

# Youth versus experience

**Cricket**

INTERNET, undated

The contrast in terms of experience could not be starker.

One is a youngster with just eight Tests under his belt: the other was named one of Wisden's five cricketers of the last century, and is preparing for his 102nd with 450 wickets to his name.

But wrist-spinners Danish Kaneria and Shane Warne will both

into the side.

Eight Tests have brought 38 wickets, including four hauls of five or more.

Although 25 of those scalps have come against lowly Bangladesh, Kaneria impressed with a marathon spell against New Zealand in Lahore, taking five for 110 in an innings victory.

Compare that lightning start to a Test career to that of Warne.

Including a nightmare one for 150 on debut against India, the Australian managed just 14 wickets in his first eight Tests.

Warne is widely viewed as being responsible for the rebirth of leg-spin, except in Pakistan where Abdul Qadir gains the credit.

Qadir, a veteran of 67 Tests with 236 wickets, spent some time with the young prodigy while coaching the Pakistan A team.

And, as well as a high, fluid action which has proved the downfall of less experienced batsmen at least, the veteran believes Kaneria has the guts to make the grade at the highest level.

But Warne has shown a similar resolve in bouncing back from the shoulder injuries which have dogged his career over the last few years.

A new diet and training regime during the off-season has seen him lose an estimated 22lbs in weight.

"I think I'm finally back now to the way I used to bowl, which is very, very pleasing," he said in July.

"I'm finally beginning to understand my bowling a lot more, how to get batsmen out rather than just bowl big, turning leg-breaks."

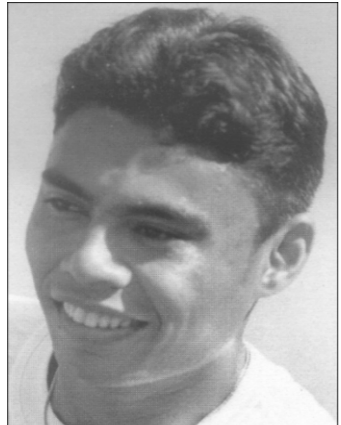
That veteran's experience is a long way off for Kaneria, but he realises that this series poses a wonderful opportunity to learn from the world's leading leg-spinner.

"I know Warne is a world class leg-spinner but I will do my best to stand tall before him," he said.

"There will be a lot to learn from the master spinner."



SHANE WARNE



DANISH KANERIA

play a major part in the Test series between Pakistan and Australia.

Off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq is Pakistan's highest-profile spinner, with 169 wickets from 40 Tests.

But, after a false-start on his debut against England two years ago, Kaneria has generated more excitement than his senior colleague when he has forced his way

And Kaneria also has the advantage of having bowled in Test conditions in Sharjah, venue for the second and third Tests of this series, having taken on the West Indies in February.

But Kaneria is under no illusions that this series will be his most difficult assignment yet.

"I know I have just started my

## Flag selling a crime

AFP, Busan

A South Korean man has been arrested for illegally selling communist North Korean flags in front of the Asian Games main stadium in this southern port city, police said Monday.

The 56-year-old vendor was held hours before the start of the sporting event where North Korean flags were allowed to fly inside the stadium.

"He is under investigation for violating the national security law," said a Busan police public-security official, while asking for anonymity.

South Korea has made an exception of allowing North Korean flags to fly inside Asian Games stadium and Athletes' Villages, while strictly banning them elsewhere.

In the stadium Sunday evening, the banned North Korean flags were waved by supporters from the Stalinist regime which sent their athletes to the southern rival for international sports events for the first time.

Police said the man, identified only by Kim, had produced around 500 small North Korean flags for the banned sales. He was caught while selling the flags four hours before the gala opening ceremony of the Asiad.

## Good start for Chang

REUTERS, Tokyo

Former French Open champion Michael Chang beat Francisco Clavet 7-5, 4-6, 6-3 in the opening round of the Japan Open on Monday, thrilling a local crowd which had braved rain to watch the 30-year-old American's last appearance at the 800,000 dollars tournament.

Chang got off to a great start -- racing into a first-set 5-0 lead -- but was taken the full distance by the Spaniard.

"Today was not an easy match... I knew there would be a lot of long points, tough points. It feels nice to be able to get through this one," Chang told a news conference.

# Unstoppable Serena

**Tennis**

REUTERS, Leipzig

World number one Serena Williams has extended her amazing run by crushing Russia's Anastasia Myskina 6-3, 6-2 in the Leipzig Grand Prix final.

