Warwicks sign **Aussie Hogg**

English country cricket side Warwickshire have signed Australian spinner Brad Hogg for the 2004

Hogg starred at the World Cup earlier this year as Australia won the tournament and began his career as a specialist left-handed batsman.

Bears chief executive Dennis Amiss said: "We are delighted to be able to agree terms with Brad to enable him to join us next season, and his world-class left-arm spin bowling will provide the control and penetration we have been searching for.

"He was, without doubt, one of the most impressive bowlers in the last World Cup, taking 13 wickets at 24.76 apiece and he will make an enormous difference to our bowling line-up."

Selection chess

SPORTS REPORTER

The Metropolis Selection Chess tournament began vesterday at the NSC

69 players won their first round 144 players are taking part in the

Swiss league system event.

Sixteen players will qualify for the preliminary phase of the 30th National

Chambers' B test positive

AFP, London

European 100 metres champion Dwain Chambers was Friday suspended and facing a lengthy ban after UK Athletics confirmed he had tested positive for the new designer steroid

A second urine sample, or B test, had confirmed the presence of tetrahydrogestrinone (THG) which was detected in an out-of-competition test taken at a training camp in Saarbrucken, Germany, on August 1.

The 25-year-old sprinter has been suspended from competition by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) and will be summoned to a disciplinary hearing by UK Athletics.

He could be banned for up to two years but even if the ban is less than a year, Chambers would not be allowed to compete in the Olympic Games in Athens where he would be one of Britain's top medal hopes.

Under British Olympic Association rules, doping offenders are banned for life from the Olympics Games

A statement from UK Athletics said: "B sample analysis has been conducted and confirms the finding in

"Dwain Chambers has now been ispended by the IAAF pending the result of a hearing before an independent Disciplinary Committee... the date for this hearing has yet to be set."

After the original positive test. Chambers protested his innocence stressing he had been assured that supplements he was using complied with IAAF anti-doping rules.

And Chambers' legal advisors stressed on Friday that the athlete had never admitted taking THG, a drug that is believed to have been engineered to

evade traditional testing procedures. In a statement, Chambers' lawyer Graham Shear said: "I believe the results

of the B test do not provide any conclusion to this matter what so ever. "This is just the beginning of a lengthy process. Until satisfactory explanations and answers for these

questions can be provided, nobody is in

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Kiwis' one last chance

Cricket

New Zealand and Australia play each other for the final time in the round robin stage of the TVS Cup in India on

The Kiwis have a point to prove, having been thrashed by the Aussies in Pune and narrowly beaten in a game they should have won in Cuttack.

A third defeat will not quite consign

New Zealand to the sidelines, however. Their match against India in Hyderabad on November 15 could decide who joins Australia in the

Calcutta final.

Kiwi captain Stephen Fleming said: 'An early start is something we've got to deal with, and deal positively.

"There will be pressure on the side batting first. Winning the toss will be a definite advantage, but the other team must strive to do better.'

All-rounder Chris Cairns and seam

bowler Paul Hitchcock have had extensive nets for two days in an effort

The Aussies may rest wicketkeeper-opener Adam Gilchrist and paceman Brad Williams

Jimmy Maher and Michael Kasprowicz both have opportunities to make impressions. The Kiwis will be relieved not to see

Williams coming at them with the new He twice ran through their top order to pick up successive man-of-

the-match awards. Bigger beds have been ordered for the tall New Zealanders at the hotel

where they will be staying. TVS CUP TABLE

Standings in the three-leg preliminary round of the one-day TVS Cup tri-series being played in India (played, won, lost, tie/no-result, bonus points, total points): 4 3 1 - 2 18 N Zealand

The Landmark Hotel flew in beds measuring 7ft 6in from Calcutta, a foot onger than the standard ones.

Arindam Bhaumik, the general manager at the Landmark, said: "There was no request to do this

"We saw them on TV, read about their heights and realised our beds were The Kiwis crucially recorded their

first win in the competition when they beat India in Cuttack on Thursday. Australia have won three matches

on the bounce since an opening loss to

TEAMS

AUSTRALIA (possible): Ricky Ponting (captain), Jimmy Maher, Matthew Hayden, Damien Martyn, Andrew Symonds, Michael Bevan, Michael Clarke, Andy Bichel, Ian Harvey, Nathan Bracken, Michael Kasprowicz. NEW ZEALAND (possible): Stephen Fleming (captain), Lou Vincent, Craig McMillan, Chris Harris, Jacob Oram Scott Styris, Brendon McCullum, Kyle Mills, Chris Nevin, Daryl Tuffey, Daniel

Kiwis can skip Pakistan tour REUTERS, Dhaka

Cricket

AFP, Auckland

Members of the New Zealand cricket team are free to pull out of this month's tour to Pakistan if they have security fears, but cricket authorities say they do not expect many defec-

The Black Caps are returning to complete a series abandoned last year when a suicide bomber killed 14 people outside their hotel in Karachi.

