The pilots, who were sent up

to establish visual contact, no-

ticed frost on the Lear's wind-

shield -- a sign that the jet had

Without using the emergency supplies of oxygen on board, the passengers and crew would have

run out of oxygen in a matter of

seconds, pilot Chris Hamilton

stroyed" the plane, according to

South Dakota governor

fuel," said Major Tom

Dravland, assistant superin-

tendent of South Dakota

Highway Patrol, adding: "The

wreckage is smouldering but

Investigators from the NTSB

The impact "totally de-

"We assume it ran out of

lost pressurisation.

told a press conference.

spokesman Bob Mercer.

there is no fire."

SL unveils U-19 cricket WC logo

COLOMBO, Oct 26: Sri Lankan cricket officials on Monday unveiled the logo for the upcoming Under-19 World Cup: A shakily drawn globe in the shape of a cricket ball with Sri Lanka in the centre, reports

The Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka said it plans to launch a multimedia campaign to generate excitement ahead of next year's tournament, with the new logo at the centre of the promotion

Sri Lanka hosts the junior cricket championship from January 11-28. Teams from 16 countries, including India, Pakistan, England and Australia are taking part in it.

The Under-19 World Cup is not limited to the cricketing giants, however, and will see the participation of less lofty competitors such as Holland and Bangladesh, and even a joint team from the Americas.

England won the last junior World Cup, held in South Africa in 1997.

Streak out of first Test

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 26 (Internet report): Zimbabwe suffered a major blow on Monday when chief strike bowler Heath Streak was ruled out of the first Test against South Africa, starting in Bloemfontein on Friday.

With all-rounder Andy Blignaut also on Zimbabwe's casualty list after the recent tour by Australia, David Mutendera was the only uncapped player included in the 13-man squad which jets into South Africa on Tuesday morning.

Streak- injured during the one-off Test against Australia just more than a week ago. which the visitors won by 10 wickets - may also miss the second Test in Harare starting on November 11.

"He has a problem with his knee," said Zimbabwe Cricket Union administration manager Ian Robinson. "We're not sure if he will be ready for the second Test. It is more likely that he will be fit for the Sri Lankan series (starting mid-Novem-

Blignaut was injured during the final one-day international against Australia on Sunday.

SQUAD

Alistair Campbell (captain), Andrew Flower, Grant Flower, Murray Goodwin, Neil Johnson, Gavin Rennie, Guy Whittall. Andrew Whittall. Mpumelelo Mbangwa, David Mutendera, Henry Olonga, Bryan Strang, Trevor Gripper. Coach: David Houghton. Manager: Malcolm Jarvis.

Latin soccer scene

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct 26: A top-of-the-table match in Peru was suspended when a firecracker landed on the pitch and injured a player, reports Reuters.

In Brazil, two matches were decided with penalties awarded for what television replays clearly showed were dives and Flamengo needed a police escort to leave the stadium after losing 2-0 at home to Cruzeiro.

BRAZIL

Two Brazilian championship matches were swung by controversial penalties as referees again came under scrutiny. The Gama-Coritiba official

left under police protection after awarding the away side a hugely controversial 80thminute penalty. He judged that Coritiba

striker Basilio had been fouled by the Gama goalkeeper but television replays clearly showed that Basilio began his fall well before any contact had been made.

Fellow striker Sinval then converted to give his team a 1-1 draw.

Vitoria's second goal in a 2-0 home win over Parana also came from a highly dubious penalty, with television replays again suggesting that Vitoria's Artur fooled the referee with a

Referees have been under fire throughout the competition. mainly for failing to punish violence with yellow and red cards and for their inability to tell a dive from a real foul.

