# ICC can do nothing

INTERNET, Undated

ICC president Malcolm Gray said that he was not in a position to penalise India if the national government forced the side to withdraw from the forthcoming Sharjah triangular tournament.

The tournament, also involving Pakistan and Sri Lanka, was scheduled to begin on April 8. New Zealand have been approached to stand in for India if, as expected, they are prevented from attending.

"Sharjah is a tournament that falls outside of the ICC's International Tours Programme," Gray explained. "Countries are invited to compete by the organisers and as a private agreement it is a matter for them, rather than the ICC to deal with this particular issue."

He also confirmed that the ICC would not impose any penalty or sanction against a member country if it was prevented by its government from participating in an

"This would be a case of the government saying it does not want its national cricket team to play in the tournament, rather than a decision reached by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)."

## Rajshahi cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Jagrata Sangha and Junior Eleven Friends Club won their respective matches of the Hassan Imam and Ali Imam Pintu Smriti cricket tournament at the Rajshahi Medical College play ground yesterday.

Jagrata Sangha defeated Kala bagan SP by two wickets in the first match.

Winning the toss, Kalabagan collected 126 for seven in allotted 23 overs.

In reply, Jagrata Sangha reached the target in 16 overs losing eight wickets.

In the other match of the day, Junior Eleven Friends defeated Wabda Kalabagan by three wick-

Junior Eleven won the toss and invited Wabda to bat. Wabda were

all out for 90 in 20 overs. In reply, Junior Eleven reached the target in 12 overs losing seven wickets.

Bell indebted to Edgar

#### Cricket

REUTERS, Hamilton

Matthew Bell paid tribute to the support he has received from former New Zealand opener Bruce Edgar after scoring his maiden Test century against Pakistan on

Bell, who is making his comeback for New Zealand after being dropped in 1999, said Edgar helped him get some self-belief back into his game.

"Bruce helps me think outside the square and concentrate on special goals while I'm batting," Bell said. "I've had some good form this summer and there's nothing better to help with confidence and self belief."

Bell, who hit 105 and shared an opening partnership of 181 with Mark Richardson, whose unbeaten 106 was also his maiden Test century, said reaching the landmark "was a special moment for my parents."

"They had travelled down from Whangarei in the far north of New Zealand. They've been very supportive during the periods when I have struggled and I was glad they were there to share it with me.'

Richardson said he was glad he did not have to wait on 99 before reaching three figures, having been out lbw on 99 off the last ball of a day in his second test against Zimbabwe in Harare last Septem-

"When I got to 97 I backed myself to put the ball through the covers if he Wagar Younis put one up there, and sure enough he did and I got past 99 with a four," he said. "That was a monkey off my back and it was relief."

England were looking at a near-

perfect winter after success against

Pakistan and Sri Lanka in Test

England's players and their es-

leave Sri Lanka Wednesday after a

the game proved their downfall.

Cricket

AFP, Colombo

day internationals.

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সাতরওজা পর্যন্ত ষ্টর্ম সুয়্যার

Richardson and Bell have forged a successful opening combination in this series, their century stand in the third Test here

following partnerships of 69 and 102 in the second Test in Christchurch and 91 in the first match in Auckland.



New Zealand opener Matthew Bell acknowledges the crowd's applause after scoring his maiden Test century on Thursday.

# Makeshift arrangement to run BCCSL

REUTERS, Colombo

A four-member interim committee was appointed on Thursday to run Sri Lankan cricket after the country's sports minister sacked the under-fire cricket board.

Kiriella said on Wednesday he was planning to dissolve the board after it lost a legal battle over plans to elect a new administration on Saturday.

"An interim committee has been appointed. The dissolution | dropped 10 times by England. took effect at midnight," the board's chief executive Anura while England were achieving Test Tennekoon told Reuters on Thursday.

Sri Lankan cricket was last run by an interim committee when the board was smothered by litigation after an election was disrupted by gun-toting intruders in 1999.

