SPORT

Ground) was pretty special.

boys on New Year's Eve.

struggled with his form.

stays with me.

that I play.

back.

England.

against Australia.

Butcher said he sang a few

"It was good, it's funny, I never

Butcher scored 54 and 40 in the

"I've struggled a bit, it's been

songs on his trusty guitar for the

lose that one, that's the rhythm that

first Brisbane Test of the series, but

admitted he had subsequently

fairly difficult and I couldn't work out

why and fortunately things came

back to me as the innings went

along today, it's always nice when

ried about it. I've just worried about

when the rhythm was going to come

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cated about my batting and the way

just comes and goes sometimes.

the rhythm disappears and fortu-

nately after tea time today it came

let-offs to score his third century

survivor of two vociferous appeals,

bounced back to claim his sixth Test

hundred in his 50th Test for

Butcher, whose 173 won

England the fourth Headingley Test

in the 2001 Ashes series, was finally

out four overs before stumps when

he dragged a Brett Lee thunderbolt

276 balls and hit 19 boundaries.

He batted for 337 minutes, faced

Of his escapes, Butcher said: "If

vou bat for a few hours against

these boys there's usually one or

on to his stumps for 124.

two things happen.

BCB names

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Tanveer Rashid, Ashiqur Rahman,

Mahmudullah Riyad, Mohammed

Nazimuddin, Iftekharul Islam, Arafat

Sunny, Abul Bashar, Enamul Haq Jr,

Shafaq Al Zabir, Rubayat Haq, Ziaur

Rahman Jony, Golam Rahman

Himel, Kamrul Islam and Kazi

Tarigul Islam Raihan

Mark Butcher cashed in on four

Butcher, dropped twice and

"Maybe, it's the music thing that

"I've not been particularly wor-

that happens." Butcher said.

Caddick has no problem

INTERNET, London

Andrew Caddick says he will be willing to play Zimbabwe in Harare as long as the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) gives the nod. Caddick opted not to tour India in 2001 in the wake of the September

11 terrorist attacks on New York. But the pace bowler insists he has no fears over his safety in Zimbabwe, where England open their World Cup campaign

"The situation in Zimbabwe is totally different. in that whether we go there for the match on February 13 is a political argument," he wrote in the Daily Express.

"As players, we have been told that it will be safe. But the politicians are saying it would be morally wrong for us as a team representing our country to go.

"I would not like to comment on the rights and wrongs of the regime in Zimbabwe - I'm a professional cricketer not an expert on world affairs.

"I trust the ECB to give us, as players, the right lead and if, after talking to the government, they recommend that we go, that will be good enough for me.'

The International Cricket Council have so far refused to move the game to an alternative venue, despite political pressure from England and Australia

Batsman Michael Vaughan also said he was looking to the ECB to make the decision and believes his teammates feel the same way.

"As a player who's been in Australia for two and a half months we have not had much chance to read what's been said about the game," Vaughan told BBC Five Live. England coach and former Zimbabwe captain Duncan Fletcher

echoed Vaughan's view "[The ECB and ICC] need to make a directive and we'll abide by that." he said.

ECB representatives are to meet government ministers next week. But are unlikely to convince them to pay for any compensation claim,

which could be up to 10 million pound, if the team pull out. Current Zimbabwe captain

Heath Streak has accused Britain of hypocrisy over its stance, as the country still maintains trade links with Zimbabwe.

Int'l Jr Tennis FROM PAGE 13

the qualifying round to move into the main phase. There will be no qualifying round in the girl's section.

Sarwar Mustafa Joy, an ITF white badge holder, was selected as the referee of the tournament that ends on January 11.

SA's record

FROM PAGE 13 Africa on top of the International Cricket Council's world Test champi-



Scene from the seventh round matches of the Prime Bank Fifth International Rating Chess meet at the NSC Auditorium yesterday.

Jacob Jan Esmeijer, Bas Zuiderent,

(captain), Saeed Anwar, Saleem

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Inzamamul Haq, Yousuf Youhana,

Younis Khan, Wasim Akram, Rashid

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Akhtar, Abdul Razzag, Mohammad

ZIMBABWE: Heath Streak

(captain), Andy Blignaut, Dion

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Grant Flower, Travis Friend,

Douglas Hondo, Doug Marillier,

Brian Murphy, Henry Olonga,

Guy Whittall, Craig Wishart.

Hoque, Khaled Mahmud.

