#### No Davenport at Wimbledon

Former world number one Lindsay Davenport will miss her third successive Grand Slam after pulling out of Wimbledon due to slower-thanhoped recovery from knee surgery.

The 26-year-old American informed organisers at the All England Club on Wednesday that she will not appear.

"I'm extremely disappointed not to be able to play on the grass at Wimbledon this year," Davenport said in a statement

"I really hoped I could make it back from my surgery earlier than expected and be able to play at Eastbourne and Wimbledon but it is just not possible yet.

She had been due to return to the courts next week at Eastbourne on the English south coast.

Davenport added: "Doctors say I am not ready to compete at the highest level yet. I'm totally optimistic that I will be ready for the summer hardcourt season in July.

Davenport underwent an operation on her right knee in January just a few weeks before the Australian Open and has not played since.

With a protected computer ranking, she now stands sixth on the

#### Sampras makes struggling start

American Pete Sampras got his Wimbledon build-up off to a winning start when he struggled through to the second round of the 800,000-dollar Halle tournament with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over Russian Andrei Stoliarov

Sampras, without a tournamen win since clinching his seventh Wimbledon title in July 2000, snubbed the more favoured Queen's tournament in London to hone his skills here in Germany.

#### Pua quits

FROM PAGE 13 Jan Wegereef for his handling of their final match.

There were two controversial penalty decisions - one for each side - and the over-officious referee issued 12 yellows - a record for a World Cup match. "We should have had a bit more

luck," said Pua. "The first Senegal goal wasn't a

penalty and our players were very disappointed with their performance in the first half.

However, the Uruguay coach did not put the sole blame for his side's exit on poor refereeing decisions.

He added: "I was proud of their efforts in the second half, unfortunately they couldn't win.

"We played against three very strong teams here and we will learn a lot from the experience we gained



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# Andy, Adam crush Pakistan

Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

Adam Gilchrist's quickfire 56 sparked Australia to a seven-wicket victory over Pakistan in the first of three one-day cricket internationals played indoors and under floodlights

at Colonial Stadium on Wednesday. Pakistan made just 176 for eight wickets from their 50 overs, a target Australia reached with over 17 overs to spare, making 177 for three.

Gilchrist led the way, bringing up his 50 from just 42 deliveries.

The Australian left-handed openers. Gilchrist and Matthew Hayden, saw off Pakistan spearheads Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis and then went on the attack, reaching their century partnership in iust the 16th over.

Young bowlers Mohammad Sami and Azhar Mahmood found their deliveries despatched to all points of the ground.

Gilchrist eventually fell for 56, scored off just 47 balls and including nine fours, when caught by Inzamamul Haq off the third over of Sami -- who had already conceded

Hayden, unbeaten on 37, was joined by Australian skipper Ricky Ponting but the run rate fell back as Sami found his line and length. Hayden was caught at square leg

by Shoaib Malik for 45 and then the introduction of Shahid Afridi into the attack saw Ponting depart for 13, caught behind by Rashid Latif. The Australians had slipped to

127 for three but it was too little, too ate from the visitors.

Darren Lehmann finished unbeaten on 28 with Damien Martyn Ponting won the toss and elected

to field and some tight bowling limited the scoring opportunities for the visitors, who showed a lack of urgency running between the wick-Opener Imran Nazir, who retired

hurt with a forearm injury when struck by a Glenn McGrath delivery when he was on five, returned to top score for the visitors with 39 from 53

He hit a series of meaty drives late in the innings while Haq contrib-

Paceman Andy Bichel was the most effective of the Australian bowlers, finishing with three for 30 from his 10 overs. Wicketkeeper Gilchrist took four catches and claimed a stumping. Although the match was being

played indoors, the sound of thunder and the pelting of rain on the stadium roof meant the crowd was restricted

This series has been billed as the pace showdown between Australia's Brett Lee and Pakistan speedster Shoaib Akhtar but neither played Wednesday's match.

Lee was named as 12th man for Australia, while Akhtar was ruled out of Pakistan's team with a hip injury.

