SPORTS REPORTER

clubs from Dhaka.

National Stadium.

2002-03 season yesterday.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board

(BCB) revealed its calendar for the

calendar which starts on October 1

is the introduction of a three-day

competition involving six top-flight

keen to involve the best teams from

the capital in a longer-version

format," said BCB director and

secretary of the Cricket Committee

Mahmud UI Hag while talking to

iournalists at the Bangabandhu

Mohammedan SC, Abahani KC,

Bangladesh Biman, Kalabagan and

Young Pegasus would take part in

the month-long tournament along

with a provincial team either from

sees the holding of a three-match

Challenge Trophy over November

1-15. Each of the four-day matches

will be contested between

Bangladesh national and A teams

before the home series against

West Indies from November 26 to

December 30. The Board has

the National League starts on

November 15 and runs until January

GrammenPhone Premier League

commences on January 10 while

the league has been planned for

sometime between January 25 to

Following the Challenge Trophy,

The inter-club transfer for the

planned so to try out new players.

Another innovation by the Board

He said that Victoria SC,

"For a long time now we were

The feature of the domestic

SPÖRT

Ponting footed!

AFP, Melbourne

Australian one-day cricket captain Ricky Ponting was Monday undergoing foot surgery instead of setting off on his honeymoon.

Ponting, who was married on Saturday, was undergoing an operation at The Avenue Hospital he hopes will assist the healing of a stress fracture that caused him increased discomfort during the recent series against Pakistan.

Ponting will have a pin inserted into his left foot to allow the fracture to heal and said he expected to be fit for Australia's next series against Pakistan.

"The soreness in my foot has been there for some time and I have been receiving constant treatment from the team's medical staff," he said in an Australian Cricket Board statement

"Although the injury hasn't hampered my mobility, I felt that with a break between series, the time is right to get the problem fixed prop-

"We have a tough schedule ahead, and by getting the injury seen to now, I am confident that I will be fully fit as we approach the Pakistan series, the summer's Ashes series and the World Cup."

Dutch delight

AFP, Hertogenbosch

Dutchman Sjeng Schalken fought back from a set down to win his seventh professional title and delight the home crowd at the 400,000-dollar ATP grass-court tournament here on Sunday.

The 26-year-old, who has won tournaments all over the world but never in the Netherlands, looked to be in trouble against fast-serving Frenchman Arnaud Clement as he dropped the first-set 3-6.

However, after a powerful display, he took the next 6-3, 6-2, finishing on an ace, to take the plaudits from his fans.

"I'm overjoyed with this title, especially because it is in the Netherlands. There is nothing like winning in your own country,"

Schalken said Schalken feared an energysapping run of nine games in 10 days would leave him too tired to win the title

But he showed strength and resilience to battle back and win against Clement after easily brushing aside fourth seed Tommy Robredo in the semis on Saturday.

"Rusty wrecks can run for a long time," joked Schalken.

The success adds to other ATP tournament victories in Stockholm, Tokyo, Auckland, Boston, Jakarta and Valencia.



ESPN

England vs Sri Lanka Third Test. Day Five Highlights Taped Version at 7:30 pm Sportscentre Hindi Sport News Live at 8:30 pm

STAR Sports

Harsha Online Cricket Talk Show Repeat at 2:30 pm Wimbledon C'ships Day Two, First Round Live at 5:00 pm



Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm

July 5, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

Who scored the first goal of the World Cup 2002? Bouba Diop | Zidane | Klose 2. Who is Brazil captain?

Cafu Rivaldo 3. Pakistan won the last OD

17 runs

K Mashud A Khan Alslam

Left arm seamer Pedro Collins. playing just his 12th Test, picked up the responsibility of strike bowler and was rewarded with six for 76 4. Who will lead Bangladesh in the from 30 overs, his best Test figures. two-Test series against Sri

several days.

chase to salvage the match. India the West Indies in the 1975-76 season in Trinidad but no-one has scored more than that since then The West Indies effectively threw

away any chance of competing in the Test when they were bowled out for 107 on Saturday, sacrificing their wickets to rash, one-day shots.

BCB's coming programme After a break of nearly four years,

Cricket the National Championship will return in March. It contains all the 64 districts of the country.

