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KCA's plea to PCB

REUTERS, Nairobi

Kenyan cricket chiefs, who are at loggerhead with the government, are urging their Pakistan counterparts to deal only with them when making arrangements for next month's troubled triangular series in Nairobi.

Kenyan cricket officials are unhappy that their government want to get involved with organising the series, recently moved to Nairobi from Pakistan and due to take place from August 29 to September 7.

"The Pakistan Cricket Board must stick to international protocol when organising tournaments under the auspices of International Cricket Council and deal only with the Kenyan board," Jimmy Rayani, Kenyan Cricket Association (KCA) chairman, told Reuters on Wednesday.

Pakistan, world champions Australia and Kenya are due to contest the series

Kenyan Minister for Sports, Francis Nyenze, wants the Pakistan board to work with the National Sports Council and a caretaker committee he set up on May 17.

"It remains KCA's hope that the mistake will be corrected and we are also making approaches to have the minister see sense and play to the rules," Rayani said.

"No outside (cricket) board will go to another country to organise a tournament without involving the home board. This is standard practice internationally. That is the view of the KCA and it must remain thus," Ravani said.

"We are preparing for the World Cup (next year in South Africa) and this is a God-sent opportunity to hone our weak departments for the event," Rayani said.

Nyenze dissolved KCA and the Kenya Football Federation on May 17 amid allegations of financial mismanagement, though the High Court in Nairobi has since overturned the decision and re-instated the KCA's elected officials.

McKenzie misses Morocco flight

REUTERS, Johannesburg

Middle-order batsman Neil McKenzie has been left out of South Africa's squad for a triangular one-day tournament in Morocco next month.

The 26-year-old, a key member of South Africa's top order and potential future captain, was not in the 15-man squad announced by the United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa on Thursday

Boeta Dippenaar, who has scored 984 runs at an average of 42.78 in 34 one-day internationals, gets another chance to establish himself in the side

Manchester

AFP, Manchester

England's Dwain Chambers has

The 24-year-old's the title to his 1994 200m crown. The host nation could well domi-

little opposition.

Bodecker, who has cancer.

She will at least be present for overload.

It is not a feeling shared by Chambers as the amiable 24-yearold Londoner seeks to convert the promise he showed when taking world bronze in 1999 and silver at the 1998 European championships into aold.

Lewis-Francis.

the British championships.

"It touched a nerve," said Chambers. "He's young and he's still learn-

seen off world and Olympic 100m champion Maurice Greene twice already this season and at the Commonwealth Games he will be hoping to win his first senior title and give the hosts one of the greatest prizes of the Games.

mouthwatering head-to-head duel with teenage compatriot Mark Lewis-Francis should provide the athletics with a grandstand start, though Namibian veteran Frankie Fredericks could prove to be the fly in the ointment as he seeks to add

nate in the men's races up to 400m but it is the Kenyans who will take up the champions baton in the distance races as without their arch rivals Morocco and Ethiopia there will be The women's events are weaker

by comparison with the 400m in particular shorn of all its stars, the three medallists from the 2000 Olympics led by Aussie icon Cathy Freeman, who has taken time out to care for her husband. Sandy

the relay as will Olympic silver medallist Lorraine Fenton of Jamaica, who bluntly admitted she was suffering from championship

past couple of years and his world was a real talent. duel with Bahamas outdoor world champion Avard Moncur, the out-

While he has suggested the world record of 9.79sec held by Greene could go with all eight likely finalists having gone under the magical 10sec mark it is more likely he would settle just for beating

The precocious 19-year-old and newly-crowned British champion upped the ante by claiming his rival had run scared by not facing him at

"I've lost the fear factor and am no longer scared of them (the world ing about the sport but it gives an GAMES DIARY

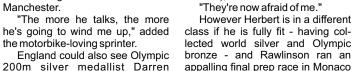
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Manchester

AFP,Manchester

Commonwealth Games diary for Thursday, July 25. Going blind at the age of 61 would not normally encourage someone to take up a new sport but that's what happened to England's Ruth Small who will be going for gold in the lawn bowls at the Games on Friday

pion



200m silver medallist Darren Campbell deliver gold in front of his hometown crowd and prove once again he is perhaps the best among Britain's set of sprinters when it comes to championship running. 'Training's going really well. Put

Dwain gunning for gold

added edge to the 100m in

it this way, it's going to take something really special to beat me." said the reigning European 200m cham-

DWAIN CHAMBERS

bloods to have emerged over the

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Caines is another of the young

and Chris Rawlinson respectively.

