WICB faces big losses

BBC ONLINE, undated

Following two consecutive years of profits, the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) expects a loss in excess of 5 million dollars for the coming financial year.

The WICB said: "Revenue from TV rights in 2004-2005 will be approximately 70 per cent less than

This "reflected the relative values of the television rights to be earned from a tour by England compared with tours by South African and Pakistan." It all adds up to a difficult future

forWestIndiescricket. The WICB statement admitted: "Profits of the prior two years have been insufficient to wipe out the cumulative losses of 16 million dollars experienced in the three preceding years.

"We expect to face continuing cash flow challenges during the year.



Hakan Sukur of Turkey scored the fastest goal in World Cup history in 2002 when he netted 11 seconds into the third-place play-





Shoaib Akhtar (Pakistan fast bowler)

"I know I have to raise my fitness levels but I assure everyone that I neverfall short in commitment.

Tigers upbeat

was excited with the prospect.

"I think the final game will be very exciting. It will be played with a lot of passion and a lot of fight which is great," said the 21-year old skipper who maintained that nothing had changed despite two consecutive defeats at the hands of the home side.

"We are still positive. We've beaten them in two games in a row. They came back. It simply means that both teams are very equally matched."

Taibu admitted that it was difficult for his side to handle the spin attack of Bangladesh on responsive tracks.

"Obviously they (the spinners) are very tough to negotiate under the conditions here. Things will obviously be different when they go out side of the country. But here the wickets are prepared for them."

Taibu has been a model of courage and responsibility in the series, a role which he is loving

"I'm a batsman and a wicketkeeper. But I am more a captain. And as a batsman myjob is to score runs and I go outenjoyingthat."

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MAN-OF-THE-MATCH: Pakistan's Abdul Razzaq sweeps one on way to scoring a match-winning 63 against Australia

Rain eases English path

Cricket

INTERNET/REUTERS, Johannesburg

England won the first of the seven one-day matches against South Africa by 26 runs, courtesy of the Duckworth-Lewis method in Johannesburg on

By the time the lashing rains washed away what remained of South Africa's slim hopes, England were in a commanding position at the Wanderers at 103 for 3, chasing a mod-

In all likelihood they would have gone on to win comfortably, with the fourth-wicket pairing of Kevin Pietersen and Michael Vaughan puttingupanunbeatenstand of 58. Rain drove the players from the field

after 25.1 overs of England's innings. Earlier, England spinner Ashley Giles took three wickets as South Africa struggled to a mediocre total of 175 for

England won the toss in overcast weather and sent South Africa into bat, immediately putting the hosts in

Openers Graeme Smith and Herschelle Gibbs were dismissed in the third and fourth overs and England ran through the middle order to reduce the South Africans to a desperate 90 for

The top four of Smith (one), Gibbs (two), Jacques Kallis (five) and Adam Bacher (four) failed to reach double figures as seamers Darren Gough, Matthew Hoggard and Kabir Ali maintained a disciplined line and picked up two wickets each.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard in the first one-day international between South Africa and England at the Wanderers on Sunday: SOUTHAFRICA Smith c Strauss b Gough

Gibbs c Pietersen b Hoggard Kallis c G Jones b Ali Bacher b Hoggard Prince lbw b Ali Kemp c Bell b Giles Boucher b Giles Pollock c Vaughan b Giles Boie b Gough Ntini not out Nelnotout Extras: (b-3, lb-11, nb-1, w-4)

Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs) 175 Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-5, 3-19, 4-41, 5-49, 6-83, 7-90, 8-148, 9-170 0 Gough 10 Hoggard 10 35

Collingwood 31 Trescothick 0 **ENGLAND** Trescothick c Kallis b Ntini GJones c Boucher b Pollock Vaughan not out Strauss c Kemp b Nel Pietersen not out Extras: (lb-2, w-1) Total: (For 3 wkts in 25.1 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-21, 3-44 Gough, Hoggard Bowler Pollock Ntini 29 Nel 13

DNB: Collingwood, Bell, Giles, Ali, Result: England won by 26 runs

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hitting seven fours and one six before being dismissed. It was then that Razzaq, who had earlier taken 4-53 while bowling, became the rock for the team.

