It was really good for me to fight

she had a hand in designing the

new outfit, provided for her by

and I've always been artistic,"

she said. "I've got a great rela-

sportswear giant adidas.

Kournikova revealed that

"I've always liked fashion

the second round of the 22 National Junior Chess Championship at Chess Federation auditorium yesterday, reports

They are: Syed Ejaz Hus-Mohammad Javed. Farhadur Imam. Ruhul Islam Boby, Mehedi Hasan Parag. Minhajuddin Ahmed Sagar, Naveem Arefin Ratul, Moksedul Monir. Mahtabuddin Ahmed Robin. Dewan Riyad. Obaidul Islam Shaheen. Alam Miah. Shibli Noman, Ziauddin Ahmed. Zainal Abedin, Shahidul Islam and Mofazzal Hossain Hirok.

In the day's round: Ejaj beat Ehtesham, Javed beat Rashed. Farhad beat Yousuf, Boby beat Sindhu, Parag beat Ibrahim, Sagar beat Imran. Ratul beat Monir, Monir defeated Ashfaq, Robin beat Biru. Riad beat Saber, Shaheen beat Nasim, Alam beat Sadi, Shibli beat Ali, Zia beat Sarwar, Shahidul beat Arefin and Hirok beat Sham-

Meanwhile, the selection phase of the 22" National Junfor Chess tournament began yesterday at the same venue.

A total of 40 women and girls are taking part in the tournament. Eighteen players collected

full points from their first round games.

# Milo U-15

From page 13 Rajshahi College ground.

In Satkhira, Khulna Tigers beat Sylhet Surma by six wickets at the local stadium while wicket win over Chittagong Karnaphuli at the Government College ground.

#### SCORES IN BRIEF BKSP v Barisal Maroons

Barisal Maroons: 105 all out in 40.1 overs (Tanvir 4/25. Iftekhar 2/12)

BKSP: 106 for 1 in 32.2 overs (Naeem 55, Sabbir 26) Result: BKSP won by nine wickets.

Rajshahi Padma v Chittagong Titas Rajshahi Padma: 213 all out

in 45 overs (Ariful 46, Monir 40: Saikat 2/30) Chittagong Titas: 171 all out in 44 overs (Mahbub 37, Zia

Result: Rajshahi Tista won by 42 runs. Khulna Tigers v Sylhet

Sylhet Surma: 116 all out in 39 overs (Jewel 23; Shamim)

Khulna Tigers: 117 for four in 23.5 overs (Shamim 50 n.o.;

Nahid 2/32) Result: Khulna Tigers won by six wickets.

Rajshahi Tista v Chittagong Karnaphuli Chittagong Karnaphuli: 164 all out in 42.5 overs

(Rezaul 46, Tapu 32, Imran 2/30) Rajshahi Tista: 168 for 6 in

35.4 overs (Sarfraz 58) Result: Rajshahi Tista won by four wickets.

### Milo U-13

From page 13 sirabad High School ground while Khulna Tigers defeated Sylhet Surma by 18 runs at the Abdul Aziz Stadium.

SCORES IN BRIEF

Rajshahai Padma v Chittagong Titas Rajshahi Padma: 128 all out in 41.1 overs (Sakhawat 21, Rizvi 20; Masud 3/10, Riaz

2/27) Chittagong Titas: 122 all out in 35.4 overs (Harun 36:

Faruk 3/30) Result: Rajshahi Padma won by six run.

Barisal Maroons v Khulna Rupsha Khulna Rupsha: 302 for 9

in 45 overs (Tony 110; Azad Barisal Maroons: 307 for 7

in 43.1 overs (Debashish 92, Israq 96; Kudrat 3/64) Result: Barisal Maroons won by three wickets.

Chittagong Karnaphull v Rajshahi Tista Chittagong Karnaphuli: 234 for 6 in 45 overs (Tanim 35.

Monwar 51: Rony 3/38) Rajshahi Tista: 236 for 9 in 42.2 overs (Rony 73: Rabby

Result: Rajshahi Tista won by one wicket.

Khulna Tigers v Sylhet Khulna Tigers: 220 for 8 in 45 overs (Shovon 36, Rabi 26) Sylhet Surma: 202 for 7 in

45 overs (Billah 35, Tushar Result: Khulna Tigers won by 18 runs.

