Nicol exits

Peter Nicol made a surprise

early exit from the Pakistan

Open squash championship on

most improved players this

year, was beaten 15-6, 15-11,

15-5 by Englishman Del Harris

in'a first round meeting on the

World champion and world

number one Jansher Khan of

Pakistan earlier this year as he

raised his world ranking from

50th to seventh, had no an-

Walker and third-seed Peter

Marshall joining Harris in the

second round after victories

over compatriot Angus Kirk-

land and Egyptian Amir Wagih

the world, took less than half

in hour to beat Kirkland while

Marshall, after dropping the

opening game, confirmed his

place in the second round with

a solid recovery. He will now

meet another Englishman,

Ross Norman, seeded eighth,

was taken to five games by

Canadian qualifier Jonathan

Power before winning in ex-

the title, handed out a 15-3.

Stephen Meads. The English-

man was no match for the

sharp mobility of the world

who lost to Jansher in the

Qatar Open final at the week-

end, drubbed Pakistani quali-

fier Zubair Jahan Khan 17-14,

15-7, 15-8 but former world

champion Rodney Martin, the

fifth seed, took four games to

overcome fellow-Australian By-

Indonesians

start favourites

stan players look certain to

dominate the 300,000 dollars

World Grand Inix badminton

finals starting on Wednesday,

with Ardy Wiranata heading

the men's singles and Susi So

santi the women's reports

member, of Indonesia's win-

ning 1994 Thomas Cup side.

no less than six Indonesian

men have qualified for the fi-

nals, the tournament with the

biggest cash shareout in the

gold medalist Hervanto Arbi,

Thailand open champion Joko

Suprianto and Barcelona

Olympics gold medalist Allan

been divided into four round-

robin groups after which the

top two of each group will ad-

vance to the next round.

In the singles, players have

Group A - Joko Suprianto

(Indonesia), Dong Jiong

(China), Fund Permadi

(Indonesia), Jeroen Van Dijk

(Indonesia). Paul-Eric Hover-

Larsen (Denmark). Lioe Tiong

Ping (Indonesia), Sompol

(Indonesia), Hermanwan Su-

santo (Indonesia), Jens Olssen

Group D - Thomas Stuer-

Lauridsen (Denmark), Allan

Budi Kusuma (Indonesia), Sun

Jun (China), Vacharaphan

Group A - Susi Susanti

Group B - Lim Xiaoqing

(Indonesia), Liu Yohong

(China), Pornsawan Palngvech

(Sweden), Han Jingna (China)

Khamthong (Thailand)

(Thailand).

Women's Singles:

(Sweden), Hu Zhilan (China).

Group C - Heryanto Arbi

Kukasemkiij (Thailand).

Group B — Ardy Wiranata

They include Asian Games

history of badminton.

Budi Kusuma.

GROUPS:

(Netherlands).

Besides Wiranata, a key

BANGKOK, Dec 6: Indone-

ron Davies, a qualifier.

Rodney Eyles of Australia,

15-7, 15-7 drubbing to

Jansher, favourite to retain

Veteran New Zealander

Walker, ranked seventh in

respectively.

Paul Gregory.

actly an hour.

champion.

Reuter.