Diving is epidemic in Brazilian soccer and viewed as an acceptable tactic by most supporters and even the media. Vitoria's win lifted the club to

petitor who has seen better fifth in the table with four days. He now stands 18th after a games left to go in the first run inside the Top 10. stage, from which the top eight teams progress to the quarter rule out a miracle career turnaround such as the one Cruzeiro moved up to third made from the depths of the

with a 2-0 win away to Flamengo, for whom striker Romario failed to score for the sixth successive game in the

competition. Flamengo have picked up only one point in their last 18 and their bus was given a police escort out of the stadium to

protect them from a group of angry supporters at the exit. ARGENTINA

No matches were played at the weekend because of presidential elections. River Plate lead the Apertura champi-onship, the first of the season, on goal difference from San Lorezno. Both teams have 24 points from 11 games.

CHILE Universidad de Chile stayed on course for the title by beating Palestino 3-1, extending their unbeaten run in the championship to a record-breaking 32

matches. They have a five-point lead over Universidad Catolica, who hammered Huachipato 6-1, in the eight team mini-league which decides the competition.



Chief of Army Staff and Kurmitola Golf Club president Lt Gen M Mustafizur Rahman (L) talking to press during the briefing yesterday. - Star photo

The organisers stressed upon

They hoped to rotate the

the tournament being an oppor-

tunity for Bangladesh to be-

come known as an interna-

SAARC Championship among

the participating countries:

thus making it an annual one

Sports will telecast "delayed

live" coverage of the champi-

forty lakh has been earmarked.

are the main sponsors of the

tournament. Their association

with SAARC Golf stretches

from Bangalore to Dhaka. They

have been named sponsors of

the third meet in two years at a

committee and KGC vice-presi-

dent Maj General Hasan Mash

hud Chowdhury, publicity com-

mittee chairman Kazi Habib

Sattar and Bharat Petroleum's

Arjun Hira also spoke on the

Waugh & Co

return home

tralian cricket captain Steve

Waugh is looking forward to his

team meeting the challenge of

the Pakistani express bowlers

in next month's three-Test

The last band of Waugh's

Australian team arrived here

late Tuesday following their

mixed 12-week tour of Sri

Australia lost the rain-

Sjeng Schalken of the

Netherlands beat Frenchman

Arnaud Clement 7-5, 7-6, while

Romania's Andrei Pavel

stopped Brazilian Fernando

when four seeds, led by Dutch

holder Richard Krajicek, go

into action. Also playing for

third-round spots: number 5

Briton Greg Rusedski, number

seven Nicolas Kiefer and num-

through injury are world num-

ber three Pete Sampras and

Australian Pat Rafter, who un-

derwent shoulder surgery

keep Australia's looming Davis

Cup finale against France in

December in Nice out of his

said the world number 22.

in the distance. Philippoussis

did admit: "There will be no

pressure on us. It's all on them,

they're playing at home on in-

door clay in front of their own

frustration at his modest come-

back progress so far this au-

Philippoussis tried to stifle

fans. We're the underdogs."

"When the time comes, I will."

Philippoussis is trying to

"I'm not thinking about it,"

While keeping the big event

Missing from the elite field

ber 13 Enqvist against Chang.

Action picks up Tuesday

Meligeni 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Sunday.

mind.

Lanka and Zimbabwe.

SYDNEY, Oct 26 (AFP): Aus-

Chairman of the organising

venue yet to be decided.

It is expected that Star

An estimated budget of Taka

Bharat Petroleum Limited

in the region's calendar.

SAARC Golf at Kurmitola

championship.

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Lenin Gani

The 2nd SAARC Golf Championship will be held at the picturesque Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC) course from January 20. This was formally announced by president of the KGC and Chief of Army Staff, Lt General Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman, BB, at the clubhouse yesterday during a press briefing.

The second edition of the prestigious regional event will involve at least six South Asian countries. They are: Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and hosts Bangladesh.

Although the intention of the two-day championship is to foster closer relationship among the SAARC member states, the Maldives may be ab-

The inaugural championship was held in January 1997 in the Silicon city of Bangalore. The tournament was won by India.

The KGC president said he would tee-off the competitors. He also mentioned that the Finance Minister would be chief patron while State Minister for Youth and Sports will attend the concluding day as chief guest.

