

Imran's money on Australia

KARACHI, Jan 22: Former Pakistan captain Imran Khan said Monday Australia's overall talent made them favourites in the upcoming Test series against India, reports AFP.

BCCI issues Aussies' dates

NEW DELHI, Jan 22: India's cricket chiefs on Monday overcame dissent in their ranks to finally announce details of the Australian tour, barely three weeks before the tourists arrive here, reports AFP.

Anand, Shirov share points

WIJE AAN ZEE, Jan 22: FIDE world champion Viswanathan Anand of India drew against Alexander Morozov of Russia in round seven of the Corus Chess tournament on Sunday, reports AP.



SCARY! An official removes a flare thrown by a spectator during Australian Open doubles match involving Russia's Anna Kournikova and Babara Schett against Japan's Shinobu Asagoe and Yuka Yoshida yesterday.

Proteas rout

From page 13 Test had been a big blow. Sangakkara, promoted to open the batting in place of out-of-form captain Sanath Jayasuriya, was Sri Lanka's lone hero Monday.

McDonalds sponsor Boycott

KARACHI, Jan 22: US fast food chain McDonalds will add spice to the much hyped coaching stint of former England player Geoff Boycott in Pakistan, officials said Monday, reports AFP.

me this is a waste of money," said Mohammad, Pakistan's coach in the 1999 World Cup. Alan asked: "Who will follow up once Boycott leaves? If Boycott is that valuable why has England never appointed him their team's coach?"



GEOFF BOYCOTT

Khagrachhari football

From Our Correspondent KHAGRACHHARI, Jan 22: Mitranga upazila outplayed Chandrabi up-2-0 in the Khagrachhari Senior football league at the local stadium today.

Flare scare down under Sisters in last eight

MELBOURNE, Jan 22: Venus Williams showed a killer instinct Monday to dump Amelie Mauresmo and book an Australian Open quarterfinal place, reports AFP.

Australia 'disturbed'

MELBOURNE, Jan 22: The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) said on Monday it was "disturbed" by claims from a former Pakistan player that an Australian bookmaker used prostitutes to help persuade foreign players to under-perform in matches, reports AFP.

month. The ICC will have its quarterly meeting in Melbourne next month. Speed said the most disturbing aspect of the claims was the suggestion an Australian bookmaker was involved.

The new approach brought him the equal fastest hundred in the history of South African Test cricket. He was playing in his 51st Test -- the longest wait ever for a maiden Test century.

AUSSIE OPEN NOTEBOOK

MELBOURNE, Jan 22 (AFP): Damir Dokic just doesn't give up. His colourful ravings are well documented and now he's reportedly launching a website, www.damirdokic.net.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for South Africa, Sri Lanka, and Bowler, showing scores and statistics for the 3rd day of the Test match.

Gough in charge

LONDON, Jan 22 (Internet report): Darren Gough will captain a side for the first time in his career when an international under lights provides the showpiece to his benefit year this summer.



Amanda Coetzer of South Africa makes a backhand return against Argentinian Paola Suarez at the Australian Open yesterday.

Shaun told to bat like Botham

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 22: Shaun Pollock's amazing century off just 95 balls against Sri Lanka on Saturday can be ascribed to the advice he received from his father, Peter, and his uncle, Graeme, both famous Test cricketers.

BACK TO SCHOOL FOR ARNAUD

France's Arnaud Clement obviously spent more of his school days polishing his forehead than learning English. Struggling through a press conference after reaching the quarter-finals, he tried to explain that he had to change his shirts regularly during matches because he sweats easily.

SERENA PATS HERSELF ON THE BACK

Serena Williams is not shy about blowing her own trumpet. Since her arrival in Australia the 19-year-old has referred to herself as "obviously" a great player and compared her and sister Venus's exploits to tennis legend Martina Navratilova.

MOYA STICKS UP FOR HIMSELF

Carlos Moya has had a torrid time with injuries which saw his year-end ranking plummet from a career high five in 1998 to 41 last year. He also lost his position as Spain's best player. It was that more than anything else that ruffled the 24-year-old. "Maybe they moved ahead of me but I'm the only one

Kournikova, Hewitt fined

MELBOURNE, Jan 22: Tennis pin-up girl Anna Kournikova has been fined 2,000 US dollars for being coached from the sidelines during her fourth round win against doubles partner Barbara Schett, reports AFP.

SPEED NOT EVERYTHING

Power still does not count

CRYPTOQUIP

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN I WAS INFORMED THAT I'D INHERITED FIFTY PIG FARMS, I SIMPLY WENT HOG-WILD. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals E

Crossword puzzle grid and clues by Eugene Sheffer. Includes 'ACROSS' and 'DOWN' clues and a 'CRYPTOQUIP' section.