From Our Correspondent Cricket Club became champions in the Surjodov cricket tournament at the Rainagar Sunrise Junior High School ground today.

Nakol recorded a 25-runvictory over Rainagar Cricket

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

16: Shimul 13: Hossain 13: Palash 3/17: Pikul 3/30: Api

CRICKET RAINAGAR CLUB: 90 all out in 19 overs (Ripon 26, Rafiq 13, Rezaul 8; Monwar 3/13: Shimul 2/16. Gopal 2/18).

Khagrachhari badminton

From Staff Correspondent KHAGRACHHARI, Jan 13 Independent Day Open badminton tournament began at Khagrachhari vesterday.

At the opening doubles match Zia and Titu of Kalabagan Adarsa Juba Kalvan Sangstha defeated Selim and Navmul of Iden Sporting Club 12-15. 15-6. 18-14.

Monkyaching Chowdhury. chairman of Khagrachhari Pourasava inaugurated the

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Jan 13: Shapla Samaj Kalvan Sangha defeated Udioman Tarun Sangha by 77 runs in the Muktijoddha Shahed Faszlul Huque Smriti Gold Cup cricket tournament today in the Godagari Women's Degree College playground.

Winning the toss. Shapla Samai Kalvan Sangha batted first and collected 149 runs for seven wickets in the stipulated 15 overs.

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

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183, 8-229, 9-239, O M Bowler 10 41 Streak 10 37 Friend Nkala 50 Whittall 16 52 Murphy 39 Viljoen Result: West Indies won by

1 wicket. Man-of-the-Match: Ricardo Powell. Next match: Australia vs West Indies, Brisbane.

Blown away

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

In the Group B matches held in Dhaka. Chittagong Titas handed Dhaka Rangers a 138run defeat at the Dhanmondi Club ground while Rajshahi Padma beat Khulna Rupsha by five wickets at the Kalabagan Krira Chakra ground.

SCORES IN BRIEF Rajshahi Tista v Khulna Ti-

Rajshahai Tista: 312 all out in 40.4 overs (Rony 178, Hasan 52: Sohag 3/41. Adnan 3/47)

Khulna Tigers: 93 all out in 30 overs (Adnan 22: Johny 3/6. raisal 2/251

Result: Rajshahi Tista won by 219 runs.

Dhaka Colts v Chittagong Karnaphuli Dhaka Colts: 210 all out in

41.5 overs (Russell 52, Soliag 25: Rabbi 3/35) Chittagong Karnaphuli:

130 all out in 27.2 overs [Pavel] 23: Didar 2/10) Result: Dhaka Colts won by 80 runs.

Dhaka Rangers: v Chittagong Titas Chittagong Titas: 230 for six in 45 overs (Munir 57. Ali

52. Harun 49) Dhaka Rangers: 92 all out in 23.5 overs (Mitul 16: Arif 3/22. Talukder 3/25)

Chittagong Titas won by 138 runs. Khulna Rupsha v Rajshahi

Khulna Rupsha: 96 all out in 25.5 overs (Rezwanul 23;

Moin 3/17, Azad 2/51 Rajshahi Padma: 97 for five in 26.1 overs (Ashraful 26 n.o. Mizanur 26 n.o.: Shafiqul 2/25) Rajshahi Padma won by five wickets.

Magura cricket | 'Zulu' out as SA chase mark

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

United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) spokeswoman Bronwyn Wilkinson said on Friday the KwaZulu-Natal star, who pulled up 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.

"He will rejoin the team for the (third and final) Centurion Test (from 20 January)."

The South Africans, who whitewashed New Zealand 5-0 at the start of the home summer tour, are now one away from repeating the national mark of 10 set by the 1995-96 side and two away from matching the 11 by Viv Richards' legendary West Indian unit in 1984/85.

Allan Border's Australians won 13 in 1987-88, but that does not count because the streak was interrupted by rain which washed out a match.

Border's '89/90 Australians and possibly Allan Donald. and Imran Khan's Pakistan share the 10-mark with the '87/88 West Indians and Hansie Cronje's 1995-96 outfit.



