

Kapil says no thanks

INTERNET, New Delhi
Indian coach John Wright has received the endorsement of the Indian-player-of-the-century, Kapil Dev, who says there is nothing wrong with having a foreigner in charge of the national side.

Athers was tempted



REUTERS, London

Michael Atherton says he would have sued if he had been branded a cheat and axed as England captain after being accused of ball-tampering in 1994.

alterd but Atherton, who was later fined 2,000 pounds over the affair, admits he should have been more frank with match referee Peter Burge at the time of the scandal.



MICHAEL ATHERTON

Not the only one



BBC, undated

Andrew Caddick returns to the England attack against India at Headingley with his place less certain than it has been for some time.

as England's next bright young thing, with an energetic debut that included some moments of genuine speed, an asset that coach Duncan Fletcher prizes highly.



ANDREW CADDICK

'Inzy's wkt was crucial'

REUTERS, Tangiers

Inzamamul Haq's unfortunate dismissal turned the Morocco Cup match in South Africa's favour, their captain Shaun Pollock said.

"I was a freakish way to get out," man-of-the-match Donald said. "But I'm a bowler and every ball that takes a wicket is a jaffa to me."

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Ripon 21-15, 21-17, Kachi defeating Badal 21-12, 21-13 and Edison defeating Shahed 21-13, 21-18.

SA thwart Pakistan



REUTERS, Tangiers

South Africa recorded a tense eight-run victory over Pakistan to reach the final of the Morocco Cup triangular tournament.

What should have been a six turned into a vital dismissal and Pakistan were plunged into trouble at 163 for eight wickets in the 42nd over.

Azhar Mahmood fought valiantly to keep his team alive with an unbeaten 16 in the closing stages but fast bowler Allan Donald (4-43) claimed the last two wickets to clinch a memorable victory.

But battling half centuries from Boeta Dippenaar and Mark Boucher helped to rebuild the innings after splendid display of fast bowling from Akram and Waqar Yousif.

Colombo happy to step in

INTERNET, Colombo

Sri Lanka says it is ready to host the first Test between Australia and Pakistan in October to stop the series being cancelled.

Sri Lankan Cricket chief Anura Tennakoon told The Associated Press that his body is willing to stage the first match in the three-Test series in Colombo, after the Pakistan Cricket Board said on Sunday it wanted to hold the second and third Tests in Sharjah.

"I've had the opportunity to be part of the first Test in Colombo from October 4 to 8, before holding the second and third Tests in Sharjah from October 13-17 and October 20-24, with the ACB wanting the series held between October 1 and 29.

Unless the matter can be quickly worked out and the series re-scheduled for some time in October, it may have to be put off for at least a year and maybe two, just as the series against Zimbabwe had to be deferred when Australia refused to tour there in April.

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Amelie stuns Jennifer



AP, Montreal

Amelie Mauresmo beat Jennifer Capriati 6-4, 6-1 Sunday in the final of the Rogers AT&T Cup, a hardcourt tuneup for the U.S. Open.

"I just wanted to play a few matches and get my game in order and see how I'm doing against the best players," Mauresmo said. "I guess it went pretty well."

"The main thing is to be ready for the U.S. Open."

Serving at 4-4 in the first set, Mauresmo won two points on serves the second-seeded Capriati argued were out and took a 5-4 lead. The Frenchwoman then took the set by breaking Capriati's serve when a backhand flew wide.

Capriati took the close calls as an indication that it was not her day.

"When you're trying hard and balls like that are taken away, you think: Why should I try when it's going to be like that?" Capriati said.

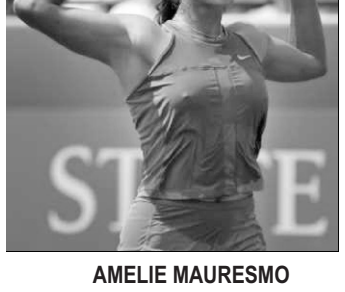
"But I bounced back in the next game.

"It was just that one game. I got upset and maybe it was a downward spiral from there. Everything felt like

it wasn't going my way, no matter what I tried to do. I didn't find a rhythm and with the wind, it was a mess out there."

