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Sri Lanka beat Pakistan by 44 runs

A fine all-round performance by Eshani Kaushalya (44 runs and three wickets for 25) carried Sri Lanka to a fine 45-run win over Pakistan in their Women's Asia Cup encounter in Karunegala on Tuesday (6).

Pakistan lost their openers early as they chased 195 but their captain Urooj Mumtaz (57) added Valuable runs with Sajjida Shah (27) to keep them in contention for some time. But Pakistan lost their last six wickets for 40 with Chamari Polgampola taking



Eshani Kaushalya (44 runs and 3 wickets for 25) shined for the hosts

career-best figures of four for 26.

Sri Lanka being put in to bat first were 57-3 before captain Shashikala Siriwardene made a timely 34. She saw her team pro-

gressed to 161 later on. Mumtaz took four wickets for the visitors.

India in fourth successive win - Karu Jain and Jhulan Goswami shared

53-run fifth-wicket stand to help India beat Bangladesh in Dambulla on Tuesday. That was India's fourth successive win in Women's Asia Cup this time.

Scoreboard

Sri Lanka Women		Pakistan Women	
LDVV Silva lbw b Asmavia Iqbal	16	113 (Seneviratna), 6-118 (Surangika), 7-153 (Weerakkody), 8-161 (Kaushalya), 9-174 (Galagedara)	Asmavia Iqbal lbw b Kumarihami 1
PRCS Kumarihami c B. Fatima b A. Akram	8	Bowling: Asmavia Iqbal 6-0-37-1 (2w), Almas Akram 4-0-19-1 (5w), Sajjida Shah 10-1-29-2 (2w), Sana Mir 10-2-35-0 (4w), Javeria Khan 10-0-36-0 (3w), Urooj Mumtaz 10-1-31-4 (3w)	Javeria Khan run out (Rasangika) 3
HASD Siriwardene c B. Fatima b S. Shah	34	Pakistan Women	Batool Fatima b Kaushalya 0
SP de Alwis c Sana Mir b Sajjida Shah	5	Tasqeen Qadeer lbw b Kumarihami 7	Extras (w 9) 9
CR Seneviratna lbw b Urooj Mumtaz	18	Bismah Maroof lbw b Seneviratna 1	Total (all out in 45 overs) 149
LE Kaushalya run out (Javeria Khan)	44	Sajjida Shah run out (Siriwardene) 27	Fall of wickets: 1-3 (Bismah Maroof), 2-12 (Tasqeen Qadeer), 3-86 (Sajjida Shah), 4-109 (Urooj Mumtaz), 5-133 (Nain Abidi), 6-135 (Almas Akram), 7-139 (Sana Javed), 8-140 (Asmavia Iqbal), 9-145 (Javeria Khan), 10-149 (Batool Fatima)
MADD Surangika c J. Khan b U. Mumtaz	0	Urooj Mumtaz c Rasangika b Kaushalya 57	Bowling: CR Seneviratna 5-0-20-1, SS Weerakkody 1-0-9-0, PRCS Kumarihami 10-1-26-4 (1w), HASD Siriwardene 8-1-22-0, SP de Alwis 8-0-28-0 (2w), SK Dolawatte 5-1-19-0 (2w), LE Kaushalya 8-0-25-3 (2w)
SS Weerakkody c & b Urooj Mumtaz	13	A. Akram st Surangika b Kumarihami 1	Result: Sri Lanka Women won by 45 runs
SI Galagedara st B. Fatima b U. Mumtaz	7	Sana Mir not out 6	
SK Dolawatte not out	5		
HMD Rasangika not out	16		
Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 21)	28		
Total (for 9 wkts in 50 overs)	194		
Fall of wickets: 1-27 (Kumarihami), 2-27 (Silva), 3-57 (de Alwis), 4-82 (Siriwardene), 5-			

Rijkaard mute on future at Barcelona

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) - FC Barcelona coach Frank Rijkaard will accept whatever decision the club makes about his future.

"I haven't thought about my future," Rijkaard said Tuesday. "I've always said, generally, that contracts must be respected, but to continue on you need both sides to be in agreement.

"When decisions need to be made, in whatever manner, it will be with respect and honesty and will be a decision that is best for the club."