#### Pepsi sponsoring From page 13

Anjan Chowdhury Pintu revealed that the Pepsi would pay Taka two lakh as sponsorship money for the tournament. Pepsi also pledged to patronise the meet for five years if the first edition is a success, he

The winners of the two-tier competition will receive Taka ten thousand while the runners-up will be richer by five

thousand. Alok Malik meanwhile said his company intended to sponsor more cricket tournament outside Dhaka. Pepsi would extend financial support to holding the First Division leagues in Comilla. Mymensingh, Jessore and Sylhet in future, he added.

The teams are: Group A: Ekata Sporting Club, Radhanagar Krira Chakra, PYC Green, Jugantar Krira Sangha, ICC and San-

Group B: Nimtala Crazy Club, PYC White, Ekak Sangha. Abhijatri Cricket Club. Shikkharthi Sports Institute and Renaissance.

# Nat'l jr chess Seventeen players finished on top of the points table after Co-hosts in dispute



SEOUL. Jan 15: The first major public dispute between South Korea and Japan over the 2002 World Cup has erupted on the eve of Tuesday's 500 day countdown

South Korea's organising committee (KOWOC) has complained to FIFA because Japan is putting its name first in promotional material, going against an accord under which Korea should become before its co-host, KOWOC officials said.

to the finals, reports AFP.

KOWOC made an official complaint to the international governing body last Thursday, a KOWOC spokeswoman said. The two countries, who had

been fierce rivals to secure the finals before both were awarded the event, made an agreement in 1996 under which the official title is "2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan. However the Japanese organising committee (JAWOC)

has changed the order to Japan-Korea on its application forms for tickets for the finals which start on May 31, 2002. Tickets go on sale from Febru-

JAWOC has argued there was an unofficial agreement at the time that the rule would not apply to domestic promotional campaigns and only concerned the English title, officials said

JAWOC has insisted it will continue to use Japan-Korea during the build up to the 32nation competition, which is Rajshahi Tista recorded a four- being co-hosted for the first

The dispute has marred what was meant to be a gala celebration start to the 500 day countdown. But the organisation has been marked by behind the scenes differences.

Japan and South Korea mounted bitter rival campaigns in the runup to the 1996 vote to see who got the 2002 finals. In the end, FIFA decided both should stage the first World Cup finals to be held in Asia. They will also be the first World Cup finals to be co-hosted.

But the two organising committees have kept very separate. Last year, Asian Football Confederation general secretary Peter Velappan, the FIFA coordinator for the World Cup, ordered Japanese and South Korean representatives to special meetings with the Dutch and Belgian organisers of the 2000 European Championships to push them to work

Velappan is in Seoul for a special countdown television show and concert on Tuesday that will include special messages from President Kim Dae-Jung and other key officials.

The rival committees are to launch a joint internet vote to let the public decide the name of the three World Cup mascots for the 2002 finals.

Both countries are ploughing ahead though with frenzied construction and renovation of stadiums. The Confederations Cup -- to be held in South Ko-rea and Japan in June -- will be the first big rehearsal. The opening match of the 64

match World Cup finals will be

held in the South Korean capital on May 31, 2002. The final will be at the Yokohama International Stadium in Japan.

The 63.930 seater Seoul World Cup stadium -- Asia's largest purpose built soccer stadium -- is two thirds finished and is due to be ready around September.

The Yokohama stadium built in 1997, can seat 70.564 people but will be one of the smallest used for a final. The city of Yokohama will install 1.800 extra seats and is studying the possibility of putting seats on the field.

Yokohama is also at the centre of a chemical contamination scare which FIFA has promised to investigate.

In November, a Japanese environment pressure group called for the site to be properly decontaminated after tests proved it was polluted with high levels of potentially dangerous

The construction ministry since December 1999 has detected high amounts of cancercausing dioxins and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) around the stadium, particularly in a public car park.

The ministry proposed contaminated soil be stored temporarily in the corner of the affected site "until appropriate advanced technology is developed in the future.

It said soil with a low level of contamination should be sealed on site in a waterproof sheet. Opponents have said flooding could spread the pollution.



HAPPILY NOT FOR EVER: An AFP file photo of Beckers, Boris (L) and Barbara, shows the couple at a golf tournament in Berlin on May 17, 2000. A German court yesterday granted them a divorce.

