### Roddick roars

AFP, Melbourne

American Andy Roddick recovered from two sets down to unravel Russia's Davis Cup hero Mikhail Youzhny and win a five-set marathon at the Australian Open on Monday.

The ninth-seeded Roddick won 6-7 (4/7), 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2 to set up a quarterfinal against either world number one Lleyton Hewitt or Moroccan 18th seed Younes El Avnaoui on Wednesday

Roddick, from Florida and familiar with Monday's enervating conditions, came through for only his second career five-set victory as the 20-year-old Muscovite fell apart.

"I was a little frustrated but I didn't let it get the best of me today," 20year-old Roddick said.

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India's IM Vijayan (4th from L) heads in his side's first goal against Pakistan in the third place play-off at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

# **England divided on Zim**

ICC Cricket World Cup

**INTERNET**, undated

The England cricket team remains divided over whether to play their World Cup fixture in Zimbabwe, a British newspaper reported on Sunday.

Captain Nasser Hussain has revealed England's players have moral concerns about fulfilling their World Cup match in the country.

Last Tuesday, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) confirmed that the February 13 fixture against the co-hosts in Harare would be honoured and the 15-man squad stood by their employers' decision. But some members of the team

believe that the British foreign office should brief them fully over the situation in Zimbabwe before they take a final decision. The British Mail on Sunday

quoted an England player as saving the team had serious doubts and wanted more information and quidance "Until we're absolutely certain

that it's the right thing to do from all aspects, we reserve the right not to play (in Zimbabwe)," the player said.

Although Hussain insisted they

England paceman James Anderson

admitted he struggled during an

immaculate bowling spell that

against Australia on Sunday in one-

The opening bowler recorded figures of one for 12, the best for an

Englishman since lan Botham

returned 2-12 against Pakistan in

enough to prevent an Aussie victory,

but it helped England gain the bonus

point they needed to secure passage to the finals.

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Ministry of Youth and Sports, former

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The Daily Star

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**Humble** 

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**James** 

tain added that there were reserva-

Individuals will be permitted to express any concerns with ECB chairman David Morgan in Sydney "I have asked the players to read

up on it and the only thing I will say about Zimbabwe is that we have a split in our consciences because of what we see on television. "I saw a programme on CNN last

night and what is happening out there makes you think, 'is it right to 'That is all our boys are doing,"

said Hussain. "They are getting conflicting messages but our board has agreed to go and we have signed our contracts so we are "What we have are young lads in

hotel rooms watching on television about Zimbabwe and asking themselves about the issue. "Everyone says we are going but

when you read papers and watch TV about Zimbabwe you ask yourself some difficult questions and that is what everyone in the world of cricket is doing, even the Zimbabwean cricketers

There is a distinct possibility that few spectators are likely to attend England and Australia's games in

Harare and Bulawayo, despite the fact that tickets were sold out.

Zimbabwean police are concerned that demonstrators against the Mugabe government are likely



NASSER HUSSAIN

to stage protests and disrupt the matches. They will therefore attempt to block prospective demonstrators from entering the stadiums by posing as spectators.

Meanwhile, English cricket captain Nasser Hussain could go to jail in Zimbabwe if he refuses to shake President Robert Mugabe's

Any contemptuous action

directed at the president is a criminal offence under Zimbabwean law. Observers here, however, said on Sunday it was highly unlikely that Mugabe, who is the patron of Zimbabwean cricket, would go to such extremes with all the world watching his every move. The last time he attended a cricket match was three years ago.

The English and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) ruled last week that England -- if the security situation warrants it -- would honour its World Cup cricket commitments in Zimbabwe by playing in Harare on February 13 against the home side in both teams' first World Cup out-

Cricket authorities said Hussain and his teammates will be instructed to avoid any contact with Mugabe. They are not allowed to shake hands with him or be photographed with him as this would constitute a propaganda victory for Mugabe.

Hussain and his teammates are facing huge pressure to refuse playing in Zimbabwe in protest of the Mugabe government. A total of 83 per cent of participants in an unofficial poll said by late Sunday afternoon that they would prefer the English cricket team not to play in

## Behave yourselves: Ricky

Cricket

INTERNET, Melbourne

The Australian cricket team knows it must lift itself when it comes to player behaviour, according to oneday captain Ricky Ponting.

The topic was added to Monday's regular meeting between the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) and the players after Darren Lehmann's five-game suspension on the weekend.

An ACB spokesman said a "discussion" took place on the issue during the meeting

Lehmann suffered the ban because of a racist outburst just outside the Australian dressing room during last Wednesday's onedayer against Sri Lanka in Brisbane.

"I suppose with Darren the other day, down in the change rooms, it was something he probably regretted doing," Ponting said before the and many other social and sports meeting.

"It was just a bit of a wake-up for all of us, you are in the public eye all the time and you've got to be very

careful what you say and what you "You can't let yourself slip up at

all and we've just had a few slip-ups

the last couple of weeks.

A talking-to today from James (ACB chief executive James



RICKY PONTING

Sutherland) won't hurt us at all." Adam Gilchrist and Matthew Hayden also went before the match referee earlier this month during the

Ponting said the team wanted to have a good reputation in areas other than its outstanding on-field performance for the last few years.