Together with Shahid Afridi they took Pakistan from 170 for 6 midway through the 34th over to 200 for 6 after the 38th over with Afridi hitting a massive six to bring up the double

His trademark cameo of 30 runs AUSTRALIA from 13 balls added the flourish to the Pakistan innings which had been in danger of flagging. Earlier, clumsy fielding had cost Pakistan dearly as they tried to gain

the upperhand against the unbeaten Australians. Opener Adam Gilchrist was dropped twice during his innings of

47 and Damien Martyn put down Michael Clarke, the rising star who once again held the Australian innings together with 75 not out,

also escaped lightly when he was dropped by Salman Butt while on 44. Pakistan's bowlers managed to extract some life from the lively Perth wicket with Razzaq finishing the innings with the best bowling

figures of 4-53. Naved was the most economical with 2-49 but it was Rao Iftikhar who suffered most with three of the dropped catches coming off his

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title role

Hayden -- already under intense pressure to keep his place in the one-day team after a run of poor form -- failed dismally, making just six runs from 16 balls. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the VB Series one-day international between Australia and Pakistan at the Western Australian Cricket Association Ground on

Gilchrist b Razzaq Ponting b Razzaq Martyn c Malik b Afridi Symonds c Malik b Afridi Clarkenotout Katich c Younis b Khalil Hogg c Younis b Khalil Lee c Khalil b Razzaq Gillespie c Younis b Razzag McGrath b Naved Extras: (b-1, lb-5, w-16, nb-3) Total: (All out in 50 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-63, 3-111, 4-

113, 5-164, 6-170, 7-192, 8-246, 9-Bowler OMRW Naved 10 0 49 0 57 Iftikhar 10 Razzaq 10 0 53 Khalil 10 0 55 Afridi 45

PAKISTAN Butt c Gilchrist b McGrath Hameed c Symonds b Lee Younis c Martyn b McGrath Youhana c Katich b Symonds Inzamam lbw b Hogg Malikrunout Razzaq not out Afridic Lee b Symonds Naved not out Extras: (lb-7, w-6, nb-2) Total: (For 7 wkts in 47.2 overs) 268 Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-41, 3-49, 4-123, 5-125, 6-170, 7-223 Did not bat: Iftikhar, Khalil O M Bowler McGrath Lee 9.2 0 63 Gillespie 1 35

10 Hogg 10 0 71 Symonds 0 65 Result: Pakistan won by 3 wickets. Man-of-the-match: Abdul Razzaq. Next match: PakistanyWIndies, Feb 1.

Gaibandha cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Gaibandha Cricket Club defeated Sunrise Sporting Club by 61 runs in the First Division Cricket League at Gaibandha Stadium yesterday.

Gaibandha Cricket Club scored 215-9 in the stipulated 45 overs after electing to bat first.

In reply, Sunrise were all out for 154 in 37.2 overs.

On Saturday, Sepiant Sporting Club defeated Nabarun Krira Chakra by 82 runs. Rahimafrooz

awards

UNB, Dhaka

Rahimafrooz Distribution Limited, a leading business house in the country, has announced the Rahimafrooz Master Batsman' and Rahimafrooz Super Bowler' Awards for the highest number of runs scored and the highest wicket-taker respectively in the one-day international series between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe.

The awards that include 500 dollars and a trophy will be pre-sented after the fifth and final ODI

BD A team fly

FROM PAGE 13

The nucleus of 15-member squad contains many promising players who performed outstandingly last

Apart from the 18-year-old star spinner Enamul, three Test cricketers have been picked. They are batsmen Sanwar Hossain and Tushar Imran and seamer Mohammad Sharif.

"We are looking forward to seeing how the young players respond in the longer-version matches. They have talent and it will be the perfect stage for them to prove their worth," chief selector Faruque Ahmed told reporters.

"Also the tour is very important for us because we are looking for fresh blood to serve the national team in future," the former national captain added.

