EAST LONDON. South Africa, Jan 20: England stumbled to another embarrassing defeat by South Africa after losing their last seven wickets for just 40 runs in the sixth match of the limited overs series on Friday, reports Reuter.

Chasing a modest target of 130 on a low, slow pitch helpful to the seamers, England lost their heads as they plunged from 75 for three to 115 all out.

Two of the dismissals were run outs.

South Africa's victory was their fourth in succession in the series. They lead 5-1 going into Sunday's final encounter in Port Elizabeth.

After the match it was announced that the Buffalo Park pitch was to be investigated by the United Cricket Board of South Africa, who have asked the umpires. match referee, respective captains and groundsman to submit reports on its condi-

But that will be of little comfort to an England side whose nerve appears to have been shot to pieces.

England appeared to have the match in their grasp when Graeme Hick and Jack Russell put on 56 for the fourth wicket after the first three wickets had gone to Fanie de Villiers and Shaun Pollock for 19 runs.

The controversial dismissal of Hick by wrist-spinner Paul Adams - named man-of-the-match for his three for 26 return sparked England's collapse.

He was given out caught behind by umpire Cyril Mitchley for a fluent 39. But television replays showed that Hick, drawn down the pitch by a turning Adams delivery, had played and

Graeme Thorpe was bowled first ball by Adams without offering a shot and when the gritty Russell was run out seeking a suicidal single to Andrew Hudson at short fine-leg England were in disarray at 78 for six.

They eventually capitulated for 115 in 43.4 overs. Ironically. South Africa's total of 129 in 41.4 overs was their lowest one-day international score on home soil.



PAUL ADAMS ... m-o-m

Brian McMillan was the only batsman to get to grips with the difficult pitch, topscoring with a controlled 45 not out from 92 deliveries. Darren Gough took three for 25 while Dominic Cork,

all chipped in with two England manager Ray Illingworth admitted after his side's latest humiliation that

Peter Martin and Craig White

he would be glad to get "When you get to this stage you want to get away

from it all," he said. "We need to forget it all. to start from scratch and to start working hard again before the World Cup matches

"There are no real excuses - we were just unpro-

fessional ..., we should have been capable of chasing 130 even in those conditions. "We have just got to get it right for the World Cup.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the sixth one-day (50 overs) match between South Africa and England at Buffalo Park on Friday:

SOUTH AFRICA Kirsten c Smith b Cork Snell c Atherton b Martin. 8 Cronje b White Kallis lbw b Martin McMillan not out Rhodes c Gough b Illingworth 10 Klusener lbw b Gough Pollock b Gough Richardson lbw b Gough De Villiers b White Adams b Cork Extras: (lb-11, b-1, nb-2, w-Total: (in 41.4 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-25; 2-29; 3-29; 4-54; 5-89; 6-89; 7-98; 8-98; 9-128. Bowling Cork 23 Martin Gough 18 White

Illingworth 29 **ENGLAND** Atherton c Richardson b De Villiers White c Richardson b De Villiers Smith b Pollock Hick c Kirsten b Adams Russell run out Thorpe b Adams Fairbrother b Snell Cork b Adams Illingworth run out Gough Ibw b Snell Martin not out

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Extras: (lb-13, b-1, nb-1, w-

26 Adams Result: South Africa won by a 14 runs. Seventh match (Port Elizabeth): January 21.

South Africa lead the sevenmatch series 5-1.

Brandes had two for 69 of

With black pieces. Rakib adopted Sicilian defence and prevailed after only 26

seeded third took only 34

Mixed delight

sia's Olympic champions ended their matches in a different style Saturday with Susi Susanti on the winning side and her fiance Alan Budi Kusuma losing at the Japan Open badminton tournament.

Susanti, who plans to marry Budi Kusuma after the Atlanta Olympics, fought off a spirited challenge from Camilal Martin of Denmark 6-11. 11-5. 11-9, setting up a final showdown against Chi-

On an adjacent court. Heryanto Arbi 10-15, 11-15 in the men's singles event.

