Hussain to see specialist

AFP, Manchester

England captain Nasser Hussain, who had his thumb fractured by Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar in the First Test at Lord's, will see a specialist Friday as he bids to recover from the injury in time for the forthcoming home Test series against Australia.

Hussain will leave Old Trafford here Thursday where England are playing Pakistan in the second

England won the opening match by an innings and nine

runs. He will hope to play a county championship match for Essex ahead of the first Ashes Test against Australia at Edgbaston starting on July 5.

Shoaib in hospital

REUTERS, Manchester

Pakistan pace howler Shoaib Akhtar was taken to hospital on Thursday and will stay in overnight after falling ill during the second and final Test against England.

Shoaib was not selected for the match at Old Trafford which started on Thursday although he had been available for selection before he began feeling increasingly unwell in the morning.

"He's got some sort of infection and was feeling lousy with a fever," said coach Richard Pybus.

"He was unwell in Pakistan before this tour so we want to make sure it's not related to that."

Pakistan manager Yawar Saeed said the 25-year-old, among the fastest bowlers in the world, was not suffering from anything seri-

precautionary as blood tests had proved clear. Shoaib would undergo a stomach scan on Friday, he said. Shoaib missed the start of the

He said the overnight stay was

tour after failing a medical with stomach problems.

Shoaib's recent career has been plagued by injuries as well as a controversy over his bowling which ended with him remodelling his action after he was reported for throwing earlier this vear.

Mutendera back Zimbabwe fold

INTERNET, Harare

Zimbabwe have recalled medium pacer David Mutendera for the first Test against India.

Mutendera has been included in a squad of 14 for the first of two Tests against the tourists. He earned his call-up with a

good performance for Zimbabwe A against India.

In Mutare he returned match figures of five for 100, but it was the quality more than the quantity of his wickets that caught the selectors' attention.

His five victims were Sachin Tendulkar and VVS Laxman twice each, and captain Saurav Ganguly.

Mutendera was preferred to fast bowler Travis Friend, who has played just two first-class matches after a lay-off of 13 weeks for stress fractures of the leg and back.

Mutendera made his debut in controversial circumstances in the first Test against New Zealand in Bulawayo in September and has not played a Test since.

The first Test against India begins in Bulawayo on 7 June.

SQUAD

Heath Streak (captain), Andy Blignaut, Alistair Campbell, Stuart Carlisle, Dion Ebrahim, Andrew Flower, Grant Flower, David Mutendera, Brian Murphy, Mluleki Nkala, Rav Price, Gavin Rennie, Bryan Strang, Guy Whit-

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4 79 Hoggard 21 2 75 Cork Trescothick 3 0 14 Vaughan 2 0 21 **ENGLAND:** First innings Atherton c Rashid b Wagar Trescothick b Akrain Vaughan not out Thorpe not out Extras: (lb-3, w-1, nb-2) Total: (For 2 wkts in 48 overs) 173 Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-15

To bat: A Stewart, I Ward, N Knight, D Cork, M Hoggard, A

Caddick, D Gough Bowler OMRW 3 39 Akram Wagar 1 55 Mahmood Saglain Razzaq

Zane's life-saver



KOREA/JAPAN 2001

Two months ago Clayton Zane was nearly out of work, but on Friday he was the toast of Australia after scoring the goal that defeated world champions France.

The 23-year-old striker moaned about getting hardly a touch of the ball as the sole striker during the Confederations Cup Group A match in Taegu but had no complaints about his goal.

"Everything has come right for me in the past two months, to score the winning goal against the world champions is fantastic," Zane said.

The 1.88 metre (6ft 3in) striker has been playing in Norway for two seasons but said his first club Molde had wanted to get rid of

"They wanted to offload me because of my wages and I was not playing regularly week in and week out," explained Zane, who only signed a contract with his new club Lillestrom last month.

