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Saglain

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surgery

REUTERS, Karachi

career threatening injury.

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fracture in his back.

Pakistan off-spinner Saglain Mushtad

is to undergo a second knee operation

and has been told he will need to rest

for several months to recover from a

left knee earlier this year and will have

medical treatment on his right knee in

October that will put him out of action

"It is disappointing to be in such a

situation. But the doctors say that if I

don't get proper and permanent

treatment, my career could come to an

abrupt end," Mushtag told Reuters on

Mushtaq is the second Pakistani

cricketer this month to be ruled out for

a long period because of fitness

Gul was told he could not play for at

least six months because of a stress

last international appearance had

been the result of his knee injuries.

Last week young paceman Umar

Mushtaq said his erratic form in his

In that match in March, Mushtag

Selected as the Wisden cricketer of

conceded 204 runs for just one wicket

in the first Test against India in Multan

the year in 2000, Mushtaq has been in

poor form for Pakistan and English

county Surrey this year despite his impressive haul of 208 Test wickets

and 288 one-day international victims.

The 28-year-old had surgery on his

The Daily Star

BITTER SANDWICH!

swallow at the US Open.

your own sandwiches."

HIGH SECURITY

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American tennis fans are finding a

sharp hike in food prices a bit hard to

that cost 12.50 US dollars last year

now costs 18.50 and a lobster rolls

have increased to 16.75 dollars from

An American style hamburger will

"What can you do?" asked a

set a spectator back 7.50 dollars and a

hotdog 4.75 dollars. Pizza is 7.75

spectator. "It is not like you can bring

Law enforcement officials are carrying

a new weapon in the battle against a

potential terror attack at the US Open -

a device which detects biological

Had he won his final bout against

"It is a proud feeling for me and I

chemical and radiation levels.

A pastrami or roast beef sandwich

Lankans afraid of Karachi too

REUTERS, Karachi

Sri Lanka has become the latest touring team to express reservations about playing at some venues in Pakistan because of security concerns.

The Asian champions are due to tour Pakistan in October to first play in a triangular series. also involving Zimbabwe, before two Tests against the hosts

"Sri Lanka has conveyed its reservations about playing at some venues. They have indicated they would not be comfortable playing at them because of some security concerns." Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Shaharyar Khan told Reuters on Wednesday from London.

"Because of the Sri Lankan concern we are having a second look at the venues to host the Tests. he added

The Pakistan board is yet to announce the venues for the Tests but they have scheduled one match of the one-day series in the port city of Karachi

Australia, South Africa and New Zealand all refused to play at Karachi in the last two years while earlier this year India rejected a Test match at Karachi and finally settled for a one-day international after much persuasion by the Pakistan board

Karachi has been the target of attacks and suicide bombings over the past two years but when India played in March the match went off smoothly in front of a packed stadium.

Sources at the board confirmed that the PCB had initially scheduled a Test against Sri Lanka in Karachi but are now looking at other options.

The New Zealand team flew home in May 2002 without playing a scheduled Test in Karachi after a suicide bombing outside their team hotel on the first day of the match killed 14 people.

Draw doesn't

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nating the match. I know we have no option but to win our last match and it will be a tough task." said Mohammedan coach Abul Hossain

Abahani coach Amlesh Sen said his side had adopted a defensive strategy in the match but should have taken the opportunities that

came their way. "Mohammedan created more chances but we got the better openings. Our forwards should have converted those.

'We had to be defensive because a few of our booters were carrying injuries. We also knew that our rivals would go all out as they were under pressure to be in the semifinals. But this kind of weather does not allow any team to be attacking throughout the 90 minutes," the former national midfielder said.

Yellow cards: Wali, Ujjal BBC ONLINE undated



The winning Sri Lanka team members pose with the one-day series trophy after the fifth and final match against South Africa in Colombo on Tuesday

Looking on bright side

GRAEME SMITH

growing criticism after the team's

dismal run, paid tribute to the Sri

team, but the guys have given there

"It is pretty depressing as proud

Cricket

REUTERS, Colombo

South Africa captain Graeme Smith hopes the painful lessons learnt on his team's tour of Sri Lanka can pave the way for long-term success. South Africa slumped to their

10th successive one-day defeat as the hosts completed a 5-0 whitewash with a 49-run victory in the final match of the series on Tuesday. "As a very proud sportsman,

from a proud sporting nation, is it obviously very disappointing to go down in the way we have," Smith told reporters. "But maybe this heavy loss is not

so bad down the line if it gives us a clear direction of where we need to go and what we need to do. "It gives us a chance now to

strategise, move forward and perhaps have a fresher approach," he added

"We have got to pick ourselves up very quickly and have our minds and a strategy in place by the time we arrive in England for the Champions Trophy.