The second match of the series will be played at the same venue on Saturday with the third match at the Gabbá in Brisbane next

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first of three oneday internationals between Australia and Pakistan at the Colonial Stadium in Melbourne yesterday:

38 Lehmanr

**AUSTRALIA** Gilchrist c Inzamam b Sami Hayden c Mailk b Sami Ponting c Latif b Afridi Martyn not out 18 Lehmann not out Extras: (lb-4, w-3, nb-10)



Australia's Damien Martyn square-drives one against Pakistan in the first one-day international in Melbourne yesterday.

### PAKISTAN

Nazir not out Afridi c Warne b McGrath Youhana c Gilchrist b Warne Inzaman c Gilchrist b Bichel Younis c Gilchrist b Bichel Mahmood c Martyn b Bichel Malik st Gilchrist b Lehmann Latif c Gilchrist b Lehmann Akram c Hayden b Watson Wagar not out Extras: (lb-2, w-4, nb-1) Total: (For 8 wkts in 50 overs) 176 Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-55, 3-71, 4-75 5-78.6-104.7-124.8-153

were not so fortunate," added the

Ljungberg didn't get onto the pitch because of an inflamed left leg but

said he had been left stunned by the

were streets ahead and that it was a

fight for second place and I am really

surprised that almost all three of

their adversaries got results from

them. Maybe it was over confi-

he had been trying out his freekicks

with Celtic's Henrik Larsson, even

undergoing extra training to get

Goal hero Anders Svensson said

"What a day and what a match to

"I knew as soon as I connected

Batistuta also spoke of his pain

The 33-year-old record goal-

that it was going to hit the target and,

boy, do I feel on a high to score a

goal like that against the pre-

at letting down the embattled people

scorer, knew his international career was drawing to an end and there

would be no crowning glory of lifting

the World Cup trophy.

As the final whistle blew he fell to

the ground, his head in his hands

and for the last time walked onto the

pitch to shake hands with his oppo-

"It's over and the pain is double,"

"We were looking forward to

nents and console his teammates.

he said. "I had dreamed of a differ-

winning. We felt for the people of Argentina. It was very close and

being unable to pay the debt to them

should have qualified - instead Sweden and England go through

from the so-called 'Group of Death'.

match again to know that we could

have made it though without prob-

free-kick were the Argentine cap-tain's sole contributions in the first

Away in Buenos Aires, heads dropped and silence reigned in the

streets of the Argentine capital on

after the highly favoured national side slid out of the finals.

1978 and 1986, came to the tourna-

ment in Japan and South Korea as

joint favourites with France.

Argentina, World Cup winners in

But like the French, they were

unable to get past the opening

round following a 1-1 draw with

Sweden in Miyagi, Japan. Hundreds of thousands of

He said the players knew they

"I do not need to watch this

One misplaced cross and a wild

ent ending.

makes us feel bad.

lems from this group."

10 minutes

of the South American nation.

dence, only they know," he said.

'Really, I thought the Argentines

Sweden's star player Freddie

Manchester United star.

end result in the group.

get it right on the button.

tournament favourites."

Total: (For 3 wkts in 32.5 overs)177 Fall of wickets: 1-101, 2-121, 3-127 Bowler R W 24 Akram 31 Wagar 0 Sami Mahmood 20 Afridi 16 Result: Australia won by seven

wickets and take 1-0 lead. Man-of-the-match: Adam

"It's yet another sad blow for the

Argentine people who have suffered

so much with the general situation

that we are going through," said 55-

vear-old housewife Silvia Barruti as

she stared disconsolately at the

defiantly wore his blue and white

shirt and a bandana in the national

colours but had harsh words for the

team of flops, who mainly play in the

money as those players should

make sure they produce the goods from the first match onwards and not

just in the final few minutes when it's

too late." referring to a late flurry of

romping through qualifying and then beating Nigeria 1-0 in their opening

But that dawn, after a defeat to

England and the Swedish draw,

proved as false as the one which

arrived here in the early morning

breathed a sigh of relief at the demise of Argentina but cautioned

that it did not make their job any

Rivaldo after a training session at

be champions because of their

performance in the qualifying and it

easier for Brazil. These teams (who

have caused upsets) do not have

big names like Argentina but they

have good squads and quality

players. We need to be very careful

Argentina could make it to the semi-

inals or the finals," Rivaldo added.

champions and Argentina because

of the qualifying and experience of

American qualifying, losing just one of 18 matches, ironically to Brazil.