"I had been looking for an escape and had been in contact with

onto the post and the unmarked clubs back in Australia. Now I have Zane hit the rebound into the back got to try and stay in the national setup to improve my chances of a

Zane broke the deadlock an hour into the match which Australia won 1-0 to go top of Group end.

way they pass the ball and the way From a free kick just outside they move off the ball. I would the penalty area, France's debuhate to play them when they are at tant goalkeeper Gregory Coupet full strength," he declared. tipped a shot from Josep Skoko



Australia's Clayton Zane celebrates his strike again'st France yesterday.

Martyn goes to the rescue

Cricket

INTERNET, Worcester

A half-century from Damien Martyn spared Australia some early embarrassment as they launched their tour of England against Worcestershire at New Road Fri-

Some cavalier batting saw the tourists tumble to 178 for six, before Martyn and Shane Warne restored a degree of respectability to take Australia to 267 for six at

Martyn was on 70 and Warne 46 and the eighth wicket pair has so far added 91.

The game had begun at a hectic pace. Steve Waugh won the toss, chose to bat and found himself at the crease with barely an hour gone as the tourists lost three wickets but scored 80 runs in the first 20 overs.

Matthew Hayden begun with a burst of boundaries but was caught behind by James Pipe off Kabir Ali for 20.

Mark Waugh faced only 15 SCOREBOARD

the crease. He fell for 13, caught by Anurag Singh off Alamgir Sheriyar to leave Australia 55 for two.

Four runs later Ricky Ponting's shire at New Road: cameo came to an end when he was lbw to Chris Liptrot. He hit five fours in his 24.

Bevan maintained the tempo. The

pair put 50 for the fourth wicket until Waugh was bowled by Liptrot Liptrot earned his third wicket Warne not out

when David Leatherdale caught Adam Gilchrist for 21. Australia are fielding an experi-

enced side, Nathan Bracken apart.

The 23-year-old left-arm seamer was the surprise choice for the He takes his place in a strong looking attack - Shane Warne

plays, as does Glenn McGrath, who spent last season as Worcestershire's overseas player. Graeme Hick leads a near full

strength home side. But Andy Bichel, their Australian overseas player, does not play.

balls in more than 40 minutes at Scoreboard after fifteen minutes of C Liptrot, A Sheriyar

the tea break on the opening day of the three-day tour match between Australia and Worcester-

ball but I got the reward in the

"I was in awe of the French, the

AUSTRALIA: First Innings Hayden c Pipe b Kabir Ali M Waugh c Singh b Sheriyar Steve Waugh and Michael Ponting lbw b Liptrot Bevan c Weston b Kabir Ali S Waugh b Liptrot Martyn not out Gilchrist c Leatherdale b Liptrot 21 Extras: (b-5, lb-3, 2nb-2)

> Total: (For 6 wkts in 72.3 overs) 275 Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-55, 3-59, 4-109, 5-134, 6-178

> To bat: N Bracken, D Fleming,

G McGrath				
Bowler	0	M	R	W
Sheriyar	20	3	86	1
Ali	12	1	43	2
Liptrot	17	3	37	3
Leatherdale	3	0	28	0
Rawnsley	17	2	65	0
Solanki	3.3	1	8	0
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WORCESTERSHIRE: G Hick (captain), D Pipe (wkt), W Weston, A Singh, V Solanki, D Leatherdale, Kadeer Ali, Kabir Ali, M Rawnsley,

Shah smashes double ton

Cricket

REUTERS, London

Owais Shah consolidated his standing as English cricket's leading first-class scorer this season with a career-best 203 on Thursday as Middlesex headed for a crushing victory over Derby-

The 22-year-old Karachi-born batsman added 62 to his 141 not out overnight on the second day of the four-day County Championship Second Division game at Southgate.

Shah completed his doublecentury off 371 balls with 32 boundaries as he took his season's aggregate to 760, keeping his

name firmly in the minds of England's Test selectors. After Middlesex were all out for 543 they reduced bottom of the table Derbyshire to 111 for nine a deficit of 432 - with former England left-arm spinner Phil

Tufnell taking five for 23 and offspinner Paul Weekes four for 25. Zimbabwe's Murray Goodwin looked set to match Shah's double

hundred, only to fall five runs short of the milestone after a marathon 421-ball innings lasting nine hours for Sussex against Division Two leaders Hampshire at

Nutrilac open chess on

SPORTS REPORTER

The first Nutrilac open Fide rating chess tournament got underway at the National Sports Council (NSC) chess room on Friday under the auspices of Bangladesh Chess Federation.

