gone in the past.

"It's this question of desire

"It came back to her. She

Capriati beat world No.1

lost it for a while, but it's now

JAMAICA, Jan 27 (Internet) report): West Indies Cricket Board president Pat Rousseau says a decision will be made next month on the team's captaincy for the forthcoming home series against South Africa.

Current captain Jimmy Adams is under pressure after heavy series losses in England and Australia, but Rousseau said there is no rush to make a decision on the captaincy and that normal procedures will be followed.

He said the matter is not an item at a WICB meeting in Grenada next Monday and would not be addressed before the board received reports from the management team on the current tour to Australia.

"We will wait until the reports from the manager (Ricky Skerritt) and coaches (Roger Harper and Jeff Dujon) are in. and I expect the board to make an announcement on the captain in the middle of February. Rousseau said.

"After we get the recommendation from the selectors, we will have conference calls with the chief executive officer, getting in touch with all the directors. We wouldn't necessarily have a meeting for that one

I think there is plenty of time to deal with it, so we don't propose to take it on at our meeting in Grenada because it's not on the agenda," Rousseau

Interest in the appointment of the captain has heightened with the team's failures in Aus-

Reports this week quoted Adams as saying he would be willing to step down if the decision-makers want him replaced.

"If that (a change of captaincy) is seen by the powers that be as the way to go, then my support would be there. 100 per cent." Adams told reporters.

Dutch Cup Ajax bow

out AMSTERDAM, Jan 27: Vitesse Arnhem beat Ajax Amsterdam 2-1 in the third round of the Dutch Cup on Friday thanks to a golden goal from Belgian striker Gert Claessens on his debut, reports Reuters.

Jennifer comes

From page 13 She claimed her second break to go 3-0 up when a Hingis net cord fell in Capriati's

The American was dictating the rallies, pushing Hingis around the court. The fourth game went to deuce. A powerful forehand winner gave Capriati advantage and a wayward Hingis backhand put her 4-0 on

Hingis began finding her range in the fifth game and finally got off the mark when Capraiti fired a backhand return long.

Capriati held to go 5-1. Hingis clawed it back to 2-5 and then had her first break points on the Capriati serve. A pinpoint crosscourt forehand gave her the game but she let it slip in the next, missing bread and butter shots to give Ca-

They were saved though and Hingis volleyed to pull it back to 4-5. Capriati held firm and

priati two set points.

served out to take the set. Capriati started the second set with the same determination she showed in the first, chasing down every ball. A delicate lob saved a Hingis game point before the Swiss star held.

She levelled 1-1 as Hingis played some lacklustre shots. The top seed's frustration boiled over when she missed a powerful Capriati serve and threw her racquet in disgust.

A disputed line call followed as the Hingis nerves frayed. had planned to resume on Capriati had a chance for a Thursday, but was prevented break point in the third but from doing so after former netted a drop shot after the South African cricket captain rally of the match. A series of Hansie Cronje successfully long rallies followed before Hinargued in the Cape High Court gis snatched the game for a 2-1 that both his lawyers had to be present.

To jeers from the crowd Hingis lost her cool again over a linecall as she struggled to hold her serve while 2-2. A double fault gave Capriati the crucial break she was looking for. Capriati held for 4-2. Hingis

also held for 4-3. Hingis was being hammered from the baseline and changed tactics, trying drop shots but

they were either short of Capriati reached them. Capriati's serve was unstoppable as she moved to within

one game of the championship. A backhand winner ended her Grand Slam drought.

India alter

From page 13

on April 7. Waugh considers the Indian tour the last unconquered frontier for his world-beating

team. Australia, who recently secured a record 15-match winning streak, have not won a Test series in India in 31 years. Australia last visited India three years ago when Mark

Taylor's side were beaten 2-1. Meanwhile, former Australian fast bowler Dennis Lillee, who has a cricket school in india, says his compatriots are

"on a high". He told the Press Trust of India: "I have watched them walk out on the field, and their approach to bowling, batting

and fielding. "It is hard to beat them and they are coming at full steam to win the series in India.

