

## Andy limbers up for Lord's

REUTERS, London

Somerset's Andy Caddick warmed up for next week's first Test against Pakistan with a five-wicket haul against Yorkshire at Headingley on Thursday.

Caddick finished with figures of five for 81, including the wicket of England teammate Michael Vaughan.

His 79 helped Yorkshire to 231, giving Somerset a first innings lead of 26. The visitors extended the advantage to 127 by the close.

Marcus Trescothick (31) was the man out as they reached 101 for one.

Surrey leg-spinner Ian Salisbury also staked a claim for inclusion in the Test side by returning with four for 130 as Northamptonshire amassed 476 at The Oval.

Overnight pair Graeme Swann and Tony Penberthy both failed to make centuries, falling for 96 and 75 respectively, before the latter claimed two wickets in Surrey's 126 for two.

At the close Ian Ward remained unbeaten on 58.

Former England paceman Devon Malcolm was also among the wickets for Leicestershire at Grace Road, taking five for 78 against Lancashire.

Neil Fairbrother (45) top-scored as the visitors fell 41 runs short of Leicestershire's first innings total of 240. By the close Leicestershire had reached 72 for four.

Murtiah Muralitharan claiming two of the wickets.

In the Second Division New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming (52) kept Gloucestershire at bay with a half century for Middlesex at Bristol.

Replying to the hosts' 272 after Kim Barnett had been dismissed for 99, Middlesex crawled to 186 for seven.

Worcestershire's Graeme Hick reminded the England selectors he is far from finished by posting the 112th century of his career against Hampshire.

Hick, who has not been awarded a central contract by England, made 120 out of his side's 236.

Hampshire, dismissed for 309 in the first innings, reached 16-0 at the close.

Paul Collingwood's 153 put Durham in the driving seat against Warwickshire at Edgbaston.

The innings included a six and 20 fours, helping the visitors to 329. West Indian paceman Vasbert Drakes (four for 83) was the pick of the Warwickshire attack but his teammates failed him with the bat, falling for 205.

At Hove Dutchman Bas Zuurderent failed to add to his overnight 122, caught by Australian Greg Blewett off Greg Smith, before Sussex were dismissed for 404.

Smith (five for 64) was the pick of the Notts attack while Blewett posted 49 out of the visitors' 214 for four in reply.

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last few months. I knew I would do well.

Indian captain Saurav Ganguly was left stunned by the success.

"After losing in Bombay and after the first two days in Calcutta, I never thought we would be here," Ganguly said.

He conceded that his team had almost messed up their chase for the 155 runs needed for victory as they slumped from 101 for two to 135 for seven.

"We lost a couple of wickets, but fought it out well in the end," he added.

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However, ICC's anti-corruption chief, Sir Paul Condon, who visited here last week, announced that they were widening the scope of their inquiry beyond the allegations made in the Indian CBI report.

Ranatunga himself was not immediately available for comment, but in a letter published in a newspaper here Sunday he told local investigator Fernando that his main accuser, Gupta was a "self-confessed rouge."

Ranatunga also blasted Sri Lanka's Board of Control for Cricket (BCCSL) for setting a bad precedent with the probe.

"If in the future, anybody who's involved, however unsavoury a character he may be, makes scurrilous complaints against any cricketer of our country at any time, is that cricketer to be harassed and insulted by being asked for observations on such rubbish," Ranatunga said.

Ranatunga and de Silva are accused in the CBI report of taking bribes to engineer a Sri Lankan defeat in the 1994 Test against India at Lucknow.

The report had testimony from Gupta who alleged he gave 15,000 dollars to de Silva but it was not clear if money had also been given to Ranatunga.

Ranatunga has flatly denied the charges of corruption while de Silva maintained that he never took bribes, although he was approached by bookmakers.

## Shoaib unimpressive

AFP, London

Leading fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar could miss next week's opening Test against England after an unconvincing display in Pakistan's drawn warm-up match against Derbyshire on Thursday.

Shoaib was selected for this match less than 24 hours after his delayed arrival in England because of blood tests following stomach trouble.

And, apart from a brief spell on the opening day, has looked a shadow of the bowler once known as the 'Rawalpindi Express'.