"It's probably fair enough, there have been a few instances like the last Test match in Sydney and then Darren last week." he said. "It's something we can address

as a team -- we've said for the last couple of years that we want to be known as good people and not just good players. "I'm sure the players will be

open-eared for that and they'll want to do the best they can. "We can improve it, it actually

has been a pretty conscious thing from the team.' Ponting added he had no prob-

lem ensuring his team-mates behaved better and thought peer pressure would help. "It's standards that the whole

side sets, not just myself," he said. "What I say probably won't matter too much, you've got 10 or 11 eyes on you as well and people coming down on you."



A munajat was offered the after the inauguration of the Football Bhaban at the city's Arambagh area yesterday. Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman (5th from R) unveiled the foundation stone during a function which was attended by the general secretary of Asian Football Confederation Dato Peter Velappan (L), BFF president SA Sultan (2nd from L) and State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman (3rd from L).

### SA prospects are bleak

INTERNET, London

South Africa's dream of winning the World Cup at home will not come

That is the view of Paul Reiffel who was part of the Australia side that twice beat South Africa en route to World Cup glory in 1999.

Reiffel, now retired, believes South Africa will carry the scars of those defeats into the tournament.

"I think Australia has a psychoogical hold over South Africa, Reiffel told BBC Sport Online. "I think it stems back to the last World Cup and our ability to get on

top of them in crucial moments in the

'If the two teams meet again in this World Cup the result will be the

same I feel.' The two teams will not face each other in the group games, but are almost certain to meet in the latter stages of the tournament -- perhaps

even the final If they do, South Africa will be given the chance to exorcise the demons of 1999

Australia squeaked into the semi-finals of that World Cup after a famous Herschelle Gibbs dropped catch cleared the path for Steve Waugh to score a match-winning century.

Australia then progressed to the final after their panic-stricken opponents botched the final over of their run-chase and could only tie the Super Six clash.

South African cricket has smarted ever since, but Reiffel believes they do not have what it

takes to maké amends. "I think it has affected them,"

"Certainly in the last series they played a year ago Australia really did whitewash them. "South Africa hasn't bothered us

much at all recently and I know Australia will be confident. "There's no doubt that the team

South Africa want to play least in the World Cup is Australia.' Bookmaker William Hill believes

the World Cup is a two-horse race, with Australia favourites at 11-8 and South Africa close behind at 11-4. India are next best at 13-2.

### Younes aces up the cash

AFP, Melbourne

A Moroccan charity is cheering every ace the country's sporting hero Younes El Aynaoui thunders El Aynaoui was the toast of the

Australian Open on Monday after his mighty upset of world number one Lleyton Hewitt in the fourth round. In the course of demolishing

Australia's big hope to end a 27year home title drought, 31-year-old El Aynaoui served up 33 aces, which converts into 3,300 US dollars for a charity, run by the country's King Mohammed VI.

El Aynaoui sported a badge on his shirt which he said recognised the king's charity.

"This," he said pointing to the badge, "is a charity thing that the King does in Morocco. I give 100 dollars for every ace I make in a

## No progress

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The new pay demand would leave the board without adequate cash for promoting the game in rural areas of the island, it argued in a statement.

Last week ICC chief executive

Malcolm Speed warned Sri Lanka's cricket board it could face trouble it it failed to return the tournament contracts by the deadline.

The 14-team tournament begins in southern Africa on February 8 with the final in Johannesburg on March 23.

## Parag loses

FROM PAGE 13 champion Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar of Anirban 6th, Rabiul Islam of Khulna 7th, and Md Imran Ali Elin of Pirojpur 8th.

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England are taking a more cautionary line on Andrew Flintoff and Ashley Giles. The Lancashire all-rounder and

one-day players, are recovering from more long-term injuries. And it has been decided they should continue playing with the Academy for the time being, though both will want to stake a place in the

### India settle FROM PAGE 13

Yellow card: Jo Paul Ancheri (India)

**TEAMS** 

INDIA: Naseem, JO Paul Ancheri (Venkatesh), Suresh, Roberto Fernandes, Abhay Kumar (Harvinder), Subhash (Alvito), Selwyn Fernandes, Lawrence, Jules Alberto, Abhishek and IM Vijayan

PAKISTAN: Jaffar, Haroon, Tanveer, Zakir, Ashfaq, Ayaz, Qadeer, Shahid (Nawaz), Amir Khan, Sarfaraz Rasool and Abdul

# Clijsters still there

Australian 🔊 Open

Kim Clijsters succeeded where boyfriend Llevton Hewitt failed to stay on course for a heavyweight semi-final with world number one Serena Williams here Monday.

Just a couple of hours after Hewitt had been sensationally knocked out of the men's singles, fourth-seed Clijsters made sure she didn't suffer the same fate by trouncing South Africa's 19th seed Amanda Coetzer. The 6-3, 6-1 fourth-round victory

put Clijsters into a quarter-final with Russian eighth seed Anastasia Myskina, who earlier defeated Chanda Rubin in three sets.