The format of the meet will involve teams, each of three players, playing two rounds. Two top teams will then fight a head-to-head over 18 holes to decide the championship.

The innovative system combines the stroke-play style used at other international events like the Asian and World Championship, as well as in the Asian Games, along with the exciting match-play format of the Ryder Cup.

Furthermore, to attract businessmen-cum-golfers, a SAARC Friendship Trophy will take place on the last day of the

26: Michael Ch-

ing won an open-

ing-round chall-

enge Monday at

the 2.45-million-

dollar Eurocard Open, then said

he remains hungry for success

despite standing more than 70

The 73rd-ranked Chinese-

American benefited from a wild

card entry into the Mercedes

Super Nine event and gratefully

repaid organisers with a

knockout of German Rainer

cause my ranking has dropped,"

said the 27-year-old who won

the French Open a decade ago

and stood second in the world

Chang, a quarterfinalist this

month in Shanghai and who

last won a title in October 1998.

refused to be pinned down about

how far his ambitions stretch

that I can get back up there." he

said of his standing on the

computer. "I don't know when

and I don't know if it's going to

Asian fans, next plays Swede

Thomas Enqvist, another com-

Chang said that he does not

140s to the top of the heap by

double 1999 Grand Slam winner

and contemporary Andre

to number two, maybe reach

number one of these days," said

Chang. 'We'll see if it happens,

Mark Philippoussis on a low-

key Day One with all 16 seeds

awaiting second round contests

went knee surgery in July and

has barely made a return to the

game, scraped through to a con-

fidence-building 6-4, 4-6, 7-5

first-round win over Italian

qualifier Gianluca Pozzi. It was

his fifth match since his opera-

Tieleman, lost to Swede Magnus

Larsson in a marathon 7-6, 6-7,

advanced over Francisco Clavet

of Spain 6-1, 6-4, while

Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia

ousted Swede Thomas

Johansson 6-7, 7-6, 6-1.

Italy's other entry, Laurence

American Chris Woodruff

Chang joined Australian

Philippoussis, who under-

but I'll give it my best shot."

after byes.

6-2.

"I'd love to be able to get back

Agassi, the top seed here.

Chang, a favourite with

"In my heart. I have the faith

at this point in his career.

happen. But I have faith."

"I'm hungry to get back."

"I'm even more eager now be-

Schuttler 3-6, 7-6, 6-2.

just a few seasons ago.

spots below his career best, re-

ports AFP.

AXA upset with FA, MU

LONDON, Oct 26: FA Cup sponsors AXA insurance said Monday they were dismayed at the seemingly "set in stone" stance of both the Football Association and Manchester United, who have opted out of this season's FA Cup in order to take part in January's world club championship in Brazil, reports AFP.

AXA believe the competition will be seriously devalued if a compromise is not reached within the next few days enabling United to defend the trophy they won in May on their way to the treble.

No agreement seems near and FA executive director David Davies admitted at the weekend that the chances of any settlement were extremely slim.

United's presence in the World Club Championship in Brazil in January is seen as being of paramount importance to the FA and the Government if England are to stage the 2006 World Cup finals, despite FIFA's remarks to the contrary.

One offer proposed by AXA was to fly United's fourth round opponents to Brazil for the tie, but the FA "didn't like the idea" according to AXA spokesman Phil Hickley.

"We have held dialogue with the FA all the way through to discuss the implications and even at this late date we have not given up hope a solution can be found.

"But as the deadline looms then the opportunity for finding such a solution begins to disappear. We will continue to do whatever we can. arthough the prospects don't look good.

"It would be wrong for us to throw our weight around and say this should happen and that should happen. That's not what sponsors are about.

tumn since returning three

events ago in Singapore to the

had some great wins," he said.

"But I've got to be realistic.

great. But it takes a while."

