CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Jan 11: India's cricket team will be allowed to continue playing with a tobacco company name on their uniform, New Zealand Cricket said Monday, reports AP.

Associate Health minister

Tariki John Delamere said Sunday he believed the "Wills" logo was a breach of the country's laws banning tobacco advertising and sponsorship.

He expected the logo to be

removed before the limited overs match between India and New Zealand on Tuesday. "My job is to ensure the law is complied with," Delamere said.

But NZC said it has accepted the Indian cricket board's explanation that the logo is not that of the Wills tobacco com-

"It's a different logo from the (Wills) tothat carried by the (Wills) tobacco company. The logo is from Wills Sport of India, which supplies bats, gear and sports equipment," NZ Cricket spokeswoman Michelle Lewis said Monday.

We have told that to the ministry (of Health) and also noted that other countries with similar (anti-tobacco) legislation have accepted the Indian cricket board's position on the Wills logo. We expect they will play with the logo on their sleeves tomorrow.

NZC was not aware the logo had been covered up by Pakistan during its tour of Australia two years ago. Australia has similar tobacco advertising and sponsorship controls.

Delamere said NZC could also be breaching the law by failing to take action to have the logo covered up.

While he was waiting for details of his ministry's investigation of the issue, Delamere dismissed claims the logo was for a subsidiary sports goods supply company. admire their (tobacco

companies) ability to find innovative ways to get around tobacco legislation throughout the world," Delamere said. Ministry senior analyst

Matthew Allen said he's taking legal advice "looking at the links between the companies and whether this brand promotes tobacco products." He said the sports supply

company was a subsidiary of Wills tobacco. Once the ministry had determined the legal position over the logo it would "expect to

move (the issue) through pretty

quickly." It might also need to have further discussion with NZC before taking a decision, prior to the start of Tuesday's match.

India to ensure security

NEW DELHI, Jan 11: India Sunday pledged to protect Pakistani diplo-mats and cricketers from Hindu zealots who have threatened violence against them, reports AFP.

"The diplomats are safe," Home Minister Lal Krishna Advani said after a Hindu militant group that has vowed to disrupt Pakistan's first cricket tour of India in 12 years threatened Islamabad's diplomats as well.

Advani, considered a hawk among India's ruling Hindu nationalists, said persistent differences between New Delhi and Islamabad should not be allowed to extend to sports and culture.

He voiced the hope that Pakistani cricketers would tour India as scheduled for January 21 despite Hindu militants' threats to stop them from playing for alleged support by Islamabad to Indian terrorists.

"I hope they will come," Advani said. "I want them to come.

"This (federal government) has taken appropriate action against vandalism," he said, adding: 'We have tried to ensure full and fool-proof security to the players.'

On Sunday, newspapers re-ported that police had found Hindu militant pamphlets near the Pakistan embassy here warning diplomats would be harmed if the Pakistani team arrived in India. A police officer said the two-

page pamphlet was signed by the "acting president" of the New Delhi chapter of the Hindu militant Shiv Sena Party which rules Bombay.

Security was immediately beefed up at the embassy, police said.

Joint commissioner of police US Dadwal said: "Appropriate measures have been taken for the security of the diplomats. We are trying to track down the people who have signed the

pamphlets."

Shiv Sena activists dug up the cricket pitch at the New Delhi's Ferozeshah Kotla Stadium, venue of the first Test, last week, in a bid to prevent the

match. Eight Shiv Sena supporters

were arrested overnight, newspapers said. Prime Minister Atal Behari

Vajpayee on Saturday blamed "a handful of people" in India and Pakistan of trying to sabotage efforts to normalise relations between the two countries.

The Pakistani team, which last played a Test in India in March 1987, is to arrive here January 21 for a two-Test series, the Asian Test Championship opener against India and a triangular one-day series

also featuring Sri Lanka. In 1991, Hindu fanatics vandalised the pitch at Bombay's stadium days before Pakistan were to start a limited-over se-

ries in India. Pakistan cancelled that tour, and two more in 1993 and 1994, because of security fears. They played in India during the 1996 World Cup and the Independence Cup the following year without any problems.