# Once a rebel alawys a rebel

defending on the tennis court. champion Lindsay Davenport Monday and insisted there was no going back on the decision to leave her adopted country.

reports AFP. "I'm playing for Yugoslavia right now and that's the end of that," said the 17-year-old who lost 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 and had clearly been crying before Serbian.

fronting the media. "That was where I was born, my citizenship." that's where I'm from. It was a decision we made and we're Nine television that his daughstanding by it right now."

publicity in Australia.

"There's been a lot things written about dad and me and my family -- things that aren't right. We've been assualted by the media a lot and he feels very strongly about that and he's not very happy with what's been written.

On Sunday Damir claimed the draw was fixed, his daughter had been treated poorly and she would play under the Yugoslav flag, prompting newspapers here to brand them an embarrassment who had daughter's safety. slapped Australia in the face.

them all day.

Jelena carried the story ished," he said. Jan 15: Jelena along with an announcement Dokic was sent that she would retain her Aus- back with a knife by a crazed packing from the tralian citizenship despite re- Steffi Graf fan in 1993. Australian Open fusing to represent the country

> bourne hotel, she compared her pressure well. family's citizenship with Australian Prime Minister John ways going to difficult tonight

Her father later told Channel ous tournaments.

ter would quit the tournament the crowd). I didn't let it bother She said her father Damir whether she won or not, al- me." was fed-up with the negative though Jelena later said she knew nothing about it. walk out of the tournament without acknowledging them.

regardless of the result, Damir replied: "I can leave tomorrow. didn't really know what to do." If she wins we can leave the she said and indicated this Jelena said: "I didn't know

She indicated that she would mixed doubles commitments was against her. although that could easily

'It's very dangerous. Do you The media spotlight followed remember Monica Seles. One time, I love Australia and Ausother and all your life is fin- tralians."

Seles was stabbed in the

Despite the attention, Jelena said she was mentally strong Speaking outside a Mel- and felt she had handled the

"I think I did well. It was alplaying Lindsay because she is "We are Australian, just like a crowd favourite everywhere," John Howard but he came here she said, adding that her father just a little bit before us." Dokic did not watch the match on said, as Damir prompted her in television. He is currently banned from watching his girl "And I'm just going to keep play in person because of his disruptive behaviour at previ-

"I expected a lot worse (from

In fact, the crowd gave her a warm sending off -- ignored by Asked if his daughter would Dokic who walked off court "It was still a mixed crowd.

tournament. Why? It's enough could be the last time she played in Australia. "It's something I haven't thought about. We'll see."

But she did acknowledge turn up for her doubles and that not everyone in Australia

"There have been so many change overnight after Damir people who have stood by me, voiced concern about his said Dokic who has lived in Sydney since she was 11.

"I've lived here for a long



Jelena Dokic of Yugoslavia stretches for a return during her Australian Open first round match against Lindsay Davenports yesterday. - AFP photo

# No way back Boris, Babs

MUNICH, Jan 15: A German court on Monday granted a divorce to former world termis champion Boris Becker and his wife Barbara, just over a month after the shock news that their marriage was in trouble, a court offical said, reports AFP.

The divorce followed a reported out-of-court settlement reached in the United States on the terms of the split.

"Boris and Babs" were known as one of Germany's most glamorous and popular celebrity couples until the De cember 9 announcement of a separation. The Sunday edition of the

German newspaper Bild said the deal stipulated shared custody of their two children, Noah Gabriel, seven, and Elias Balthasar, one, as well as all mony payments. Under the reported deal

reached in Florida, where the couple have a home, the threetime Wimbledon champion will pay his wife some 14.3 million dollars (15 million euros).

Barbara Becker is said to have been given the choice of retaining the couple's Florida home on Fisher island, estimated at around three million dollars, or their house in the southern German city of Mu-

She had demanded sole custody of the children and the Florida house, where she has been staying with the children since the split, as well as alimony of 22 million dollars (23 million euros).

The 33-year-old former tennis star filed for divorce December 15 in the Munich court after his wife took the children to Florida. Barbara, also 33, retaliated by filing for divorce in Miami.

