

#### Pete Sampras

(World No 1 tennis player) The balls don't seem like they are going through the air that well. They seem real mushy.

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Open Room:

# Bridge Notes

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The hands from Bermuda

# Englishmen tighten grip

WELLINGTON. Feb 7: England led by 80 runs with seven first innings wickets standing to put them

to command at the end of the second day of the second Test against New Zealand at the Basin Reserve today, report

Led by a fired-up Darren Gough, England scuttled New Zealand for 124 in the morning and then batted steadily on a tricky but flattening wicket to reach 204 for three wickets.

agencies

The wicket offered lift and movement for the seamers and slow turn for the spinners but England had solid contributions from in-form batsman Alec Stewart, captain Mike Atherton, Nasser Hussain and Graham Thorpe.

Hussain who reached his half-century in 140 minutes was not out on 60 and Thorpe was on 47 in an unbroken stand

Hussain mixed aggression with caution. He smashed Dipak Patel for a six and four in the off-spinner's first over, but then retreated into his shell for long periods allowing debutant teenage left armer Daniel Vettori to dominate him.

Stewart made a cultured 52 and looked on his way to his third Test century in as many Tests when he was brilliantly caught by a diving Stephen Fleming at first slip off leftarmer Geoff Allott for 52.

After losing Nick Knight with the score on 10 before lunch, Stewart and Atherton set purposefully about overhauling New Zealand's modest score. The pair put on 70 in just

over even time and despite the bowlers still being able to extract considerable movement and lift, were able to drive with freedom at times. Atherton looked well set on

30, having just imperiously offdriven Simon Doull to the boundary when the seam bowler had him trapped leg before playing forward. Stewart, who scored 101 not

While in Bangladesh it may

often be difficult to convince

Betar high-ups that fans yearn

for more live coverage and news

of sports, a new wave is about to

sweep Britain. Following the

boot-steps of Newcastle and

Manchester United, Premier

Division club Chelsea of Lon-

don is to have its own radio sta-

lie the former Dutch superstar.

and musician Bob Geldof of Live

Aid for Ethiopia fame teamped

up to launch Radio Chelsea de-

debut on February 22, the day of

Chelsea's clash with Manch-

ester United. The broadcast will

be on medium wave and will

carry advertising. However, it

will be on air only 28 times a

vear under a special license

The station will makes its

voted to the club's matches.

Chelsea manager Ruud Gul-

Zimbabwe and 173 in the drawn first Test in Auckland, reached his 50 in 76 balls and hit six boundaries.

Both the young left-armers. Allott with his quicks and Vettori with his slows, troubled the batsmen but with scant reward.

In the morning New Zealand, resuming at 56 for six, offered some resistance through Nathan Astle (36) and Patel (45), but Gough, Andrew Caddick and Dominic Cork completed

The aggressive Gough ended with five for 40 off 16 overs, his second five-wicket Test bag. New Zealand-raised Cad-

dick, in a return to Test cricket, did the Kiwis no favours, finishing with four for



... 60 n.o. N HUSSAIN down" by umpire Steve Bucknor after an exchange of words with

from the radio authority and

coverage will be restricted to

station will broadcast from 8

am to midnight with phonei-ns,

competitions, news bulletins,

details of the players and the

staff. Fans at Stainford Bridge

will be interviewed live for on-

the-spot opinions to action in

the middle. Of course, there will

be music slots and celebrated

goalkeepers who move out of

the penalty area to kick a field

ball as squeezing the playing

area, and thereby, stunting the

play his tactic voluntarily of

February 12 when England play

Italy in a World Cup qualifying

tie at Wembley. It's an all-sold

match two months before kick-

the starting line-up, the English

are all ready worked up over

Italian striker Gianfranco

Zola, particularly because play-

ing for Chelsea last week his

team overturned a 0-2 half-time

deficit against Liverpool to ul-

timately win 4-2. Hoddle was in

Sicily last week when Italy

Although he may not be in

Hoddle may have a chance to

possibility of a game build-up.

Each home match day the

home games.

presenters.

with brilliant ideas.