He looked ill at ease Thursday, finished wicketless and looked uncomfortable with his newly remodelled action, which is designed to prevent any controversy about its legality.

But with only this weekend's match against Kent at Canterbury remaining before the tourists assemble at Lord's to face England next Thursday, Pakistan are running out of time to get their spearhead bowler fit for a Test match.

"He's not bowled for a long time and it's hard for a guy to fly straight in and run in and bowl in this cold weather," stressed captain Waqar Younis. "He needs more time to get back into his rhythm."

"It's very hard to say if he has enough time to do that before the Test and at the moment we are not really sure about him."

Pakistan are likely to make a decision about whether he plays at Canterbury after practice Friday, but it is looking increasingly unlikely he will feature at Lord's with his place likely to be taken by either Mohammad Sami, Abdur Razaq or Azhar Mahmood.

Wasim Akram and teenage paceman Sami are set to return to the team, and all-rounders Abdur Razaq and Azhar Mahmood may

be given further match practice. Shoaib is not the only concern for Pakistan ahead of Saturday's fixture against Kent with few of their batsmen showing any signs of form while their attack looked



SHOAIB AKHTAR

unconvincing over the last three days against an under-strength Derbyshire line-up.

Resuming 30 afloat on 66 for two, Derbyshire were able to declare on 247 for five with birthday boy Matthew Downman hitting an unbeaten 145, although the tourists helped during the latter stages of his innings by introducing part-time bowlers Imran Farhat and Faisal Iqbal into the attack.

Pakistan finished the day on 63 for one with Yousuf Youhana, promoted to opener to get time at the crease, falling cheaply for four once again to leave him without a significant innings yet on the tour.

Inzamam-ul-Haq, another player short of time in the middle, increased the tourists' concerns by suffering a foot injury after slipping in the shower last night and

although he failed to field today, he is not rated doubtful for this weekend's match.

"We still have a lot to do before we get to Lord's," conceded Waqar.

"We didn't get enough batting in this match and we need more time in the middle for players like Youhana and Inzamam, but hopefully that will happen in Canterbury."

"The all-rounders also haven't bowled any long spells yet, but that is difficult in three day matches and we will be looking to do that in the next game."

Having dismissed Derbyshire for a lowly 116 on the opening day with Saqlain Mushtaq claiming six for 46, Pakistan's hopes were high of repeating the feat today and earning a timely victory.

But on a slow pitch which seemed to have flattened out during the course of the match, Derbyshire found an attack featuring Waqar, Shoaib, Saqlain, Razaq and Mahmood — all of whom could feature at Lord's — relatively easy to overcome.

Waqar claimed two wickets while part-time bowler Farhat trapped Dominic Cork leg before as he attempted to sweep, but other than those minor successes, the day was dominated by Downman on his 27th birthday.

Resuming on 15 overnight, he raced to his half-century in only 89 deliveries and although he slowed in progressing to three figures, he was eager to punish any loose bowling and 15 boundaries in his century.

He added two sixes and five other boundaries when Pakistan's 'joke' bowling was introduced, but still showed enough composure to remain unbeaten at the declaration and give a glimpse of the lost talent which once scored 267 for England under-19s against West Indies eight years ago.

## Seeds saunter

AFP, Rome

Top seed Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil outclassed Argentina's 15th-ranked Franco Squillari 6-1, 6-2 Friday to book a place in the quarterfinals of the 2.45-million-dollar Tennis Masters Series.

Kuerten, a victor here in 1999 and the reigning French Open champion, produced another assertive performance to down his fellow Latin American and set up a last eight meeting with Spain's 10th seed Alex Corretja.

Corretja, also a former champion in Rome, booked his place in the next round after Kuerten by beating seventh-seeded Australian Lleyton Hewitt 7-6 (7/2), 6-4 in a match that had been halted by rain on Thursday.

Kuerten, meanwhile, did not even manage to get on court Thursday but wasted no time on Friday, blitzing Squillari and proving that the injury that had ruled him out of the recent ATP event in Barcelona was behind him.

After struggling in his first-round clash with Croatian qualifier Ivan Ljubicic Kuerten, dubbed 'Guga', has got his act together, thrashing Michael Chang of the United States 6-1, 6-1 in round two and Squillari too posed few problems on the Brazilian's preferred clay surface.