Real Madrid's dangerous wing back Roberto Carlos said while

Argentina being toppled was wel-come news it did not make it any

easier for Brazil, now the tourna-

"I feel happy to know that Sweden, Denmark and Senegal

have qualified for the next round

because they also have the wish to

"But it is clear that this cup is not

"The proof of that is that the first

going to be easy for any of the

and second in the FIFA rankings

"I really thought France and

"France because they are the

Argentina easily topped South

the Olympic Stadium here.

was a really big surprise.

with these teams."

the players.

ment favourites

be champions," he said.

Meanwhile, arch-rivals Brazil

"We are going to sleep well night," said Barcelona star

"Everyone said Argentina could

"But this doesn't make things

proved gloomy.

Argentina had high hopes after

chances against the Swedes.

"People who earn so much

wealthy leagues of Italy and Spain.

Trader Sergio Barriche, 29,

floor of a downtown cafe.

# In depths of despair

final half hour against Sweden, helping his side to come back from one goal down and press for a late elusive winner

Diego Simeone, captain when Argentina reached the quarter-finals under Daniel Passarella in France four years ago, had planned to quit the national team if they won the crown.

"I don't want to talk about the future in the heat of the moment,' said Simeone who increased his Argentine caps record to 106 in the tournament although he remained on the bench against Sweden.

"Argentina played more football than England, Sweden and Nigeria and went out." he added.

Javier Zanetti said: "We did everything to win, we didn't spare anything, we practically played in our opponents' half and we're left

Bielsa said he thought his team had played better against Sweden than in the 1-0 defeat by England.

"Today our build-up was very superior to that against England. Each chance we created we had plenty of players on the end of it."

Speaking mostly in short sentences, Bielsa gave no clues about whether he would remain as coach of Argentina.

'My contract finishes at the end of the month," he said. "For now I have nothing to say. If I have to talk about it, at the time I will do so.

However, he disagreed there was any comparison between their exit and that of France - the two joint

favourites going into the finals. "We were only favourites in theory - we couldn't confirm it in

"As for me the impact and pain of this defeat is a personal issue and not to be shared with anyone else, he added. Sweden's Lars Lagerback - who

forms half of a coaching duo with Tommy Soderberg - admitted the 1994 World Cup semi-finalists had been lucky - but said a team has to make its own luck. "I have to say sitting on the bench for the last five minutes was any-

thing but a laugh," he said, referring to the Argentine onslaught that garnered a point but couldn't convert it into three.

"However, I thought our defence

were outstanding and Johan Mjallby (the man of the match) was a colossus as captain and central defender. "Like the Irish, I think, and maybe

the Danish we get results because we have a wonderful team spirit. which can count for more than a team of supremely skilful individuals." he added.

Veron said the Argentines had failed because they had changed "We gambled on coming in here

by changing our tactics and we lost "Others have done the same and come away with much more ... we ened the gloom

Argentine fans had risen from their beds in the early hours to watch the match on television, hoping that the team could give a boost to a country whose economy is in a parlous

(France and Argentina) are out. Instead, the result only deepGreen Delta hockey **BSC** blow Wari up

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Sporting Club and Dhaka Railway won their respective Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League matches at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yester-

guided Sporting Club to a massive 7-2 win over lowly Wari Club in their penultimate return leg match.

Taleb struck twice while Zahid Biswas and Christopher added one

with a goal apiece. With that win, Sporting Club

While, the defeat left Wari in a

They are now languishing second from the bottom with 12 points from 16 matches and if they fail to get some better results in the remaining two matches, they face the prospect of relegation to the First Division along with Farashganj Sporting Club.

Mobassher Salam scored twice in the second half to help Dhaka Railway pull off a 2-0 win over Ajax Sporting Club.

Railway's points tally rose to 18 points 17 matches while Ajax remained seventh in the table with

#### Bucknor set to fly over Bird

AFP, London

Steve Bucknor is set to become the most experienced Test cricket umpire of all time.

