# SPORT

# The Paily Star

Hardenne will look to take advan-

tage of a wide-open women's field.

American Amber Liu in the first

round while reigning French Open

champion Henin-Hardenne, the

second seed, will square off against

this year, Henin-Hardenn's half-

that neither defending champion will

defeating Agassi in last year's final.

Davenport will meet Els Callens of

Belgium and No. 4 Venus Williams

who has been battling an abdominal

01, could face three-time grand

slam champion Jennifer Capriati in

number one ranking from Serena

Williams without benefit of a Grand

Slam title on her resume, could face

fifth-seeded Frenchwoman Amelie

Clijsters, who took over the world

Williams, winner here in 2000-

strain, will face a qualifier.

the quarterfinals.

dozen including the French Open.

Each Belgian has won six titles

This is the first time since 1971

Sampras has not played since

Women' third-seed Lindsay

a qualifier.

Clijsters, the top seed, will face

# Waiver on Tendulkar's Ferrari

# Kapil blasts government

# Cricket

#### AFP, Bangalore

India's cricket great Kapil Dev on Thursday joined the row over Sachin Tendulkar's duty-free Ferrari by castigating the government for adopting "double standards".

"When I look at it in a much broader way I would like to say I am very happy about Sachin getting the car," Kapil told reporters here.

"But if the duty-free waiver applies for Sachin, it must apply for every sportsperson.

"Why can't we have the same system for everyone who has sweated for the country? Why the double standards?" the legendary all-rounder asked.

The 163,000-dollar Ferrari 360 Modena, gifted by one of Tendulkar's sponsors, arrived in Bombay two weeks ago after the federal government waived import duty worth 245,000 dollars on a request from the millionaire crick-

The decision to write off the 120 per cent duty normally levied on all

foreign-made cars generated heated debate and dented Tendulkar's demi-god status in cricket-crazy India. The Delhi High Court was forced

to issue notices to Tendulkar and the Indian government asking them to explain why the import duty was exempted. A hearing has been fixed for later this month. But last week Italian automaker

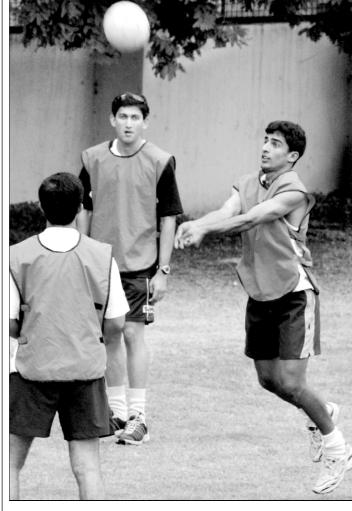
Fiat's Indian arm agreed to pay the duty if the government changed its mind to bury the controversy. "I think the government should

have given a discount to him instead of writing off the duty," Kapil said. 'The finance ministry should not totally change the policy. I do not think it is a good thing. You can't

change policy for one person." Kapil added he had paid duty on two cars, including a Mercedes

Benz, which had been gifted to him. "Amandeep Johl, a golfer won a Lexus car during a tournament in Korea. He did not get any exemption and he had to forfeit the car," he said.

Tendulkar, taking part in a preseason physical training camp for India's probables here, declined to comment on the row.



### Kuerten. Blake in last eight

#### AFP, Commack

Second seed Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil reached the quarterfinals of the 355,000-dollar ATP hardcourt tournament here Wednesday, but American James Blake stopped third-seeded Spaniard Tommy Robredo in the second round of this US Open tune-up. Kuerten rolled past qualifier

Karol Beck, 7-5, 6-3, in a secondround match, one day after eliminating another Slovakian, lucky loser Dominik Hrbaty.

A three-time French Open champion, Kuerten accepted a wild card entry into the tournament. His next opponent will be seventh seed Younes El Aynaoui of Morocco, who had a 7-6, 3-0 lead over Rik de Voest when the South African qualifier retired due to a groin injury. El Avnaoui won three titles last year but is seeking his first this

season. He was a finalist in April on his home turf in Casablanca. Blake continued to play well on

victory over third-seeded Robredo. Blake's best efforts this season have come in the United States. where he reached the semi-finals in

Houston, Indian Wells, Scottsdale

match. "Tommy is an excellent player, but I took away some of his strengths. I feel I'm in great shape. My game is where I want it to be."

### Now Nitol's

FROM PAGE 13 general secretary Manjur Hossain Malu and other BFF officials were present on the occasion.

Six teams, split into two groups, will feature in the final phase of the biggest domestic football event of the country. Moulvibazar Wanderers Club, Abahani Krira Chakra and Chittagong Mohammedans have been placed in Group A, while Group B comprises Mohammedan Sporting Club. Muktijoddha Sangsad and Arambagh Krira Sangha.