## Defeat won't dim Martina's will

AFP, Berlin

The record-breaking statistics - 167 singles titles, including 18 Grand Slams, 1,438 career wins in singles and more than 20 million dollars in prize money - would normally mean a well-earned retirement.

But for Martina Navratilova there's one thing statistics can never alter - the will to win.

And no matter that she will turn 45 in October, the Czech-born legend is still looking forward to a glorious final chapter before she eventually decides to bid a definitive farewell to the game she has graced with such distinction.

Navratilova won her last singles title in 1994 at the Paris indoor event, but she is still going strong on the doubles circuit.

And even Thursday's second-round doubles loss alongside Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario at the German Open can't hold back her undimmed enthusiasm for competition.

Having returned to the Tour last year Navratilova, who won nine Wimbledon singles crowns, four US, three Australian and two French Opens, said defeat here at the hands of Bulgarian Lubomira Bacheva and Swede Asa Carlsson would not stop her going for glory at Roland Garros and Wimbledon this summer.

"The motivation is still to have fun, to play as well as possible," asserted Navratilova, who says she feels fitter than she has done for the past two years and who reached the final alongside Sanchez-Vicario at Amelia Island earlier this year.

"I am moving better. I had more time this year to prepare," explained Navratilova, still looking as trim as she did at the height of her powers.

"I think that on any given day we can beat anybody. I think we can win a championship."

## Green goes against IAAF's proposals

AFP, Osaka

American sprint star Maurice Greene fired off another salvo at proposals by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to change false start rules.

Greene said Friday the proposed rule change by the sport's governing body to disqualify athletes after one false start instead of two in any event under 400m could ruin an athletics meet.

"I really don't think it would be a good idea for them to put in the one false start rule for the athletes because it will lessen the meeting," Greene said in Osaka on the eve of the Japanese Grand Prix.

"When you have a group of athletes who are there to compete and very eager to run, you false start sometimes."

"And if you are building the meet around an event or a couple of athletes, if one of those athletes false starts you have no meet then," the Sydney Olympic 100m gold medalist said.

The changes will be tested at IAAF Grand Prix II events this year, prior to the World Championships in August.

"Also, the fans that came and paid to watch these athletes run will not get what they paid for. So I don't think it would be a very good thing," the world's fastest man added.

Greene's Trinidadian training partner and Olympic silver medalist Ato Boldon, has also slammed the proposals saying they will lead to slower races.

And, last weekend, Olympic decathlon legend Daley Thompson added his voice to the chorus of disapproval saying the one strike and out rule would put additional pressure on competitors and detract from the event.



Justine Henin of Belgium plays a forehand return against American Venus Williams during their German Open quarterfinal match in Berlin on May 10.

## Henin halts Williams

AFP, Berlin

Top seed Martina Hingis' hopes of lifting the German Open crown and consolidating her position as world number one received a boost on Thursday when biggest rival Venus Williams crashed out of the 1.2 million-dollar event here, beaten 6-1, 6-4 by Belgian teen Justine Henin.

Hingis breezed into the quarterfinals with a straightforward 6-3, 6-1 dismissal of unseeded Nathalie Dechy of France and was then able to sit back while second seed Williams slid out in her 1hr 13min tie against 12th seed Henin.

Third seed Jennifer Capriati of the United States took over Williams' mantle of second favourite as the Australian Open champion steered past French 13th seed Sandrine Testud 6-2, 7-6 (8/6).

Reigning champion Conchita Martinez of Spain overpowered Paola Suarez of Argentina 7-6 (7/2), 6-0 and now meets Capriati.

Elsewhere, last year's finalist Amanda Coetzer of South Africa reached the quarters by edging

Meghann Shaughnessy of the United States 6-3, 7-6 (7/1), to set up a meeting with Amelie Mauresmo of France, the fourth seed.

Both Olympic champion Williams and Henin, at 18 two years her junior, mixed the brilliant with the awful - but there was sufficient extra lustre to the Belgian blonde's game to see her through on her fourth match point.

