

Magura cricket

From Our Correspondent... MAGURA, Jan 13: Nakol Cricket Club became champion...

BRIEF SCORES... NAKOL CRICKET CLUB: 115 all out in 22 overs...

RAJSHAHI CRICKET CLUB: 90 all out in 19 overs...

Khagrachhari badminton

From Staff Correspondent... KHAGRACHHARI, Jan 13: Independent Day Open badminton tournament began...

At the opening doubles match Zia and Titu of Kalabagan Adarsa Juba Kalyan Sangstha defeated Selim and Nayanul of Iden Sporting Club...

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent... RAJSHAHI, Jan 13: Shapla Samaj Kalyan Sangha defeated Udioman Tarun Sangha by 77 runs...

In reply, Udioman were shot out for 62 in 12 overs.

Change in WI

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ZIMBABWE
Campbell c and b Samuels 81
Madenzo c Campbell b McLean 6

WEST INDIES
Campbell c a Flower b Whittall 42
Hinds b Friend 0

Blown away
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Colts recorded an 80-run win over hosts Chittagong Karnaphuli...

SCORES IN BRIEF
Rajshahi Tista v Khulna Tigers
Rajshahi Tista: 312 all out in 40.4 overs...

'Zulu' out as SA chase mark

CAPE TOWN, Jan 13 (Internet report): All-rounder Lance Klusener, suffering from an aggravated cartilage in his right knee, will miss the last two one-dayers against Sri Lanka...



LANCE KLUSENER

United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) spokeswoman Bronwyn Wilkinson said on Friday the KwaZulu-Natal star, who pulled out after bowling just three balls during South Africa's 99-run triumph at Newlands on Thursday night, had been ordered to rest at home for a week by a Cape Town specialist.

and possibly Allan Donald. The other members from five years ago still active in international cricket are opening batsman Gary Kirsten, who has a cracked middle left finger, and Daryll Cullinan, who is playing only Test cricket after retiring from the one-day game.

- 13*: Australia - 12/1/2000 to 1/3/2000
11: West Indies - 4/6/1984 to 2/2/1985
11*: England - 23/5/1991 to 12/3/1992

Galaxy of chess masters

WIJK AAN ZEE, Jan 13 The top nine ranked chess players in the world are gathering in this Dutch resort for Saturday's opening of one the strongest and most prestigious tournaments ever held, reports AP.

Adams, playing the best chess of his career, advanced to the semi-finals of the recent FIDE World Championship before being eliminated by Anand.

Leko is regarded as one of the most promising young players and often considered a possible future champion. Christiansen calls him "a great defensive player who's very tough at holding bad positions."

Besides the top players, four Dutch Grand Masters and the winner of last year's "B" tournament have been invited.

Anand is well-known for his universal style, but he comes to this event with only two weeks of rest after a gruelling month long championship tournament.

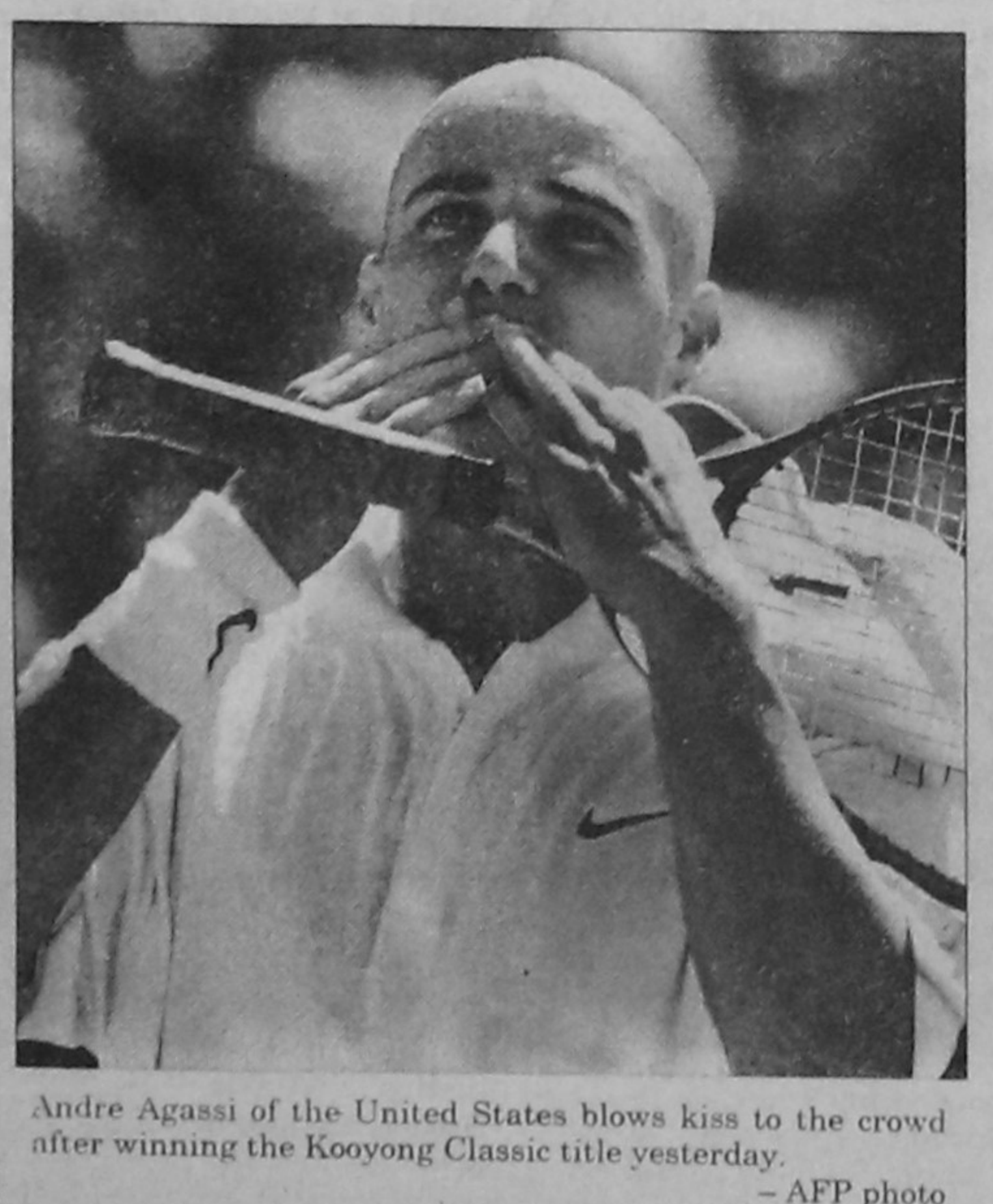
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Agassi warms up well

