

England U-19 cricketers' complaint

LONDON, Jan 10: An England under-19 cricketer has left his club in Australia after alleging he was the victim of racist abuse from a local umpire, reports AFP.

Michael Carberry, a black batsman who is on the staff of English county champions Surrey, told the Daily Telegraph here Tuesday that he was physically assaulted by umpire Ken Gadsden, racially abused and accused by the official of branding him a cheat.

Carberry was playing for Portland Colts Cricket Club in Victoria but is now set to join Surrey teammates in Perth.

The attack is alleged to have taken place in bar on Christy's Meads where Carberry was drinking with friends.

"Ken Gadsden came in and accused me of calling him a cheat and he started racially abusing me, saying 'you black this' and 'you black that', telling me to go back where I came from."

"He grabbed me, broke my neck chain, shoved me and was racially abusing me," Carberry added. Gadsden, who refused to comment to the Telegraph, was reportedly pulled away by his wife.

The incident seemingly related to an lbw decision given by Gadsden against Carberry. In his match report the Portland captain wrote saying the umpiring was good — apart from that one decision.

Carberry was bitter that the Portland Cricket Association was not prepared to investigate his allegations against Gadsden, who is also the association president and chairman of the umpiring panel.

"He owns the league," said Carberry. "He's association president and head of the umpiring panel so he'd have to get rid of himself," added the Surrey left-hander, who claimed his position had been made untenable by the association's lack of action.

Green delta jr hockey

Udity Club and Dhaka Young Star Club won their respective matches in the Green Delta Junior Division hockey league at the Moulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

In the days first match, Udity earned a facile 3-0 victory over Cantonian SC after dominating the first session 1-0.

Mohammad Zakir scored two field goals in the 54th and 63rd minutes while Mamunur Rashid opened the winners' account in the 16th minute, also with a field goal.

In the days other match, Dhaka Young Star Club were declared winners against Tejaan Agraagami who were reduced to six players in the 26th minute forcing the match umpire to blow the final whistle as per the league bye-laws.

At that time, Young Star were ahead 4-0. Ziauddin Summan made a hat-trick scoring in the 10th, 20th and 24th minutes while Aziz Babu netted the other goal in the 25th minute.

Sahara Millennium Cup Japan blank Uzbekistan

NEW DELHI, Jan 10 (AFP): Results in the Sahara Millennium Cup football tournament on Wednesday:

PRELIMINARY ROUND Group four - Calcutta Japan 2 (Satochi Horinouchi 44, Tadaki Hirakawa 83) Uzbekistan 0 H-1-0

Khagrachhari cricket

From Our Correspondent KHAGRACHHARI, Jan 10: Young Star Club won the title of the U-16 knock-out cricket tournament at the Khagrachhari Stadium yesterday.

In the final Young Star defeated Prajanna Club by 60 runs.

Young Star decided to bat first and went all out for 109 in 28.2 overs.

In reply, Prajanna were all out collecting only 49 runs in 22.3 overs.

M'singh cricket

MYMENSINGH, Jan 10: Abahani Kira Chakra beat Rajkumar Eleven by 9 wickets in the First Division cricket league at the local Circuit House ground today, reports UNB.

Batting first, Rajkumar Eleven were all out for 75 in 24.3 overs. Sajal of Abahani took 4 wickets for 17. Jewel bagged 3 for 12 and Hira took 2.

In reply, Abahani easily reached the target making 78 runs for one wicket with Tanvir scoring 30 not out and Tipu 29 not out. Zakir took the only wicket.

Meanwhile, the three-day CJA Cup divisional volleyball tournament began here at the Zila School hostel ground today.

In the opening matches, Mymensingh region beat Dhaka 2-0 while Tangal got walkover against Jamalpur. Faridpur region is also taking part in the competition.

SA sail on Kallis class

PAARL, South Africa, Jan 10: Jacques Kallis hit an unbeaten century as South Africa overcame an alarming injury list and gained their eighth successive limited-overs win when they beat Sri Lanka by eight wickets in the third international at Boland Park here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

The win achieved with seven balls to spare — in which Herschelle Gibbs made only one to add to his duck in the second Test last week on his recall after serving a six month ban for his part in the Hansie Cronje match-fixing scandal — gave the home side a 3-0 lead in the six match series.