Ye was an easy 11-3, 11-2 winner over her teammate

match of the Taipei Open final last weekend, which Susanti won, dropping only seven points, to stretch her record against Ye to 11 wins against six defeats.

also a repeat of last year's all Indonesian final between Arbi and Joko Suprianto, who breezed past Lee Kwang-Jin of South Korea 15-7, 15-2,

Philippoussis drowns Pete By Tawfiq Aziz Khan

The Centre Court at Flinders Park was set alight by the sizzling ground strokes of a lesser known 19year-old named Mark Philippoussis.

The local boy who started tennis at the age of 6 under his father Nick Philippoussis, brought about the biggest upset at the Australian Open by comprehensively beating World No 1 Pete Sampras in straight sets in the third round. And it all happened in 133 minutes.

Philippoussis made great strides last year and made it known to the tennis world about his arrival in the international scene. From a mere 304 in the ranking at the end of 1994 this teenager has raised his game and standing to enviable heights

Sampras lost only one game in the first set (4-6) but was literally outplayed by his distant Greek 'Cousin.' In the stands large Greek flags overshadowed the tiny Australian and US standards. And the Guru of both these stars, Nick Bollettieri, happened to be among the spectators. It was one of those nights

when Mark could have touched anything and that would turn out to be gold. anything he would do would become history. He committed 31 unforced errors but he had also hit 65 winners in a span or three sets. The usually big server of the game. Philippoussis fired as many as 29 aces as if to give Sampras a taste of his own medicine. It was a sad occasion for

the number one seed who made more mistakes and was almost out of touch with his first service. In his interview before the match Mark specially mentioned about the importance of service and he practically demonstrated how important it was. In the next two tie-break sets (7-6, 7-6) no quarters were given or asked and the Australian set up a 4th round match with compatriot Mark Woodforde.

AFP adds: Boris Becker played one of his finest matches at the Australian Open to crush fierce-hitting Swede Magnus Larsson and reach the fourth round here



MARK PHILIPPOUSSIS

Saturday.

Becker, drawn into two five-set dogfights in his opening two matches, had a relatively easy task against 19thranked Larsson - who missed a minutes.

Such was the German fourth seed's domination that Larsson only held one break point while Becker broke the power-serving Swede three

"That was one of my better matches here at the Australian Open," 28-year-old Becker said. "I haven't had many good ones over the years, but that was one of my

Becker, a winner here in 1991 relished the opportunity of playing his Centre Court match with the roof closed after rain.

Aussies fan the flames

"Obviously, when it's indoors I like it very much, but on the other hand I had an opponent who likes it too and he has won big titles," said Becker.

"I had very good timing on my serve and that started in the last two sets of my last match (against Swede Thomas Johansson). It just went on today ... I faced one break point in the whole

match and Magnus is not a really bad returner." Becker's next opponent will be either New Zealander Brett Steven or Dutchman Jan Siemerink, whose match was twice rain-interrupted

Saturday. Sixth seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov overcame a raindelay to beat 112th-ranked Australian Michael Tebbutt in a third-round match, 7-5, 5-7. 6-4. 6-2 in two hours 41

minutes. The Russian, one of the hardest working players on the men's circuit will take on American Malivai Washington in the round of 16. Washington ousted Colombian Mauricio Hadad in straight sets.

Sweden's Thomas Enqvist,

the seventh seed, overcame Argentina's Hernan Gumy 6-2, 7-6 (7/3), 3-6, 6-1 to move into the fourth round where he will face either 10th seed Goran Ivanisevic or Italian Renzo Furlan, whose match was delayed until Sunday because of the rain.