The athletic American is now the most prolific woman on the circuit this year with eight titles -- one more than elder sister Venus, who took a rest this week but will play the Kremlin Cup starting on Monday in Moscow.

The younger Williams, who turned 21 on Thursday and has won the last three Grand Slams of the season with as many final victories over Venus, easily outpowered Myskina.

The sixth-seeded Russian, who had knocked out title holder Kim Clijsters of Belgium in a thrilling semi-final on Saturday, could do little against the top seed and overwhelming favourite's heavy artillery.

The 21-year-old world number 12 now looks set to enter the top 10 for the first time when the latest WTA rankings are released on Monday.

Myskina had lost to Serena once before, in a tournament in Moscow



SERENA WILLIAMS

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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North Korea's man-mountain Ri Myong-Hun is helped off the floor by teammates during their match against the Philippines in the men's basketball tournament at the 14th Asian Games in Busan yesterday.

# Koreas go head-to-head

14th Asian Games BUSAN 2002

AFP, Busan

Political rivals North and South Korea booked a Asian Games quarterfinal round men's basketball showdown Thursday, a landmark match-up of political rivals that already has a victory guarantee.

South Korea defeated rival Japan 79-62 while Philippines downed North Korea 89-63 in preliminary games here Monday, ensuring 2.36m giant Ri Myong-Hun and his North teammates would face the skilled 3-point shooters from the South.

"Although there is Ri Myong-Hun, I am sure we will win against North Korea," said Moon Kyung-Eun, who scored 26 points in South Korea's comeback victory.

Mind games began even before the tough talk. North Korean players were cheered when they walked into the arena early in the fourth quarter of South Korea's victory, the yell for Ri loudest of all.

Not only did the South Koreans notice, they opened the final period

with a 15-4 run that was intended to send a message to their Communist future foes.

"I wanted to show them that the South Korean team is a really strong team," said Moon, who joined teammates in watching the first quarter of North Korea's game.

Thursday's game will be the focus of attention in both nations, whose delegations walked into the Opening Ceremony here Sunday together under a unity flag of the Korean peninsula.

Both Koreas and Kazakhstan are in quarter-final Group Two. The Philippines, Taiwan and Japan are in Group One. The top two from each round-robin group reach the October 12 semi-finals.

Overwhelming favorite China would join Group One with a victory later over Hong Kong, which would then take the final Group Two berth.

South Korea trailed most of the first half, never leading by more than a point, but seized command with a 21-4 streak to begin the second half that produced a 56-41 edge.

Moon hit all five of his shots in the run, three of them from 3-point range, where he was 6-of-9 for the game.

"I felt a lot of weight on my back against Japan," Moon said.

Japan, led by Takuya Kita's 19 points, stayed within reach into the fourth quarter but Korean big man Seo Jang-Hoon scored 11 points in the final period as Korea outscored Japan 17-7 in the last 6:28 of the preliminary Group B game.

About one-quarter of the 4,000 people watching were uniform-clad Korean schoolgirls whose ear-splitting screams of delight followed every Korea basket.

The Philippines did their part to ensure the Korea showdown by blasting the North to win preliminary Group C. Superior speed and defense sparked a decisive 23-3 run in the last 6:34 of the first half en route to a 49-31 half-time edge.

The Filipinos outperformed North Korea 27-14 in the first half, outmarching lumbering Goliah Ri with quickness, and converted all five fast-break chances. The Koreans never came within 10 points in the second half.

Kazakhstan avoided elimination with an 86-75 triumph over Taiwan, playing here as Chinese Taipei. Both clubs advanced over Oman from preliminary Group D on superior point differential after all three went 1-1.

## China blank BD

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Oman 5-2 in Group A to virtually guarantee their place in the last eight.

Defender Cho Sung-Hwan opened the scoring on 25 minutes while the floodgates really opened in the second half, with two goals from Lee Chun-Soo and efforts from Kim Du-Hyun and skipper Lee Dong-Gook.

On this form, South Korea's side should be odds-on to win their first Asian Games title since their victory at the 1986 edition in Seoul.

However, their rivals will take heart from two lapses in concentration, which allowed the Omanis to at least cling on to a slender hopes of a fightback.

South Korea have six points from two games and they will need Malaysia to beat them by at least six clear goals on Wednesday if they are to upset the hosts' plans.

**BHUTIA PROPELS INDIA**

Baichung Bhutia took his personal goals tally to four as India fought back to beat Turkmenistan.

Turkmenistan had taken the lead in the 22nd minute when Vladimir Bayramov powered a header past Rahat Dastidar in the Indian goal.

