

USA names Davis Cup squad

AP, New York

Andy Roddick, Todd Martin, Don Johnson and Jared Palmer were named to the four-man US Davis Cup roster for the qualifying round against India later this month in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

According to International Tennis Federation rules, captain Patrick McEnroe must name a four-player squad 10 days before the start of the tie. He has the option of substituting for two of the four nominated players up to one hour before the draw ceremony, which will take place on Oct 11.

Odoyo show



AFP, Soweto

All-rounder Thomas Odoyo hit a century and took the first two wickets as Kenya crushed a Gauteng XI by 224 runs at the Soweto Oval Tuesday.

Odoyo was on 94 not out at the start of the last over of the Kenya innings but reached his hundred immediately by hooking Walter Masimula for six. He slammed the next ball over cover for another six and hit five sixes and six fours in his innings.

swing, taking a wicket in each of his first three overs. His second over included nine wides and when he was rested after four overs he had taken three for 25 with the runs against him including 13 wides and three no-balls.

Odoyo quickly dismissed Stephen Cook and Geoffrey Toyana and the Gauteng team, made up of



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fringe provincial players and young hopefuls, collapsed. Medium-pace Martin Suji took for 10 in eight wides and leg-spinner Collins Otieno took three for 26.

Table with columns: Player, O, M, R, W. Includes players like Patel, Tikolo, Masimula, Odoyo, Suji, Ochieng, Extras, Total, Fall of wickets, DDI not bat, and Bowler details.

GAUTENG INVITATION XI and SCOREBOARD tables. Includes details for Dugmore, Cook, Toyana, Forman, and final scoreboards for a one-day practice match and KENYA's performance.

Monica makes a winning comeback

AFP, Tokyo

Monica Seles returned to the court at the Japan Open tennis tournament on Wednesday after a break caused by the devastating terrorist attacks in the United States.

The American former world number one was due in Tokyo for the Princess Cup after winning the Brazilian Open two weeks ago. But Seles, a five-time Princess Cup winner, pulled out along with other Americans, including Serena Williams and Jennifer Capriati.

"I feel really safe, I mean, the reason why I didn't come last week was for personal reasons, not because of trouble concerns, so I feel as safe as probably it has been for a long time," said Seles.

"I think you have to go on with your life and being a tennis player and travelling is part of it." Seles, who had a first-round bye, faced a tougher than expected match against South Korean qualifier Cho Yoon-Jeong and needed to shrug off a second-set lapse before scoring a 6-2, 6-3 win.



Australian Lleyton Hewitt is about to serve against German Marc-Kevin Goeller at the Japan Open yesterday.

Hewitt advances



AFP, Tokyo

Top seed Lleyton Hewitt made quick work of struggling German Marc-Kevin Goeller to get his Japan Open campaign off to an easy start on Wednesday.

The 20-year-old Australian, fresh from winning his first Grand Slam title at the US Open last month, continued his excellent form in beating the German 6-2, 6-2 in 52 minutes.

Second seed Sjeng Schalken of the Netherlands opened the defence of his singles title with a convincing 6-3, 6-4 win over Christian Vinck of Germany.

men's seeds, was glad to go through to the third in comfortable fashion after his recent exertions in more high-profile events.

"It's obviously tough coming off the last two events I played in and try to keep my concentration going through the Davis Cup in Sydney. It's not only physically draining but also mentally draining," he said.

After breaking the first game of the first set on a Goellner double fault, Hewitt failed to hold his serve in the following game.

of seven games and giving only three points in the others. Schalken also had no trouble against the 149th-ranked Vinck. Although he was a break point down three times in the first set, the consistent baseliner comfortably saved them and stood firm in the second set.

Fourth seed Jonas Bjorkman breezed past Japan's Hiroki Kondo 6-1, 6-3, while seventh seed Marcelo Rios of Chile outclassed Byron Black of Zimbabwe 6-2, 7-5 to join Hewitt and Schalken in the third round.

But 10th seed Harel Levy of Israel fell victim to Thai qualifier Danai Udomchoke, who made a winning ATP debut by beating Britain's Barry Cowan Tuesday and went on to win 7-5, 6-0 in the second round.