Boland keep Windies in check

PAARL, South Africa, Jan 10(Reuters/Internet): West Indies scrambled to 220 all out against Boland, South Africa's weakest provincial side, on the opening day of their three-day

match on Sunday. Opener Stuart Williams found no excessive movement and only reliable bounce on a pitch renowned for its misbehaviour and reached 55 off 68 balls. He hit eight boundaries and a pulled six off James Henderson. Philo Wallace, who has endured a nightmare tour as a test opener, batted number three and found some consolation with an occasionally brutal

contribution of 44. Both fell to miscued drives. Williams sliced Henderson to cover and Wallace chased a wide delivery from left-arm seamer Charl Willoughby to second

Floyd Reifer (6) ran himself out, Brian Lara (1) chipped a dreadful drive to mid-off and Junior Murray (8) sent an attempted pull to extra cover. Clayton Lambert and Carl

Hooper both made 32 but in very different fashion. Lambert, a specialist opener, laboured 110 balls for his runs

Rainer Schuttler (R) takes the Qatar Open tennis trophy

from Sheikh Tamin bin Hamad Al-Thani, honorary

president of the Qatar Tennis Federation, in Doha on

January 10. The German beat Tim Henman of England 6-

11: In cricket- best all-rounders — was named

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the past two years.

- AP/UNB photo

ISLAMABAD, Jan Akram - one of the world's World Cup and will lift the spir-

Pak fans want the tour

team captain last week, a posi-

tion he has held three times in

an ideal preparation for the

Hussey gets

WA home

ADELAIDE, Jan 11: Opener Mike Hussey made 97 as West-

ern Australia cruised to a six-

wicket win over South Aus-

tralia in the Sheffield Shield at

Adelaide Oval today, reports

Western Australia jumped

from third place to top of the

standings with 20 points from

Victoria on 18 and South Aus-

The home side reached the

second innings target of 184

with the loss of four wickets af-

ter South Australia resumed at

218 for six but collapsed to be

to hospital overnight with

cramps after batting for more

than five hours in intense head,

returned to the crease Monday

but was dismissed without

adding to his overnight score of

Geoff Perker, who was taken

"Îf we win in India it will be

4, 5-7, 6-1 in the final.

crazy Pakistan

people want the

Indian cricket

tour scheduled for

later this month to go ahead

despite threats from India's

not mix," Abbas Tahir, a 15-

year-old student said Monday.

"It's unfortunate we have not

played each other in Test

cricket in such a long time.

Both teams have world class

If the tour goes ahead it will

be the first time old rivals India

and Pakistan have played a

The animosity between

Pakistan and India goes back

51 years when British rule of

the Asian subcontinent ended

and the Himalayan state of

Kashmir was divided between

the two newly independent

countries. However they both

lay claim to a united Kashmir.

The dispute has caused two pre-

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Akram can lead our team to vic-

tory over India," said Mustanzir

But sportsmen in Pakistan

"I hope the Indian tour mate-

Test match in 11 years.

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"Politics and sports should

Hindu extremists, reports AP.

after going in at number four. Hooper, batting eight, needed just 40 deliveries.

Lambert provided seamer Henry Williams with his third wicket when he was trapped Ibw. Hooper chased a wide delivery from Donovan Koch and edged a simple catch behind.

SL to host U-19 cricket World Cup

CHRISTCHURCH, Jan 11: Sri Lanka will host the under-19 World Cup in January, 2000, the International Cricket Council announced Monday, re-

ports AP. "We decided then that this type of event should occur on a two-year basis," said David

Richards, the ICC president. He said the specific details of the tournament would be announced later but it is likely to include a minimum of 16 countries, the same number of teams which contested last year's tournament.

"If the financial resources make sense to go beyond that number then we certainly will do so," Richards said.

The young Boland side. without any international players and bottom of the first class and one-day domestic leagues, were 18 without loss at the close.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the second day of a three-day match between Boland and West Indies at Boland Park on Monday:

WEST INDIES: First innings BOLAND: First innings (overnight 18-0) Ferreira c Ganga b McLean Henderson c Murray b Lambert

Ontong lbw b Lewis Jackson c Lambert b McLean 3 Gain c Murray b Lewis Bailey c Murray b McLean Palframan c Williams b Hooper Koch c Reifer b Lewis

De Lange c and b Lewis Williams c Dillon b Hooper Willoughby not out Extras: (lb-6, nb-8) Total: (All out in 64.3 overs) 135 Fall of wkts: 1-25; 2-52; 3-

56; 4-56; 5-60; 6-104; 7-117; 8-130; 9-130 Bowler: 38 McLean 3 29 9 45 Dillon 24.3 Lewis 2 0 3 11 6 14

Lambert

Hooper

Qatar Open Schuttler's DOHA, Jan 11: Germany's Rainer Schuttler defeated top seed Tim Henman Sunday to win the 1 million dollars Qatar Open 6-4, 5-7, 6-1, reports AP. The 111th-ranked German, who only turned professional in 1995 and was a qualifier here, played his brand of powerful baseline tennis, complemented with a series of welltimed excursions to the net, showing that his earlier victories against top seeds were no accident.