A total of 160 players including 15 women are taking part in the tournament which boasts the participation of local stars like International Master (IM) Ziaur Rahman, IM Abdullah Al-Rakib, Fide Master Emanul Hossain Rajib and Women Fide Master Tanima Parveen.

Group Captain (retired) Shamsul Islam BU, the chairman of sponsors Nitrilac Limited, inaugurated the tournament as chief

Goodwin, who was 131 not out spinner Min Patel just one run overnight, had just beaten his short of his second century in career-best 194 for Zimbabwe consecutive against Gloucestershire last season when he was trapped lbw by Giles White for 195.

That enabled Sussex to declare at 500 for seven against a depleted attack hit by injuries to all-rounder Neil Johnson and England paceman Alan Mullally.

Hampshire, needing 351 to avoid the follow-on, were 92 for one at the close.

In Division One, leaders Yorkshire lead Glamorgan by 384 runs at Swansea with four second innings wickets still standing. England paceman Chris Sil-

verwood took five for 20 as the Welsh side were skittled for 104 in just 41.3 overs to trail by 176 on first innings. But Yorkshire skipper David

Byas (64 not out) chose not to enforce the follow-on, sharing a fifth wicket stand of 120 with Gary Fellows (61) as his side recovered from 53 for four in their second innings to 208 for six at the close.

Fulton, who was 117 not out overnight, went on to make 179 off 374 declared against Essex. Matthew Walker helped him

add 212 for the fourth wicket, making 124 from 242 deliveries. Essex lost their first three wick- 56) vs Hampshire 92-1 ets for 12 before Australian Stuart Law (99) and Ronnie Irani (66) shared a fourth wicket stand of

Law was bowled by left-arm

matches as Essex closed on 195 for four.

BRIEF SCORES

English County Cricket Championship scores on Thursday (second day of four): Division One

Championship

At Swansea: Yorkshire 280 (D Lehmann 75, D Byas 63; A Wharf 5-63) and 208-6 (D Byas 64 not out, G Fellows 61) vs Glamorgan 104 (C Silverwood 5-20) At Tunbridge Wells: Kent 518-5

124. D Cullinan 63) vs Essex 195-4 (S Law 99, R Irani 64 not out) At Leicester: Leicestershire 387 (D Marsh 138 not out, T Ward 93. D Stevens 63) vs Somerset 324-6 (P

declared (D Fulton 179, M Walker

Bowler 103 not out, M Burns 60) At Northampton: Northamptonshire 398 (M Loye 177, M Hussey 70; G Chapple 4-77) vs Lancashire 251-8 (M Chilton 102 not out)

Division Two At Edgbaston: Gloucestershire At Tunbridge Wells, David 261-6 (M Alleyne 53) v Warwick-

At Riverside: Nottinghamshire balls as Kent piled up 518 for five 371 (P Johnson 109, U Afzaal 89; S Harmison 5-100) vs Durham 205-6 At West End: Sussex 500-7 declared (M Goodwin 195, R Martin-Jenkins 56 not out, R Montgomerie

> At Southgate: Middlesex 543 (O Shah 203, B Hutton 139; N Dumelow 4-103) vs Derbyshire 111-9 (P Tufnell 5-42, P Weekes 4-25)



Group Captain (retd) Shamsul Alam BU inaugurating the Nutrilac Open Fide Rating Chess tournament on Friday.

CJKS Div I cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Abahani Krira Chakra (jr), Kallo "It had been a bit lonely up | Sangha and Bakolia Ekadosh won front, I hardly had a touch of the their respective matches of the CJKS-Ispahani First Division Cricket League at different city venues vesterday.

Abahani defeated Agrabad Nawjawan by two wickets at the Police Lines ground while Bakolia beat Regensea Club by 14-run at the Medical College ground.