Ctg Abahani beat Customs 3-0

CHITTAGONG, Jan 20: Chittagong Abahani Krira Chakra beat Customs Sports Club 3-0 in the CJKP First Division football super league at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS. The first half of the match

was in goalless. Abahani's Iraqi recruit Zakir scored all the three goals for his team making a brilliant hattrick. Zakir scored the goals in

the 43rd, 46th and 65th minute.

Shaky start for Kiwis



Reuter. New Zealand's effort was personified by the innings of Stephen Fleming, who once again fell short of his maiden Test century.

Fleming looked good in reaching 84 but when he and Chris Cairns started to get tied down in the evening session he lost his concentration and spooned a catch to Stuart Carlisle off the parttime medium pacer Guy Whittall.

He and Cairns added 99 for the fifth wicket and looked to be taking New Zealand to a reasonable total after a shaky start. Soon after Fleming's exit

with the score at 216, Cairns went for 57, caught and bowled by Paul Strang with the score at 232.

New Zealand added 50 for the first wicket before losing Roger Twose to a rash shot. edging Eddo Brandes to wicketkeeper Andy Flower. When Craig Spearman gui-

ded a catch to gully off Bryan Strang and Adam Parore followed for nought. New Zealand were 86 for three after winning the toss and electing to bat on a dry looking wicket.

Nathan Astle made 14 before he gave Brandes a return catch at 117 for four; putting Zimbabwe were in control. Fleming, whose first six

scoring shots were boundaries, and Cairns, who started with four successive boundaries, put New Zealand back in the match with some good stroke-making displays.

Fleming reached 1,000 runs in Test cricket when he was 62 but shortly after that the pair got bogged down against some tight bowling and efficient Lee Germon played some

good shots getting to .25 before Zimbabwe fast bowler Heath Streak got him with the new ball. Germon fended off a short ball aimed at his ribs and it lobbed to Andy Flower. Streak got his second

wicket with the last ball of the day, trapping Gavin Larsen leg before for nought. New Zealand finished the day with Dipak Patel on two and Robert Kennedy yet to

come to the crease. Streak took two for 11 with the second new ball to finish with two for 50 from

Kallis

18 overs and Bryan Strang two for 59. Leg spinner Paul Strang finished with one for 29 and Whittall had one for

The first match in the series was drawn.

> SCORBOARD Scoreboard at the close of

play on the first day of the second cricket Test between New Zealand and Zimbabwe at Auckland's Eden Park Sat-

NEW ZEALAND: Saturday: First innings Spearman c G Flower b B Strang

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Fall of wickets: 1-50; 2-78: 3-86: 4-117: 5-216: 6-232; 7-244; 8-246.

Bowling:	0	M	R	
Streak	20	7	50	
Brandes	18	3	69	
B Strang	29	7	59	
P Strang	12	2	29	
Whittall	12	4	36	

column in Sportstar weekly

"I am hoping to talk to ex-

perts who may design special

fielding practice techniques

the Indian camp has been the

indifferent form of batting

prodigy Tendulkar, who is

going through a lean patch.

The team took fragile when

that Tendulkar should stick

to the opening slot to which

he was moved in 1994.

although critics such as Bedi

good all-rounders at the mo-

ment," Azharuddin also said.

six all-rounder is still on."

The search for the number

"We are badly lacking in

do not relish the idea.

Azharuddin is emphatic

he fails to click.

Another major concern in

Shamsul Arefin, Rawnak Hasan, Mahtab Ahmed, Ashraful Alam, Naveem Arefin, Sh-Islam, Tofazzal Hossain, Abdul Khaleque. Romance, Ezaz and Faruque. Hingis just

Former national eves

champion and fifth seed

Tanima Parveen of Chit-

tagong, one of the two girls

playing in the 92-player

meet, also recorded an easy

victory over Ashraful Islam.

Playing against the Sicilian

defence of Ashraf, Tanima

took only 30 moves to defeat

other first round winners:

Sved Mahfuzur Rahman.