"Of course, I'd like to have

"I've trained hard, I feel

The Australian recovered

from two break points down in

the 11th game of the final set

against Pozzi before powering

ahead for the victory which

match, I'm looking forward to

it. He's number one and has had

an unbelievable year. But that

doesn't matter to me. I don't

care who is on the other side of

the net -- there's no reason why

Goran Ivanisevic showed his

current patchy form, coming

within two points of victory

against Czech Jiri Novak, who

eventually advanced 6-2, 3-6,

Ivanisevic struck two con-

secutive double-faults to lose all

concentration while holding a

After breaking for 5-all,

Novak carried on to win the

first-round contest in a

tiebreaker as Ivanisevic's game

5-4 lead in the final set.

In the late match, Croatia's

I can't beat him.'

"It will be a very exciting

now pits him against Agassi.

marred series one-nil in Sri Hickley added: "Manchester Lanka before winning the one-United's position, and that of off Test against Zimbabwe last the FA, seems to be set in stone. Chang crosses first hurdle

ATP Tour.

Twose, Styris to join Black Caps in India

WELLINGTON, Oct 26: Middle order batsman Roger Twose and medium pace bowler Scott Styris would top up a depleted New Zealand cricket squad for the upcoming five-match, one day international series against India. New Zealand Cricket said yesterday, reports Reuters.

The original 15-man squad for the three match Test series in India would be reduced to 14 for the ODI series, Cricket NZ said in a statement.

A selection panel has picked Twose as a "straight substitute" for opening batsman Matthew

Roger is an outstanding one day player and his form at the World Cup, when he averaged 79.50 underlined that," selection panel convenor Ross Dykes

The recent retirement of Gavin Larsen had provided an opportunity for 24-year-old

Styris, Dykes said. "Scott Styris is a medium pace bowling all-rounder who is ideally suited to one day cricket and the prevailing conditions

in India. Bell, pace bowler Andrew Penn, spin bowler Paul Wiseman and injured batsman Craig McMillan would return to New Zealand. McMillan's replacement for the Test series, Gary Stead, will remain in India for the ODI, Cricket NZ said.

Twose and Styris leave for India on October 28.

ACCC to probe Sydney ticket sales

SYDNEY, Oct 26: Sydney's Olympic ticket sales tactics are to be investigated by Australia's top consumer watchdog, officials said Tuesday, reports AFP,

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) said it wanted to see if the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG) had contravened provisions of the Trade Practices Act.

ACCC chairman Professor Alan Fels said SOCOG may have used bait advertising in an endeavour to sell more tickets.

He has requested documentation from SOCOG on the ticket offer and has asked SOCOG to consider a number of initiatives including refunds to some consumers. New South Wales state

Olympics Minister Michael Knight said Games organisers would be happy to cooperate with an inquiry into the ticketing fiasco.

"SOCOG has informed the ACCC that it will be cooperating fully with their inquiry and will expect to have a good tesult at the end of that," he said. He said he was confident a

full investigation would alleviate any concerns Fels might have about the way tickets to the 2000 Olympics had been al-

SOCOG admitted Monday only one in 10 of the best seats at some of the most popular sports had gone to ordinary sports fans after initially promising 52 percent of the total 9.6 million tickets would be offered to the Australian public

Most of the Australians who applied for tickets ended up with places to minor sports. while tickets for the major events were reserved for sponsors, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), VIPs, athletes, international sports federations and businesses ready to pay three times the face value.

WTA rankings

MIAMI, Florida, Oct 26 (AFP): WTA Tour rankings issued here Monday.

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	Points
Hingis	6084
Davenport	4412
V Williams	4000
S Williams	3021
Seles	2625
Pierce	2461
Tauziat	2114
Schett	2092
Halard-Decugis	1966
Coetzer	1919
Van Roost	1767
Mauresmo	1758
Kournikova	1512
Martinez	1482
Likhovtseva	1459
Sanchez-Vicario	1435
Huber	1426
Novotna	1421
Testud	1330
Frazier	1306

Air crash kills golf star Payne

MIAMI, Florida, Oct 26: US Open golf champion Payne Stewart and up to five other people were killed when their Learjet veered off course, flew uncontrolled across the United States and crashed in South Dakota, a family spokesman said, reports AFP.

