Collins faces doping probe

Manchester.

INTERNET, Manchester

The World Anti-Doping Agency will investigate Commonwealth Games 100m champion Kim Collins after the sprinter's positive test for sal-

Collins of St Kitts and Nevis was allowed to keep his title as the substance was contained in medication

he was using to treat asthma. Fair outcome in Collins case?

But the WADA, which observed drug testing procedures at the

Games, will still look into his case. "Obviously it's a borderline situation with what appears to be a genuine medical condition," said

WADA chairman Dick Pound. This has taught me a powerful lesson and one that all athletes should learn from

Kim Collins "You've got to be fair to athletes if vou have a genuine medical condition - you can't be discriminated against because you're an athlete."

Pound has also asked Australian officials to explain why shooter Phillip Adams was allowed to compete despite testing positive for a banned substance that was also in prescribed medication.

AFP, Manchester

Manchester.

Commonwealth Games diary for

England's Adam Whitehead

proved himself a worthy successor

to British breaststroke greats Adrian

Moorhouse and Nick Gillingham

with his triumph in the 100m at the

Commonwealth Games, but there

was a time when the pressure of

early expectations threatened to

short-course title in 1998, he made

an attempt on the world short-

course record that ended with him

"four years of hell and turmoil," with

his biggest regret from those years

his decision to miss his sister's

wedding in favour of the 1999 Euro-

he said. "This medal is for her, her

SWIMMING UPSTREAM

"I'll regret it for the rest of my life,"

Australian world record-holder

Geoff Huegill won the 50m butterfly,

but one of his biggest thrills of the

Manchester Commonwealth

Games was swimming up a water-

"It was awesome," he said. "I

never thought I would be asked to

do something like that, so I jumped

at the chance.

STADIUM DOOMED BUT

WARM-UP TRACK GETS

The City of Manchester Stadium,

which has created such an electric

fall for a television trailer.

SECOND LIFE

pean Championships.

He said the time since has been

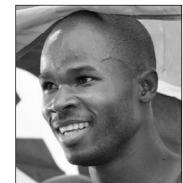
semi-conscious on the pool deck.

After winning the European

drive him out of swimming.

Adams, who won silver in the 25m pistol pairs, tested positive for a diuretic contained in medication for high blood pressure which he had been taking for two years.

He escaped punishment because the Australian Shooting Association accepted he did not know he was taking a banned sub-



KIM COLLINS

stance, and that it could not assist his performance.

But Pound insisted that even if Adams unknowingly took the banned drug, strict liability had to

Diuretics are there usually to hide something. Shooting is not just having a low pulse rate and a good

GAMES DIARY

atmosphere during the Games, may

be lost to football but the warm-up

track next to the venue is set to

become a top-class athletics sta-

dium, it was reported. The Manches-

ter Evening News said grass banks

would be added to the track to

38,000 City of Manchester Stadium

is to be converted for use by English

Premiership club Manchester City

and newly crowned Commonwealth

champions Paula Radcliffe and

Jonathan Edwards have called for

the main stadium to be retained for

Cameroon weightlifter David

Matam Matam called on his fighting

spirit to steer him to triple gold in the

"The Cameroon people are

LION-HEARTED MATAM

IAAF President Lamine Diack

the track will be removed.

reate a new venue while the

"We will certainly be asking the Australians to tell us about this case. The initial reaction is it was a somewhat odd resolution.'

Canadian triathlete Kelly Guest is the only athlete to be expelled from the Games after testing positive in a pre-Games test for nandrolone.

Guest's team-mate Fred Asselin is waiting to learn if he can compete in the rugby sevens.

Asselin tested positive for a banned substance contained in

medication he used for a toothache. The Commonwealth Games Federation said Collins should have declared the medication he was taking before he was tested in

But it accepted the levels found were "consistent with normal therapeutic use and not considered to be

performance-enhancing". Collins said: "This has taught me a powerful lesson and one that all athletes should learn from.

"This is my future and I will take personal responsibility for making sure all competition requirements

"I would like to thank the Commonwealth Games Federation for the very fair manner in which this matter has been dealt with.

known as the indomitable lions and I

felt wounded after missing my first

two lifts. I fought back like a lion to

take three gold medals for Camer-

Welsh weightlifter Non Evans

could have been forgiven for feeling

a little weary in the women's 63kg

competition on Thursday as she had

also taken part in the 57kg judo on

"I feel very tired after the judo but I

still managed to get a personal best

in the snatch," said Evans who was

if I improve my technique I hope to

win a weightlifting record at the next

Commonwealth Games."

