**England Test** 

squad named

chairman of selectors Ray

Illingworth named his first Test squad Sunday, choosing

three uncapped players and

retaining only five for the team

that played the final Test in

the winter tour of the West

chance to make their Test debuts against New Zealand, at

Trent Bridge starting Thurs-

day, are all-rounder Craig

White, left-handed spin bowler Richard Stemp and wicket-

All three have Yorkshire

connections. White, 24, was

born in the county but was

raised in Australia and repre-

sented that country at youth

level. The right-handed batsman and spin bowler returned to England and made his York

"He's come through very

quickly," said filingworth, who watched White hit an unbeaten

century and take seven wick-

ets for 85 runs last week

against Essex. "He's a good batsman, good anywhere in the

field and particularly fine at

slip. He changed from off-spin

to seam-up last year and has

increased sharply in his pace."

shire from Worcestershire in

1993, while 29-year-old Rho-

des has been with Worces

tershire since 1985 after

playing for Yorkshire from

Stewart, Robin Smith and

Graeme Hick were retained

from England's previous Test

to provide the balance of the

batting attack. Medium-fast

bowler Angus Fraser was the

other player held over from

handed paceman Mark Ilott.

Derbyshire all-rounder Phil

DeFreitas and Essex spinner

Peter Such, none of whom

travelled to the West Indies.

Fast bowler Devon Malcolm.

the last Test, was also named.

ability of injured pacemen

Andy Caddick, Darren Gough

and Chris Lewis, plus spinner

Phil Tufnell's absence from the

game due to personal prob-

lems, had given the other

bowlers their chance.

who made the trip but missed

Illingworth said the unavail-

There were recalls for left-

1981-84

the West Indies.

the last Test.

Stemp, 26, joined York-

The three players with a

Indies, reports AP.

keeper Steve Rhodes.

shire debut in 1990.

LONDON, May 29: New

# Zahid, Tuhin's hero

Sports Reporter Zahid captured five wickets for 17 runs to help Tuhin SS emerge group champions with a 69-run victory over Rahmat ganj in one of the three Lotus Kamal Second Division qualify ing cricket matches played at different city venues yesterday.

At the Jagannath Hall ground Zahid's incisive spell cut short Rahmatganj's victory quest of 125 in 35 overs.

The whole shoot was sent packing for 55 in 19.5 overs. Earlier Tuhin SS managed 124 for seven from their quota of 35 overs.

Maghbazar Shanti Sangha beat Dilkusha Sporting Club by 38 runs in another match played on the western strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Sta-

Jahangir's 57 was the mainstay of Dilkusha's as they batted first to collect 190 for

Bobby's unbeaten 34 went down the drain as Maghbazar Shanti Sangha were bowled out for 142 in 32.3 overs.

In a very low scoring match held on the adjacent eastern strip of the DCS Sunrise careered to an massive eightwicket win over Lalkuthi Club.

Batting first Lalkuthi were all out for 48 in 29.2 overs. Mustafiz remained unbeaten

on 24 and Imran on 16 as Sunrise smashed 49 for two in 13.5 overs.

# Rutherford, Young plunder Essex attack

SHELMSFORD, England May 29: Skipper Ken Rutherford and Bryan Young hit cen turies against Essex on Saturday to lift New Zealand's morale ahead of the first Test against England, reports Reuter.

Rutherford, who was scathing in his criticism of the side crushed by an innings by Yorkshire on Thursday, finished unbeaten on 111 in New Zealand's 314 for three.

He put on 191 for the second wicket with opener Young who made 122.

The New Zealanders were in sore need of a good day. Their batting has been at best indifferent so far on the tour and they have been beset by injury problems in the pace bowling department.

Seamer Simon Doull has already returned 'home and strike bowler Danny Morrison broke down in the first oneday international earlier this month.

Michael Owns, Doull's replacement, was ruled out of the three-day match against Essex — New Zealand's last be-fore the Test — with a hip in-

And Chris Pringle, in Morrison's absence the Newzealanders' most experience seamer, withdrew from the current match when he suffered a muscle spasm in his lower back in early morning warm

Rutherford was clearly determined that the batting failures of recent weeks against Yorkshire, Middlesex and Somerset should be put behind

New Zealand, He completed his century from 145 balls, hitting 10 boundaries, and played with great composure despite the day-long poor light.

Young's 222-ball innings was spread over four and a quarter hours. He too, timed the ball excellently, scoring 17

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Abahani's young defender Imdadul sends the ball nestling into the net from a penalty to pave the way for sky-blues thrilling 2-1 win over star-studded Muktijoddah Krira Chakra Sangsad in the second semifinal of the third DMFA Cup at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. - Star photo

# Akram spell sinks Somerset

LONDON, May 29: Pakistan left-arm paceman Wasim Akram seized two wickets with consecutive delive-

ries during an incisive display that set up Lancashire for an emphatic country champion ship win over Somerset on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Akram completed a first innings haul of five for 117 and then captured three for 21 when Somerset followed on 248 behind on the third day of the four-day match at South-Somerset crumbled from

80 for one to 136 for five in their second innings at the close, and face their fourth consecutive championship de-Akram, whose county sea-

son will be cut short when he joins Pakistan's tour of Shri Lanka in a month's time, dealt his double blow by dispatching Somerset captain Andy Hayhurst and Keith Parsons in successive balls.