The Learjet took off Monday from Orlando, Florida, on a flight to Dallas. Texas, but for unknown reasons strayed off course and lost radio contact with the ground soon after.

It crashed in a field near the town of Mina, South Dakota, after flying over a vast swathe of the United States. Initial reports indicated the jet may have lost pressurisation, leaving passengers and crew without oxygen, but continued on its course until it ran out of fuel.

"We appreciate the heartfelt love and kindness shown by our friends and loved ones in our loss and pain," Stewart's family said in a statement read by spokesman Bill Curry in Orlando, Florida.

The US Professional Golf Association (PGA) in Florida also mourned the 42-year-old charismatic golfer, who twice won the US Open.

"It is difficult to express our sense of shock and sadness over the death of Payne Stewart." a PGA statement read. "This is a tremendous loss for the entire golfing community and all of sports.

The tragic accident, which was followed closely by US television stations from the moment it became clear the plane was out of control, made headlines across the country.

President Bill Clinton was alerted to the unfolding tragedy. White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said.

The jet lost radio contact with authorities shortly before 10:00 a.m. (1400 GMT) over Gainesville, Florida, the Aviation Federal

Administration said. Two US Air Force F-16 fighter jets were dispatched to locate the runaway jet. and tracked it as it crossed a great swathe of the Midwest, the US Air Force said.

and the Federal Aviation Administration were dispatched to the crash site, officials said. The crash impact -- the plane was flying at an altitude of 45,000 feet according to the National Transportation Safety Board -- would make it difficult for investigators to identify the remains of the crew and passengers. Mercer said. In addition to Stewart, pilots Michael Kling and Stephanie Bellegarrique and Payne's agents Robert Farley and Van Ardan were also aboard the

plane, Mercer said The NTSB later adjusted that figure upwards to six people based on figures from the plane

operator. Golf legend Jack Nicklaus said Monday that golf course designer Bruce Borland was also on board. Nicklaus, who employed Borland, said the designer wanted to work with Stewart on a new golf course.

Florida, family spokesman Bill Curry said Stewart's wife Tracey and their children Chelsea and Aaron were "just trying to survive right now.

"Everyone just direct their prayers to the Stewart family. ... That's the best thing that anybody can do for the Stewarts right now," he added.

Stewart, who won the 1989 PGA Championship and the 1991 and 1999 US Open, has won many of golf's top titles. but one of his proudest moments came last month when he won the Ryder Cup with the US team against Europe. He even conceded a putt on

the 18th hole to Scotland's Colin Montgomerie -- the man the Americans loved to hate -to spare him the insults and catcalls that forced Montgomerie's father to leave the course in anger.

and he was as well known for his idiosyncratic dress sense -- he dressed in plus fours and a tam o'shanter hat -- as his sense of fairplay.

Hearing on Tyson Friday



LAS VEGAS, Oct 26: Mike Tyson will have to wait a few more days to collect the 8.7

An AFP file photo of US golf star Payne Stewart who died

in a tragic plane crash at South Dakota on October 25.

million dollars he made for his aborted fight with Orlin Norris. And when he finally gets his check, he could find a few dollars missing. reports AP.

Nevada boxing regulators will meet Friday to discuss Tysons's latest antics in the ring, and decide whether to take any action against him for a late blow that prematurely ended his fight with Norris after the first round Saturday night. Tyson could be fined for his

actions, but the Nevada Athletic Commission is not expected to take any action to suspend Tyson from the ring or change the decision in the fight from a no contest to a disqualification. Commission chairman Dr Elias Ghanem does not view what happened Saturday as serious as Tyson's biting of Evander Holyfield's ears. That cost Tyson 3 million dollars and got

him banned from boxing. "If there was a disqualification it would have been a different ball game," Ghanem said. "When he (referee Richard Steele) deducted two points, that means the fight could continue. That's the big difference."

