#### REUTERS, New Delhi

Indian and Australian cricketers are to play a one-day game to raise funds for survivors of last month's earthquake in western India, a government statement said on head Sir Paul Condon said here Thursday.

would be between the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) | World Cup. and Australian Cricket Board (ACB), but the date and venue has his hand-picked unit of six had yet to be finalised.

would be utilised for relief and | tarnished the game in the past rehabilitation in the areas affected | year. by the earthquake in Gujarat on January 26," the statement added.

Cricket Foundation cancelled a | din for accepting money to foreproposed three-nation one-day cast matches. series in Sharjah, involving bitter rivals India and Pakistan, to raise | going on six months ago have funds for the quake victims.

The cancellation came after local media reported that Sports Minister Uma Bharti was opposed | umpires," Condon said. to the national team's participation in the tournament.

Earlier reports say, the Australian cricket team management in India ruled out playing an additional game on the tour for the purpose.

Waugh said he would ask his players to get out of their rooms and get a feel of India, it's people and conditions.

"On previous tours we stayed too much in our hotel and did not experience what life was like in India," he said.

"But I will talk to the boys and get them to go out a bit. You never really get used to the amount of the people.

### FIFA man appeals for calm

AFP, Seoul

The FIFA coordinator for the 2002 World Cup appealed Thursday for co-hosts Japan and South Korea to be left to end their differences in peace to make sure the event is a success.

Speaking at the launch of international ticket sales in Seoul. Peter Velappan, who is also general secretary of the Asian Football Confederation, said a dispute between South Korea and Japan over whose name comes first on tickets was "a little problem."

"I don't think this little problem should be given so much at-'tention," said Velappan, who is in charge of efforts by the international governing body, FIFA, to make the two rivals work together.

"We are working very hard to try to solve this with Korea and Japan. We should concentrate on the organisation of the World Cup as there are only 470 days left to the start," said Velappan.

"We should be thinking about ticket sales and stadium preparations," said the FIFA official.

The World Cup finals will start on May 31, 2002 with South Korea and Japan each hosting 32 matches.

Under a deal which saw Japan get the final, the official title of the event is the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea/Japan. But the Japanese organising committee has insisted on using Japan's name first on tickets to be sold in Japan.

Japan has said it will wait to get a final decision in the dispute from a FIFA executive committee meeting in March. South Korea has countered that it might seek to get the final taken away from Ja-

But Velappan predicted the 2002 tournament, the first in Asia, would be "the best football festival

ever." He added: "We expect the stadiums to be full and Korea and Japan are working very hard to make this the most memorable World Cup."

### BD-Nepal score FROM PAGE 13

Sharif	9	1	25	2	
Talha	2	0	16	1	
Shafiul	9	1	31	1	
Rana	9	0	29	1	
Ashraful	5	1	24	0	
Shariful	2	0	12	1	
BANGLADESH					
Nafeez c Kutuwal b Manjeet				6	
Ashraful b Siddique				42	
Shafiul not out				83	
Siddique run out				22	
Jahurul not out				6	
Extras:(w-14, nb-3)				17	
Total:(for 3 wkts in 31.5 overs) 176					
Did not h					

Mohammed Shariff, MB Mortaza, Talha Jubair, Hasibul Haque, KM

Islam Rana. Fall of wicket: 1-7; 2-99; 3-149 Basnet Manjeer Khatri Gaughan Siddique Kutuwal Shrestha Lama Result: Bangladesh U-17 won

by 7 wickets Man-of-the-match: Shafiul

Umpires: Hassan Javed Saqibi and Sawkatur Rahman

### ACU ahead of time

Cricket

AGENCIES, Auckland

International Cricket Council's (ICC) Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) Thursday he was confident he is The statement said the match on track to clean up the game well inside his target date of the 2003

Condon told reporters he and already seen a reduction in the The proceeds from the match | suspicious activities which had

Investigations have led to the banning of Test captains Hansie Earlier this month, the Asian | Cronje and Mohammad Azharud-

> "The sort of things that were stopped, the funny calls to cricket grounds, trying to get into the groundsman, trying to get into

"We're on track. Certainly before the next World Cup, I would hope we'll have in place new recommendations that will help avoid this."

The former London Metropolitan Police chief was in New Zealand after the International Cricket Council's (ICC) executive meeting in Melbourne to meet with New Zealand Cricket's anticorruption pair of retired judge Sir lan Barker and lawyer Nick David-

They were still to talk to former past 20 years. New Zealand captain Martin Crowe, accused of accepting to a conclusion, we draw a linemoney for providing match in- under the past and we restore formation.

money was for a newspaper col- he said.

with Crowe, saying it was up to up to this problem.