Reserve-team coach and former Barcelona player Josep Guardiola has been mentioned as likely to replace the Dutchman at the end of this season. Rijkaard has a contract that runs through next season.

Spanish media reported that president Joan Laporta and technical secretary Txiki Begiristain met with other Barcelona officials Monday to recommend that the 37-year-old Guardiola succeed Rijkaard, whose future has been subject to intense scrutiny following a second straight season without a trophy.

Barcelona is third in the Spanish league and trails defending champion Real Madrid by 14 points with three rounds remaining.

Sixteen-win streak for Serena

BERLIN (AP) - Serena Williams ran her winning streak to 16 matches Tuesday by beating Francesca Schiavone 6-2, 6-3 in the second round of the German Open.

The 20th-ranked Italian fought off repeated break chances throughout the second set before her forehand sailed long and

allowed Williams to take a 4-2 lead.

The fifth-seeded Williams is chasing her fourth straight WTA title. Her last loss came in early February when Jelena Jankovic beat her in the Australian Open quarterfinals.

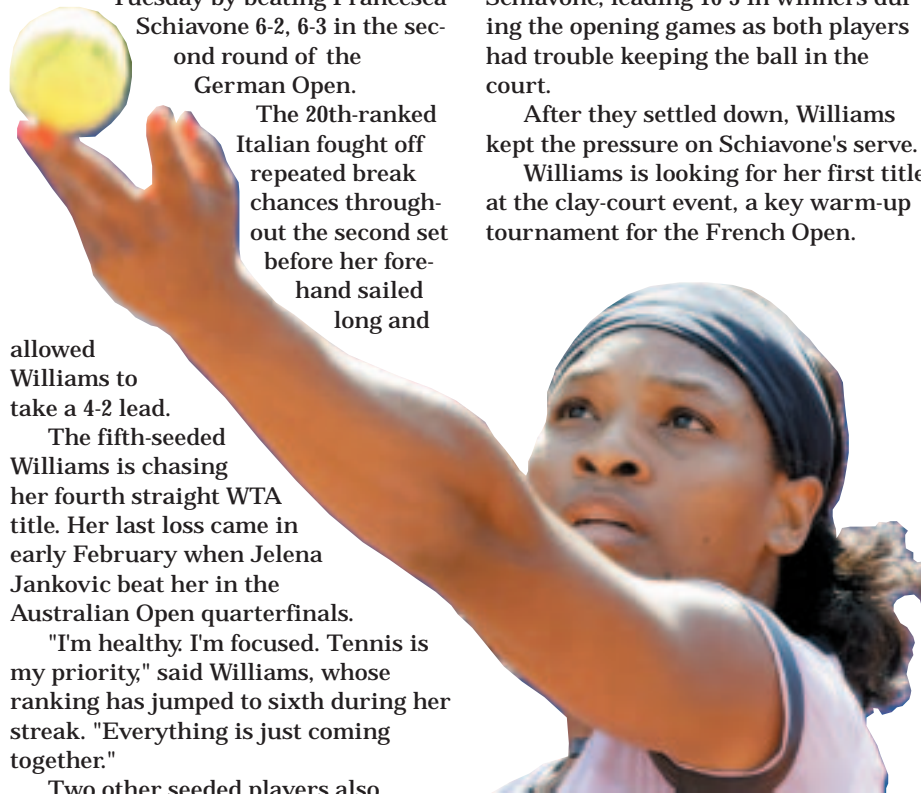
"I'm healthy. I'm focused. Tennis is my priority," said Williams, whose ranking has jumped to sixth during her streak. "Everything is just coming together."

Two other seeded players also advanced. No. 8 Marion Bartoli beat Lucie Safarova 6-0, 6-3, and No. 7 Elena Dementieva defeated Kateryna

Bondarenko of Ukraine 6-1, 6-2.

Williams had little trouble with Schiavone, leading 10-3 in winners during the opening games as both players had trouble keeping the ball in the court.

After they settled down, Williams kept the pressure on Schiavone's serve. Williams is looking for her first title at the clay-court event, a key warm-up tournament for the French Open.



Serena Williams serves the ball during the match against Francesca Schiavone on May 6, 2008. (AP)

CAS finds Petacchi guilty of doping

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) - Italian cyclist Alessandro Petacchi has been found guilty of doping and stripped of his five stage wins in the 2007 Giro d'Italia.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport also ruled the 34-year-old sprinter must serve a ban until the end of August. The penalty will be applied retroactively from last November.

