Leeward start strongly

POINTE-A-PIERRE, Trinidad Jan 5: Leeward Islands opening batsman Smart Williams started the Caribbean cricket season with a dazzling 160 as the Leeward Islands posted an impressive 324 for six off hosts Trinidad and Tobago on the opening day of the Busta Cup series on Thursday, reports AP.

Leeward Islands captain Williams, discarded by the West Indies, stroked 24 hours and one six over the Guaracara Park outfield as his team took control. The 31-year-old added 83 for the fifth wicket with Wilden Cornwall, who made 84.

Williams played the last of his 28 Tests for the West Indies two years ago on the ill-starred tour of South Africa that ended with a 5-0 scoreline

With the current West Indies Test team in Australia facing a similar whitewash mainly due to inept batting. Williams' knock is sure to be of interest to the regional selectors.

The other three first round matches begin Friday with defending champions Jamaica hosting the Windward Islands. Barbados entertaining Guvana and England "A" battling West Indies "B" in St George's, Grenada.

Haas spoils Hewitt party

Tommy Haas crashed Llevton Hewitt's homecoming party here Friday sending the Australian No.1 tumbling out of the Australian Hardcourt Tennis Championship, reports AFP.

Top-seeded Hewitt was eliminated before his hometown fans, dashing hopes of a successful title defence.

Haas, the tournament's fifth seed, triumphed 6-4, 0-6, 6-1 in the quarterfinal.

While overcoming one Australian another -- Jason Stoltenberg -- stands in Haas' path to Sunday's final.

In Saturday's other semifinal. British second seed Tim Henman confronts unseeded Chilean Nicolas Massu. Henman advanced with a

tenacious victory in searing heat against seventh seed Thomas Johansson from Sweden. 7-6 (7/2), 6-7 (4/7), 6-3. Hewitt entered his quarterfi-

nal a firm favourite but was unable to counter a devastating Haas in the final set.

After taking the first set, Haas was outgunned in the second as Hewitt struck a succession of groundstroke winners on the way to sweeping the

Hewitt had seemingly turned the tide, but it swiftly reversed again in the decider when Haas exploded a barrage of winners. the majority from a destructive backhand.

Hewitt, the world No.7, could offer only lame resistance in the face of the onslaught in his first tournament since returning from Australia's ill-fated Davis Cup final in Spain last month. Henman was grateful for the

solid hit-out against Johans-"He's a class opponent, he's

been on a bit of a roll and his style of play is very awkward for me." he said of the Swede's heavy hitting baseline game. "Early on in the season, it's

a really good one to come through. "It's early days but if you have got three wins under your

belt you can't complain." Earlier. Stoltenberg secured his semi-final berth by trouncing Spain's Alberto Martin 6-3.

Massu outlasted Croatian Ivan Liubicic, 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (7/5), 6-2 in two hours and 38

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redeemed hunself soon after. He had the master West Indian batsman caught at the wicket by Gilchrist for 28 off 36 balls.

"My first thought was Antigua two years ago when dropped Lara and 45 minutes later he got 100, so I was very thankful I got him out two runs later today," said Miller.

SCORECARD

Scorecard at the end of fourth day's play of the fifth | begins in Melbourne on Janu- two minutes to sweep past Vinand final Test between Australia and West Indies at the Svdney Cricket Ground on Friday:

272 (S Campbell 79, W Hinds 70: S MacGill 7-104) 452 (S Waugh 103, M Slater 96,

WEST INDIES: First innings

AUSTRALIA: First innings A Gilchrist 87: M Nagamootoo 3-119, C Stuart 2-81)

WEST INDIES: Second innings (overnight 98/1) Campbell c Gilchrist b Gillespie 54 Hinds b McGrath Adams lbw b McGrath Lara c Gilchrist b Miller Samuels lbw b Gillespie Sarwan e Gilchrist b McGrath 51 Jacobs Ibw b M Waugh 62 Nagamootoo e Hayden b Miller 68 McLean c M Waugh b Miller Stuart Ibw b Miller Walsh not out Extras: (b-5, lb-10, nb-3)

Total: (All out in 116.5 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-98. 2-112. 3-112. 4-112. 5-154. 6-239. 7-317, 8-347, 9-351

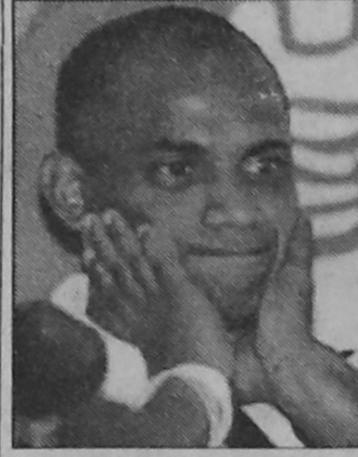
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Arjuna slams Sanath

AP AFP): Arjuna World Cup cricket has strongly crincised skipper Sanath Javasuriva and cricket

selectors for the team's disas-



SANATH JAYASURIYA

trous innings defeat at the hands of South Africa.