Schuttler started the match as he did against fourth seed Goran Ivanisevic and seventh seed Cedric Pioline and quickly earned three break points, which he accepted without hesitation.

Henman's judgement was not of the highest standard early on, and he repeatedly approached the net on the wrong shot, giving the 23-year-old German numerous opportunities to pass him, lob him and hit through him.

Henman leveled the set in the sixth game only for Schuttler to break for the second time before serving the set out in 46 minutes

In the second set, Henman continued with his ploy of slicing the ball back but the German kept his head and showed few signs of Crumbling under the center court pressure.

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played in May in Britain.

this year.

said Najam.

in India.

government.

Turab Ali.

The cricket World Cup will be

against India would be even bet-

ter than winning the World Cup,

something Pakistan did in

World Cup, a competition

played every four years except

"World Cup comes every four

years, but we haven't played a

Test against India in 11 years.

so if we win I will be even more

delighted than I was in 1992

when we won the World Cup,"

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security arrangements, before

making a final decision on

would like to see his team play

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guarantees offered by the Indian

gives a full guarantee the our

players will be safe, we have to

believe them," said 65-year-old

tour because of a few bad guys,'

whether to participate.

Pakistan has sent a delega-

Akram however said he

Pakistani fans agree. They

"If the Indian government

"We should not abandon the

1992. Sri Lanka won the 1996

Najam said a Test victory

Div III cricket qualifiers

Progressive Youth Club. Doleswar STS and Pallabi Club won their respective matches in the Third Division qualifying cricket in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

At the UFG ground, Progressive Youth Club beat Progotishil SS by 4 runs with the help of Titu's 40 runs. Mithu claimed five wickets for the winners.

PROGRESSIVE YC: 195 for seven in 35 overs (Titu 40, Rubel 28, Ashraful 23 n.o., Azam 22, Ballal 21, extras 28, Noor Mohammed 3/33)

PROGOTISHIL SS: 191 for nine in 35 overs (Ballal 51, Shariful 27, Sakib 22; extras 32, Mithu 5/35, Bashar 2/36, Bellal 2/43.)

At T&T ground, Doleswar STS outplayed Rampura Cricket Club by 45 runs. Safin scored the highest 35 runs and Jahangir took four wickets for Doleswar.

DOLESWAR STS: 170 for nine in 35 overs (Safin 35, Hira 27, Hiro 25, Sumon 25, Taru 25, extras 24; Azizul 2/39).

RAMPURA CRICKET CLUB: 125 for all in 32.2 overs (Moin (2) 21. Azizul 21, Mejbah 20, extras 22; Jahangir 4/31, Shiplu 2/11).

At the Mirpur Outer Sta-dium, Pallabi Club defeated Dhaka Semeness Club by 42 runs. Shamsul Alam hammered an unbeaten 61 runs and Rashed picked up four wickets for the winners.

PALLABI CLUB: 179 for six in 32 overs, (Shamsul 61 n.o., Sumit 19, Sajal 17, Khaibur 17, extras 35; Tanjid 3/39, Rana

2/39). DHAKA SEMENESS CLUB 137 for all in 29.5 overs (Montu 29, Rana 26, Tutul 19, Biplob 18, extras 16; Rashed 4/45, Zahid 3/8, Sazzadur 2/28.)

Hair charged

CHRISTCHURCH, Jan 1: (Reuters/Internet): Australian umpire Darrell Hair has been charged with bringing the game into disrepute after comments he made in a book about Sri Lankan off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced on Monday that Hair had been charged under the ICC's Code of Conduct following a meeting of the board's executive in Christchurch, New Zealand.

ICC chief executive David Richards said the matter had been referred back to the Australian Cricket Board (ACB), which had agreed to establish an independent hearing to investigate the charges and any possible penalties.

"These are unprecedented circumstances. No-one ever contemplated that an acting umpire would actually make public comment about current players," Richards said. : Hair called Muralitharan

for throwing on seven occassions during a match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in Sri Lankan officials later

complained to the ICC after Hair criticised Muralitharan's bowling action in his autobiography "Decision Maker". In the book, Hair described the bowler's action as "diaboli-

cal" and said he would have no hesitation no-balling him in the future. "I could have called him 27

times or more but I did not want the matter to become a complete farce," Hair wrote.