> a series of age-group tournaments during the entire season. Bangladesh's overseas season begins with the tour of Sri Lanka

Besides, the BCB is going to hold

next month and ends with a historic tour of Australia next July They will play two Tests and a

couple of one-dayers down under. Also Bangladesh are due to return to Sri Lanka for the ICC Champions Trophy in September.

From island nation they head off for

South Africa to play two Tests and three ODIs from September 27 to October 29.. After hosting West Indies, the Test babes tour Namibia for 15 days in January, 2003 as part of their build-up for the 2003 World Cup in South Africa. The month-long carnival kicks-off on February 1.

At home BCB will be hosting a trination tournament in the capital from April 1 to 15.

South Africa have agreed to play in the meet before their away series against Bangladesh. However, the third team is yet to be confirmed so

INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR

Date Jul10-Aug 8, 2002: Aug 15-Sep 15, 2002: Sep 1-23, 2002: Sep 27-Oct 29, 2002: November 1-15, 2002: Oct-Nov, 2002: Nov 7-20, 2002: Nov 26-Dec 20, 2002: Jan 15-30, 2003: Feb 1-Mar 2, 2003: Apr 1-15, 2003: Apr 15-May 10, 2003: July 6 to August 7, 2003:

Event Bangladesh's tour of Sri Lanka A Team's tour of Kenya ICC Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka Bangladesh's tour of South Africa CAB under-15 tour of Bangladesh BCB under-17 tour of Sri Lanka BCB under-17 tour of Kolkata West Indies tour of Bangladesh Bangladesh tour of Namibia World Cup in South Africa Tri-nation tournament in Dhaka South Africa's tour of Bangladesh Bangladesh's tour of Australia

DOMESTIC CALENDAR

Nov 1-15, 2002:

3-day tournament involving top six Premier Division Clubs and a foreign team. Challenge Trophy between national and

Nov 15, 2002-Jan 20, 2003: National League Dec, 2002- Jan, 2003: Dec, 2002-Jan, 2003: Jan 10-15, 2003: Jan 25-Mar 15, 2003:

Feb 1-Mar 30, 2003:

Under-17 development tournament Under-19 National Youth Championship National School Championship Transfer for Senior Division League Premier and First Division Leagues Second and Third Division League

ICC meeting opens

Cricket

AFP, London

20, 2003.

World cricket's leading administrators are set to tackle some of the sport's most intractable problems when they begin four days of meetings here on Monday

The biggest questions facing members of the International Cricket Council's (ICC) executive board concern the effects on the game from various tense political situations around the world. For example the continuing

stand-off between India and Pakistan over the disputed territory of Kashmir has led to the cancellation of Tests between the two coun-

And the World Test Championship has been thrown further off target by the reluctance of teams to tour Pakistan due to fears of terror

ICC president Malcom Gray admitted: "In recent months international cricket has suffered a number of telling setbacks: political unrest in Zimbabwe, terrorism in Pakistan and escalating tension between India and Pakistan, which have all contributed to this current state of uncertainty.

"This meeting provides a timely forum to consider the problems and

New Zealand are on the verge of a

famous Test victory after setting the

West Indies a massive 474 to win the

first Test at the Kensington Oval after

and Wavell Hinds faced a barrage of

pace from New Zealand for four

overs in failing light at the close, but

survived several loud appeals for leg

before wicket. West Indies were 5-0

New Zealand scored 243 in their

second innings and now have two

days to bowl out the West Indies on a

wicket that has offered variable

bounce from the start and which is

Test match in the Caribbean since

their first innings, were reined in by a

plucky display of bowling from a

West Indies bowling attack missing

strike bowler Merv Dillon for all but

six overs of the day. Dillon was

selected despite a lower back strain

that had been bothering him for

New Zealand have never won a

The tourists, after scoring 337 in

now beginning to crumble in parts.

they first toured here in 1972.

at the close, still needing 469 to win.