It was a good day for Englishmen, sixth-seed Chris

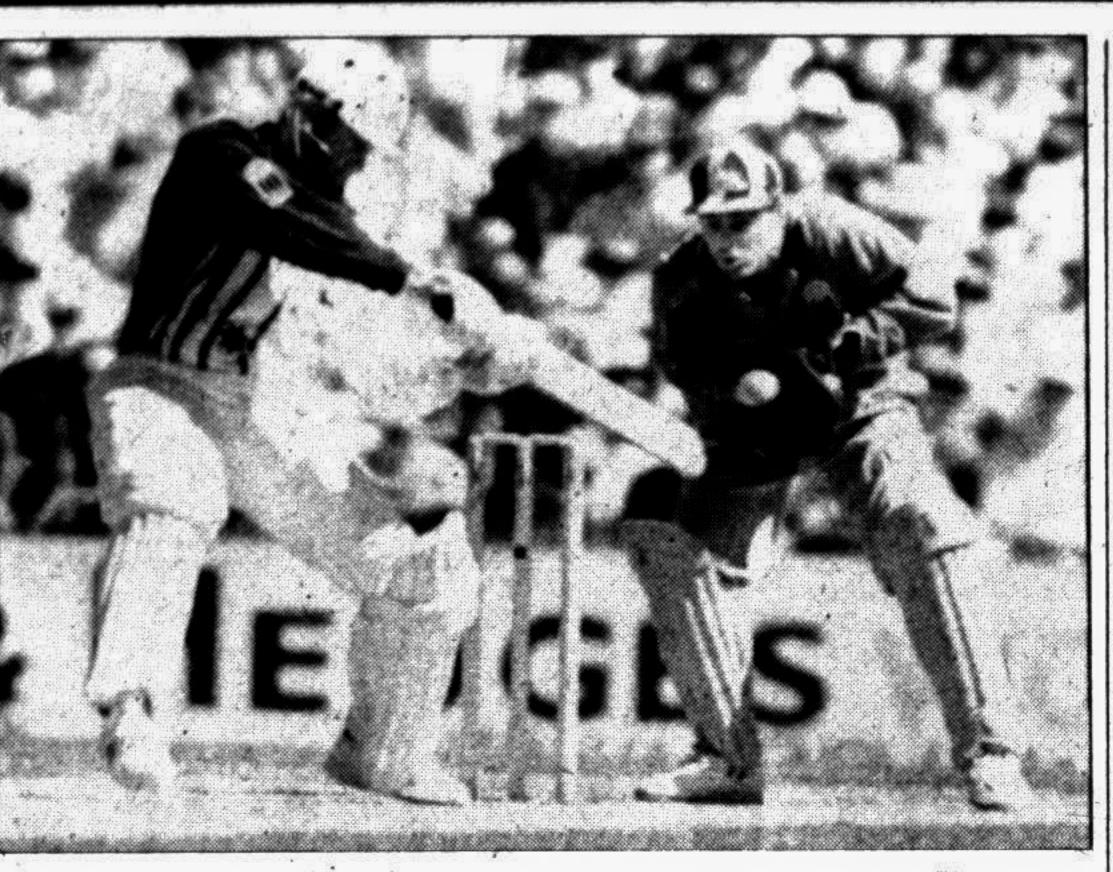
swer to Harris, ranked 19th.

Nicol, who had beaten

second day of the tournament.

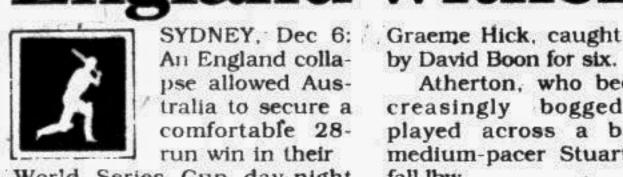
Nicol, one of the world's

Monday, reports Reuter.



Australian captain Mark Taylor dabs the ball past wicketkeeper Steve Rhodes during a World Series Cup one-day encounter at the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday. Australia won the match by 28 runs. - AFP photo

England wither away again



run win in their World Series Cup day-night international on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

England, chasing Australia's 224 for four from 50 overs. reached 100 without loss in the 25th over but the loss of vice-captain Alec Stewart for 48 sparked the touring side's

· Although captain Michael Atherton top-scored with a deflant 60, only Graham Gooch and Graham Thorpe of the later batsmen, with 21 apiece, reached double figures as they were bowled out for 196 in 48.3 overs.

Craig McDermott was Australia's most successful bowler with three for 34 from 9.3 overs. Off-spinner Tim May captured two for 35 and seamer Glenn McGrath took one for 22 in nine miserly overs

Earlier, three Australians had passed the half-century after Mark Taylor had won the toss and batted in glorious. sunny conditions.

Taylor himself made 57 and his opening partner Michael Slater scored 50 with the pair adding 96 for the first-wicket. Then, man-of-the-match David Boon returned to form with an unbeaten 64 in 64 balls, and his partnership of 92 in 103 balls with Michael Bevan (46) gave Australia's innings its late momentum. .

Off-spinner Shaun Udal was the pick of England's attack with two for 37, his best figures in one-day internationals.

England's opening pair of Atherton and Stewart looked to have given their side the ideal platform for victory under lights, with Stewart overcoming a slow start to play increasingly fluently.

They say off the initial threat of leg-spinner Shane Warne, who was taken out of the attack after bowling two overs for thirteen, but it was Warne's fellow spinner. Tim May, who made the breakthrough.

May enticed Stewart to miscue a cut to backward point Where Stuart Law took a good diving catch. Stewart thought he had played the ball into the ground, but the Australians and

umpire Darrell Hair disagreed. May helped turn the game in Australia's favour with a tight display, also removing

women's swimm-ing teams

were part of a systematic dop-

ing programme, according to

secret police records pub-

fished in an American maga-

Swimming World carries re-

sults from the Stasi, the East

German secret police, showing

Otto, winner of six gold medals

at the 1988 Olympics, with

steroid levels almost three

times the limit needed to trig-

familiar with the Stasi docu-

ments as saying they prove

that every top East German

athlete used performance-en-

hancing drugs, administered at

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to epitestosterone of 17-1

topped a list of test results

from Aug 9, 1989, that also

included world-class swim-

mers Daniela Hunger (12.5-1).