Firoze Ahmed, Aminur Rah-

man, Sabbir Ahmed Sentu.

Saiful Kabir, Kallol Bihari,

Abul Hashem, Giasuddin

Mithu, Tipu Sultan, Masif

Ahmed, Shahidul Islam,

Saidul Hague, Nazmul Hasan,

Farhan Ali, Nowsherullah,

rariful

The following are the

her first round opponent.

for Endo MELBOURNE. Jan 20: Teenage prodigy Martina Hingis blasted into the final 16 of the Australian Open on Saturday in a straight-sets drubbing that catapulted the 15-year-old into the top ranks of a Grand Slam event for the second time, reports Reuter.

too good

Hingis, who made the final 16 of the US Open in September, took just 47 minutes to beat Japan's Mana Endo 6-1, 6-1 in roaring winds on an outside court. booking a likely fourth round showdown with 11th seed Brenda Schultz-McCarthy.

Davenport struggled against Finland's Nanne Dahlman in the final set, finally triumphing 6-4. 7-5 in a seesawing match.

Czech Republic's Ludmila Richterova 6-2, 6-1 in just under an hour, next meets either Richterova's compatriot Helena Sukova or Australia's Barbara Schett.



US custodian Kasey Keller vents his frustration after conceding a suicidal goal by Marcelo Balbo during the CONCACAF Gold Cup semifinals between Brazil and the US at Los Angeles on January 18. Brazil won 1-0.

— AFP/UNB photo

PERTH, Jan 20: The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) has not given the Australia and two of the

clearest indication yet it will pull the team out of the World Cup rather than take unacceptable risks with players' safety, report agencies.

ACB chief executive Graham Halbish, recently returned from India and Sri Lanka, emphasised Saturday the board would take whatever steps were in the interest of the team, favourites for the 12-nation tournament starting next month.

The contest is scheduled

to take place over weeks in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka Concerns about player safety have been sparked by alleged death threats to some Australian players, including veteran fast bowler Craig McDermott. Halbish said the authori-

ties in India and Sri Lanka had promised him the players would have the type of blanket security normally reserved for heads of state. But, he said, some reports in local newspapers in the

countries he visited were "quite frightening." The ACB would seriously consider Australia's position before their departure, sche-

duled for February 5. Earlier in the week, Australian captain Mark Taylor warned some players might withdraw from the tourna-Cricket relations between

World Cup host nations, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, have been at a low ebb in recent months. Last year Australian players Shane Warne. Tim May

and Mark Waugh accused former Pakistan captain Salim Malik of bribery.

Australian players are not responsible for the calling for throwing of Sri Lankan off-

SA sans Dave

PORT ELIZABETH, Jan 20: South Africa officially ruled veteran wicketkeeper Dave Richardson out of the 1996 World Cup on Saturday due to a broken finger, reports AP.

Richardson, 36, will be replaced by Border's Steve Palframan. He suffered a fracture to his left index finger

Friday in East London in the victorious sixth limited-overs match against England.

Board managing director Ali Bacher said that a loose fragment of bone was floating in Richardson's finger joint,

spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, but could still be the victims in Sri Lanka. Meanwhile, in Melbourne. Australia's leading bowler

Shane Warne yesterday has said he might withdraw from next month's cricket World Cup because of fears for his "I live and die for cricket but to go on a tour where

there is a chance of maybe not coming back, that's a big thing to do," Warne was quoted as telling the Herald Sun newspaper. Warne said he received

several abusive letters from the sub-continent, which he refuses to dismiss as harmless threats, newspapers reported.

Warne said he would discuss the situation with his wife, parents, brother and teammates before deciding whether to join the team.

"The bottom line is no matter how much security there is, how do you stop one crazed individual." Warne said.

"My life is worth a lot more than going over for the World Cup. "The thing that keeps

running through my head is it doesn't matter how much security you have got, when you are out on the field you can't have bodyguards or whatever."