West Indies openers Chris Gayle

Cricket

AFP, Bridgetown

Sunday's third day.

work towards finding realistic and effective responses. New Zealand failed to play their

second Test in Pakistan, departing after a bomb exploded near their team hotel in Karachi last month. And it's not just the Pakistan and Zimbabwe boards who could be

seeking financial assistance to cover shortfalls in revenue. In the West Indies there have

been complaints about the structure of the Test Championship, where all the game's major nations are supposed to play one another home and away over a five-year period. Consequently, claim the critics,

the West Indies board is being forced to stage commercially unattractive series at inconvenient times of the year. Costs remain inherently high because of the huge geographical spread of the Caribbean's major

But an item not on the original agenda could prove to be the most controversial of all.

On Saturday, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said an official report into allegations of matchfixing during the 1999 World Cup had cleared the team of any wrong-

ICC board members will be presented with a copy of the judicial report commissioned in the wake of widespread allegations of cheating following some heavy Pakistani losses in England.

Although thrashed by eightwickets in the final against Australia, the Pakistan defeat that aroused most suspicion was a huge 62 run reverse against minnows Bangladesh in the group stages.

However, the report said it found no substance in any of the allegations of malpractice.

The problem of match-fixing has hung over cricket since former South Africa captain Hansie Cronje, recently killed in an airplane crash, was revealed to have taken money from bookmakers two years ago.

So concerned were the ICC they set up a new Anti Corruption Unit under the leadership of former London police chief Paul Condon.

Earlier this month he announced the introduction of five regional security managers, a move he confidently predicted would protect the sport from further scandal.

"The international game now has a highly professional security infrastructure that will provide cricket with a discreet but effective long-

term deterrent," Condon said. Other subjects up for discussion at ICC's Lord's headquarters include streamlining the procedure for reviewing suspect bowling actions. the introduction of a oneday World Championship based on the Test model and the creation of

A mountain in front of W

SCOREBOARD

Kensington Oval on Sunday:

Vincent Ìbw b Collins Richardson c Lara b Collins Tuffev c Gavle b Hooper Harris Ibw b Powell Astle c Lara b Collins McMillan c Hooper b Collins Fleming c Hinds b Sanford Hart c Hinds b Collins Vettori b Sanford Bond not out Butler c Jacobs b Collins Extras: (lb-8, w-1, nb-3) Total: (All out in 90.4 overs) **Bowler**

Adam Sanford suffered most as Astle cracked him for four fours from one over. Hooper was left with few options but his young bowlers acquitted themselves well, especially Collins with his seamers moving both ways.

bowling 17 overs of offspin for just 19

Astle eventually departed edging Collins to Lara at first slip. Fleming sought to accelerate the run rate after tea as the lead stretched over 400, but fell to a glorious leaping catch by Wavell Hinds on the boundary when the captain had added 34

to his first innings 130. Wicketkeeper Robbie Hart added 24 to his first innings score of 57 and tail-enders Ian Butler and Shane Bond added 30 for the final

sixth victim after scoring a career-

The second of the two-Test series begins on Thursday in Grenada, the first time Test cricket

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the first Test between New Zealand and West Indies at the

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 337 all out (S Fleming 130, R Hart 57

all out (Butler 26-3)

NEW ZEALAND: Second

nnings (overnight 4-1) 19

11 26 243 Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-11, 3-48, 4-69 5-88, 6-164, 7-181, 8-205, 9-213

Powell 20 61 11 Dillon Sanford 17 19 WEST INDIES: Second innings Gavle not out Hinds not out

Total: (For no loss in 4 overs) To Bat: B Lara. R Sarwan. S Chanderpaul, C Hooper, R Jacobs, M Dillon, P Collins, A Sanford, D Powell Bowler Bond

Africa) and Srinivas Venkataraghvan (India).

Winning warmup for Sri Lanka

AFP, Bristol

Sri Lanka clinched a confidence boosting 93 run one-day win over Gloucestershire here Sunday.

With a date with England on Thursday for the start of the triangular one-day series, which also includes India, the victory over the current best limited-overs county side came at just the right time.

down 2-0 in the Test series against England, were bowled out for 178 in a 63-run defeat against Somerset However, this time around they managed 275 for eight with Russel

Sri Lanka, who recently went

Arnold, a centurion in the Third Test defeat by England at Old Trafford, making 80 from just 86 balls. He was ably supported by

Naveed Newaz (64) in a stand of 97 for the fifth wicket. Captain Sanath Jayasuriya was also in form with a 48-ball 53 at the

top of the order.