"I have now retired from judo and

TWICE AS BUSY

for Morocco Cup

REUTERS, Colombo

Morocco Cup on Friday, sticking to the same players selected for the upcoming one-day international series against Bangladesh

Bangladesh begins on Sunday. Sri Lanka will face Pakistan and

South Africa in the Morocco Cup beginning on August 12 in Tangier, north Africa's first international venue

Sanath Jayasuriya (captain), Marvan Atapattu, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene, Aravinda de Silva, Russel Arnold, Hasantha Fernando, Chaminda Vaas, Chamila Gamage, Dilhara Fernando, Muttiah Muralitharan, Buddika Fernando, Upul Chandana, TM Dilshan, Pulasthi

For the second successive day, rain washed out play in the tour match

against England starts at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, on Thursday, August 8.

The tourists were looking to use Lord's on Monday.

England at Lord's in the final of the triangular one-day tournment, have not won a Test series outside of the sub-continent since 1986.

Reddy, said: "It is frustrating. We were looking for a good game and good practice and these county games are important for the team. We need to get adjusted to five-day cricket after all the one-dayers."

Tykes, Surrey look to umps

AFP, London

Prospects of Yorkshire and Surrey playing their Trophy semifinal away from a rain-sodden Headingley will depend upon an umpires' inspection on Friday morning.

the past two days and the weather is not predicted to improve for Friday's final reserve day. However, a final decision on whether to move the match will not

be made until the umpires have had one more inspection. "We will have a look tomorrow

we will consider mo to a suitable ground within an hour's striking distance," said Yorkshire chief executive Chris Hassell. If the teams cannot play at least a 10-overs per side match on Friday

the game would be decided by a

penalty shoot-out -- at Headingley's indoor school. Somerset and Kent were playing

their semi-final as scheduled at Taunton on Thursday The final of the Trophy, England's

Price's golden

Jones were also back in the hunt for more titles after winning gold the previous evenina.

Hueaill, the men's 50 metres butterfly champion, settled for second in his 100 metres butterfly heat in 54.18 behind England's James Hickman (53.90). Canada's Mike Mintenko was quickest semifinal qualifier in 53.72.

"It was a very relaxed swim," defending champion Huegill said. " just threw my arms over and rolled through the stroke. I'll work at it tonight.

Jones, the new 200 metres breaststroke champion, was fourthfastest semi-final qualifier in the 100 breaststroke, the event in which she is Olympic and world silver medallist Canada's Rhiannon Leier was fastest in 1:09.46. South Africa's Natalie du Toit.

who had her left leg amputated at the knee after a scooter accident in February 2001, set a world record in the S9 disabled category of 1:02.83 for the 100 freestyle in the multidisability heats

able-bodied swimmers in the 800 metres freestyle final.

Canada's Brian Johns, the world championship silver medallist, led Games record 24.68.

Thorpe won his 100 metres backstroke heat in 56.45 and was second-fastest semi-final qualifier behind world champion Matt Welsh.



Women's hockey

England shock Australia

Manchester.

AFP, Manchester

Hosts England stunned world chamnions Australia 2-1 on Thursday to enter the women's hockey final of the Commonwealth Games where they face equally surprise aspirants

India, braving heavy rain and a controversial umpiring decision by Dawn Henning of England, fought back after conceding an early goal to down New Zealand 2-1 in the first semi-final Australia, the reigning world and

Olympic champions, were taken by surprise by their determined rivals who delighted some 5,000 home fans with the biggest shock of the competition. Two goals by Kate Walsh and

Helen Grant following penalty corners within the first 25 minutes rattled the Australians, for whom Louise Dobson missed a penalty stroke just before half-time. Jeered by the crowd as she

settled to take the stroke, Dobson's weak push was padded away by English goalkeeper Hilary Rose. Dobson made amends by con-

verting a penalty corner four minutes from the end, but her effort was too little, too late to prevent an upset.

they fought," said England's Australian coach Tricia Heberle. "It was our best performance for

a long time. If we can play the sort of hockey we did in the first half, we will be one of the most competitive sides in the game. Australian coach David Bell

attributed the defeat to the two penalty corners England converted into goals in the first half "It was pretty even in the first half

except for those two goals." he said. "We had them under pressure in the second, but they soaked it up well. You can't expect to win every tournament and we will go all out to

win the bronze. "A bronze is better than being fourth. New Zealand probably also feel the same."