But the lively 26-year-old Gough made no apologies for his approach on the field. "He's (Allott) a fast bowler, he's come back into the side and I was just being aggressive as you are in cricket," Gough said. "Everybody does it. It's part of the

game. Asked if he would expect some short-pitched bowling if he bats in England's first innings on Saturday, Gough replied: "I'm sure I will. It wouldn't surprise me.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the second England-New Zealand cricket Test on Friday: NEW ZEALAND: First innings (overnight 56 for six wickets)

B Young c Stewart b Gough B Pocock c Cork b Caddick A Parore c Stewart b Gough S Fleming c and b Caddick N Astle c Croft b Gough C Cairns c Hussain b Gough L Germon c Stewart b Caddick D Patel c Cork b Caddick S Doull c Stewart b Gough G Allott c Knight b Cork D Vettori not out Extras: (nb-2, lb-5) Total: fall out in 48.3 overs I

Fall of wickets : 1-14; 2-18; 3-19; 4-19; 5-23; 6-48; 7-85; 8-85: 9-106: 10-124. Bowling: 34 Cork

45

ENGLAND: First innings N Knight c Patel b Doull M Atherton lbw b Doull A Stewart c Fleming b Allott N Hussain not out G Thorpe not out Extras: (lb-5, nb-2) Total: For three wickets in 70 overs

Caddick

Gough

Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-80; 3-

Yet to bat: J Crawley, D .Cork. R Croft, D Gough, A Caddick. P Tufnell Bowling (to date) O M R W

ENGLA	ND CHRO	NIC		0	S	
Stewart, who scored 101 not out in the second Test against	said calm down and he made no more of it," Gough said.	Patel Pocock	8 2	0	29 10	0
ore playing forward.	and the message was clear. "He	Astle	7	2	15	0
powler had him trapped leg be-	Bucknor walked from square leg to talk to captain Atherton	Vettori Cairns	15 4	2	30	0
driven Simon Doull to the boundary when the seam	After the second delivery.	Allott	19	2	62	1
30, naving just imperiously off-	tailender Allott.	Doull	15	5	45	2

# From Nizamuddin Ahmed in England

does not have a defender whom Zola cannot outwit. But, a

Chelsea fans such as middledistance running super star Sebastian Coe may be heard as News agents in England are

loaded with magazines on all Well, Bob's music might not sorts of sports except cricket. have made the expected grades Considering it is the headquarbut he is always popping up ters of the ruling body of world It looks like there are further steps afoot to make soccer. football as we know it, more attractive. The English manager Glenn Hoddle has come up with a proposal, this time restricting the goalkeeper from moving out of the 18-year box. Hoddle sees

> Following their first Test defeat to NZ, for days the newspapers heralded Danny Morrison as nothing but Mr. Duck. One headline read: England snatch draw from jaws of victory. Another: They're (England) pathetic.

couldn't bear it, LIVE, Cricket here is dead.

# dumped Northern Ireland 2-0

A 7-year-old Ohio kid measures his arms' length against NBA player Hakeem Olajuwon at the all-star jam session at cleveland convention centre on Feb 6.

WC qualifiers

#### **Footballers** shortlisted

Sports Reporter

Twenty-five footballers have been chosen for the second phase trials to select the national squad which will take part in the World Cup qualifiers beginning in March.

The selection has been made out of 34 footballers joined the first phase of the camp began at the Mirpur Stadium late last month under the supervision of German coach Otto Pfister. The second phase of the camp will start from February 12 at the BKSP in Savar and will continue upto February 28 and then a final squad of 20 booters will be named

The selected twenty-five are: Goalkeepers: Mohammad Ponir (Mohammedan SC), Biplab Bhattacharya (Abahani) and Aminul Haque (Farashgani

Defenders: Monem Munna. Hasan-al-Mamun, Sohel Reza (Abahani), Jewel Rana, Monwar Hossain Munna and Ruhul Amin (Mohammedan SC), Masood Rana (Muktijoddha), Pradeep Kumar Poddar, Mohammad Faisal (Arambagh KS) and Sohel-al-Masum (YMC Fakirerpool).

Midfielders: Nurul Haque Manik, Mohammad Arman, Mohammad Iqbal (Mohammedan SC), Zakir Hossain (Muktijoddha) and Abdul Qayum Sentu (Agrani Bank).