Now that leading bowler Muttiah Muralitharan is out of the series with a shoulder injury, it is vital for Sri Lanka that someone else takes the off-spinner's wickets

Pacemen Nuwan Zoysa (three for 43) and Dilhara Fernando (three for 46) did just that against Gloucestershire in this match, the home side bowled out for 182 with more than 13 overs remaining.

Only New Zealand batsman Craig Spearman (76) managed a meaningful score for Gloucester-

Earlier Sri Lanka's innings was almost derailed by Gloucestershire's Australia one-day specialist

Medium-pacer Harvey took four for 35 and was on a hattrick after dismissing Mahela Jayawardene (42) and Chamara Silva before Nawaz saw off a full toss.

Sri Lanka play their final warmup match against Northamptonshire on Monday before facing England at Trent Bridge on

No magic

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casting aspersions on how they kept going so strongly. "It's incredible. They run around

more in extra-time than they do in the first half." said the shotstopper. whose efforts have been instrumental in taking the Germans to the last

Hong added that the team might have to do without midfielder Kim Nam-il, who hobbled off against the Spaniards after turning an ankle.

"All of our players have contributed equally to our success. But in his case we're not sure if he will make the starting line-up for Tuesday."

Li Eul-Yong is likely to start in

"Our players feel very tired. We spirit," said Hong, quoting the team

"I don't therefore think we'll have many fitness problems," he added ahead of an evening training session at the Seoul World Cup sta-

troversy surrounding their win over Spain, who had two goals disallowed.

"We don't care about that now. It's in the past. Our performances mustn't be overshadowed by such

Germans now. They are tall, strong in the air and we must be very careful not to give them many set piece chances.

Nothing

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"But of course they (Germany) are the favourites. Let them say they are tired, let them say what they want. They must dominate this game because of their ranking and experience." For Hiddink, the pressure is all

on the Germans. And, as a son of the Germans' bitter rivals Holland, nothing would give him greater pleasure than beating them.

Kahn or bust!

FROM PAGE 13 he needs the support of the team," added Beckenbauer. South Korea coach Guus

Hiddink has complained that the schedule is against his side, having one rest day less that the Germans. for the second time in the tournament but Voller disagrees.

free, but even that was one or two team that had never won a World days too long for my liking. "And the way the Koreans have plaved in this World Cup so far, I think they would quite happily play

Wimbledon's shiny start

bathed in glorious sunshine.

promptly at noon.

on time with south west London

Play on outside courts began

The forecast for the first five days

Tennis

REUTERS, London

The 116th Wimbledon Tennis



Sweden's Magnus Larsson makes a backhand return against Vince Spadea of the United States in the first round of the Wimbledon Championships

Championships has got underway of the two-week grass-court Grand

Slam was not all good news, though Thick cloud is expected on Tuesday and Wednesday although organisers are optimistic there will

be no rain Temperatures are expected to reach between 20 and 22 degrees Celsius (68-72F) on Monday after-

noon -- considerably higher Former men's singles champion Richard Krajicek, dangerous Australian powerhouse Mark Philippoussis and men's 29th seed James Blake were among the early

batch on court at the All England In the women's draw, former Australian and French Open chamnion Mary Pierce and Argentine surprise package Clarisa Fernandez -- semifinalist at the French Open earlier this month -feature early.

All three former men's champions in the draw this year -- Krajicek, Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras -are in action on the opening day.

Krajicek, winner in 1996, plays Argentine Franco Squillari on Court

The 1992 champion Agassi started Centre Court action at 1 pm in the absence of reigning champion Goran Ivanisevic, who is recovering from shoulder surgery and will be represented by his father Srdjan in the Royal Box.

