

Ajay Jadeja

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in the division, won both matches against the top two clubs.

His ban, initially imposed by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), extends across the world and the United States Cricket Association comes under the control of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

International PIA protested after its match, prompting the SCCA to seek clarification from the ICC whose spokesman Mark Harrison said Jadeja's ban "is therefore extended to official cricket in the States".

It therefore remains to be seen what further action the ICC will take in the face of this apparent snub.

Jadeja, who is the first person to break an ICC ban and is about to star in a Bollywood movie, was unavailable for comment.

Kowshik right

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did little on his debut. He scored only four. Wicketkeeper Sajjad Kadir was the other casualty in the final session. Sanwar and Hasanuzzaman were batting on 17 and 1 respectively.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the opening day of the four-day match between Bangladesh and A team at the BUET ground on Saturday:
BANGLADESH: First innings
Javed c Ashrafu b Bikash 0
Al-Shahriar hit wkt Kowshik 35
Bashar run out 36
Akram c Ashrafu b Bikash 18
Naimur b K Mahmud 24
Enamul c Sajjad b Kowshik 2
Hasibul c Monir b Fahim 57
Aminul not out 24
Sharif c Kowshik b Ashrafu 8
Sabbar c Monir b Fahim 4
Anwar c Sajjad b Kowshik 1
Extras (b-1, lb-3, nb-2) 6
Total: (All out in 73.4 overs) 217

Fall of wickets: 1/0, 2/71, 3/83, 4/97, 5/120, 6/124, 7/191, 8/202, 9/215					
Bowler	O	M	R	W	
Bikash	7	0	28	2	
Kowshik	17.4	2	40	3	
K Mahmud	11	1	32	1	
Mushfiqu	8	1	32	1	
Rafique	11	3	24	0	
Fahim	11	1	38	2	
Ashrafu	8	2	29	1	
BANGLADESHA: First innings					
Rafiqu c Sabbar b Sharif	4				
Mehrab c Anwar b Monjurul	0				
Sanwar not out	17				
Sajjad c Akram b Enamul	0				
Hasanuzzaman not out	1				
Extras: (b-2)	2				
Total: (For 3 wks in 14 overs)	23				
Fall of wickets: 1/1, 2/13, 3/20					
Bowler	O	M	R	W	
Monjurul	6	2	9	1	
Sharif	5	0	10	1	
Naimur	2	1	2	0	
Enamul	1	0	1	1	

ODI series

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Monday for the second and third internationals in Harare on September 29 and 30.

TEAMS
SOUTH AFRICA (from): Shaun Pollock (captain), Mark Boucher (vice-captain), Herschelle Gibbs, Gary Kirsten, Jacques Kallis, Neil McKenzie, Boeta Dippenaar, Jonty Rhodes, Lance Klusener, Claude Henderson, Andre Nel, Makhaya Ntini, Justin Ontong, Justin Kemp, Charl Langeveldt.

ZIMBABWE (from): Heath Streak (captain), Guy Whittall (vice-captain), Gary Brent, Alistair Campbell, Stuart Carlisle, Dion Ebrahim, Andy Flower, Grant Flower, Travis Friend, Douglas Marillier, Hamilton Masakadza, Mluleki Nkala, Henry Olonga, Paul Strang, Craig Wishart.

Umpires: Charles Coventry and Jeff Fenwick (Zimbabweans).

Doubles-driven Aussies



AFP, Sydney

Todd Woodbridge cajoled and manoeuvred Australia Saturday to a crucial doubles success and a 2-1 rubbers lead on the second day of their Davis Cup tennis semifinal against Sweden here.

Woodbridge, who teamed for 11 Grand Slam doubles titles with Mark Woodforde in one of the greatest combinations in tennis, paired with Wayne Arthurs in a titanic four tiebreak sets victory over Swedish duo, Jonas Bjorkman and Magnus Larsson.

