Johnson out

English county cricket scores

AFP, London

English County Championship cricket scores on Friday (third day of

FIRST DIVISION

At Tunbridge Wells: Sussex 311 (R Martin-Jenkins 67, C Adams 62; A Sheriyar 4-49) and 188-5 (M Goodwin 58, T Cottey 52) v Kent 275 (A Symonds 54; Mushtaq Ahmed 5-70, R Kirtley 4-84)

At Liverpool: Lancashire 503-6 declared (M Chilton 108, S Law 82, C Hooper 74, A Flintoff 71 not out, I Sutcliffe 55, M Loye 54) v Leicestershire 314 (D Maddy 85, D Stevens 65) and 130-5

At Lord's: Middlesex 363 (B Hutton 107, E Joyce 69, Abdul Razzag 54. P Weekes 51 not out: J Dakin 5-86) v Essex 166 and 21-0

At Edgbaston: Warwickshire 351 (I Trott 63, M Wagh 58, C Obuya 55; G Smith 4-60) and 138-1 (N Knight 85 not out) v Nottinghamshire 646 (K Pietersen 221, C Cairns 104, G Welton 99, U Afzaal 72, P Franks 62 not out)

SECOND DIVISION

AT SWANSEA: Glamorgan 395 (R Croft 84, J Hughes 69, T Lungley 4-101) v Derbyshire 190-8 (R Čroft 5-

AT GLOUCESTER: Northamptonshire 622-8 declared (M Hussey 264, G Brophy 152 not out, P Jaques 75) v Gloucestershire 230 (M Ball 53: A Nel 5-47) and 66-1 AT THE ROSE BOWL: No play

Friday due to rain. Hampshire 456 (S Katich 135, D Mascarenhas 92, N Pothas 79, S Udal 60 not out; N Phillips 4-129, D Law 4-71) v Durham 107-2

AT BATH: Worcestershire 538 (S Peters 165, A Singh 105, A Hall 104, G Hick 71; I Blackwell 4-131) v Somerset 238 and 144-3

Martin joins unseeded finalists club

AFP, Paris

Unheralded Dutchman Martin Verkerk, ranked 46 in the world, is the 11th unseeded player to reach the men's French Open final, where he faces Spanish third seed Juan Carlos Ferrero on Sunday.

The last unseeded men's finalist was Ukraine's Andrei Medvedev. who bowed to Andre Agassi of the United States in 1999.

Unseeded winners included Frenchman Marcel Bernard (1946), Swede Mats Wilander (1982) and Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten in 1997.

Verkerk, a 24-year-old who won his first title at Milan in February is only the third Dutchman to reach a Grand Slam final with Tom Okker having been 1968 US Open runner-

He is also only the third player to make the final in Paris in the Open era - going back to 1968 - in his first appearance at the tournament.

Wilander performed the feat in

1982, as did fellow Swede Mikael Pernfors in 1986.

Wilander won the event in beat-

The 24-year-old Verkerk saved three match points in his secondround match with Peruvian Luis Horna and was then two points from defeat in the quarters against Spanish former champion Carlos Moya.

ing Argentina's Guillermo Vilas.

Since 1925, when the old French national championships became the French Open, only five men have won the title after surviving match points against them.

Rene Lacoste of France did so in 1927, German Gottfried Von Cramm also did so in 1934, as did Australia's Rod Laver (1962), Italy's Adriano Panatta (1976) and Brazilian Kuerten in 2001

WI, SL look to future

Cricket

REUTERS, Bridgetown

A resurgent West Indies and a newlook Sri Lanka begin a three-match series of one-day internationals on Saturday with each determined to show the cricketing world they are entering a new era of success.

The West Indies began their rebuilding process around four years ago and a late run of form against the all-conquering Australians last month suggests the difficult task of bringing on young players may be bearing fruit.

Sri Lanka, on the other hand, are starting to rebuild following the recent World Cup in southern Africa and the touring squad has an experimental flavour.

The teams clash in one-day games in Barbados on Saturday and Sunday, and again in St Vincent on Wednesday. They then play Tests in St Lucia (June 20-24) and Jamaica (June 27-July 1). "The departure of Ariuna Ranatunga and Aravinda de Silva left a huge gap in our batting line-up," Sri Lanka's

interim coach Duleep Mendis told reporters on Friday.

"But there are some promising youngsters coming through and others who may get a second chance now after being edged out by senior players earlier on.

There is a good blend of youth and experience in the team. All they need is to play together and build some confidence," added Mendis.