Dagmer Hase (10-1) and Heike

Friedrich (8.8-1), according to

Stasi documents quoted in the

Anything over a 6-1 ratio is

magazine.

Otto's ratio of testosterone

tervals to avoid drug tests.

It also quoted a chemist

The December issue of

zine, reports AP.

ger a positive result.

NEW DELHI, Dec

Kristin Otto and

other members of

East Germany's

record-shattering

6: Olympic star

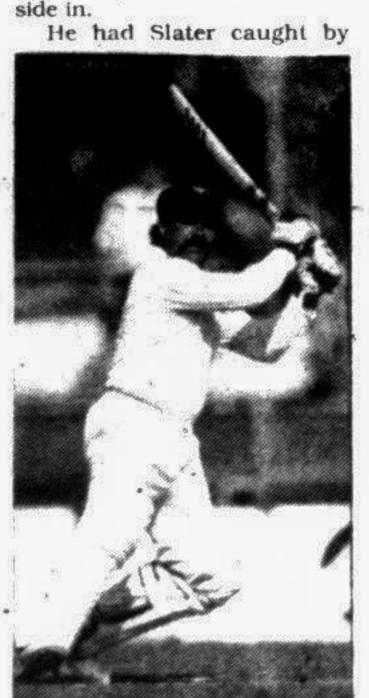
SYDNEY, Dec 6: Graeme Hick, caught at cover fell in the final over, caught by

Atherton, who became increasingly bogged down, played across a ball from medium-pacer Stuart Law to

While Gooch and Thorpe were together England still had high hopes of victory. However, when McDermott then returned to removed Thorpe, well caught by Michael Bevan at deep square leg, and Craig White, bowled for nought, in one over, he tilted the game towards Aus-

Gooch, hitting out, fell to another good catch, this time by McDermott at long-on, to give Warne his one wicket of the innings and seal England's

Taylor and Slater had added 96 for the first-wicket in 24 overs to give Australia a great start, but Udal's arrival in attack helped rein the home



DAVID BOON ... m-o-m

Hick at deep mid-wicket, the ball after he had reached an attractive 50 off 65 balls and later bowled Mark Waugh, who missed an ambitious sweep.

Taylor gave Hick a return catch off a full-toss, but then Boon and Bevan provided the middle-order impetus which England's innings lacked later.

They ran well between the wickets to add 92 in 103 balls with Boon returning to form with an increasingly confident unbeaten 64 in 64 balls. Bevan

considered illegal under dop-

ing guidelines set by the In-

ternational Olympic Commit-

terone in her than the entire

starting team of the Dallas

Cowboys," said Phillip Whitten,

the magazine's editor in chief

and author of the article. "It's

no wonder she was able to win

six gold medals at the Seoul

Otto has long ago retired from

swimming, it was important to

publicize the findings because

of drug tests that are now

finding Chinese swimmers us-

ing steroids to help-break

records and win world cham-

have helped set up the Chinese

swimming programs.

Control Laboratory.

Old East German coaches

A copy of the Stasi docu-

ment accompanying the article

showed the swimmers' tests

with the German word

"positiv" after each. The re-

port was signed by Dr Claus

Clausnitzer, director of East

Germany's Central Doping

women's swimming in the

1970s and '80s, with stars

such as Otto and Kornelia, En-

der routinely winning gold

medals and then passing drug

East Germany dominated

Whitten said that although

Olympics."

pionships.

"Otto had more testos-

Gooch off Darren Gough for 46 in 59 balls. England's innings was in-

terrupted three times by male streakers, part of a noisy crowd of 38,602.

A glum Atherton later said: "At 100 for no wicket, we were in the box seat and should have

"We batted pretty poorly from the halfway point of their innings, and a although they got a decent score, we expected to get it." Taylor said: "We batted a lot

better than we did against Zimbabwe the other night and our spinners bowled well.

"With Steve Waugh out, we are half a bowler short, but I thought our guys covered well for us."

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the World Series Cup one-day international between Australia and England today

inglatic today.	
AUSTRALIA	
M Taylor c and b Hick	57
M Slater c Hick b Udal	50
M Waugh b Udal	4
D Boon not out	64
M Bevan c Gooch b Gough	46
S Law not out	0
Extras: (1b-2, w-1)	3
Total: (For four wickets,	50
overs)	224
Fall of wickets: 1-96; 2-1	06;
3-126; 4-218.	