Forwards: Rakib Hossain. Mamun Hossain Joarder. Mizanur Rahman (Abahani), Alfaz (Mohammedan SC), Maksudul Amin Rana (YMC Fakirerpool), Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib (Muktijoddha) and Sourav Majumder Raju (East End Club).

Bangladesh will face Malaysia, Chinese Taipei and Saudi Arabia in their World Cup zonal qualifying round divided into two phases. The first phase will be held in Malaysia from March 16 to 20 while the second round is billed from March 27 to 31 in Saudi Arabia. The team along with seven

up in the press," Taylor said. officials will fly to Malaysia on March 12. FIXTURE

First phase (Malaysia) March 16: Bangladesh vs Malaysia March 18: Bangladesh vs C Taipei

March 20: Bangladesh vs Saudi Arabia Second phase (Saudi Ara-

March 27: Bangladesh vs Saudi Arabia March 29: Bangladesh vs C

March 31: Bangladesh vs Malaysia

Div I cricket

#### Boys ride on Sumon

Sports Reporter

### BRIEF SCORES

BANGLADESH BOYS CLUB: 185 for eight in 40 overs (Akber Beg 69, Tito 38, Rana 33; Siddique 3/34, Ullash UTTARA SC: 105 all out in

33.2 overs (Boglu 23, Moin 15; Sumon 5/24, Toray 2/13) Result: Bangladesh Boys won by 80 runs.

Effective slow medium bowl-

ing by Sumon ripped through a jittery Uttara Sporting batting line-up to hand Bangladesh Boys Club an emphatic 80-run victory in a First Division cricket relegation play-off held at the Dhaka Stadium yester-

Sumon captured five wickets from his stipulated eight overs as Uttara, chasing a modest Bangladesh Boys total of 185 in 40 overs, were bundled out for 105 in 33.2 overs. Sumon was ably supported by his fellow slow bowler Toray who took two wickets conceding only 13 runs in his five nippy overs.

Earlier, electing to bat first, Boys' innings was built around a magnificent 69 off 78 balls hammered by south Indian middle order batsman Akber Beg. Opener Tito and lower middle-order Rana were the other notable run-getters scoring 38 and 33 runs respectively. With yesterday's victory,

Boys retained their First Division status forcing their counterparts to join Eskaton Sabuj Sangha in the Second Division next season.

#### Nat'l youth cricket Feb 22 The zonal round of the na-

tional youth cricket tournament will begin on February 22 at eight different zonal venues across the country, reports Besides, the national tour-

nament win also be held in the eight zones from March 1. The final round matches of the two tournaments will be held in Dhaka.

The zonal venues are: Chandpur, Comilla, Tangail, Pabna. Dinajpur, BKSP, Dhaka and Thakurgaon.

#### Edberg on new mission STOCKHOLM, Feb 7: Swe-

den's former world number one Stefan Edberg who retired in November, will make a comeback at the Stockholm Open in the autumn, as an official, reports AFP. Edberg, named as the tour-

nament's vice-chairman, said on Thursday: "Hopefully my 15 years of experience from international tennis will be of help to the Stockholm Open."

# ACB refixes fixtures



hosts the second Test against SYDNEY, Feb 7: A reshuffle in Test cricket dates has left Adelaide without its traditional Australia Day

summer's Tests against South Africa, reports AFP But Adelaide's loss is Sydney's gain, with Australia's biggest city retrieving its lucra-

the touring South Africans.

The Australian Cricket Board's draft 1997-98 international season programme, revealed Thursday, schedules the second Test against South Africa in Sydney on January 2. while Adelaide will lose its January 26 National Day start with the third Test beginning on January 30.

#### The ACB's decision has upset tive new year's fixture when it sections of the cricket commu-Lloyd on sledging



lta, Feb 7: The West Indies may go to the International Cricket Council over sledging by Australian players, manager Clive Lloyd revealed here Thursday as he criticised the attitude of Australian captain

PERTH, Austra

Mark Taylor, reports AFP. "I am quite dissatisfied with what the captain (Taylor) said on this issue," Lloyd said before his side left here Thursday after a controversial fifth and final Test, which the Windies won by 10 wickets although they lost the series 2-3. During the Test, champion

West Indies batsman Brian Lara told how Australian players had sledged, or verbally abused young opening batsman Robert Samuels during his long and patient first innings of 76.