# **B'DESH-PAK**

FROM PAGE 13 Total: (For 5 wkts in 94 overs) 301 Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-102, 3-103,

4-234, 5-270 To bat: Akhtar, Gul, Shabbir,

Kaneria м R Bowler Mashrafee 12 61 40 12 Baisya 15 25 9 16 5 66 Mahmud 2 Rafique 61 23 Sanwar 0 39 Kapali 3 0 Saleh

#### 9 against Germany's young development team in the men's Champions Umpires: Steve Bucknor and TH Trophy field hockey tournament here Wednesday. In the day's other

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#### outstanding player for Germany, saving seven hot shots in the first

Australia pressed Germany again in the second half earning a second goal to Grant Schubert and penalty corner goal to Aaron Hopkins for Australia to lead 6-0 with 15 minutes to play.

Baljit Dhillon Singh found the net (63rd minute), taking the score to 4-2 and India threw everyone forward

to score again. Argentina's Juan Hourquebie attracted a vellow card suspension to put the South Americans under more pressure (59th minute), but the Argentines weathered the pressure without India scoring

Alexander Sahmel converted Germany's only penalty corner to again. give Germany a tiny piece of

Netherlands, Australia and Pakistan remain in contention for the final with the finalist to be deter-

mined in the last round-robin

Netherlands are most likely to

matches on Saturday.

# Govt to act in Warne case

#### AFP, Melbourne

The problems won't go away for controversial cricketer Shane Warne who's facing a training ban during his 12-month drug suspension under pressure from the Australian government.

The disgraced 33-year-old Test leg-spinner may be forced to stop training with the national and Victorian state teams and even his Melbourne club side after advice to Cricket Australia (CA) from the federal government.

CA said on Thursday it would seek urgent talks with the government-funded Australian Sports Commission (ASC) next week over the tough stance that it was unacceptable for Warne to train while serving his 12-month ban for taking

a banned diuretic. Under CA's anti-doping policy, that would cover national, state and

even club training. Warne's brother and manager Jason Warne said he was very disappointed at the government's

advice. "It's something we have to look into, because it conflicts with the information we've had over the last few months," Jason Warne said on Thursday. Kirsten resists Eng BCCI wants

Federal sports minister Rod Kemp said in parliament last week he would ask the ASC to consult with CA to make sure the highest anti-

### Cricket

### **REUTERS/AFP**, Karachi

Pakistan's top cricket official Thursday said he would press hard to revive cricketing ties with rival India when he travels to Bombay for international cricket talks in September.

Rameez Raja, the Pakistan Cricket Board chief executive, has been invited to attend the International Cricket Council cricket committee management meeting in India's business capital in

September. Raja said he would use the visit to meet Indian Cricket Board and government officials to push for

matches to start again. "The matter of cricket revival with India will definitely be the issue at the ICC meeting," said Raja. "The world is waiting for the

stand-off to be broken. ICC president Ehsan Mani, a

British-based Pakistani, has vowed all-out efforts to resume Indian-Pakistani cricket ties.

"Pakistan has been willing to uled for April and May this year, and play India and we believe that ties blocked matches against Pakistan should be resumed as early as next in one-day tournaments at neutral venues in the United Arab Emirates, year," Raja, who once captained Toronto, Canada and Singapore. India broke bilateral ties with However the South Asian giants

Pakistan after the deadly December met for their first match in two-and-2001 attacks on its parliament which a-half years at Centurion in South they blamed on militants based Africa for a World Cup match in across the border. Islamabad March. denied the charges. Officials of two sides agreed in June to resume ties at junior level.

"I view the visit as significant because it provides us with an Pakistan is awaiting India's opportunity to tell the Indian people response to its invitation for an and officials why it is important to under-19 four-way series, also have regular cricket ties," Raja told involving Bangladesh and Sri Lanka Reuters

"This is a good opportunity for us to highlight the futility of not playing against each other," he said, adding that he had applied for a visa and hoped it would come through soon. Earlier this year, the secretary of

the Asian Cricket Council was refused a visa by Indian authorities to visit Kolkata to attend an ACC meetina

**Rameez's mission** 

Pakistan, told AFP.

New Delhi had already refused to clear their team's tour to Pakistan in September 2001 for an Asian Test Championship. They forbade a full tour sched-

n November this year. In December India will also host a Pakistan "A" team in a four-nation tournament. Raja said the ICC has also hinted at possible cricket between Pakistan and India in the United

States and Canada next year. The proposal "would give a huge boost to the sport in that part of the orld." he said.

ICC president Mani said he aims to promote cricket in the US before the 2007 World Cup in the West Indies.