England will also be looking medals in the middle distance towards capturing the 400m flat and races," he said. 400m hurdles with Daniel Caines

However veteran South African Hezekiel Sepeng would beg to differ as the man who has been to the 800m title races what Trinidad sprinter Ato Boldon has been to 100/200m attempts to turn two successive Commonwealth silvers into gold.

leaders)," he said

with a stomach bug.

"I've had enough of seeing silver lying around my house.. gold would go nicely and make a change," said the 28-year-old, who also has an Olympic silver from 1996 and a world outdoor one from 1999.

and has since been struck down

The Kenyan men should make

merry in the middle distance races

with one of their team, 10000m

runner John Korir, even reckoning

those preparing the flags for the

medals ceremonies shouldn't

bother with other countries banners.

"We are going to sweep all the

Judged on his third in Monaco with Kenya's reigning champion Japheth Kimutai down the field it could well be the championships where the durable South African reaps a just reward.

The feature event for the women should be the clash of the Carribean sprinters in the 100m.

Bahamas duo Debbie Ferguson and Sevatheda Fynes will battle with Jamaica's surprise 2000 100m Olympic bronze medallist Tayna (eds correct) Lawrence, who has provided Marion Jones with her only worthwhile opposition this term.

Australia may be lacking come of which could well indicate Freeman but the Games should who takes over the retired Michael reveal another Aussie female track Johnson's mantle of world leader as star in world junior 400m and 400m the current crop of Americans are far hurdles champion Jana Pittman. who was the first woman athlete to Rawlinson had been in the best achieve the golden double

form of his career racking up a great The 19-year-old absolutely win in Lausanne and then running walloped two of her major rivals for second in Paris behind world chamthe Commonwealth title. Jamaica's 1996 Olympic champion Deon The 30-year-old has also pasted Hemmings and Debbie-Ann Parris both of his major rivals for the in the Paris Golden League meeting Commonwealth crown South to give Australia real hope she may African duo Llewellyn Herbert and prove to be a Commonwealth goldmine.

- this will be Steve's fifth (best placing was seventh) and Cal's third (best finish of sixth).

sport which is quite easily accessi-The Isle of Man squad has a ble for the blind," said Ruth who family feel about it with Cal's brother played tennis until she was 50 when Neil Parsons taking part in the shooting, general manager lan Harrop's son Dane is a swimmer while swimming coach Kay Batty has son David tak

Lee has a mission

AFP, Sydney

SPORT

Shane Lee says he wants to use his short playing stint at English county Worcestershire to have a crack at becoming Australia's all-rounder at next year's World Cup in South Africa. Lee, elder brother of Test fast

bowler Brett, is a replacement for fellow Australian Andy Bichel for the final two months of the English county cricket season. Bichel is returning to Australia

ahead of his country's one-day series in Kenya next month and the ICC Trophy in Sri Lanka. Lee sees it as a move designed to build his confidence and momen-

tum ahead of the Australian summer and push him back into the consideration of national selectors. Ian Harvey, Andrew Symonds

and Shane Watson have failed to make the most of their opportunities since Lee's last appearance in April, 2001, with captain Ricky Ponting admitting the all-rounder position remains up for grabs.

"The way I look at it, the World Cup is in February and the side will be picked early January or maybe even late December, so there's not a hell of a lot of cricket really before now and then." Lee said on his departure here Thursday.

Davenport's

victorious

return

AFP, Stanford

Llodra stuns Grosjean

American Lindsay Davenport plays a backhand against Luxembourg's Anne Kremer in the second round of the Bank

Tennis

of the West Classic on July 24.