Last year's runner-up Pat Rafter is also absent, making it the first year since 1946 that neither of the previous year's finalists are in the draw. Agassi plays Israeli Harel Levy

while seven-times champion Sampras, struggling with a rib strain, plays Britain's Martin Lee in the last Centre Court match

From Beckham to Henman building. I would love to see Tim

Tennis

AFP, London

After the exit of England's soccer squad from the World Cup, Britons switched their focus to Tim Henman on Monday, hoping the tennis star would boost their spirits and serve up sporting success at Wimbledon. Over the next two weeks, up to

half a million people are expected to attend tennis's greatest grass tournament, which opened in southwest London on Monday. The attention is firmly on bookies' favourite and British number one Henman, who plays on Tuesday. "Our footballing illusions may

have been shattered by defeat to

Brazil in the World Cup on Friday but

we can begin kidding ourselves all

over again," said a front page article in the Independent newspaper. The Guardian said: "The weight of a nation's misplaced sporting optimism will shift today from the far east to southwest London and from the shoulders of England's footballers to those of perennial Wimbledon

contenders Tim Henman and (British number two) Greg Rusedski." Queen Elizabeth II, who is celebrating her golden jubilee as monarch this year, has kept her diary

free of all engagements on the weekend of the final in case the opportunity arises for her to present the trophy to a British winner, the Daily Telegraph reported. The paper pointed out that in her

silver jubilee year in 1977, celebrating her 25 years on the throne, the Queen had presented a trophy to Virginia Wade, the last Briton to win a Wimbledon championship. Commentators say Henman, the number four seed -- and 4 to 1 Wimbledon favourite according to

his lifelong dream and become the first British player to lift the title since Fred Perry in 1936. Early on Monday fans were queuing in glorious sunshine outside the All England Lawn Tennis

first day of the tournament. Some had staked out their spot as early as Friday morning, forming a small tented village, to make sure of a chance to cheer on their favourite players.

pitched her tent on Friday. She said: "I do this every year and the atmosphere is already

As well as having a good draw in the Grand Slam tournament, the 27year-old Henman, who is approaching the peak of his career, has been boosted by news that the top seed,

Australian Lleyton Hewitt, is struggling to reach full fitness after being struck down by a stomach bug. Seven-time champion, American Pete Sampras, is not the player who once looked invincible, while both of last year's finalists, Croatian cham-

pion Goran Ivanisevic and runnerup Pat Rafter, are absent. During the national football team's run in the World Cup, England's St George flag, a red cross on a white background, was on prominent display on homes, shops and cars. A cartoon in Monday's edition of the Guardian showed a car driver with a St George flag pinned to his radio antenna. The man was pictured as

saying: "I'll leave it on until Henman gets knocked out." American star Andre Agassi was opening proceedings on the (1200 GMT). Eight British players including Greg Rusedski were also in action on the first day of the tour-

Kaiser the Second

Beckenhauer the eminence rise of Bayern Munich who still wields enormous influence within the German Federation, took over the stewardship of the national side without cutting his managerial teeth at club level, replacing Jupp Derwall

Voller similarly came in after a cocaine scandal prevented his then Leverkusen colleague Christoph Daum from replacing Erich Ribbeck

after a disastrous Euro 2000. Initially interim coach. Voller additionally was in charge at Leverkusen on a temporary basis with Daum having been forced to

Voller grappled with a national side which had seen confidence slide to an all time low after the Euro 2000 first-round exit. So quickly did he restore morale - save for a 5-1 home thrashing by England in the qualifiers - that Kicker magazine voted him its sports personality of

Now Voller, six short years after hanging up his boots, can go one better than Beckenbauer, who

to bring home the trophy.

into the team's belly, after a poor showing against the United States in the last round which drew criticism at home. "We have a good chance to reach the final - but we will have to play much better if we really want to make it," says Voller, who nonethe-

needed two World Cup campaigns

To do so he has to put some fire

less betrays some exasperation at the expectations which weigh upon "People have to understand we can't come in here and send every team packing just because we're Germany," he said as the team made final preparations for

Beckenbauer, who cannot help himself taking on the unofficial role

Tuesday's match in Seoul.

of 'back seat driver' to whoever is in charge of the team, was renowned as a disciplinarian when he was in

the hotseat. And he had a clear message for Voller here.

"Rudi must tell the players their honour is at stake. If my team had played as this one did against the United States I'd have felt personally insulted," said the Kaiser, who won 103 caps for Germany to

striker outscored him 47 to 14. Voller agrees with the sentiment f not quite so forcefully. "We do have our honour at stake.

t is an honour to be in the semis of a World Cup and playing against the

Success would make Voller only the third man in history after his compatriot and Brazilian Mario Zagallo to win the tournament first as players, then as a coach.

