#### **IAAF** rejects **British offer**

The most powerful man in world athletics told a British government minister here Friday that he would be forced to re-open the entire bidding process if her country wanted to stage the 2005 World Championships in the northern English city of Sheffield rather than

Lamine Diack, president of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), was told at a hotel meeting near Heathrow airport that the British government had refused to fund a new 140-million-dollar national athletics centre at Pickett's Lock in north London as a venue for the championships, the world's thirdbiggest sporting event.

Tessa Jowell, the minister at the head of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), dismissed the Pickett's Lock plans as too expensive, and instead offered to stage the event at the Don Valley stadium in Sheffield, while paying 40 million pounds (50 million dollars) to the domestic governing body UK Athletics towards the development of the sport.

But Diack said: "If they cannot stage it in London, and they offer Sheffield, then Sheffield will have to bid like everyone else

"This does not look good fo British sport," he added.

#### Kirsten

FROM PAGE 13 Kirsten played a near-flawless innings and found another capable partner in Jacques Kallis (39) in a second wicket stand of 93 before Kallis played on against Ajit Agarkar.

South Africa meet Kenya in Benoni Sunday in a tournament in which each team plays the others three times each before meeting in a final in Durban on October 26.

A near-capacity crowd of 30,000 saw a rousing start to the tournament, with Ganguly and Tendulkar indulging in some breathtaking strokeplay.

Both Indian stars had been doubtful starters during the week, missing a match against South Africa A in Benoni two days earlier. Ganguly had a bruised right index finger, while Tendulkar suffered some pain in his troublesome foot following his return in a warm-up match Monday.

Both men survived difficult chances. Tendulkar was dropped twice. On 11 he edged South African captain Shaun Pollock and Lance Klusener, diving far to his right at slip, could not hold the ball. He gave a sharp return chance to the left of fast bowler Andre Nel when he 68.

Ganguly had scored 43 when he top-edged a hook against Jacques Kallis and Justin Kemp ran and dived at fine leg but the ball slipped from his hands as he hit the ground.

The left-handed Ganguly played some spectacular shots, hitting five sixes and 14 fours. All of his sixes were hit to the leg-side against South Africa's all-pace attack. Tendulkar hit nine fours.

Ganguly was out in the 36th over when he top-edged Kemp and wicketkeeper Mark Boucher took a good catch, running towards fine

The South African bowlers did a reasonable job to restrict India to another 86 runs in the remaining 14.4 overs, with none of the other batsmen able to build an innings.

On an excellent batting surface, however, South Africa found runscoring as easy as it had been for the tourists.

After his sparkling innings, Ganguly spoiled his performance when he put down a relatively straightforward chance from Gibbs. who drove Javagal Srinath to mid-

off when he had scored 15. Kirsten went to his 11th one-day century off 114 balls with 11 fours and was seldom troubled on a pitch which offered no assistance to the

bowlers. Lance Klusener slammed two sixes off successive balls from Srinath as South Africa drew close

to victory. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the limited overs international between South Africa and India at the Wanderers Stadium

INDIA: 279 for 5 (S Ganguly 127, S Tendulkar 101; J Kemp 1-40, A Nel SOUTHAFRICA

Kirsten not out 133 Gibbs c Dasgupta b Srinath Kallis b Agarkar Rhodes b Srinath 17 Klusener c Dravid b Prasad McKenzie not out Extras: (b-4, lb-4, nb-5, w-2) Total: (For 4 wkts in 48.2 overs)280 Fall of wickets: 1-114, 2-207, 3-

242, 4-270 Did not bat: M Boucher, S Pollock,

Kemp, A Nel, M Ntini **Bowler** 51 Prasad Srinath 10 0 59 Agarkar 10 0 45 Kumble 10 0 54

Tendulkar 51 0 12 Ganguly Result: South Africa won by wickets

Man-of-the-match: Gary Kirsten. Next match: Kenya v South Africa, Oct 7.



Michel Kratochvil of Switzerland executing a forehand slice against Slovakian Karol Kucera at the Japan Open on

# Lleyton meets Michel in final

Tennis

AFP, Tokyo

Reigning US Open champion Lleyton Hewitt emerged victorious against American James Blake to claim a berth in Sunday's final of the Japan Open tennis tournament.

