

PCB positive about ICC meeting

INTERNET REPORT, Karachi

Pakistan has gathered enough support and is confident that most of its proposals would be approved in the forthcoming International Cricket Council (ICC) meeting an official said Saturday, according to a report published in The Dawn.

"The Pakistan Cricket Board has done its homework for the ICC meeting. I have personally called the chief executives of other cricket boards and have tried to convince them of our proposals," said PCB director Brigadier Munawwar Rana.

The ICC meets in Kuala Lumpur from October 15-19 to discuss various issues including five proposals from Pakistan. Rana was scheduled to leave for Malaysia Saturday evening.

"It is good on the part of the ICC to have issued a comprehensive agenda of the meeting and to keep one of our key proposals to impose financial penalties on teams dishonouring their international commitments on top of the agenda," he said.

The ICC said it would consider a proposal to impose a fine of two million dollars on member countries dishonouring commitments during the ICC's 10-year plan.

"We think it's a matter of principle more than the financial losses because when a game's governing body has chalked out a plan every member country must follow it," Rana said.

Pakistan's four other proposals include one for the formation of a 10-year ICC programme for A and junior teams, for umpires' postings to be based on performance rather than seedings, for batsmen to get a chance to appeal against an umpiring decision, and lastly, for the Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FINA) not to be given ICC representation.

Shahbaz wants to play till 2002

INTERNET REPORT, Karachi

Recalled Pakistan hockey star Shahbaz Ahmed said he would play until next year's World Cup, it was reported in The Dawn on Sunday.

"I am ready and spirited to play one more time for Pakistan and would make my all out efforts to bring them back in the top three teams of the world," he said.

"World Cup 2002 would be my swansong and by that time I would like to see Pakistan back in the top three teams of the world." Pakistan Thursday recalled Shahbaz for a third time to feature in the Champions Trophy to be held in Rotterdam, Holland from November 3-11.

NSW break inter-state mark

REUTERS, Sydney

Veteran Australian test batsman Mark Waugh scored a century as New South Wales set an innings record of 397 for four from their 50 overs in beating Tasmania in an Australian interstate match on Sunday.

The innings total was an Australian interstate one-day game record, smashing the previous best of 325 for five by Western Australia state against New South Wales in Perth in 2000-01 and 325 for six by South Australia against Tasmania in Hobart in 1986-87.

Waugh made 123 while his opening partner Brad Haddin made 120, reaching his century off 74 balls which equalled the Australian interstate one-day record of Queensland's Stuart Law.

Iron Mike crushes Dane

Boxing

INTERNET, Copenhagen

Mike Tyson needed six rounds Saturday before stopping Brian Nielsen, the longest fight the former heavyweight champion has had since losing to Evander Holyfield five years ago.

Tyson bloodied the Dane in the second round and knocked him down in the third. The referee finally ended the scheduled 10-rounder before the start of the seventh, with Nielsen still sitting on the stool in his corner, his left eye swollen shut.

Although the fight was stopped between rounds, it will go into the books as a technical knockout one second into the seventh.

"I'm back," the 35-year-old Tyson said. "For the next fight I must train harder. I knew I would have him eventually. He put on a heck of a fight."

Tyson may have set himself up to win the heavyweight title once again. He is ranked No. 1 by the World Boxing Council and is likely to get the mandatory shot at the winner of the November 17 fight between WBA and International Boxing Federation champion Hasim Rahman and Lennox Lewis.

"I need two more fights for a title fight," Tyson said. "Two more and I'll be ready."

Six rounds are the most for Tyson since Holyfield stopped him in the 11th round on November 9, 1996, for the World Boxing Association title.

Fighting at 239 pounds by far the heaviest in his career Tyson seemed happy he at least got something of a workout after fighting less than five full rounds in his four previous fights combined.

It was the first fight for Tyson in almost a year, since Andrew Golota quit in the second round last October.

Tyson improved to 49-3 with two no-decisions and 43 KOs. Nielsen dropped to 62-2 with 43 KOs.

Tyson won every round and rocked Nielsen consistently. It was only the second time the Dane has been knocked down as a pro or amateur. He has never been knocked out.

"I felt like I was hurting him with a few of my punches," Nielsen said. "The referee stopped it, but my corner asked that he stop it."

Referee Steve Smoger asked Mike Hall, Nielsen's American trainer, to confirm the boxer wanted to stop.

"I want to hear it from his mouth. You understand you lose," Smoger said.

