REUTERS, London

Pakistan's Shoaib Akhtar will be able to rediscover his old pace despite having had to change his bowling action, according to Daryl Foster.

Foster, who headed back to Australia on Tuesday after completing a short-term coaching stint with Pakistan bowlers during their England tour, said he had changed his mind after earlier suggesting the 25-year-old would never bowl at top speed again.

"I had said that because of the remodelling of his action he would not be able to recover his peak pace but give him six to 12 months and he will be back," he said.

Foster is returning to his job at the University of Western Australia in Perth after declaring himself unavailable to continue with the team for the NatWest tri-series.

He was among a team of the university's experts who cleared shoaib's action earlier this year after he was reported for throwing. The team, however, convinced Shoaib, who has abnormal move ment in his shoulder and elbow joint, to modify his bowling style to avoid future injuries.

Shoaib, who still hopes to bowl a delivery at 100mph, and Australian Brett Lee had been rivals for the title of the world's fastest bowler before doubts first surfaced over the Pakistan bowler's action two years ago.

Foster added that Shoaib, dropped for the second Test against England to make way for off-spinner match-winning Saglain Mushtag, and Mohammad Sami were "top prospects" to replace Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis as Pakistan's front-line

bowlers. Pakistan, meanwhile, are keen to lure the bowling coach back again.

Pakistan team coach Richard Pybus, himself on a short-term contract, said: "It was brilliant for us to have Daryl. His contribution

was immense. "I would love Pakistan to use him again. He complements the players' pure talent with a discipline structure.

Lee stares

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ets and has been clocked at 97.5 miles per hour, making him the fastest bowler in world cricket

Some luckless young county pros are soon to have the batting experience of their lives. Lee is looking to play Second XI cricket, possibly with either Yorkshire of Nottinghamshire, in a bid to get in some match practice ahead of the

"I haven't had the experience of bowling in the last three months and there's a chance that some Second XI cricket or practice match might be on the cards," said

for granted, Lee admitted that playing Test cricket against lingland would be the pinnacle of his

"When you are a kid the first thing you want to do is pull on the baggy green cap and the second thing is to dream of playing in an Ashes series."

"Over the last 14 weeks it's got Astronger and stronger as each week goes by. Come the first Test I'll be ready to go," Lee told a news conference at Lord's.

"It's great to be over here though I still feel a bit jet-lagged. I will spend the next few weeks to work on my rehab and making sure I'm fit for the Test matches coming up

As well as his injury battles Lee. coached by Aussie pace legend Dennis Lillee, the scourge of England batsmen in the 1970s. has had to overcome doubts about the legality of his action.

Former India off-spinner turned Test umpire Sriniva saraghavan Venkataraghavan was unhappy with the kink in Lee's arm during last year's first Test in New Zealand and another Indian official, AV Jayaprakash, also

raised doubts later in the series. But Lee believes that doctors work to repair his snapped medial ligament has straightened it and so ended all arguments about his

"I had only played a couple o Tests and some umpire said there was a chance that I might throw

the ball. winning the doubles last year with "He thought my arm was bent but it has been for seven years and there was no reason to say that was throwing. It was referred to our board but I have no hard feel

ings against him. He was just do-

ing his job." Motiur

FROM PAGE 13 TEAMS

Muktijoddha: Aminul, Hasan al Mamun, Rajani, Pridip, Salio, Nayan, Motiur Munna, Rakib, Asif, Don (Farhad) and Emeka.

Arambagh KS: Pannu, Jahangir (Malek), Aminur, Shaheen, Kamruzzaman (Nira), Kamal, Khokon, Monir, Saiful Oeinu and Apu (Titu).

Referee: Ram Krishna Gosh.



PHOTO: INTERNET

Pakistan cricketers celebrate their victory over England in the second Test at Old Trafford as crowd rushes towards them on June 4.

Dramatic Pak victory

Cricket

AFP, Manchester

Pakistan took eight wickets for 60 runs in the final session, to beat England by 108 runs in the second and final Test here at Old Trafford on Monday.