Woodbridge and Arthurs overcame a tense beginning and two service breaks to outlast Bjorkman-Larsson, 6-7, 7-6, 7-6, 7-6 in three hours 36 minutes.

Australia now have the edge over Sweden heading into Sunday's two reverse singles matches for a place in the November 30-December 2 final against France or the Netherlands.

Woodbridge rated his performance as the best of his career as he carried Arthurs through long periods of the ebb-and-flow match, before left-handed Arthurs rammed home the winning ace on match point.

Bjorkman, who teamed with 30-year-old Woodbridge to win the Australian Open doubles earlier this year, attributed Australia's success to Woodbridge's tremendous form on the other side of the next Saturday.

"He's differently in the groove of being one of the best in the world and he showed that today," said Bjorkman.

"It was a one-man show on their side today. Todd managed to play extremely well and carried that team to get through."

Woodbridge was more diplomatic about his impact, praising Arthurs' contribution to the victory.

"That's the best we have played together and he gave me the opportunity to fly around the net and intercept a lot. The big key was Wayne and how he made all his big points," said Woodbridge.

The victory gives the 2000 competition winners valuable breathing space as they head into Sunday's reverse singles, with a win to either US Open champion Lleyton Hewitt or world No.4 Pat Rafter clinching the tie and a home final berth in Melbourne.

"You dream of matches like that. It was outstanding," said Australian captain John Fitzgerald. "The level of tennis and commitment of the four

players, the success under pressure that they all had during various times of the match ... it doesn't get much better than that."

Although Bjorkman has toiled away on court here for over seven hours he is keen to play again on Sunday against his nominated opponent Rafter in the fifth rubber.

"That's what I'm here for," said Bjorkman. "I play singles and doubles on the tour for the last eight years and I'm well experienced of

the second set was decided by another tiebreaker.

The Australians advanced to 6-2 and levelled the match when Larsson double-faulted.

Sweden made the first break in the third set when after two Woodbridge double-faults, an Arthurs' backhand was forced out.

Australia broke back immediately on Larsson's serve when the tall Swede netted for 4-4.



PHOTO: AFP

Australian duo Wayne Arthurs (R) and Todd Woodbridge (L) celebrate their Davis Cup semifinal victory with captain John Fitzgerald on Saturday.

playing every day and I've done it in Davis Cup before ... I feel pretty good at the moment."

The 18th-ranked Thomas Johansson, who came from two sets down to upset Rafter on Friday, is drawn to face world No.3 Hewitt in Sunday's fourth rubber after he downed Bjorkman, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6, 7-6 in the singles.

The Australian combination began tentatively and Arthurs was broken in the initial game after he led 40-0.

The rot continued when Woodbridge dropped his first service to hand Sweden a 4-0 lead.

But the Australians gradually eased their initial jitters and levelled at 4-4 before the set spilled into the first of the four tiebreakers.

The Swedes held three set points before taking it 7 points to 3.

Bjorkman fought off two break points in the seventh game before

Arthurs staved off two break points in the next game, and games went with service to the third tiebreak.

Both teams had three mini breaks but Arthurs brought up set point with a winner at the net and followed that up with another put-away for Australia to hit the front for the first time in the match and the tie at 7 points to 5.

Arthurs' serve was again under pressure and he was down two set points at 4-5, 15-40 in the fourth set but he held on after two deuces.

The set again was decided by a tiebreaker, but a couple of Larsson errors contributed to the Australians holding three match points at 6-3.

Arthurs clinched the win with a clean ace down the middle to pandemonium from the 10,000 stadium crowd.

Sedan coach fired

AFP, Sedan

The coach of French first division side Sedan, Alex Dupont, was sacked Friday following his side's humiliating 4-0 away defeat to UEFA Cup first round Czech opponents Pribram on Thursday.

Dupont, who will be replaced in the interim by assistant coach Henri Stambouli, was given his marching orders on Friday afternoon by the club's no-nonsense president Pascal Urano.