"A lot of credit should go to how "We will take it game by game, the Sri Lankans have played

Fletcher for more

shorter matches

nature to us.'

Lankans.

all," he said

throughout this series -- they have hopefully moving through the competition. The conditions will suit us a played some very good cricket.

lot more and we will be facing a lot "They have had them under more seam, which is more second pressure once or twice and every time someone has come to the party and they have come through. "I still believe that this team is

very talented and that we can go to the ICC Champions Trophy and turn things around.

"I know that I am going to go back to some kind of storm back home and there is pressure on me, but that is one of life's challenges and it is a challenge that I accept."

Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jayawardene, deputising for Marvan Atapattu, paid tribute to the team

"This has been the result of a team effort and not the result of one or two star performances -- everyone has been chipping in," he told reporters. Coach Eric Simons, facing

"There are still plenty of areas for us to work on going forward and we need to make sure that we keep doing the basics really well."

"The team will be taking a lot of confidence into the Champions Trophy, a tournament that is very important for us, and we expect to do well," he added.

Steve, Alex rock India

Gough.

delivery

FROM PAGE 13 And he was rewarded in the third over when he caught Virender Sehwag at mid-on for just four off Darren Gough after the right-hander had skied an intended leg-side pick

Only minnows Kenya have But Venkatsai Laxman soon had the large India support in a capacity, played less than England's 17 onesun-drenched, crowd of 15,000

roaring their approval with a trade-

plenty of bounce for the quicks,

overs and started with a no-ball.

for eight runs in 14 balls, and their innings never recovered. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the India innings

against England in the first match of the NatWest Challenge series at Trent Bridge on Wednesday: INDIA Sehwag c Vaughan b Gough Ganguly c Jones b Wharl 24 Laxman c Jones b Wharf 29 mark wristy flick off his pads off Dravid c Gough b Wharf 13 Yuvraj run out 4 Wharf, on a good pitch with Kaif c Jones b Harmison 50 Gavaskar c C'wood b Flintoff 20 came on with India 61 for one off 11 Pathan c and b Giles 3 Kumble not out 9 But the 29-year-old Glamorgan Balaii c Flintoff b Harmison 0 paceman, who took six for five Nehra c and b Harmison 0 against Kent in a one-day game Extras: (lb-6, w-5, nb-3) 14 Sunday, had a wicket with his sixth 170 Total: (All out in 43.5 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-62, 3-63, 4-India captain Sourav Ganguly 80, 5-89, 6-129, 7-143, 8-170, 9-170 (24) dropped at short cover by Bowler 0 Μ RW Andrew Flintoff following a fierce Gough 1 29 1 drive, next ball tried to pull a delivery Harmison 8.5 0 41 3 from outside off-stump only to sky a Flintoff 8 0 28 Wharf 8 1 30 3 25 Giles 10 0 C'wood 2 0 11 0 ENGLAND: Trescothick, Solanki Strauss, Vaughan, Collingwood, Flintoff, Jones, Giles, Wharf, Gough, Harmison.

US OPEN DIARY

The highest ranking athlete is golfer Tiger Woods, at third.

Serena Serena agreed to an endorse-Williams' latest ment deal last year with the shoe wardrobe crefirm. Nike declined to disclose ated a stir with specifics of the contract, but it the US Open believed to be under the five-year 40 spectators on million dollar deal Venus inked with Monday, but it Reebok in 2000. wasn't welcomed by the tournament

Venus' deal is was the richest ever endorsement for a female athlete. Williams was told by the United TURNING TO BALL GIRL

American Jennifer Capriati had to pull some strings with a ball girl in order to beat Czech Denisa Chladkova 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 in the first round.

The eighth seeded Capriati struggled early to find her game losing the first set of her three set match.

At one point she handed her racket to a ball girl to get it restrung during a changeover.

The ball girl returned with racket in There are also bomb sniffer dogs and SWAT teams on standby as hand and Capriati won the next two sets to advance to the second round. security personnel at this year's Grand Slam tennis tournament is up 50 Last year the moody Capriati complained about the overhead percent over 2003.

blimp distracting her from her game Several police officers are also and asked the chair umpire if he carrying devices that can detect could get someone to make it go cyanide and nerve gas.