LANCE KLUSENER enjoyed World Cup wins over United Arab Emirates. New Zealand, England again, Paki-

The only survivors from the 27/11/1985 side that beat the Netherlands in Pakistan in March 1996 for a Shaun Pollock. Jacques Kallis to 11/1/2001

stan and Holland.

The other members from five years ago still active in international cricket are opening bat Gary Kirsten, who has a That SA team beat England cracked middle left finger, and five times at home and then Darvil Cullinan, who is playing

> from the one-day game. Middle-order star Jonty Rhodes did not play against

Following is a list of most wins by a team in one-day internationals. In the table below, asterisks indicate records which include a "No Result" within the

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

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10: South Africa - 13/1/1996 to 5/3/1996 9: West Indies - 9/3/1985 to 9: Australia - 7/1/1988 to

4/2/1988 perfect 10 will be skipper 9: South Africa - 22/10/2000 but Monday's official order of

Galaxy of chess masters

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.

Former world champion Garry Kasparov of Russia. 37. leads the field, followed by the two current world champions, 25-year-old Vladimir Kramnik of Russia and Viswanathan Anand, 31, of India.

Play continues through till

The World Championship has been divided since 1993 when Kasparov broke away from FIDE, the World Chess rederation. Late last year, Kasparov lost a title match to Krmanik while Anand defeated Alexer Shirov of Spain to win

Until his loss to Krmanik. Kasparov had dominated the game for 15 years in a manner comparable to Michael Jordan's dominance of basketball. Kasparov is widely regarded as the best player ever.

Dutch Grand Masters and the nament for the last two years. winner of last year's "B" tour-

nament have been invited. ander Morozevich, 23, of Rusgarv: Vassili Ivanchuk. 31. of ment. 27. of the Netherlands.

exhibition event on Saturday. July.

matches in the Kooyong exhibi- summer.

Monday, won 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 in

the 2000 Australian Open final.

reports Reuters.

one hour, 17 minutes.

ditions in chess, rivalled only by vance further. the flastings tournaments in except during World War II.

it became one of the strongest world. But against Anand he tournaments in the interna- consistently got into time troutional circuit, inviting several of ble and his tactics proved un the world's clite Grand Masters sound against Anand's solid along with Dutch Grand Mas- defence. ters and promising vounger players. The tournament weakened in the early 1990s, but for the last five years it has been sible future champion. Chrisamong the world's strongest events. The only stronger tournament is the Linares event in Spain, which does not reserve any places for non-elite players.

Almost from the beginning the tournament was undercompany. When If merged with British steel to form Corus in 1999, the new company agreed self-destruct over the board. to continue its sponsorship.

as the odds-on favourite to win humiliating loss to Krmanik Besides the top players, four last year. He has won the tour-

Kramnik may be the most solid player among the elite The other players are Alex- grandmasters. According to American Grand Master Larry sia: Michale Adams: 29. of Christiansen, he is a safe bet England: Alexei Shirov, 28. of not to lose a single game and a Spain: Peter Leko. 21. of Hun- safe bet not to win the tourna-

Bulgaria: Jeroen Piket. 31. of universal style, but he comes to players have. the Netherlands: Alexev Fe- this event with only two weeks dorov, 28, of Belanis; Loek van of rest after a gruelling month Welv. 28, of the Netherlands: long championship tournament. Jan Timman. 49. of the Neth- Morozevich is a rising young erlands: and Sergev Tiviakov. star. but according to Chris- games in this tournament The Wijk aan Zee tourna- figure him out and he needs to the Light Brigade with similar

Agassi warms up well

season and he finished the year

form after dispatching long- Queen's Club in London before cause picking the right shot

He said his current state of

"Emotionally it was hard to

mind was an improvement on

of his Australian the 30-year-old American.

time rival Yevgeny Kafelnikov in Wimbledon and exacerbated

the final of the Kooyong Classic the problem in a car crash in

first grand slam of the year. before his return to prominence

in which Agassi prevailed over it has been," he said. "I took a

the Russian world number five step backwards when I injured

in four sets. It left him with my back and the car accident

three consecutive wins from his put me out for most of the

Twelve months ago his tri- deal with it all and get through

umph at Melbourne Park gave it. So it is fair to say that I feel

Andre Agassi of the United States blows kiss to the crowd

after winning the Kooyong Classic title vesterday.

