NEW DELHI. Dec 15. Indian Grand Master Vishwanathan Anand and Alexei Shirov of Spain warded off still opposition on Thursday might to stay on course for a fitte clash in the FIDE World Chess Championships, reports AFP

Anaud survived an aggressive blitz from Michael Adams of England to lorce a draw in the third game of the semi-final and maintain a one-point lead. Shirov stunned in the sec-

and game by Russia's 17-yearold sensation Alexander Grisclink, fought back to win the third and take a 2-1 lead in the other semifinal.

Anand and Shirov need a draw in Friday night's fourth game to qualify for the six-game final starting in the Iranian capital of Tehran on December World women's champion

Xie Jun was also a draw away from retaining her title after sharing points with compatriot Qin Yanking in the third game of the final. A desperate Adams kept An-

and on his toes for six hours before the Englishman accepted a draw on the 73rd move. "I am glad I came out of it

alive," a relieved Anand said later. But a draw cannot be taken for granted on Friday. Shirov adopted the Ruy Lo-

pez game to down Grischuk in 49 moves, but said he had to work harder than the scoreline

He is a very intelligent player." Shirov said of his young challenger. You give him an opening and he will finish

Kallis' no to Glamorgan

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 13 (Internet report): South African all-rounder Jacques Kallis has ended weeks of speculation by turning down an offer to play for English county Glamorgan.

Kallis reportedly turned down a lucrative offer in order to be fully fit and rested for next season's home and away Test series against Australia. United Cricket Board (UCB

managing director Ali Bacher was delighted at Kallis decision. Jacques is to be complimented on taking a most mature decision. Bacher told jour

nalists on Thursday. Coach Graham Ford could not confirm the report but said any deal with Glamorgan would have had to involve a lighter workload for Kallis.

"Jacques would be free to play for Glamorgan, provided they would be happy to contract him to bowl in limited-overgames only," Ford said.

'Hands off the band

(Internet report): According to South Africa's most experienced member of the current one-day team. Jonty Rhodes, the umpire that decided to silence the St George's Park band is crazy.

Passionate about the band. Rhodes said that St George's Park has a great atmosphere and that the crowd is very supportive.

Speaking on the eve of South Africa's first one-day match in the Standard bank series against Sri Lanka. Rhodes said the young and strong attacking Sri Lankan side will be far more of a challenge to Shaun Pollock's team than New Zealand.

In the second Test between South Africa and New Zealand. the Kiwis complained about the band and asked the match umpire if they could tone it down.

The umpire carried out the request, emphasising afterwards that he was just the

Eastern Province Cricket Board Dave Emslie said that the popular band would be out

in full glory at St Georges on St George's Park groundsman Andrew McLean said that a hard, dry pitch is expected for Friday's match which will fa-

vour the bowlers. "I expect about 230 runs in 50 overs. McLean said.

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against Australia.

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In 260 minutes, he pumped doubt against Australia ex- at one stage crashing three tending its 12-match winning consecutive boundaries from

November 4.

blows on nemesis Glenn

The 31-year-old battled "It's been a rough ride for on to the Adelaide Oval today. He had coped with the nee-

have expressed their outrage at

England won the third Test

The Pakistani press were

scathing of their cricketers and

with growing unrest after the

match the players have not

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ground after the end of the final

Test at the National Stadium in

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1996 World Cup quarterfinal

When Pakistan lost their

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probe into corruption in cricket. idea.

Australian Cricket Board

chief executive Malcolin Speed

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() risk of physical injury if that

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With the current mindset of

that's mappropriate.

"I think the suggestion that

to this issue," Speed told re-

against the West Indies here.

proached by an undercover

saga in South Africa. Edwin baggage searches.

players," said a journalist.

Some players had to take

"They are all under tight se-

in a thrilling climax to claim the

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Pakistan since 1962.

taken any risks.