Hair, Australia's top-ranked umpire, agreed to stand down from matches involving Sri Lanka on their current tour of Australia while the matter was being investigated.

He told reporters on Monday after learning about the charges that he been instructed not to comment on the issue.

Dolan claims 2nd gold

HONG KONG, Jan 11: A relaxed Tom Dolan shrugged off the after-effects of a severe head cold to claim his second gold of the short-course World Cup Hong Kong leg here Sunday, reports AFP.

The Atlanta Olympics 400metre individual medley gold medalist calmly produced a late surge in the 200-metre medley final here to touch home ahead of Denmark's Jakob Andersen with a time of two minutes 2.79 seconds.

Although Andersen finished only marginally behind in a time of 2:03.53, American Dolan - who suffers from asthma - always looked to have plenty in reserve over the final two lengths at the Kowloon Park

His first place followed his gold on Saturday when he won the 400m medley final. A head cold forced him to miss Saturday's later 400m freestyle but he showed no ill-effects on Sun-

come away with two golds from this meet is not so bad and I'm quite happy... it's been good preparation for the worlds," said Dolan referring to the World Short-Course Swimming Championships which will take place in April, also in Hong Kong. Costa Rica's Claudia Poll,

"I felt a lot better today. To

the 1996 Olympic 200m freestyle gold medalist, was in a different class in the women's 400-metre freestyle final, romping home six seconds clear of the field in a time of 4:08.37. China's Li Yan took silver in 4:14.38. Elsewhere, Canada's 16-

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Yesterday's answer

year-old sensation Kelly Stefanyshyn, who won two silvers at last year's Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, also added to her gold medal tally with victory in the 100m backstroke.

Stefanyshyn's win followed victories in the 50 and 200 metres backstroke events on Saturday.



Brazilian Ronaldo wrong-foots a Venezia player in their Serie A encounter in Milan on January 10. - AFP photo

Parma, Inter simply superb



ROME, Jan 10 (Reuters/Internet) : It rained goals in Italy on Sunday as Inter Milan

and Parma both hit six while Lazio blanked Fiorentina to send Parma the Serie A table.

Lazio 2 Fiorentina 0

Christian Vieri's second goal in five days since his return from a four-month injury layoff set Lazio on the road to a victory which knocked Fiorentina off the top of the table. Yugoslav Sinisa Mihajlovic scored a minute from time to seal the win. All but one of his 18 Serie A goals have come from free kicks. The Florentines finished the match with 10 men after Pasquale Padalimo was sent off for a foul on Marcelo Salas.

Cagliari 4 AS Roma 3 Roberto Muzzi and his Uruguayan team mate Fabian O'Neill scored twice each as Cagliari beat Roma in the last minute of a roller-coaster tie. Muzzi put the home side ahead after two minutes with his 10th goal of the season. Marco Delvecchio then scored twice to put Roma in front before Cagliari fought back to lead 3-2. Carmine Gautieri looked to have earned the visitors a point until O'Neill grabbed a winner

in the 90th minute. Empoli 1 AC Milan 1 Milan thought they had taken the lead on 55 minutes through a Maurizio Ganz header but referee Pierluigi Colina ruled the ball had not crossed the line. Three minutes later Arturo Di Napoli put Empòli ahead. German Christian Ziege equalised in the 83rd minute but was then sent off for

celebrating his goal. Inter Milan 6 Venezia 2

Vintage Inter with Ronaldo, Roberto Baggio and Ivan Zamorano all magnificent. The Brazilian scored his first from the penalty spot after three minutes and set up Baggio for Inter's second. Zamorano struck twice before the interval and completed his hattrick with Inter's first attack of the second half. Ronaldo completed an outstanding personal performance with his sixth goal of the season to complete the rout. Venezia's Filippo Maniero scored twice but finished well and truly on the losing side.

Juventus 1 Bari 1 Edgar David's second goal of the season nudged Juve in front at the start of the second half of a match played in torrential rain. But Italy goalkeeper Angelo Peruzzi pulled down Mauro Bressan in the penalty area after 75 minutes and Swede

PSG end goal drought

PARIS, Jan 11: Holders Paris St Germain won but Girondins Bordeaux, the team they beat in the 1998 final, crashed out of the French League Cup in the first round on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Mikael Madar scored on his debut as PSG ended a fivematch goal drought with a 1-0 win over former giants St Etienne," now in the Second Division.