2002

FIFA WORLD CUP

Ticket sales for the 2002 World

Cup have had an inauspicious

kick-off as Internet applications in

host nations Japan and South

Korea were delayed and fans

grumbled about their slim chance

possible that I'll get a ticket," said

Koichi Yoshida, a 25-year-old man

queuing outside FIFA's official

World Cup shop in Tokyo's Shi-

"The number available is very

Applications for around three

million of the tickets, among the

most coveted in world sport,

Greenwich Mean Time on Thurs-

sell many of them over the Inter-

local government offices -- for at

net for the first time.

least two or three days.

world soccer body FIFA aiming to spend."

"I think it's pretty much im-

REUTERS. Tokyo/ Seoul

of seeing a live game.

buya district.

Barker and Davidson to conduct the New Zealand inquiries.

Condon has assembled a highprofile team including three former detectives whose jobs had taken them around the world to to think corruption would be investigate crime.

"It's a small unit but I think we can punch way above our weight. It's a good group, they're well networked around the world," he

Condon will report his team's



SIR PAUL CONDON

conduct commission head Lord Griffith in London in April, who will in turn report to the ICC.

Condon, whose team has been in action three months and has spoken to players, umpires and groundsmen around the world, believed suspicious activities had been taking place in cricket for the

"At some stage we bring all this hopefully the credibility and Crowe said he believed the reputation of cricket worldwide,"

Condon wouldn't be speaking resolve within world cricket to face

Surfing for seats held up

"FIFA took the decision to de-

lav the start of the sale in Korea

and Japan on the Internet on the

grounds that the system must be

foolproof and the interests of the

consumer must always be taken

into account." FIFA said in a

plication forms on a chilly Tokyo

morning were pessimistic about

their chances of getting a seat for

the first-ever World Cup jointly

apply for tickets in the hope of

emerging as a lucky winner in a

random draw later in the year. In

Japan, World Cup organisers ex-

pect to receive around five million

applications for the 630,000 tickets

220,000 will be available for gen-

eral applications by residents of

tickets available for Japanese sup-

porters considering it's being held

in Japan," said Chiho Inoue, 33, a

company employee also in the

poll found as many as nine million

fans wanted tickets, businessman

Moon Yong-ho, 36, was first in line

for an application at a launching

guy to apply." Moon said, "It's

This is the first World Cup of the

The fans lining up for applica-

Organisers in Korea were con-

fident of having enough applica-

tion forms in Tokyo, were nearly

"I'm very happy to be the first

ceremony held as a blizzard blan-

keted Seoul with deep snow.

In South Korea, where a recent

Of those, however, only around

"I don't think there are enough

For the moment, fans can only

hosted by two nations.

Japanese fans queuing for ap-

statement.

available.

opened internationally at 0001 expensive ves, but it's worth it.

day -- (just after midnight British century and as a citizen of one of

time and 9:01 a.m. in Japan -- with the host nations, I'm willing to

But shortly before the planned outnumbered by journalists but

start. FIFA said Web site glitches they have until mid-March to ap-

meant that fans Korea and Japan ply. Winners will be notified

would be left to rely on good old- around June and will receive their

fashioned paper application forms tickets, costing upwards of 60

-- available at post offices and dollars, around April next year.

"The vast majority of cricketers are sick and tired of the general smear on the game, and what it does for their reputations."

Condon said it would be naive eliminated completely.

One of his top priorities was for the ICC to produce a video for young players warning them of the

"Corruption in anything is about opportunity and human weakness. Neither of those things will ever disappear," he said.

"The challenge is to keep it to an irreducible minimum and think we're well on the way to "Sadly there are still things to

come out. Our message is: We will protect the good guys, but if anyone is still out there, they're taking one hell of a risk. We're serious." Condon met with eight of the

10 Test captains in Melbourne on Monday and also sat in on the interview with Australian batsman Mark Waugh, who allegedly accepted money from a bookmaker. Separate investigations in each

country were continuing at varying rates, including criminal inquiries in India and England. Approaches made to former England Test player Chris Lewis were being looked at.

There was also a judicial inquiry in Pakistan into the 1999 World Cup, particularly the match where Bangladesh beat Pakistan. South Africa's King Commission, which heard the allegations against Cronje, was soon to re-

He was confident the upcoming New Zealand-Pakistan series would be free of any controversy.