Did not bat: I Healy, S Warne, C McDermott, T May, G

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M Atherton Ibw b Law	6
A Stewart c Law b May	4
G Hick C Boon b May	- 8
G Thorpe c Bevan b McDermott	2
G Gooch c McDermott b Warne	2
C White b McDermott	1
S Rhodes c Warne b Law	3
P DeFreitas run out	- 5
D Gough not out	
S Udal b McGrath	59
J Benjamin b McDermott	77
Extras: (lb-7, w-6, nb-1)	1
Total: (48.3 overs)	19
Fall of wickets: 1-100, 2-112.	3
133; 4-147; 5-149; 6-164;	7-
180; 8-187; 9-195.	

McGrath Warne	tt 9.3 9	4	34 22 46	1
Law May	10	0	52 35	2 2

Delving deep in dark truths

tests. Only one top East Ger-

man swimmer, 1988 Olympic

silver medalist Astrid Strauss,

ever failed a doping examina-

tion, and that was at a national

Mia Audina (Indonesia). Group C - Ye Zhaoying (China), Christine Magnusson (Sweden), Juliani Sentosa (Indonesia)

Group D - Camilla Martin (Denmark), Ra Kyung Min (South Korea). Somharuethai Charoensiri (Thailand)



KRISTIN OTTO

Seeds sail into ITF semis KARACHI, Dec 6: Scotland's

Bok Martin and Dennis Scheppingen of the Netherlands. Dimitri Muzyka of Ukraine and Selvam Veerasingam of Malaysia qualified for the semifinals in the masters' leg tournament of the Gold Leaf ITF Thailand-Bangladesh Satellite Circuit at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday,



The top seed Bok scored an easy 6-4, 6-2 win over Michael Noel of the United States to reach the semi-finals. He earlier beat Thomas Orvald 3-6. 6-3, 7-5 to qualify for the quar-

The Rajshahi leg champion Bok, will take on Dimitri Muzyka of Ukraine in the first semi-final on Friday at 2 pm. Muzyka overcame Glenn Wilson of New Zealand 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 in another quarterfinal encounter.

The second seed Dennis Scheppingen of the Netherlands marched into the last four outplaying Owen Casey of Ireland 6-2, 6-1. Casey took part in the circuit in Dhaka in

Dennis will face Selvam Veerasingam of Malaysia in the other semi-final on the same day at 2 pm. Veerasingam scored a 6-4, 3-0 win over Nick Baglin of Britain. The Malaysian took the first 6-4 and was leading 3-0 in the second before his British opponent was forced to retire. In the doubles, top seed

Martin Bok and Dennis Scheppingen of the Netherlands and Glenn Wilson of New Zealand and Gerrit Steenkamp of Russia entered the final. The Bok-Dennis pair de-

feated Thomas Orvald and Devin Bowen of the United States 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 in the semi-finals In the other semifinal, Wil-

son-Steenkamp beat Dimitri Muzyka of Ukraine and Michael Joel of the United States 5-7, 6-4, 6-3. The final will be held on

Saturday at 2 pm. ITF CENTRAL ASIAN CIRCUIT DEC 10

Meanwhile, the first ITF Central Asian Circuit tennis tournament begins on December 10.

Swedish tennis into turmoil

just hours after their team had

won the Davis Cup in Russia,

The Daily Svenska Dag-

bladet said on Monday that the

Committee, responsible for

many of the country's training

programmes, was resigning in

protest at the Swedish Tennis

Federation's heavy-handed

bers say the federation had

ruled that new Davis Cup cap-

tain Carl-Axel Hageskong

should report directly to the

federation rather than the

the split between Sweden's

two most powerful tennis

bodies had been papered

over until the Davis Cup final

was over. Sweden beat Russia

4-1 at the weekend to take

Swedish newspapers said

Davis Cup Committee.

Davis Cup Committee mem-

reports Reuter.

tactics.

STOCKHOLM.

Dec 6: Sweden's

six-man Davis

Cup Committee

has resigned en

masse, plunging

The International Tennis Federation has sanctioned the three-leg circuit to Sri Lanka. India and Bangladesh to be participated by under-14 boys and girls of some South Asian countries and Myanmar for the first time.

The first leg was held in Colombo, the second leg is now going on in Madras and

the third leg will be held in Dhaka from December 10 to

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bhutan and hosts Bangladesh are taking part in the circuit.