'Pride of Pakistan

away

AFP, Islamabad

was 65th.

AFP, New York

JS OPEN

organisers

States Tennis Federation that she

couldn't play in the knee-high black

go-go boots she used in the warmup

because there were not "custom-

Besides the stylish footwear

Williams made a fashion statement

with her studded tank top and

Williams has a multi-million

dollar endorsement deal with

American footwear and garment

giant Nike and the trademark

swoosh was prominent on the items

Williams was ranked 60th in last

year's Forbes magazine's Top 100

Celebrity power list, which mea-

sures a person's earning power and

media hits. Her older sister Venus

arily acceptable tennis attire".

matching jean skirt and jacket.

she showcased on Monday.



through his grandparents -although they lament he did not represent Pakistan

Olympic boxing as he fought his way to the final of the lightweight category thus becoming the youngestever British Olympic medallist.

boxers failed to win any medal. there it's a loss for Pakistan," Khan's grandmother Kulsoom Begum said.

"He is a cute child and told me Cuban Mario Kindelan on Sunday, Khan would have become the about his punching ambitions when he came here four years ago." youngest ever Olympic gold medal winning boxer and also emulated Like Kulsoom, 52, many fans in his childhood idol Muhammad Ali,

Pakistan feel that Amir Khan's victory was a loss for their country who won an Olympic gold when 18. and a gain for Britain. During the world junior boxing hope that my grandson wins more and championship in Jeju, South Korea more laurels," Kulsoom said.

in June this year, Pakistani boxing Khan's father Shajaad Khan lived officials offered Khan the chance to in the small village of Matore in Kahuta represent his parents' country. district, some 50 kilometres (31 miles) For a moment Khan was southeast of the Pakistani capital tempted, as the British boxing Islamabad, where he worked as a

authorities, considering him too scrap dealer. Shaiaad unearthed boxing talent in young, were reluctant to allow him to fight in the Games. his son after migrating to Britain about But in the end, they relented and

20 years ago. Khan was ably guided by his father paved the way for Khan's Olympic glory in Athens, where five Pakistani in his early days. He started boxing when he was about eight years old Khan's cousin Mohammad Imran

said His father says he was a "hyperactive kid" so he allowed him to box, Imran said.

Like all Pakistanis he too feels proud of that Khan has Pakistani roots. "I feel proud that Khan won a silver medal in the Olympics and the best thing was that his mother and sister were waving Pakistani flags during the medal ceremony," said Imran.

"I don't think it is a loss for Pakistan, those who live abroad love Pakistan more than us," he said.

Pakistani boxing official Shah Naeem said he has not seen a boxer so impressive at this young age.

"We saw Khan in South Korea and all of us were unanimous that he will go places." he said.

"He has won, but not for Pakistar

fourth game against Rana after Shovon brought Shamibagh back in contention winning the third set.

FROM PAGE 13 wining doubles with Tumpa. Narail won the boys' team event

title with a 3-1 victory over Swamibagh Boys. Rocky won the first set for Narail against Ŕana 12-10, 8-11, 11-6, 13-

11. Helal extended the lead defeating Hasib 11-8, 8-11, 11-5, 7-11, 11-6. But he had to return to win the

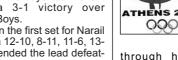
The men's, women's and boys' singles finals take place today, the final day of the three-day meet.

Inter-private

FROM PAGE 13 GROUP C: Eastern University, Stamford University and Independent University. GROUP D: Asian University,

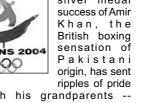
Manarat University and American International University.

Open II



The 17-year-old was the toast of

"I would have liked Khan to have fought for Pakistan but since he is brought up in Britain and trained



(Abahani) and Farhad (Moham medan)

TEAMS

ABAHANI: Nizam, Hassan, Siraji (Aminul, 85th minute), Shawkat, Masud Rana, Joy, Pranotosh (Nayan, 67th), Ndem, Parvez (Wali, 44th), Khokon and Ujjal.

MOHAMMEDAN: Tareq, Shuvra, Jewel Rana, Faisal, Kaiser (Anwar, 65th), Pappu, Sentu, Khokon (Faisal Mahmud, 46th), Amin Rana (Ronv. 87th). Maniu and Farhad. Referee: Ibrahim Nesar.