The New Zealand Press Association said it understands some members of the New Zealand team. currently playing in a series in India, are uncomfortable about returning to

In-form batsman Craig McMillan, who opted out of the Champions Trophy Tournament in Sri Lanka four months after the Karachi blast, gave a flat "no comment" when asked if he was available for the revived Pakistan

New Zealand Cricket (NZC) officials said security checks undertaken by Australian adviser Reg Dickasor

found no reason for the tour not to go ahead, but players and officials have the option of staving home and there would be no repercussions.

"I don't expect many to opt out but I can understand if one or two are doubtful," NZC chief executive Martin Sneddon said.

Sneddon said Dickason was in Pakistan when South Africa toured there last month and he described security arrangments as "very tight, akin to a visiting head of state" The southern port city of Karachi

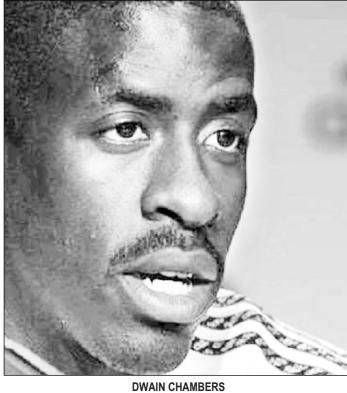
of five one-day matches which starts at Faisalabad on November 22 and also takes in Rawalpindi and Lahore. New Zealand agreed to the return tour after Pakistan demanded mone-

has been excluded from the itinerary

tary compensation after last year's series was cut short. After the Kiwis' close call in May 2002, Australia and the West Indies refused to play scheduled tours in Pakistan and both series were trans-

Bangladesh restored international matches to cricket-mad Pakistan three months ago, and South Africa followed soon after.

ferred to neutral third countries.



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Giles changing

Left-arm spinner Ashley Giles is making changes to his run-up that he hopes will boost his international

useful for England on overseas tours but has been known more for containing rather than attacking, mainly because he bowls from wide of the

the angle of my run-up," Giles said on Saturday. "Bowling from closer to the stumps gives me a lot more angles and more chances of picking up wickets." The Warwickshire bowler, who

grabbed three quick scalps against Bangladesh in the first one-dayer at Chittagong on Friday, said the match had given him confidence.

memory. I've been bowling one way for the last 12 years and now I'm trying to do something totally different.

over the last two weeks I can see that 'm getting the hang of it.' Giles, who was a medium-pace

bowler till he was 18, made a meek Test debut against South Africa at Manchester in 1998, managing only one wicket for 106 runs.

wickets in 27 matches despite an

Giles said. "You can always stay in the comfort zone and keep doing the same things but I know this change is going to improve me as a cricketer. There's no turning back now."

decision".

"I'll have to adjust according to the situation in Sri Lanka, which will be an exciting challenge," Giles added.

in Bangladesh 2-0, leave for a three-Test series in Sri Lanka on November

BBC ONLINE, undated

He recently underwent knee

website: "I think I'm finished." this year when he and team-mate Andy Flower staged a protest against the Zimbabwe government during a

World Cup game He is living in England after being granted a five-year visa and has no plans to try and play county cricket.

"I'm not interested," the 27-year-

Olonga will restrict himself to occasional appearances for Kentbased pub side Lashings and the MCC.

"If Zimbabwe were to change, I might consider a comeback but I've still got to find the motivation and my biggest stumbling block at the moment is my fitness "We'll see how my knee progresses.

It is pretty worn, just from the knees of playing, so I'll have to contend with that and whether I want to do further damage.

loose fragment of bone removed from He is now pursuing a career in the 21-year-old Belgian said. "It gave music but remains a vocal critic of

Security beefed up for TVS Cup

BBC ONLINE, undated

Security forces have been put on high alert in India before Sunday's match between Australia and New Zealand because of terrorist threats.

Authorities said there was no specific threat against the cricketers but security needed to be increased in the city of Gauhati. Pallab Bhattacharjee, head of

police operations, said on Friday: "Terrorist groups might focus on the cricket teams or an international New Zealand arrived in Gauhati, which has been witness to several

decade, on Friday morning amid a tight security blanket. Australia will fly in 24 hours later. More than 5,000 security personnel have been deployed at the stadium, the two hotels where the teams

the ground. Bhattacharjee said: "Gauhati's police and paramilitary forces have been put on high alert ahead of this cricket match.

will be staying and on roads leading to

"We're not paranoid, there are precautionary steps against trouble makers.'

New Zealand skipper Stepher Fleming was practising in the nets with police brandishing automatic guns and pistols flanking the stadium.