Javasuriva failed to make the best use of his bowlers as Sri Lanka crashed in the second Test on Thursday at Newlands to give the home side their biggest ever Test win. the fee ADELAIDE. Jan 5: German | Daily Mirror on Friday quoted Ranatunga as saving.

was simply unable to cope with the bouncy pitch at Newlands. while players get just 50 dol- both cricketers. The Commis-South Africa's pace attack rev- lars But they (the officials) are sion was yet to submit its reelled in the batsmen's uncer- not doing a good job for the Sri port.

lia. Jan 5: Queen-

sland cemented

their place at the

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cricket standings beating Tas-

mania by an innings and 144

runs inside three days at Bel-

lerive Oval in Hobart on Friday.

It was Tasmania's third con-

secutive heavy defeat and

leaves them at the bottom of

the first innings, needed to bat

exceptionally in the second to

But the home team did little

better than their dismal 112-

run first innings, and were all

boundaries in an attractive 34

In Adelaide, South Austra-

Defending cham-

pion Jerome Gol-

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through his sec

ond round match with Roma-

nian Adrian Voinea at the

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Dr Vece Paes, the official

tournament doctor who exam-

ined Golmard, told newsper-

sons that it was a lower back

seed Andreas Vinciguerra in an

France's world No 16 Cedric

Thursday, reports AFP.

Voinea serving 30-0.

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"I can give details only after 6 (11-9). 6-4 winner over

The year's first Grand Slam Stoliarov took just an hour and

The fifth seed's withdrawal terfinal match-up against Peter

and the defeat of Swedish sixth Wessels of The Netherlands.

earlier match today. leaves career Tour semi-final here two

further examination, but he American wildcard Taylor Dent

could be ruled out of the Aus- in a battle of teens.

out shortly after tea for 212.

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day of their match.

avoid the follow-on.

reports AFP.

save the game.

Ranatunga also lambasted kanatunga, who the Board of Control for Cricket World Cups, retired last year in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) for not from the international cricket. sending an additional fast bowler to South Africa.

> Board has turned down a request for an additional fast

"If there had been such a request for a fast bowler, it should have been given priority. After all what would it cost to send a replacement."

The former skipper's comments followed reports that the Board had declined a request from the team's management for an additional fast bowler. The Board has indicated

that reinforcements will only be sent in case of injury or disciplinary problems. Ranatunga accused the officials of not even watching im-

domestic cricket portant matches. "I think we now live an era where you must not be selector in an honorary capacity. We need full time selectors," the

saving. He also attacked board officials for living in luxury, while

Daily Mirror quoted him as

"Board officials who go on fixing. tour and stay in air conditioned While the Sri Lankan line-up rooms are entitled to an allow- one man commission of inquiry ance of 350 dollars for a day to study the evidence against

HOBART. Austra- not out 34 and Don Nash was 93 before he was caught late in

Lankan cricket," he said. Ranatunga, a veteran of five He made his Test debut at the age of only 18. He is part of Sri Ranatunga said: "I find it Lanka's cricket history, having difficult to understand that the experienced it first hand. Since retirement, he has



ARJUNA RANATUNGA

been named by Indian bookmakers as one of the players who took money in return for helping to fix matches. His compatriot Aravinda de Silva too was also named in an Inthe players received a paltry dian Central Bureau of Investi-

The BCCSL has appointed a

Q'land quash Tasmania

Cairns missing WELLINGTON, Jan 5: Re-

unbeaten on 14.

curring knee injuries mean New Zealand all-rounder Chris Cairns will miss the third and deciding one-day international against Zimbabwe in Auckland Tasmania, trailing by 356 on on Sunday, reports Reuters. "I'm uncertain what is next

for me." Cairns said in a state-"I'll be seeing the full medi-

cal panel early next week and they will assess what is required to deal with the knee Shaun Young hit five injuries, both the bursitis which flared up earlier in the week and Cox staved 160 minutes to and the longer-term tendon problem I have.