Tennekoon said the committee would be chaired by Vijaya Malalasekara, a director of the Ceylon Tobacco Co. Former Sri Lanka players Si-

dath Wettimuny, Asantha de Mel and Michael Tissera were the other members named, but Tennekoon said more appointments were expected. Just before it was dissolved, the

cricket board set May 6 as the new date for the election after lawyers for board president Thilanga Sumathipala tried unsuccessfully to overturn Monday's court order that notice for the election on Saturday was not properly issued.

Kriella said the board he had no choice but to dissolve the board after it failed to furnish proper accounts ahead of the election.

On Monday, the board sacked Tennekoon's predecessor Dhammika Ranatunga on charges of "a financial nature" soon after his brother, Prassanna, announced he would not seek re-election as vicepresident because of corruption in the cricket administration.

Both men, brothers of Arjuna Ranatunga who led Sri Lanka to their 1996 World Cup victory, are members of Sri Lanka's most powerful cricketing family which has been involved in a longrunning feud with the board.

# M'singh cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Pandit Para AC defeated County Trainee by six wickets in the Beg Steel Premier Division Cricket League at the local stadium yes-

Batting first, County Trainee scored 88 runs all out in 30.4 In reply, Pandit Para reached

the target in 28.5 overs losing four wickets.

In another match, Mohammedan AC defeated Nill Kamal AC by nine wickets in the Pepsi First Division Cricket League at the local Circuit House ground yester-

Nill Kamal batted first and scored 82 runs all out in 29 overs. In reply, Mohammedan reached the target of 83 runs in 15.3 overs losing only one wicket.

#### Crisis FROM PAGE 13

international cricket in August last

Ranatunga has categorically denied charges of accepting bribes while De Silva had said he was approached by bookmakers but did not take bribes. Indian bookmaker MK Gupta's

testimony was published in an Indian Central Bureau of Investigation report last year.

#### Openers' FROM PAGE 13

something else as a spinner."

Richardson also escaped nasty injury when pace bowler Akbar struck him with a waisthigh full toss late in the day in near darkness.

Both openers said they struggled with the stop-start nature of the day, with rain arriving twice just before the scheduled start. New Zealand take a lead of 156

into Friday with two days to play, and Richardson said the team would want at least four sessions for their bowlers to complete the job and square the series 1-1.

After two days of inclement weather, the forecast is for improved conditions.

### **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the third Test between New Zealand and Pakistan in Hamilton Thursday:

PAKISTAN: First innings 104 (Younis Khan 36; Daryl Tuffey 4-39, Chris Martin 4-52) NEW ZEALAND: First innings

(overnight 160/0) Richardson not out Bell Ibw b Wagar 105 Sinclair c Wagar b Akbar McMillan not out

Extras: (lb-9, nb-6) Total: (For 2 wkts in 88.1 overs) 260 Fall of wickets: 1-181, 2-239. Bowler R W Waqar 1 81 Akbar M Akram Saglain 0

# No room for Hick

### Cricket

AFP, London

Graeme Hick was the major casualty as England's cricket chiefs named their 12 centrally contracted players here at Lord's Thursday for this summer's home Sports Minister Lakshman Test series against Pakistan and Australia.

The 34-year-old Worcestershire batsman, a powerhouse peformer at county level, has never reached the same heights in international cricket and has been

Another disappointing tour series wins against Pakistan and Sri Lanka finds the Zimbabweborn Hick fighting for his England place once again. However, David Graveney,

England's chairman of selectors, said there was still a way back into the side for Hick, who has scored 111 first-class centuries at 54.28 but in 65 Tests has made a modest 3383 runs at 31.32 with just six centuries since his debut in 1991.

"Selectors took on board observations that last time we were overloaded with batsmen last year and one of the aims of central contracts was to protect the bowlers," said Graveney.

"But judging by the wickets we played on last year the concept of playing seven batsman has not been discounted.

there are only six batsman on that list and I would never say about batsman Mark Ramprkash who

through their name and there will be a lot of contenders forn that

position, young and experienced." England have now won four Test series in a row - Zimbabwe and the West Indies were defated during the last English summer and Graveney was particularly

pleased with their winter's work. "It's been a fantastic performance. Even the greatest optimists would not have predicted victories against both Pakistan and Sri Lanka. It was beyond most people's dreams. Therefore, to have won both series is a great effort."