On Thursday the West Indian is due to officiate in his 67th Test when he stands in the third Test between England and Sri Lanka at Old Trafford. Bucknor is currently level on

Test appearances with Dickie Bird. He would have moved past the retired English umpire's record of 66 Tests had not the second Test between Pakistan and New Zealand in Lahore been abandoned after a bomb exploded near the tourists' hotel.

"Steve is an outstanding umpire who has the respect of international cricketers throughout the world," said Dave Richardson, the International Cricket Council's (ICC) general manager. Bucknor, 55, made his Test

match debut during the 1988-89 series in the Caribbean betweer the West Indies and India. The Jamaican is also the only

official to have taken part in both cricket and football World Cups having refereed a World Cup football international between El Salvador and the Netherlands.

#### Roots forgotten!

added the Colombian.

FROM PAGE 13 Germany, when you look care fully they have players who are 20 years old as well as 27 years old, a mixture of youth and experience

They have prepared not just for 2002 and 2006 but they are already prepared for 2010 and 2014. There is a long-term approach.

The problem for the Latin countries is that as soon as a player shows potential he is plucked out of the domestic game by the giants of European football and moulded to a European-style approach that can often squeeze out all the flair.

Argentina's exciting 20-year-old forward Javier Saviola, left out of the World Cup squad, says he was surprised by the physical nature of European football in his first season with Barcelona.
"I wouldn't have imagined just

how much physical contact there is in the European game," said Saviola. "I didn't think the style of play

would be so defensive, either. I've always said I'll just try to adapt to things here, though, and that's what I'm going."
But in adapting to the European

style that is a necessity in their club football players like Saviola lose the element of surprise that has always set the Latin American game apart. The exception at these finals are the co-hosts whose direct attacking style and quick feet have already caused problems for their Eastern

European opponents, such as

Poland and Russia. Except for Seol Ki-hyeon at Anderlecht and Ahn Jung-hwan at Perugia, the entire South Korean squad plays at home or in Japan The Japanese squad has a similar profile with only Hidetoshi Nakata at Parma, Shinji Ono at Feyenoord, Junichi Inamoto at Arsenal and Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi with

Portsmouth playing abroad. Japan's players have been encouraged to play in Europe for years with such advice coming from coaches like Arsene Wenger of Arsenal, who once coached here, and Japan's former national team manager Takeshi Okada, who led them at the 1998 World Cup. But that element of surprise for

their opponents could take them through the group stage and per-haps on to the quarter-finals as they are roared on by a raucous home

The winners of the tournament, however, are now likely to come from Europe unless Brazil, who are finally finding their form after a disappointing qualifying campaign can turn on the samba magic and claim the trophy for a fifth time.

## **Deciding Test from today** Cricket

Muttiah Muralitharan is set to remain

the cornerstone of Sri Lanka's attack

for Thursday's third and final Test

against England at Old Trafford even

Off-spinner Muralitharan, return-

though he is still far from fully fit.

AFP, London

Three goals from Indian Anil

On the other hand. Rahman and Sarwar reduced the margin for Wari

remained fifth in the ten-team league table with 19 points from 17

precarious position.

**HUSSAIN** ... England captain ing to the ground where he took 35 wickets in just four first-class matches as Lancashire's overseas player, is still struggling with a shoul-In the other match of the day, But despite that his return to

cricket earlier this month in the second Test at Edgbaston saw the 30-year-old Muralitharan, the youngest and fastest in cricket history to 400 Test wickets, bowl a marathon

64 overs for a return of five for 143. However. Sri Lanka still lost the match by an innings and 111 runs.

But needing a win to level the series at 1-1, even a half-fit Muralitharan represents the best chance Sri Lanka have of taking the 20 wickets they need for victory.

On Tuesday Day Whatmore, Sri Lanka's coach, said: "Murali is not 100 per cent but he will play."

Meanwhile, another bowler who could feature at Old Trafford is controversial seamer Ruchira Perera.

The left-arm paceman had his suspect action reported to the International Cricket Council (ICC) following the drawn first Test at



JAYASURIYA ... Sri Lanka captain Lord's.