The Pakistan and Sri Lankan teams will arrive on December 9 to take part in the meet organised by the Bangladesh Tennis Federation.



makes a forehand return at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday. The Dutchman moved into the semis comfortably. - Star photo Swedish success turns sour

tennis nation.

treatment.

"The federation's board has

seen us as a threat because we

were too knowledgeable about

tennis," Svenska Dagbladet

quoted Eklund as saying. He

added that Davis Cup Commit-

tee chairman Ingvar Carlsson

had been singled out for harsh

The Davis Cup committee

was also critical of the. way

Hageskog was appointed, say-

ing he was the committee's

candidate but the tennis feder-

ation had ruled he should not

Martin Bohm resigned last

month after the federation re-

fused to accept a Davis Cup

Committee recommendation

to make him Davis Cup coach.

He is now personal coach for

players Nicklas Kulti and

Long-serving Swedish cap-

tain Jon-Anders Sjogren, who

is retiring after the weekend's

victory, said he was saddened

by the Davis Cup Committee's

Mikael Tillstrom.

decision to quit.

Sweden's national coach

report to the committee.

the cup for the first time

since its golden years in the

committee, said the federation

had decided to abolish the

committee, which was set up

in 1989 to try to restore

Sweden's position as a top

Stich's gesture

man tennis star Michael Stich

deposited 500,000 German

marks (320,000 dollars) from

foundation for child AIDS suf-

ferers here Monday, reports

help ease the suffering of the

children, said the world num-

ber nine. "Give them some-

thing to wipe away their tears

a tournament in Mannheim in

February to raise funds for the

cause, he said, adding "with

capital growth, the foundation

will help child AIDS cases for

Top players will compete in

and make them laugh."

decades to come.

The Stitch Foundation will

his own winnings to establish a

STUTTGART, Dec 6: Ger

Thomas Eklund, one of the

Graf will play in Aussie Open MELBOURNE, Dec 6: Steffs

Graf will defend her Australian Open tennis crown here next month despite being plagued by a back problem, tournament Monday, reports AFP.

director Paul McNamee said McNamee said he had contacted Graf's manager Phil di Picciotto to seek assurances

that she would be available. "At this stage it's of no concern," McNamee said.

"I spoke with her personal manager and he says that she is having treatment on her back and at this stage everything is okay."

McNamee feared Graf, a four-time winner of the tournament, may not play in the Open after learning she had a foot injury But after contracting Di

Picciotto, he was told the 25year-old's major concern was a recurring back injury.

"She's got enough time off between now and the tourna ment to get plenty of treatment and I would be surprised if she didn't get on top of it. he said.

South Africa gets it

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 6: South Africa have been confirmed as hosts of the next African Nations' Cup finals, the Confederation of African Football said on Tuesday, reports Reuter. South Africa takes over

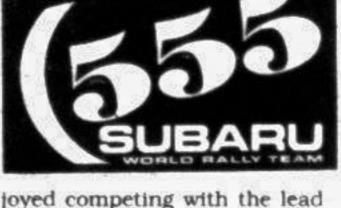
from Kenya, who announced their withdrawal as hosts slats last month for financial rea We have officially received

Kenya's withdrawal and South Africa, having confirmed its availability, will thus host the 20th African Nations Cup," CAF said in a communique.

Burns takes second place Richard Burns finished sec-

ond to Kenneth Eriksson in the Rally of Thailand, the sixth and final round of the 1994 Asia-Pacific Championship. The 555 Subaru Impreza was only 34 seconds adrift of the Mitsubishi when the cars returned to Phrae but with two of the seven planned stages cancelled, time ran out for Burns, says a press release yesterday.

Behind the two Europeans. Australian Ed Ordynski fin ished third in his first drive in the Group A Mitsubishi ahead of Karamjit Singh in the Malaysian-built Proton. Singh admitted afterwards that he had never driven so fast in his life. Fifth-placed finisher at Phrae was Pornsawan Siriwatt in a Mitsubishi, the leading That driver who like many of the local competitors had en-



ing international drivers. Possum Bourne was one of

the first people to congratulate Richard Burns when he crossed the ramp in his 555 Subaru Impreza at the rally fin The next event for the 555

Subaru World Rally Team will be the opening round of the 1995 World Rally Championship at Monte Carlo in Jan

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

QDRRIEBF FBJUUP VIGGP AJEBG FZWZSH D S QFDNWBW EFJZSG - AB GEISW V D F NDS'E Yesterday's Cryptoquip: "I RECOMMEND 'FRANCIS THE TALKING MULE,'" HE SAID. "I GOT A

KICK OUT OF IT." Today's Cryptoquip clue: N equals W 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.

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