Cairns missed the second lian leg-spinner Peter McIntyre one-day match which New took a five-wicket haul to have Zealand won by eight wickets New South Wales struggling at here vesterday. The three-244 for eight after the second match series is level 1-1.

Chairman of selectors Rich-New South Wales are chas- ard Hadlee said the squad for Shawn Bradstreet remained staving with the party.

now play 19-year-old Kristian

Pless in tomorrow's quarterfi-

nals. Pless, a qualifier, was a 7-

Meanwhile, Russia's Andrei

ciguerra 6-1, 6-3 into a quar-

Wessels, who made his first

years ago, ended the hopes of

the final session. Brad Haddin held the NSW McIntyre finished with 5-102 innings together with a classy off 33 overs.

injury absence. Warne is keen to force his way back into the Australian line-up for a one-day series involving the West Indies and Zimbabwe later this month.

still has the skills to merit selection for the Australian squad to tour India from February and England later in the year. Warne's fine effort helped

235, 19 behind Victoria's 254.

immings, leading overall by 165. Jason Arnberger was in fine touch, finishing with an unbeaten 63, while Clinton Peake

ing South Australia's first in- the deciding one-dayer would was all the more impressive nings total of 428 for nine de- remain unchanged, with both because he has not previously clared and at the close of play all-rounder Jacob Oram and enjoyed much success at the needed another 35 runs to off-spinner Paul Wiseman, who WACA Ground, noted mainly as were called up two days ago. a happy hunting ground for fast

Meanwhile, champion legspinner Shane Warne kept up

the pressure for an early return to the Australian side, snapping up 4-53 for Victoria on the day. Just back from a two-month

He wants to use the limited overs games to demonstrate he

dismiss Western Australia for

Victoria went to stumps with 146 for three in their second

will resume Saturday with 24. Warne's four-wicket haul

Golmard bows to injury

MADRAS. Jan 5: seeded player left in the singles Vinciguerra, one of the play-After his three set first round win over Switzerland's Please" campaign, was never in George Bastl a couple of days the match from the start. He hit ago, Golmard had said the only some wild shots and looked thing he was worried about was completely out of focus in the first set.

"I had eight weeks of treat-He had his only chance at ment on my lower back in breaking the Russian in the Golmard resigned citing a August and even now, my one bad back, 2-1 up on serve with major opponent is my back. If that will hold, I can deal with held six break points, all of which were saved. It didn't hold and Voinea will

Stoliariov ran to a 5-0 lead hold on. The Russian, com-

QUARTERFINAL **PAIRINGS**

Kristian Pless (DEN) vs Adrian Voinea (ROM): Cedric Pioline (FRA) vs Michal Tabara (CZE):

18, the youngest player in the draw, with a 6-0, 6-4 win.

ers in the ATP's "New Balls reports AP.

third game of the match, which went to 12 deuces. The Swede

before Vinciguerra managed to pletely in control, held serve in the next game to wrap up the

Tommy Robredo (ESP) vs Cyril Saulnier (FRA); Andrei Stoliarov (RUS) vs Peter Wessels Pioline, seeded third, the only Russia's Mikhail Youzhny, at (NED)



Former German tennis great Boris Becker (R) looking into a document presented to him by his wife's lawyer during a hearing at the Miami-Dade Court on January 4. -AFP photo

Second win for AICRI

The touring All India Cricket Research Institute (AlCRI) under-17 team earned their second consecutive win beating Kalabagan Cricket Academy (KCA) by 4 wickets in an exhi bition match at the Dhanmondi Club ground in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

KCA sent in to bat first and made 245 for all in 38.4 overs with highest 57 coming from extras.

Captain Riad scored 45 while Rathan added 37. Tawfig captured three wickets while Goutam two.

Skipper Aranya Dev Sarker notched up the second consecutive unbeaten century to help AICRI reach the target of 246 for six in 38 5 overs. Aranya hammered 127 with

12 fours and 4 sixes while To-

most was the another notable

scorer making 33 Raihan took two wickets for 25. Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Jan 5: Baikali Saugha and Padma Garden Cricket School won their respective matches of the sixth Birshrestha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir Smriti Gold Cup cricket tournament today at Railway play ground.

In the first match. Baikali defeated Eleven Friends by 18 gation, (CBI) report on match | runs. Baikali made 117 for six in stipulated 25 overs.

In reply Eleven Friends were shot out for 99 in 22 overs. In the other match of the

day. Padma beat Firoz Smriti Cricket Academy by 32 runs. The winners batted first and made 123 for nine in allotted 25

In reply. Firoz Smriti were bowled out for 91 in 21.1 overs.