Tillakaratne Dilshan, 24, and Naveed Nawaz, 27, are among those vying for Sri Lankan batting positions while leg-spinner Kaushal Lokuarachchi, seamer Dharshana Gamage and pace bowler Prabath Nissanka are staking their claims among the bowlers.

Skipper Marvan Atapattu is also looking to consolidate his position after the resignation of Sanath Jayasuriya.

'Sanath wanted to concentrate on batting and I think this is a very good thing because the more runs we get from him the better. He can also help guide Marvan, who enjoys the leadership role," said Mendis. Confidence is high in the West

Indies team after a record-breaking

second innings in the fourth and final Test against Australia, followed

Those achievements were not enough to prevent Australia winning the series 3-1 and 4-3 respectively

but the competitive manner of the defeats have convinced West Indies fans that the long-awaited revival is

West Indies skipper Brian Lara warned against the dangers of euphoria, though. "We are coming off the high of beating Australia and naturally the

(beat Sri Lanka)," he said. "Naturally we are looking forward to more success and the ideal time to start is now. The most important thing is to avoid over-confidence, to stay competitive and to be aware that it is going to be a very tough

whole Caribbean is expecing us to

Lara attributed the recent winning streak to an emerging game plan featuring himself as the number three batsman and Wavell Hinds, who hit centuries in the sixth and seventh one-day games, at number two.

gamely for 34 in a partnership of 54

with Friend But, trying to withdraw his bat, he

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Zim face innings

played on to Durham paceman Stephen Harmison and Zimbabwe were 185 for six. Zimbabwe's match was summed

up when captain Heath Streak (three) was run-out backing up after Friend saw Harmison drop a return catch off a full toss onto the stumps at the non-striker's end.

At 202 for seven Zimbabwe beaten inside three days at Lord's seemed set to suffer a similarly rapid defeat here.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the third day of the second Test between England and Zimbabwe at the Riverside on

ENGLAND: First innings 416 (A McGrath 81, A Stewart 68, A Giles 50; H Streak 4-64, D Hondo 3-98) ZIMBABWE: First innings 94 (R

ZIMBABWE: Second innings (overnight 41-1) Ebrahim Ibw b Harmison Vermeulen c McGrath b Anderson0

Carlisle c Key b Anderson Flower b Anderson Taibu c Butcher b Giles Ervine b Harmison Friend not out Blignaut not out

Extras: (b-6, lb-10) Total: (For 7 wkts in 78 overs) 204 Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-65, 3-102, 4-113. 5-131. 6-185. 7-202 To bat: Price, Hondo Bowler

Anderson 35 19 52 Johnson Harmison 3 49 21 Giles 43

German 11th seed Rainer

Schuettler. He then booked his

passage by swatting Argentine

seventh seed Guillermo Coria 7-6.

6-4, 7-6 in a 2hr 40min semifinal,

firing down 19 aces and 62 winners.

ioke" it's a joke which will have fallen

flat on those he has left by the way-

the Monte Carlo Masters champion

and he can boast an astonishing

clavcourt win-loss record for the

If Verkerk describes his run as "a

Ferrero may have come here as

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season of 27-2.

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previous meeting.

great tennis players here.

Costa 12 months ago.

Rough road ahead

Unlike his ancestors he was known also for street smartness, which stemmed from a public school education in New Delhi

A brilliant cover fielder who was always smiling on the field, Jadeja could lift the morale of his team and get under the skin of any opposition. In the two matches in which he

captained India in 1999, when Mohammad Azharuddin was injured, he relied on those same qualities to lead his team to handsome victories.

Jadeja, already one of the most recognisable faces in India, was then being hailed as a future oneday captain but the Delhi police's allegations against then South African captain Hansie Cronje changed all that.

Cronje, who died in an air crash last year, admitted to having taken money from Indian bookmakers. who later formed the basis of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) report. The Indian cricket board con-

ducted an independent inquiry into the federal report. They banned Azharuddin and former Test player Ajay Sharma for life and gave fiveyear suspensions to Manoj Prabhakar and Jadeia.

All four players denied any wrongdoing.

Jadeia and Azharuddin challenged their bans in court almost immediately but it was Jadeia who finally made the breakthrough earlier this year when an arbitrator appointed by the Delhi High Court

overturned his ban. The BCCI has challenged that decision and a further hearing is set

Serve machine v Mosquito

But he is not about to underesti-

mate his rival, whom he beat on

Austrian clay in the round of 16 at

Kitzbuhel in straight sets in their only

match (with Coria). He has a lot of

confidence right now. He beat very

surface - but he's playing unbeliev-

ably. I will see on the court how I will

return his serve," said Ferrero, who

was not fully fit when he bowed to

"I'm happy to be in the final again.