Name of Waugh's

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"It has to be monitored week by week but I'll be back before the first Test match."

The 36-year-old Waugh developed a blood clot in his lower left leg when he tore a calf muscle during the third Ashes Test against England at Trent Bridge in July.

The injury forced him to miss the fourth Test, which Australia lost, but he returned to play in the fifth and final game, scoring an unbeaten century to complete a 4-1 series victory for his team.

DVT occurs when potentially dangerous clots form in deep blood vessels. The condition often occurs after long periods of immobility such as those experienced on long flights and Waugh said he suspected the long-haul back to Australia may have contributed to his condition.

"I had some treatment when I got back home and noticed the soreness was more than what I'd expected or what I had in England," he said.

"I had an inkling something wasn't quite right...so we decided to have all bases covered and that (DVT) was one of the tests we had done and it showed up."

Waugh's New South Wales state team mate, Corey Richards, was also diagnosed with DVT after returning from Britain in July.

Richards has been undergoing blood thinning treatment for three months but is still struggling to regain fitness.

Slater sorting it out



AFP, Sydney

Sacked Australian Test opener Michael Slater says people are making wrong assumptions about his personal life based on hearsay.

The irrepressible Slater was dropped from the world champion Australian team for the fifth Ashes cricket Test against England in August, but is planning on presenting an undeniable case for a return through the weight of scores.

Australian coach John Buchanan addressed Slater's situation when he referred to the "emotional and physical stresses" of being a member of the world's best cricket team.

Slater's marriage problems have been aired in the press as one of the reasons for his form slump, while others say his poor off-field attitude contributed to his demotion in favour of Justin Langer.

Langer made the most of his opportunity by scoring a first-innings 102 in Australia's 25-run victory over England at The Oval to claim the Ashes series 4-1.

"But if they're not spending time with me they can't know me. They



MICHAEL SLATER

can't know what they like, I know what the truth is."

Slater claims not everything he reads about himself is true.

"Some very hurtful things have come out which is disappointing because people are going off hearsay, which more often than not is based on fabrications," he said.

"They don't know Michael Slater and don't know these things are false."

Asked if the Australian Cricket Board had offered to help him with his problems, Slater said: "There's a

system in place where they offer encouragement if they feel there's room for concern.

"Encouragement is nice but I don't need it -- I'm driving myself." Slater said his form with the bat for New South Wales in the new domestic season would determine his Test future.

"When you're faced with the disappointment of being left out of the team it gives you the hunger and desire to improve," he said.

"My work ethic has always been one of the best in the side and I'm proud of that."

"But I want to take it to another level to get back into the side -- I want to be the premier opening batsman in Australia."

"Whether I get picked for the first Test ... or I never get picked again, it's a question of whether I'm doing what's best for Michael Slater's future."

Slater said he was correcting "simple and subtle" things to do with his footwork and technique and had gained confidence from two good innings in Sydney club cricket over the last few weeks.

He will play for NSW against Victoria in a one-day match on Sunday. Australia play the first Test of their home summer against New Zealand in Brisbane next month.

Anna fails, Yevgeny sails



AP, Moscow

Anna Kournikova lost again in her comeback from a foot injury, beaten by a wild card ranked 248th in the world in the first round of the Kremlin Cup.

Galina Fokina won 6-2, 1-6, 6-2 Tuesday in an all-Russian match at the 2.2 million dollar tournament.

"I had no practice for eight months and lost my touch," said Kournikova, who lost to a qualifier in Germany last week.

She has been sidelined most of the year after a stress fracture of her left foot in February.

Among the men, Nicolas Kiefer of Germany eliminated third-seeded Roger Federer of Switzerland in the first round 6-3, 1-6, 7-6.

Federer, 10th in the ATP Champions race, remains in contention for a berth in the ATP Champions finals in Sydney, Australia, in November.

Defending champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov beat wild card Mikhail Youzhny 6-3, 6-3 in an all-Russian match. Kafelnikov, seeded first, is a four-time winner in Moscow and is seeking his second title this year.