Agassi a perfect start to the good now in comparison.

which begins in Melbourne on in Lisbon in December.

The match was a repeat of the last few months.

Agassi, seeded sixth for the lorced Agassi off the ATP Tour

begin the defence vening months were not kind to in itself is a good sign.

Jan 13: American as a runner-up at the Masters which I can improve before the

Andre Agassi will Cup in Lisbon. But the inter- Australian Open starts but that

"Life can only be better than in the week

He injured his back at decisive during a point, be-

Illness in his family also well, and winning, which is the

Adams, playing the best England. This is the 63 edition chess of his career, advanced to of the tournament, which began the semi-finals of the recent as a small local event in 1938. FIDE World Championship beand has been held every year. fore being eliminated by Anand.

Shirov is usually considered Beginning in the mid-1960s the most exciting player in the Leko is regarded as one of

the most promising young players and often considered a postiansen calls him 'a great defensive player who's very tough at holding bad positions," Ivanchuk has often been

among the top five players in the world but has declined relative to the others in the last written by the Hoogevens steel few years. He plays same of the world's most imaginative chess but has also been known to

Christiansen regards Topa-Kasparov is widely regarded lov as "a tough player but not in the same class as the others the event, especially after his He's sharp, very opportunistic and good with the initiative but his judgement is sometimes

According to Christiansen Piket's middlegame play compares well to the top players but his opening play is not quite at that level. Piket is very similar in this regard. Christiansen points out that the Dutch players don't have the army of ana-Ukraine: Veselin Topalov. 25. of Anand is well-known for his lysts and seconds that the top

Fedorov is an old-fashioned romantic who plays openings like the Kings Gambit. Christiansen suggested that his tiansen people are beginning to might resemble the Charge of ment is one of the longest tra- broaden his repertoire" to ad- results, i.e. a massacre.

"There are still areas in

"I would like to be a bit more

earlier on can win you the

point. But I feel as though I am

moving well, striking the ball

been watched by girlfriend Ste-

ffi Graf at Koovong, beat

Frenchman Nicolas Escude and

Germany's Nicolas Kiefer earlier

nek in the first round of the

Open and could come up

against fellow American Pete

ahead of myself if I started

thinking about Pete now.

Sampras in the last eight.

Agassi said.

than the final itself."

Kafelnikov said.

He will meet Czech Jiri Va-

"I think I would be getting

"But one thing is for sure - it

Agassi's win on Saturday

"It was the tough work-out

"There is always just three

is better to meet Pete in the

quarters or the semis rather

deali Kafelnikov his first defeat

of the week but the fifth seed

for the Open was not disheart-

me what I knew - that Andre is

always a tough opponent.

or four points between us when

we play, so there is not a big

problem. I would say that I am

playing only at 75 per cent of

my capability, so there is much

area I can improve before the

Open starts but everything else

in my game is fine and I am

can never predict when you

have a bad day. It could hap-

pen in the Australian Open but

I hope to be able to overcome it

drawn to play German Jens

Knippschild in the first round

on Saturday, Spain's Juan

Carlos Ferrero beat Escude 6-3.

Kafelnikov, 26. has been

In the play-off for third place

"The serve is certainly an

"The defeat showed that you

more to come anyway.

feeling very confident.

if does."

- AFP photo

of the Open.

The Las Vegan, who has

most important thing."

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 only Test cricket after retiring

The 17-year-old, whose father Damir is banned from attending her matches until March after a series of run-ins with women's tennis officials told the Sun-Herald she and her family would leave Australia to live in Florida as soon as the tournament ended.

"I am playing under the Yugoslavian flag, not for Australia," she was quoted telling the newspaper. The tournament starts on Monday.

"It is a decision we have come up with and we have talked about it.

"If anybody has been attacked the way I am in the me dia they would feel the same

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

Belgrade last November. Australian Open officials did not return calls from Reuters play listed Dokic as representing Australia.