He did not play at Edgbaston but returned to action in last week's match against MCC at Chesterfield and, under ICC rules, is eligible to play at Old Trafford. "Ruchira did some work before

Chesterfield," said Whatmore. "He is fit and available for selection like everybody else and I think he has every chance.

Before this series began, Sri Lanka had won nine successive But their top-order failed to come

up with the runs at Edgbaston.

"It is pretty hard to win a Test match in a session, but you can go a long way to losing one," said former

Sri Lanka captain Sanath

Jayasuriya and opening batsman has managed meagre scores of 18,

Meanwhile number three batsman Kumar Sangakkara has had an equally poor run with innings of 10, 6

not out, 16 and 1. On the other hand, England, without a series triumph since winning in Sri Lanka last year, are still waiting on the fitness of number

three batsman Mark Butcher. The Surrey left-hander is struggling with a knee injury. If he is unfit

John Crawley, dropped for the second Test, will return. Crawley is one of England's best players of spin and his highest Test

score of 156 not out was made

against a Murali-inspired Sri Lanka at The Oval in 1998. Another possible change from the team that won at Edgbaston could see Glamorgan fast bowler

Simon Jones, son of former England quick Jeff, make his Test debut. At the other end of the experience spectrum, wicketkeeper Alec Stewart is set to equal Graham Gooch's England appearance

record of 118 Tests. "Goochie was a great player, the one England player I respect more than any other that I've played with in my time." said Stewart of the former England captain and opening bats-

"It's an achievement to have England's equal leading Test appearance record and it shows that you can perform over a length of time," added Surrey veteran Stewart, who at Old Trafford two years ago marked his 100th Test with a century against the West

#### Mark scuds "It was an important match for me

Tennis

ment here on Tuesday.

AFP, London Mark Philippoussis is back in his element on grass and the Australian showed how happy he was with a serve-driven victory over Greg Rusedski to reach the third round of the 800,000-dollar Queen's tourna-

With predicted rain never materialising, play was continuous for a change at the west London club. With no bad weather to slow

things down Philippoussis showed his own speed, raining down 24 aces in a 7-6, 6-7, 7-6 trip into the third round The 25-year-old Aussie has not played on grass since 2000, when

he reached the Wimbledon quarterfinals, losing to Andre But the Scud, now healed and fast improving after his spring 2001

knee surgery, showed fire in his

game as he beat Rusedski.

with double-faults, but I got out of it with some good serve and volley "He was serving huge and it came down to just a few points."

Rusedski was able to score a break,

with the Canadian-born Briton

Neither Philippoussis nor

to get through. I had some trouble

wasting five break points chances in the second set. Rusedski put a cross-court forehand into the net to bring on a

match point for Philippoussis.

Another Rusedski error ended the encounter. Rusedski, back on court for the first time in five weeks after a neck injury sustained during training, was

not displeased with his own effort. "For three sets, I dominated," said the British sixth seed. "Both Mark and I have done well on grass. This could have been the final save a few points.

"But that's the way it goes. Overall, it was a good performance American seeds Todd Martin and

Jan-Michael Gambill both advanced, with 1994 champion Martin, 32, twice a semi-finalist at Wimbledon, beating Ramon Delgado of Paraguay 6-2, 6-7, 7-6.

Michael Chang 7-5, 6-3. It was grim for France on a day when the defending champion went shockingly out of the World Cup in Asia in the first round through a loss

Gambill ousted fading veteran

to Denmark. Six out of six Frenchmen took losses in London, including 15-year-

Also going out, former Wimbledon finalist Cedric Pioline beaten by American Mike Bryan 6-4, 6-4. Other losers were Nicolas Coutelot, Michael Llodra, Gregory Carraz, and Jean-Francois

# NZ to try changed combo

Cricket

AFP, Port-of-Spain

Stephen Fleming said. Fleming, who has only been able to hold one full net practice since arriving in the Caribbean almost two weeks ago, told reporters pace bowler Shane Bond and left-arm

match in Jamaica was rained off. need to win the last two games to avoid defeat against a resurgent

"We need all the practice we can get. It's frustrating but there's nothing we can do about it," Fleming said after his team was banished from the outdoor nets at the Queen's Park Oval following heavy overnight

But Fleming said it was up to his players to correct the faults that

New Zealand and West Indies

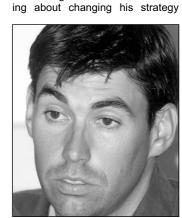
players trained in small indoor nets

short run-up.

consecutive one-day internationals. "We can chop and change the personnel but the bottom line is that the guys have to do it better and

Fleming also said he was think-

longer," he added.