The Australian top seed, who was stretched to the distance by Blake on his way to winning his first Grand Slam title at Flushing Meadow, took the last seven games in a row for a 6-4, 6-0 victory.

In the final, Hewitt will take on fifth seed Michel Kratochvil of Switzerland, who downed Karol Kucera of the Czech Republic 6-0, 6-3 in the other semifinal.

"Any pressure on me is a sort of pressure put on myself. When I go out there, I feel pretty free at the moment. I've got nothing to lose,"

Athletics

Haile Gebrselassie, the little

Ethiopian who has dominated world

distance running for nearly a

decade, confirmed on Saturday that

he would make his long-awaited

debut at the marathon early next

gold medalist at 10,000 metres and

four times world champion at that

distance, was speaking a day

before he bids to win the World Half-

marathon title at his first attempt

Gebrselassie said. "The answer will

with confidence after running his

debut half-marathon at altitude in

Addis Ababa last month, covering

the 13 miles in 63min 15sec, and

winning an international 10km road

He dismissed comments by

Morocco's former world half-

marathon champion Khalid Skah,

who claimed that Gebrselassie

would struggle to win a medal in the

"I don't know why he said that,"

Gebrselassie said. "We'll see what

happens tomorrow when we meet in

the race. I am not the only one he will

have to race against tomorrow," he

added, suggesting he would be

using team tactics with Tesfaye

Jifar, twice a bronze medalist in this

Tournament at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday.

race in Prague last weekend.

"How fit am I for this race?"

Gebrselassie seemed buoyed

here on Sunday.

come tomorrow.'

half-marathon.

Gebrselassie, 28, twice Olympic

year in either London or Rotterdam.

"I've just come off the biggest month of my life, I put Australia into another Davis Cup final as well in Sydney, so it really has been big feeling for me, it gives me confi-

The semifinal virtually ended

with the first game of the second set when Hewitt, who took the first set thanks to the only break in the seventh game, broke Blake after six Once Hewitt got ahead, he

allowed Blake to take only eight more points in the remaining five games, finishing off the 66-minute match with a flawless love game. "It's obviously a lot easier playing a guy if you played before. I knew

definitely a little bit more about his game today than I did last time," said Blake said the momentum shifted towards Hewitt when he

failed to cash in on two break points

event, and Tesfaye Tola, the

Olympic marathon bronze medallist

Gebrselassie said he had recov-

ered from the virus that affected his

racing on the track at the World

Championships in Edmonton,

Canada, in August, where he fin-

ished only third in the 10,000m.

ending a winning streak at the

distance that stretched back to

Edmonton was very bad," he said.

"I've never had that sort of problem

10,000m on the track. I have to do

something more before I finish.'

"What happened to me in

"Edmonton was not my last

That could include a return to the

in 2000

in the second and sixth games.

Haile's marathon plan

"I think it was very important Lleyton is one of the toughest guys in the world to come back against. When he is up, he keeps the pressure on and there's really no way that you get a few free points," said

"He's going to make you work every time. What he does very well is he makes you play each point and then once you get down, there's really not much you can do. He's just unbelievable." Blake, however, appeared

satisfied that he reached the semifinals of the 800,000-dollar event "It definitely helps my confidence

beating some great players here in a big tournament. I was surprised by one of my best results ever.

"This is definitely one of my best weeks in my career so far, as far as points and good match wins, so I feel great about it," added the 21year-old American.

world cross-country next year, an

event he has not raced since 1996.

and a first outing over the classic

"It will be either London or

Rotterdam," he said, adding that a

"I want to find a course that is

Gebrselassie is managed by

formal announcement would be

good for a beginner marathon

Dutch agent Jos Hermens, the

organiser of the Rotterdam race,

who has hinted heavily that his star

runner will be lured by London's one

million dollar budget for appearance

made at the end of this month.

runner." Gebrselassie said.

26.2 miles (42.2km) of the marathon

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VAN DAMME

HAILE GEBRSELASSIE

road race.

#### Hansie T-shirt sellers removed

REUTERS, Johannesburg

Vendors selling T-shirts supporting disgraced former South Africa captain Hansie Cronje were shooed off the pavement in Johannesburg on Friday.