GROUP B

Tatenda Taibu, Mark Vermeulen,

Alok Kapali, Tapash Baisya,

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ICC Cricket World Cup

Following are the final 15-man squads of all 14 participating nations for the 2003 cricket World Cup:

GROUPA

REUTERS, London

AUSTRALIA: Ricky Ponting (captain), Adam Gilchrist, Michael Bevan, Andy Bichel, Jason Gillespie, Matthew Hayden, Brad Hogg, Brett Lee, Darren Lehmann. Jimmy Maher, Damien Martyn, Glenn McGrath, Andrew Symonds, Shane Warne, Shane Watson.

ENGLAND: Naseer Hussain (captain), James Anderson, Ian Blackwell, Andrew Caddick, Paul Collingwood, Andy Flintoff, Ashley Giles, Steve Harmison, Matthew Hoggard, Ronnie Irani, Nick Knight, Alec Stewart, Marcus Trescothick, Michael Vaughan, Craig White. INDIA: Saurav Ganguly (cap

tain), Virender Sehwag, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Yuvraj Singh, Mohammad Kaif, Dinesh Mongia, Sanjay Bangar, Parthiv Patel, Ajit Agarkar, Harbhajan Singh, Zaheer Khan, Javagal Srinath, Anil Kumble, Ashish Nehra.

NAMIBIA: Deon Kotze (captain), Jan-Berry Burger, Louis Burger, Sarel Burger, Morne Karg, Danie Keulder, Biorn Kotze, Lennie Louw. Gavin Murgatroyd, Gerrie Snyman, Stefan Swanepoel, Burton van Rooi. Melt van Scoor, Rudi van Vuuren, Riaan Walters

NETHERLANDS: Roland Thomas Odoyo, Joseph Angara, Lefebvre (captain), Luuk van Troost, Asif Karim, Hitesh Modi, Collins Reinout Scholte, Tim de Leede, Obuya, David Obuya, Kennedy Feiko Kloppenburg, Nick Statham, Obuya, Maurice Odumbe, Peter Daan van Bunge, Victor Grandia, Ongondo, Brijal Patel, Ravindu Adeel Raja, Henk Jan Mol, Klaas Shah, Martin Suji, Tony Suji, Alpesh Jan van Noortwijk, Edgar Schiferli,

PHOTO: STAR

Vadher NEW ZEALAND: Stephen Fleming (captain), Andre Adams, PAKISTAN: Waqar Younis Nathan Astle, Shane Bond, Chris Cairns, Chris Harris, Craig McMillan, Brendon McCullum, Kyle Mills, Jacob Oram, Mathew Sinclair, Scott Styris, Daryl Tuffey, Lou Vincent, Daniel Vettori

> SOUTH AFRICA: Shaun Pollock (captain), Mark Boucher, Nicky Boje, Boeta Dippenaar, Allan Donald, Herschelle Gibbs, Andrew Hall, Jacques Kallis, Gary Kirsten, Lance Klusener, Charl Langeveldt, Makhaya Ntini, Robin Peterson, Jonty Rhodes, Monde Zondeki.

SRI LANKA: Sanath Jayasuriya (captain), Marvan Atapattu, Mahela BANGLADESH: Khaled Mashud Jayawardene, Kumar Sangakkara (captain), Hannan Sarkar, Al-Aravinda de Silva, Russel Arnold, Jehan Mubarak, Avishka Gunawar-Shahriar, Mohammad Ashraful, Habibul Bashar, Sanwar Hossain, dene, Hashan Tillakaratne, Muttiah Muralitharan, Chaminda Vaas, Mohammad Rafique, Monjurul Dilhara Fernando, Pulasthi Guna-Islam, Talha Jubair, Mashrafee-binratne, Prabath Nissanka, Buddika Mortuza, Tushar Imran, Ehsanul Fernando

WEST INDIES: Carl Hooper CANADA: Joseph Harris (cap-(captain), Ridley Jacobs, tain), Ashish Bagai, Ian Billcliff, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Pedro Desmond Chumney, Austin Collins, Corey Collymore, Mervyn Codrington, John Davison, Nicholas Dillon, Vasbert Drakes, Chris Gayle, Degroot, Nicholas Ifill, Davis Wavell Hinds. Brian Lara. Jermaine Joseph, Ishwar Maraj, Ashish Patel, Lawson, Nixon McLean, Ricardo Abdool Samad, Fazil Samad, Barry Powell, Marlon Samuels, Seebran, Sanjayan Thuraisingam. Ramnaresh Sarwan KENYA: Steve Tikolo (captain),

Butcher's best one REUTERS, Sydney

England batsman Mark Butcher says his century against Australia on the opening day of the fifth Ashes test may have been lucky but it still gives him more satisfaction than any other innings of his career. The Surrey left-hander admitted

that his innings of 124 was blessed by several moments of good fortune but he did not let that stop him from enjoying the moment.

