

## Kiwis 229 for five on Day 1

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Feb 14: New Zealand were 229 for five at stumps on the first day of the third cricket Test against England at Lancaster Park here today, reports AFP.

Having been sent in to bat, the home side twice looked to be establishing a sound platform in their search for a series-equalling win.

Opener Blair Pocock and new cap Matt Horne added 64 for the second wicket and stand-in captain Stephen Fleming and Adam Parore put on the same stand for the fifth wicket.

However, both partnerships were broken just as they began to have promise for the Kiwis.

Fleming hit 62, his 11th Test 50. Horne made 42 while Parore — dumped after the second Test loss in Wellington last Monday, then recalled this morning when skipper Lee Germon failed a fitness test on an injured groin muscle — was on 38 at stumps.

All-rounder Chris Cairns was with Parore at stumps on 10.

Off-spinner Robert Croft was the pick of the England attack, taking three for 49 off 24 overs while fast-medium Dominic Cork and Darren Gough took one wicket apiece.

Horne's day ended badly when an X-ray revealed he had fractured a bone in his left hand.

He won't field during England's innings but is expected to be able to bat in New Zealand's second innings.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the third cricket test between England and New Zealand at Lancaster Park Friday:

<b>NEW ZEALAND:</b> First innings				
B Young b Cork	11			
B Pocock c Atherton b Croft	22			
M Horne c Thorpe b Gough	42			
S Fleming st Stewart b Croft	62			
N Astle c Hussain b Croft	15			
A Parore not out	38			
C Cairns not out	10			
Extras: (b-1, lb-13, nb-15)	29			
Total: (For Five wkts)	229			
Fall of wickets: 1-14; 2-78; 3-106; 4-137; 5-201				
<b>Bowling:</b>				
Cork	15	3	67	1
Caddick	18	4	33	0
Gough	16	3	44	1
Croft	24	4	49	3
Tufnell	16	6	22	0
Thorpe	1	1	0	0

## Marsh happy with Taylor

CAPE TOWN, Feb 14: Coach Geoff Marsh said Friday he would stick with captain Mark Taylor despite a prolonged batting slump by the man who once was one of Australia's premier run producers, reports AP.

As one of the selectors for Australia's tour of South Africa, Marsh rejected any chance of dropping his captain. "I don't think so, definitely not," he said after watching Taylor scratch out 18 runs in 58 minutes against a lighthearted attack Thursday in the tour opener against an exhibition side.

"He's the captain and a very experienced player. Okay, he had a very tough series against the West Indies but he'll do a good job for us here," Marsh said.

Taylor has gone 15 innings without a half-century since his 96 in the first Test against Sri Lanka in Perth more than a year ago — setting the worst record by a captain in Australia's Test history.

He was just a bystander Thursday during a 90-run stand with Steve Waugh when the right-hander cut loose to take 72 runs off just 44 balls before retiring.

Earlier Taylor watched as Australia's young guns — Matthew Elliott and Matthew Hayden — plundered 124 runs off 164 balls as they contributed 91 and 60 runs respectively.

"He spent some time at the crease. ... That's more important," Marsh said of Taylor.

Australia play their opening first-class match of the tour against Western Province in a three-day clash beginning Saturday at Newlands.

Marsh confirmed Taylor will open the batting after he had dropped himself down the order in the first match.

Taylor will up against local fast bowler Brett Schultz, on a comeback trail after two years with nagging leg injuries.

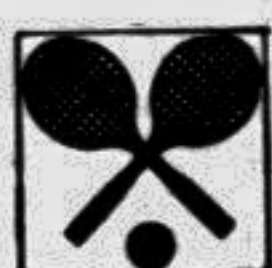
Schultz, a left-arm fast bowler, could claim a spot on South Africa's Test squad with a strong performance.



England wicketkeeper Alec Stewart appeals successfully for the stumping of New Zealand acting skipper Stephen Fleming off the bowling of Robert Croft during the third and final Test at Lancaster Park, Christchurch yesterday.

— Reuters/UNB photo

## Round of 16 marks upsets



Basuki upset big-serving seventh-seed Brenda Schultz-McCarthy in a gruelling marathon 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 and the 29-year-old Tauziat underlined her Fed Cup pretensions by beating sixth-seed Karina Habudova 6-4, 7-6.

The 26-year-old Basuki, who stands 5ft 4in had to stand up to a barrage of aces from her powerful 6ft 2in Dutch opponent and when she came off court she admitted that playing Schultz-McCarthy was "almost like a nightmare."