Nielsen said, "Yes." "The last few punches I couldn't see. I did the best I could. I'm very disappointed. I hope that now people will give me some respect. I am a fighter," he said.

Nielsen had vowed to beat Tyson black and blue, but Nielsen was the

only one absorbing the heavy punches in this fight.

Tyson entered the ring wearing a baby blue hooded sweatshirt with "NEW YORK" embossed on the front and a knit cap with "PUNISHMENT" across the front. Some fans tossed plastic ears on to the canvas a reminder of Tyson's famous "bite fight" with Holyfield.

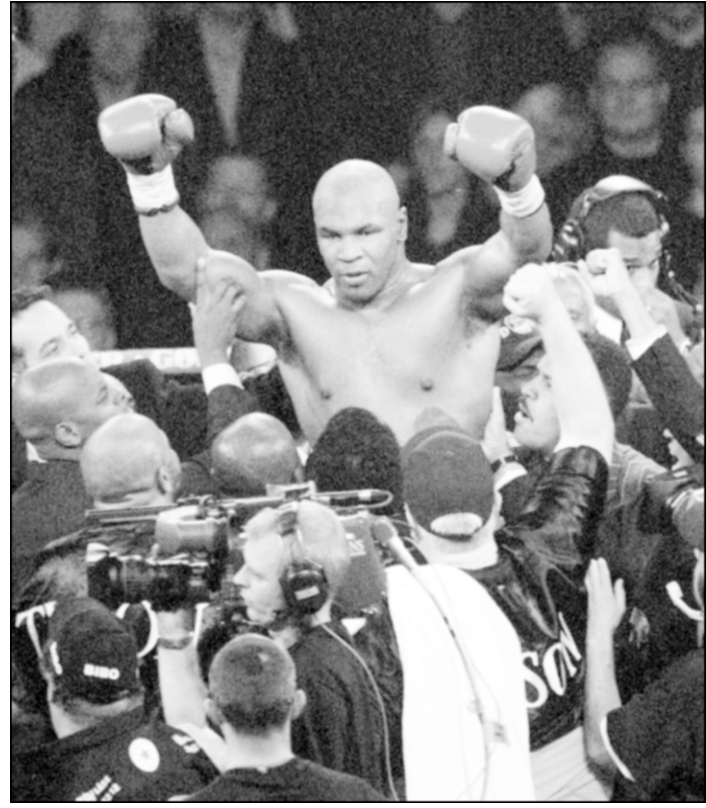
Nielsen's theme song was "Always Look On The Bright Side Of Life," from the Monty Python movie "Life of Brian." Singing along was a

But the pace slowed, and Nielsen landed one of his best shots of the bout with a right hand. Seconds later, Tyson hit him with a right-left that again had the Dane staggering.

Tyson opened the sixth with a big jab but seemed less willing to attack. He also jarred Nielsen with a left uppercut and a right hand before the bell.

The seventh never got under way.

This fight was the third of Tyson's last four to be held outside the



Former world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson poses after his victory over Dane Brian Nielsen on Saturday.

heavily partisan crowd of 25,000 in Parken Stadium.

Tyson quickly pinned Nielsen on the ropes with a series of punches and connected with one big left uppercut. The Dane was able to cover up and hang on with Tyson seeming to tire late in the round.

In the second, Tyson landed a good uppercut, and Nielsen covered up on the ropes. Tyson bloodied Nielsen above the left eye with a right hook just before the bell.

Nielsen's eye began to swell in the third round, with Tyson rocking the Dane a few times and also complaining that his opponent was grabbing and holding. Late in the round, Tyson knocked Nielsen down with a left-right combination. As the bell rang, Tyson hit Nielsen with a low right hand, sending him staggering into the ropes.

Nielsen, 259-3-4, tried to slow the fight in the fourth by hanging onto Tyson, who rocked him with a left jab.

The fifth was more of the same with Nielsen's left eye swelling shut.

United States. The others were a second-round win over Julius Francis on January 29, 2000, in Manchester, and a 38-second win over Louis Savarese on June 24, 2000, in Glasgow.

Since being released after serving three years on a rape conviction, Tyson has now fought 12 times.

Tyson, who said he plans to stay in Europe after the fight, is reportedly heading for France.

Nielsen brought an impressive record and a lot of confidence into the fight, but it was a record built on no-name and over-the-hill fighters. His best-known opponents were former champions Larry Holmes and Tim Witherspoon, who were both in their 40s when Nielsen beat them.