Tuesday's ruling relates to allegations Petacchi excessively used an asthma drug during the 2007 Giro. All of Petacchi's results since Oct. 31 will also be scratched.

Gavaskar remains ICC cricket chairman

Dubai: Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar continues to head the Cricket Committee of the International Cricket Council (ICC). He is taking part in the deliberations at the two-day meeting that started here on Monday, the ICC said.

Gavaskar's position became a topic of hot debate after top ICC officials publicly said that the master opening batsman's responsibilities as the panel head were conflicting with his role as a newspaper columnist and television commentator.

ICC president-elect David Morgan as well as CEO Malcolm Speed said that the Indian would have to choose between the two roles. Gavaskar was even summoned to the ICC headquarters here recently to explain some of his comments in the media that did not go down well with the game's global governing body.

After that meeting, the details of which were not released to the media, it was understood that Gavaskar was on



Sunil Gavaskar

his way out even before the ICC annual meetings, to be held here from June 29 to July 4.

But an ICC statement Monday changed the picture. Gavaskar remains the chairman of the panel that also comprises, among others, Majid Khan (he is standing in for the unavailable Ian Bishop of the West Indies), former Australia captain Mark Taylor,

Sri Lankan wicket-keeper Kumar Sangakkara, Tim May, a former Australia Test spinner and now the CEO of the Federation of International Cricketers' Associations, South Africa coach Mickey Arthur, top umpire Simon Taufel and chief ICC referee, Ranjan Madugalle of Sri Lanka.

The remit of the Cricket Committee is to discuss and consult on any cricket-playing matters and to formulate recommendations to the ICC Chief Executives' Committee and the ICC Board for approval.

Super Aguri withdraws from 2008 F1

TOKYO (AP) - Super Aguri's brief stint in Formula One ended Tuesday when the Japanese team withdrew from the F1 World Championship due to financial difficulties.

"I have participated in the championship for two years and four months," team president Aguri Suzuki told a news conference. "I regretfully must inform you that the team will be ceasing its racing activities as of today."

Super Aguri, which has struggled since its debut in 2006, held talks with its backer Honda on Friday in Tokyo to discuss the team's future, but was unable to find a solution to its problems.

The team was denied access to the Turkish Grand Prix circuit ahead of this weekend's F1 round at Istanbul amid reports Honda does not want the team to be a drain on its own racing unit.

The future of the Japanese team has been in doubt since a potential buy-out by British auto company Magma Group fell through last month.

The team has reportedly also been in talks on a buy-out with German automotive firm Weigl Group.

"I knew after we weren't able to reach a deal with Magma that it would be difficult to go on," said Suzuki, a former F1 driver.

Suzuki said "a breach of contract" by promised partner SS United Oil & Gas Co. resulted in the loss of financial backing and put the team into financial difficulties.

Super Aguri signed a sponsorship deal with the oil and gas company before the start of the 2007 season.

The team, founded by Suzuki in 2005, scored four points from 41 Grand Prix races. With an annual budget of around euro50 million (US\$77.5 million) as well as receiving engines and technical support from Honda, it finished ninth out of 10 teams in the 2007 constructors' championship.

Super Aguri did not score a point in four races this season, with drivers Takuma Sato of Japan and Britain's Anthony Davidson both failing to finish in the opening race in Australia.

Its best result was Sato's 13th place in Barcelona, where Davidson retired.

"There were a lot of fond memories over the years," Suzuki said. "But the thing I am most proud of is that we always fought hard and did our best despite the fact that we were a very small team."

Suzuki said he informed Davidson and Sato of his decision by phone and the two were extremely disappointed. Suzuki became the first Asian driver to win an F1 podium place when he finished third at the 1990 Japanese Grand Prix. He drove F1 from 1988 to 1995.

Super Aguri initially had all-Japanese constructors, engine and tire suppliers, as well as Japanese drivers in Sato and Yuki Ide.

Suzuki said he would like to get back into motor sports if the conditions permitted.

"If I could just focus on racing I would think about it," Suzuki said. "The racing part I enjoyed, but lately all the discussions were about money and that's not for me."