Stage set for Sachin's show

which would require inser-

tion of a pin and alignment of

the chip.



Sachin Tendulkar may look like a cub but he has the ferocity of a tiger and his iron will-to-win makes him every captain's dream. reports Reuter.

Batting is his forte. But in the one-day game his bowling and fielding skills have equally won matches. Yet for Tendulkar, the In-

dian run machine who is one of the modern game's outstanding players, the World Cup starting on February 14 is a daunting proposition. "The expectations (of the public) are quite high and I

tain told Reuters. If Tendulkar opens, India will look to the dashing batsman to take the sting out of such fast bowlers as Pakistan's Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis, West Indians **Curtly Ambrose and Courtney** Walsh and South Africa's Al-

lan Donald. Tendulkar, who normally bats at number three, has played successfully as an opener in one-day games.

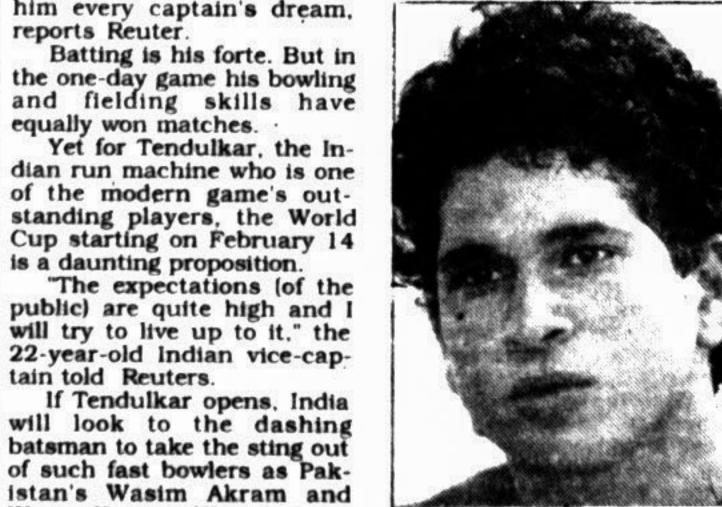
Since stroking a masterly maiden Test century at the age of 17 against England at Old Trafford in 1990, Tendulkar's batting has illuminated the international arena

He has played 38 Tests since his debut as a 16-yearold in 1989, scoring 2,483 runs, with eight centuries and 13 fifties, at an average of 51.72. He is the youngest cricket to score 1,000 runs in Tests, and has taken 31 catches.

In 101 limited overs internationals he has hit 3,201 runs, including four hundreds and 22 half-centuries. taken 30 catches and cap-

tured 30 wickets, with a haul of four for 34 as his best performance. Tendulkar became part of

a little piece of English county cricket history in 1992 when Yorkshire broke



SACHIN TENDULKAR with tradition and signed an overseas player for the first

Yorkshire's original choice, Australian fast bowler Craig McDermott, was ruled out by a leg injury and Tendulkar joined instead. He scored 1,070 runs in 16 championship matches with characteristic style. Tendulkar's childhood

hero was compatriot Sunil Gavaskar whose great qualities - balance, timing and perfect placement of the ball are mirrored in the young champion's batting. So what makes Tendulkar

such an outstanding player? "What is most striking is his immense self-belief and ability to handle pressure." wrote Rajdeep Sardesai in Bombay's Sunday magazine.

"Tendulkar's infectious

lurks the ferocity of a tiger." He is among the world's highest earning cricketers. Last November, Tendulkar signed a multi-million dollar contract with WorldTel, a US based sports TV agency, giv-

ing them exclusive market-

The terms of the five-year

ing rights.

smile and curly locks are a

cruel act of deception. For

under the visage of a cub

contract have not been disclosed but are believed to be in the region of a total 5:20 million dollars. So what of the future? Cricket is my job and I would play on and hope to score

"I have no specific plans. more centuries," said Tendulkar, who last year married a Bombay doctor at a muchhyped wedding.