In the third match of the day, Kallol recorded a four-wicket vic tory over Seba Niketon at the MA Aziz Stadium. **BRIEF SCORES**

AGRABAD: 215 for 6 in 45 overs (Masud 59*, Raju 40) ABAHANI: 217 for eight in 42.5 overs (Arman 67*, Tutul 54, Rajib 25, Syed 24, extras 24; Masud 4/35)

BAKOLIA: 201 all out in 42.1

overs (Arshad 41, Daud 40, Arif 30, extras 51; aiser 4/33) REGENSEA: 187 all out in 44.4 overs (Manik 49, Kaiser 27, Imtiaz 22, extras 20; Rafiq 4/24)

SEBA NIKETON: 101 all out in 39.2 overs (Nayan 24, Jitu 15 extras 14; Shuhbashis 3/2, Arshadul 3/15) KALLOL: 105 for six in 19 overs (Arshad 26, Gautom 20, Prothom 19, extras 19; Shumit 4/32)

Sahara sponsors India cricket team

AFP, New Delhi

One of India's leading business conglomerates will pay a record 21 million dollars over three years to sponsor the national cricket team, newspapers reported Friday.

Sahara India, better known in the cricket world as sponsors of the now defunct one-day series between India and Pakistan in Toronto, Canada, beat a strong field to win the bid, the reports

Sahara's bid was 49 per cent more than ITC Limited, the previous sponsors of Indian cricket and the highest ever to be paid a sporting team in the subcontinent. ITC Limited withdrew their

sponsorship after a government regulation banning tobacco sponsorship earlier this year.

Sahara, whose major businesses include airlines, media and real restate, beat food majors Nestle and Britannia to sign up with Trans World International (TWI), the marketing company who earlier this month won the right to find a sponsor for the cricket team.

Sahara will not only display their logo on the shirts, kit bags and track suits of the cricketers, but also use up to six players to advertise their products, the reports said.

The Economic Times and Business Standard newspapers quoted Sahara sources as saying sponsorship of the cricket team was "a matter of national pride" for the company.

Indian cricketers, particularly master batsman Sachin Tendulkar, attract a huge fan following in India and around the world, while millions watch the country's most popular sport on television.

Socceroos

FROM PAGE 13 over South Korea in the opening Group A match, the young French side sent out by Lemerre struggled to break down Australia's dogged resistance.

Lemerre gave international debuts to Coupet in goal, defenders Zoumana Camara and Jeremie Brechet, Nicolas Gillet in midfield and attacker Nee. There was not one member of

the team that started the match against South Korea on Wednesday in the latest side. Bastia striker Nee, the top French scorer in the domestic

championship that has just finished, had two good chances early But the first he fired too high. The second was goalbound but

came off the head of Australian

defender Craig Moore. Australia's best chance in the first period came from a free kick on the edge of the penalty area in the 21st minute. Stan Lazardis's shot breached the French wall but was well covered by Coupet.

Almost straight away Gillet took a shot at the Australian goal, which produced a smart save from Mark Schwarzer. South Korea play Mexico in the

second group match of the day at 1030 GMT Friday. TEAMS

Australia: Mark Schwarzer, Kevin

Muscat, Craig Moore, Tony Vid-

mar, Tony Popovic, Josep Skoko

supplier (Marco Bresciano 78), Stan 27 Put a Lazaridis, Paul Okon (capt), Brett match to Emerton, Steve Corica, Clayton 29 Freight train com- Solution time: 28 mins. Zane (John Aloisi 86). France: Gregory Coupet, Zou-31 Lost a lap mana Camara, Frank Leboeuf 34 Wakefield TEXASTEA NEVA (capt), Christian Karembeu, Nicocleric las Gillet, Jeremie Brechet, Laurent 35 Server of Robert, Olivier Dacourt (Robert the "Happy Pires 72). Youri Djorkaeff (Patrick

Vicira 86), Sylvain Wiltord, Frederic Nee (Nicholas Anelka 70). Referee: Carlos Batres Gonzalez. Attn: 44,400