Her father said he had decided to move the family to the United States because of the way they had been treated by the media but was worried about how the crowd would react to the news.

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

Ten straight victories so far this year make 18-year-old Henin possibly the most improved young women's tennis player in the world.

She thrashed fourth seeded Sandrine Testud of France 6-2. 6-2 in the final of the inaugural Canberra International, continuing the blinding pace set last week when she won the Australian Women's Hardcourt Championships in Queensland Saturday's comfortable win

has given Henin a huge psychological edge ahead of Me bourne, where she could meet Testud again in the third round.

African Nations' Cup soccer

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

five points, Burkina Faso four and Angola two while Burundi with just one appear out of the reckoning for a place in the 16nation finals to be hosted by A superb pass from midfield by Bilal Dziri set up Farid Ghazi

for the first Algerian goal with five minutes gone and Abdelhafid Tasfaout added a second on th stroke of half-time. It was the fourth goal for the experienced France-based striker in three qualifiers, one less than leading Nations Cup

marksman Etienne Bito'o from Gabon. Juma Mossi reduced arrear by beating goalkeeper Lamine Boughrara after 59 minutes seldom looked capable of sal-

Burkina Faso host Angola in Ouagadougou Sunday needing a victory to regain first place.

NFA refuses Babayaro

Football Association (NFA) Fristar Celestine Babayaro that it air fares running into thou sands of pounds, reports AFP.

"It's not true that Babayaro, is owed any money by the Nigeria Football Association (NFA), NFA spokesman Austin Mgbolu

that I wanted and it just told ticipating in the Sydney Olympics last year and for a World Cup qualifying match against Eritrea in Asmara early last

> bayaro had not taken up arrangements offered by coach Jo Bonfrere to the players to travel to Asmara. "The FA was not in charge of

> their air fare claims for the in charge said were ridiculous and are yet to pay them." Mgbolu said. "For the match in Asmara.

Babayaro flouted the arrangement made by Bonfrere for the Europe-based players to join the other members of the team in Frankfurt en route to As-27 Type of mara. The player chose to fly wax directly from London."



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

Hingis, Hewitt victors

just be so much easier.



week's Australian Open, reports Hewitt also showed why he is one of the big contenders for the Open when he beat Magnus Norman 6-4, 6-1 to become the first man since Pete Sampras in 1993-94 to win back-to-back

titles in Sydney Hingis finished 2000 ranked number one in the world but has not won a Grand Slam singles title in two years and is desperately hoping to end her drought this month

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. 'I beat the top players out

there. It was the best field ever at this tournament so I'm very happy about going to the Aussie Open", said Hingis, who won Sydney in 1997 before capturing the first of three consecutive Australian Open crowns. "But I think I can still play a

Australian Open

giving world number two Safin

the opening match on Centre

Court in a move that at least

temporarily allays fears he

might have been forced out by

The 1.93 metres tall Russian

has been under a cloud since

he pulled out of an exhibition

warm-up tournament with an

elbow injury during the week.

Safin, the US Open champion.

Second seed Safin practised

in Melbourne today and, if his

elbow holds up. his first big

threat is likely to come from

either British eighth seed Tim

Henman or local favourite Pat

playing his last Grand Slam in

front of a home crowd after

saving he was thinking of re-

tiring at the end of the year. He

meets compatriot Scott Draper

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Rafter, seeded 12, could be

Rafter in the quarterfinals.

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Melbourne last vear.

looked to be cruising against Davenport when she took the opening set in 31 minutes and just 84 minutes to win. led 4-2 in the second before she

suddenly started to unravel. incurring a warning Australian teenager Lleyton smashing her racket in frustra-Davenport, who lost last year's Sydney final to Amelie

Mauresmo, was struggling to can take a lot of confidence find her range in the swirling wind but broke back to win seven of the next eight games and race to a 3-1 lead in the deciding set before the match suddenly took another unexpected turn. Hingis broke back to square 51 minutes then raced to a 5-0

the set at 4-4 then gained the lead in the second. vital break in the 11th game when the American world number two missed an easy overhead smash to give Hingis the opportunity to serve out her 36th career title. With Hingis and the Williams sisters Venus and Serena

all in the same half of the draw.