England, 196 for two at tea. looked comfortably placed for a draw but they succumbed primarily to the off-spin of Saglain Mushtag who took four for 74, the home side all out for 261.

But four of England's last eight wickets fell to unspotted no-balls, although it was a still superb effort from the tourists to finish off the match in style.

England lost Graham Thorpe for his interval score of 10 when the Surrey left-hander's off-stump was knocked back by Pakistan captain and fast bowler Wagar the new ball.

The former Surrey star's fine delivery left England 201 for three in the 83rd over, Thorpe making 128 runs fewer than in the first innings.

Then Wasim Akram, 35 Sunday land on the ground where he had been Lancashire's overseas player for a decade, surprised England centurion Marcus Trescothick with a steeply bouncing delivery.

The batsman could only help First Test at Edgbaston starting on | diving leg-side catch, England now Nicholls rejected an lbw appeal. 213 for four.

innings that lasted just over six hours. It was the 25-year-old's in England.

American Jennifer Capriati

marked her stunning comeback

here Tuesday when the number

four seed advanced to the final

four of the French Open, 11 years

after becoming the tournament's

herself following a late resurgence

by 19-year-old compatriot Serena

Williams to take the tie 6-2, 5-7, 6-

seed Martina Hingis of Switzer-

form Martina Hingis, who is gun-

Australian Open to Capriati fol-

lowed by Charleston fate April,

an all-Belgian battle between up-

unseeded 17-year-old Russian

Lina Krasnoroutskaya off the

Suzanne Lenglen court 6-1, 6-2 in

just 50 minutes, while 12th seed,

Chisters ousted Hungarian quali-

fier Petra Mandula 6-1, 6-3.

formances to date here.

At 25 years, Capriati is the old-

2 on her fourth match point.

Schiavone 6-1, 6-4.

quarterfinal tie.

Mary Pierce.

February.

An older, wiser Capriati steeled

voungest ever semifinalist at 14.

Tennis

land taking four wickets for one run in a 13 ball spell that lasted 13

First England stand-in captain Alec Stewart, deputising for the injured Nasser Hussain, was Ibw playing no stroke to county teammate Saglain for 17.

Then on 230, Nick Knight, who had come in for Hussain who was out with a fractured thumb, was lbw first ball to Wasim, although replays showed West Indian umpire Eddie Nicholls had missed a no-ball.

Surrey left-hander Ian Ward then cut at Saglain and was caught behind by Rashid for 10. TV replays showed that this time English umpire David Shepherd had failed to call a no-ball.

Next delivery Andy Caddick went for a duck, clean bowled by Saglain's famous 'mystery' ball Younis with the fifth delivery of that turns away from the righthander, another uncalled no-ball. Amazingly, Saglain had failed

to take a wicket in his first unbroken spell of 39 overs Monday. England were 230 for seven.

Sagtain on a hattrick at the start of his next over. Gough survived that and playing his last Test in Eng- but going into the last 15 overs England were 235 for 8, six wickets lost for 29 runs, live fieldsmen around the bat for Saglain. Wagar had spent plenty of time 230, 9-261

talking to English batsmen and gave Gough some verbals when he the ball behind where wicket- drove him for four as well as Wagar keeper Rashid Latif took a good showing dissent when umpire Saglain

Cork had no answer to a Somerset left-hander Tresco- Saglain quicker ball, plumb lbw runs and drew the series 1-1. thick had made 117 in just over for four, although again Shepherd five hours, facing 272 balls in- failed to spot the bowler overstepcluding one six and 15 fours in an ping. His partnership with Gough had lasted 59 balls.

Wagar ended the match when caught at gully by substitute (England).

Capriati up against Hingis

from both sides.

record Tuesday blasting winners point.

Pakistan then destroyed Eng- fielder Imran Nazir off Waqar for 23. Last man Matthew Hoggard was nought not out, six overs and five balls remaining.