Gough all geared up

for another winter bowler. tour of toil and signed to nullify his threat.

pictured looking upwards for change for England in recent divine intervention more than once during England's triumphant tour of Pakistan before Christmas with the wickets becoming increasingly slow and unresponsive to his efforts.

He still managed to claim 10 wickets, more victims than any other seamer during the series. and re-established himself as England's premier strike bowler after an inconsistent tour to South Africa the previous win-

After a well-earned rest during the intervening six weeks, however, Gough is packing up again to set out with the rest of the England squad next Tuesday for another eight weeks in Sri Lanka for three Tests and three one-day internationals.

"It's going to be very tough out there," he conceded. "They don't have the same seam at- years." tack as Pakistan so I suppose Using Gough in short, sharp

LONODN. Jan 27 and people tell me the heat and (Internet report): humidity are incredible so Darren Gough is maybe I will have to be used in bracing himself shorter spells as a strike

"I imagine myself and Craig sweat as he prepares for an- White will be used like that and other gruelling workload on Sri Andrew Caddick will get the Lankan pitches specifically de- lion's share of the bowling, but we may not even play three The sturdy fast bowler was seamers which will be a big



DARREN GOUGH

and turn more than they did tecting their premier bowler Sanath Jayasuriya and "It's the only place I've never desire in that climate, allowing and if we get it wrong it's not been to on the cricket circuit him to run up at full pelt rather going to be much fun.

than conserve energy with a longer spell.

It has been a long-running battle between England's management and Gough to try and prevent him burning out too soon, but after being successful with his approach for most of the last decade, he is unlikely to change his ways now.

"I've been told I shouldn't come in full pelt all the time but I believe it's my job to take wickets," stressed Gough.

"That's the way I play my cricket and that's what I'll try and do in Sri Lanka. "I've been told I should be more defensive at times, but I'm not Glenn McGrath or Shaun

Pollock, I'm Darren Gough and

what you get is what you see. "This tour is a far bigger challenge than we had in Pakistan. We've got to contend with the humid conditions, which everyone says it's the worst place in the world to play be-

cause of the heat. "They are a totally different side at home to the one that's been playing recently in South Africa, where they are playing on fast and bouncy wickets.

"When we get to Sri Lanka. I can't see the ball carrying very far and it will be hard work for all the seamers.

"We're going to get flat the wickets will be even slower bursts could be a way of pro- pitches and have players like from his own enthusiasm and Aravinda de Silva coming at us

Craving for Sachin consistency

SYDNEY, Jan 26 (Internet report): Brian Lara may be the be not performing, but I think world's most exciting batsman, but the West Indies star aims to much better person and much sistency of Indian champion what's happening." he said. Sachin Tendulkar to elevate his status in the final phase of his his cricket more now than he

Lara, who holds the Testrecord score of 375 and a firstclass-record score of 501, said that although he is comfortable that the nature of his batting often means he makes very few runs or plenty, he needs to do more to be considered among the game's elite.

"I'd like to be a Tendulkar or someone like that, someone who can go out to the middle and keep scoring. If he doesn't get a hundred he gets 30, 40. Lara told ABC radio yesterday. "But I'm also happy to be the player that I am.

"Scoring 500 runs in a game or 375 runs in a game is something special and I've got to be able to take the good with the bad, and I'm quite happy with it. (But) as a top-flight player you want to be considered not only as someone who could turn on great performances, but someone who's been consistent over the years, and I haven't been able to measure up to that as yet.

"But hopefully in the last part of my career I'll be able to

do that.' On Friday, Lara made his third first-ball duck on what has been a disappointing tour for a player of talent, but he said the troughs no longer ate away at him as they once did.

Jan 27 (Internet

report): The King

cricket corruption

Commission

planned to resume its public

hearing on match-fixing on

Monday, 19 February, provided

the various legal teams were

available, it said on Wednesday.