GRAEME HICK

changes from last year's inaugural wicketkeeper), Graham Thorpe "You'll see from that list that central contract list.

anybody that there was a line starts this season at county cham- shire).

pions Surrey, Lancashire legspinner Chris Schofield, county teammate and batsman Andrew Flintoff and Kent seamer Dean Headley who had to retire during the close season with a back in-

In come left-handed Somerset opening bat Marcus Trescothick, Surrey's experienced middle-order man Graham Thorpe, Warwickshire left-arm spinner Ashley Giles, Derbyshire captain Dominic Cork and Yorkshire pace bowler Matthew Hoggard.

England's players have accrued 1 million pounds in bonuses during the last 12 months according to England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) director of cricket operations, John Carr.

As expected the bulk of contracts go to players involved during the third and final Test in Sri Lanka, with Glamorgan offspinner Robert Croft the only player to miss out.

All-rounder Cork should have been on England's winter tours but had to withdraw through injury and will have to pass fitness tests before his contract is con-

Contracted players: Nasser Hussain, (Essex, captain), Michael Atherton (Lancashire), Andrew Caddick (Somerset), Dominic Cork (Derbyshire), Ashley Giles (Warwickshire), Darren Gough (Yorkshire), Matthew Hoggard England have made five (Yorkshire), Alec Stewart (Surrey, (Surrey), Marcus Trescothick Out go Hick, former Middlesex (Somerset), Michael Vaughan (Yorkshire), Craig White (York-

# Serena sent packing

# Hewitt in last four

Tennis

Australian Open champion Jennifer Capriati and Aussie star Lleyton Hewitt each took straight-set victories Wednesday to reach the semifinals at the 6.12 milliondollar Tennis Masters Series event

One day before her 25th birthday, fourth-seeded American Capriati defeated fifth-seeded com-

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American Jennifer Capriati plays backhand against compatriot Serena

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Williams during their Ericsson Open quarterfinal on Wednesday.

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patriot Serena Williams 6-1, 7-6

Hewitt dispatched American Andy Roddick 6-3, 6-2 to book a semifinal date against the winner of a later match between American Jan-Michael Gambill and Argentina's Gaston Gaudio.

Williams, nursing a sore left thigh muscle, squandered three set points in the second and dropped the match with a pair of errant forehands on the final points. Capriati, hurting with a

go three. "I was playing so well in the

blistered foot, was relieved not to

first set and then I just started being thrown off -- the injury, the wind," Capriati said. "She also started playing better. But I didn't want to go to a third set. I just gave it all I have got.

Williams said she suffered the injury at Indian Wells, an event which she won but vows never to play again. The Williams family was booed after Serena's sister Venus withdrew at the last moment from a semifinal against her

sister. "I was feeling it more," Serena Williams said. "But with all the bad press we had over there, I thought it better just to go on and play. But I wasn't able to run fast and if I couldn't get to it I would just barely slice it back. Wasn't able to reach my full potential at

Capriati did and advanced to meet the winner of a later match between second seed Lindsay Davenport of the United States and seventh seed Elena Demen-

tieva of Russia. "She hit a lot of big serves," Serena Williams said. "She really got out there and didn't let anything get to her. Sometimes it is hard to play against someone who is on the other end limping and grimacing, but she handled it very

Capriati said she did not see any dip in Serena's play until the final moments.

"I didn't notice anything until maybe towards the end when she was making some faces. Just like slowing down," Capriati said. "But she had been doing that from the beginning. She is a difficult player to play with a big serve. She can just play shots, rally and then, all of the sudden, come up with an outright winner."

Swiss World No. 1 Martina Hingis will play third seed Venus Williams in the other women's

semifinal.