"I have nothing to suggest that "I genuinely believe there is a anything untoward is going to happen in New Zealand but we'll be watching," he said.

tion forms to meet demand, but

availability in Tokyo appeared

patchy with some post offices

running out of forms within min-

tion process for international fans,

accounting for around half the

ticket total, was going ahead as

planned, but Japan's organisers

must apologise to the people,

Yasuhiko Endo, secretary-general

of Japan's World Cup organising

body, told a news conference,

blaming problems with two com-

puter servers in Amsterdam and

He said the servers would be

tested again on Saturday and he

hoped the problems would be

1.3 million or so tickets being sold

in Japan and Korea, is an early

blow to FIFA's hopes of shifting

ticket sales for its showcase event

to the Internet -- a process that

promises to be hugely compli-

were not the first to hit prepara-

organisers with plans to print "Ja-

pan" before "Korea" on official

documents, including ticket appli-

cations for the finals, although it

now appears to have backed

down. Korea was written before

Japan on the cover of application

forms available in Japan on

had agreed to allow Japan to host

the final game, but named the

event the Korea/Japan World Cup

as compensation for South Korea.

played from May 31 to June 30

2002, will span 20 cities in the two

countries, posing a logistics chal-

lenge that has already mobilised

team officials hunting for an edge

in training grounds, hotels and

Korean organisers said FIFA

The World Cup finals, to be

tions for the 2002 World Cup.

Thursday's teething problems

Japan recently angered Korean

But the glitch, which affects the

"We are disappointed and we

were forced to apologise.

Los Angeles.

cated.

Thursday.

ironed out by then.

FIFA said the Internet applica

#### Schools cricket

### Rubayet goes on rampage

SPORTS REPORTER

A blazing hundred from Rubayet Haque guided Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) to a huge 151-run win over AK High School in a Dhaka Metropolis qualifying match of the Standard Chartered Grindlays Bank 19th National Schools Cricket Championship at the Police Lines ground in Uttara yesterday.

He scored an unbeaten 106 off just 29 balls as BKSP piled up a mammoth 297 for five in the stipulated 35 overs after electing to bat first.

Along the way the middleorder batsman hammered 14 sixes and three boundaries.

Dhiman Ghosh chipped in with 69 off 56 balls while Ashique added 42.

In reply, AK High were all out for 146 in 35 overs with one-down Jewel scoring highest 30. BKSP's Tanvir captured three for 19. In another match, Sourav

Smriti High School whitewashed Siddeshwari High School by 141 runs at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

Batting first, Sourav Smriti High piled up 285 for six in 35 overs with middle-order Kabir hitting 90 not out.

Siddeshwari High could muster only 144 runs before being dismissed in 27 overs.

> SCORES IN BRIEF BKSP v AK High School

BKSP: 297 for 5 in 35 overs (Rubayet 106 n.o., Dhiman 69, Ashique 42 n.o.)

\* AK HIGH SCHOOL: 146 all out in 35 overs (Jewel 30, Tanvir 3/19) Result: BKSP won by 151 runs. Sourav Smriti High School v

Siddeshwari High School

SOURAV SMRITI SCHOOL: 285 for 6 in 35 overs (Kabir 90 n.o., Rubel 45, Babu 42) SIDDESHWARI HIGH SCHOOL: 144 all out in 27 overs (Sohag 52, Rubel 3/16)

Result: Sourav Smriti High School won by 141 runs.

### Pepsi won't bid for Premiership

REUTERS, London

U.S. soft drinks giant Pepsi has pulled out of the bidding to sponsor the Premier League next sea-

"While the Premier League is a great property, we are not involved in bidding," a company spokesman said on Wednesday. "We are already well covered in

that sector by our partnership with Manchester United and our association with global stars like David Beckham." Last month brewing giants

Budweiser also ended negotiations with the league, whose current sponsorship deal with

Carling, the lager brand owned by British brewers Bass, runs out at the end of this season. The Premier League has re-

fused to reveal the identity of other companies involved in the bidding process.

### Early exit for Pierce

REUTERS, Doha

Czech Adriana Gersi, the world number 77, stunned world num ber eight and second seed Mary Pierce of France 6-4, 5-7, 6-0 in the second round of the Qatar Open vesterday. "I am at a loss to explain my

defeat. I really don't know what happened," Pierce said. "Gersi played well and that

helped her to win the important points."

Pierce, a former French and Australian Open winner who has lost in the third round of this year's Australian Open and was knocked out of the second round of the Paris Open earlier this month, said that she lacked match practice.

