensland state capital of Brisbane November 5.

"I am ready for the fire now," he said, declaring he was fully recovered from a bowling shoulder injury which has sidelined him for the past three months.

"I will try to bowl really fast

and I would like to break the 100mph barrier on this tour -- I am really looking forward to it," he said after the tourists' first training session at the WACA Ground Monday afternoon.

"Allah made me like I am and I cannot help it," he said, referring to his explosive action which made a massive impact during the World Cup in England earlier this year when Pakistan reached the final before being crushed by Australia in the final at Lord's.

Shoaib said it did not matter on which pitch he achieved his speed goal.

But he will obviously enjoy operating at the WACA Ground here, considered to have the fastest pitches in Australia.

Pakistan's second match of the tour will be at the WACA Wednesday night after a carnival game Tuesday at Lilac Hill Park, Caversham, in which he is also playing.

"I know I am going to enjoy myself. I am going to get good bounce and the response from the WACA pitch," he said.

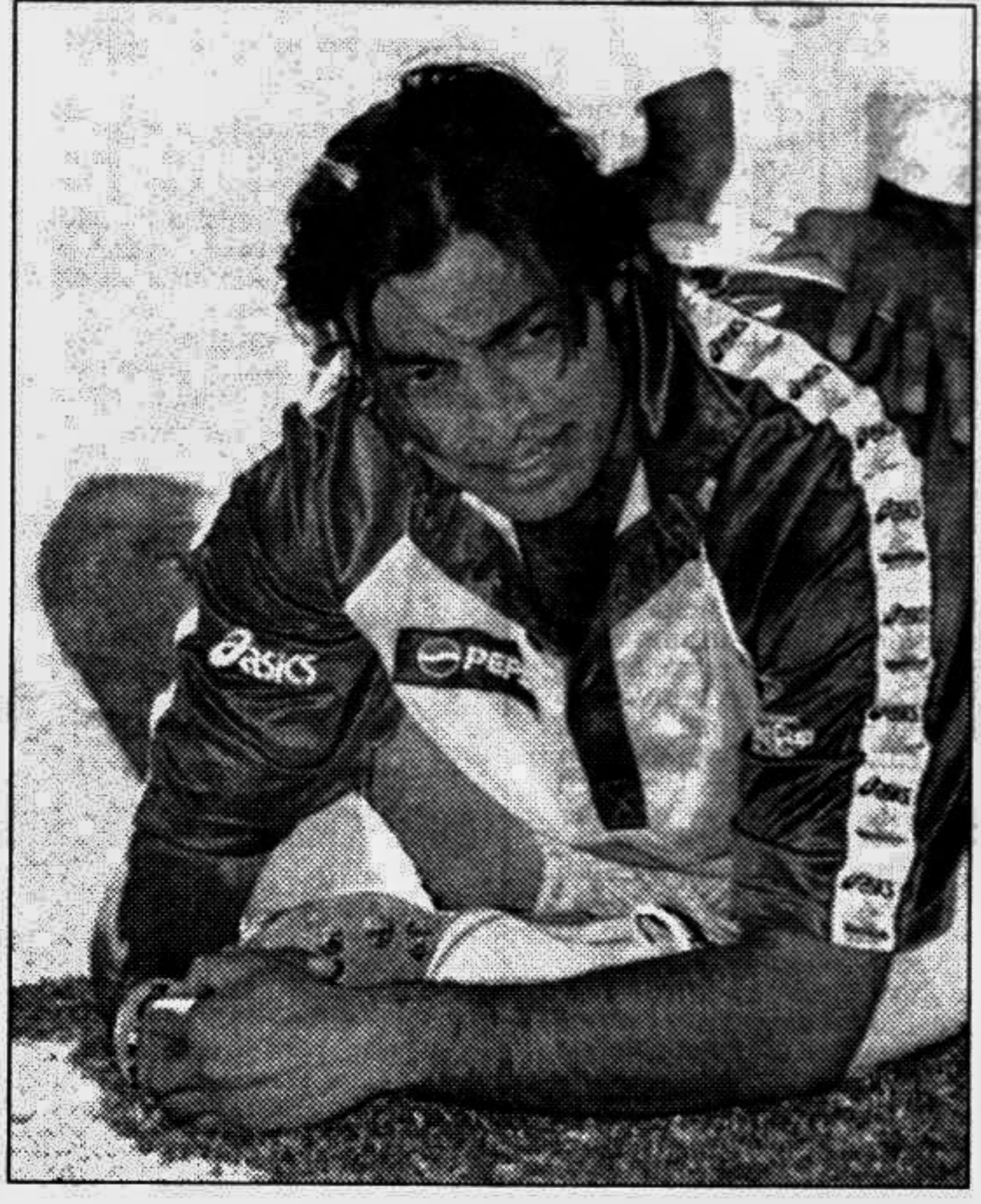
"But it is better to get wickets for the team than bowling at 100mph."

Jokingly, he said he would like to bowl some bouncers to Dennis Lillee, the 50-year-old Australian fast bowling legend, with 355 Test wickets, who is making a farewell appearance at Lilac Hill.

Akhtar said while he was in Australia he would like to meet former Australian fast bowler Jeff Thomson, who is credited with the fastest recorded delivery -- 99mph (159.39kph) -- in the mid-1970s.

He said his shoulder had made a complete recovery, thanks largely to strenuous gym work.

"I cannot say how much I am looking forward to playing again, and I will see how it all goes in the opening match," he said.



PREPARING FOR BADLA: Pakistani speedster Shoaib Akhtar stretching during a practice session at the WACA in Perth yesterday.

# Khalid sets Chicago afire



CHICAGO, Oct 25: Khalid Khannouchi set a world record Sunday, winning the Chicago marathon in 2 hours, 5 minutes, 42 seconds -- 23 seconds ahead of Ronaldo da Costa's mark, reports AP.

As he crossed the finish line, Khannouchi burst into tears and was wrapped in a bear hug by his wife, Sandra, his coach and agent.

Khannouchi, a Moroccan, who is trying to become an American citizen, gets 165,000 dollars for his victory, including a 100,000 dollar bonus for the world record.

Khannouchi, also the 1997 winner, trailed Kenyan Moses Tanui by 33 seconds at the 34-kilometre (21-mile) mark on a course that drew many of the world's top runners because of its relative ease. But he gradually cut the margin, beating Tanui by 34 seconds.

Little-known David Morris,

originally from Alaska who now lives and trains in Japan, finished fourth and set an American record of 2:09:32. His previous best was 2:15:25 in Pittsburgh last year.

In the women's race, defending champion Joyce Chepchumba of Kenya edged countrywoman Margaret Okayo, winning in 2:25:59. Okayo, running her first marathon, finished in 2:26:00.

Khannouchi took the lead at the 1:58:00 mark, passing Tanui as they went by a water station. Khannouchi had a slight lead as they went into a tunnel underneath McCormick Place on Chicago's lakefront, and by the time they emerged, Khannouchi had a commanding lead.

At 2:04:32, with about a 0.4 kilometres (quarter-mile) left, Khannouchi looked over his shoulder to make sure Tanui wasn't gaining on him and raced to the finish line.

"I didn't think about the