PHOTO: AFP

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CRYPTOQUIP

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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 lotters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

#### রোড পর্যন্ত ষ্টর্ম সুয়ার (মেইন) লাইন ক্রিনিং কাজ। গ্রন্থ-বি রোড হইতে ৩,৭২,৮৪৪/= টাকা। গোয়ালঘাট পর্যন্ত ষ্টর্ম সুয়্যার (মেইন) লাইন ক্লিনিং কাজ। গ্রন্থ-সি 8। গোরাল ঘাট হইতে নারিন্দা ৩,২৭,২৮৮/= টাকা। রিসিভিং ট্যাংক পর্যন্ত ষ্টর্ম সুয়্যার (মেইন) লাইন ক্লিনিং কাজ। গ্ৰন্থ-ডি ৫। নীমতলী নবাব কাটারা, বিকে ১,১৮,৪২৮/=টাকা গাঙ্গুলী রোডে বিদামান ইর্ম সুয়ার লাইন ক্লিনিং কাজ। গ্রুপ-বক্সীবাজার লেন, সেন্ট্রাল জেল ১,৮৪,২০০/= টাকা। এর হোসনী দালান এলাকায় বিদামান উর্ম সুয়ার লাইন ক্লিনিং কাজ। খাজে দেওয়ান হইতে বুয়েট ১,৬০,০২৭/= টাকা। মেইন লাইন পর্যন্ত এবং চম্পাতলী লেন হইয়া চকবাজার হইতে সোয়ারীঘাট পর্যন্ত বিদ্যমান ষ্টর্ম সুয়্যার লাইন ক্লিনিং গ্রন্থ-জি ৮। সিককাটুলি এলাকা এবং নর্থ २.७१.७००/= ग्रेका সাউথ রোড (ট্রাফিক আইল্যান্ড) হইতে বাবু বাজার পর্যন্ত বিদামান টুর্ম সুয়াার লাইন ক্লিনিং গ্রন্থ-এইচ ৯। ফরিদাবাদ বাাংক কলোনী হইতে ১,২৬,৫৩৬/= টাকা। বুড়িগঙ্গা নদী পর্যস্ত এবং হরিচরণ রায় রোডে বিদামান ষ্টর্ম সুয়ার লাইন ক্লিনিং কাজ। গ্রুন্প-আই ১০। নাজিমউদ্দিন রোডের নাহার ২,৫৮,৬৭২/= টাকা। ক্লিনিক হইতে বাবু বাজার বডিগঙ্গা নদী পর্যন্ত বিদ্যমান ষ্টর্ম সুয়ার লাইন ক্লিনিং কাজ। 5F9-TS ১১। আরকে মিশন রোড হইয়া ১,৪২,৩৮২/= টাকা। কেএমদাস লেম হইতে সেগুনবাগিচা খাল পর্যন্ত বিদ্যমান ষ্টর্ম সুয়্যার লাইন ক্লিনিং কাজ। গ্রদপ-কে দরপত্রসমূহ দরপত্র গ্রহণের দিনই বেলা ২-০০টার সময় দরপত্রদাতা বা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধিদের সম্মুখে (যদি উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হইবে। ঢাকা ওয়াসার প্রধান হিসাবরক্ষণ কর্মকর্তার অফিস, ওয়াসা ভবন, ১৮, কাজী নজরুল