Sedan grabbed a UEFA spot thanks to their fifth-place finish in the domestic league last season but currently sit 11th with only one win and four draws from seven league matches.

The 47-year-old Dupont, a former junior international, came to Sedan from second division side Gueugnon, who came to prominence in 2000 when they won the French League Cup.

Hasselbaink wins appeal

AFP, London

Chelsea striker Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink escaped any suspension for his recent red card against Arsenal after winning an appeal hearing here on Friday.

Hasselbaink, who was dismissed after tussling with Arsenal's Martin Keown almost a fortnight ago, will now be available for Chelsea's game against Middlesbrough this weekend.

Meanwhile, Leicester's Lee Marshall will also not have to serve a ban after a similar hearing before a Football Association (FA) disciplinary commission.

FA spokesman Adrian Bevington said: "After reviewing the evidence today, the FA disciplinary commission decided that both players' red cards will remain on record but no punishments will be imposed on either player."

"Therefore, Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink and Lee Marshall will be available for their respective clubs this weekend."

According to the rules, a red card cannot ever be wiped out from the record books, but both players have effectively won their cases.

Not only will they not have to serve suspensions, which would have been three games in Hasselbaink's case, but they would also not incur an extra one-game ban if they were sent off again this season.

O'Neill banned for one game

AFP, Glasgow

Celtic manager Martin O'Neill was suspended on Friday for one match following his sending-off in Turin on Tuesday night.

O'Neill was led away from the pitch by the fourth official after abusing referee Hellmut Krug for awarding Juventus a late penalty with just two minutes remaining of the Champions League Group E opener.

O'Neill's side went down 3-2 and he was furious that Nicola Amoroso's theatrical dive conned the German official into awarding the decisive spotkick.

Celtic will now have to take on Porto at Parkhead next Tuesday with O'Neill watching from the stands.

UEFA's control and disciplinary body statement read: "Mr O'Neill may of course attend the next UEFA Champions League match of Celtic FC against FC Porto as a normal spectator in the stands."

"However, his presence before and during the match in the dressing rooms, in the technical area, on the playing field or in the players' tunnel is not allowed, as well as any communication during the course of the match with his team."

UEFA's control and disciplinary body also rejected a protest lodged by Celtic asking for the revocation of the yellow card shown to defender Joos Valgaeren in the 89th minute of the Turin clash.

Tim, Greg buoy Brits



AFP, Guayaquil

Tim Henman added impetus to Britain's bid to rejoin the Davis Cup big boys with a 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 win over Ecuador's Luis Adrian Morejon here Friday.

The result now means that Britain, following on from Greg Rusedski's victory earlier in the day,

despite searing heat and a partisan crowd.

He then broke three times in succession to clinch the second set but was asked to pull some extra effort out of the bag in the third when he was forced to save three break points himself in the third game.

Ecuador will be looking to reverse the order of things on Saturday when Nicolas and Giovanni Lapentti take on Henman and Rusedski in the doubles.



PHOTO: AFP

Briton Greg Rusedski executing a backhand slice against Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador at the Davis Cup singles match on September 21.

have a 2-0 lead over Ecuador, who effectively demoted Britain from the Davis Cup World Group last year.

While Rusedski was forced to toil for his win, Henman on the other hand had no trouble in disposing of Morejon with a straight sets win.

Henman broke serve for the first time in the third game of the first set and maintained his form throughout

Sunday's reverse singles pits Nicolas Lapentti against Henman and Morejon against Rusedski.

Rusedski overcame a sluggish opening in the opening match when he sent Nicolas Lapentti, normally so much more at home on clay, packing 2-6, 6-2, 7-5, 6-3 in the port city of Guayaquil.