> **SCOREBOARD** Scoreboard after Pakistan bear England in the second Test on the

fifth and final day at Old Trafford Monday: PAKISTAN: First innings 403 (Inzamamul Haq 114, Rashid Latil 71. Younis Khan 65; M Hoggard 3-

79, D Gough 3-94, A Caddick 3 ENGLAND: First innings 357 (G Thorpe 138, M Vaughan 120; Abdur Razzaq 3-61)

PAKISTAN: Second innings 323 (Inzamam 85; D Gough 3-85, A Caddick 3-92, M Hoggard 3-93) ENGLAND: Second innings

(overnight 85-0) Atherton b Wagar Trescothick c Latif b Akram 117 Vaughan c Latif b Razzaq Thorpe b Wagar Stewart lbw b Saglain Ward c Latif b Saglain Knight lbw b Akram Cork lbw b Saglain Caddick b Saglain Gough c (sub) Nazir b Waqar Hoggard not out Extras: (b-6, lb-4, w-1, nb-2) Total: (All out in 105.1 overs) 261

Fall of wickets: 1-146, 2-174, 3 201, 4-213, 5-229, 6-230, 7-230, 8-

0 M R 59 3 85 47 20 74 Result: Pakistan won by 108

Man-of-the-match: Inzamamul Haq.

Players-of-the-series: Graham Thorpe and Inzamamul Haq. Umpires: Eddie Nicholls (West

Although not taking selection | second Test hundred and his first | he had Darren Gough brilliantly Indies) and David Shepherd

The 17-year-old from Clijsters,

Inzamam moves up

REUTERS, London

Inzamamul Haq rose four places to fourth in the Pricewaterhouse-Coopers batting ratings after his AFP, Paris two big innings helped Pakistan win the second and final Test against England at Old Trafford.

Inzamam hit 114 in the first innings and 85 in the second as Pakistan beat England by 108 runs on Monday to draw the series 1-1. India's Sachin Tendulkar, Aus-

tralia's Steve Waugh and Zimbabwe's Andy Flower remain top three in the ratings published on Tuesday.

Graham Thorpe, who scored 138 in England's first innings. moved up one place to ninth

Player	points
Tendulkar	889
S Waugh	830
A Flower	814
Inzamam	803
R Dravid	796
B Lara	785
M J'wardene	748
D Cullinan	746
GThorpe	738
VVS Laxman	723

English Jiaws exposed

REUTERS, London

A sizeable question mark was hanging over English cricket's brave new world on Tuesday as the dust settled following their dramatic Old Trafford defeat to Pakistan.

The local media, with some justification, chose to highlight à string of umpiring blunders in arguing that England had been swindled out of a fifth series victory in a row.

Several other factors, however, surely contributed to the 108-run debacle, England's rediscovery of the art of the batting collapse topping the list ahead of the team's suspect support bowling and total lack of a spin threat.

That list will make unpleasant reading for coach Duncan Fletcher and captain Nasser Hussain as they prepare for the Ashes series against Steve Waugh's Australians next month.

Under the admirable Fletcher England, while sticking to a similar pool of players, have transformed their fortunes since the start of 2000, continuously playing above themselves.

While home victories against Zimbabwe and an ailing West Indies side were predictable, away series successes in Pakistan and Sri Lanka came as a pleasan Bottom of the world rankings

in 1999, England were suddenly third and with ambitions to challenge the best. The squad's lack of depth,

however, has become painfully apparent against Pakistan. Waqar's side were apparently perfect opponents after arriving in

England with a newly installed

coach, an ageing and unfit bowling attack and with a history o feuds among its players. England, with pace bowlers Darren Gough and Andrew Caddick to the fore, duly crushed them

at Lord's by an innings and nine runs and looked set to complete the job in the second and final Test in Manchester. But the loss of three players through injury - Hussain, all-

rounder Craig White and left-arm spinner Ashley Giles - suddenly left the team rudderless, unbalanced and without bowling vari-Stand-in skipper Alec Stewart