"I didn't feel that great to be honest but the actual feeling of making a hundred itself was pretty special." he said on Thursday. "I was really happy which isn't

always the case when I get to 100. It doesn't happen that often but it hasn't always been such a massive rush of adrenalin like it was today." Butcher batted 337 minutes,

faced 149 balls and hit 19 boundaries to register his sixth career century and his third against Australia and help England recover from a poor start to finish the day at 264 for five.

By his own admission, the 30year-old was helped in no small part by two dropped catches from the Australians, the second of which was a straightforward chance to wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist, and two questionable umpiring decisions that went his way

Stewart has chicken pox

AFP, Sydney

England's team elder Alec Stewart has been diagnosed with chicken pox but teammate Mark Butcher made light of it after his century on the opening day of the final Ashes

cricket Test against Australia here. "We heard just before we got on to the coach this morning that he was off for tests, he thought he had chicken pox, and he actually has got chicken pox," Butcher said of his 39-

year-old Surrey teammate. Stewart was unbeaten on 20 at stumps with John Crawley on six as England reached 264 for five at stumps on Day One.

Asked if there was any concern among the England players of fielding at slip near wicketkeeper Stewart during the Sydney Test, Butcher quipped: "If it had been

earlier in the tour he would have had seven slips out there. "I think everybody has pretty well had it (chicken pox) before He wasn't feeling too good today," he

added England have had a dire Australian tour, losing all four Tests, and face the prospect of going down 5-0 here in only the second series clean sweep in Ashes history.

Australian team coach John Buchanan, asked whether he would have any objections to a specialist fielding replacement, namely understudy wicketkeeper James Foster. said: "I suspect not, but it would be

Mark's bat starts singing

team for playing his guitar to main-

tain morale, but he admitted he had

lost his batting rhythm until the latter

stages of his knock of 124 in

England's 264 for five on Thursday's

after tea time when I raced from 60

to the 100 and that's when I started

to really feel good," Butcher said

the 100 at the SCG (Sydney Cricket

"But the actual feeling of making

"I didn't feel that great today until

opening day of the Test.

after the day's play

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Mark Butcher pulled out his guitar and played some songs for his English teammates on New Year's Eve and found the missing rhythm in his batting for the fifth Ashes Test against Australia here on Thursday. Butcher is renowned within the

"I wouldn't be the first person on either side to have more than one go at it in an innings on this trip, so I'm

PHOTO: AFP not going to make any apologies for England's Mark Butcher sweeps one on way to his century on the first that. It's just the game, it's unfortuday of the fifth Ashes Test against Australia at Sydney yesterday. nate, but it happens."

> FROM PAGE 13 Badsha, selected the team with Kafi Khan as captain. TEAM: Kafi Khan (captain),

In a pulsating second set, Bedanova broke in the ninth game, but the Australian broke back immediately for 5-5 and then won the 11th to lead 6-5.

Urged on by the crowd, Molik broke Bedanova in the next game to clinch the set and match.

Khulna dismantle FROM PAGE 13

Jamaluddin c Kafi b Nadif Manzarul not out 30 Monirul not out 24 Extras: (lb-3, w-2) 5 Total: (For 6 wkts in 49 overs) 170 Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-44, 3-54, 4-

Mortuza not out Ashiq c Mostaq b Shafaq Shafiuddin c Aminul jr b Mushfiq 0 Extras: (b-3, lb-1, nb-3, w-9) 16 Total: (All out in 34.5 overs) 83 Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-30, 3-30, 4-58 5-60 6-60 7 64 9 75 0 70

AFP, Perth for the third time ment as the home

Australia's lowly-ranked Alicia Molik defeated a higher-ranked opponent in the tournacountry

moved a step closer to the Hopman Cup final here Thursday. Molik, 21, who is ranked 94th,

recovered from a seemingly hopeless 1-5 in the opening set to beat the Czech Republic's 37th-ranked Daja Bedanova, 19, 7-6, 7-5.

The women's singles success gave Australia a 1-0 lead in the crucial tie

The winner of the tie will be assured of lining up in Saturday's final of the million-dollar (540,000 US) tournament.