Earlier, Mamta Kharab scored India's winner eight minutes before the final whistle after both teams were locked 1-1 at half-time of the semi-final played in heavy rain. Suzie Pearce gave the Kiwis an

early lead in the fifth minute, but India drew level through Jyoti Kullu two minutes before half-time India would have won by a bigger

margin had Henning not prevented Kullu from taking a penalty stroke midway through the second-half after Pritam Siwachi was brought down in the circle.

As Kullu bent down to push,

double-fault - threw the Argentine a

lifeline a month after losing in the

title match at the All England Club to

for Nalbandian, who broke in the

final game of the third to clinch the

Henman admitted he threw the

upset in two hours, 50 minutes.

always play your best tennis.

"We're not machines out on the

court. You play better some days

and not others. I got close to winning

you can't get much closer than

Squaring the match was a tonic

Lleyton Hewitt

match away.

particularly well.

to soccer and signalled a free hit for England saying Kullu was taking her time

The Indian girls and coach

Gurdial Bhangu protested to the

technical bench, but Henning

responded by showing captain Surja

Borren was surprised at the umpire's

before," he said. "The girl should

have been allowed to take the

Even New Zealand coach Jan

"I've never seen such a thing

"And I am not sure it helped New

Bhangu, visibly delighted at his

"Kullu waited for the umpire to

"But we were told the umpire was

Zealand, because it spurred the

Indians on after that and they played

team making the final, said he too

was surprised that Henning had

blow the whistle, so she could take

waiting for the player to indicate she

was ready to hit. Maybe the rule has

changed, or perhaps rain water went

even Kullu could not hear the whis-

"Forget us sitting on the bench,

Waikhom the green card.

really well."

AFP, Melbourne

ACB turns

Essendon football manager Matthew Drain has accepted a management role with the Australian Cricket Board and will leave the Bombers at the end of the Australian Football League season, the ACB said on Friday.

Drain will become the High Performance Cricket Manager for the ACB, overseeing development of a planned centre of excellence for players, umpires, administrators and groundkeepers, incorporating the Cricket Academy.

He will also be responsible for identifying and developing national talent as well as Australia's elite youth cricket competition structure.

Singh to talk with Sussex

AFP, London

India off-spinner Harbhajan Singh is set to have talks with English county Sussex as the ambitious south coast club look to make him their second overseas player for next

to offer Harbhaian, 22, who was left out of India's 170 run first Test defeat against England concluded Monday, a one-year deal.

First Division Sussex are ready

The Hove-based club could face opposition for Harbhajan's signature from Lancashire

They too have expressed interest in having the 'Turbanator' on board if first-class counties ratify proposals to increase the number of overseas players from one to two per club at a meeting on August 12.

However, Sussex are due to

have talks with Harbhajan later this week before the second Test starts at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, on Thursday, August 8. Sussex captain Chris Adams

per Test at the moment and is the

sort of bowler who is consistently

"Our batting unit is already pretty

solid, we have depth and talent in

seam bowling but spin is an area

where we are deficient and Mark

Davis has carried us since Umer

Sussex's current overseas

player is former Zimbabwe batsman

going to get good players out.

said: "A look at his record tells you that Harbhajan is a quality performer. "He averages nearly five wickets

Todd Martin 6-2, 6-4.

"It was obviously a match I should have won," said the first man from matching the quarter-final this season to claim 40 match appearance achieved by his father victories on the ATP. "I didn't play Phil here in 1979 when he lost to Ivan Lendl. "My game was not as good as it The elder Dent's best results was in the first two matches. It were in 1975 and 1977 when he happens," said Henman. "You can't advanced to the semi-finals.

Meanwhile, Frenchman Fabrice Santoro stopped American veteran



PHOTO: INTERNET

Briton Tim Henman cools off with an ice pack during his match with Argentine David Nalbandian at the Tennis Masters in Toronto on August 1.

Henman bows out

Manchester.

AFP, Toronto

Fourth seed Tim Henman squandered three winning chances and paid the price a set later with a 4-6, 7-6, 7-5 loss to Wimbledon finalist David Nalbandian in the third round of the 2.95-million-dollar Masters Series here on Thursday.