## Maiden win for WI B

BRIDGETOWN. Jan West Indies 'B', a team of promising under-23 players. notched their first victory of the regional Busta Cup cricket series with a comprehensive win over the Windward Islands on the third day of their second round match at St Vincent on Sunday, reports AP.

Sulieman Benn, a lanky leftarm spinner, hurried the developmental team to victory as the Windward Islands, trying to reach a winning target of 308, folded for 145 all out.

Benn, a 19-year-old from Barbados, took five for 51 from 23 overs to follow up his four for 36 in the first innings. Grenadian leg-spinner Camilus Alexander helped trigger the demise of his Windward Islands colleagues with four for 66.

In Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, Keno Mason's gutsy innings of 82 kept England 'A' at bay as their match against Trinidad and Tobago ended in a tame draw on the fourth and final In Bridgetown, Jamaica con-

reach 182 for four at the close of day three. West Indies left hander Chris Gayle was undefeated on 97. Earlier, 25-year-old all

rounder Gareth Breese took career-best figures of six for 47 with his off-spin to help dismiss Barbados for 213.

In St John's, Antigua, former West Indies vice-captain Carl Hooper continued his impressive return to regional firstclass competition for Guyana.

The 34-year-old Hooper took three wickets as the Leeward Islands were bowled out for 277 to concede a first innings lead of 76. The stylish right-hander then topscored with 66 as Guyana ended on 176 for eight, an overall advantage of 252 entering Monday's final day.

### Double delight for Wahid

Sports Reporter Syed Wahid clinched the Gulshan Club tennis singles title beating Neaz Ahmed 5-7 7-6. 6-2 in the final at the club court vesterday.

In the doubles final, Syed Wahid paired with Azmat Moyeen beat Shamsur Rahman Masuk and Neaz Ahmed 6-2, 6-

### Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Jan 15: Padma Kishore Sangha defeated Sagarpara Sabuj Sangha by 11 runs in the Shaheed Muktijoddha Fazlul Haque Smriti Gold Cup tournament today at the Godagari Women's Degree College playground.

Winning the toss, Padma Kishore batted first and collected 130 runs for nine in the stipulated 15 overs. In reply, Sagarpara were shot out for 119 in 14.3 overs.

RU CRICKET

ing by seven wickets in the Ra-

Sociology defeated Account-

ishahi University interdepartment cricket tournament at the RU Stadium yesterday. Winning the toss. Accounting batted first and collected 132 runs for all in 25 overs.

In reply, Sociology managed

### Magura chess

133 for three in 23.5 overs.

From Our Correspondent MAGURA, Jan 15: Md Enamul Bahar of Abahani Krira Chakra became champion in the Econo Chess league beating Kazi Sanjoy Zaman in the final Saturday.

A total of 39 players from different clubs and educational institutions took part in the league.

# Anna a trendsetter

Jan 15: Anna tralian

fashion war here on Monday, smoothly into the second round, reports AFP.

ing hordes of photographers. she has no peers on the circuit. spite all the hype, she has still to win a single tournament after

After cruising through her and that I didn't give away that first set on Court No. 1 against second set." struck the first an Australian Open debutant, the Russian teenager suffered one of her habitual lapses in concentration and quickly unveiling her latest body- found herself in trouble at 3-0 hugging outfit as she moved and then 4-1 down in the sec-

But she pulled herself to-Sporting a bright yellow, gether in time to eliminate Slosleeveless top, matching shoes vakia's Daniela Hantuchova 6and black shorts, Kournikova 2, 7-5 and avoid what would gave another demonstration of have been a nerve-jangling why, when it comes to attract- third set.

"After I won that first set pretty easy I kind of relaxed She also showed why, de- and started to make a few more mistakes," she said.

"But then I found my nearly four years on tour full- rhythm again and played well-

tionship with adidas - they've always asked my opinion and listened to me. T've worn this style of ouffit before but the colours are new." Kournikova's model looks mean it is not only the outfits that the spectators get to see that keep the dollars rolling in. She has also signed multimillion dollar deals to promote Berlei sports bras (marketed under the slogan "only the balls should bounce"), Omega watches and Pegaso mobile phones. The extent of Kournikova's off-court earnings is the subject of wildly varying estimates but she is widely believed to rake in more from endorsements that any other female athlete on the

> planet. Kourníkova, who has reached the last 16 in her last two appearances in Melbourne, faces Hungarian Rita Kuti Kis in the second round. Her chances of going at least one stage further were given a boost on Monday when 11th seed Chanda Rubin was eliminated from her quarter of the draw.