Lindsay Davenport, sidelined for AFP, Los Angeles

eight months with a severe right knee injury, made a triumphant WTA Michael Llodra advanced to the third return with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over round of the 400,000 ATP event Luxembourg's Anne Kremer at the here upsetting French compatriot Bank of the West Classic. Sebastien Grosjean in a third set Second seed Davenport's victiebreaker on Wednesday.

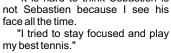
tory here Wednesday advanced the The unseeded Llodra, whose 26-year-old American into a best showing this year is a semifinal quarterfinal match Friday against berth last week in Newport. Rhode Yugoslavia's Jelena Dokic. The fifth Island, beat the No. 3 seed 6-3, 3-6, seed ousted Spanish wild card 7-6. Conchita Martinez 6-1, 0-6, 6-1. "I played very good," said Llodra.

Also advancing into the final eight at the 565,000-dollar event and put pressure on him. was American third seed Monica Seles, who beat Thailand's wilted under the 35 degree Celcius Tamarine Tanasugarn 6-4, 3-6, 6-1. (95 Fahrenheit) heat and the steady It was Seles' first match since a serve-and-volley attack from the Wimbledon quarterfinals loss to left-handed Llodra. Justine Henin

Former World Number 1 Davenport, who had a first-round bye, had been sidelined since November until starting her comeback last week with two victories for the United States in a Fed Cup victory over Israel to gualify for the 2003 World Group

Davenport lost in the final here each of the past two years after beating fellow American Venus against his David Cup teammate. Williams, this year's top seed, in the 1998 and 1999 final

French player before," said Llodra. Dokic, 19, is 4-0 against Martinez "In the past when I played a this year. Earlier victories came on Frenchman I would fold under clay in the first round at Sarasota on pressure.



The two, of course, are not strangers off the court but this is the first time they have met in competition

"It is hard to play against Sebastien. He is a friend," said Llodra.

Grosjean, ranked No. 11 on the ATP tour, was down 3-6 at triple match point in the tiebreaker. "I kept telling myself to go to the net Grosjean's next return went long, giving Llodra the victory in the one It worked. Eventually Grosjean hour. 54 minute match.

Grosjean is coming off an injury suffered during Davis Cup play in the Czech Republic in April. The torn left adductor muscle

caused him problems at the French Open but he still advanced to the guarter-finals before losing to Russian Marat Safin

"It's tough," said Grosjean on Wednesday. "I have not played for six weeks so I am not in good

American Taylor Dent 6-1, 4-6, 6-4. shape.' Grosjean said the injury is still Llodra, ranked No. 101 on the ATP tour, said he was more nervous bothering him. He plans to have a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) than usual going into the match scan done on the leg Wednesday evening on the advice of a doctor. "I have never won against a good

"I felt pain during the match. He (doctor) said it is normal when you haven't exercised for six weeks. We

said Grosjean, the father of a new "So this time I tried to pretend I baby, Tom, born on July 1. In an evening match, big serving Roddick overpowered fellow

DHAKA FRIDAY JULY 26, 2002

to fight off two set points in the opening set, before his 216 kmph (135 mph) serve started clicking. He inished with 13 aces.

serve. I kept him at bay," said Roddick. "He's very good at attacking you. I don't see him losing to many guys who don't have big

take over a match."

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ment.

"I am not used to playing at this level. He put so much pressure on me to hold my serve because I felt I couldn't break his." said Vahalv, who practised recently with Pete Sampras in Palm Springs.

"Andy's serve is raw power and Pete's is more placement. But I would be crazy to say Pete's serve isn't powerful.

"I hate to compare. I can't return either. What do I know? Go ask the good players.

After dancing on his pedals on

the way up to the finish line the 30-

year-old Texan then caught up with

Sastre with just two kilometres to

race and both rode on together in

appeared to struggle, but once he

had passed the red flag at the one-

kilometre-to-go mark, Armstrong's

"I though that when I was at the

and Sastre's bid was doomed.

For a brief moment Boogerd

the hunt for the flying Dutchman.

just want to see if everything is fine,"

was playing someone else. "It is hard to think Sebastien is American Brian Vahaly in straight

Roddick started slowly, and had

PHOTO: INTERNET

"I did what I wanted with my

serves "Luckily I have a serve that can

Vahaly has climbed quickly up the world rankings, going from 403rd at the end of 2001 to his

This is just his third ATP tourna-

performances against spin bowling could have cost him his place, especially with the South Africans facing Sri Lanka and Pakistan on what are expected to be turning pitches.