Bhattacharjee said: "The cricketers and fans visiting the players or the stadium will pass through extensive security checks, but it's part of our effort to ensure that cricket goes off peacefully.'

Australia are already through to the triangular series final on 18 November, New Zealand and India both have nine points with two games

C'wealth Games

The 72-member CGF will vote between New Delhi and the only other Indian Olympic Association (IOA)

president Suresh Kalmadi, who heads Delhi's bid, told a media conference on Saturday that he was confident New Delhi would be able to rally enough support. "The Games have to go on to new horizons," he said referring to Canada

having hosted the event four times in

the past. "It can't be stagnating around Canada, Australia and Britain.' India are hoping to become the second Asian country after Malaysia in 1998 to host the Commonwealth

Tennis

Justine Henin-Hardenne booked her

place in the semifinals of the WTA Tour

Championships - and assured herself

of the year-end world No. 1 ranking -

with a 6-2. 6-1 round-robin victory

over Jennifer Capriati on Friday.

AFP, Los Angeles

Championships.

3D chess touch the pieces and move them. Chess REUTERS, New York

Chess master Garry Kasparov wears a pair of 'X3D' viewing glasses at a

Kasparov to play

pieces when world number one Garry Kasparov plays the latest so-called man vs machine contest next week, just a computer monitor and a chessboard image as seen through 3D

news conference in New York on November 7.

40, pits his genius against "X3D Fritz," a combination of Fritz, the most dominant chess software, with X3D Technologies company software that specializes in virtual reality The four-game match starts on

Former world champion Kasparov,

There will be no chess board and no

with the other games scheduled for November 13, 16 and 18. Each game, which can last up to seven hours, will be broadcast on

Tuesday at the New York Athletic Club

several chess Web sites. Kasparov will wear 3D glasses while sitting in front of a monitor showing the board. Promoters said the glasses will have the effect of making the board's image realistic, floating in front of him, but Kasparov will have to adjust to not being able to reach out.

"I don't know how much negative pressure this virtual environment will

have on my mind," Kasparov said on Friday at a news conference to promote the event. Kasparov will speak his moves through a voice-recognition program

and a human operator will make sure the computer records them correctly. The X3D Fritz programme can consider about 3 million chess positions per second, and would likely beat

99.9 per cent of human competition,

said John Fernandez, chess consultant with X3D Technologies Corp. Kasparov tied his last, six-game match against a programme, the Israeli-designed world computer chess champion Deep Junior, in New

York in February Azerbaijan-born Kasparov is considered by chess experts to be the greatest player in the history of the ancient game. He is still ranked No. 1 ahead of world champion Vladimir Kramnik of Russia by the International Chess Federation, known by its French

acronym FIDE.

Pierce, Mauresmo to play in Fed Cup

Mary Pierce will team up with Amelie Mauresmo for the first time for France in the Fed Cup semifinals against Russia later this month.

Pierce, plagued by injury since winning the French Open in 2000. has not represented her country in the Fed Cup since the 1997 final when France beat the Netherlands

Mauresmo, ranked sixth in the world, first played for France in 1998. Pierce is ranked 33rd, three below Nathalie Dechy who has a wrist injury and is not included in

4-1 in Den Bosch.

Stephanie Cohen-Aloro and Emilie Loit make up the team, the French tennis federation said on

Russia play France and the U.S. take on Belgium in the semi-finals on November 19 and 20 in Moscow. The final follows in Moscow on November 22-23.

Russia named their top four players -- Anastasia Myskina, Elena Dementieva, Nadia Petrova and Vera Zvonareva -- for the semis. All four are ranked in the world's top 13.

Myskina and Dementieva are playing this week at the WTA Tour Championships -- the elite eightwomen event -- in Los Angeles, along with Mauresmo.

With Belgium missing Justine Henin-Hardenne and the United States without the Williams sisters, the Russians are favourites to land their first Fed Cup title on home soil.

Dhaka ride

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were eventually shot out for 104 in 45.1 overs.

Left-arm seamer Monjurul captured four wickets for 13 runs while his right-arm partner in crime Hasibul finished with three for 27. It took his tally to seven wickets in two games after the outstanding performance against Kushtia on Friday,

SCORES IN BRIEF Dhaka v Bogra Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket

Stadium BOGRA: 159 all out in 48.1 overs (Atiqur 30, Palash 23; Neeyamur 3-

27, Debabrata 2-34) **DHAKA**: 160 for 5 in 31.5 overs

(Mehrab 58, Salauddin 23) Result: Dhaka won by five wickets. **AIUB v Nilphamari** Venue: Mymensingh

Tanjeer 24, Sabbir 18, Hasibul 19; Humayun 3-41) NILPHAMARI: 104 all out in 45.1

AIUB: 127 for 7 in 50 overs (Setu 31,

overs (Johnny 37; Monjurul 4-13, Hasibul 3-27)

Result: AIUB won by 23 runs. Javed, Aamir

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the New Zealand series from television. Miandad and Sohail were also at odds in the press during the recent series against South Africa after the chief selector took a swipe at coaching

methods. The Board Chairman Tauqir Zia had to intervene to diffuse the row.

