

Conchita fails to measure up

GOLD COAST, Australia Jan 4: American Meghna Shaughnessy dumped top seed and former Wimbledon champion Conchita Martinez out of the Australian women's hardcourt tennis championship here Thursday, reports AFP.

Coleman blow for Fulham

LONDON, Jan 4: English First Division leaders Fulham suffered a blow Wednesday after it was confirmed their Welsh international Chris Coleman will miss the rest of the season after being injured in a car crash, reports AFP.

Coleman, who joined Fulham for 2.1 million pounds (3.1 million dollars) from Blackburn Rovers in November 1997, shattered his right leg in three places after the crash late Tuesday.

Australia

From page 13 claimed 2-81 off 23 overs. World record wicket-taker Courtney Walsh led the ground during the morning session with apparent ankle problems.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for Bowler, O, M, R, W. Includes scores for West Indies and Australia.

NZ back to winning ways

WELLINGTON, Jan 4: New Zealand ended their six-match losing streak in one-day cricket with an emphatic eight-wicket victory over Zimbabwe here on Thursday, reports AFP.

Their win, based on a much-improved bowling effort and a record opening stand of 153 between Nathan Astle and Mathew Sinclair, levelled the three-match series at one apiece, setting the stage for an intriguing final at Eden Park in Auckland on Sunday.

ICC armed to fight chucking

LONDON, Jan 4 (Reuters): The ICC's governing body has announced details of a new three-stage process for dealing with bowlers reported as having suspect bowling actions in international cricket.

Rios finally recharged

DOHA, Jan 4: Marcelo Rios, the former world number one who is attempting to regain some of his glory less than a week after getting married, reached his first quarterfinal for six months at the Qatar Open Wednesday, reports AFP.

Clemente crashes

ADELAIDE, Jan 4: Chile's Nicolas Pietrangeli ranked 87th in the world, ousted French third seed Arnaud Clement from the Australian Men's Hardcourt Tennis Championship at Memorial Drive here Wednesday, reports AFP.

beaten 89, his 25th half century in 123 one-day matches. New Zealand coach David Trist praised an improved overall effort from his side, particularly the bowling and the stand of Astle and Sinclair.

"Everyone stepped up to the plate, bowled tidily and used the conditions well." He agreed there were still improvements needed at the tail of the innings in the field where 23 runs were conceded off the last two overs.

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The issue will then be passed on to the home boards bowling advisors to work with the player to correct his action. During this period the bowler will be allowed to continue playing.

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Vasco president facing legal action

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan 4: Rio de Janeiro state governor Anthony Garotinho said Wednesday he would be suing Vasco Da Gama president Eurico Miranda for his comments after Saturday's Brazilian championship final, reports AFP.

Van der Sar not worried by Carini

TURIN, Italy, Jan 4: Juventus and Holland goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar insisted on Wednesday he remained the Italian outfit's first-choice custodian despite the arrival of Uruguayan Fabian Carini at the Stadio Delle Alpi, reports AFP.

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Seles takes US into final

PERTH, Jan 4: Former world number one Monica Seles swept the United States into Saturday's final of the Hopman Cup tennis tournament when she defeated Belgium's Kim Clijsters in a crucial tie here on Thursday night, reports AFP.

Showing no ill effects after a security breach at court-side the previous night, Seles won a high-powered women's singles tussle with the Belgian 17-year-old in straight sets, 7-6, 6-0.



American Monica Seles makes a backhand return against Belgium's Kim Clijsters during their Hopman Cup encounter yesterday.

beating the Slovak Republic 3-0 and Russia 2-1 earlier in the eight-day, round-robin contest. Belgium had to defeat the US 3-0 to make the last two in the \$5.4-000-dollar tournament because they had won only one of their previous ties.

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Byron joins exit crew

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Saulnier, a 25-year-old from Marseille, dumped out the 1999 champion 6-3, 6-4 in an hour and 12 minutes to enter the last eight.

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but could not convert, but from the beginning of the second set, I knew I was in control."

Saulnier will meet Spanish teenager Tommy Robredo, who moved into the round of eight with a 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 win over fellow Spaniard and roommate David Sanchez.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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