While Tyson's second fight with Holyfield was the richest ever and did lucrative pay-per-view business, Saturday's bout was taped for a delayed showing on the Showtime network.

Shanghai Open Monica's

AFP, Shanghai

Number one seed Monica Seles breezed past Australian Nicole Pratt 6-2, 6-3 to win the 140,000-dollar WTA Shanghai Open here Sunday and notch her third straight tournament victory.

The American came out with a strong service game and broke Pratt in the first and fifth games of the first set to chalk up her 13th straight match victory after winning recent tournaments in Brazil and Tokyo.

"The match was a difficult one for me, especially in the second set when each point was hard fought," Seles said.

"I thought the key was that I served well."

The 27-year-old American, ranked number nine in the world, took 67 minutes to dispatch the Aussie for her 52nd career tournament win and her first on Chinese soil.

In the women's doubles semifinals, Liezel Huber from South Africa and Lenka Nemeckova of the Czech Republic beat Australian Evie Dominikovic and Thai Tamarine Tanasugarn 6-0, 7-5.

Martina needs operation

AFP, Zurich

Martina Hingis needs an operation on her right ankle and could be out of action for as long as six weeks, the organisers of next week's Zurich tournament said on Saturday.

Hingis was injured in her semifinal against Lindsay Davenport at the WTA tournament in Filderstadt, Germany, and was told by her regular consultant Heinz Buhmann that she required surgery to repair torn ligaments as the ankle has been injured in the past.

The operation could take place on Sunday, the statement said.

Hingis has occupied the world number one spot since May 22, 2000 but will now lose her top ranking as she will miss the Masters event in Munich on October 30-November 4.

Same SA squad to face India

REUTERS, Kimberley

South Africa's selectors announced on Sunday that they would retain the same squad of 14 for their one-day international against India in East London on Friday.

Opening batsman Gary Kirsten, who missed Sunday's match against Kenya in Kimberley with a thigh strain, is expected to be fit in time to return to the side.

SQUAD
Shaun Pollock (captain), Mark Boucher, Herschelle Gibbs, Gary Kirsten, Jacques Kallis, Neil McKenzie, Jonty Rhodes, Boeta Dippenaar, Lance Klusener, Justin Kemp, Nicky Boje, Makhaya Ntini, Charl Langeveldt, Andre Nel.

Improved Kenya

FROM PAGE 13
Otiemo c Boucher b Langeveldt 4

Tikolo c Boucher b Ntini	29
Odumbo lbw b Langeveldt	60
Oduyo b Pollock	53
M Suji c and b Pollock	2
Otiemo not out	6
A Suji not out	0
Extras (b-1, lb-7, nb-3, w-7)	18

Total (For seven wkts in 50 overs) 229
Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-18, 3-82, 4-108, 5-214, 6-222, 7-223.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pollock	10	0	41	3
Langeveldt	10	0	45	2
Kemp	5	0	45	0
Ntini	6	0	20	1
Boje	10	2	30	1
Klusener	9	0	40	0

Did not bat: B Patel, J Kamande.
SOUTH AFRICA
Dippenaar not out 74
Gibbs c C Otiemo b Patel 70
Klusener not out 75
Extras (b2, nb5, w4) 11
Total (For one in 41.1 overs) 230
Fall of wickets: 1-115.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
M Suji	5	0	30	0
Oduyo	6	0	46	0
A Suji	3	0	20	0
C Otiemo	10	0	34	0
Patel	3.1	0	15	1
Odumbo	9	3	41	0
Tikolo	3	0	27	0
Kamande	2	0	15	0

Did not bat: N McKenzie, J Rhodes, M Boucher, S Pollock, N Boje, J Kemp, M Ntini, C Langeveldt.
Result: South Africa won by nine wickets.

Man-of-match: Herschelle Gibbs.
Umpires: Dave Orchard, Wilf Diedricks (both SA). TV umpire: Danny Becker (SA). Match referee: Ahmed Ebrahim (Zimbabwe).

STANDINGS
Tabulated under (played, won, lost, bonus points, total points)
South Africa 4 3 1 1 13
India 3 2 1 1 9
Kenya 3 0 3 0 0
Note: A bonus point is awarded if a team wins by a margin of 20 percent or more than the total of its opponents, or reaches a target with 20 percent or more of the available overs to spare.

REMAINING MATCHES
Oct 17: India v Kenya, Port Elizabeth.
Oct 19: South Africa v India, East London.
Oct 22: South Africa v Kenya, Cape Town.
Oct 24: India v Kenya, Paarl.
Oct 26: Final, Durban.