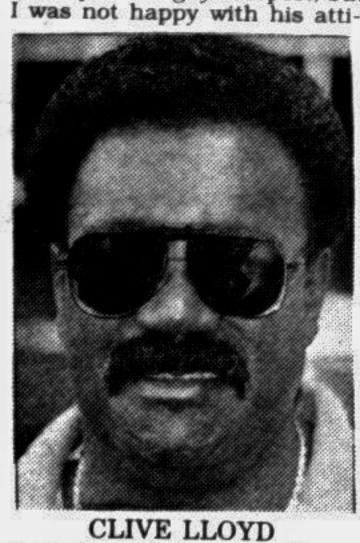
Taylor admitted afterwards some well-chosen words had been aimed at Samuels during his innings which played a major role in the visitors three-day victory at the WACA ground.

"I think he handled it very well and he'll be a better player for it," Taylor said. The Australian skipper also

chose the occasion to criticise Lara's on-field demeanour, calling the gifted little left-hander an "antagonist. "I don't think he (Samuels) needed Brian Lara to back him

Lloyd, one of the West Indies' greatest captains, made it clear he did not find Taylor's comments appropriate.

"Taylor is a guy I respect, but



tude.

"We had a young player there trying his best. His place was in jeopardy and he was fighting against the odds and did extremely well." Lloyd said the West Indies

were considering pursuing the matter with the International Cricket Council — the sport's supreme body. No disciplinary action was

taken by Perth Test match referee Raman Subba Row, of Eng-

nity with even cricket-loving Prime Minister John Howard buying into the argument describing in Parliament Adelaide's traditional Australia

Day scheduling as sacrosanct. The one-day triangular series finals are scheduled to be played over the Australia Day long weekend in Melbourne and

Sydney on January 23, 25 and 27, the ACB said Thursday. Acting ACB chief executive Richard Watson said the Test dates were essential to fit in with South Africa's travel plans, a three-Test series against New Zealand and com-

mitment to the commercially lucrative one-day series. After a series in Pakistan. South Africa arrive in Australia on November 23 — nearly two weeks later than normal -

and requested three first class matches prior to the first Test in Melbourne on Boxing Day. and December 26 we have to fit

well as the first portion of the one day series," Watson said.

He said it would not have

splitting the last qualifying matches and the finals Melbourne has retained its Boxing Day Test in the programme which Watson said

The New Zealand Tests will be played in Brisbane from November 7-11, Perth from November 20-24 and Hobart

ber early December.

Watson said the 1998-99 season's five Test series against England should see all the tra-

# Hoddle's anxious hours



lems facing England coach Glenn Hoddle mounted

ead of next week's crucial World Cup clash with Italy, but he insisted key midfielder Paul Gascoigne could still be fit. reports AFP.

over Rangers star Gascoigne. the England coach has called up Liverpool midfielder Jamie Redknapp. Striker Alan Shearer, who

was confirmed as captain for the Wembley showdown ahead of Euro '96 skipper Tony Adams - is the latest doubt with a bad

Adams, goalkeeper David Seaman and midfielders Paul Ince and Robert Lee are also un-"It really is frustrating.

"I have got six players, we've probably got to allow two or three days for their injuries to

when you want to work on team pattern, when you want a functional day - and all that has "I wanted to do a lot of im-

portant work on Friday and Saturday but I won't be able to In reply to a suggestion that Hoddle was merely trying to

dini, Hoddle said: "I wish I was. No, the injuries really are concerning us. Anyway we don't do things like that. Earlier in the day, reports from Scotland suggested that

Gascoigne's injured ankle had forced his withdrawal. "He is still a doubt for the game, sure, because he's only

"But Walter Smith (Rangers manager) has given him his blessing and sent him down. "I had a good 20 minute chat

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tion when he needs a bit of rehabilitation on his calf and ankle because he's been in plas-