Karachi last week.

famine to feast his girlfriend - a teenager, a and whatever the circumwith one trademark innings lingerie model and the only stances are you've got to stick it girlfriend or wife on tour. He even survived claims he

em like a cane farmer at har- was overweight, unfit and in vest time and put the West In- danger of going home because dies on to the high ground for of his chronic hamstring prob-He almost fied a bib around

ple were finally talking about han quick choked back his Lara the batsman and not Lara claim that he had the wood on McGrath is still leading the blood back into the West Indies' summer bout but Lara took terrible summer, put a serious plenty of ground off him today,

streak and landed some telling the right-armer. "I think I owed the team badly after the first two Test It added up to the most sig- matches." Lara said. "We've nificant day in the cruel sum- been under a lot of pressure mer which has dogged Lara and we've been working pretty since he set foot in Australia on. hard as a team to try and pull things back.

speculation about match-fixing me. The runs have been coming allegations which still hung but not in the right matches so over his head when he walked I'm happy to have got some runs in the Test today. "My hamstring has been

Protecting Pakistanis

security as their one pastime and the nation speed up the over rate.

their leam's defeat against the entertainments." added the over rate." Miandad said.

cricketers and the players."

closely guarded." he said.

Pakistan start winning again."

Meanwhile, the Pakistan

ACB against tapping

rejected United Cricket Board of South

15 Uniernet re- reaction was similarly strong

port): The Paki- when players' houses were

soon pass.

stan cricket team pelted with stones.

series and their first victory in cricket. They simply worship

Australian consider that."

ers' phone calls should be all calls and e-mail messages.

stamp out match-fixing, reports able offence, the report said.

agents employed in a bid to ised phone should be a punish-

The judge investigating the legal problems in Australia with

King, included the measures But he said a formal ethics

among a list of options in an committee, consisting of players

highly demanding supporters does not take defeat lightly.

are under tight

INDATED. Dec against India in Bangalore the of the match against England.

Hashmey believes the anger will completed

in public alone: Moin Khan is andad added.

wasting by his team at the end deserved to win.

ADELAIDE. Dec were to happen. We would not suggested. We'll work our way

phones to players and monitor them."

Hansie Cronje match-fixing phone tapping and room and rights and privacy rights that

interim report as part of his and management was a good the players' rights and the

Cricket is Pakistan's number was warned by the umpires to

"People in Pakistan have few have really slowed down the

"There are no nightclubs so could have done was to fine us

Skipper Moin Khan is seen sour grapes as they had re-

"The players cannot go out lights but England didn't," Mi-

"It will probably last for a not only have had a fair ending

week. People will then forget the to the third Test, but overs

losses after time and when would not have been lost in the

coach Javed Miandad has re- mit England had been the bet-

jected allegations of time- ter side in Karachi and had

Judge King's report said the that do appeal to us," he said.

Possession of an unauthor- ciation chief executive Tim May

Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso (R) having

a look at the racket that was presented to him by country's

leading tennis player Gustavo Kuerten on December 14.

African Africa should issue cellular we'll address the legality of

Speed said there could be players rights.

"This list of options has been match fixing."

as the man most responsible jected the proposal of playing

for the team's demise and has under lights in order to get the

received most protection, but minimum 90 overs in a day

people just watch television and for a slow over rate."

15 thternet re- his mental approach which months but I've only missed port): Just ask mosedived during immings of 0, one one-day international be anyone who wat. 4. 0 and 17 in the first two cause of it." Lara said. "The main thing is you're there to He ignored the talk about play cricket for your country

"We know we played badly in the first two Test matches. As a team we batted badly and as a batsman I've got to work on my game to make a contribution. Twenty-one runs is not the becoming of a number four bats-

"I really enjoyed batting with Jimmy. We had a significant partnership again today and we played an important part." Lara said. "Hopefully tomorrow I can go on and help the team get a very big score and put some pressure on Australia because they are the best team in the