Le Havre goalkeeper Sebastien Hamel saved an 89th minute penalty by French international striker Lilian Laslandes to secure his team's 1-0 upset victory over Bordeaux, second in the championship.

Daniel Andersson converted the spot kick to give Bari their 10th draw in 16 matches and leave champions Juventus further adrift in the title race.

Perugia 1 Udinese 3

Japanese Hidetoshi Nakata's eighth goal of the season could not prevent Perugia slumping to a home defeat against an Udinese side steadily moving up the table. Marcio Amoroso scored his 10th goal of the campaign and Argentine Roberto Carlo Sosa also found the back of the net for the visitors. Piacenza 3 Parma 6

Veteran Abel Balbo proved

he still has the scoring touch with a second half hattrick which helped take Parma to the top of the league. In-form Diego Fuser, France's Alain Boghossian and Argentina's Hernan Crespo were also on target for a rampant Parma who had hammered five goals past Empoli the week before Christmas. Simone Inzaghi, brother of Italy striker Filippo, scored twice to salvage some prime for Piacenza.

Sampdoria 1 Bologna 1 Giuseppe Signori, playing

against a former club for the second time in four days, curled home a free kick from 30 metres to give Bologna the lead. But Francesco Palmieri equalised after the interval and. after Massimo Paganin was sent off for a second bookable offence, Bologna were lucky to escape with a draw. David Platt's new English signing Lee Sharpe made a second half appearance for the Genoa side.

Vicenza 1 Salernitana 0 Pasquale Luiso headed home a Massimo Beghetto free kick after 31 minutes to give Vicenza a vital victory in this otherwise



Manchester United's Andy Cole squeezes through a host of West Ham United players in their Premiership clash at Old Trafford on Sunday.

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Lara won't be removed

CHRISTCHURCH, Jan 11 (AFP/AP): West Indies Cricket Board chairman Patrick Rousseau said Sunday there were no plans to sack Brian Lara as captain if the their first tour of South Africa. Lara's captaincy will be reviewed at the end of the team's current tour of South Africa and before the start of the home

series against Australia. "A tour report and a meeting of the chairman and selectors will have to clarify his position," Rousseau said. He emphasized Windies captains "are only appointed one tour at a time," so the review was automatic and not a reflection on Lara.

"He's not batting as well as he did a year ago, when you look at his performance," Rousseau said. "He's not playing with the ease and confidence that I expect from Brian Lara, who has so much time to play the ball." Asked whether Lara was affected by the captain's role,

Rousseau said: "I don't think so. I don't know." The West Indies have lost the first four Tests in a five-match series against South Africa and Lara has failed to score a cen-

tury in a year. "Not only am I concerned, he is concerned. He's said it." Rousseau said. "He hasn't been as consistent as he usually is. He did a lot better against England last year."

Rousseau said reports on the poor Windies performance on the tour from Lara, manager Clive Lloyd and coach Malcolm Marshall would all be considered before the future of the captaincy was reviewed.

One factor affecting the form team suffers a whitewash on of the champion was the failure of West Indies opening combi-



BRIAN LARA "They have not performed on

this tour and he is ending up as an opening bat when he really is a stroke player," said Rousseau. "He's more comfortable if he can get there with 60 or 70 runs on the board. I think you would see an improvement." The West Indies have engaged legendary openers Gordon

Greenidge and Desmond Haynes in a bid to remedy the problems. Rousseau blamed the decline of the great West Indian teams on the run-down in school cricket in the Caribbean. "We have started pro-

grammes to get cricket back in the schools over the last three or four years but it will take time," he said. Rousseau said there was no pressure to remove Lara as captain but added, "If he were to say 'I think the captaincy's affect-

ing my batting. I'd like to give it up for a period," we certainly would acquiesce to that." He said when a world champion batsman doesn't produce, it must affect the other batsmen psychologically.

"It must affect them because usually you take your lead from how comfortably he plays." · The West Indies player strike over touring pay and conditions also could have affected him, "may be it did affect him . . . it must be a factor. I think it is.

It was a worrying problem which had to be solved "before we take on the very tough Australians.'

HOBART, Australia, Jan 11: Australian Nicole Pratt prof-

Pratt advances

ited from the retirement of opponent Corina Morariu to advance to the second round of the Tasmanian International women's tournament here today, reports AFP.