Hoddle hopes his medical

staff will give him a clearer pic-

ture by the weekend because, as he concedes: "We can't afford to send three players out who are Shearer has been resting for the last couple of days after suffering from a pain in his lower

Goalkeeper Seaman has a knee problem which did not prevent him playing in the FA Cup game against Leeds this

been suffering from a thigh strain but has assured Hoddle he should be ready for the fray.

vent him training, possibly until Monday at the earliest while Robert Lee, the recalled Newcastle midfielder, is looking doubtful with groin trouble. As a precaution, Hoddle has

called up Redknapp for the first time since he suffered serious injury during Euro '96, explaining: "We're not sure if we're going to have to send any players back so I wanted him in there with us now."

#### Vicenza beat Bologna VICENZA, Italy, Feb 7: Vicenza, in a battle between the two surprise sides of the Serie A season, hung on to beat Bologna

1-0 in the first leg of their Italian Cup semifinal on Thursday. Striker Roberto Murgita headed in the lone goal from a free kick by midfielder Massimo Beghetto seconds before

the interval. Bologna had the best chances prior to that. With striker Carlo Nervo hitting the post in the eighth minute and Russian international Igor Kolyvanov forcing an acrobatic save from goalkeeper Francesco

Antonioli in the 36th. Neither side had the upper hand in the second half. Although Bologna coach Renzo Ulivieri was visibly upset when the referee failed to award a penalty kick in the 85th minute after the ball hit Murgita's hand

in the area. The referee gestured that contact had been accidental. The second leg will be played on February 27 with the ultimate winner facing either In-

ternazionale or Napoli, who drew 1-1 in their first leg in Milan last week. Vicenza and Bologna, whose first leg match was rescheduled after fog forced its cancellation

last week, are separated by just

Bologna are alone in third place on 31 points, five behind leaders Juventus. The winner of the Italian

a point in the league table.

Cup gains a place in next year's European Cup Winners' Cup an almost unthinkable dream for two teams who started the season with avoiding relegation their main goal.

# CRYPTOQUIP

R BCT. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I'D GLADLY LIKE TO THINK OF FAST-TALKING PEDANTS SIMPLY AS FACTS MACHINES.

locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: S equals B
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

"So between their arrival in three first class matches as "We must finish off the one-

day series in January. That determined the Test match in Adelaide must move back a week."

been possible to swap the oneday finals and the Adelaide Test because that would have meant

would be officially confirmed by February 23.

from November 27-December 1. Sydney will be returning to its traditional new year date which for the past two seasons has hosted Tests in late Novem-

ditional Test dates restored.

#### But Adams' ankle will pre-LONDON, Feb 7: "He's kept things together The injury probfrom the last trip, he hasn't got

himself back into trouble. He's

just frustrated he has picked up

keeping him in the squad and

playing him in Georgia, I was

hoping for that response, that it

would continue and it has,

"By encouraging him and

this injury.

without a doubt.



on Thursday ah-

But despite his optimism

der treatment with little more than five days before the Group Two clash. have waited three months for this game and then you end up

with this scenario," sighed

your mind - training schedules now gone out of the window.

tactically wrong-foot his Italian counterpart Cesare Mal-

just come out of plaster and we need to assess that over the coming days," said Hoddle.

with him this morning and he was fine - in many ways excel-

**ACROSS** 

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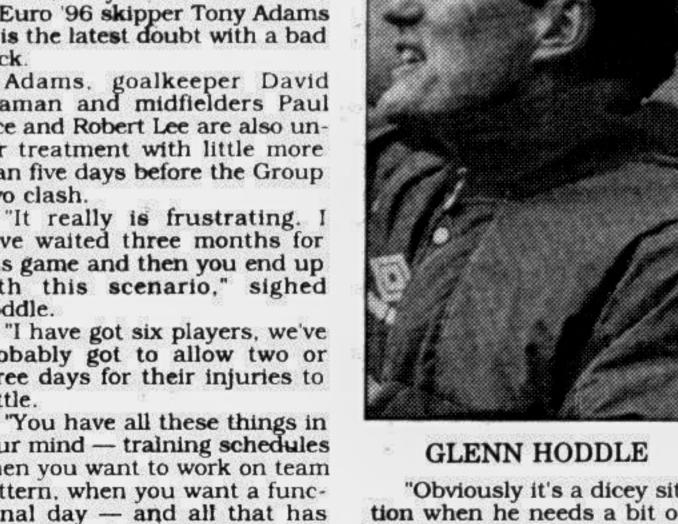
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"Obviously it's a dicey situa-

only 85 to 90 per cent fit." back which restricts him from

turning, but Hoddle is hopeful he will be fit. week and Hoddle said: "He didn't make it any worse and it's now improving. But if you tweak the ligament it does need time to

Inter Milan star Ince has

settle."