"They're playing very good cricket and it's going to take a very good cricket team to beat then, not just a good batting performance but a good bowling performance. "We've had a good day today

but we need to bat for at least two more sessions, if we do that then I think we can get a good

As the light faded fast and

"If we had wanted, we could

"The most the match referee

He said England claims of

"We wanted to play under

"Had they agreed, we would

Miandad did, however, ad-

through it, we'll work out those

"When we reach that stage,

Australian Cricketers' Asso-

said monitoring phone calls

must be observed," May said.

was an unnecessary invasion of

"There are obviously players"

"The important thing here is

-AFP photo

that we find a balance between

rights of cricket officials to fight

first Test at Lahore.'

time-wasting were a case of

England still needing quick

runs to push for victory. Moin

Army Red take V-Day hockey

Bangladesh Army Red | * This was "a somewhat drasclinched the Shaheed Salimul- ic proposal," he admitted. lah Cup Victory Day hockey King said that "only cellular title beating Bangladesh Navy telephones issued to players by 4-2 after a tiebreaker yesterday. reports UNB.

Bhasani National Stadium. Shafi, Tariq. Rafique and

Siraj converted for the winners while Loakman and Rubel netted for the losers.

Hockey Federation president and Air Force Chief Air Vice Marshal Jamaluddin Ahmed distributed the prizes as chief guest.

Australian board skeptical of courts

ADELAIDE. Australia, Dec 15: The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) said Friday it doubted the ability of Australia's courts to criminally prosecute a cricketer involved in match-fixing, reports AP. ACB public relations general

manager Brendan McClements also told a South Australian state parliamentary committee there appeared to be little action that could be taken against corrupt bookmakers.

McClements said should an Australian player be involved in a match-fixing scandal similar to that involving former South African captain Hausie Cronje there would be a community expectation of criminal prose-But he said legal advice

given to the ACB indicated it would be difficult for such an action to succeed.

McClements said the fact that gambling was legislated on by seven different states and territories under overarching federal corporations laws compheated the issue.

There's no simple way. should someone (in Australia) do what Hansie's done, to prosecute them in a criminal sense." McClements told the parliamentary committee into online gambling. We can prosecute them

within the sport, but whether we can prosecute them in a broader sense I'm not sure.

MacLaurin 'appalled' LONDON, Dec 15 (Internet

report): Lord MacLaurin has said he is "appalled" by proposals to subject South African cricketers to lie detector tests and phone tapping. The England and Wales

Cricket Board chairman spoke out after the King Commission. which investigated former captain Hansie Cronje, suggested the measures to try and weed out remaining offenders in the long-running corruption inquiry. MacLaurin added he "would

resist to the 'nth' degree" attempts to implement the controversial plan in England.

The commission's second interim report outlined the case for extra scrutiny on players. stating "it is unfortunately necessary for players' telephone calls and also e-mails to be monitored. "A somewhat drastic pro-

posal is that players should contractually authorise the undergoing of a polygraph test which would be undertaken either at random or when there are grounds for suspicion pres-MacLaurin insisted that while much needed to be done

to restore credibility within the game, there was still trust between players and administra-"We do have a problem in

the game and I think people are working very hard to eradicate "But I would like to think

there was a certain trust between the administrators and the players. I'm appalled really ' that we're descending into something like that. "Cricket for me is not like

that. Cricket is a game that you trust people implicitly: it's a great game of great honour and great integrity. "There are a few people who

have transgressed. But in the whole scheme of things I do think there is trust and honour in the game of cricket and I would not go for lie detectors and anything like that.

"That would be very sad."