Belgian teens stay on course

Tennis

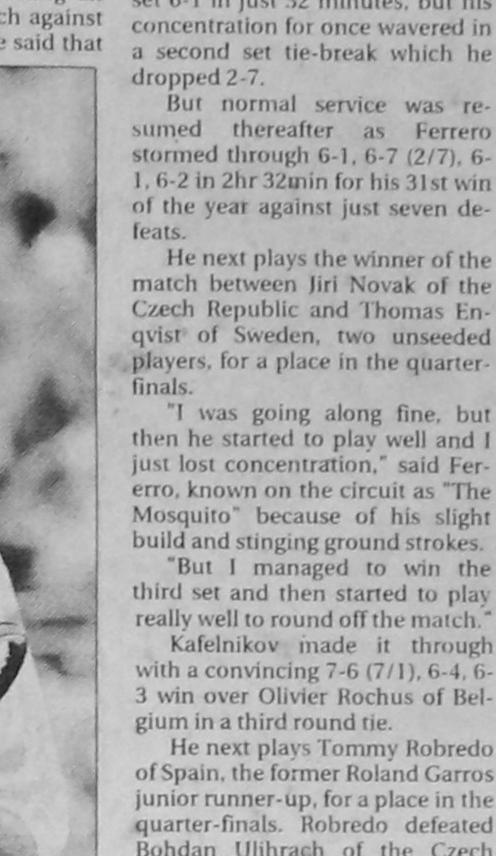
Two Belgian teens stayed on course for a women's singles semifinal showdown at the French Open on Friday while joint title favourite Juan Carlos Ferrero of mentality and the fact that before the tournament but bounced back Spain and former champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia led the way into the last 16 in the showed the way."

Henin and Kim Clijsters, both won their matches in straight sets.

Belgium had suddenly emerged as France. a tennis power, Henin said that credit was due to the Belgian Tennis Federation "who help us 100

"It's also our "little country" us there were Sabine Appelmans and Dominique van Roost who

The Belgian new wave, Justine Roland Garros after spraining an ankle in Berlin in a match against Jennifer Capriati, but she said that



Briton Tim Henman seemingly is disappointed after losing a point against Guillermo Cana's of Argentina on way to losing the match on Thursday.

Henin, celebrating her 19th she felt confident of going further. birthday, qualified for the last 16 with a hard-fought 6-3, 6-4 win over up-and-coming French woman Virginie Razzano.

And Clijsters, one week shy of

her 18th birthday, went through 6-2, 6-2 against Spain's Marta Marhalf of the Roland Garros draw which saw shock first round dis-

second seed, and home hope Amelie Mauresmo, seeded five. The way looks open to the has yet to drop a set in Paris. semi-finals for both, although

Henin next goes up against Germany's Barbara Schett, the conquerer of Venus Williams, for a place in the quarter-finals.

Clijsters slugged it out from the

baseline with the Spaniard Marrero in the opening games, but her added. better all-round game gradually They are both in the bottom put her on top as she took the first coaster of a match against claymissals for Venus Williams, the set as Clijsters, seeded 12, took

command to win the third round

Clijsters possibly faces a tough an accomplished footballer with clay-courter and he will now turn encounter against in-form Jelena the excellent Belgian sides of the his attentions abrubtly toward the Dokic of Yugoslavia in the last 1980s, next plays Henrieta green, green grass of Wimbledon.

Nagyova of Slovakia winner in Asked how a small country like three sets over Nathlie Dechy of

"I am very happy with the way I played out there," said Clijsters. "There were a lot of Belgians in the

crowd and I really enjoyed myself. Ferrero dropped his first set of to trounce compatriot Jacobo Diaz.

for a place in the last 16. The Spaniard looked to be Henin had been uncertain for coasting after pocketing the first set 6-1 in just 32 minutes, but his concentration for once wavered in a second set tie-break which he

> sumed thereafter as Ferrero stormed through 6-1, 6-7 (2/7), 6-1, 6-2 in 2hr 32min for his 31st win of the year against just seven de-He next plays the winner of the match between Jiri Novak of the