Steele's ruling in the ring that the left hook that dropped Norris after the bell sounded

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World"

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28 Actress

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was not deliberate may help Tyson avoid any penalties for the late blow, which ended the fight when Norris dislocated his knee on the way down to the

"The important thing is that it was an accidental foul and that was the determination that was made," said Marc Ratner, the commission's executive director.

Under Nevada law, which was changed in the wake of Tyson's biting of Holyfield, a boxer's can be fined his entire purse for an infraction. Tyson is not expected to attend Friday's commission

meeting, which was called in the wake of the ending that caused fans to boo both fighters. He said after the fight that he did not hear the bell, even though it rang five times as Steele moved in to try and sepa-

rate the fighters in the middle of the ring. Ratner said Monday there was no dispute that Tyson hit Norris after the bell. But he noted that hitting after the bell is relatively common in fights. Felix Trinidad did the same thing to Oscar De La Hoya twice in the middle rounds of their welterweight title fight last

month, and was not penalised. Steele took two points from Tyson after Norris went back to his corner. But the fight did not resume after Norris said he could not continue because of an injured knee.

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An MRI exam showed his knee had been dislocated, and doctors said Norris might need

Norris said he did not think Tyson hit him deliberately after the bell. He said it was loud in the ring and hard to hear the

OUT OF COURT SETTLEMENT

Meanwhile another report from Los Angeles says, a sexual battery lawsuit filed against Tyson by a female photographer has been settled out of court.

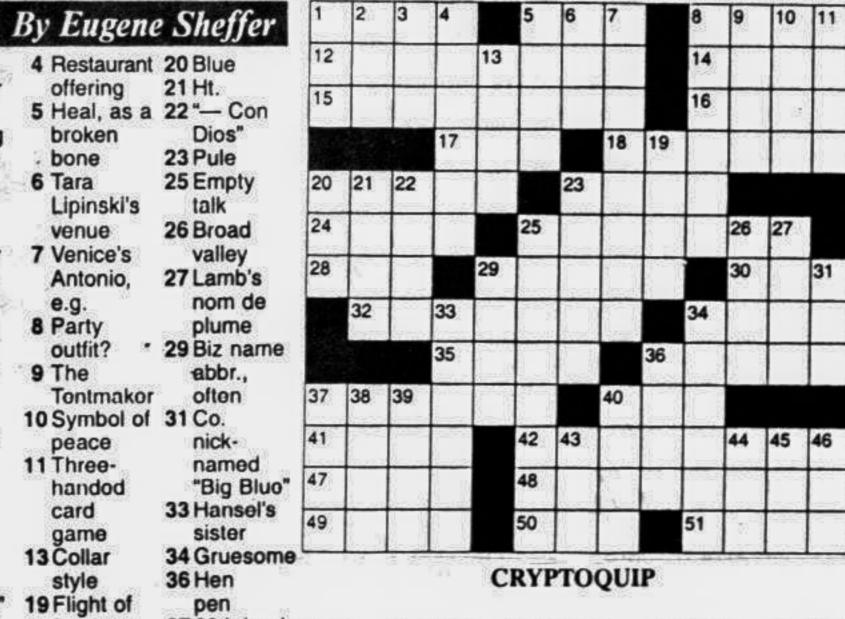
Ladywautusa Je's Superior court complaint against Tyson was scheduled to go to trial Monday, but the parties settled the matter Friday, according to the court clerk for Judge Paul Boland. Je's attorney, Steven M

Kramer of Beverly Bills, said he wasn't allowed to disclose the amount of money involved, but added, "My client's extremely satisfied.

Je, who sought unspecified damages, said she posed with Tyson for two photographs. She claimed he pinned her against him, lifted her left leg "to his middle body," raised her blouse and ordered someone to "take a picture of this."

Je who described herself in court papers as a "well-known' celebrity photographer, filed the suit without an attorney, but later hired Kramer.

American Michael Chang playing a double handed return against Germany's Rainer Schuettler during their Eurocard Open match at Stuttgart on October 25. - AFP photo



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> 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 locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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