King suggests lie tests



sie Cronje corruption saga recommended ran-

dom he detector tests Thursday for South Africa's cricketers. room searches and the monitoring of telephone calls to eliminate attempts at matchfixing, reports AFP. Judge Edwin King included

the proposals in an interim report on his probe into corruption in cricket, established after former South African skipper Cronje was sacked in April after admitting to accepting money from gamblers. King said in the 19-page report that the United Cricket

Board (UCB) of South Africa should monitor all players' phone calls and e-mail messages because "up to now access to players has been too free and easy." He also recommended that

the luggage and rooms of all touring players' be searched for builtes and that they should consent to taking random liedetector tests.

the UCB should be allowed and details of calls made and re-The final ended goalless in ceived should be available so as stipulated time at the Maulana to allow monitoring by the

> an unauthorised mobile telephone should be a punishable

where Cronje confessed to tak- ing "too much cricket." ing thousands of dollars from bookmakers. declined to an- maximum of three Tests to pre- the West Indies. Balfour said.

CAPE TOWN. Dec swer questions from the media The judge on whether this recommendaprobing the Han- tion could be an unconstitutional invasion of privacy.

The allegations against Cronje surfaced after Indian



JUDGE EDWIN KING

police allegedly tapped his mobile phone and recorded conversations with bookmakers.

should be obliged to report any improper suggestions or misconduct to a permanent watchdog body.

"It must be part of a player's Balfour said South African training that (whistle-blowing) cricket authorities were not this is not disreputable ... it is bound to implement the recthe decent and honourable ommendations. thing to do," King said.

He added that "possession of posed by the judge were tem- Zealand. India and England pered by concern for players. King lamented that they earned suggestion that they meet in The judge, who led hearings in other sports and were play- ing up the game.

vent burn-out and called for the use of the latest technology to prevent incorrect calls by um-

King, a retired judge with a passion for cricket, said he wanted to restore to cricket the

culture of fair play. His report suggested that cricketers be made aware from early on "what is fair and what is unfair" and that their ethics education should be ongoing to counter the temptations they may face at the top of their

King said he hoped other countries would adopt some of the suggestions as "we all have the same objection, we want to kill this monster."

He is due to start the final set of public hearings into the match-fixing scandal on January 25, and release his final report by the middle of next

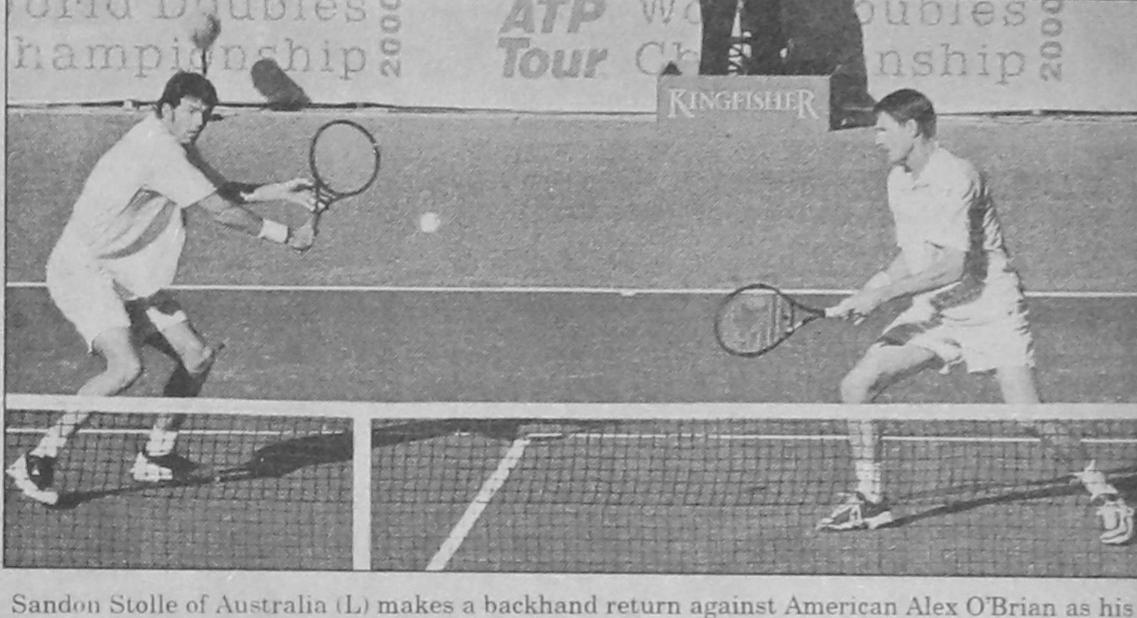
The hearings would take a few weeks. King said, but declined to say whether Cronje or any cricketers would be called