Capriati in, Hingis out

Tennis

AFP, Filderstadt

Martina Hingis lost her world number one ranking on Saturday after she had to retire injured in the opening set of her semifinal with Lindsay Davenport at the 565,000-dollar event here.

Hingis, who pulled out with an ankle sprain at 2-1 down, now cedes

the new WTA rankings are published Monday.

It is a fairytale end to the comeback of 25-year-old Capriati, who has battled back from teenage burnout after becoming the youngest player ever to crack the Top 10 on October 29, 1990 aged 14 years, seven months.

Davenport will play Belgian sixth seed Justine Henin in the final after Henin ousted Sandrine Testud of France 6-3, 7-6.

"It's a very disappointing way to

in the Swisscom Challenge next week, where she is the defending champion.

Hingis has spent a total of 134 weeks in top spot which she took over in 1997 and who has held the ranking continuously since May of last year.

The 21-year-old Swiss miss has had a poor year and her last Grand Slam title came at the 2000 Australian Open.

On arrival in Germany a week ago she forecast Capriati would eventually move ahead of her.

"It will be almost impossible to stay on top as I have too many points to defend and Jennifer too few," Hingis said of the complicated WTA rankings system.

Capriati, will now top the rankings for the first time despite her quarter-final loss here to Testud, completing one of sport's greatest comebacks.

"It feels great. I haven't really digested it yet. I think I'll have to see it on paper first," said Capriati.

"Of course, it's every kid's dream to be No. 1. For me I think you can appreciate it more when you are older."

And the American who took her first Grand Slam in Australia in January said:

"In Australia this year I think everything clicked for me and since then I have been playing really well."

"I am also proud to be able to come back from everything that has happened in my life, and just to enjoy tennis and play this well."

"I think this shows everybody that it's never too late to realize your talent, or your dream. If you think positive and believe in yourself, good things are going to come."

Hingis later underwent a scan in Zurich, but still hopes to participate



Swiss Martina Hingis (L) leans on her racquet after falling during her semifinal match against American Lindsay Davenport at the Porsche Gran Prix on Saturday.

Hingis retired from the match due to her leg injury.



JENNIFER CAPRIATI

finish this match. I was really looking forward to playing Lindsay again," said Hingis, who was bidding for a third straight Filderstadt title.

"She wrong-footed me on break point at 1-1 and I heard these two loud clicks in my right ankle. Right now it's swollen and hurts a lot."

top spot to Australian Open and French Open champion Jennifer Capriati of the United States when

India keep hopes alive

Tennis

AFP, Winston-Salem

French Open champions Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi

defeated Wimbledon winners Don Johnson and Jared Palmer to sustain India's hopes in a Davis Cup tie against the United States.

Bhupathi and Paes won 6-4, 1-6, 6-3, 7-6 here Saturday, lifting their win streak to eight matches and trimming the US lead to 2-1 in the

best-of-five relegation tie entering Sunday's decisive singles matches.

Andy Roddick, the 19-year-old American prodigy who reached the US Open quarter-finals last month, will play Paes in Sunday's first match with Harsh Mankad of India set to face James Blake in the final match.

Roddick defeated Mankad 6-3, 6-4, 6-1 in Friday's opening singles match and Blake followed with a 7-5, 6-3, 6-3 triumph over Paes to give the hosts a 2-0 lead in the fight to see which joins the World Group for the 2002 trophy hunt.

The tie was postponed three weeks in the wake of terrorist attacks upon New York and Washington.

The US team, seeking a 32nd Davis Cup title after a six-year drought, is 6-0 against India in Davis Cup play. The Americans were forced into the qualifying tie after losing to Switzerland in a first-round tie earlier this year.

Paes and Bhupathi, who saved a set point in the fourth set and rallied for the victory, are ranked fourth in doubles on the ATP Tour, two spots below the US duo.

Bhupathi and Paes beat Johnson and Palmer in their only prior meeting, at April's Monte Carlo quarter-finals.

The India tandem has a 9-2 record in Davis Cup doubles since their first pairing during a 1995 World Group qualifying round 3-2 victory over Croatia. Bhupathi and Paes have a 28-12 record on the tour this year.



Monica Seles holds aloft the winner's trophy after beating Nicole Pratt at the Shanghai Open final on October 13.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THEIR PLUMBING STOPPED WORKING, THE FAMILY WAS BADLY OUT OF SINK.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals O

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.