

Kiwis open tour today

CAIRNS, Australia, Oct 21: Tearaway pace bowler Heath Davis was today given his chance to stake a claim to a place in the New Zealand Test team when he was chosen for the Kiwis' Australian tour opener against Queensland, reports AFP.

The 25-year-old blond firebrand was preferred to the experienced Chris Harris as tour selectors get a chance to assess Davis' prospects against the Sheffield Shield champions in a four-day game beginning here tomorrow.

Davis, Geoff Allott, Chris Cairns and Simon Doull will share the new ball alongside 18-year-old left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori.

Squad: Bryan Young, Blair Pocock, Matt Horne, Stephen Fleming (capt), Nathan Astle, Chris Cairns, Adam Parore, Daniel Vettori, Geoff Allott, Heath Davis, Simon Doull.

Boca touch lucky

BUENOS AIRES, Oct 21: Boca Juniors, still missing injured Diego Maradona, beat Colon 2-1 at the weekend after one of the provincial side's players scored an own goal and missed a penalty, reports Reuter.

Colon's Esteban Fuentes put Boca two goals up in the first half when he fired the ball into his own net as he tried to clear a corner.

In the second half, he missed a golden chance to equalise when he blasted a penalty over the crossbar. Hugo Ibarra had earlier reduced the deficit as Colon staged a fightback.

"It was one of those days, I'd rather not dwell on it," Fuentes said.

Boca stayed second in the Argentine championship, one point behind arch-rivals River Plate, whom they meet on Saturday in a long-awaited clash.

Diego Maradona, who has missed Boca's last five games through injury, is expected to return to the game at River's stadium.

Agassi sets his sights on '98

STUTTGART, Oct 21 (AP): Next year Andre Agassi promises, will be different.

"The siesta is over. I am looking forward to a full schedule next year," Agassi said after another first-round loss, a 6-4, 6-4, defeat Monday to Todd Martin at the Eurocard Open.

A former No. 1 who has played sparingly this year, Agassi has plunged to No. 102 and needed a wild card to make it into the tournament that includes the top 19 players in the world.

Martin, a fellow American and a former top-10 player who has also fallen down the ranks, was the "lucky loser." Although he failed to qualify, the withdrawal of Magnus Norman because of injury gave Martin a place in the 48-man draw.

With the lack of match practice painfully obvious on both sides, Martin gained a break in each set to win in 70 minutes, firing 14 aces past Agassi.

"Being on top of the rankings is different than being on top of my game," said Agassi, who has fallen to No. 102 in the world.

The ranking was never that important for me."

"I try not to think about it. I just try to remember that if I get my game together, it doesn't matter who I am playing. I present words of problems and that is what it's about," Agassi said.

But being so low in the rankings means Agassi has to either qualify or get a wild card for the major tournaments, such as this 2.05-million dollar event, one of the "Super 9" tournaments.

Agassi, who was in his 13th tournament of the year, had not played since the US Open in August. His win-lose record dropped to 12-13, and Monday's loss was his eighth opening-match defeat this year.

Martin endured a six-month layoff because of elbow surgery. He returned at the US Open, and this is only his fifth major tournament of the year. The layoff has taken Martin's ranking down to 64 on the ATP computer.

Agassi will play in Paris next week to complete a season in which his commitment to the game had all but vanished.

man hope, wore down Thomas Johansson 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 while Magnus Gustafsson routed Albert Portas 6-1, 6-1.



Boris Becker makes a backhand return in his first round clash against fellow German Marc-Kevin Goellner at the Eurocard Open in Stuttgart yesterday. Becker won 6-2, — AP/UNB photo

LATEST

STUTTGART, Oct 21: Boris Becker, switching back to being a player from his new role as tennis manager, stormed into the second round of the Eurocard Open when he beat fellow German Marc-Kevin Goellner 6-2, 6-4 Tuesday, reports AFP.

Becker, the defending champion here, has retired from Grand Slam tennis and is only playing selected tournaments as he winds up his career.

He has just become chief of the German Davis Cup team, which occasionally includes Goellner.

"We practised together so I knew his weak points and I used them," Becker said after his 69-minute victory.

Becker's next opponent is big-serving Richard Krajicek, another former Wimbledon champion.

In other first-round action, Thomas Enqvist beat Alberto Berasategui 6-1, 6-4, while Karol Kucera rallied to oust Mark Woodforde 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3).