Veteran seamer Steve Elworthy also missed out on selection after making the preliminary squad, while all-rounder Justin Kemp has failed to recover from ankle surgery. SQUAD

Shaun Pollock (captain), Paul Adams, Nicky Boje, Mark Boucher, Boeta Dippenaar, Allan Donald, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Garv Kirsten, Lance Klusener, Makhaya Ntini, Justin Ontong, Jonty Rhodes, Graeme Smith, Roger Telemachus.

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Singh, made 254 runs, including 69 at Lord's as India lifted the NatWest Series trophy earlier this month.

But he is still no more than a bitpart bowler, with 17 one-day international wickets at 34.17.

"Yuvraj has the same energy and excitement about him but he is miles behind Kapil as a bowler," Gavaskar confirmed.

Ruth, an elite athlete with a disability (EAD), took up bowls ten vears ago and is now national cham-

"I have to pinch myself when I think of how far I have come and I

Steve and Cal Partington live together and train together and together they form two-thirds of the Isle of Man track and field squad in Manchester. But the husband-andwife walkers will go their seperate ways before their respective 20km

can't put into words how proud I am

to be representing blind people in a

a degenerative disease led to her

WALKING ALONE.

races on Sunday. The couple, who have three children, possess plenty of

Commonwealth Games experience



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IT'S GABE TO THE RESCUE

Dominica's chances of taking part in the men's table tennis team event were in doubt until squash plaver Gabe Rabess signed up to play and complete the three-man line-up.

Due to limited resources, the team could only afford to bring two players - Brett Stephen and Julius Timothy - to Manchester and were pleased that Rabess agreed to play in the competition.

But Rabess faces the added challenge of juggling his events as both the table tennis and squash competitions begin on Friday.

HELP, WE NEED SOMEBODY English synchronised swimmers Gayle Adamson and Katie Hooper will use the Beatles song Help as their performance music as they challenge the might of the favourites Australia and Canada on Saturday.

"We wanted something English and lively and what better than the Beatles?" said coach Adele Carlsen, a member of the England bronze medal squad in Kuala Lumpur in 1998

"People take the mickey out of synchronised swimming because they think it looks easy," said Carlsen.

"It's very frustrating, but once they come and see for themselves what's involved, they soon change their minds.

BESTER UNCONCERNED **OVERAGE CONCERN**

While his peers think of cars and girls, 17-year-old Ryan Bester prefers the company of men three times his age.

Bester is part of the Canadian bowls team and is quite used to the jokes and jibes aimed at him for having a passion for a sport more usually associated with retired folk. However, he has more pressing

concerns

"Hanover, Ontario, where I live, is covered in snow for eight months of the year so during that time I have to train in an indoor bowling alley. The arm motion is the same and mentally it's the same too - you have to deal with very stressful situations," said the teenager.

"My friends crack jokes about me playing bowls. Actually one of them came out and played for fun and now he has started for real.

IT'S NOT OVER YET. BABY BLUE

New Zealander Sean McCabe has an extra reason to take a shooting gold home from Manchester - it will be the perfect way to celebrate becoming a father.

the way to a title, in the Hamburg semi-finals and the French Open quarter-finals. Martinez had been 4-0 on hardcourts against Dokic.

"I didn't play well. I wasn't in the match at all," Dokic said. "After the first set, I just made her play a lot longer balls. I didn't run in the first set. The second and third sets, I changed completely."

Gough played FROM PAGE 13 agement of Gough from now

onwards is going to have to be very simple. He has to go away and bowl two or three days running and bowl full out to be considered for a Test match. We now know at the moment he can't get through two days runnına. England tour Australia at the end

of the year in a bid to regain the Ashes they lost in 1989 and have not regained since. Gough said he had wanted to

play in the match against Lancashire to make 100 per cent sure he could get through a four-day game. "I'm looking forward to getting

back into the nets and hopefully playing cricket for Yorkshire," he said.