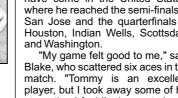
# home soil, registering a 6-3, 6-4

and Washington. "My game felt good to me," said Blake, who scattered six aces in the

face Finland's Jarkko Nieminen, a 6-1. 6-4 winner over Argentine's Agustin Calleri, the number six seed

The New York native will now

San Jose and the quarterfinals in





titles in Montreal and Cincinnati, will first face the only player who has defeated him in the hardcourt build-

Meadows next week.

ing US star Andy Roddick could seed and opens his campaign meet in the final of the US Open against Guillermo Canas of Tennis Championships, but both will Argentina face difficult first-round matches in If Roddick makes it to the quarthe final Grand Slam tournament of ter-finals, he could face Australian Open finalist Rainer Schuettler of

US OPEN US OPEN

Top seed Andre Agassi and emerg-

staked his claim to contender status

with back-to-back Masters Series

AFP, New York

the year

The draw, announced Germany. Agassi could come up Wednesday, pits Agassi, a two-time against fifth-seeded Guillermo champion and runner-up last year to Coria in the quarters -- the same Pete Sampras, up against former round in which Coria ousted him at top-10 player and US Open semifithe French Open nalist Alex Corretja of Spain in the

Ferrero could face a tough opening round at Flushing quarterfinal against 2001 US Open champion Lleyton Hewitt of Roddick, the fourth seed who Australia

A few interesting matches could develop before then, including a possible third-round meeting between Federer and Australian Mark Philippousis in a replay of the Wimbledon final.

It's Henman v Roddick

Men's second seed Roger

Federer of Switzerland, the reigning

Wimbledon champion, will take on

Carlos Ferrero of Spain is the third

French Open champion Juan

Washington on August 2.

Jose Acasuso of Argentina.

With the withdrawal of defending champion Serena Williams due to knee surgery, the Belgian duo of Mauresmo in the guarters. Kim Clijsters and Justin Henin-



## Matias Paredes of Argentina (C) tries to make his way through two India players during their Champions Trophy match on August 20

**Argentina rout India** 

half and three in the second.

doping standards v in the Warne case.

This latest blow for Warne will be high on the agenda at CA's two-day board meeting, which starts here on Friday

CA chief executive James Sutherland is also likely to meet with the ASC and the Australian Cricketers'Association (ACA).

# Hats off

#### FROM PAGE 13

patron

"Apart from Mashrafee who I had to play carefully against none of the others seemed threatening." said Yasir who felt sorry not being able to convert his century into a double hundred.

Overall, he is the world's 76th batsman to have reached three figures on debut. Australia top the list with 16 batsmen followed by England (14), India (11), West Indies (10), Pakistan (9), New Zealand (7), Sri Lanka (3), Bangladesh (2), South Africa (2) and Zimbabwe (2).

**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

FROM PAGE 13 Stephen Harmison and Warwickshire left-arm spinner Ashley Giles were dropped from the Trent Bridge team, took a wicket with his fifth ball. Neil McKenzie (four) got half-

forward to Kabir and Stewart took his third catch of the innings as England's all-pace attack exploited the helpful, overcast conditions. Flintoff became one of several England bowlers to make a good length delivery lift alarmingly from the Football Stand End. Kirsten fending to Anderson at backward point But Australian umpire Simon Taufel's no-ball call meant Kirsten

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evidence

#### survived.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at tea on the first day of the fourth Test between England and South Africa at Headingley on Thursday SOUTH AFRICA: First innings

Gibbs c Stewart b Bicknell Kirsten not out Kallis c Vaughan b Bicknell McKenzie c Stewart b Kabir Rudolph Ibw b Kabir Boucher c Vaughan b Flintoff Extras: (lb-9, nb-6) Total: (For 6 wkts in 57.3 overs)142

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-2, 3-16, 4-21, 5-116, 6-142 To bat: Hall, Pretorius, Ntini, Zondeki R w

Bowler 0 Μ 14 7 Kirtley Bicknel 15 9 12 Kabir 3 Anderson 8 5 3 8.3 Flintoff

20 30 ENGLAND: Trescothick, Vaughan, Butcher, Hussain, Smith, Stewart, Flintoff, Bicknell, Kirtley, Ali, Anderson Toss: South Africa. Umpires: Billy Bowden (New

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#### VQJ-ALKBCRZ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN MUSICIANS HOLD YEARLY CONVENTIONS, I'M SURE THE EVENTS ARE VERY WELL-STAFFED. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals E

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for 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.

investigations identified that many of the allegations made by GCC's marketing agent World Sport Nimbus (WSN) lacked substance," the ICC said in a statement from London on Tuesday.

It said information provided by the BCCI had highlighted that several aspects of the GCC claim needed to be "properly investigated"

But the GCC said it stood by its claim

"The GCC is satisfied its claim for the compensation against the ICC is based on accurate and reasonable grounds," the GCC said in a press release from Singapore.