"I haven't been playing well in recent months. I feel I am short of match practice." Pierce, who entered the main

draw on a wild card, stormed to an early 3-0 lead, but was then broken three times to lose the set in 33 minutes. Pierce fought back in the sec-

after Gersi again broke her three times, to win the next four games and take the set 7-5. However in the deciding set Pierce was again broken three

ond set, despite being down 5-3

times by Gersi who won the set 6-Gersi, 24, was surprised at her

victory. "I have surprised myself. This

is my first victory over a player in the top 10," she said. "I don't usually plan much for

my matches. I just play my natural game and that's what I did today. "There was no pressure at all on me. It is a good win and it is certainly a confidence booster." In other matches third-seeded

Frenchwoman Sandrine Testud defeated Miriam Oremans of the Netherlands 7-5, 6-1 to set up a match with Tunisian wild card entrant Selima Sfar who knocked out Bulgaria's Lubomira Bacheva 6-4, 6-4.

### Pitch doesn't worry 'em

### Cricket

AFP, Bombay

Australian captain Steve Waugh on Thursday predicted victory over India in the upcoming series, saying his world-beating team could play quality cricket on any

"It does not matter what type of wickets the Indians prepare, we are capable of winning on any

matches, are looking for their first. Australian attack led by seasoned series win on Indian soil in 31 fast bowler Glenn McGrath and

They will play three Test matches, five one-day internationals and three warm-up matches during the gruelling tour on earlier tours. which ends on April 6.

Waugh said he considered the keep low as the game progresses. Indian series as the "final frontier" for his immensely successful team.

"All our 15 wins will count for nothing if we cannot beat India in

The experienced Waugh said the key to success lay in how quickly his team adjusts to Indian conditions during the two warmup matches ahead of the first Test at Bombay from February 27. "There are 14 players in contention for the first Test and these two matches will help them push forward their claims," he said.

spin king Shane Warne.

continent," he said.

But Waugh said he did not ex-

"They will help the batters and

pect wickets to play much differ-

ent from what he had experienced

That's usually the case in the sub-

Striking his trademark psychological blow at the Indians, Waugh said the absence of injured spin spearhead Anil Kumble could

cost the hosts dearly. "He (Kumble) is a vital link in the Indian bowling, a quality bowler. I am sure someone else will step in for him.

"But the Indians will probably miss Kumble a lot. We also don't have (fast bowler) Brett Lee, so it evens things out a bit."

The Australians fly later on Thursday to the central city of Nagpur, where they clash with India A in the three-day tour opener from Saturday.

The Indians, meanwhile, continue their camp in Madras ahead of the selection of the first Test squad in Nagpur on Monday. Earlier, a 14-member Austra-

lian cricket team arrived in Bombay on Wednesday night to begin a seven-week tour which captain Steve Waugh regards as the ultimate test for his world-beaters. The tourists, who flew in via

Hong Kong, were whisked away to an airport hotel where they stayed overnight before departing for the central Indian city of Nagpur. SQUAD

Steve Waugh (captain), Adam Gilchrist (vice-captain), Damien Fleming, Jason Gillespie, Matthew Hayden, Michael Kasprowicz, Justin Langer, Damien Martyn, bowlers to exploit any wicket the defeated 2-1 on the last tour in Glenn McGrath, Colin Miller, Ricky Ponting, Michael Slater,

The Indian team management Shane Warne, Mark Waugh. Coach: John Buchanan; Mana record 15 consecutive Test less tracks to blunt the awesome ager: Steve Bernard.

## Giles scare for England

Waugh was part of the Austra-

lian team which lost a one-off Test

Bombay

Bombay

Calcutta

Chennai

Bangalore

Visakhapatnam

Indore

### Lankan President's XI recover

"We have the batters and in New Delhi in 1996 and were

The Australians, who have won denied reports it had ordered life-

Australia cricket team captain Steve Waugh (L) being given a traditional

Indian welcome on his team's arrival in Bombay on February 14.

3-daver vs India A

First Test

Second Test

Third Test

Second ODI

Third ODI

Fourth ODI

Fifth ODI

Departure

surface," Waugh said as the Aus-

tralians began the long-awaited

Indians may have for us. If we stick 1998.

First ODI

3-dayer vs Bombay

3-dayer vs President's XI

### Cricket

SCHEDULE

Feb 17-19:

Feb 22-24:

Mar 6-8:

Mar 11-15:

Mar 18-22:

Mar 25:

Mar 28:

Mar 31:

Apr 3:

Apr 6:

Apr 7:

seven-week tour.

to our plans we can do it."

Feb 27-Mar 3:

REUTERS, Matara

ACROSS

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million ..." 1 "Zip-a-

England suffered an injury scare to Ashley Giles as they let a Sri Lanka Cricket Board President's XI off the hook on Thursday.

The President's side slumped to 24 for four, and were later 84 for five, but recovered to 253 all out Peiris b Hoggard on the first day of the four-day Gunawardene c Thorpe b Caddick 1

### tour match.

SCOREBOARD

India," he said.