What about

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is the main source of back-ups for every other Test playing nation. Mahbub however said that he

would discuss the matter with Australian coach Richard McInnes, who is in charge of the High Performance unit.

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England coach Duncan Fletcher wants to reduce the number of Test matches played in favour of one-day games

Cricket

England currently play seven Tests and nine one-dayers each summer but the structure could be changed in 2006.

"We must play more one-day cricket but that doesn't mean we must play more cricket," Fletcher told BBC Sport.

"We're going to have to look at replacing the odd Test match here and there with a substitute of four one-dayers so players have decent breaks. England won all seven Tests this

the one-day rankings as they pre-

pare to take on India in a warm-up

series for the ICC Champions

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summer against New Zealand and West Indies. But they are currently eighth in

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which count for the International Cricket Council rankings. Pakistan lead the way with 33

Trophy

and every other team has played at east 20

The three-match NatWest Challenge series -- with India the opponents in the second year it has been held -- was part of a Fletcher initiative to increase the number of games

day matches in the last 12 months

But the coach repeated his warning about the danger of player burnout if the schedule becomes too congested.

"We want to play more one-day cricket, we've got a lot of Test cricket and players have got to have a break," he added.

"Somewhere a fix has to be made and I feel the area we have to look at is play more one-day cricket and play an odd Test match less."

India then saw 62 for two become 63 for three when Wharf, bowling at over 80mph, had

Laxman, fending outside off-stump, caught behind for 29. Wharf then saw Rahul Dravid caught off a top-edged hook for 13

catch to Jones.

by Gough at fine leg. India were now 80 for four in 16

and David Shepherd (England) overs, Wharf taking three wickets

Andy ambles, Maria crawls

Vaidisova when she fell 4-1 behind in the second set after taking the first 6-1 in 17 minutes.

Normal service was resumed as she won five consecutive games but the Belgian admitted the teenager, who won her first WTA tournament in Vancouver earlier this month, had proved a big surprise.

Fifth seed Lindsay Davenport, who is one of the favourites to challenge Henin-Hardenne for the title, cruised into the second round with a 6-4, 6-0 defeat of Slovakia's Lubomira Kurhajcova -- her 18th consecutive victory.

Another serious contender for the title, French Open champion Anastasia Myskina, was equally impressive, crushing Ludmila Cervanova 6-1, 6-0 in 42 minutes to lead a total of 11 Russian women into the second round.

Eleventh seed Venus Williams also moved through with an uncon-vincing 6-3, 7-6 win against Hungary's Petra Mandula.

In men's first round action Russia's Marat Safin. the 2000 champion, suffered his earliest US Open exit in six attempts as the 13th seed slumped to a 7-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 defeat to experienced Swede Thomas Engvist.

"To be honest I'm not feeling very

PHOTO: AFP Defending champion American Andy Roddick is all set to slice the ball during his first round game against compatriot Scoville Jenkins at the US Open on Tuesday.

which we feel is our loss as we have no medal to show from Athens.

Woolmer upbeat

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South Africa and Kenva in 1999. "This event has helped promote cricket here. We've shown we can host a tournament like this and we've also developed a blueprint we can build on for next time.

And van lerschot said he hoped a future tournament would give the national side more of a chance to shine.

"I think our players could be involved in warm-up matches. They wouldn't mind playing back-to-back games.

Umpires: Darrell Hair (Australia)

dramatically if he is going to make a similar impact this year.

came a painful back and 39 aces from giant Croatian Ivo Karlovic to advance, the Briton recovering from a set down to win 7-6, 6-7, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4

Thailand's Paradorn Srichaphan also cruised into the second round, coming from a set down to beat Victor Hanescu of Romania 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1.

There were several other seeded casualties on day two, including men's 24th seed Ivan Ljubicic who fell to Lee Hyung-taik of South Korea and Germany's Rainer Schuetttler who squandered a twoset lead against Italian Andreas Sepp

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NAMED ATTILA THE HUNK. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals L

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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happy with myself."

Last year's beaten men's finalist Juan Carlos Ferrero survived, just, although he will have to improve

Toss: England.

The Spaniard spent four hours, 28 minutes on Louis Armstrong Court to scramble past Czech qualifier Tomas Zib 4-6, 7-5, 7-6, 6-7,6-3.

Fifth seed Tim Henman over-

Double Olympic gold medallist Nicolas Massu of Chile maintained his hot streak. blasting away Jose Acasuso of Argentina for the loss of

just six games.