Andrei Medvedev defeated Pat Cash 6-2, 6-2 and Chris Woodruff advanced when Bohdan Ulrich had to abandon the match with an upset stomach. Woodruff had won the first set 6-3 and was down 1-0 in the second when Ulrich had an unable to continue.

Top-ranked Pete Sampras, who lost to Becker in a thrilling five-set final last year, played Magnus Gustafsson later.

Nicolas Kiefer, the new Ger-

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Wednesday 22nd October
(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programme.)

BBC

6:00am BBC World News

6:30 World Living: Airport 7:00

BBC World News Inc. World Business Report/Asia Today/24

Hours 10:00 BBC World News

10:30 World Focus: Reporters

11:00 BBC Newsdesk 12:30

Hard Talk 1:00 BBC World

News 1:30 World Focus: Reporters 2:00 BBC World News

2:30 World Living: Tomorrow's World 3:00 BBC World News

3:30 Hard Talk 4:00 BBC World

News 4:30 World Living: Airport

5:00 BBC Newsdesk 6:30

World Focus: Reporters 7:00

BBC World News 7:15 World

Business Report 7:30 BBC

Newshour Asia & Pacific 8:30

World Living: Floyd 9:00

BBC World News 9:30

Hard Talk 10:00 BBC World

News 10:30 World Living: The Travel Show 11:00 The World Today 12:30 Hard Talk 1:00

BBC World News 1:30 World Focus: The Money Programme

2:00 BBC World News 2:30

World Living: Top Gear 3:00

BBC Newsdesk Inc. World Business Report 24 Hours 5:00

BBC World News 5:10 News-night

CHANNEL V

6:00 Hebat 7:00 Turn On T [V] 8:30 Rewind VJ Sophia

9:30 Turn On T [V] 1:30 By Demand VJ Trey 2:30 Liberty

First Day First Show 3:00 Simply South VJ Trey 3:30 Rexona

Deo Cut There 4:00 Turn On T [V] 7:00 By Demand VJ Trey

8:00 Turn On T [V] 9:30 Winner-Manga 10:00 Liberty

First Day First Show 10:30 Turn On T [V] 11:00 Amped #16

11:30 Turn On T [V] 2:00 By Demand VJ Trey 3:00 The Ride

4:00 Billboard US Countdown

STAR PLUS

6:30 Nishaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:15 Business

Agenda 9:30 Kiron Kher Today

10:30 Living On The Edge

11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show

5:30 21 Jump Street

Kaala 9:00 Kohra 9:30 STAR

News 10:00 Allo Allo 10:30

The X Files 11:30 The Bold And The Beautiful 12:00 Santa

Barbera 1:00 STAR News 1:30

L A Law 2:30 Picket Fences

3:30 Vegas 4:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 5:30 21 Jump Street

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Family: Heart of Dixie

15: 9:30 A Adventure: Avalanche 15 (Arabic Subtitles)

11:30 Family: The Young Magician 12:30 Comedy: Bye Bye Love 15:30 Film Club: Best Shot 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 5:30

Action: Midnight Heat 15 (Moonstone Version) 7:00

Movie: Television 7:30 Classic:

Sea Of Sand 15: 9:30 The Movie Show 10:00 Double Bill:

Arnold Schwarzenegger Conan The Barbarian 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 12:00 Double Bill: Arnold Schwarzenegger Red Heat 18

2:00 Film Club: City's Edge 18

4:00 Action: FX: Murder by Illusion 18 (Arabic Subtitles) 5:30

Family: Dunston Checks In 12

STAR SPORTS

8:00 TILAWAT AUR TARJUMA/

HAMDINAAT 8:20 CARTOON

8:30 KHAIBRAIN 8:45 MAN-

SOOBAJAAT BARAI KHUD

KAFALAT 9:00 SUR SAVARIA &

Sehra Ka Safer & Sada-E-Kas-

mir 9:40 SHANA BA SHANA

9:50 AAJ KI KITAAB-AIK NAZM

12:30 Pakistan Vs S Africa,

2nd Test, Day 5-H/Ls 1:00 A

Golfer's Travels 1:30 Heineken

European Cup Rugby 5th Round 3:30 ITU World

Triathlon Series 1997 4:30

Sports India 5:00 Outdoor

Quest Mild Seven 6:00 Volvo

World Cup Snowjumping 7:00

Table Tennis ITTF China Open

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