Scoreboard at the end of opening day's play of the four-day tour match between England and the Sri Lanka Board President's XI on Thursday:

SL BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI: First innings

THERE GOES ANOTHER WICKET: Rabeed Imam, a sub-editor of Daily Star's Sports Desk, and Farhana Reza at their post-wedding reception that took place at the Eskaton Ladies' Club on February 11.

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9 Jai

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By Eugene Sheffer

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Fernando c Vaughan b White Bandara not out Perera c Vaughan b Croft Extras: (b-5, lb-5, nb-8) Total: (All out in 77.4 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-20, 3-24, 4-24, 5-84, 6-122, 7-214, 8-247, 9-Bowler Caddick Hoggard 2 57 2 White Croft Vaughan Trescothick **ENGLAND:** First innings Atherton not out Trescothick not out

37 2

Dilshan c Stewart b White

Peiris c Stewart b Hoggard

Kulatunga c sub b Caddick

Killakaratne c White b Hoggard

Pushpakumara c Thorpe b Croft

Bandaratillake c Hoggard b Croft

Extras: (lb-1, nb-1) Total: (For no wicket in 10 overs)17 To bat: N Hussain, G Thorpe, A Stewart, M Hoggard, M Vaughan, C White, A Giles, R Croft, A Cad-Bowler Perera

Fernando B'tillake P'kumara

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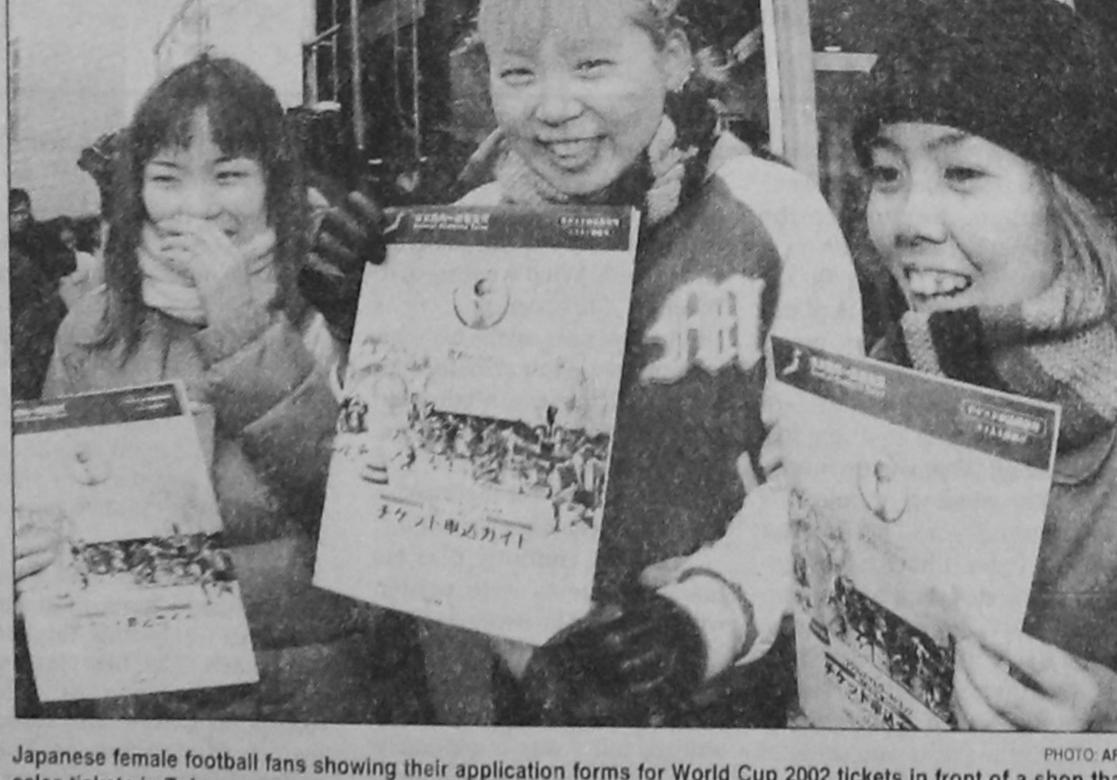
#### CRYPTOQUIP

MUPV VIKIIG WAEUEJWHI OUYMWO? EGWUJEAL

OAIIHMO JSWEO Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU HAD A SHOEHORN, I BET THAT YOU'D PROBABLY PLAY FOOTNOTES. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals T

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 vowets. Solution is by trial and error.



Japanese female football fans showing their application forms for World Cup 2002 tickets in front of a shop that sales tickets in Tokyo yesterday.