"I still support Hansie," read the leaend on the T-shirts being sold outside South Africa's premier cricket ground, the Wanderers scene of the first one-day international between current captain Shaun Pollock's team and India.

There were not many takers among the thousands streaming past and soon the salesmen were giving the shirts away.

Not long after that officials from the Gauteng Cricket Board removed the vendors from the pavement on the grounds that they did not have permission to be there.

Cronje was banned from cricket for life after admitting to his involvement in match-fixing. He is currently contesting the ban in the Pretoria High Court.

#### **Healy ACA chief**

**INTERNET**, undated

Former Australian wicketkeeper lan Healy on Friday has been appointed president of the Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA).

He succeeds former Australia batsman Tom Moody, who currently coaches English county Worcestershire.

Healy told the Sydney Morning Herald: "This position gives me an invaluable opportunity to support younger players as they embark on their cricketing careers and will allow me to ensure that past players feel a part of the new era of Australian cricket.'

Healy, one of Channel 4's commentators in last summer's Ashes series, was recently voted into the Australian Cricket Board's team of the century.

#### Lara charge

FROM PAGE 13 losing Junie Mitchun for a duck in the third over.

Alex Adams and Morton settled the innings with a second-wicket stand of 43 before Adams was caught off of spinner Gareth Breese

Breese then combined with legspinner Bryan Murphy to run through the Lewards middle-order as Morton with 38 made the only

An unbeaten eighth-wicket

partnership worth 85 runs between

Omari Banks (31) and Williams (28) against leisurely bowling saw the Leewards completing their 50 Breese was the best of the Jamaica bowling, finishing with

three for 24 off his 10 overs while Murphy ended with two for 24, also off 10 overs. In the other game Friday, Antigua

and Barbuda defeated the Southern Windwards by 79 runs.

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Man-of-the-match: Matthew Hoggard. Next match: October 7, Harare.

### Navy golf concludes

The Bangladesh Navy Golf tournament concluded at the Kurmitola

including some female players, took part in the tournament.

ladies' group while Squadron Leader Tejbir Singh became champion in the men's group.

was followed by Brigadier General Rafiq and Brigadier General Najeeb Hassan to become second and third runners-up respectively.
Besides, Brigadier General M A

## Elena eliminates Martina

Tennis

AFP, Moscow

Home favourites Flena Dementieva and Yevgeny Kafelnikov kept Russian hopes burning bright when they both advanced to the final four in their respective WTA and ATP events at the 2.185-million-dollar

commanding 5-0 lead before Hingis broke back to decrease the crowd favourite's advantage. The Russian, however, won the opening set 6-2.

The rivals exchanged breaks throughout the second set but Dementieva showed more accuracy at the decisive moments and won the set 6-2 to take the match and avenge last year's defeat here at the quarter-final stage.



Russian Elena Dementyeva celebrates after beating Martina Hingis at the Kremlin Cup on Friday.

Kremlin Cup here on Friday.

Eighth-seeded Dementieva eliminated defending champion and top seed Martina Hingis of Switzerland in the 1.185-milliondollar women's event to record her first win over the world number one in three meetings While in the one-million-dollar

men's event top-seeded Kafelnikov battled through his two-setter against Swede Thomas Johansson, seeded fifth here, to book his spot in the semifinal stage.

Dementieva, started the match with a series of breaks earning a

"I had a plenty of chances today, almost in every game, but I missed them all," said Hingis.

"Elena is very talented and physically gifted. She played very well compared to our previous match here last year, forcing me to play more risky. However, it was my own playing that disturbed me most of all today," she added.

The 19-year-old Dementieva put the result down to her thorough preparation for her rematch against 21-year-old Hingis.

"I did a lot of homework for this match and managed to force myself

to play at my top from the very beginning," said Dementieva.

"I tried to play physically stronger today and it paid. I'm very happy with my win," added Dementieva, who meets 20-year-old compatriot Anastasia Myskina, who ousted Austria's Barbara Schett 6-4, 6-2, in

Saturday's semi-final. Meanwhile, Kafelnikov improved his record against Johansson clinching his fifth victory in their 14 head to head matches.