"I watched a little bit of Verkerk's

"I think that clay is not really his

The recent developments have

brought Jadeja, who had shot into the limelight by battering Pakistan paceman Wagar Younis for 45 runs off 25 balls to set up a memorable win during the 1996 World Cup. to the forefront of media attention once

He still has a long way to go before he can be eligible to play cricket for India again but the topic has become a popular conversation

With 5,359 runs in 196 one-day matches at 37.37, his record for a number six batsman is undeniably impressive even though he got many of the runs in losing causes.

Of the 36 matches in which he scored more than 50 runs, India won 21 and lost 15. Jadeja's international cricket future, even if he wins the court

battle, could also depend on his former teammates. He may not be welcomed back into the side, which had to live down the match-fixing controversy in front

of shocked fans for quite a while. The interim court decision was a big step for Jadeja but redemption may still be a long time coming.

Cash crisis

is 100 percent."

until only recently.

on the Tour.

The agreement was cancelled by an earlier board after complaints that WSG had repeatedly missed payment dead-

Last week the BCCSL announced a 940.000-dollar financial loss in 2002 and restructured the national team's central contracts

Everything is fine right now - my arm

have lifted him into the top 20 in the

ATP Champions Race - a win on

Sunday will vault him into the top 10

- is making up for lost time after

preferring nocturnal amusements to

sweat and toil on the training court

quit," said Verkerk of his early days

"I was mentally not good."

star - but he is now ready for it.

"I was struggling and I wanted to

Fame came late to the 1.91m

"With this result I changed my

Verkerk is the first ever

"It's a miracle - I was like (ranked)

"I love the game. It would have

"I didn't have the mental strength

180 a year ago, now I'm heading for

been really tough to give it up but if

but at the moment I really want it."

tennis results around from a nobody

to someone who became a some-

Dutchman to make the final here

and he was overcome with emotion

after seeing off Coria.

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Verkerk, whose exploits here

Tri-nations hockey Australia, India faceoff

AFP, Sydney

Australia and India will clash Sunday in the final of a threenations men's field hockey here.

In a replay of the final of the first tournament of the series in Perth a week earlier, India will be hoping to claim the title this time around after losing to the Kookaburras 2-1 in the West Australian showdown.

India drew 4-4 with traditional rival Pakistan Saturday in a highlycharged match between the subcontinental neighbours.

Adding spice to the match were hundreds of Indian and Pakistani fans in the stands. Tempers flared in the 40th min-

ute of the match when a scuffle

broke out between the two sides after a striking incident. Top marksman Singh Dhilon scored two goals for India in the

sixth minute of the match, the first from the penalty spot. Pakistan replied four minutes later with Ali Raza scoring off a corner before Indian striker Prabhiot Singh made it 3-1 five minutes before halftime. Pakistan charged into the second half, with midfielder

it 3-2 before the two sides began to exchange blows Dhilon Singh was given a red card for striking, while Pakistan's Raza received a yellow card for

Mahammad Saglain netting to make

misconduct. When play resumed. Indian defender Jugrai Singh converted a 54th minute penalty corner goal.

Pakistani striker Kashif Jawad drove home a superb goal from the midfield before Mahammad Shabbir then equalised 10 minutes before

Pakistan play Australia A for third place Sunday, hoping to repeat their effort of four days earlier when they beat the younger Australian side 1-0. In a second Saturday game, Australia's senior side drew 3-3 with Australia A it's my turn to win."

Sprint kings head-to-head

BBC ONLINE, London

Dwain Chambers and Mark Lewis-Francis are aiming to go head-tohead in Glasgow later this month. The duo last met in August 2002, at the Norwich Union Grand Prix at

Crystal Palace. This time, the sprinters are hoping to be part of the Great Britain team that takes on the USA and Russia in the Norwich Union International match at Scotstoun on

29 June. With two 100m spots available the pair will face competition for places from Darren Campbell Jason Gardener and Christian

But only injury is likely to prevent the two fastest men in the country, Lewis-Francis and Chambers, from what should be a thrilling contest.

said Verkerk, who landed his first

title in Milan last February and who

here has more than doubled his

previous career earnings of 300,000

me. I can't explain this. This is a

dream - it's actually a little bit of a

joke. I don't know any more what

happened to me. The main thing is I

really worked very hard - they say if

Coria - so why can I not beat Costa

or Ferrero? But it will be really, really

came here were the hunger to atone

for last year's win - coupled with strength in numbers with a sizeable

Spanish presence at his back.

