

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.



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

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2003 World Cuppers



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

- GROUP A 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: Sourav Ganguly (captain), 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 Kruger, Bjorn Kotze, Lennie Louw, Gavin Murgatroyd, Gerrie Snyman, Stefan Swanepoel, Burton van Rool, Melt van Scoor, Rudi van Vuuren, Riaan Walters.

- NETHERLANDS: Roland Lefeuvre (captain), Luuk van Troost, Reinout Scholte, Tim de Leede, Feiko Kloppenburg, Nick Statham, Daan van Bunge, Victor Grandia, Adeel Raja, Henk Jan Mol, Klaas Jan van Noordwijk, Edgar Schferli, Jacob Jan Esmeyer, Bas Zuidereent, Jeroen Smits. PAKISTAN: Waqar Younis (captain), Saeed Anwar, Saleem Elahi, Shahid Afridi, Taufeeq Umar, Inzamamul Haq, Yousef Youhana, Younis Khan, Wasim Akram, Rashid Latif, Saqlain Mushtaq, Shoaib Akhtar, Abdul Razzaq, Mohammad Sami, Azhar Mahmood. ZIMBABWE: Heath Streak (captain), Andy Blignaut, Dion Ebrahim, Sean Ervine, Andy Flower, Grant Flower, Travis Fryler, Douglas Hondo, Doug Marillier, Brian Murphy, Henry Olunga, Tatenda Taibu, Mark Vermeulen, Guy Whittall, Craig Wishart. SRI LANKA: Sanath Jayasuriya (captain), Marvan Atapattu, Mahela Jayawardene, Kumar Sangakkara, Aravinda de Silva, Russel Arnold, Jehan Mubarak, Avishka Gunawardene, Hashan Tillakaratne, Muttiah Muralitharan, Chaminda Vaas, Dilhara Fernando, Pulasthi Gunaratne, Prabath Nissanka, Buddhika Fernando. WEST INDIES: Carl Hooper (captain), Ridley Jacobs, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Pedro Collins, Corey Collymore, Mervyn Dillon, Vasbert Drakes, Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds, Brian Lara, Jermaine Lawson, Nixon McLean, Ricardo Powell, Marlon Samuels, Ramnaresh Sarwan.

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.

Mark's bat starts singing



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.



England's Mark Butcher sweeps one on way to his century on the first day of the fifth Ashes Test against Australia at Sydney yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

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.

Assisted by Alicia

AFP, Perth
Australia's lowly-ranked Alicia Molik defeated a higher-ranked opponent for the third time in the tournament as the home country moved a step closer to the Hopman Cup final here Thursday.

BCB names

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Badsha, selected the team with Kafi Khan as captain.

Govt won't requite ECB

convincing."
The British and Australian governments do not want their teams to play in Zimbabwe because of the deteriorating political and economic situation.



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 year.

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.

SA's record

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Africa on top of the International Cricket Council's world Test championship table.

Scoreboard table with columns: Team, Runs, Wickets, Overs, Extras.

Bowler table with columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W.

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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.

Khulna dismantle

FROM PAGE 13
Manzurul Islam (Khulna), Nuruzzaman obstructing the field 44, Anisur b Ahsanullah 6, Mushfiq not out 16.

Scoreboard and bowler table for the Khulna match, including columns for Team, Runs, Wickets, Overs, Extras, and Bowler stats.

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ACROSS
36 Antelope
37 Bullring
38 Ruin the surface
39 Gag
42 P.E. room
44 Footnote
48 Coffee vessel
49 Stead
50 Round
51 Send out invitations
52 Somali model
53 Carolina college
54 Hudson co-star
55 The elder Dumas

Cryptogram puzzle with grid and key: IWHU UIJVT-NPCTFI CERJCI HU XGHIF PNGUHDA: "NHDDHA FXGHRNFDI WHIU CJVT SJIJN."
Yesterday's Cryptogram: PREPARING TO GO OUT FOR A WHILE, WHAT DID PAPA BUFFALO SAY TO HIS BABY? "BISON!"

Former Bangladesh cricket captain Aminul Islam inaugurates the Mariner Cricket Academy



PHOTO: STAR

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.