'Be tough FROM PAGE 13

Former all-rounder Kapil captained India to a shock World Cup final victory over reigning champions West Indies at Lord's in 1983.

Pakistan in 1978 and went on to score 5,248 runs and take 434 wickets in 131 Tests before retiring in

Hussain holds

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-71, 3-78

Boogerd bags 16th stage

AFP, France

Dutchman Michael Boogerd handed his Rabobank team their second success of the race when he won the 16th stage of the Tour de France here Wednesday, a 179.5km ride from Les Deux Alpes to here.

In other matches on Wednesday,

Andy Roddick, the fourth seed, beat

fellow American Brian Vahalv 7-5. 6-

4, eighth seed Max Mirnyi of Belarus

beat Thailand's Paradorn

Srichaphan 7-6, 6-4, and No, 7 seed

Xavier Malisse of Belgium beat

The 30-year-old Boogerd, who last won a stage on the Tour at Aixles-Bains in 1996 and is more known for his one-week and oneday racing, clocked a time of 5hr 48min 29sec after breaking away from the peloton at the 29km mark. On what was the hardest stage of the Tour, Spaniard Carlos Sastre of the CSC team came second at 1min 25sec with three-time Tour winner Lance Armstrong on his wheel Boogerd, the former Paris-Nice

winner who upped and left the race Armstrong left his group of six peloton after just 29km of riding, riders which contained his closest was a joy to watch as he crossed the rival, Spaniard Joseba Beloki of the ONCE team. line.

The curly-haired rider with the big smile kissed his three lucky charms and threw his arms into the air after realising he was on his own at the finish line.

The only person waiting was his mother-in-law, who launched herself into his arms as he arrived.

"This is the biggest win of my whole career," grinned Boogerd after the race. "And it makes it even more special that it's the most difficult on the Tour.

foot of the last climb (to La Plagne) I However, for a time Boogerd's might not have enough time, Boogerd, who said Armstrong's win, at the end of three gruelling unclassified climbs, was not quite so pursuit did not really worry him, told AFP

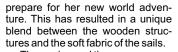
With around five kilometres to

The John Player adventure

PRESS RELEASE

Following on from the Gold Leaf's Mediterranean adventure last year, the all-new World Adventure boat, the John Player set sail from Dubai on Tuesday on her new mission to explore how a history of maritime trade has evolved into modern-day commercial success throughout the

The John Player, an impressive twin-masted, 140-foot, teak and mahogany Brigantine yacht, arrived in Dubai in early March to undergo extensive modifications in order to



The engine and the power generators were rebuilt in order to ensure smooth operations during long ocean crossings. Likewise, satellite phones and navigational systems were added, guaranteeing safety for all onboard

This year's chapter will cover the main trading capitals of South East Asia, retracing the historical sailing routes used by early maritime traders. The John Player will depart



Dubai, a city renowned for its trading history, was originally settled by fishermen and pearl traders along the Creek, with a narrow inlet of seawater splitting the city in half. This maritime past has been key in anchoring lasting economical growth. Just like the Creek, Dubai's Jebel Ali, the world's largest manmade port and the first-ever free zone in the Middle East, is one of such landmarks that has contributed to putting the city on the map.

Low-lying houses along the Dubai Creek have now been replaced by skyscrapers saluting the John Player as she makes her way to the open seas and further on towards the Maldives.

The John Player sets sail from Dubai en route to Hong Kong on the maiden trip of her new mission in search of the Spirit of Enterprise. This year's trip will explore how maritime history has contributed to economic success in each of the destinations along the route

wickets in 225 one-davers. FROM PAGE 13 Total: (For 3 wkts in 58 overs) 177

To bat: A Stewart, A Flintoff, C Bowler Nehra Zaheer Agarkar Kumble Ganguly

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INDIA: Virender Sehwag, Wasim Jaffer, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly, Venkatsai Laxman, Ajay Ratra, Ajit Agarkar, Anil Kumble, Ashish Nehra and Zaheer Khan. Umpires: Rudi Koertzen (South

East

He was also a force to reckon with in the shorter version of the game, scoring 3,783 runs and grabbing 253

Kapil made his debut against 1994