Intel turns back on PCA

WASHINGTON, Jan 20: In-

tel Corp has dropped its sponsorship of Garry Kasparov's Professional Chess Association this year, saying the effort was no longer part of his strategic plans, reports "The results of the spon-

sorship exceeded our expectations, we've been very pleased," Intel spokeswoman Kathy Melcher said Friday. The reason we're not renewing it is that it did not fit

with our 1996 strategic plans. Melcher said the world's leading chip maker was look-

ing to "broader audiences" for sponsorships, and was one of several sponsors of the Smithsonian Institute's 150th anniversary celebra-

Jan 20: Joint hosts India

must prove the doubters wrong if they are to meet the high expectations of their passionate supporters in the 1996 World Cup, reports Reuter. Poor fielding, a vacuum

still left by Kapil Dev's re-

tirement and Sachin Ten-

dulkar's indifferent form are

threatening India's prospects of lifting the trophy. They have some highquality batsman and effective bowlers but fielding problems and the lack of a telling allrounder are giving the selectors nightmares ahead of the tournament starting on

February 14. Kapil Dev. at his most spectacular with an unbeaten 175 against Zimbabwe in the 1983 competition, led his "Kapil's devils" to the Cup that year. But his retirement in 1994 blunted India's cutting edge in both bowling and batting.

Millions of fans in the cricket-crazy country expect India to win the sixth World Cup, but their uncomfortable 3-2 victory over New Zealand in the recent limited overs series has put a question mark over their chances. India have not lost a one-

day series at home in five years, but the performance against New Zealand was unconvincing and there were few sparks in their game. "The present Indian team

does not posses the balance which makes world champions," former Indian captain Bishen Bedi told Reuters. "The squad would classify as the worst fielding side in international cricket today.

with at least five passengers

in the playing XI."

India lack cohesiveness? India's captain Moham mad Azharuddin admits fielding is the team's weakness, and the thrust at the conditioning camp on the eve of the World Cup would be on

this shortcoming. "I am open to suggestions as to how we can improve the general quality of our fielding," Azharuddin wrote in a

BJMC sports

The 18th annual athletic competition of the Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) was held at the Karim Jute Mills premises at Demra yesterday, says a faxed press release.

nan Shah witnessed the competition as chief guest and distributed prizes. Some 240 athletes including 80 women from Khulna. Chittagong. Dhaka and

Jute Minister A S M Han-

the meet. Khulna zone emerged as the champion securing 117 points while Dhaka zone became runner-up with 91 points. Khulna was also last year's favourites.

Abdur Razzque of Khulna was adjudged the individual champion with 13 points while Rahima Khanam Juthi triumphed the women's event. Abdul Kader Safi of Dhaka zone clinched the fastest men's titles while Lovely Begum of Khulna zone became the fastest women.

Khulna zone bagged 14

gold, 11 silver and 8 bronze.

Dhaka zone got 10 gold. 8

silver and 9 bronze. Adamjee

zone got 7 gold, 10 silver and

9 bronze, and Chittagong

zone notched 2 gold. 4 silver

and 7 bronze medals.

Leg-spinner Anil Kumble. who had an immensely successful debut 'season in English county cricket with Northamptonshire last year, is the main weapon in India's Adamjee zone participated in spin attack. Medium-pacers Manoj Prabhakar and Javagal Sri-

> give away too many runs when batsmen are slogging in the final overs of the innings. A lack of match practice could make things more difficult. India are not scheduled to play any internationals between the end of the New Zealand series and the World Cup, although Indian

