

Clark again WA coach

REUTERS, Perth

Former Test bowler Wayne Clark has been appointed as coach of Western Australia for a second time.

Clark signed a one-year-deal with the Warriors after they sacked their former coach, ex-test batsman Mike Veletta.

Clark, who was sacked himself by Yorkshire last season, coached Western Australia for six seasons between 1994 and 2001, winning two first-class and two one-day titles.

Hoggard scare for England

REUTERS, London

England fast bowler Matthew Hoggard limped off with a knee injury after sending down just three deliveries for Yorkshire against Worcestershire in a C&G Trophy match on Wednesday.

Hoggard, who is now a doubt for the second Test against Zimbabwe next week, will have a scan on the injury on Thursday. He removed Graeme Hick at New Road before leaving the field.

Yorkshire captain Anthony McGrath, who made his England debut in the first test, missed his county's cup game with a side strain.

Kenyan athlete caught in doping net

AFP, Paris

Kenyan athlete Pamela Chepchumba, sixth in the World Cross Country Women's Championships in Switzerland in March, has failed a drugs test for the endurance-booster EPO.

International Association of Athletics Federations communications director Nick Davis said Wednesday Chepchumba was the first Kenyan to fail a drugs test.

John Ngugi, the 1988 Olympic 5,000m champion, was banned for four years after winning his fifth world cross country title in 1992 for refusing to take an out-of-competition drugs test.

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A fish out

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"I have only become aware of Sabura's plight after reading the newspapers today. This is distressing for the whole country because she is a very bright prospect. We can not ruin her career because of a tug of war between Ansars and BJMC," said Rahman.

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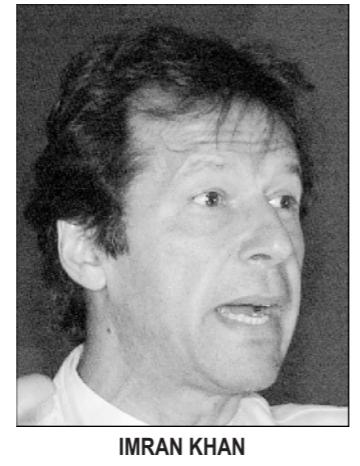
Imran goes to the rescue

Cricket

AFP, Karachi

Akram, Saeed Anwar and Inzamamul Haq.

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IMRAN KHAN

Pakistan cricket legend Imran Khan said Wednesday he would coach young blood to lift national cricket and urged the country to follow Australia's shining example.

"After Pakistan's disappointing performance in the World Cup, a lot of my friends asked me to help Pakistan cricket and despite my commitments in politics I have agreed to help with coaching," Imran said speaking at a launch of regional cricket clinics.

"I want to pay back what this country has given me," said Imran, a Pakistani MP who leads the Movement for Justice party.

Pakistan, one of the pre-tournament favourites, failed to go beyond the first round in the World Cup in southern Africa in February-March this year, which was won by Australia.

In a massive overhaul, Pakistan dumped eight senior players - including captain Waqar Younis, his long-time pace partner, Wasim

enabled them to rule the cricket world," said Imran, whose 362 wickets in 88 Tests and 182 in 175 one-dayers made him a leading fast bowler in the 1970s and 1980s.

"A player in Australia is ready for

Jadeja can play

Cricket

AFP, New Delhi

India one-day specialist Ajay Jadeja, banned for five years for his alleged involvement in match-fixing, was Wednesday allowed to play cricket by the Delhi High Court.

The court passed an interim order allowing for play on an appeal filed by Jadeja after the Indian cricket board had contested an arbitrator's award in the cricketer's favour.

The board has been given until July 21 to file its reply.

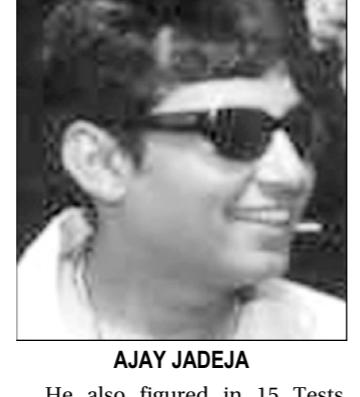
Jadeja, 32, had challenged the ban imposed on him by the board following the match-fixing charges.

He was suspended from official cricket in December 2000 after being named in a match-fixing investigation by federal investigators.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) said in a report that Jadeja had been involved in alleged bookmakers and cited telephone records linking him with the cricketer.

But the arbitrator appointed by the High Court overruled the ban early this year, saying the probe was one-sided and Jadeja was not given a chance to prove his innocence.

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He also figured in 15 Tests, scoring 576 runs.

His last international engagement was the Asia Cup match against Pakistan in the Bangladeshi capital of Dhaka in June 2000.

Following the CBI probe, former captain Mohammad Azharuddin and Test player Ajay Sharma were banned for life, while Jadeja and Manoj Prabhakar received five-year suspensions.

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French fries

French Open

AFP, Paris

Michael Chang, the 1989 champion whose French Open career ended with his loss to Fabrice Santoro on Tuesday, said times change and everyone has to move on.

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his straight sets defeat to Russian Nikolay Davydenko.

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Seles nearing end?

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AFP, Paris

Facing up to her earliest ever Grand Slam exit Tuesday three-time French Open champion Monica Seles conceded that she was fighting a losing battle to stay on the court.

"Lyndsay (Davenport) has done it. She's two years younger than I am. It could be done but I just don't think I would have that uphill challenge in me to do that."

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Warne acted 'honestly'

AFP, Sydney

Banned Australian spin bowler Shane Warne could have played in early Cricket World Cup matches last February but chose instead to admit having tested positive for a banned drug, an official said Wednesday.

The coaching clinics, conducted under the auspices of the Pakistan Cricket Board and soft drink giants Pepsi, will be held at more than a dozen venues.

"Cricket is so very much popular in Pakistan that every boy wants to don the green cap but you need to work hard," he said.

PCB chief executive Rameez Raja said a new first-class structure was among the many steps taken by the board to improve Pakistani cricket.

"It is nice to have a person like Imran Khan's stature on board, and through these regional clinics and competitive first class competitions we will set a strong foundation," said Raja, himself a former captain.

Pakistan holds two major domestic first class tournaments, which are dominated by sponsored teams not cities.

It is nice to have a person like Imran Khan's stature on board, and through these regional clinics and competitive first class competitions we will set a strong foundation," said Raja, himself a former captain.

"They were entirely his choices."

Under Australian regulations, Warne had the right to remain silent on the positive test for a banned diuretic until a second urine sample was tested, meaning he could have played in opening World Cup matches.

Instead, he chose to return immediately to Australia where he faced the Australian Cricket Board anti-doping committee.

Warne, 33, was subsequently banned from playing cricket for 12 months after the second test proved positive.

"He has rights under the Act which could have meant he could have stayed in South Africa, he could have played several competitions," Mendoza said.

"But he, in my view quite wisely, elected to forego those rights and remove himself from the team so the team could get on with the business of what it was to do in South Africa."

Australia went on to win the World Cup.

Darwin approved

AFP, Darwin

Darwin's Marrara Oval on Wednesday received formal approval ahead of July's first-ever cricket Test between Australia and Bangladesh.

The Australian Cricket Board said the ground had received official International Cricket Council accreditation ahead of the Top End Tour in July and August.

Marrara Oval will host international matches for the first time when Australia plays Bangladesh in a Test match from July 18 to