A minute's silence was held

Jelena-Arantxa finale



AFP, Tokyo

Jelena Dokic unleashed an array of powerful strokes to beat top seed and fellow 18-year-old Kim Clijsters Saturday to secure a berth in the final of the Princess Cup tennis tournament.

The third seed from Yugoslavia, also the finalist in the Brazilian Open a week ago, overcame a lacklustre start to score a 7-5, 6-4 victory over the French Open finalist from Belgium.

Dokic will face 1994 champion Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario in Sunday's final, after the Spanish fifth seed overcame compatriot Gala Leon Garcia 6-3, 7-5 in a classic baseline encounter.

"To beat the world number five is great for me," said Dokic after the 70-minute battle of the teenagers.

"My whole year has been really consistent. I've been playing very well the last few weeks and the last couple of months. I think generally this year I've played very well, I've worked very hard."

"It's still coming together now and this year has been the best season so far," added Dokic, who posted her first career title at the Italian Open.

Neither Dokic nor Clijsters was able to hold her serve until the ninth game when the Belgian kept it to lead 5-4 in the first set.

Clijsters fought back to trail 4-5, having broken back in the eighth game thanks to Dokic's only double fault at 0-40.

But Dokic stayed calm and unleashed an array of big strokes to race to a 40-0 lead in the 10th game. Although she missed her first match point, she launched a powerful serve which Clijsters hit into the net.

"I broke straight away in the first game and I think it was very crucial to hold my game," Dokic said of the early lead in the second set.

"She gave me a few errors and I just kept being aggressive. That's why everything turned round even more. It was very important for me to get a big lead, because I lost a little bit in the second set."

"I think I just started my game and that was the main thing," added Dokic.

Sanchez-Vicario said the pressure would be on her youthful rival in the final.

"I have nothing to lose, that helps me, she probably has much pressure. It's good that I played two players (Silvia Talaja and Sandrine Testud), because they play similar to her," the Spaniard said.

"Obviously I try to go to the net as much as I can. If I do that well, I can win. I lost to her very closely at the US Open, but I have my chances. I just have to take them."

Schuttler in final

AFP, Shanghai

Rainer Schuttler moved into his first final of the season Saturday with a 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 victory over fourth-seeded Spaniard Francisco Clavet at the 400,000-dollar Shanghai Open.

The second-seeded German, currently 64th in the season Champions points race, spent exactly two hours in producing his best showing of 2001.

The 25-year-old, who is based in the German-speaking part of Switzerland, will be aiming for the second title of his career Sunday when he plays either Swiss third seed Michel Kratochvil or Dane Kenneth Carlsen.

before the start in memory of the victims of last week's terror attacks in the United States.

"It's probably my best win to date in the Davis Cup," Rusedski said afterwards.

"To win in a place like South America against a player like Nicolas Lapentti, it was special."

It was Lapentti's first loss in nine matches on home ground in Davis Cup play as he failed to repeat his shock success over Rusedski in last year's tie.

With Britain on a revenge mission after last year's disastrous loss to the Ecuadorians at Wimbledon, Rusedski dug in after losing the opening set to bag the first point of the tie in a match lasting almost three hours before a 7,000 crowd which included some 200 fans who had made the journey to South America.

The match took place in a converted bullring and Rusedski shut out the heat and the partisan crowd to seal victory when Lapentti double-faulted on his first match point and leave Britain as clear favourites to regain their place in the big time.

The Briton fought back with a double break in the second set as he shone on a surface which two years ago he had vowed not to play on again after a disastrous showing at Roland Garros.

Intensive clay training this year in Barcelona has clearly been of benefit.

Rusedski had to save three break points in the eighth game of the third set but he survived and broke once more to move ahead two sets to one before a further break at the start of the fourth set him up for a tremendous victory.

Ecuador are hoping to remain in World Group to which they moved up last year following their Wimbledon exploits.

Saudis surge

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rivals have a game in hand.