Now and then

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In that semi-final, Ronaldo scored first for Brazil before Patrick Kluivert equalised. The match went to the gut-wrenching conclusion of penalties, Holland lost after Ronald de Boer's kick was saved by Claudio Taffarel and Hiddink quit the Dutch team after going down 2-1 to Croatia in the third-place playoff.

one of the superpowers of European football, have not even qualified for the finals in Asia. But Hiddink is here. In fact

Hiddink is everywhere, staring out from every television screen in South Korea, his tie flying in the wind as he punches the air after each of his team's goals being rerun almost 24 hours a day. It has not been easy turning a

Cup match before this tournament into a side that never gives up a ball. year-old has done it his way

January 2001, it was hardly the obvious destination for a man who had just had short stints at Real

officials that a seasoned foreign coach was a priority if a host nation was not going to fail at the first hurdle for the first time in history. The Hiddink Way included scrapping the time-honoured tradition of

the bitter news that his team would be selected solely on ability. Hiddink saw his players almost every day for four month's before the finals, a luxury to make his opposite numbers in England, Italy, Spain

and Germany green with envy. Then came the 2-0 defeat of Poland, South Korea's first victory at

ing cauldron of the Seoul World Cup

status as a national hero in South Korea is assured - not least for helping the Koreans out-do Japan in Asia's own personal battle. However the call of his homeland is strong. PSV Eindhoven, the club

where he won the European Cup in

Stadium on Tuesday, Hiddink's

But on Tuesday, Hiddink will be hoping to outdo the Dutch team of four years ago and reach the World Cup final.

1998, already want him back.

FROM PAGE 13 attentive," said Bierhoff in allusion to the selection of Swiss referee Urs

Mercedes

Ghandour controversially disal-

Tick the correct answers, post to The Haily Star

against Australia by

9 wkts

The West Indies would have to smash the world record for a Test run succeeded in scoring 406 against and won the match.

Resuming the day on four for one

when opener Lou Vincent was given out leg before wicket leaving a Collins delivery that straightened considerably having scored just two.

Chris Harris presented Ramnaresh Sarwan with a stiff chance at short leg from his first ball but Sarwan, celebrating his 22nd birthday, could not hold the ball. Harris smashed a huge six before falling leg before to Darren Powell. Nightwatchman Daryl Tuffey who had already scored 28 in the

first innings, played confidently to

reach 31 but was trapped when

skipper Carl Hooper brought himself

on for an over before lunch. The ploy

worked and Tuffey edged a ball to Chris Gayle at slip, leaving New Zealand 69 for three at lunch. Craig McMillan, a disappointment on tour so far, fell to a lazy drive off Collins which Hooper pocketed at second slip but Astle and Fleming grasped the initiative in the hour after lunch, scoring 69 runs as the

absence of Dillon was sorely felt. Astle, rediscovering the form that has made him one of the most dangerous batsmen in the world, hit 11 fours in 112 balls in his innings of 77 as he and Fleming added 76 runs for the sixth wicket.

Hooper himself was spot on,

best 24.

Umpires: Rudi Koetzen (South

official player rankings.

WEST INDIES: First innings 107

had really tough matches against the Italians and the Spaniards. But we have indefatigable fighting

Hong also touched on the con-

controversy. "We have to concentrate on the

especially after playing extra time "We thought before the last game that our longer break could be a slight advantage. We had six days

again tomorrow," said the former German striker.

bookmakers William Hill -- has been handed a great opportunity to fulfill

Club in the capital, hoping to snatch up the last remaining tickets for the

Evesham in central England, was at the front of the queue. She had

Frances

Voller's 90 - though the latter as a

Fast forward to 2002. Holland,

that can counter-attack at speed and defend with steel, but the 56-When he was offered the job in

Ironically it had been Holland's 5-0 defeat of South Korea at the 1998 World Cup that had convinced

senior players eating before the youngsters, which was a prelude to

the World Cup finals in 15 attempts. and the inferiority complex was smashed. Whatever happens in the seethMeier after Egypt's Gamal

lowed two Spanish goals against the Koreans. "We just hope such errors don't happen in our game," said Bierhoff, who added that "I am just waiting for

my moment."

5. Who won the French Open Class..... Roll No.....

Phone: (If any)