Retired Judge Edwin King

Malcolm Wallis SC and Les-

until the week of 19 February

because of previous commit-

wards prepare a final report

She said King would after- ress"

be the commission's last.

lie Sackstein were not available was present - even if there

Shamilla Batohi, who was fact the International Cricket

leading evidence on behalf of Council (ICC) was still investi-

the commission, told she ex- gating the worldwide match-

pected the upcoming session to fixing and betting racket and

"It's not the ideal situation to be away when that happens." ... mentally I am definitely a

had for years, having surren- definitely trying to lead the way dered the burden of the captaincy to Jimmy Adams, adding that he did not plan to retire until he had played a part in rescuing the West Indies from the despair of recent tours. "I'm only 31, a few personal

records are coming up as I get older, and I'd like to achieve these things." he said.



BRIAN LARA

"But most importantly, I cricket in the state it is in. We're got a lot of future, and I'd like to be a part of that rebuilding stage. I wouldn't like to

EDWIN KING

wasn't sufficient evidence to

was "making much more prog-

Batohi sought comfort in the

warrant a finalisation."

To that end, Lara see great potential in the talent of young players such as Marlon Sadraw inspiration from the con- more equipped to deal with muels and Ramnaresh Sarwan. and is discovering the role he Lara said he was enjoying can play in their development. "My contribution will be

with the bat because what I've realised is a lot young batsmen seem very comfortable batting with me in the middle," Lara "Maybe I need to spend a lot

more time nurturing their innings for them."

But the Trinidadian said the players had to help themselves first. Here, he cited the other great batsman of the past decade - aside from himself and Tendulkar - as the example to follow. "You need to be rock-solid

mentally, you need to be a Steve Waugh," Lara said.

"(Waugh's) not the greatest looking batter in the world but he's rock-solid mentally. And you know, you can never get him out, and you wonder why sometimes. He's still in there and you wonder why.

As usual, off-field controversy and the public spotlight has followed Lara on this tour of Australia, but the gifted lefthander is becoming more comfortable with the demands of his fame.

"These things hurt, but would hate to leave West Indies suppose that's the price you've got to pay if you're going to be playing at this level, and people expect certain things from you. he said.

King Inquiry to sit in Feb investigators now to clear up the game as they have a wider pool of resources with no re-

strictions," she revealed. She said she had been hindered in gathering evidence and returned from India emptyhanded because local police there refused to give her copies of tapes that implicated Cronje in match-fixing.

They had asked for samples of Cronje's voice in return for handing over the tapes, which she had been unable to deliver. "There are still no developments," Batohi said.

"We're still battling to get evidence from the Indians, and if they haven't succumbed to our requests - which were put through the right legal channels - by now, I don't think we will get anything from

Nevertheless, the commission still had other evidence to salvage the inquiry, said Batohi, adding that a forensic audit trail into the accounts of cricket administrators and top players would be presented to "We (the commission) can't the commission at the next based for whatever evidence do much now. It's up to the ICC hearing.



Jonas Bjorkman (L) of Sweden and Australian Todd Woodbridge pose with their trophies after the Australian Open men's doubles final yesterday. - AFP photo

Todd-Jonas lift doubles

crown MELBOURNE, Jan 27: Australian Todd Woodbridge won his 12th Grand Slam title when he teamed with new Swedish

partner Jonas Bjorkman to win the Australian Open men's doubles final here Saturday. reports AFP. Fourth seeds Bjorkman and Woodbridge beat No.14 seeds Byron Black of Zimbabwe and David Prinosil of Germany to

win 6-1, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 in two hours 52 minutes. It was the first time Woodbridge had linked with Bjorkman at a Grand Slam since the retirement of his long-time Australian doubles partner Mark Woodforde after the Syd-

ney Olympics. "I hadn't thought of retiring with Mark because I'm still only 29 and I still feel like I have majors in me, like one today, and I feel I have some more, so that was the driving force of not going with Mark," said Woodbridge.

