

Shevchenko coming back

AC Milan, unbeaten in Serie A and the Champions League this season, received a welcome boost Saturday with the news that striker Andriy Shevchenko has almost fully recovered from a knee ligament injury.

RoW clinch

With the Rest of the World winning the first match on Friday, Sri Lankan batsman Aravinda de Silva gave them a solid base for victory in this second match with 61 runs as they reached 142 for seven from their first 15 overs.

Ganguly's WC

Srinath, 33, announced his retirement from Test cricket after the West Indies tour, but later agreed to play again in the longer version of the game.

Tense finish

PAKISTAN: Second innings Nazir c McGrath b Warne 40 Umar c M. Waugh b Lee 88 Razaq lbw b Warne 4

Sarwan slams ton too

Windies draw opener... Sarwan, 93 overnight, batted sedately to bring up his seventh first-class century. Meanwhile, Hooper lofted leg-spinner Amit Mishra for two consecutive sixes and raced to his 50, hooking medium-pace Sanjay Bangar over mid-wicket.

Cricket

Ramaresh Sarwan struck a patient 140 as West Indies amassed 606 for four against an Indian Board President's XI in their four-day match that ended in a draw.

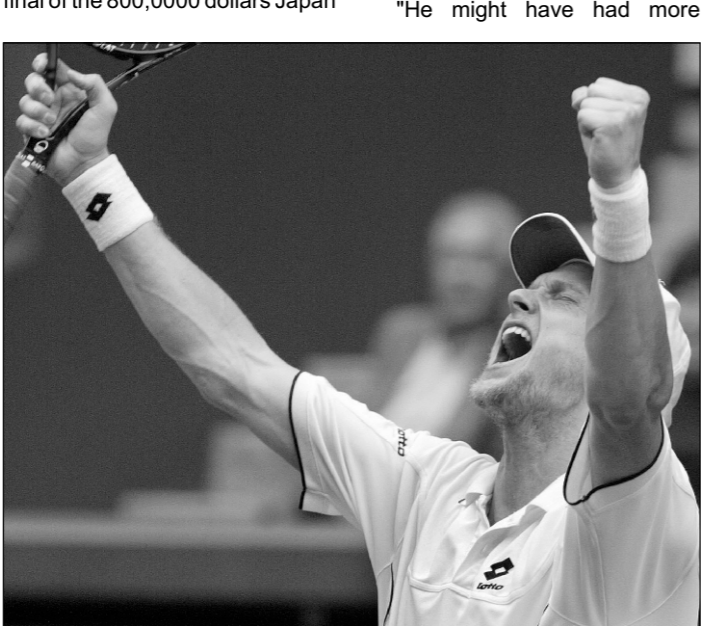


West Indies batsman Ramaresh Sarwan off-drives during his knock of 140 against the Board President's Eleven yesterday.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI: First innings: 275-8 dec (Mongia 101 n.o. Badani 67; Dillon 2-53, Lawson 2-57). WEST INDIES: First innings (over-night 341-2) C. Gayle c Bangar b Singh 62 Kaif 5 1 15 0

Japan Open Carlsen's

Open, capturing his second tour title and marking a comeback from a shoulder injury. The 29-year-old Dane overcame a determined challenge by Norman with his big serve and with a bit of help from errors committed by the Swede on crucial points.



Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark exults after beating Sweden's Magnus Norman in the final of the Japan Open in Tokyo yesterday.

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Border going on Ashes walkathon

Former Australia cricket captain and current national selector Allan Border said his planned 31-day charity walk, starting on Tuesday, was an act of "madness".

"I think we all know it's going to be very tough but I suppose it's for the right reasons so that will get you through," Border, 47, said on Australian Broadcasting Corp. (ABC) Radio on Sunday.

HK lift mixed doubles TT title

Hong Kong doubles duo Cheung Yuk and Tie Yana staged an extraordinary comeback to win the territory's first ever Asian Games table tennis gold here Sunday.

Defeat left their Korean opponents devastated with Ryu Ji-Hae in tears and needing to be consoled by her coaches as a silent home crowd looked on.

Davenport stoops to Maleeva

Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva fought back from a set down against American Lindsay Davenport to win her third Kremlin Cup trophy here Sunday.