"She is so strong and one of the hardest players for me to beat," said the 37th-ranked Basuki, no stranger to taking unexpected scalps as she proved in Sydney by defeating Australian Open finalist Mary Pierce.

"This is my best win in 1997 so far and I am feeling great," said Schultz-McCarthy, who beat the Indonesian player in straight sets in their only other meeting at Wimbledon in 1996, did what she could to help by hitting a series of double-faults

on important points. And time and again she was left stranded at the net as Basuki threaded fluent back-hands into space.

Tauziat's win gave the home fans something to cheer after their disappointment at learning that Mary Pierce would not be playing.

Pierce reached the last eight without hitting a ball after her Czech opponent Adriana Gersl, who had played the qualifying tournament to reach the main draw, had withdrawn because of an ear infection.

Tauziat admitted that she had gone out to face last weekend's finalist at Linz with nothing to lose.

"Being aggressive paid dividends," she said, after reaching a showdown with teenage top-seed Martina Hingis.

Second-seed Jana Novotna, who is playing the Paris event for a third time and who finished the 1996 season in style by winning three tournaments in a row at Zurich, Chicago and Philadelphia, moved into what promises to be an explosive quarterfinal clash against eighth-seed Pierce when she beat Kristie Boogert of the Netherlands 6-2, 6-4.

It will be Novotna's fourth meeting against Pierce and she has yet to be beaten by the French player.

Third-seed Anke Huber of Germany, winner of three tour-

naments in 1996, proved too powerful for the elegant Sabine Appelmans of Belgium and scored a 6-3, 6-2 victory in just over one hour.

Appelmans, quarterfinalist at this year's Australian Open where she upset Conchita Martinez of Spain and with two wins from three previous encounters, started badly and trailed 0-3 in the first.

Her best chance to get back into the match came at the start of the second set when she came close several times to breaking Huber's serve, but the 22-year-old German player could always call on extra power to make the difference in the baseline rallies.

Huber now plays fifth-seed Irina Spirlea of Romania who defeated last weekend's Linz champion Chanda Rubin 6-3, 6-4.

France's Davis Cup and Fed Cup captain Yannick Noah held a meeting at the Courtbertin Stadium with seven of France's top players and federation officials Jean-Claude Massias and Francoise Durr.

He said the team to play Japan in the first-round next month, which will be without Julie Halard-Decugis who is out of action with a knee injury, would be announced to the players of Friday and the team made public 24 hours later.

## UEFA assures Germans?



"We have not climbed down on this," said general secretary Aigner, explaining that UEFA's executive committee wanted to stand by its principle of having just one candidate from Europe.

"We have supported the DFB (German Federation) and we continue to support it," Germany launched their bid in 1993 and got the full backing of UEFA, which is keen to avoid the kind of battle that South Korea and Japan fought for the 2002 tournament. The event was eventually awarded to both countries.

But England's recent entry into the race has complicated matters. After a meeting in London last week, the governing body said it would meet off-

cially from both England and Germany in April before deciding to which country it would give its complete support.

During a discussion with German reporters Aigner was keen to stress that Europe's governing body had not made a U-turn on its support of the DFB despite the fact it had not made a final decision.

UEFA is keen to stick to its idea of supporting just one country from the continent although it knows that other European countries can enter the race if they so wish.

The ultimate decision about who will be awarded the finals is made by world-governing body FIFA.

UEFA's executive committee will meet both German and English football bodies on April 17 in Geneva to try to find a solution to the row. The English authorities were happy that UEFA was keen to support just one country, Aigner said.

"We have talked to the English and asked them whether they wanted a battle like Korea and Japan had. They said they thought it was right that we supported just one country."

"I didn't expect it to come to this because Germany was being supported until June — also by England."

The World Cup bid has become a political issue in Britain with a general election on the horizon. On Wednesday Prime Minister John Major held a huge reception at Downing Street to launch the British bid.

Aigner said UEFA was unhappy that politics were now

involved.

"I can say we are not happy that this has come into play but it will be very difficult to take it out now," he said.

"That is why we have to make a united decision."

### Ethiopian Olympian charged

ADDIS ABABA, Feb 14: Prosecutors have charged more than 5,000 officials of Ethiopia's former military regime — including a three-time Olympic medalist — with genocide, war crimes and murder, reports AP.

The charges, announced Wednesday by special prosecutor Ghirma Wajirra, cover crimes allegedly committed during the "Red Terror" years of the 1970s.