Mauresmo broke again to go ahead 3-1 in the second set, and once more for a 5-1 edge.

Capriati's 92,000 dollars runner-up check moved her past six million



AMELIE MAURESMO

dollars in career earnings. She has lost in the final of the Canadian tournament three times and won it in 1991.

Mauresmo, now 3-3 against Capriati, also won their meeting in the Wimbledon quarterfinals.

Lleyton may quit tennis

BBC, London

Lleyton Hewitt could follow the legendary Bjorn Borg in walking away from the game early, according to Australian Open chief executive Paul McNamee.

McNamee spoke out after the world number one was left fuming at a 103,000 dollars fine handed out to him at the Cincinnati Masters earlier this month.

Hewitt called the ATP a badly-run "circus" and threatened to skip many of his tournaments from next year.

Former Wimbledon doubles champion McNamee said the ATP should learn from the loss of Borg, who walked away from the game when just 27 years old.

"Let's look at history here and sort out the problems in the sport which Lleyton has taken the lid off," McNamee told the Australian Associated Press (AAP).

"They have been there for a while and nobody has been prepared to talk about them. Go back 20 years...we lost a number one (Bjorn Borg)."

Borg retired in 1982 after a dispute over his plans for a four-month break from tennis.

"He wasn't allowed direct entry into tournaments as the number one in the world," McNamee said.

Blake stamps his mark



AFP, Washington

James Blake rallied to capture his first singles title, beating hard-serving Paradorn Srichaphan of Thailand 1-6, 7-6, 6-4 in the 800,000 dollar ATP event here on Sunday.

Blake used a variety of shots to wear down the 23-year-old Bangkok native in front of 5,000 spectators during the two hour, 12 minute match.

Blake then ran over to the stands where he hugged his mother.

Blake became the ninth first time winner of the year on the tour and is the first African-American winner in

Washington since 1973.

Blake takes home 112,000 dollars for the win, while Srichaphan nets 59,000 dollars as the runner-up.

Srichaphan, the 14th seed, had six double faults but hit almost twice as many winners as Blake.

"I was really confident in the first set," said Srichaphan. "He came back strong in the second and third sets.

"I had chances in the second tiebreak, when I was up 3-1, but he hit top serves and big forehands and I made a few mistakes."

Srichaphan had his own raucous cheering section which comprised about 200 supporters from Thailand.

His fan base included friends and diplomats from the Thailand embassy in Washington.

Without going into specifics, Blake said putting up with the Thai fans was sometimes more difficult than his task on the court.

"The toughest thing I had to deal with today was 50 Thai fans," said Blake.

"(Arthur Ashe) had to deal with racial slurs, people throwing things, put in the toughest section of the draw week after week, not being allowed in the same locker room.

"For me to get angry at a few Thai fans would seem silly and it would seem almost an insult to everything he did to make it possible for me to be here."

Srichaphan reached his first ATP final since the opening week of the year, when he was the runner-up at Chennai, India.

Blake advanced to the final with a straight set win over top seed Andre Agassi while Srichaphan tripped Marcelo Rios of Chile in three sets in the other semi.

It was the third meeting between Srichaphan and Blake, with Blake winning all three.



PHOTO: INTERNET

American James Blake is jubilant after defeating Thai Paradorn Srichaphan in the final of the Legg Mason Tennis Classic in Washington on August 18.

Beem-used Woods



AP, Minnesota

Playing as if he had nothing to lose, Rich Beem buried Tiger Woods on Sunday and captured a PGA Championship even he thought he had no business winning.

Beem hit a 5-wood to within 6 feet for an eagle on the 11th hole to seize control, then put the finishing touches on a birdie round by rolling in a 35-foot birdie putt on No. 16 to thwart a final charge from Woods.

Seven years ago, Beem was selling car stereos and cell phones for \$7 an hour. Even after the third round, he said guys like him weren't supposed to win majors.

Beem stared down the world's best player under the stifling pressure of a major championship at Hazeltine on Sunday, closing with a 4-under 68 for a one-stroke victory over Woods.