Czech Republic and Thomas Enqvist of Sweden, two unseeded players, for a place in the quarter-"I was going along fine, but then he started to play well and I

just lost concentration," said Fererro, known on the circuit as "The Mosquito" because of his slight build and stinging ground strokes. "But I managed to win the

third set and then started to play really well to round off the match." Kafelnikov made it through with a convincing 7-6 (7/1), 6-4, 6-3 win over Olivier Rochus of Bel-

He next plays Tommy Robredo of Spain, the former Roland Garros junior runner-up, for a place in the quarter-finals. Robredo defeated Bohdan Ulihrach of the Czech Republic 6-2, 6-2, 6-2. Kafelnikov and the pint-sized

Philippe-Chatrier Centre Court, but the experienced Russian had too much savvy in the tie-break as Rochus made a series of errors. Thereafter the Russian had the upper hand, taking early leads in the two following sets to keep

himself in the comfort zone.

Rochus served up a feast of clay

court tennis in the first set on the

hard to get me started but once I get going it's hard to stop me," said the 27-year-old from Sochi. "But the real tournament is really only getting going now and you can't play at 90 percent, you

"I am like a diesel-run car - it's

have to be at 100 percent," he Henman fought a rollercourt specialist Canas before the Marrero wilted in the second tenacious Argentine won through 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 in 3hr 26 min.

It was the third year running match 6-2, 6-2 in 59 minutes. She that Henman had bowed out at this stage of the competition in Clijsters, whose father Leo was five sets to a Spanish-speaking

S'pore's cause for concern

Cricket

REUTERS, Singapore cricket team competing at nonhas the island state's cricket asso- offshore venues as easy pickings ciation battling for survival, sports for syndicates seeking to fix officials said on Friday.

The decision by the Indian government is critical because Singapore Cricket Association (SCA) derives much of its annual during last weekend's meeting of phone interview. income in sponsorship and gate the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) in receipts from its eight-day tour- Lahore, Pakistan. nament which involves teams from three nations.

have threatened to pull out of the clearance," Kalavar said after the dia." triangular tournament unless ACC meeting where the itinerary India agree to play, SCA officials for the second Asian Test champi-

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three years after a critical report ished their tour of Sri Lanka and on corruption in the sport.

Although Singapore was not named in the interim report to the at the June 18 meeting of the ICC An Indian ban on the national International Cricket Council in London, where it will be repre-(ICC) by its corruption investigator sented by Kalavar and deputy traditional venues like Singapore Sir Paul Condon, the report cited president Imran Hamid. matches.

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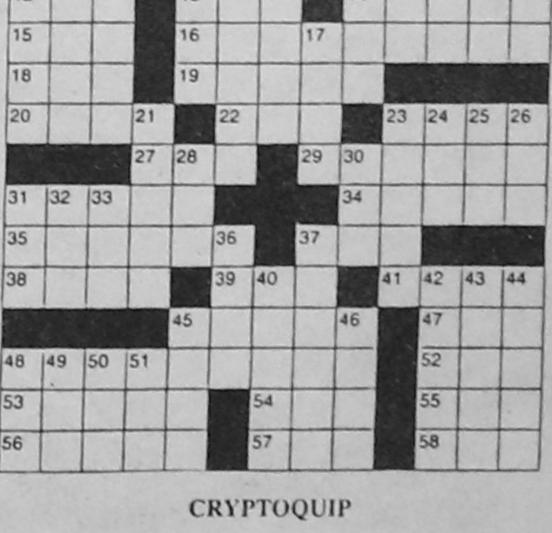
dian counterpart Jaywant Lele case," he told Reuters in a tele-"If we are successful then we will be in a position to approach "I have been assured by Mr the Indian government for per-

The SCA's media manager Uday Padbidri added: "Last year we barely broke even with top "The Asian Test championship teams like South Africa and Pakiment banned the national team gives us a window between Sep- stan in the event. So it is in our from playing at venues like Singa- tember 1 and 9 to get the Indian interest to ensure that India play

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THROWING TRASH

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