Fifth-seeded Thomas Johansson of Sweden downed Davide Sanguineti of Italy 6-2, 6-3, and Thomas Enqvist of Sweden rallied past Andrea Gaudenzi of Italy 6-7, 7-6, 6-1.

Alexandra Stevenson traveled to

Moscow following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and is the only American in the women's draw. Stevenson, a qualifier, downed Anne Kremer of Luxembourg 6-4, 6-3.

Fifth-seeded Jelena Dokic of Yugoslavia defeated Lina Krasonoroutskaya 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.

Olympic silver medalist Elena Dementieva of Russia, seeded eighth, ousted compatriot Elena Bovina 6-3, 6-4.

Sandra Kleinova of the Czech Republic beat Angeles Montolio of Spain 7-6, 6-1, and Iroda Tulyaganova of Uzbekistan downed lucky loser Tatiana Panova of Russia 6-2, 6-2.

Also, Jerome Golmard of France fired 11 aces to beat compatriot Julien Boutter 7-5, 6-3, and Wayne Ferreira of South Africa eliminated Franco Squillari of Argentina 6-4, 7-5.

World Wrestling C'ships US proposes new date

AFP, Colorado Springs

USA Wrestling officials proposed conducting the postponed World Wrestling Championships in New York on December 6-9 or having another nation host this year's event.

The championships were scheduled for New York's Madison Square Garden last week but delayed indefinitely four days after the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

Organizers presented FILA, wrestling's world governing body, with a letter outlining two options -- have New York host in December or find another nation to host. Iran has made such an offer.

The US organizers asked that New York host the 2003 wrestling championship if this year's event was moved to another nation.

Voicing

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"At age 31 or 32 you are a better player but you will not get the number of runs you got when you were 24," said Weekes. "Lara is a great batsman but so many things have gone amiss during his career."

Lara's deeds will live forever. But despite his world records he may ultimately be remembered not as an authentically great player but as a wonderfully talented individual who played great innings.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes clues like 'Drew Carey Show', 'Piece of work', 'Indonesian island', etc.

Cryptogram puzzle grid with a key: Y F S A K Q S X T G K Q S X X G B J U G W Z I G M Q Y J R I Z T I S F W Y X Y J Q G J . Y M ' J S

5-23 CRYPTOQUIP
Yesterday's Cryptogram: IF A TOURING CITIZEN OF PRAGUE TAKES A CAB, IS THE CABBIE PICKING UP THE CZECH?
Today's Cryptogram Clue: J equals S
The Cryptogram 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.



Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov plays a backhand return against compatriot Mikhail Youzhny at the Kremlin Cup on Tuesday.

Purse up at Aussie Open

No sponsor as yet



AFP, Melbourne

Three months to go and the Australian Tennis Open is without a major sponsor, Tennis Australia said here Wednesday.

Auto giants Ford have terminated their 16-year association with the Open and Tennis Australia (TA) have failed to locate a replacement.

TA have given themselves a month's deadline to track down a major benefactor or switch to what they term as smaller "alternative sponsorship opportunities".

TA chief executive Paul McNamee said it had been difficult to find a major sponsor but organizers of the two-week Grand Slam event had decided to make a strong statement by lifting their prize-money despite the loss.

Prize-money for the Australian Open here next January will rise to a new record as the men's and women's singles champion will each receive one million dollars (490,000 US).

"It's a little disappointing because it is a big chunk of dollars," McNamee said of TA's inability to come up with a major sponsor for the tournament.

"But we have had some really good years so we are able to absorb it."

"We've got two or three balls up in the air and there is an alternative plan." TA president Geoff Pollard said that the Open would never consider returning to a naming rights tournament.

He said it was determined the event should rank among the world's top sporting events which stand alone.

McNamee forecast that the tournament would end up with multiple smaller sponsors rather than a single major one.

"We had one offer for three years but it was too low, it couldn't get to the plate," he said.

The declining dollar and the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington on September 11 had not helped but McNamee had been given assurances all players would make the trip to Australia.

"Everyone's rock-solid," he said. "If you're a tennis player and you don't fly, you hang up your racquet. There'll be a full house here."

Pollard said that security for the 2002 event would be reviewed "probably more than this year."

Overall the first Grand Slam of the year offers 16.5 million dollars