"I'm still surprised at myself," Beem said. "I'm elated beyond belief. I was a lot more in control of my emotions than I ever have been under that kind of pressure."

Woods watched the final putt on a television in the scoring trailer. He had told caddie Steve Williams that too many players will when they see Woods' name on the leaderboard.

Woods showed up quickly with three birdies and two amazing pars on the front nine, putting him just one stroke behind Beem with nine holes to play.

Beem didn't buckle. He simply continued to blast away.

Hitting driver on just about every hole and attacking the pins, Beem turned a one-stroke advantage into a six-stroke lead over Woods in a matter of four holes.

The biggest was his 5-wood second shot on the 597-yard 11th hole.

"Come on! Come on!" Beem yelled as the ball soared over a cluster of bunkers, landed on the front of the green and didn't stop rolling until it was 6 feet from the cup. He made it that eagle to get to 10-under.

Woods played in the group ahead of Beem, although he knew who was on top.

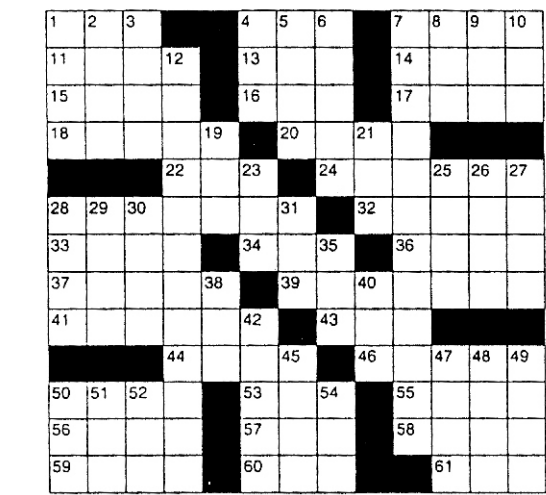
A scorecard was directly behind the cup on No. 13 as Woods stood over a 12-foot birdie putt that would have pulled him within two strokes of the lead. Instead, he three-putted for bogey, then dropped another shot on the next hole.

The key putt came on No. 16, the hole where Payne Stewart won the 1991 U.S. Open at Hazeltine. Beem begged his 9-iron to clear a marsh on the corner of Lake Hazeltine, and it barely did. His 35-foot birdie putt was true.

What set Beem apart from a long list of surprising winners -- John Daly, Wayne Grady, Mark Brooks -- was the guy chasing him.

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Saturday's Cryptquip: PLASTIC FLAMINGOS ARE HARD TO KEEP IN STOCK. THEY IMMEDIATELY FLY OFF THE SHELF.
Today's Cryptquip Clue: Q equals L

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Morocco Cup match between Pakistan and South Africa on Sunday: SOUTH AFRICA: 196 for eight in 50 overs (Boucher 57, Dippenaar 55; Akram 3-31, Mahmood 2-33, Younis 2-48)
PAKISTAN
Nazir b Pollock 0
Malik run out 12
Afridi c Boucher b Donald 62
Younisa c Boje b Klusener 22
Inzamam hit wkt b Ontong 41
Younis Khan lbw b Klusener 0
Razzaq b Boje 0
Latif b Donald 22
Mahmood not out 16
Akram b Donald 11
Waqar c Smith b Donald 1
Extras: (w1) 1
Total (All out in 48.3 overs) 188
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-49; 3-92; 4-118; 5-118; 6-119; 7-155; 8-163; 9-186
BOWER
Pollock 0 M 3 R 5 W 1
Kallis 10 0 56 0
Donald 9.3 0 43 4
Klusener 10 1 21 2
Boje 8 0 36 1
Ontong 2 0 7 1
South Africa won by eight runs
Man of the match: Allan Donald
Umpires: Daryl Harper (Aus) and Simon Taufel (Aus)
Third umpire: Srinivas Venkatraghvan (Ind)
Match referee: Gundappa Viswanath (Ind)
STANDINGS
Standings after Sunday's match (played, won, lost, bonus points, total points):
Sri Lanka 3 2 1 1 9
South Africa 3 2 1 0 8
Pakistan 4 1 3 0 4