The UCB has banned the King also said players disgraced captain from all aspects of cricket for life, a decision he is challenging in court. In his reaction to King's re-

port. Sports Minister Ngconde He added that the sports

The intrusive measures pro- ministers of Australia, New had been "very amenable" to his less than professional players. South Africa to discuss clean-He would now approach his

He suggested that tours be a counterparts in Pakistan and



Dutch partner Paul Haarhuis looks on during their first round match of the ATP World Doubles Championships in Bangalore on December 14.

World Doubles Championship

ravourites fumble again



bled out of the

750.000 dollar ATP World Doubles Championtwo days, reports AFP. The world number two pair

after a tough two-hour battle. Also going out of contention were third-seeded Americans from the title and I am confi-Alex O'Brien and Jared Palmer. dent we can do it." Paes said.

Haarlinis and Sandon Stolle 5- have done in the past lowest ranked pairs in the day's loss by cruising through the title last year in the com-

eight-team event advanced to the first set against Oncins and pany of Sebastien Lareau of the semifinals with their second Orsanic. Paes and Mahesh Bhupathy set and then kept their cool in

can duo of Don Johnson and est win ever. Piet Norval 6-4, 6-4.

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device

Johan Landsberg, who stunned World Championships who won Ferreira and Leach on Wednes- the title in 1988 with Jim Pugh first time with Haarhuis in the day, scored a 7-5, 7-6 (7/4) win and again in 1997 with Jona- world championships, attribover Australians Joshua Eagle than Stark. and Andrew Florent.

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Ellis Ferreira and replacements for David Adams better. It only goes to show how and John-Laffnie de Jager who open the doubles competition pulled out because of a wrist is. injury to Jager.

with one win each. Aspelin and Landsberg top

matches to be played on Friday. "We are three matches away Vijay Amritraj.

who lost to second-seeds Paul "We are playing as well as we situations after losing their Ferreira and Leach appeared

But the South Americans broke serve once in both sets to the third to achieve what On-

Sweden's Simon Aspelin and said Leach, a veteran of nine horrible yesterday.

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"Maybe we did not play well planning.

The Swedes, ranked 16th in over the two days, but I must 15: Top seeds the world, were last-minute concede our opponents played

The match was interrupted Paes and Bhupathy lead the for 50 minutes after the second ships here on Thursday after Gold Group, followed by John- set when power failure dimmed suffering their second defeat in son-Norval and Haarhuis-Stolle the floodlights at the Cubborn Park stadium.

The lost time was used by went down to the South Ameri- the Red Group ahead of On- organisers to bring out a cake can duo of Jaime Oncins and cins-Orsanic and Eagle-Florent on Centre Court to celebrate the Daniel Orsanic 1-6, 7-5, 7-5 with the last round of league 47th birthday of former Indian tennis ace and commentator Haarhuis-Stolle and O'Brien-

Palmer also faced must-win opening matches. "It's pretty much over for us As the favorities fell, the two to have shrugged off Wednes- now," said O'Brien, who won

Veteran Dutchman Haarhuis Indian wild cards Leander fought back to win the second appeared a relieved man after a win under his belt.

Asked if he played the secdown the American-South Afri- cins described was their "great- ond match better. Haarhuis said: "It was not hard to play "They taught us a lesson," better than yesterday. I was

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Stolle, teaming up for the uted the win to better tactical

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AN IMPATIENT THIEF WOULD SO OFTEN DEMAND, "WHAT'S THE HOLDUP?" Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals L

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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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