SOUAD

Enamul Haque (captain), Shahriar Nafees, Sanwar Hossain, Tushar Imran, Shamsur Rahman, Saqib Al Hasan, Dhiman Ghosh, Mushfiqur Rahim, Mahmudullah Riyadh, Mohammad Sharif, Wasseluddin Ahmed, Shahadat Hossain Rajib, SK Russel and Shafaq Al Jabir.

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LAHORE INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

Glory for a South African

South African Tscho Mpolokeng surprised a pack of Kenyan runners to win Pakistan's first-ever interna-

tional marathon on Sunday. The 28-year-old finished in two hours 15:57 minutes to clinch the first prize of 10,000 dollars. "This is a great win and I dedicate the win to

my country and its people," he said. Kenyan David Menyo made a brave challenge until the last kilometer to finish in two hours 17:11 minutes and pocket the second prize of 7,500 dollars.

Tanzanian Jermaine Boki fin-

ished third in two hours 17:27. The women's marathon was won by Kenyan Jane Kariuki in two hours 43:03 minutes to take the first prize of 10,000 dollars after a close finish which saw three Kenyans and an Ethiopian in hot pursuit.

Ethiopian Tadelech Birra finished second in two hours 43:45 and Kenyan Naomi Wangui finished third in two hours 43:56 minutes.

Mohammad Aslam was the best local runner, finishing in two hours 43:39 for a special prize of 2,500 dollars.

A total of 15,000 including leading athletes from 16 countries competed in the marathon and in 10kilometer and six kilometer races.

"It's a historic event and we never thought in our wildest dreams that so many people would come. Seeing the overwhelming response this race will now be an annual feature," said Ghouse Akbar, chairman of the Standard Chartered Lahore Marathon organising committee.

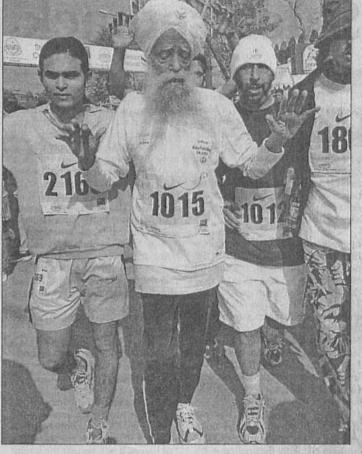
The marathon attracted leading athletes from Kenya, Ethiopia, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Russia, Portugal, Sweden, Ukraine, Portugal, Denmark, Britain, Zimbabwe, Bulgaria, India and

It started and finished at the

Gaddafi Cricket Stadium. The Indian competitors included veterans Ashish Roy and Fauja Singh, Roy, 72, has run more than 90 marathons while Singh, 94, is based in England and is still a regular runner at international level.

Singh was awarded a special prize of 5,000 dollars for improving his personal best in the 10-km race.

He donated it to a local charity. Ethiopian Shiferahnu Tewodros won the 10-kilometer race in 28:27:00 minutes while Kenyan Catherine Mutwa won the women's section in 34:07:00 minutes.



NINETY-FOUR AND RUNNING! The world's oldest marathon runner 94-yearold Fauja Singh (C) takes part in the short version of the Lahore Marathon yesterday. Singh has the distinction of running in six full London Marathons.

Umps Bucknor

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"I was told the threat came towards the end of the last day," Bucknor told Britain's Sunday Telegraph newspaper.

"I was told that the words the caller used were 'We are going to get rid of Aleem Dar and Steve Bucknor, we are going to shoot

"You get a lot of abuse as an umpire, but that is the first time that I have been threatened to that extent. "I briefly thought about cut-

ting short my stay and going home to the Caribbean but I convinced myself I'm stronger "I have to say that I am not

words were serious, but I'm not sure whether the person who said

"I'm certain it was just a hoax

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shot for a winner to bring up break

"He had a great finish to last year and knocked off the guy who's been nearly impossible to beat (Federer)

so he thoroughly deserved it. "I'd never made it past the round of 16 here before...but I'll try and go one step further next year."

