

A starry show

Cricket
REUTERS, Tangiers
"Gambling and betting on cricket is illegal and strictly prohibited," says the prominent sign at the entrance to the Tangiers Cricket Stadium.

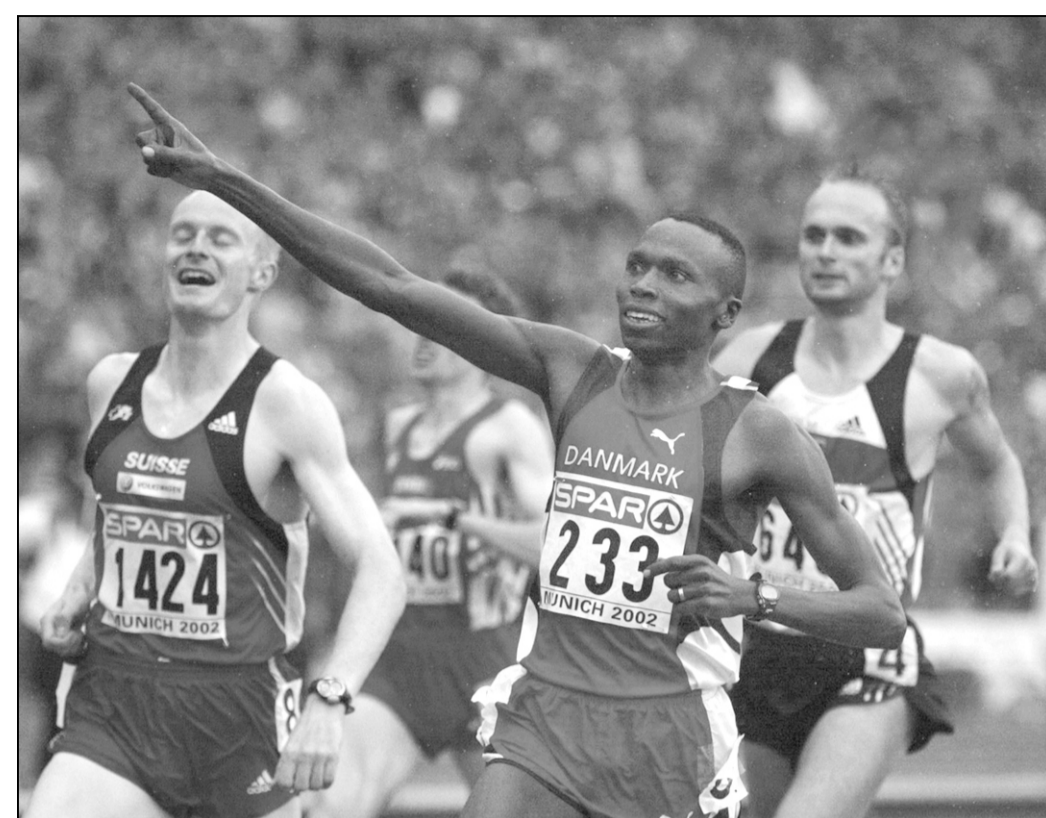
Sanath Jayasuriya and a return to form following injury of the best off-spinner in the game, Muttiah Muralitharan. South Africa, after a three-month winter break for most of their players, will look to captain Shaun Pollock for inspiration after he and spinning all-rounder Nicky Boje spent the off season playing county cricket in England.

ACB wasn't convinced

AFP, Sydney
Australian Prime Minister John Howard said Monday that Pakistan's leader had personally guaranteed the safety of Australia's cricketers during a planned tour to Pakistan but the pledge was not enough to prevent the trip being cancelled.

Kipketer roars, Szabo silenced

Athletics
AFP, Munich
Kenyan-born world record holder Wilson Kipketer won the European 800 metres title here on Sunday to finally avenge his surprise defeat by Nils Schumann of Germany at the Sydney Olympics.



Denmark's Wilson Kipketer celebrates on winning the men's 800 metres final on August 11.

Gibbs-powered

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Kirsten and Jacques Kallis caught behind to reduce South Africa to 51-2 in the 12th over. Boje's pinch-hitting role fetched him five boundaries and two sixes before he holed out in the deep off Shahid Afridi.