Davenport looks to have an

easy draw in Melbourne although she faces a tricky opening match against Dokic. "It's a tough spot to be in to defend a Grand Slam title and I have got a tough draw first up and I've got to be ready to go on

Monday," Davenport said.

"I have a good opportunity to with myself. If I could keep it repeat, knowing that I've won it up the entire match it could before."

While Hingis was pushed all The 20-year-old Hingis had the way by Davenport. Hewitt had a far easier time in his match against Norman, taking

> "I've been getting better and better with each match that I've played over the last two weeks and it's nice to cap it off with a tournament win." Hewitt said. "I felt like I'm really starting to hit the ball well and I think I

about beating a guy ranked number four in the world going into the Australian Open." Hewitt, 19. broke Norman for the first time in the 10th game with a sizzling forehand winner to take the first set in

Norman, showing signs of tiredness after his gruelling semifinal with Jonas Bjorkman the previous day, rallied to hold serve for 1-5 and even had a break point in the next game but failed to convert his last chance as Hewitt captured his

seventh career title. "My legs weren't moving very good today but I feel like my game is coming together even

though I lost," the Swede said. "Lleyton played a good match, he's very solid. If you're going to beat him you have to play very well."

Safin-Blanco opener

ports Reuters.

ALGIERS. Jan 13: Former

The Desert Warriors have

but the Central African nation

vaging a point.

LAGOS. Jan 13: The Nigeria day rejected claims by Chelsea owes him match bonuses and

"I want to believe Babayaro

has mixed up things," he Babayaro claims he is owed bonuses and air fares for par-

The NFA official said however the association was not responsible for players' expenses in Sydney and said Ba-

players' claims at the Olympics. Several other overseas players like Garba Lawal. Victor Agali and Godwin Okpara also put in Olympics which the authorities

Henman faces a tricky year's Melbourne final. Jan 13: Towering opening match on Monday Russian Marat against Moroccan Hicham kicks off the night session of Safin promises to Arazi. a quarterfinalist in Mel- the women's singles on Monday bourne last year. get the 2001

men's draw littered with former Dokic day when he takes on Spaniard world number ones and multi-Galo Blanco in the first feature ple Grand Slam winners. match of the tournament, re-Tournament organisers retheir campaigns on Monday, leased the schedule for the first twice Australian Open cham-Grand Slam of the year today. pion Sampras taking on Karol

> ond match of the night session on centre court. Sampras, the third seed, is scheduled to meet defending champion Agassi in the quarter-finals if the seedings are not upset. Sixth seed Agassi meets Czech Jiri Vanek on showcourt one on Monday.

loom in the semifinals for Samwas beaten in the first round in pras or Agassi, the winners of 19 Grand Slams between them.

Agassi has had a good released today after the end of preparation for his title defence. beating Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the Kooyong exhibition fiers was Goran Ivanisevic. event final today in a repeat of three times a Wimbledon runlast year's Australian Open ner-up and one of the most

up tournament, world number

Second seed Davenport with a tough first round match Safin. Rafter and Henman against Australian teenager and off to a powerful start on Mon- are in the bottom half of a Wimbledon semifinalist Jelena

> "It's a tough spot to be in to defend a Grand Slam title and Americans Pete Sampras I've got a tough draw first and Andre Agassi also open match up." Davenport told reporters in Sydney. Fourth seed Monica Seles. four times winner in Mel-

Kucera of Slovakia in the secbourne, plays fellow American Brie Rippner in the opening match on Monday on showcourt Russian glamour girl Anna Kournikova also has an early start as she continues her

title, the eighth seed meeting Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia Safin. Rafter or Henman in the first match on outside court number one. The complete men's and women's singles draws were

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qualifying matches. Absent from the list of quali-

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A KEEN SENSE OF IRONY. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals L 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.

entertaining figures in men's In the major women's warm- tennis over the past 13 years. Croatia's Ivanisevic was one Martina Hingis beat Lind- beaten in the first round of say Davenport in the final of the qualifying matches on Thursday Sydney International today, a by little known Czech Petr reversal of the result in last Luxa. 12

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