Grand Slam and second at the Australian Open after Yevgeny Kafelnikov's victory here in 1999. Kafelnikov also won the 1996 French Open along with Safin's 2000 US Open. Former Wimbledon and US

Open champion Hewitt was seeking to become the first Australian since Mark Edmondson in 1976 to win the Australian Open, but came up short after beginning strongly in the final.

Safin made a dreadful beginning,

winning only three points in the

opening three games as Hewitt hit

the ground running with a 3-0 lead

before the Russian held serve.

But the three-time finalist

made a powerful forehand service return to take a break. handful and was down set point in

cord enabled him to hold to 5-3. a Hewitt forehand was long and he served and volleyed to level the

Hewitt played a tremendous

Age: 25

Factbox on Russian Marat Safin, who won his first Australian Open title with a 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 victory over Lleyton Hewitt on Sunday:

Residence: Monaco Height: 1.93 m

1997: Moves more than 200 ranking positions with an 11-5 record in Challenger events. Wins his first title at Espinho. 1998: Finishes in the top 50,

French Open and US Open. 1999: Wins his first ATP title in Boston. Helps Russia to Davis Cup

semifinals. Reaches fourth round at losing to Juan Carlos Ferrero. French Open, makes his first Masters Series final in Paris. 2000: Leads the tour with seven

titles and becomes youngest player to finish number two since 19-yearold Boris Becker in 1986. Wins tourbest 73 matches, reaching nine finals. Reaches his first Grand Slam quarterfinal at Roland Garros. Wins first Masters Series title in Toronto.

Australian Open. Injures his back in March and suffers tendonitis in his left knee but reaches semifinals at US Open, losing to Sampras. 2002: Reaches second career Grand Slam final at the Australian

in Beijing, Madrid and Paris. 2005: Loses all three matches for

really worried about it -- the

The match, badly affected by rain, ended in a draw ensuring England's first series victory in South Africa since 1964-65.

point in the next game and got two

more break points before a wayward

Pakistan batsman Younis Khan was

headed for home late Sunday fol-

lowing the death of his father, offi-

Pakistan in their three-wicket tri-

series win over Australia at the Western

Australian Cricket Association

Australia which administers the

sport here said the Pakistani player

was shattered and was scheduled to

A spokesman for Cricket

Groundwhen he heard the news

leave Perth on the first flight.

Younis had just finished playing for

forehand forced the break.

his father

cials here said.

Younis loses

Safin third time lucky

It was the fourth Russian victory in a

Safin brought groans from the crowd with his litany of unforced errors and Hewitt broke the misfiring Russian a second time in the sixth game to have the opening set in his keeping at 5-1.

found more depth on his groundstrokes in the second set and put Hewitt's serve under He raised his first break points

at 15-40 in the fourth game and Hewitt was now finding Safin a

the eighth before a fortuitous net But Safin claimed the set when

point when he ran down a drop

REUTERS, Melbourne

Born: January 27, 1980 in Moscow

Weight: 88 kg Turned professional: 1997 Plays: Right-handed Grand Slam titles: Two (US Open 2000, Australian Open 2005)

reaching his first semifinal in Long Island. Reaches fourth round at

Wins first Grand Slam title at US Open, defeating Pete Sampras in straight sets. 2001: Loses in fourth round at the

Open, losing to Thomas Johansson. Leads Russia to the Davis Cup title against France. Reaches French Open semifinals for the first time,

first time since 1997 after playing just 13 tournaments because of a left wrist injury sustained at the Australian Open.

2003: Finishes out of top 50 for

2004: As world number 86, Safin reaches his second Australian Open final, beating Andre Agassi and Andy Roddick before losing to Roger Federer in the final. Finishes in the top four for the third time in five years. Wins three ATP titles, including two Masters Series events. Jumps to number 32 in the rankings. Loses in first round at US Open but goes 24-5 in his last seven events, winning titles

Russia in the Hopman Cup but storms to his second career Grand Slam title at the Australian Open, beating world number one and defending champion Federer in the semifinals and Hewitt in the final.

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