Assisted by Alicia Tennis

tiebreaker, in which Molik scored five points in a row to demoralise Bedanova.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the first day of the second and final Test between Pakistan and South Africa at Newlands on Thursday SOUTH AFRICA: First innings Smith not out 100 Gibbs not out 130 Extras: (lb-1, nb-10) 11 Total: (For no loss in 50 overs) 241 To bat: G Kirsten, J Kallis, H Dippenaar, N McKenzie, M Boucher, S Pollock, N Boje, M Ntini, M Hayward Μ Bowler 0 R w 41 Wagar 8 1 0 2 61 0 14 Sami 0 61 Zahid 11 0 Saglain 16 0 74 0 3 Younis 0

PAKISTAN: Wagar Younis, Taufeeq Umar, Saleem Elahi, Younis Khan, Inzamamul Haq, Yousuf Youhana, Faisal Iqbal, Kamran Akmal, Saqlain Mushtaq, Mohammad Zahid, Mohammad Sami Umpires: Steve Bucknor and Srinivas Venkataraghavan.

ICC Cricket World Cup

REUTERS, London

The government has all but ruled out compensating the national cricket authority if it instructs the England team not to play a World Cup match in Zimbabwe early next yea

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) will meet ministers next week, hoping for a lead on whether to boycott the match and has said it will press for recompense if it meets the government's wish that it should not be played in Zimbabwe It says the costs could run into millions of pounds.

But Foreign Office minister Mike

O'Brien poured cold water on that demand while continuing to shirk a decision on the game. "It would be very odd for British

taxpayers to be asked to foot the bill for a decision taken by an independent sporting organisation," he told BBC Radio on Tuesday. "I would need an awful lot of

deteriorating political and economic situation. But both have said they have no power to order the teams to

stay away. The World Cup tournament in which 14 nations are taking part is based in South Africa from February 9 to March 23. Six of the 54 games are scheduled to be played in Zimbabwe.

convincing.

President Robert Mugabe has received widespread criticism for his controversial land reform programme and for pushing his country close to starvation.

"This is a decision that can only be taken by the cricketing authorities," O'Brien said, before reiterating the government position that Nasser Hussain's team should not go

"We will not issue orders to the cricketing authorities.

ECB chief executive Tim Lamb speaking to reporters in Australia where England are on tour, said the team would not disobey a government order not to play in Zimbabwe. But Lamb said that if England did play the match against Zimbabwe in

play in Zimbabwe because of the president, who is patron of the Zimbabwe Cricket Union, before the match

The British and Australian gov-ernments do not want their teams to

Harare on February 13 and Mugabe

"I would like to discuss it with Nasser because I won't be the person there who would be expected to shake the hand of the president of Zimbabwe," Lamb was quoted as saying by the London Evening Standard.

Lamb added that he believed cricket was being used as a "soft target" for a larger political issue.

Any financial losses the ECB faced from breaking contracts should be met by the government, Lamb said. "We want to make sure that we will be fully indemnified for going along with the government's wishes," he said.

International Cricket Council President Malcolm Gray said England could face a one-million pound bill if they did not play the fixture on February 13.

Those costs could mount if the ECB tells its team not to play and the Zimbabwean authorities pull their side out of a planned tour of England next year in response.

O'Brien said, in his personal opinion, he would be "reluctant" to see the Zimbabwe team on British shores.

Buchanan added later that the replacement was not a big issue for the Australian team.

up to (captain) Steve Waugh."

Bichel injures index finger

AFP, Sydney

Australia's first-change fast bowler Andy Bichel went to hospital after Thursday's opening day in the final Ashes Test here against England for X-rays on his damaged left index finger Bichel appeared to dislocate the

top knuckle of his left finger while fielding off his own bowling in the middle session.

He was treated on the field by team physio Errol Alcott and played on with a bandaged splint supportng the finger. Team spokesman Brian

Murgatroyd said that Bichel complained of soreness at the end of the day's play and it was decided to have the injury checked and have Xrays carried out.

Australia's world number one Lleyton Hewitt was about to clash with Jiri Novak in the men's

sinales. Molik's victory followed wins earlier in the week over Italy's Silvia Farina-Elia (ranked 17) and the Slovak Republic's Daniela Hantuchova (8)

"This has been the best and most consistent week in my life," Molik said

"I have not dropped a set yet, so I am very pleased

"It has been such a good feeling in the past few days. I am much more confident now.

"At the start of this match. I was just making too many unforced errors, but I was able to overcome that."

In the opening set, an assured Bedanova broke her opponent's service in the fourth and sixth games to romp to a 5-1 lead before a steadying Molik broke back in the seventh and ninth and held in the 10th to level at 5-5.

Both players held service in the next two games, forcing the set to a

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Former Bangladesh cricket captain Aminul Islam (2nd from L) inaugurates the Mariner Cricket Academy, which will be run by Mariner Young's Club, at the club premises yesterday.