"Jonas is bringing me out of my shell a bit. He makes me dance on the court, occasionally I put my hat on backwards and I let my shirt out, all the stuff I didn't do before.

"He's a lot of fun and I enjoy playing with him because he gives 110 percent and that was one of the things that was important to me.

Bjorkman, who has now won three Australian Open doubles titles, the others with Dutchman Jacco Eltingh and Australian Pat Rafter, said it was a great opportunity to partner Woodbridge.

"Unfortunately, Mark finally took the step to retire, but for me it's gets me to another point in my doubles career as well, that I get the feeling of winning the big ones more often and not only in Melbourne." Bjorkman

Boris in thick of things

LONDON, Jan 27: Former tennis champion Boris Becker has reported to a paternity test clinic in London as part of his legal battle with a Russian model, Britain's Daily Mail newspaper said Saturday, reports AFP.

The paper pictured the German tennis star walking to the Medical Express Clinic in Harley Street on Thursday. The clinic offers "walk-in" DNA testing to establish identity of parents. Angela Ermakova, 33,

claims the three-time Wimbledon champion is father of her nine-month-old daughter Anna and launched legal action to force Becker to undergo a paternity test.

Becker, also 33, divorced his wife of seven years, Barbara. earlier this week. They are to share custody of their two sons. Ermakova, who lives in London, claims her child is the

result of a brief encounter with Becker at a restaurant in the The mass-circulation German daily Bild has published

photos of the child which. like Becker, has red hair and blue It reported that Becker flew to London on Wednesday and met with Ermakova's attorneys at the law firm Mishcon de

preliminary hearing is scheduled here for February 5. However, the Daily Mail said Becker flew in Thursday morning, went to the clinic where he spent 30 minutes. had lunch at an exclusive res-

back to London's Heathrow airport. The paper said Ermakova arrived at the same clinic three hours later, with Anna, spending an hour there.

taurant, then caught a taxi

Kasparov grabs

advantage WIJK AAN ZEE. Netherlands. Jan 27: Garry Kasparov

of Russia took advantage of blunders by Dutchman Jan Timman to win in the 11" round of the Corus Chess Tournament Friday, reports AP.

The win, combined with Alexel Shirov's loss to Vassily Ivanchuk, give Kasparov a halfpoint lead over Shirov and Alexander Morozevich of Russia. "For a while, I played like a

computer," Kasparov said afterward of the early part of the game. This was not meant as boasting, and by more 20 he thought that he was "strategically nearly lost." seemed that Timman made a weak move every five

Timmon's 25th move, which "I don't understand" and of Timman's 30th move, which was "quite ridiculous. Timman's 35" move was also weak and Kasparov had the advantage. Timman's final

blunder came on move 42 and

moves. Kasparov was critical of

he resigned on move 47. Ivanchuk sacrificed a piece for a vicious attack against Shirov, who had to return it to get his king to safety. But he was still positionally lost against Ivanchuk's powerful bishops. Ivanchuk gave up the bishop

pair to win a pawn on the

queenside and then shepherded

his own a-pawn up the board while Shirov's attempts at counterplay on the kingside came to nought. Morozevich got nothing from the opening with the white pieces against Bulgaria's Veselin Topalov. He wound up losing a pawn and counting on

secure the draw. Morozevich has scored an amazing 5.5 points out of six | 35 Guy with the black pieces, and only 1.5 points of five with White.

She can smile at last



ing again for Jennifer Capriati after her memora-

Open on Saturday. Capriati, one of sport's most trangement. high-profile cases of teenage dillusionment and burn-out, ther to share her special mo- enport in the semifinal to earn capped a recovery from her ment after firing a backhand a win that lifts her back into

ble victory over Martina Hingis in the final of the Australian

"From here on I will always have the belief in myself that I and will and she has all this." can do anything and won't be he said.

afraid in any match that I go The triumph also cemented back in her and I hope it will a reunion with her father-coach last for a long time. She has Stefano after periods of es- worked real hard for this."