Bhutia levelled the scores after 53 minutes taking advantage of a mistake by Turkmenistan goalkeeper Pavel Harchik while, just three minutes later, it was 2-1 three when Avshishek Yadav scored.

Bhutia then made the points safe when, after 74 minutes, he rode two tackles to sidefoot the ball in.

In Group B, Thailand stay top with maximum points after an unconvincing 3-0 win against Vietnam and now they take on the United Arab Emirates on Wednesday for a place in the last eight knowing a draw will be enough to put them through.

That match will feature a battle of English coaches with Thailand's Peter Withe up against UAE compatriot Roy Hodgson.

The Thais spent much of the game against Vietnam on the back foot but eventually wrapped up the game thanks to goals from Vachirabhan Naronchai, Issawa Sington and skipper Kiattisuk Senamuang.

The United Arab Emirates maintained their hopes of booking an automatic place in the quarterfinals with a 2-1 win over Yemen.

Subait Al-Jenaibi scored after just seven minutes and were 2-0 ahead after 33 minutes when centre-forward Mubarak Saad powered in to score.

Yemen replied through an Adel Al-Salemi second half penalty and they will consider themselves unlucky not to have come away with a point.

# ASIAN GAMES BAG

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AFP, Busan

Thailand shooter Tavarit Majchachep has been eating so much at the Athletes' Village that he fears his huge appetite could cost him a gold medal.

"I have become fatter because I can eat around the clock at the Village," said Tavarit who begins competing on Wednesday.

He added that he had put on a few kilos since his arrival and that he would have to start running to reduce his weight as his new, unwanted shape means he feels uncomfortable with his uniform and his shooting position.

**WANGADOPTS FRENCH FLAIR**

Chinese fencer Wang Haibing, who won the first gold of these Games with victory in the men's foil, is developing a flair for French.

The 29-year-old, who majors in French at Nanjing University, said he wants to use his new language skills as a basis for a career once his fencing days are finished.

"French is the language of fencing but a fencing coaching job is not what I am after. I want to employ my sports and language advantages in my career," he said.

**COACH'S BAD BREAK**

After a disappointing 0-0 draw against Vietnam in their Asian Games opener, United Arab Emirates assistant coach Hilal Mohamed assisted to the nation's problems when he broke his ankle in a training session.

It happened when he accidentally clashed with player Saeed Al Kas and will now be sidelined for six weeks.

Hilal underwent surgery and will remain in hospital for a week.

**HAMIT UP**

Asian Games organisers have gone to all sorts of lengths to make competitors happy at the Village here laying on all sorts of sports and leisure activities to keep them occupied.

Even an amateur ham-radio operation has been set up, but there have been few takers.

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# Li carries China

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AFP, Busan

World record holder Li Zhuo of China survived a bout of stage fright to capture the first women's gold medal in the Asian Games weightlifting on Monday.

The fresh-faced 21-year-old student from Liaoning was taking part in her first major competition and the jitters nearly cost her victory in the 48kg division.

Li, the joint number one with compatriot Wang Mingjuan, left the door ajar for a shock win by Kay Thi Win of Myanmar when she failed at her first attempt at 110 kg in the clean and jerk but she roared back to clinch the title at the second attempt.

"I was not feeling all that well going into the clean and jerk section," said Li, who gave a little yelp before every lift. "I missed the first lift but managed at the second attempt."

"I do not think a lot about what the other competitors are doing - I think I am the best."

Li edged Kay Thi Win of Myanmar for the gold by virtue of being 0.25kg lighter. Both competitors had identical totals of 200kg (90kg-110kg) after a thrilling exhibition of powerful lifting by the lightest women in the event.

Indonesia's Lisa Raema Rumbewas, the silver medalist at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, took the bronze medal on 195kg (85kg-110kg).

Li and Kay Thi Win both equalled

# Pool honours Japan's

14th Asian Games BUSAN 2002

AFP, Busan

Japan crushed China's tame challenge for first day honours at the Asiad swimming Monday, taking four golds to one in a sign they have no intention of letting go their top dog status in Asia.

Four Asian Games and two Asian records were bettered.

"Beat China" has been the mantra from Japanese head coach Koji Ueno and his charges lived up to expectations Monday by snuffing out early resistance from China's swimming machine.

The two countries have long fought for Asiad swimming glory. Japan are the current champions of the blue-ribbon event, pipping their rival 15-13 in Bangkok four years ago.

Takahito Mori led the charge in the 200m individual medley, romping home for the first gold of the night in a new Games and Asian record time.

"More than anything I wanted this medal to get Japan off to a winning start," he said. "In that respect it was a very important result."