- accused by the British media of unimaginative "captaincy by numbers" at Old Trafford - re mained resolutely optimistic despite Monday's humiliation. He was "disappointed" that England had lost their last eight

for nine runs - in the first innings and their last nine for 87 in the second. But he added: "There are some

wickets for 75 - and their last five

plus points -- Michael Vaughan's hundred, Graham Thurpe is a world-class player and Marcus rescothick batted exceptionally

Christie's FROM PAGE 13

game of cricket to the very fabric of Australian society," Christie's spokesman Michael Ludgrove said in a statement. Ludgrove said the GA Perry

Australian-made 'Premier Driver'

cricket bat is the only known bat to have been signed by Bradman in 1932-33 and again in 1963. The Bodyline series, where England's captain Douglas Jardine directed fast bowlers Harold Larwood and Bill Voce to bowl short-

pitched deliveries at Australia's batsmen, strained diplomatic relations between the two coun-Australian crowds were close to rioting as several Australian bats-

men were hit by the frighteningly fast Larwood. The bat was acquired by the current owner at a testimonial in 1983 for former Australian wicket- 35 Eggs

Christie's expected to realise at least 10,000 US dollars for the bat at the auction on July 31.

Agassi's quest ended

Tennis

In a huge upset French tenth seed Sebastien Grosjean shocked US third seed and 1999 titlist Andre Agassi to reach the men's singles semifinals on Wednesday, winning

1-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-3 in just 1hr 49min. In an astonishing encounter, Grosjean shocked an opponent who has tasted Grand Slam success seven times to set up an encounter with Spanish 13th seed Alex Corretja, who earlier put out unseeded Swiss Roger Federer 7-5, 6-4 and whom the Frenchman has

Grosjean, with just one career title to his name, made a wretched start as he lost the opening set in just 20min.

match on its head against Agassi, who has been in tremendous form this year, winning the Australian Open to land his seventh Grand Slam crown as well as Masters Series titles in Miami and Indian Wells to propel him to the top of the ATP Champions Race.

train on a Philippe-Chatrier Centre Court graced by former US president Bill Clinton, who arrived

Agassi set off like an express to find his compatriot having al-

set in just 20min after breaking for a 3-0 lead.

reads cruised through the opening

But the hullabaloo created by Clinton's arrival was the precursor But suddenly he turned, the to an amazing collapse by Agassi. who promptly lost 12 of the next

Within just 48 minutes Grosjean, keeping the pressure on with his brilliant backhands and trademark crunching forehands, went from being a set down to a set ahead as he won the second and third with ease 6-1.

or perhaps he felt some way responsible for the negative shift in his compatriot's fortunes — as the former leader of the western world vacated his seat along with his entourage.

It was too much for Clinton -

Right on cue, Agassi broke for a 2-0 lead in the fourth after saving a break point - and Clinton risked regaining his seat.

He must have wished he hadn't as Agassi dropped serve with a double fault to allow Grosjean to pull him back to 2-2.

A brilliant running low shot which dinked just millimetres over the net saw Grosjean move to 3-2 and he finally smashed Agassi's fading challenge as he broke for 5-3 on his third break point and then clinched victory with an ace.

On Tuesday, Gustavo Kuerten raced into the last four to close in on a third title after 1997 and last year with an impressive 6-1, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4 win over Russian seventh seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov who, having lost in the quarters three times to the Brazilian, lauded his rival as a tennis Picasso.

Spanish fourth seed Juan Carlos Ferrero now stands in his way - as he did in the last four 12 months ago - after the wiry fourth seed, nicknamed Mosquito, handed a clavcourt lesson to Australian sixth seed Lleyton Hewitt, whom he beat 6-4, 6-2, 6-1 in an exhibition, repeat of last year's Davis Cup meeting between the

Kuerten, who ousted Kafelnikov in 2hr 32min, is hoping history can repeat itself on several levels on the slow, red clay here.