Ferrero's attributes when he

Now the title appears his to lose -

as Verkerk bids to join 1996

Wimbledon champion Richard

Krajicek as a Dutch Grand Slam

insisted as he headed off to prepare

firmly on the shoulders of his oppo-

for the biggest match of his life.

"I don't feel pressure," Verkerk

The burden of expectation lies

"I can beat Moya, I can beat

you work hard it comes one day.

"The money is not important to

NZ coming to **India Sept 23**

Cricket

REUTERS, Bombay

New Zealand will play two Tests and a one-day triangular series against world champions Australia and the hosts during this year's tour of India.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Saturday announced the dates for the Tests and the one-day tournament, which will take place from October 23 to November 18.

Bangalore and Mohali are expected to host the Tests, with the venues to be confirmed on June 30 by the board's working committee.

New Zealand, due to arrive in ndia on September 23, begin their tour with two three-day matches against a Board President's XI and an India A side.

India leave for their tour of

Australia on November 21. They will play four Tests followed by a oneday tri-series against the hosts and Zimbabwe

SCHEDULE

TEST (venues to be named): Sept 26-28: New Zealand v Indian Board President's XI Oct 2-4: New Zealand v India 'A' Oct 8-12: First Test, New Zealand v

Oct 16-20: Second Test, New Zealand v India **TRI-SERIES**

Oct 23: India v New Zealand Oct 26: India v Australia Oct 29: Australia v New Zealand Nov 1: India v Australia Nov 3: Australia v New Zealand Nov 6: India v New Zealand Nov 9: Australia v New Zealand Nov 12: India v Australia Nov 15: India v New Zealand Nov 18: Final

French fries

AFP, Paris

Spanish third seed Juan Carlos Ferrero is ready to take his turn as a Spanish champion to follow on from Albert Costa, whom he beat in the semis after losing last year's trophy match against his compa-

But the 23-year-old with be looking out for the big serve of opponent Martin Verkerk.

"His big serve is the key. It surprised me during his win over Carlos Moya. But having already had the experience of last year I hope that can be an advantage for me," said Ferrero, who relaxed by playing football on Saturday.

"I've played in the semis four times and a final and now maybe **GUILLERMO GETS THE**

STEAK READY Argentine star Guillermo Coria will be getting his teeth into some prize steak when he gets home.

Coria has kept in touch over the nternet with his friends back in Venado Tuerto and promised them a big barbecue on his return after losing his semi-final to Dutchman Martin Verkerk.

After three months on tour in Europe the 21-year-old is missing such domestic delights

BELGIAN PAPERS GO INTO EXTRA-TIME With Kim Clijsters and Justine

Henin-Hardenne both reaching the women's final Belgian newspapers are ready to go into extra-Many of the main newspapers will be producing special editions

on Sunday in honour of their two stars, who were meeting in the first ever all-Belgian Grand Slam final for their country's first ever major King Albert and Queen Paola

were to attend the match along with Prime Minister Guy

Henin hammers

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A double fault which left her 0-5 adrift was indicative of a player for whom things just weren't going her

enjoyed a slice of luck as a midcourt drive flicked over off the tape while Clijsters' riposte also clipped the net only to land millimetres wide. A tremendous drop shot gave Henin-Hardenne, roared on

courtside by husband Pierre-Yves Hardenne, the set in just 26 min-In the second set, Clijsters admirably dug her heels in and broke for the first and only time on her ninth break point but a brilliantly

bludgeoned forehand meant Henin-Hardenne immediately broke back and she served out for the title. Saturday's encounter between the two Fed Cup team-mates was the fifth all-Belgian trophy match on the women's Tour - and Clijsters had

featured in four of them. Henin-Hardenne won in Rosmalen in 2001 and then barely a month ago in the German Open final in Berlin.

The two stars' careers have

debuts in 1999.

progressed in close parallel with both making their Grand Slam Clijsters beat the then world number 10 Amanda Coetzer of South Africa at Wimbledon while

Henin-Hardenne came close to

shocking Lindsay Davenport on

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In 2001, both reached their first Grand Slam final, Clijsters bowing 12-10 in the final set of a thriller to Jennifer Capriati in the longest ever final set in the women's trophy match.