Maleeva clinched the final of the 2.24 million dollar event 5-7, 6-3, 7-6 to register her third win over Davenport in their fifth head-to-head meeting.



Chinese lifter Liu Chunhong grimaces on her way to winning gold in the women's 69 kgs competition at the 14th Asian Games in Busan yesterday.

Three-star Liu

14th Asian Games BUSAN 2002

A triple world record-breaking performance from teenage Chinese weightlifter Liu Chunhong stole the show at a rain-soaked day eight of the Asian Games here Sunday.

Tournament officials waited five hours in vain for the showers to subside before finally calling off the day's action, which also included opening matches in the men's singles and doubles and women's singles tournaments.

South cagers in semis

14th Asian Games BUSAN 2002

South Korea cruised into the semifinals of the Asian Games men's basketball tournament with a 101-58 rout of Hong Kong here Sunday to complete the final four lineup.

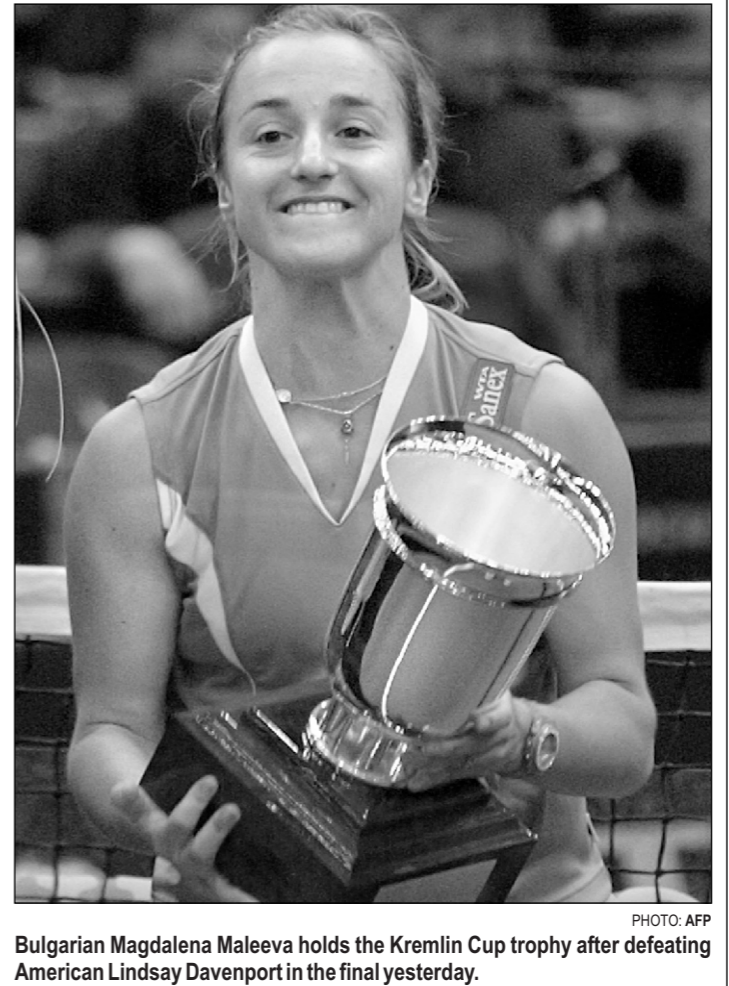
Moon hit 4-of-5 three-point shots and scored 14 points in the first 13:44 before coach Kim Jin sat him down for the night, his team leading 43-17.

Bad day for Russians

Tennis

Dutchman Sjeng Schalken has upset second seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-2, 6-4 in the second semifinal to shock a highly-partisan 10,000-strong Moscow crowd, who were already reeling from Kafelnikov's defeat.

It was a bad day for Russia as French qualifier Paul Henri Mathieu then upset top seed Marat Safin 7-6, 6-4 in the second semifinal to shock a highly-partisan 10,000-strong Moscow crowd, who were already reeling from Kafelnikov's defeat.



Bulgarian Magdalena Maleeva holds the Kremlin Cup trophy after defeating American Lindsay Davenport in the final yesterday.