Pybus for more

Pakistan coach Richard Pybus has

backed the call for more umpire

technology following the ques-

tioning of several decisions during

his side's dramatic victory in the

His call echoed that of England

chairman of selectors David

Graveney after Pakistan beat Eng-

level the two-match series 1-1.

land by 108 runs on Monday to

But both men argued that the

Old Trafford match should be

remembered for its fine cricket

rather than for its umpiring, which

British newspaper reports blamed

second Test at Old Trafford.

technology

REUTERS, Manchester

FRENCH FRIES

Spaniard Alex Corretja exults after beating Swiss Roger Federer in the

AFP, Paris

French Open diary on the tenth day of the tournament here Wednesday:

French Open quarterfinals yesterday.

GOING FOR A **BELGIAN FIRST**

Belgium's generally been more famous for chocolate and Tintin than for tennis - but Justine Henin and Kim Clijsters are changing all that at the French Open.

The teen terrors have guaranteed their country a first ever Grand Slam women's finalist as they will meet each other in Thursday's semis.

In fact one player of Belgian origin, Nelly Adamson-Landry. won the event in 1948 - but she was representing France having married a Frenchman a decade earlier, so the host country's Two teams comprising 43 racquetneighbours can't claim that one.

NO MORE SPOILT BRAT come on leaps and bounds this way they want for matches.

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Lundgren always knew he was. come for free. Now in the hotel ing!" and the restaurant he has to settle his own bills - he's becoming a the lowest tension at 14 kilos while

Just in time, as seasoned the highest at 39 kilos.

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Sorvino

Spaniard Alex Corretja bars his route to the semi-finals. FRENCH DON'T WANT TO BLOW A GASQUET

SHOW.

French fans, who have seen their contingent fall by the wayside say for Sebastien Grosjean in the sen ior singles tournaments, are like wise down to one survivor in the juniors as the youngsters prepare to tackle the round of last 16.

Last year was a vintage one for the hosts at junior level as Paul-Henri Mathieu and Virginie Raz zano won their respective men's and women's junior singles.

This year all hopes are nov pinned on 14-year-old Richard Gasquet, who takes on Algeria' Lamine Ouahab.

HIGH TENSION

Roland Garros on 17 special ma Roger Federer, at 19 through to his chines to ensure that each player first Grand Slam quarterfinal, has has a racquet prepared just they Lord's.

Milan - and his coach Peter Lund- through some 2,800 racquets so gren says the teen is no longer the far, according to their man in are prepared, Pakistan will always 'spoilt brat' he was earlier in his charge Luc Vesseaux, who was thankful to see the second week

323 a day - meaning we had to "Before, everything used to start at five o'clock in the morn- though the ball bad clipped his

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for four wrong decisions in the final session of the match as England collapsed to defeat. Pybus said on Tuesday: "It was stringers are beavering away at a great game. I was so pleased to see how well our guys played after being so abject in the first Test at

Because of the short itinerary, year after winning his first title in The stringers have already got they did not really stand much of a chance in the first game. If they be there or thereabouts."

Pybus agreed there had been some controversial decisions but "Now we're down to doing pointed out that some of them. including Yousuf Yonhana's secwas given out caught behind helmer, had gone in favour of the Italian Davide Sanguinetti used | home team.

"If the technology is out there, Rita Kuti Kis of Hungary asked for | we have to use it to make things easier for the umpires," he said.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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IYL VSNKNJL. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CARRYING TOO 48 Pinocchio's MANY BUCKETS IS PROBABLY GOING TO MAKE YOU REALLY PAIL.

> Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals D 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 apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



Schiavone in the French Open quarterfinals on Tuesday.

The small and wirv 19-year-old Russian failed to find her rhythm,

Henin has not dropped a set in the and took the tie with a crunching

She was totally in command of burst onto the world scene in 1999

the net and baseline and eco- with her first singles and doubles

nomical with break points, taking title, said she was relishing the tie

six out of seven offered, as the against friend Henin.

tournament and continued her forehand on her second match

keeper Rod Marsh. World No 1 Martina Hingis celebrates her victory over Italian Francesca