Capriati ran to hug her fa- Hingis and No.2 Lindsay Dav-



have a lot of time to recover

with her and you are moving so

set later on when she started coming back, but I got a second

ness. Maybe before if I wasn't

feeling that well physically I

would have fallen out there by

and I wasn't going to let my

Capriati won the Olympic

Did the Australian Open tri-

have been thinking about that.

But I think it's just too far

"I was gasping for breath at times and I got tired in the first

"It had a lot to do with fit-

much more," Capriati said.

the second set. "I've had good starts against her before and then I just fell out, but this time I knew I was TURNING FULL CIRCLE: Jennifer Capriati displays the playing in a Grand Slam final

wind.

lead go."

maiden Grand Slam title. - AFP photo dark years of drugs and be- return winner to take the havioural problems to claim her championship. first Grand Slam and crown one

Australian Open women's trophy. This was the American's

a career born again after her much heralded foray into the pro circuit as a 13-year-old.

Capriati beamed after her 6-4,

"I believe it, but then I can't believe it at the same time.

"I wouldn't be here if it wasumph now supplant that? "I

of the great comebacks in ten- n't for him. I don't know if I could have done with any other For 24-year-old Capriati it is coach. He's helped me in my game so much.

Stefano basked in his is a new life, a different life. It's

gold medal in Barcelona in 1992 and has rated it as her greatest achievement.

"Today he was looking on apart.

more as my dad than as my

daughter's great sporting actually winning something for 6-3 victory over top seeded achievement after all that had the first time again."

"That (gold medal) actually seems like another life. So this

All bodes well for Andre



MELBOURNE, if there was a danger of a let- history of tennis, but when I'm Jan 27: Andre down in the final. Agassi is an overite to win Sun- play outside themselves and

Clement, but he says he's too to regroup," said Agassi. practical and focused to take winning for granted, reports

Agassi is chasing his third have two days and a whole dif- I'll find some reserves," he said. Australian title and will join a ferent style of player to contend group of illustrious players with. including John McEnroe, John Newcombe and Mats Wilander if he wins his seventh Grand Slam tournament

He is after back-to-back titles having beaten 1999 champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov in last year's final. Agassi needs no reminding

of Clement's ability. He has lost the last two of his four encounters with the 15th seeded Frenchman. Clement ousted Agassi from last year's US Open in straight sets in the second round and

prevailed again when Agassi

retired with a hip injury in their

semifinal at Lyon last Novem-

Clement fought his way into the final from two sets down to overhaul his close friend Sebastien Grosjean in a marathon four hour eight minute five-set semifinal on Friday.

Agassi, who has seen Pete Sampras, Gustavo Kuerten, Marat Safin and Kafelnikov come and go here, now has his eves on the big prize.

Following his come-from behind five-set win over Patrick Rafter in Thursday's semifinal

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on the other side of the net he's "Someone of less experience just another player," said 23whelming favour- could fall victim to that if they year-old Clement

Open final against Arnaud where all of a sudden they have Grosjean in the semifinal, he "But I don't struggle with factor in the final. that. While it was certainly a great match against Rafter. I

to take anything for granted."

after his amazing escape against Grosjean saving he was ready to take on Agassi.

Even though he toiled for day's Australian have just an incredible match over four hours to subdue

said fatigue would not be a "Even if I'm a bit tired, for a final of a Grand Slam I'm sure

On his last matches with Agassi, Clement said:" From a "I'm too practical and fo- tactical point of view I was able cused on what I'm trying to do to find things that bothered him, but he's obviously in bet-Clement came off the court ter form now than what he was last year.

Agassi said he was surprised to see Clement reach the final, "Agassi and (Pete) Sampras but he praised his form over the



A one-day friendly snooker competition between players from Nepal and Narayanganj Club was held at the club yesterday. The players who took part in the meet were (L-R) Ganga Thapa, Rajju Shrestha, Russell, Anwar, Shahalam, Rajesh

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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.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals U

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