Clijsters' imperious display also put her one match closer to a semi-

final collision with world number one Williams.

After beating Coetzer, Clijsters revealed she had tried not to watch Hewitt's loss - preferring instead to tune in to the Oprah Winfrey show in her hotel room

"I tried not to watch too much. because it's always a little bit tougher," she said. "I was actually watching the Oprah Winfrey show in the afternoon. That took my mind off everything a little bit.' The 19-year-old also said it was

easy putting Hewitt's defeat into perspective following bushfires which raged in Australia at the weekend, leaving four people dead and more than 400 homes destroyed. "It's never nice," Clijsters said

when asked about Hewitt's exit. "But there's a lot of worse things in life than losing a tennis match.

"If you look at all the bushfires

here in Australia, I think a tennis match is nothing compared with that and all the other things that are happening in the world," added Clijsters, who had not spoken to Hewitt about the loss.

Clijsters' last eight opponent Myskina said a change of coach and a change of boyfrined was partly responsible for delivering her into her first Grand Slam quarter-final.

The 21-year-old Muscovite fought from a set down to claim a deserved 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 victory over 10th seed Chanda Rubin of the United States.

At the start of last year Myskina was languishing in the world rankings at 59th spot, having spent two years meandering aimlessly through low-level tournaments on the WTA Tour.

But with new boyfriend Jens Gerlach doubling as her coach, Myskina surged up the rankings in 2002 to finish the year just outside the top 10 at 12. "I started to be more profes-

sional," Myskina said. "I tried to enjoy the game and be a bit more serious at the same time. I realise it's my work, it's my job." Asked what she had done differ-

ently, she was emphatic. "Practice harder, change my coach, change my boyfriend," Myskina said. "My boyfriend helps me a lot, and he coaches me a lot. He's here with me Top seed Williams shrugged off soaring temperatures that halted

play for two hours Monday to beat

Eleni Daniilidou of Greece 6-4, 6-1

as tournament officials invoked the 'extreme heat' policy for the first The extreme heat ruling did not affect Williams' match - ties in progress must be completed regardless of temperatures - and the Floridabased American favourite said she

was used to the conditions anyway. "It was hot but it could be worse," said the 20-year-old after mopping up a win in just over an hour.

"I live in Florida. When you walk out of the front door you lose 20 pounds because of humidity and heat. So this is nothing," said Williams, who will play compatriot Meghann Shaughnessy in the quarterfinals for a place in the last

Shaughnessy reached the last eight of a Grand Slam event for the first time by beating Russia's Elena Bovina 5-7, 6-2, 6-4

## Hewitt slips up

IT'S FOR LLEYTON: Kim Clijsters of Belgium pumps her fist during her

"I beat him once in Indianapolis and at the US Open last year I had some set points in the second set," he

"I knew I had my chances. I knew

he could roll very fast. I wanted to

victory over South African Amanda Coetzer.

hold my serve and that's what I did in the first and second set. I knew I had a chance and I took it.' Roddick recovered from two sets n to unravel Russia's

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exit door when Youzhny worked his way to a two sets to love lead in trying hot conditions. But Roddick finished the stron-

Roddick looked headed for the

ger reeling off the closing three sets against the tiring Russian. Schuettler claimed his first Grand Slam quarterfinal with a commanding victory over rising

young American James Blake. The 31st-seeded German swept to a 6-3, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 victory in 1hr 55min to lock up a place in the last

Schuettler made the fourth round at the 2001 Australian Open where he lost to Carlos Moya, but his court movement and retrieving were too much for the highly-rated 23rd seed

on January 18.



PHOTO: AFP

Lleyton Hewitt of Australia wipes his eyes during a press conference

"The older you get, the more you just enjoy the game and the more you appreciate what you have around you," said 26-year-old Schuettler, playing in his 10th sea-

son on the circuit. "I mean, it's really a great life. It's a perfect life. Right now, I just enjoy staying on the court and playing the

Schuettler has begun 2003 in fine form, reaching the semifinals of the leadup Sydney International and progressing through four rounds, including his walkover in the third round from Marat Safin, who pulled out of the tournament with a wrist



PHOTO: COURTESY Shawkat-uz-Zaman (R), winner of the Aga Khan Gold Cup golf tournament, receives the trophy from Chief of Army Staff and president of Kurmitola Golf Club

(KGC) Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury and president of Prince Aga Khan Council Kamaluddin Abdul Aziz (L) during the prize-giving ceremony at the KGC national team.

#### for cricket, NZPA news agency said. He said the remark was made in the context of praise for star Maori Black Cap Daryl Tuffey and a lament

Crowe sorry

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that there were not more like him. "The intention was to be positive about a young Maori bowler who I think has made a significant breakthrough," said Crowe, whose brother Jeff is the Blacks Caps

Crowe had said in his column: Tuffey is a Maori and, traditionally, not many Maori make good cricketers because they don't have the patience or the temperament to play through a whole day, leave alone over a Test match.'

The remarks caused outrage in

both Maori and sports circles, with New Zealand Cricket operations manager and former Test player John Reid saying a number of promising young Maori were heading towards contention for the