The match which is set to determine the final outcome is set between Saudi Arabia and Iran at Jeddah on September 28, when a home win could push the visitors, who host Thailand and Iraq in October before finishing up with a match in Bahrain, all but out of the running.

Saudi Arabia have yet to travel to Iraq and host winless Thailand to finish up their campaign.

Bahrain have a mountain to climb after they suffered their first defeat in the group and are now four points off the pace having conceded three earlier draws.

The group winners qualify for next summer's World Cup finals in South Korea and Japan.

The runners-up face the runners-up in regional Group B on a home-and-away basis with the winner qualifying to play the runners-up from the European zone Group Two.

In Group B, Qatar hammered Oman 3-0 in Muscat with Walid Hamza on target after 26 minutes, Mubarak Mastupha adding a second on the half-hour and Mohamed Salem Al-Anzi wrapping things up with the third 16 minutes from time.

Qatar moved into second spot on eight points, two behind China, in the group standings but the Chinese, the group favourites, have a game in hand and will play that on September 27 against the United Arab Emirates at Abu Dhabi.

China host Qatar next month and anything other than a shock Qatari defeat should see the hosts more or less home and dry.

Qatar's next game is at the end of this month at home to Uzbekistan, who are still in the running with six points.

Fake goods WC market



AFP, Seoul

South Korean police made their first arrests Friday for selling fake souvenirs for next year's World Cup finals.

The authorities and the Korean World Cup Organising Committee (KOWOC) have vowed to clamp down on counterfeit items. The co-host country of next year's finals is notorious for fake luxury goods.

Police arrested and charged two men and detained another five people and took action against three companies in the first wave of action.

The suspects were accused of manufacturing and supplying thousands of ceramic goods, key rings, t-shirts and other goods carrying the official World Cup logo.

South Korea passed special laws in 1997 banning unauthorized use of World Cup emblems for commercial purposes.

The Copyright Promotions Partner company has the exclusive rights to use the emblems on souvenirs.

The suspects are believed to have made about 570,000 dollars in illegal profits through the business since July last year, police said.

"We are hoping to make at least 250 million dollars from retail sales in Korea," said CCP's managing director for South Korea, Alex Romer.

He said that "in 1998 World Cup sales were an estimated 1.2 billion dollars worldwide, so estimates for a single country seem like a lot of money, but I believe it can be done."

The World Cup is to be staged in South Korea and Japan next year from May 31 to June 30.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Treasure seeker's aid

4 Work units

8 Kind of pit

12 Actress Merkel

13 Layer

14 Soprano's show-stopper

15 New York school

17 West Side Story gang

18 Spill the beans

19 Self

21 Coop

22 Indiana school

26 Mexican entrees

29 Corral

30 Like some vbs.

31 Shake-speare title start

32 Soup holder

33 Forum fashion

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20 Rev the engine

23 Belmont's lead singer

24 Impulse

25 Geological periods

26 It wags

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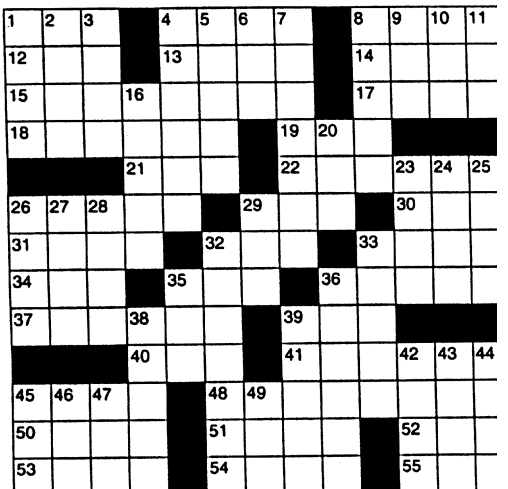
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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptiquip: REPAIRING HIS O
CEILING, THE CARPENTER GOT FURIOUS A
HIT THE ROOF.
Today's Cryptiquip Clue: A equals P

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