"I wasn't going for a record, I just wanted to win gold and the record falling is a nice bonus."

Mori trailed China's Ouyang Kun Peng over the butterfly and backstroke but moved up a gear after turning at 100m for the breaststroke to storm home in 2:00.53, beating his own Asian record of 2:00.61 set at the world championships last year.

Jiro Miki of Japan took silver in 2:02.07 with Ouyang taking the bronze in 2:03.34.

Mori's compatriot Kosuke Kitajima maintained the momentum, blitzing the field to win the men's 100m breaststroke gold in 1:00.45, a new Games record but outside Roman Sloudnov's world record.

The world championship silver medalist had halted the mighty US and Australian juggernaut at the Pac Pacific championships and he dished out the same treatment to the breaststroke pretenders here Monday.

There was only ever one winner with defending champion Zeng Qiliang of China trailing in second two-and-half seconds behind. Yoshihisa Yamaguchi of Japan was third.

Yuko Nakanishi made it three for Japan by winning the women's 200m butterfly, touching in 2:08.99 ahead of compatriot Maki Mita and China's Liu Yin.

The men's 4x200m relay team completed a night of golden glory, defending their title in a convincing victory over China and South Korea and setting a new Asian and Asiad record of 7:20.59 in the process.

If Japan's triple Asian Games gold medalist Tomoko Hagiwara had not pulled out of the championships after suffering breathing problems related to stress at the Pan Pac championships, it could well have been a clean sweep.

## Ringside nightmare

AFP, Busan

Memories of amateur boxing's most notorious scandal have been revived at the Asian Games ahead of Wednesday's opening bouts, with teams fearing an outbreak of biased judging.

Fourteen years ago at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, American Roy Jones Jr. was robbed of a gold medal after scorers decided he had been beaten by South Korea's Park Si-Hun in the light middleweight final.

Jones, who had landed 86 punches to Park's 32, completely dominated his Korean opponent but lost 3-2 amid allegations judges were bribed.

A decade may have passed since the Jones furore, but the episode is clearly still fresh in the minds of several boxing teams taking part in Busan.

Thailand's powerful boxing delegation have been foremost in voicing their suspicions, already expressing doubts that they will be given a fair crack of the whip.

"If the Games were held in other countries I would predict we could earn four or more gold medals," Thai Amateur Boxing Association trainer Thong Thaweeakon said.

The Thais won five golds on home soil in the 1998 Bangkok Asian Games but have scaled down their target to two golds, mindful perhaps of Korea's sweep of the boxing golds at the 1986 Seoul Asiad.

Team manager Somchai Chanthanyakarn has told his fighters to be aggressive from the opening bell to eliminate any chance of doubt in the judges' minds.

Thai hopes lie with light flyweight Suban Pannon and super light-weight Maon Boonchamrong.

The Philippines, another of Asian boxing's traditional strongholds, have also raised the issue of judging.

"The theme of the Busan Games is New Asia, New Vision. I hope they play fair," said Filipino coach Nolito Velasco. "They do have to live down their track record."

But South Korean coach Oh In-Suk believes his rivals' concerns are overblown. "I don't think it will be a problem," he said.

Doubts about judging aside, many believe the Korean boxers should be strong enough to challenge for the lion's share of medals in a tournament which could see fighters from the former Soviet republics emerge.

## India keep Lanka

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Harbhajan 10 0 34 1  
Kumble 10 1 41 1  
Sehwag 8 0 31 0  
Tendulkar 8 0 36 0

**INDIA:** Saurav Ganguly, Virender Sehwag, Dinesh Mongia, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Yuvraj Singh, Mohammad Kaif, Ajit Agarkar, Harbhajan Singh, Anil Kumble, Zaheer Khan.

**Umpires:** David Shepherd (England) and Steve Bucknor (West Indies).

## Hockey powers

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First-half, earning five penalty corners in a space of 25 minutes.

Striker Gagan Ajit Singh slammed in two goals, defender Jugraj Singh converted two penalty strokes while Daljit Singh shot in once for India. Captain Farooq Saeed was on target for Hong Kong.

After two early strikes through Gagan Ajit (penalty-corner) and Daljit (field goal), Kamal Preet Singh missed a penalty stroke as India struggled to take the initiative.

But the complexion of the game changed after Pillay's introduction along with that of Jugraj.

Indian coach Rajinder Singh was not happy at the result.

"We should have scored at least 10 goals," he said.

"Though we did try out some new combinations and even taking into consideration that the players were just settling down, we should have done better."

"We conceded too many penalty corners because of poor midfield play."