Henin-Hardenne reached the Wimbledon final but was wellbeaten by Venus Williams. Here, however, she broke her

duck - and that of her nation - after seeing off the first and second seeds back to back, only the ninth woman to perform that feat in the Open Era.

Lisa, Mike clinch mixed doubles

REUTERS, Paris

Lisa Raymond claimed her seventh Grand Slam doubles title at the French Open on Friday when she teamed up with Mike Bryan to win the mixed. The American pair, the second

seeds, beat Russian Elena Likhovtseva and India's Mahesh Bhupathi 6-3 6-4. It was 29-year-old Raymond's first Roland Garros title, having previously reached the mixed

doubles final in 1997 and the ladies

doubles final a year later.

Lewis fight AFP, Los Angeles

Canadian Kirk Johnson's shot at heavyweight world champion Lennox Lewis was on hold Friday after a sparring injury prompted doctors to rule him out of their scheduled June 21 bout at Staples

"We are very disappointed at the postponement because we truly believe that Kirk had a great shot to beat Lennox Lewis," said Johnson promoter Dino Duva. "The injury should heal itself within four to six weeks and we are hopeful of rescheduling the bout for August or September.' The injury occurred in sparring

on Wednesday at Johnson's Texas training camp. Johnson threw a left uppercut and felt a twinge.

When the pain persisted on Thursday, Johnson underwent an MRI and was diagnosed with a partially torn left pectoral muscle.

Doctor Alan Stockard said Johnson would need four to six weeks of complete rest but would not need surgery.
"I was notified by Johnson's

promoter, Dino Duva, Friday afternoon about Johnson's injury," said Gary Shaw of Lion Promotions. "We are disappointed that Johnson has had to pull out of the bout. Team Lewis has been notified.

Staples Center." It might be a while before Lewis gets around to Johnson again.

and we are awaiting its decision on

the future of the June 21 card at

Milestone report FROM PAGE 13

spade a spade. "I'm human so I can make a

that I was very new at the time when Mohsin was appointed as coach, "I'm ready to accept what may happen. But I have tried my best to

mistake. But you must understand

learn from my mistakes since I took over and had never compromised with one thing that is transparency in Asghar however said that there

were a few issues in the findings of the probe report that did not tell the "I'm the last person to influence anything. And I have never inter-

fered in the selection of the team, '

said the BCB boss while refuting probe report allegations that the selection committee was influenced by others. He also termed the allegation about the ill motive of under-fire

former national captain Khaled Mashud during the Bangladesh and Kenya match as baseless. He however said that if anv cricketer was found quilty of violat-

ing the code of conduct he would face disciplinary action. "We have addressed the issue to the ICC and after a full investigation by the ACU (Anti Corruption Unit) it has been cleared. So, there is no point to investigate the same issue that we had done earlier following a

Mahabub, another Board official under scrutiny by the probe committee, termed the allegations against

report in The Daily Star," said cricket

committee chairman Mahabubul

him as a curate's egg.
"I was held responsible for not fixing a bowling machine during the training before the World Cup. But the truth is that I have installed a bowling machine without even being asked by the coach. Moreover, the coach never told me that the bowling machine needs to be repaired," said Mahabub. He also said that it was the coach who did not feel necessary to use the

software technology. "We have purchased a modern software and it was used by Mohsin's predecessor Trevor Chappell. But Mohsin had never asked to get the support of this technology. May be his way of teaching was different," said Mahabub.

FACTFILE

Road to the final JUAN CARLOS FERRERO (SPA X3) bt Michel Kratochvil

bt Felix Mantilla Qtr-final bt Albert Costa Semi-final Total MARTIN VERKERK (NED) 1st rd bt Zelko Krajan 2nd rd

bt Rainer Schuttler

bt Carlos Moya

Kitzbuhel

(PER) (USAx29) (GER x11) 6-3, 6-3, 7-5 (SPAx4)

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champion.

6-2, 3-0 retired (GBR x25) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 (SPAx20) 6-2, 6-1, 6-1 (SPAx9)

Semi-final bt Guillermo Coria Head-to-head Ferrero-leads 1-0 Tournament

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AT MY DIRTY PET SHOP, THE ONLY BARGAIN YOU MIGHT FIND IS "BUY ONE, GET ONE FLEA.

another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

bt Nicolas Massu bt Tim Henman bt Fernando Gonzalez (CHI x19) 20 sets (17 won, 3 lost) in 13hr 52mir bt Luis Horna bt Vincent Spadea

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals E The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for