It was a dogfight right from the start with both players trying to make the break until the eighth game, when world number six Kafelnikov broke to win the opening set 6-3 in 31 minutes.

The players traded breaks early in the second set not keeping their serves until the 11th game, when the Russian Sydney Olympic champion broke again to win the set 7-5 and the match in 73 minutes.

Kafelnikov will face Germany's fourth seed Tommy Haas, who easily ousted 6-1, 6-4 Swedish veteran and qualifier Magnus Gustafsson.

Slovakia's Dominik Hrbaty overcame his one-set deficit in the match against his former compatriot Czech Jiri Novak to sweep into the semi-final.

Hrbaty won 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 to set up a meeting with Germany's Nicolas Kiefer, who saw off 6-3, 7-6 1992 Barcelona Olympic champion Marc Rosset of Switzerland on his way to the semifinal

Italian sixth seed Silvia Farina Elia battled back from a set down against Czech teenager Daja Bedanova to book her semifinal

Bedanova began the match

totally focused, winning five consec-

utive games before the 29-year-old Italian chalked up her first point. Bedanova won the first set 6-1 in 22 In the second, Farina Elia tightened her play, providing her 18vear-old Czech rival with tough

opposition to pull the scores level at 1-1, winning the second set in a tiebreak in 1hr 14min. In the deciding set, the Italian

took control, winning the set 6-4 and the match in 2hr 26min. In the semifinal, Farina Elia takes on Yugoslavia's fifth seed Jelena

Dokic, who had no trouble seeing off another Italian, Francesca Schiavone, 6-2, 6-0 in just 51 min-

"I'll just try to play like I did today,

The Thai star lost to Seles 2-6, 4-

After Tamarine and Kruger

mix it up, make her run, and if my

serve is good, it's gonna be a tough

6 three years ago in their last meet-

exchanged breaks in the third and

fourth games to be tied at 3-3 in the

first set, the Thai ace put together a

run of five straight games to take

to lead 3-2 and 5-4 in the second

set, but each time Tamarine evened

things up and never gave the South

Kruger, ranked 41st, fought back

match tomorrow

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African a decisive lead.

## Tamarine-Monica showdown



AFP, Tokyo

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Thai star Tamarine Tanasugarn defeated Joannette Kruger of South Africa to reach the third final of her career on the WTA tour at the Japan

The Thai second seed, ranked a career-highest 29th in the world, mixed her game with an array of effective drop shots, angled back-

hands and solid strokes to score a 6-3, 7-5 victory over the eighth seed.

In the final Sunday, she will challenge former world number one Monica Seles, the top seed from the United States, who eliminated the last local hope Ai Sugiyama 7-5, 6-4

"Everybody knows Monica is tough, she never gives up. I just go out there and play my best, she's higher in the rankings and has more experience. For me, I have nothing

to lose," said Tamarine, 24

Thai Tamarine Tanasugam plays a backhand return against Joannette Kruger of South Africa at the Japan Open yesterday.

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Tamarine's clever tactics comfortably gave her the first match point in the 12th game and, although she missed it, she did not make an error at her second attempt, forcing Kruger to hit a backhand wide. Today, I just tried to mix the ball up, I played pretty good today, I played the right shot at the right time when I needed. I was able to mix the pace pretty well," said Tamarine. It will be the Thai's first appear-

ance in a WTA final since she lost to Lisa Raymond in Birmingham last vear. Her previous final appearance was on home soil at Pattava in 1996. "I feel great, I feel very great to come up to play the finals.

Tomorrow, I'd like to think it's just another match. I just go out there and try my best."

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**CRYPTOQUIP** 

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KWKIOFYI MYWW Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AFTER A HABITUAL FIBBER DREW HIS LAST BREATH, I SUPPOSE HE WOULD LIE STILL.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals O

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.



from R) and Naval chief Rear Admiral Abu Taher (4th from L) are seen with the winners of the Bangladesh Navy Golf

# BSS, Dhaka

Golf Club yesterday. Golfers from home and abroad

Mrs Shaheen Khan was adjudged the best player in the

Meanwhile, Air Vice Marshal Rafiqul Islam finished runner-up. He

Pin prize and Major General Ahsan N Amin got the award in the Longest Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Abu Taher took part in the tourna-

ment and later distributed prizes.

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