Britain's Henman had not dropped his serve coming into the contest on a sweltering cement court at the National Tennis Centre.

But 20-year-old Nalbandian showed his tennis pedigree as he rallied after saving three Henman match points late in the second set. Three straight unforced errors off the Briton's racket - the last a costly

Davenport on course

REUTERS, San Diego

Lindsay Davenport, looking more and more like the player who ended 2001 as the world number one, overcame fellow American Chanda Rubin 6-2, 2-6, 6-1 to reach the guarterfinals of the \$750,000 Acura Playing in only her second tour-

nament since undergoing knee surgery in January, third seed Davenport outslugged the speedy Rubin from the baseline. "I thought it was a really good

match," said Davenport, who committed 38 unforced errors to Rubin's 44. "I felt like if I didn't do something with the ball she was going to hit a "My game is to go for it and I

didn't even think about unforced errors. Her approach is a lot the Serving with variety and smack-

ing deep returns, the three-times grand slam champion won the first forehand return error.

Open and Wimbledon, would not give up as she attacked the net and started to play more aggressively from the baseline.

into the umpire's whistle.

disallowed the stroke.

the stroke," he said.

three match points.

Nalbandian is playing just his second full season on the ATP circuit and now stands 28-16 on the season. Beating Henman in the pair's first meeting put the South American into his first career Masters Series quarter-final.

Steady Czech Jiri Novak, seeded 14th, ousted Taylor Dent 7-6-3, preventing the American

Swiss Davis Cup coach killed

REUTERS, Geneva

Murray Goodwin.

Rashid died."

Peter Carter, the coach of Switzerland's Davis Cup team and head coach of Swiss men's tennis, died in a traffic accident on Thursday, the Swiss Tennis Federation said.

Carter, 37, was on holiday in South Africa with his wife Sylvia when the accident occurred

WHiZZ KID-176 correct answers

1. Who scored he first hattrick in the

National Bank Premier Football

League? Ans. Nakib 2. Who won the man-of-the-match award in the NatWest Series final?

Ans. Kaif 3. How many ODI centuries has Sachin Tendulkar scored so far?

4. Who clinched Swiss open tennis title? And, Corretia

5. Who is No. 1 in the WTA Tour rankings?

Ans. Serena

Bhagwat clinches third gold

in the women's 50m rifle event.

Fourth gold for Anjali INTERNET, Mancheste

Team-mate Raj Kumari took silver with Roslina Bakar third. lected 10 golds in the shooting.

men's 25m rapid fire pistol title.

Bhagwat's winning total of 678.0 means that India have now col-It was Bhagwat's fourth gold of

the Games after her victory in the 50m three positions and the 10m air rifle singles and pairs events.

Canada's Metodi Igorov won the Bruce Quick of Australia was

second with Allan Stuart McDonald

India's Anjali Bhagwat picked up her fourth gold medal of the Games

of South Africa picking up the in the 50m Rifle 3 Positions at the Commonwealth Games on August 2. CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer ACROSS 36 Pulsates DOWN 22 One of the Brady

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Vesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN CINDERELLA
GETS READY TO SNORKEL, SHE ALWAYS PACKS SYN'DR

India's Anjali Bhagwat poses for photographs after winning her fourth gold

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals F

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.

CRYPTOQUIP

QDYP HG QLJHFHLD

A PAIR OF GLASS FLIPPERS

Lanka name side

Sri Lanka named its squad for the

The three-match series against

SQUAD

Gunaratne. India's practice rained away AFP, London

between Worcestershire and India at New Road, Worcester, on Thursday. This four-day fixture is India's last match before the second Test

this match to re-adjust to first-class cricket after losing the Test series opener by a crushing 170 runs at India, who last month beat

Their team manager, Ranga

Play has been washed out without a ball being bowled during

(Friday) and if it is still raining at

bowl out -- cricket's equivalent of the

senior one-day competition, takes place at Lord's on August 31.

FROM PAGE 13
Australians Geoff Huegill and Leisel

Du Toit was later racing against

qualifiers for the evening's 400 metres individual medley final in 4:20.85, while Scotland's Alison Sheppard turned in the most rapid qualifying time for the evening's 50 metres freestyle semi-finals, a

set when she forced Rubin into a But Rubin, who has recently revived her career by reaching the fourth round at both the French