Kournikova's main rivals in the fashion stakes -- the Williams sisters, Martina Hingis and Mary Pierce -- are all in the other, much stronger half of the That gives her a great chance of at least matching her

to date, a semi-final appearance at Wimbledon in 1997. Kournikova's best showing since then came in last month's tour championships in New York, where she lost out in a tight semi-final to world number one Hingis.

Her form so far this year

however has been indifferent.

best Grand Slam performance

After reaching the final of the New Year exhibition tournament in Hong Kong, where she lost to Jelena Dokic, she crashed out of last week's warm-up tournament in Sydney in the second round. The start of the year has also seen her back in the gossip

columns with confirmation of a bust-up with former doubles partner Hingis, who is playing here with Monica Seles Kournikova's glamorous image may have played a role in

the tryst, which was reportedly sparked by Hingis's jealousy at being outshone by a player who has enjoyed only a fraction of her success.

# AUSSIE OPEN NOTEBOOK

- AFP photo

Anna Kournikova of Russia is ready to make a backhand re-

turn to Slovakian Daniela Hantchova in the Australian

MELBOURNE, Jan 15 (AFP): Australian dollars for not giving record for the expanding venue, Australian Open diary on Mon- his best -- a charge he has al- largely due to the opening of the day: Love was in the air at Mel- ways dismissed as a smear. "I new 10,000-capacity Vodafone of 61 over hosts Barbados to bourne Park on Monday. As don't think he tanked. He tried showcourt. But it was not the Andre Agassi was being cheered his best. I've got really hot in most auspicious of debuts for on by his number one fan Steffi Melbourne in the past and I got the new stadium. The first Graf, his Australian rival Lley- hot against Marat," said Staf- match lasted only five minutes ton Hewitt was out cheering on ford. "There was not a time before American Brie Rippner his paramour, young Belgian when I thought he wasn't try- sprained her ankle and was star Kim Clijsters. A bit of ro- ing." (AFP) mantic support obviously does no harm: both Agassi and Clijsters stormed into the second round in straight sets.

Open yesterday.

Jeans and dresses suit An-

Agassi also appears to have something of a love affair with Australia's famously laid-back way of life. "I enjoy the easiness, that you can really only pack a pair of jeans and make it through the whole month," he revealed after his first round win. And that's not the only thing to the Las Vegan's liking down under at this time of year. "I also like the weather ... and the sundresses." A hint perhaps to Steffi, who is rarely seen in

#### anything but trousers? SAFIN CLEARED ON

TANKING CHARGES Grant Stafford, the South African qualifier who dumped Marat Safin out of last year's tournament in the first round. has broken his silence over the tanking accusations levelled at the fans from turning up in aged to produce a blistering the Russian. After losing to Stafford, Safin was fined 3.000 attendance of 34,878 was a new own legs to win the point.

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#### MELBOURNE WEATHER LIVES UP TO REPUTATION ...

Fears of an Australian Open heatwave that would have the stars collapsing on the Melbourne Park courts proved to be unfounded as the city's notoriously fickle weather lived up to its 'four seasons in one day' reputation.

Temperatures that edged into the 40s on Sunday halved overnight and a stiff breeze meant conditions were bordering on chilly as the action got underway under an overcast sky on Monday morning. "It was like being back in London," quipped Britain's Tim

#### .. BUT FANS KEEP COMING

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forced to retire, handing Monica Seles the easiest of first round victories.

CASH DIPLOMACY Pat Cash would be well advised not to harbour any hopes of moving into diplomacy now that his tennis playing days are

behind him. After causing a furore by describing Lindsay Davenport as being built like a shot-putter, the former Wimbledon champion attempted to patch things up Monday by expressing the somewhat optimistic hope that "she doesn't take it as anything

### personal."

SHOT OF THE DAY Galo Blanco's Australian Open ended on the first day with a four-sets defeat by US Open champion Marat Safin. But the Spaniard will go away with the memory of having pulled off one of the shots of the tournament. Chasing down a Safin lob in the sixth game of The weather did not deter the second set, Blanco man-

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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.

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for