FLEMING ... unhappy at team's performance

about batting first, which New Zealand have done three times out of three so far in the Caribbean.

Fleming hinted there might be room for medium-fast bowler Jacob Oram as New Zealand search for a victory over a West Indies team that is growing in confidence following a Test series victory over India and a close one-day series and the increasing strength of their batting

# **Date with destiny**

World Cup was in 1966, although they did not qualify for the finals in 1974,

## Italy: (Formation 4-3-1-2; Jersey numbers in the beginning):

1-Gianluigi Buffon; 2-Christian Panucci, 5-Fabio Cannavaro, 13-Alessandro Nesta (or 23-Marco Materazzi), 3-Paolo Maldini; 19-Gianluca Zambrotta, 17-Damiano Tommasi, 6-Cristiano Zanetti (or 8-Gennaro Gattuso); 10-Francesco Totti; 9-Filippo Inzaghi (or 11-Cristiano Doni), 21-

Luna, 21-Jesus Arellano; 9-Jared Borgetti, 10-Cuauhtemoc Blanco. Referee: Carlos Simon (Brazil)

#### old French Open junior champion Richard Gasquet, who lost to South African Neville Godwin 7-6, 5-7, 6-3.

learned on European clay.

New Zealand, angry and frustrated at consecutive losses to the West Indies and poor training conditions, plan to make several changes to their team for Wednesday's fourth one-day international, captain

spinner Daniel Vettori would return New Zealand are 2-0 down in the five-match series after the first They lost back-to-back matches in St Lucia at the weekend and now

West Indies.

where bowlers could only use a have cost them losses in eight

Left-handed batsman Brian Lara

PROBABLE TEAMS

Mexico: (Formation 3-5-2; Jersey numbers in the beginning): 1-Oscar Perez; 5-Manuel Vidrio, 4-Rafael Marquez, 16-Salvador Carmona; 7-Ramon Morales, 6-Gerardo Torrado, 18-Johan Rodriguez, 11-Braulio

It was the teenager's first-ever match on the surface after a game

brilliance on Sunday when he won the match with an unbeaten 59 Lara will be hoping to confirm his return to form in front of his hometown fans on Wednesday after

months with a broken elbow.

being out of action for several

Lewis-Tyson best-seller

AFP, New York Lennox Lewis' knockout of Mike Tyson attracted 1.8 million purchases in the United States and generated 103 million dollars, making it the highest revenue generating pay-per-view event in

nistory. The only fight bought by more people than the British champion's title defense against the controversial former champion was Tyson's 1997 fight against Evander Holyfield, the infamous "Bite Fight" where Tyson bit Holyfield's ears.

ated less total revenue because its price tag was less than the 55 dollars for Lewis-Tyson. HBO and Showtime officials announced the totals here Tuesday, three days after the heavyweight championship showdown between

Lewis and Tyson at the Pyramid arena

The Tyson-Holyfield fight gener-

in Memphis. Tennessee. Lewis knocked out Tyson in the eighth round. HBO has telecast rights to Lewis fights and Showtime has rights to Tyson fights. The two rivals negotiated a complex deal that allowed them a temporary peace in order to

other for the first time.

piece that lifted the sport and gave boxing fans a night to remember, HBO vice president Mark Taffet said. "We are thrilled that Lennox Lewis gave a performance for the ages on a night in which a new payper-view revenue record was set.' No fight had attracted more than

one million buys in three years. The

US total included 600,000 satellite

match the two fighters against each

"It was a pay-per-view master-

purchases and twice than number of buys from cable television subscrib-"We are proud to have presented this historic sporting event to the world," said Showtime vice presi-

dent Donovan Gordon. "Lewis-Tyson exceeded our expectations on many different levels.



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