Faced with a challenging target of 248, South Africa were set on the way to victory by Boeta Dippenaar, who made 65, and Kallis, who finished 100 not out, put on 111 for the second wicket.

Jonty Rhodes then gave the innings crucial impetus as he made a sparkling unbeaten 75 off 59 balls.

Earlier, Sri Lankan captain Sanath Jayasuriya made a return to form, hitting 66 in a Sri Lankan total of 247 for four.

The left-handed Jayasuriya put on 110 for the first wicket with Romesh Kaluwitharana, who went on to make top score of 83.

Kallis, who received treatment for a bruised right hand after dropping Kaluwitharana, took his right hand off his bat several times early in his innings but appeared to be batting more comfortably as his innings progressed.

Kallis played the anchor role for his team after Gibbs was trapped lbw in the third over. It took him 88 balls to reach fifty with only one four but he accelerated towards the end.

He hit a huge six over square leg off a Jayasuriya full toss in the 48th over and finished the match with his third four in the next over from Vaas to bring up his sixth one-day international century off 139 balls.

Dippenaar made his 65 off 100 balls with five fours, while Rhodes raced to his fourth consecutive one-day international half-century off 42 balls with four fours.

Jayasuriya wore the look of a relieved man as he batted his way into some sort of form having performed poorly on the tour, scoring only ten runs in the first two one-day internationals and 34 runs in four innings in the first two Tests.

But he struck the ball crisply on Tuesday, hitting seven fours and a six in an 83-ball innings.

Kaluwitharana, who faced 117 balls and hit eight fours, was dropped four times, including difficult caught and bowled chances to Shaun Pollock when he was on 30.

He was dropped twice off Nicky Boje on 81, by Gibbs at midwicket and Alan Dawson at wide long-on.

Test starting at Centurion on January 20.

Donald, who was expected to be fit for the fourth international in Cape Town Thursday, will definitely not play but may turn out for the fifth match in Bloemfontein on Sunday.

South African physiotherapist Craig Smith revealed that Test fast bowler Mfeneko Ngum, who was not selected for the one-day series, had a "hot spot" on his right thigh bone and may not be able to play in the final Test.

SCOREBOARD The third limited-overs international between South Africa and Sri Lanka at Boland Park on Tuesday:

Table with columns: Sri Lanka, Runs, Wickets, Overs. Includes players like Jayasuriya, Kaluwitharana, Pollock, Atapattu, Jayawardene, Vaas, Sangakkara, Extras, Total, Did not bat, Fall of wickets, Bowler, O, M, R, W.

Result: South Africa won by eight wickets and lead the 6-match series 3-0.

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Bhatiary Open golf on

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Jan 10: The five-day long Bhatiary Open 2001 golf tournament began at the Bhatiary Golf and Country Club (BGCC) yesterday.

Chief of Army Staff Lt General M Harun-Ar-Rashid inaugurated the meet on Tuesday.

Sixty six golfers from India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh are taking part in the tournament.

Engg Mosharrat Hossain, Minister for Civil Aviation, Tourism and Works will distribute prizes as chief guest in the concluding day on January 13.

Hrbaty crawls into last eight

AUCKLAND, Jan 10: Second seeded Slovakian Dominik Hrbaty overcame a disappointing first set to prevail 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 over Argentine Mariano Zabaleta in a second round match at the New Zealand Open tennis tournament here Wednesday, reports AFP.

Zabaleta's exit on Day Three of the tournament spelled the end of all five Argentines competing here.

Hrbaty took his time to get going, but then lived up to his billing as the player to watch, pulling off some dazzling strokes despite the windy, overcast conditions.

"I have been playing indoors for a while so it is a bit different when you're playing outdoors," Hrbaty said.

"Outside the conditions are different, everything is slower and I don't feel I am playing as well as I can."

"I was fighting out there today, but my tennis started getting better and I think I played my best tennis towards the end."

Hrbaty will face Sweden's Thomas Johansson, winner of last year's Stockholm Open, in the quarterfinals.

Johansson ended Italian Marzio Martelli's run at the tournament, after the qualifier beat 2000 Wimbledon semi-finalist Davide Sanguinetti, also of Italy, in the first round.

American Jan-Michael Gambill, the third seed here, beat 19-year-old Andreas Vinciguerra of Sweden in straight sets 6-4, 6-4.