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#### Soloden bought the contract. Munir's ▼10 ran to the king and Soloden led a spade immediately, dummy's king winning. A diamond to the queen won and Soloden switched back to spades, leading the jack, Munir won the A+ and switched to

clubs. Soloden won in dummy, drew trumps with another successful finesse and tried to split the spades, throwing dummy's heart on the queen, when spades didn't break Soloden ruffed the fourth round in dummy and claimed, conceding two hearts in the end, Making four. Score USA (E-W) +130 Closed Room:

Rodwell opened with a strong notrump, and this was passed out. Masood refraining **♣**J52

**♦**KQ73

North

Munir

Pass

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All Pass.

Meckstroth

The Americans bought the

Fazli opened 1H in the third

seat (12-14 No trumps none

vull) and Munir raised over

Soloden's 1S over call. Lavin

had a little something and

rather than put all his eggs in

one bucket with a two card

spade raise he offered up a re-

sponsive double. This suited

Soloden nicely and he was

pleased to introduce his dia-

monds. Both Pakistani players

would have liked to bid again

but Munir lacked the values and

Fazli the trump length to pro-

vide security at the three level,

contact in both rooms an the

49th board, Gaining 2IMPs by

making on overtrick at 3D

while suffering a one trick de-

◆A1096

**♥**10 953

By An Expert

♦9752 ◆A10984 **♥**AQJ4 ♦K103

East

Lavin

Pass

Pass

South

Fazli

Rodwell INT Pass from any speculative action with the west cards. He would have had to overcall 2 \( \)(s) to get in since he had no conventional way to show spades and diamonds. A double would suggest either a moderate minor onesuiten or a powerful major onesuiten, partner being requested

to remove 2. Masood started his fourth best spade and the 9 forced the king. With a tempting club shift before his eyes. Zia did well to shifts to diamonds instead, if declarer held only two spades (likely often the opening lead) he surely held at least three clubs and a club switch would build at least one trick for declarer in a contract where he rated to be fighting for tricks. Zia's \$7 was ducked to Masood's jack and he switched back to spades, leading the jack. Dummy's A won and the ♥10 was led

and passed.

IMPs)

istan 95

USA 94

Masood ducked this but won his king on the next round. He exited with a third round as Zia flushed a high club. On the fourth heart Masood pitched the •6 and that cost him a trick. Rodwell knocked out the A and Zia returned a record diamond but Masood could no longer cash a fourth diamond trick. He had to concede a spade and a club to dummy, tacking only two spades, a heart, three diamonds and the A for one down Score: Pakistan (E-W) + 50 Net Score USA + 80 (2

Score carried forward Pak-

tailender Allott

Bucknor walked from square leg to talk to captain Atherton and the message was clear. "He

> and Zola was impressive. In the coming weeks Hoodle will riddle whether to pack the midfield as the English know how or to go for a man-to-man marking on Zola, the principle behind the idea is to blunt the Zola sting. The problem is England

quartet of English defenders? Well, that's something Zola may holler about.

cricket, it is not a happy reflection. Even coverage in dailies is conspicuously poor. Perhaps it's a deliberate national policy to ignore Atherton and his men what with four wins in over forty overseas matches or something like that. No body here is interested to discuss statistics. Figures can be painful if they act against you.

The TV act equally and consider cricket born in some oriental hove. Nothing's LIVE here. Back home we see a lot of cricket while it happens. Here it is always after the match except maybe occasionally when they go live during a news broadcast. Maybe it's better that way. The way Atherton and his man are disperforming for several series, now, the English just

-AFP/UNB photo