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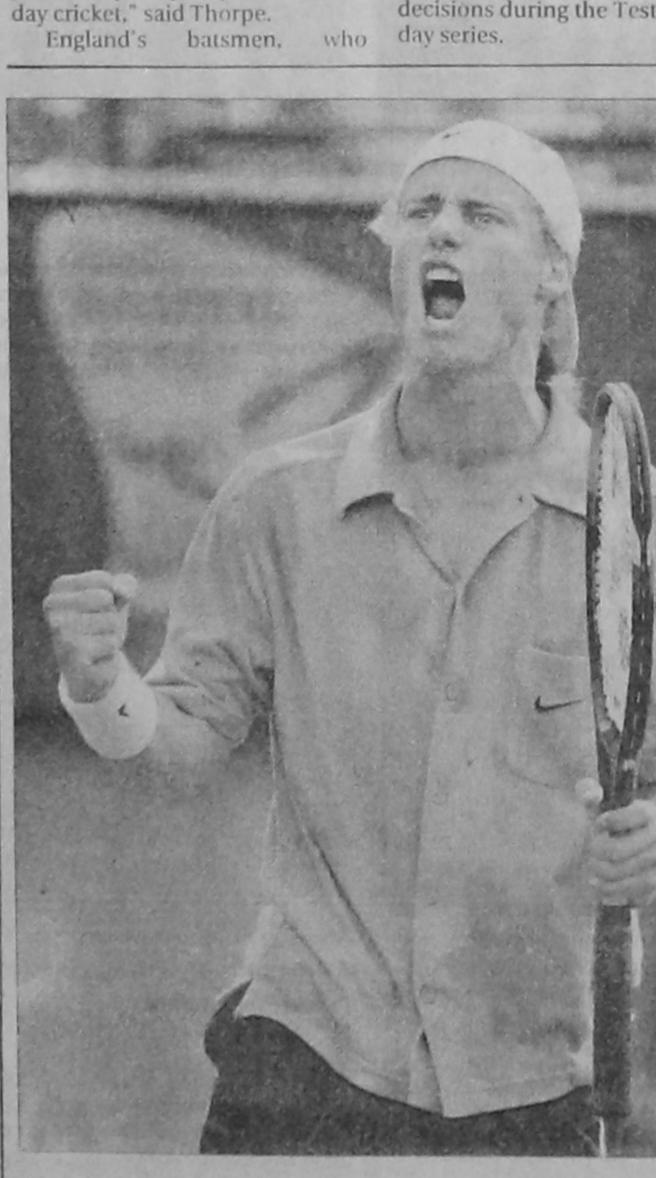
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उग्रामा- जश्रवश-३२/२००३



Australian Lleyton Hewitt exuits after defeating Andy Roddick of the United States in the Ericsson Open quarterfinal on Wednesday.

#### cost of 9.85 runs per wicket, as 143, 160 and 165-9. It contrasted with the Test se-421 runs for 14 wickets, an average of 30.07.

However the Test series was something Sri Lanka feel they should never have lost at all. "We had the ability and skill and if we had done a little bit more

England for treatment on a groin in the Test matches we could have injury following the Tests, England won them," said Sri Lanka's Ausnever looked like the same side. tralian coach Day Whatmore. Graham Thorpe, taking over from Hussain for the first time in the one-day series, could do virtually nothing as the home side

loss to register three straight wins. England's 10-wicket defeat in the third one-dayer was the worst we didn't exercise on some occahumiliation they have suffered in their 325 one-day internationals.

Yet a winter to relive

series. But the one-day version of as one with a great degree of suc-

timated 10,000 fans were set to the West Indies and Zimbabwe,

humiliating 3-0 defeat in the one- against Pakistan, following it up

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England skipper Nasser Hus- despite acrimony between players

match with 15 overs to spare.

After summer victories against

they had won a tricky Test series

with a 2-1 win against Sri Lanka

But without Hussain's leader-

ship and batting experience at

number three after he returned to

came back strongly from their Test

and controversial umpiring.

upturn in our fortunes in Test the scales," said Whatmore. match cricket, it is crystal clear where we stand in one-day cricket was considered among the worst at the moment," said Thorpe after in recent times, and it affected Sri Lanka had completed the clean both teams. sweep.

than us in the one-day game. It is trying to control frayed tempers really in the batting that we failed among players on the field. and that is something that we will

have to look at hard. 18 months till the World Cup and and key bowler Muralitharan for you can quickly improve in one- showing dissent against umpiring

sain was not present to watch his smothered the off-spin of Muttiah side's record 10-wicket loss Tues- Muralitharan comfortably in the day as a resurgent Sri Lanka Test series, found him a different wrapped up the third and final bowler to tackle in the one-day matches when quick runs were needed. However, the tourists could Muralitharan finished the onestill look back on the winter tour day series with seven wickets at a

> England racked up totals of only ries where Muralitharan conceded

"England played a slow a methodical grinding game with the bat and had a fair share of luck with it. We were frustrated that we weren't getting the wickets which

we normally do. "Further, when we went to bat sions, the patience. A few extra runs despite all the bad umpiring "Although we have seen an would have been enough to turn

The umpiring in the Test series

Match referee Hanumant "Sri Lanka were more skilful Singh of India had his hands full in He imposed fines and gave

suspended match sentences to Sri "On the positive side we have Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya decisions during the Test and one-