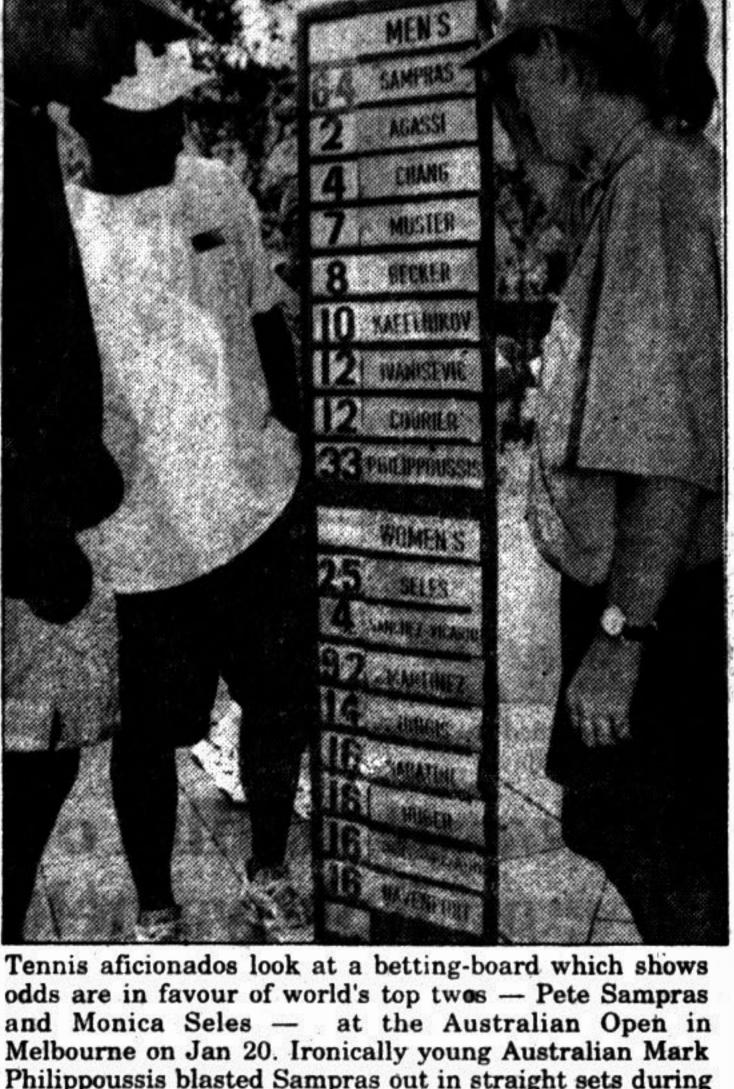
> nath are sharp but tend to

do some good. "Our team will be fresh without taxing international cricket," team manager Ajit Wadekar said recently. Although their fans ex-

pectations are high, this will

officials believe the rest will

not be burden to India, according to Azharuddin. "The pressure on the home team to perform well will prove advantageous," he



odds are in favour of world's top twos — Pete Sampras and Monica Seles — at the Australian Open in Melbourne on Jan 20. Ironically young Australian Mark Philippoussis blasted Sampras out in straight sets during their third round encounter Saturday. - AFP/UNB photo

Nat'l junior championship Seeds bloom in opener Sports Reporter

moves to over run the Sicil-The top five ian defence of Sajal. seeds made a Defending champion and smooth start in fourth seed Adnan Faisal enthe 17th najoyed a cakewalk 20-move tional junior win over Muzahid Islam Sochampi

onship which began at the NSC chess room yesterday. Enamul Hossain Rajib, the number one seed who won the national sub-junior title two days ago, did not have much trouble in overcoming his first round opponent

Playing with white pieces

jib, ranked fourth in the country, checkmated Mizan after 40 moves Second seed Abdullah Al Rakib recorded a comfortable victory over Asaduzzaman

in a queen pawn opening, Ra-

Kazi Mizanur Rahman.

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for 'Lovebird' TOKYO, Jan 20: Indone-

reports AFP.

nese world champion Ye Zhaoving. Budi Kusuma lost to world and defending champion

Han Jingna earlier in the day.

The final will be a re-

The men's singles final is

Huber, who beat the