Henin gives Williams an 18-centimetre height advantage - but the American, given the nickname 'Black Magic Woman' by the German press, was unable to conjure anything like her usual power as she succumbed amid a welter of unforced errors.

Williams took defeat philosophically.

"It's back to the drawing board. For me any loss is a bad loss," she said while denying she had fitness problems despite playing with a strapped knee.

Asked about the impact on her chances of dislodging Hingis as world number one with the Swiss an imposing 691 points ahead Williams, who will not now play before the French Open at the

end of the month, said simply: "It's not my main concern."

Henin, whom Williams described as a potential world number one, was circumspect after her win.

"Today's a big success. Maybe in the past when I played top players I was a bit afraid and showed them too much respect. Today I knew I could win."

Henin now takes on German wildcard Miriam Schnitzer, who ousted Czech qualifier Denisa Chladkova 7-5, 6-3.

Earlier, Hingis, champion here two years ago, brushed 48th-ranked Dechy aside for the fourth time in as many meetings and looks to be adjusting quite happily to life, having dropped her mother as her coach for the second time.

Hingis next meets Spanish eighth seed and 1995 champion Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, who steered past Slovakian qualifier Ludmila Cervanova 6-3, 1-6, 6-3.

Mauresmo booked the final quarter-final berth and a match against Coetzer with a 6-1, 4-6, 6-0 defeat of Switzerland's Patty Schnyder.

## Worth a million

AFP, London

INTERNET, undated

The answer to the million-dollar question, according to Australian captain Steve Waugh, is Brett Lee.

Lee, the world's fastest bowler and, increasingly, the bright, fresh face of Australian cricket, is the man Waugh believes will be the first player to earn a million dollars a season from an Australian Cricket Board contract.

The ACB and the Australian Cricketers Association have signed a four-year memorandum of understanding that both parties say will produce a payment of one million dollars to Australia's highest-paid player within the next two years. Although, as Waugh contended, some Australian

cricketers long ago topped the million-dollar mark through endorsement earnings outside cricket, a seven-figure ACB contract remains a significant milestone for players and administrators alike.

"I think we've already had a couple of million-dollar men off the field. The guys are doing pretty well," Waugh said. "But Brett Lee would have to be pretty short odds, I'd think."

It is hoped the very idea of a

million-dollar man will create enough excitement within the hearts of young sportsmen for them to make cricket their first-choice career sport.

While attracting players is one thing, 35-year-old Waugh does not believe the lure of big bucks will encourage cricketers to stay in the game for the money alone.

"Money shouldn't influence how long you play," he said. "If someone's playing for money their performances won't be up to the scratch, and if I'm not good enough I don't want to be there."

Just the same, he has no problems with the hard-working players receiving an increased share of the ACB's riches.

Waugh and eight of his teammates were in Melbourne on Thursday to learn more about handling those responsibilities at a three-day leadership course at the police college. The speakers included high-profile business leaders and Lieutenant-General Peter Cosgrove of the Australian Army.

Increasingly it is responsibilities off the field that occupy the players. That's where Lee becomes such a valuable commodity for Australian cricket.

Already he is the frontman for television advertisements for one of the ACB's major sponsors, Ansett, and his endorsements outside

of cricket top a million dollars.

But when time permits, the man tipped to become the game's richest player still works for a modest wage selling men's suits at a shop in Sydney's Centrepoint arcade, just as he did as a 19-year-old Sheffield Shield player. It does not hurt his image that he does so out of loyalty to

the employer who encouraged his fledgling cricket career.

Of Lee's teammates considered likely millionaires, vice-captain Adam Gilchrist is almost in the same league. Gilchrist already gets a bonus payment as vice-captain, and will earn another bonus should he succeed Waugh as captain.

The Australian wicketkeeper, like Lee, is a crowd-pleaser out in the middle, and, like Lee, he is a personable character with a ready smile. And Gilchrist, too, has a string of endorsement deals.

Lee, though, can enter a different sphere if he takes England by storm, much as Shane Warne did in 1993, in this year's Ashes series.

Much depends on his fitness, and in that regard Lee is looking good.

The surgery on his right elbow, which kept him out of the tour of India, was a success and his recovery is on target.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an acrophony give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.