"I played a really good opponent in the first round (Nicolas Pietrangeli) but today I played someone who is a very strong player so I feel good about the way I played," Gambill said.

However, Gambill didn't have the same success when he joined compatriot Jonathan Stark in the doubles.

Henin going on

CHITTAGONG, Jan 10: Rising star Justine Henin continued her dream start to the year Wednesday when she knocked fifth seed Magdalena Maleeva out of the Cauaberra International, reports AFP.

The 18-year-old Belgian remains unbeaten in 2001 after winning last week's Australian Women's Hardcourt Championships on the Gold Coast.

"I think I have to continue like this," she said. "I'm good in my head, I'm confident, and it's a really good preparation for the Australian Open."

Henin used her naturally strong backhand and vastly improved forehand to devastating effect against Maleeva, a consistent top 20 ranked player in the mid-1990s before injury derailed her ranking.

Despite mild nerves causing a few stumbles, the Belgian easily disposed of her mistake-prone opponent 6-2 6-3.

The youngster turned professional two years ago and has rapidly climbed the rankings. At last year's US Open she beat high-profile Russian Anna Kournikova to advance to the fourth round.

She won today despite admitting the fast Rebound Ace surface — the same as that used at the Australian Open — didn't suit her game.

In other second round matches, world number 11 Elena Dementieva of Russia had a tough hit-out with Tunisia's Selima Sfar.

A lopsided first set turned into an evenly matched battle in the second with the tournament second seed running out a 6-1, 7-6 winner.

Anna, Jennifer fall

SYDNEY, Jan 10: Martina Hingis and Lindsay Davenport limbered up for the Australian Open with routine workouts at the Sydney International Wednesday, but Anna Kournikova made a lame exit, reports AFP.

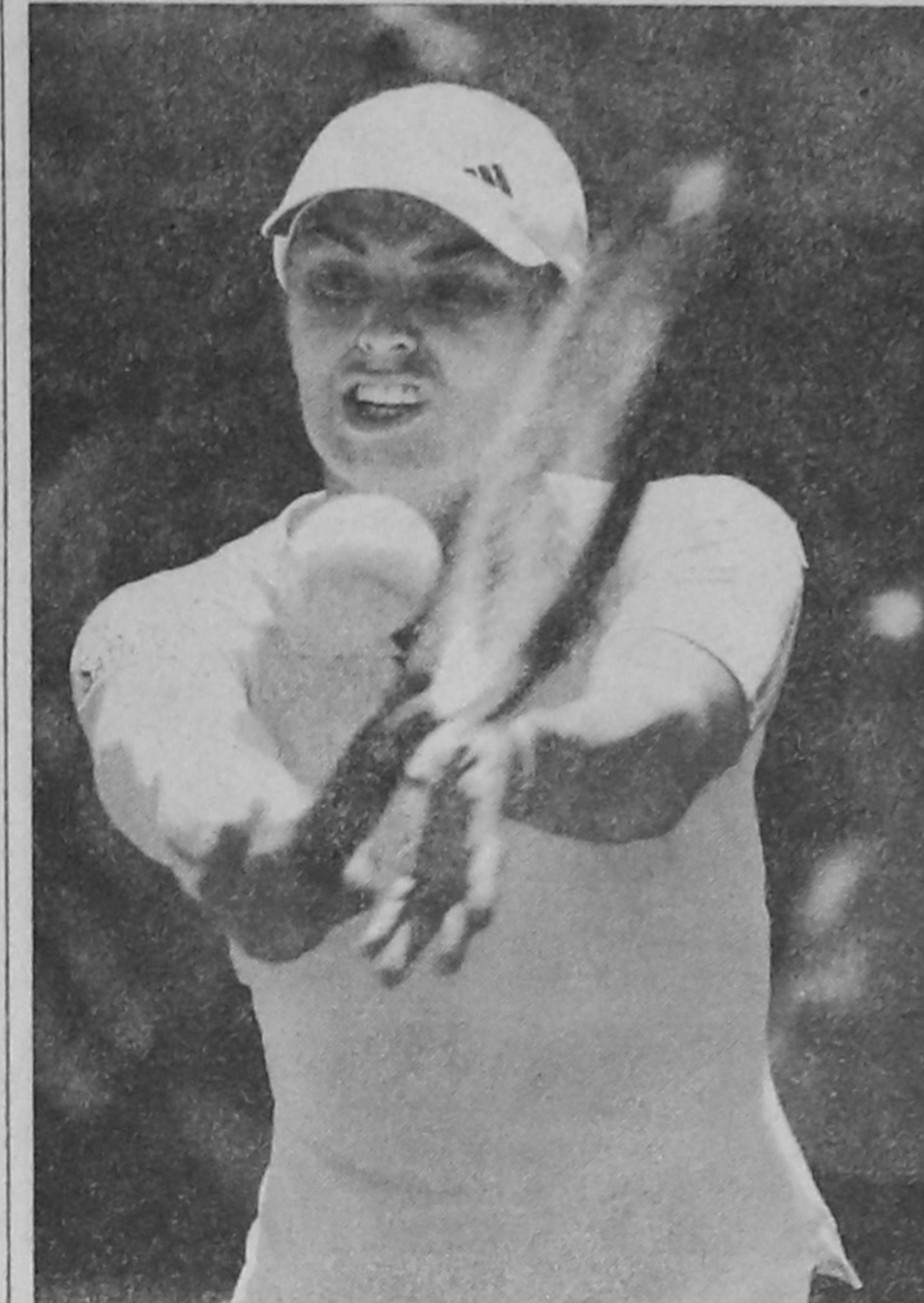
Also on the casualty list was former wild child Jennifer Capriati.