The ICC said in June that England, New Zealand and Sri Lanka would receive part of their withheld money

#### 'He can score FROM PAGE 13

Pakistan's Javed Miandad (8,832). Waugh reckons India had the team to give a stiff fight to their

opponents away from home because they had a "confident" captain in Saurav Ganguly. "Ganguly has grown in confi-

Toss: Pakistan.

Wijewardena

dence and he'll be going all-out to change India's poor overseas record," said Waugh, the most successful captain in Test cricket. India have not won a Test series

outside the sub-continent since 1986 when Kapil Dev led them to victory in England. India will play two Test matches

against New Zealand at home in October before touring Australia for four Tests later this year.

# **Capriati battles** her way thru'

Argentina and will now most likely play off for 5th and 6th place against the young Germans on Sunday.

Australia's previous best result was a 4-0 defeat of Germany at the Champions Trophy in Kuala Lumpur in 1993.

In the first 20 minutes Australia scored three times through Michael McCann, Grant Schubert and Adam Commens before Germany entered Australia's defensive half with possession. McCann scored again immediately after Germany's first possession in Australia's half.

Hockey

Australia rewrote the record books

with their highest ever 6-1 score

men's game India fell 2-4 to

AFP, Amsterdam

Germany conceded too many unforced errors of turnovers of possession, missed tackles and simple passes straight to an Australian stick to be competitive against an Australian side which punished each mistake.

Germany started to find a rhythm of sorts in the last 15 minutes of the first half and stemmed the onslaught of goals for the remainder of the half. Christian Schulte was the only

respectability INDIA-ARGENTINA

break.

goal.

Argentina dictated the tactics taking command of a directionless India in the first half with better field position and speed on the ball.

Mario Almada and Jorge Lombi

qualify for the final by beating Argentina Thursday and Germany With a penalty corner conversion to Jorge I ombi 19th minute) and on Saturday. Matias Vila's field goal (24th minute) Australia must take three points from Argentina on Saturday to be in Argentina looked to have the match in control until Deepak Thakur contention for the finals.

pulled back a goal (30th minute) for Pakistan are most likely to beat India to stay in contention 2-1 at the Germany Thursday but have the tournament within the tournament against India on Friday, the result of piled on two more goals for which is unpredictable as both Argentina in the first 10 minutes of teams play for national pride and the second half for Argentina to lead

current form is no predictor of the result. The challenge for Pakistan is not

The Argentines defended their lead, playing inside their own half for to under-rate India which have lost almost all of the last 20 minutes three of their four matches. Argentina will play for a bronze

Chances came to Gagan Ajit Singh and Prabhjot Singh with medal on Sunday and victory will Prabhjot getting the ball in the net to give them their first medal in any see the goal disallowed as the ball Champions Trophy. came off the thigh of Deepak, into



PHOTO: AFI Jennifer Capriati hits returns to Elena Bovina of Russia during their match at the Pilot Pen Tennis tournament on August 20 at the Connecticut Tennis Centre in New Haven

Tennis

#### AFP, New Haven

After receiving a first-round bye. second seed Jennifer Capriati survived a second-round scare Wednesday at the 625,000-dollar WTA Tour hardcourt tournament here

Capriati rallied past 20-year-old Russian Elena Bovina, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 to set up a quarterfinal meeting with Anna Pistolesi of Israel. The former Australian and French Open champion has played 14 tournaments this season but is seeking her first title. She was runner-up at Miami and Stanford

Second seed Amelie Mauresmo of France overcame a back strain and eliminated 18-vear-old Swiss qualifier Myriam Casanova 7-5, 6-4. It ended Casanova's first appearance at this US Open tune-up.

Mauresmo has reached the quarterfinals of this event in all four previous appearances but has lost to top seed Lindsay Davenport each of the last two years.

In other second-round action,

Hantuchova of Slovakia 6-3, 6-2, Hantuchova reached a career-best fifth in the WTA Tour rankings earlier this season but has struggled lately. Spain's Magui Serna registered

another upset, ousting sixth seed Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria, 7-6. 6-3. Serna next will play Davenport, who needed just 40 minutes Tuesday to crush Jelena Dokic.

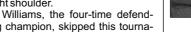
Davenport was a runner-up to Venus Williams at this event each of the last three years.

Elena Dementieva of Russia fought back to defeat No. 7 Conchita Martinez of Spain, 4-6, 6-2, 6-0, setting up a quarterfinal meeting with Black.

Eighth seed Ai Sugiyama of Japan bounced Tatiana Perebiynis of Ukraine, 6-4, 7-6 and will face Sugiyama in the quarterfinals.

Perebiynis replaced Alexandra Stevenson in the draw after the American withdrew with a sprained right shoulder.

ing champion, skipped this tournament due to an abdominal injury.



qualifier Cara Black of Zimbabwe upset fourth seed Daniela