The 5,198 people accused include more than 2,000 already in detention in Ethiopian jails. Some have been held for nearly 5 1/2 years without charge.

The charges cover the killing, torture and forced disappearance of 14,200 people during the rule of Col Mengistu Haile Mariam from 1974 to 1978.

"Extrajudicial executions, torture and enforced disappearance of innocent people were rampant throughout the country during the era of the 'Dergue' or Mengistu's ruling council," Ghirma said.

The victims were political opponents of Mengistu's regime and unarmed civilians, he said.

## Steffi sidelined

HANOVER, Feb 14: Plagued by a lingering knee injury, Steffi Graf pulled out of next week's WTA tournament in Hanover Thursday and may also miss Germany's Fed Cup match against the Czech Republic in March, reports AP.

"I very much regret that I can't play in Hanover, but I have to first allow the injury that appeared in Tokyo to completely heal," Graf said in a statement.

The 27-year-old Graf was forced to withdraw at the Toray Pan Pacific Open two weeks ago because of a severely aggravated patella tendon of the left knee, at the bottom front of the kneecap.

The knee problem began in June while she was training for Wimbledon. In October, she was forced to withdraw in the semifinals at Leipzig because of it.

Graf, who has stopped training, was examined by her doctor in Heidelberg Thursday. He appeared in the Fed Cup match in early March depends on the results of another exam next week.

"What's important is that Steffi is completely healthy and can appear pain-free at further Grand Slam tournaments this year," said Pascal Zimmer from Graf's company, Steffi Graf Sport GmbH, in Bruhl.

## Poul-Erik dents Indonesians

NEW DELHI, Feb 14: Olympic champion Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen sparked a shock humiliation of Indonesia's top stars in the 125,000-dollar Indian Open here on Thursday night, reports AFP.

The 31-year-old Dane won a personal battle of self-motivation when he fought back from the brink to defeat Indonesia's Ardy Wiranata 8-15, 15-10, 15-5.

Larsen, who admitted to being unfocused following his peak at the Atlanta Olympics, took 50 minutes to record his sixth win in eight meetings against Wiranata.

"This is just what I needed to hit top form again," Larsen said. "But one win is not enough. I must continue like this for the rest of the tournament — and the rest of the year."

He admitted he was relieved at having won on a night when seeds tumbled like nine pins at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium.

Second seed H Hendrawan fell to Malaysia's Jason Wong 15-11, 18-15, while teammate and fourth seed Dwi Aryananto was upset by India's national champion Gopi Chand 10-15, 15-13, 15-7.

That left only number three Heryanto Arbi to keep the Indonesian flag flying at the quarterfinal stage of the men's draw.

Arbi, the 1995 world champion, showed glimpses of toughness in top form ahead of next month's All-England tournament, when he blanked India's deaf and dumb star Rajeev Bagga 15-3, 15-4.

"I was surprised my teammates lost," Arbi said. "But their rivals played much better. This is turning out to be a tough competition."

## Boris bedevils Stolle



the seventh seed winning 7-6 (9/7), 6-1, reports AFP.

Becker, playing in his first ATP tour tournament since losing in the first round of the Australian Open, came from 1-4 down to earn a first-set tiebreaker against Stolle, whom he beat the only other time they played three years ago indoors in Sydney.