Richard Harden denied Akram, his hattrick, but opener Mark Lathwell provided Somerset's only effective resistance, racing to a half century with 10 fours in 64 balls before falling to left-arm spinner Alex Barnett for 61.

Brian Lara shrugged off his disappointment at missing a world record 24 hours earlier by striking a superb 55 not out for Warwickshire against Middlesex at Lord's.



WASIM AKRAM

The West Indies left-hander illuminated his 52-ball cameo knock with 11 fours as Warwickshire, 38 behind on first innings, made 90 for two by the close of the third day.

Lara was dismissed for 26 in the first innings when seeking a record-equalling sixth

Left-arm pace bowler Alan Mulially, born in England but brought up in Australia where he played Sheffield Shield cricket for Western Australia and Victoria, grabbed four for 38 to help put Leicestershire on top against Kent.

Mullally and fellow paceman David Millns (3-51) dismissed Kent for 157 on the third day at Leicester, giving the home side a first innings lead of 47.

Skipper Nigel Briers (82) pressed home their advantage in a first wicket stand of 78 with West Indian opener Phil Simmons, who slammed 42 off 50 balls with five fours and two sixes. The pair spurred Leicestershire to 210 for four at the close, a lead of 257

Paceman Andy Pick gave Nottinghamshire the chance to secure their third championship win of the season with a telling late burst against Derbyshire at Ilkeston. Pick brought his match haul

to nine by grabbing the last three wickets to fall for just four runs as Derbyshire slipped from 218 for seven to 221 all

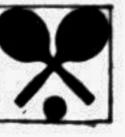
Notts, set 254 to win, saw Paul Pollard and Mark Crawley reduce the target by 45 at the

### Illingworth's squad included only five specialist batsmen, including England's all-time run-scorer in Test cricket and former captain Graham Gooch, who opted to skip the disappointing tour of Captain Mike Atherton, Alec

voiello

A beaming Diego Maradona, wearing a Napoli shirt, glances through a story in the sports page of an Israeli newspaper that tells about the Argentine soccer stars arrival in Tel Aviv yesterday. Argentina play Israel in friendly match tomorrow. - AFP photo

# Arantxa, Pierce power home



PARIS. May 29: No 12 seed Mary Pierce powered into the French Open quarter-

finals with a record-setting 6-1, 6-1 rout Sunday of South Africa's Amanda Coetzer, reports AP.

Pierce, based in Florida but playing for France, has now lost only four games in four matches and won her 21st straight game at 4-0 in the first set before Coetzer snapped the streak. Both are modern-era French Open records.

Joining her in the quarterfinals was second-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, who beat error-plagued Anke Huber of Germany, 6-3, 6-2, and unseeded Julie Halard of France. who upset seventh-seeded Natalia Zvereva of Belarus, 7-6 (7-2), 7-5.

Pierce, on track for a semifinal showdown with topseeded Steffi Graf, shut out American Lori McNeil in the third round after winning her first two matches 6-1, 6-0 and 6-0, 6-1.

Coetzer, ranked 18th in the world, battled gamely, but Pierce repeatedly rocketed ground strokes and service returns out of her reach. Sanchez Vicario had little

trouble ousting the 11thseeded Huber, who committed 45 unforced errors. Even a bad fall in the sixth game of the second set didn't slow the 22year-old Spaniard, who along with Pierce is considered one of the few serious threats to Graf.

Huber, now 1-7 against Sanchez Vicario, reached the semifinals here last year before losing to Graf. Neither she or Sanchez Vicario had lost a set in the first three rounds, and their match was the only one of 16 fourth-round contests in the upset-riddled tournament to pair two seeded players.

Sanchez Vicario, who lost in last year's semifinals to Mary Joe Fernandez, won the tournament five years ago at 17 at the time, the youngest champion ever.

In the quarterfinals Tuesday. Sanchez Vicario will play Halard, 23, who has climbed to 24th in the rankings after winning one tournament this spring and coming second in another. Halard never survived even the third round in seven previous French Opens.

Also reaching her first Grand Slam quarterfinals was Petra Ritter of Austria, a 7-6

# Rubin calls it a coverup

MIAMI, May 29: A lawyer known for becoming involved in off-beat cases plunged into the Jennifer Capriati drug case Saturday, alleging a coverup to protect the young tennis star. reports AP.

Ellis Rubin's latest client is Nathan Wilson, 18, who was with Capriati when she and two others were arrested at a drug party. Wilson was not arrested when police raided the motel room May 16.

Rubin would not allow his client to speak during the news conference, but let him answer a few questions in an interview with The Associated Press.

The lawyer said there may be a coverup because two people at the party were charged with using crack cocaine or heroin, and Capriati was charged only with possession of marijuana.

Wilson told the AP he had seen Capriati using "heroin, smoking crack and marijuana and using pills." He said the pills were depressants that drug users call "ruffles," which make people feel as though they are drunk

(7-2), 4-6, 6-0 victor over Romania's Ruxandra Dragomir. Ritter will play Pierce on Tuesday.