Northern champs PANCHAGARH, Jan 5: Northern Cricket Club of Boda

became champions in a cricket tournament defeating Aristocrats Cricket Club by one wicket yesterday, reports BSS. The match was held at Boda

Pilot High School playground. ites to win the title and the Aristocrats were bundled 240.000 (130.000 US) first prize out for 106 in 21.4 overs in the stipulated 25 overs after bat ting first.

In reply, Northern made 109 for 9 in 24.1 overs. Saju of Northern was adjudged man-ofthe-match.

All-Aussie affair

GOLD COAST. Australia, Jan 5: Unseeded Italian Silvia Farina Elia ended Friday a fourmatch losing streak against Swiss number two Patty Schnyder to set up a final with Belgian teenager Justine Henin at the Australian Women's Hardcourt Championship here, reports AFP.

Farina Elia, 28, overcame a first-set tiebreak loss to beat the world 25th-ranked player, 6-7(8/10), 6-2, 6-4

The Italian, who has been receiving coaching from her flustricken husband Francesco via telephone from Milan, has yet to win a title after seven finals and a decade on the tour. The win over Schnyder was

her first since 1996, having lost four straight, including a gruelling three-setter at last year's French Open. Henin, 18, defeated sixth-

seeded American Meghann Shanghnessy 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, and is after her second title.

Sorry Becker

MIAMI, Jan 5: A family court judge Thursday denied Boris Becker's request to have his wife's alimony and child support case conducted in private.

Judge Maynard Gross said he did not find "even competent substantial evidence" of any threats of kidnapping or harm to Becker's two young children - a fear expressed by the tennis star in arguing to keep the proceedings closed.

Gross suggested that any

court records concerning trade secrets and security issues should be sealed and that Becker continue providing 24 hour security for his family. No one can be more sensitive to children's issues as I am.

but we have this balancing test between the public's right to information and Becker's request for privacy. Gross said. Samuel Burstyn, an attorney for Becker's wife, Barbara, said

after the hearing that there was

no basis for Becker's request to

seal court records and any hearings. "It's very disappointing that they were raising the kidnapping issue." he said. "It's destructive. It's not good for the

Becker's attorney. Robert Kohlman, said he was satisfied that the judge took steps to protect the children's safety as much as possible. He said he would argue at Monday's jurisdiction hearing that the case involves "German citizens and their children and it should be tried in Germany.

Boris Becker left the court house through a back entrance and was not accessible to the media.

Earlier in the day. Becker told the judge he was concerned that the release of financial and other personal information about himself could give "criminal types" such as kidnappers information they could use to put his family in danger. 'I'm afraid for the lives of my children and of my wife," he

He also said confidentiality clauses in his business contracts forbid him from disclosing his financial information and that some documents he has been ordered to produce contain trade secrets.



Swiss mixed doubles pair of Martina Hingis (L) and Roger Federer is jubilant after beating South Africans Amanda Coetzer and Wayne Ferreira at the Hopman Cup in Perth yesterday.

S Africa surrender



world number one Martina Hingis and teenager Ro-

ger Federer top pled reigning champions South Africa in Perth Friday to book their place against the United States in the final of the million dollar (554,000) Hopman Cup tennis tournament, reports

will face off against the American duo of former world number one Monica Seles -- currently ranked 4th -- and Jan-Michael Gambill in Saturday's final. The formbook suggests that the Swiss will be strong favour-

The top-seeded Swiss pair

for a second time after Jakob answer to her power serving "I was a bit outclased in the Hlasek and Manuela Maleeva- and precision returns. Fragniere beat Czechoslovakia Hingis has a 12-2 head-to- who hardly made an error. head advantage over Seles,

bill in their two engagements. semifinal of the round-robin try, you don't get anywhere." contest at the Burswood Dome.

masters in the decisive mixed shared by her partner. doubles, winning 6-2, 6-3.

had earlier been shared, with gles loss, but Martina was great Hingis destroying veteran to have as a partner and she Amanda Coetzer in two sets did it again for us." the 19-yearand Wayne Ferreira reviving old Federer said. South Africa's hopes when he beat 19-year-old Federer. Ferreira, 29, ranked number

13 in the world, defeated the 29th ranked Federer, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 to level the tie at 1-1 after Hingis had scorched to victory over Coetzer. Displaying a brand of ruth-

lessness that swept Coetzer off the court. Hingis won in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0 in 47 minutes. Coetzer, 29, ranked 11th. fought gallantly against the 20year-old superstar, but had no to the better person on the day:

"I was a little tired going into well. the singles match," said Hingis, "I just tried to play my game gis and Seles -- a confrontation

while Federer has beaten Gam- and it worked very well. "I am trying to improve all In what was virtually a my shots, because if you don't ing peak form and are both

PERTH. Jan 5: tie 2-1 when they proved the the mixed doubles, a view

"I was also nervous going The singles confrontations into the doubles after my sin-

Despite losing the doubles event. Ferreira was happy about his form, in particular during his singles clash: "I hit the ball very well, and Roger let me in a bit. I am happy with the way I am hitting the ball and I cannot complain.

"I hung in well in the critical third set, and as well as I played. his concentration never However his compatriot

Coetzer admitted she had lost

singles. Martina played really The final promises to deliver a ferocious clash between Hin-

which could be decisive. Both players are approachunbeaten in their three Hingis. 20. said she had matches in the tournament over the Swiss pair snatched a tough been very nervous going into the past week.

Yevgeny earns his place



Thursday as the Russian strug- with trouble was over. gled through to the Qatar Open quarterfinals, reports AFP. will attempt to regain the Aus- could certainly make a main tralian Open crown he won in tour player. I am happy that I

made to toil by little-known Swedish qualifier Fredrik Jons- rallies took their toll on the less son before finally winning 6-3, experienced player, and when forced to save eight break mini-break. Kafelnikov went on

the last eight. problems for Kafelnikov, his Bohdan Ulihrach of the Czech buccaneering style putting the republic, who caused the fifth Russian under pressure. This quality really began to taking the last six games in a

a set and a break of serve Olympic champion from Swit-From 0-2 in the second set the Malmo man played three Kafelnikov in Sunday's final. disconcerting the favourite and Kiefer, also had to survive a

delivered in the next game. himself as he laboured to hang might have been much easier avoid a 2-4 deficit.

By this time Jonsson was pounding his ground strokes headache and couldn't concenwith penetration, and covering trate," said Kiefer, but he nev-

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Olympic cham- man of six feet and four inches. serving Calatrava's comeback pion Yevgeny Ka- The harassed Kafelnikov deliv- with a calmly played tie-break. felnikov's warm- ered another double fault in his in which his ground stroke fluup campaign for next service game and slipped ency proved superior. to 15-40, but once he had es-Open suffered a wobble here caped from that his flirtation bledon semi-finalist Vladimir

ond set," admitted Kafelnikov. Top-seed Kafelnikov - who "He played extremely well and Mirnyi. 1999 later this month - was kept my momentum." Eventually the high speed

Jonsson put a faded forehand The tall right-hander was drive into the net to concede a points and survived a second to win the tie-break with set tie-breaker on his way into something to spare. That earned him a quarter-Jonsson frequently caused final with the improving

seeding upset of the week by

develop after Jonsson had gone row to eliminate the former zerland, Marc Rosset, 6-2, 6-3. The man expected to meet excellent games to go to 3-2. the second-seeded Nicolas perhaps contributing to the second set tie-break before

three double faults Kafelnikov reaching the last eight. The German beat the Ger-Kafelnikov only saved that many-born Spaniard Alex Caafter ten deuces, muttering to latrava 6-0, 7-6 (7/2), though it on, and eventually fretting a for Kiefer had he not lost a seclittle during the long struggle to ond set lead of 4-2 after serving a double fault on break point. "I didn't feel good. I had a

the court surprisingly well for at ertheless halted the hard-

Kiefer now plays the Wini-Voltchkov, who won the battle "Things got ugly in the sec- of Belarussia by 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 against his compatriot Max

Pierce back in action soon

CANBERRA, Jan 5: World number seven Mary Pierce is looking to use next week's Canberra Tennis International to launch a comeback after four months nursing a shoulder iningy that ended her US Open

ambitions, reports AFP. The French Open champion arrived in the Australian capital Friday with her major league baseballer fiancée Roberto Alomar, eager to hit the court for the first time since September.

"I felt that last year was the

best year of my career so far.

even though I played maybe only half of the season." Pierce "I feel great and very fit. All I've been doing for the last four months is working out, not

playing a lot of tennis to let my shoulder heal. "I started playing a few weeks ago, so I'm looking for-

ward to playing matches again." The injury forced Pierce to retire from her fourth-round US Open match with Anke Huber of Germany after dropping the

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