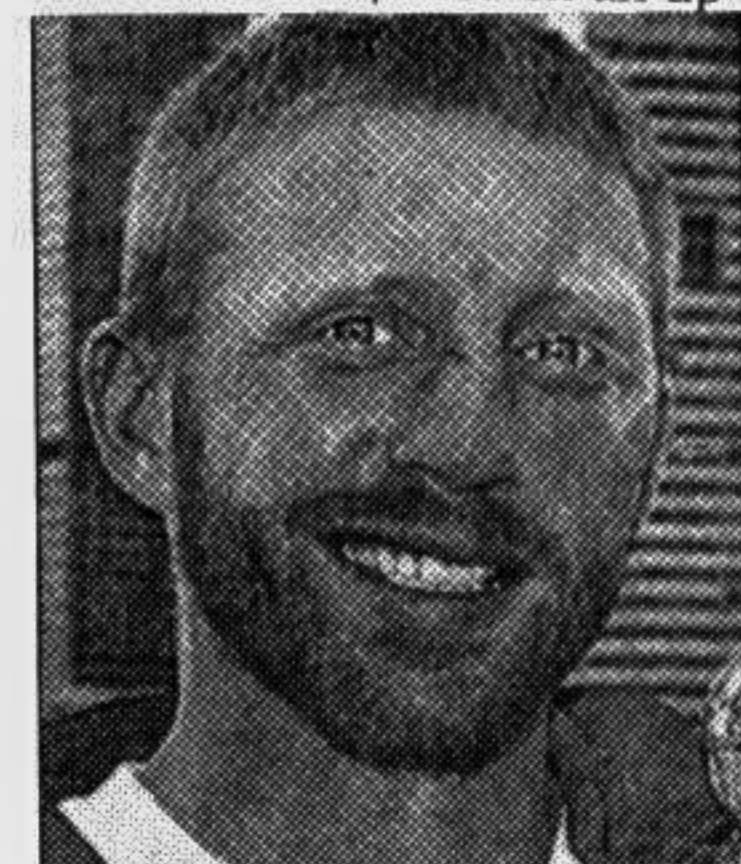
Becker, fighting to improve on a ranking which as sunk to 13th after his Melbourne disaster at the hands of eventual finalist Carlos Moya, faces holder and top seed Goran Ivanisevic in a clash of big-servers on Friday.

"I'm excited to play him," said Becker, who feels he is not far from which took him to three tournament titles in the closing weeks of 1996. "My game is progressing this week. I'm getting better with each match. It is what I expected. I can only get better by playing matches," Becker added.

The 29-year-old German stayed relaxed as he tamed Stolle, whose arsenal of shots is bolstered by steady doubles play.

Becker clinched the first set on his third opportunity through Stolle's backhand volley which landed short. The German maintained the pressure in the second set, breaking in the fourth and sixth games and advancing on the first of three match points.

Becker was joined on an up-



BORIS BECKER

set-free day by third seed Richard Krajicek. Ivanisevic and fourth seeded Wayne Ferreira of South Africa.

Krajicek, the Wimbledon champion, also continued his recovery from December knee surgery with a comprehensive 6-3, 6-2 win over Spain's Javier Sanchez.

The Dutchman, who is confidently feeling his way back

into the game after eight weeks way, needed a mere 58 minutes to dispose of the 35th-ranked Spaniard.

As he progresses smoothly in his first ATP Tour event since a three-hour operation on the damaged knee, Krajicek is growing in confidence.

Krajicek won five games in succession during the second set against Sanchez to reach 5-1. After the Spaniard held for 2-5, Krajicek produced his ninth ace of the match to reach match point and fired over number 10 to clinch the victory.

Krajicek said that he would not be playing Davis Cup for Holland — now into the quarterfinals and would try to maintain a lighter schedule to let his knee fully heal.

"My goals — not necessarily for this year — are to reach the top five and win another grand slam," he explained.

Ivanisevic came through in two hard fought sets against the Czech Republic's Bohdan Ulihrach, 7-6 (10-8), 6-4. Ferreira had a very tough battle with former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash of Australia eventually coming through 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Jim Courier breezed into the quarterfinals with a straight sets win over Spain's Albert Costa.

Looking revived and enjoying the support of the crowd, Courier took the match 6-2, 6-3 in just under 90 minutes.

## Andre survives a toughie



Agassi, ranked No 12 in the world and a three-time champion in the tournament, trailed 3-1 in the second-set tiebreaker before rallying to stay alive

against his 20-year-old opponent, ranked 93rd in the world. Agassi, winner of 34 titles, will play qualifier Grant Doyle on Friday night. Agassi's two-hour, 25-minute match against

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Dutch Annamarië Thomas (R) congratulates Germany's Gunda Niemann after they competed in the women's 500 metres event at the World speed skating championships in Nagano yesterday. Thomas won in 40.43 seconds and Niemann was second.

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## The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

**Saturday 15th February**  
(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in group programmes.)

### BTV

3:00pm Opening Announcement: Al-Quran Programme Summary 3:10 New in Bangla 3:15 Patriotic Songs 3:20 Recitation from the Tripitak 3:25 Movie of the Week: The Master of Ballroom 5:25 Banashree 6:00pm Samachar 6:30 Re-teletcast of selected programme 7:00 News in English 7:25 Maati-o-Manush 8:00 News in Bangla 8:25 Prabaha 9:00 Geeti Shatadi 10:00 News in English 10:30 Ai Prethibee 10:30 Drama Series: Dynasty 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Tomorrow's programme summary 11:40 Close down

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