On Saturday, in the conclusion of men's third-round play. five matches were decided in five sets, including thrillers involving fourth-seeded Goran Ivanisevic and No 8 Michael Chang.

When the day was over, only one seeded player was left in the bottom half of the draw: Ivanisevic.

In one of the best comebacks of his career, Ivanisevic overcame Spanish clay-court

expert Alex Corretja 6-7 (7-3). 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3. In a match played simultaneously on Court A, Chang

engineered one of his patented five-set rallies but fell short against Peru's Jaime Yzaga in a 4-hour. 25-minute marathon that finished 6-2, 6-3, 5-7, 1-6. 7-5.

Also advancing to the round of 16 with five-set victories were Magnus Larsson of Sweden. Javier Frana of Argentina and Hendrik Dreekmann of Germany. Larsson upset ninthseeded Todd Martin 6-7 (7-5). 6-3, 6-0, 1-6, 6-3,

Midway through the tournament, 11 of the men's 16 seeds have been eliminated an Open era record for the

While the bottom half has been decimated, the top half remains loaded with the tournament favourites: No. 1 Pete Sampras. No 4 Andrei Medvedev, No 6 Sergi Bruguera and No 7 Jim Courier.

All four were playing Sunday against relatively unknown players — Sampras against Mikael Tillstrom of Sweden. Medvedev against Jacco Eltingth of the Netherlands, Bruguera against Australian Patrick Rafter and Courier against Olivier Delaitre of France.

American Michael Chang lies on the court after falling during his match against Peruvian Jaime Yzaga in the third round of the French Open in Paris on Saturday. Yzaga won 6-2, 6-3, 5-7, 1-6, 7-5. - AFP photo

# consecutive first-class hun-Ali wins another



Mass. May 29: Floats like butterfly, stings like a

Muhammad Ali won another title Saturday, an honorary law doctorate from little Mount Ida College. reports AP.

"I've been, called the king... I've been called the greatest. I've been called champ," Ali said in receiving his first college degree. "And now I can be called the doc."

The three-time heavyweight champion wore a black cap and gown, marching onto the stage with Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller and other honorary degree recipients as a brass quintet played "Pomp and Circumstance."

Paul Dunphy, the college's vice president for student development, drew a standing ovation when he said the honorary degree for Ali was long overdue.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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MOHAMMED ALI

at Lewiston, Maine, in May Carlson was then a college

sophomore. He said he pretended to be a journalist so he could sneak into the heavyyear-old Clay knocked out Sonny Liston in the first College officials said Ali was

honored Saturday as a humanitarian and an activist for peace and racial harmony, not as a fighter fists that once ruled the world now playfully per-

form magic tricks. Ali makes a red handkerchief disappear in his left fist, using it as an example of how he says people can be deceived. Ali, slowed by Parkinson's

disease, now spends much of his time travelling the world to promote his Islamic faith. He distributed autographed pamphlets about the religion to students and other admirers before the graduation.
The school also established

a Muhammad Ali Award, to be given annually to a student who has helped promote a multiracial community at Mount Ida School officials said Ali will help select the winner each

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: FOR SEEKERS OF THE HOLY GRAIL, SIR LANCELOT BECAME A KNIGHT TO REMEMBER.

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

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: U equals M

CRYPTOQUIP

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words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

### Sepak takraw may debut at 2000 Olympics BANGKOK, May 29: Sepak takraw, a traditional village pastime that has become one of Southeast Asia's most popu-

lar sports, may make it to the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, the Bangkok Post reported today reports AFP. International Olympic Committee (IOC) chief Juan Antonio Samaranch suggested sepak takraw be included be-

and exciting play, the Post quoted Thai Olympic official Santiparb Tejavanjaas as saying. "It's too early to make any predictions, but I feel that the chances are good," Santparb told the Post on his return from a meeting of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) in Hi-

cause of its acrobatic action

treasurer. Sepak takraw, which made its entry into international sport at the 1990 Asian Games in Beijing, is played on a badminton sized court, divided by

roshima. Santiparab is OCA

a net, by two three man teams. The teams have to get a rattan ball from one side of the court to the other, using any part of the body, except hands. It started as a traditional village sport played in Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and Burma. Malaysia were the first Asian Games champions.

Because of reluctance to add new sports to the packed Olympic lineup, sepak takraw could be included under another name such as "acrobatic volleyball," Santiparb said.

### Samaranch ends visit to Sydney

which lost a close vote to Sydney to host the 2000 Summer Olympics, should try again for the 2004 Games, International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch said Sunday, reports AP.

again," he told a news conference. "It would be very good for the Olympic movement" if Beijing hosted the Games. Sydney won the 2000 Ga-

mes in a vote among Olympic

committee members in Monte

Carlo last Sept 23. Samaranch left Sydney on Sunday after a four-day visit, flying to Western Samoa for an Oceania National Olympic Committees conference.

Samaranch toured Olympic sites at Homebush Bay in Sydney's west.

# SYDNEY, May 29: Beijing. "We would like them to bid