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Spitting ban on FROM PAGE 16

Gripper

match in Rome on Tuesday. Russian referee Nikolai Ivanov failed to spot Mihailovic spitting in Mutu's face, but television pictures clearly showed the incident.

In addition to the suspension, UEFA fined Mihajlovic 12,700 euros (14,500 dollars) for his repeated unsporting behaviour.

The suspension will apply to UEFA club competition matches. Mihajlovic, who has frequently courted controversy during his career, has until midnight on Monday to appeal against the decision.

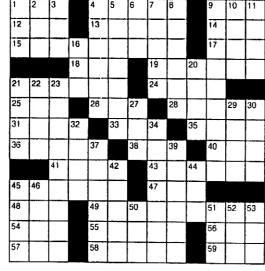
Brazil to support FROM PAGE 16

announced his support for

Morocco's bid. A five-man FIFA inspection team on Thursday completed a week-long

other infrastructure necessary to host the world's largest sporting event. South Africa lost the bid to host

the 2006 World Cup to Germany by a



CRYPTOQUIP

ABMYG, WBQ

Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A CERTAIN SMALL POOCH PERFORMS A TRICK, ONE MIGHT CALL

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.

his direction

The 30-year-old has been fairly

"I am in the process of changing

"I'm so used to one particular way of howling that I know the change will take time," he said. "It's about muscle

"Things were going along too slowly at the beginning of this tour but

He was discarded for two years but proved instrumental on his return in England's upset 1-0 Test series win in Pakistan in late 2000 and has been the team's frontline spinner since with 65

ordinary average of 42.81. "I know I haven't done too badly,"

England captain Michael Vaughan has described the move as a "brave

England, who won the Test series

Olonga over?

Former Zimbabwe Test player Henry Olonga is unlikely to play first-class

surgery and told the BBC Sport Olonga hit the headlines earlier

Olonga first suffered knee problems about a year ago and has had a

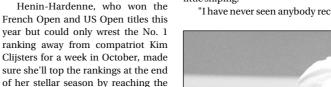
me so much determination. I was Zimbabwe president Robert Mugabe's coming onto the court so focused." regime and has urged England not undertake a tour, which is scheduled to take place next year

Henin secures top spot

didn't feel like I could go all out." Henin-Hardenne didn't face a break point in the 59 minute match, while breaking Capriati twice in each

from her previous night's marathon,

Henin-Hardenne's speedy recovery $the\,dis appointed\,Capriati\,indulged\,in\,a$ little sniping. "I have never seen anybody recover



Mauresmo 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. The defending champion here, Clijsters had already qualified for Sunday's semi-finals, while the fate of Mauresmo, who finished the first phase 1-2, hinges on Red Group rival Chanda Rubin's match Saturday against Elena Dementieva.

semifinals of the elite 3 million-dollar

Clijsters, meanwhile, completed

round-robin play undefeated on

Friday, rallying to beat France's Amelie

Russia's Anastasia Myskina kept her hopes of advancing alive with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Japan's Ai Sugiyama. Myskina bounced back from two early service breaks, which saw her

trailing 4-1 in the opening set, to win in

from a three-set loss to Henin-

Hardenne that had kept her on court

More importantly, she recovered

until nearly midnight Thursday and up crying after that. "I'm really proud of myself that I was able to recover," Myskina said. "It was tough for me. I didn't sleep well. I was thinking 'How stupid can you be,

to lose a set when you're up 5-0?''

Henin-Hardenne, who had sought

medical treatment for her racing heart and the lingering effects of a sinus infection during that late-night win over Myskina, looked fit as a fiddle as she dominated Capriati. "I knew before the match that if I won, I was going to qualify for the semis and then be No. 1 in the world.'

Capriati was hampered by a hip flexor muscle strain suffered in her opening match on Wednesday

"I don't think I could move to the fullest of my capability," she said. "I

as fast as she does," Capriati said with a derisory shrug. "She plays pretty good for all these things that are bothering Capriati was going to need a quick turn around herself to advance. She was due to take on Myskina in a makeor-break match on Saturday afternoon.

Asked if she was surprised that "I know I'll have to do a lot of running," Capriati said, "Basically tomorrow is going to be giving it all I've got because if I lose, that is it."



Justine Henin-Hardenne of Belgium celebrates after beating American Jennifer Capriati at the Bank of America WTA Tour Championships on

examination of football facilities and

militant attacks during the past