and next week," she said after downing Austria's Barbara Schett 6-3, 6-3.

"The whole month of December I let my body recover and hopefully prepare for this season."

Hingis had to dig deeper against Kim Clijsters, the Belgian girlfriend of Australian Lleyton Hewitt.

The world number one



World No 1 Martina Hingis of Switzerland makes a backhand return to Belgium's Kim Clijsters at the Sydney International yesterday.

worked up a sweat for a 6-4, 6-4 triumph and was warned by the umpire for illegal coaching.

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prati, a semifinalist in last year's Open, who slumped to fellow American Lisa Raymond.

After her first match of the season, Davenport said she felt mentally and physically prepared to defend the Open title she snatched from Hingis last year.

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Biggies baffled on Day 1

MELBOURNE, Jan 10: World number two Marat Safin got the elbow while stars Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi and Pat Rafter got burnt to varying degrees on the opening day of the Koovong Tennis Classic here Wednesday, reports AFP.

US Open champion Safin was forced out of the eight-man exhibition tournament when an old serving elbow injury flared

as he crashed out 6-2, 6-1 to Frenchman Nicolas Escude.

Tournament promoter Colin Stubbs said 20-year-old Safin had withdrawn as a precaution for the year's opening Grand Slam, starting on Monday, and he had replaced him with Ecuador's Nicolas Lapentti.

Sampras, who finished last year ranked third, was well beaten by Spanish youngster Juan Carlos Ferrero, 6-2, 6-4 and Australia's pin-up Rafter was no match for Yevgeny

Kaleniukov, going down 6-2, 6-2.

Agassi, here to defend his Australian Open title, was more concerned with getting his shaven dome sunburnt on a blisteringly hot summer's day as he was taken to three sets in disposing of German Nicolas Kiefer, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.

Safin said he was "afraid" after his long-standing elbow injury resurfaced Wednesday, putting him in doubt to play in next week's Australian Open.

"I have the same problem as I had one-and-a-half years ago when I broke the capsule in my serving (right) arm," said Safin after his loss to Escude.

"I have to see the doctor, but it's difficult to play when you start to think about your serve ... I couldn't serve and it's difficult to play if you can't serve.

"I'm trying to find my game just to be sure of my elbow because being healthy is more important than anything else."

Safin, 20, who last year was fined 2,000 US dollars by the International Tennis Federation for not trying in his first round loss at last year's Australian Open, said he was not "tanking" and apologised to the fans for his inhibited performance.

Sampras, who married late last year, said that the United States needed a new men's tennis hero to avoid a dramatic slump in the sport there.



Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen M Harun-Ar-Rashid teeing off the five-day Bhatiary Open golf tournament, the first ever professional meet to be held in the country, at the Bhatiary Golf and Country Club in Chittagong on Tuesday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Winners of the Shwadesh Open tennis championships pose with their trophies after the prize-giving ceremony on the concluding day at the Ramna National Tennis Complex on Tuesday.