MELBOURNE, Jan 13: American Andre Agassi will be leading the defence of his Australian Open title in fine form after dispatching long-time rival Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the final of the Kooyong Classic exhibition event on Saturday, reports Reuters.

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Andre Agassi of the United States blows kiss to the crowd after winning the Kooyong Classic title yesterday.

Dokic quitting Australia

SYDNEY, Jan 13: Jelena Dokic, Australia's highest ranked women's tennis player, plans to play under the Yugoslav flag at the Australian Open before leaving her adopted country for good, a Sydney newspaper reported, reports AFP.

Dokic was born in Yugoslavia but moved to Australia with her family in 1994. She received a Yugoslav passport in Belgrade last November.

She was beaten by Davenport in last year's Australian Open final but has started the new year fitter and stronger than ever and is now brimming with confidence after beating her main rival two days before the first major of the season.

Henin clinches Canberra crown

CANBERRA, Jan 13: Only Martina Hingis will take more impressive recent form into the Australian Open than Belgian teenager Justine Henin, who Saturday claimed her second title in as many weeks, reports AFP.

Henin faces a tricky opening match on Monday against Moroccan Hicham Arazi, a quarter-finalist in Melbourne last year.

African Nations' Cup soccer

ALGIERS, Jan 13: Former champions Algeria moved to the top of Group 4 in the qualifying competition for the 2002 African Nations Cup with a 2-1 victory over Burundi, reports AFP.

The Desert Warriors have five points, Burkina Faso four and Angola two while Burundi with just one appear out of the reckoning for a place in the 16-nation finals to be hosted by Mali.

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NFA refuses Babayaro

LAGOS, Jan 13: The Nigeria Football Association (NFA) Friday rejected claims by Chelsea star Celestine Babayaro that it owes him match bonuses and air fares running into thousands of pounds, reports AFP.

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World No 1 Martina Hingis of Switzerland poses with the trophy after beating American Lindsay Davenport in the Sydney International final yesterday.

Hingis, Hewitt victors

lot better if I don't get frustrated with myself. If I could keep it up the entire match it could just be so much easier.

I have a good opportunity to repeat, knowing that I've won it before.

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Safin-Blanco opener

MELBOURNE, Jan 13: Towering Russian Marat Safin promises to get the 2001 Australian Open off to a powerful start on Monday when he takes on Spanish Gale Blanco in the first feature match of the tournament, reports Reuters.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 1 Rule, in British India 4 Golf term 7 Rum cake 8 Third Hebrew letter 10 Sociable, to a Brit 11 Singer Kazan 13 Quite long odds 16 '7 Faces of Dr. ...' 17 Ambassador's aide 18 Berate 19 Handle (Fr.) 20 Kill a bill 21 Openhouse 23 San-land's lang 25 Poke with a stick 26 Counterfeit 27 Type of wax

Cryptogram puzzle with grid and key: CKJXPXOFVKR MFPJXPJWFIFIOAXIBPBJBR AVRYFIB IVWN: 'CKY'