Sharjah, Tangiers ready

Cricket Stadium has yet to prove itself as an international venue, all three visiting teams have expressed unreserved admiration for the facilities they have encountered so far. "It's a magnificent venue and easily up to international standard," South African captain Shaun Pollock said ahead of Monday's opening match against Pakistan, whose captain Waqar Younis concurred.

Cute handball

UNB, Dhaka
Bangladesh Police and Narinda Progoti Boys Club won their respective matches in the Cute Premier Division Handball League at court next to Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Moya sinks Hewitt

Tennis
AFP, Cincinnati
Spain's Carlos Moya turned the tables on world number one Lleyton Hewitt, ignoring a rain interruption and a fight-back charge to win his fourth title of the year at the ATP Masters Series here Sunday.

Jayasinghe's sprint double

AFP, Colombo
Sri Lanka's Susanthika Jayasinghe made a up for compatriot Damayanthi Darsha's absence as she picked up her second gold medal of the Asian athletic championships here on Monday.

Donald toast

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Colly, who found the net from a goal mouth melee in the 73rd minute. Abahani now earned a temporary lead in the ten-team league race, having raised their tally to 13 points from five matches. On the other hand, Brothers have earned three points so far.

Lanka security

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"We have gone through an identical process for every tour where we assess security risks and we are quite satisfied with the security that will be offered to the players in Sri Lanka." The ACB announced last week they had cancelled their October Test tour of Pakistan for security reasons and asked the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) if a neutral venue could be found.

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President of the American Chamber of Commerce Aftabul Islam delivering his speech at the launching ceremony of WWE Superstars at the Sheraton Hotel in the city on August 10.

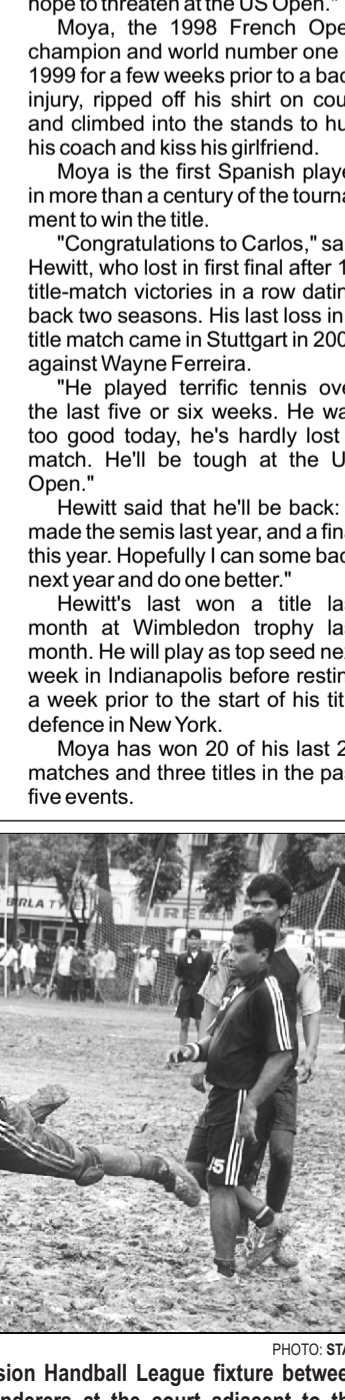
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU HAD A CIRCUS JOB AS A HUMAN CANNONBALL, I ASSUME YOU'D ENJOY GETTING FIRED.

Scoreboard table with columns O, M, R, W and rows for various bowlers like Jaffer lbw b Flintoff, Dravid lbw b Cork, Tendulkar b Vaughan, Ganguly not out, Laxman not out.



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Spain continued their impressive showing at middle and long distance events at these championships when Alberto Garcia sprinted away to win the 5,000m in 13:38.18. Ismail Sghyr of France took silver and Ukraine's Sergiy Lebid secured bronze. Garcia's gold came at the end of a week in which Antonio Jimenez won the 3,000m steeplechase title, Marta Dominguez claimed gold in the women's 5,000m and Jose Manuel Martinez beat Dieter Baumann in the 10,000m. Reyes Estevez only missed out on gold in the 1,500m on Thursday by two thousandths of a second.