The Daily Star



Stadium row spoils

England.

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mess?

Also on Friday, British sports

minister Richard Caborn, who

represents a Sheffield constituency,

had, according to informed sources,

told the IAAF's Senegalese presi-

dent Lamine Diack that sports

bursaries were on offer to Africans if

the World Championships came to

Britain's Department of Culture

Media and Sport told AFP: "The

offer was linked into facilities at the

UK Sports Institute - if there are

facilities, we could offer scholar-

tered when a senior IAAF official

told AFP Sunday that wives of

leading athletics adminstrators had

been offered a shopping trip to top

London department store Harrods if

No wonder one IAAF official

So how did the British

The root cause of the current

they agreed to the Sheffield switch.

said: "It smacked of crass colonial-

Government get itself into such a

problem was its failure in 1999 to

ensure that plans for the new

Wembley Stadium would include a

ships to athletes from Africa."

On Sunday a spokesman for

British party

AFP, London

British sport enjoyed a number of

On Saturday the English football

team qualified for the 2002 World

Cup with a 2-2 draw against

Greece. Even Scotland and Wales

both won, albeit that their chances

of going to Japan and South Korea

In Harare the English cricket

As Nasser Hussain's men were

team beat Zimbabwe in a one-day

international, a feat they repeated

celebrating going 3-0 up in the

series, back on home soil Britain's

world cross country champion

Paula Radcliffe was reflecting on

her victory Sunday in Bristol at the

world half marathon champion-

performances threatened to be

overshadowed on the international

stage by the collapse of London's

bid to host the 2005 Athletics World

On Friday, British culture minis-

ter Tessa Jowell officially withdrew

London's bid saying the

That was bad enough for

Sheffield is not even the biggest

Yet the impact of all these good

successes over the weekend.

had long disappeared.

on Sunday.

ships.

Championships.

Seles signs up for Hopman Cup AFP, Perth

Tennis

INTERNET, Moscow

Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

years in a row.

five years in a row.

in the 1996 final.

There's no place like home for

Russian was born and still resides in

Sochi, Kafelnikov has made the

The top-seeded Kafelnikov

needed to rally from a break down in

the first set to become only the third

men's tennis player in the Open Era

(1968) to win the same event five

Taroczy claimed the Hilversum title

in 1982 has a player won five con-

secutive titles at the same tourna-

ment. Bjorn Borg won both

Wimbledon and the French Open

Kafelnikov has dominated this

event, going 36-5 and winning 25

straight matches. His last loss at the

tournament was to Goran Ivanisevic

match, which was attended by former Russian president and

tennis enthusiast Boris Yeltsin,

Kafelnikov brought his 2-year-old

daughter Aleysa, wwhom he fought

to gain custody of last month, onto

tearfully pledged his 137,000 dollars

winners check to the families of the

victims of last week's crash of a

Russian airliner. The plane took off

from Israel and was headed to

Siberia, but exploded above the

Black Sea, near Kafelnikov's

the Russian, but only his second of

the year. He was a winner at the

at the right time in order to qualify

for the Masters Cup in Sydney at the

end of the year. He has won 14 of his

Marseille Open in February.

This was the 24th career title for

Kafelnikov's game is picking up

coastal hometown.

The 27-year-old Kafelnikov then

the court for the trophy ceremony.

After the one hour, 43 minute

Not since Hungary's Balazs

Although the 27-year-old

Former American world number one Monica Seles will return to Perth later in the year for the Hopman Cup tennis tournament despite having

sparked a security scare in the previous Cup contest here. Tournament director Paul

Kremlin Cup in Moscow his own, McNamee said Monday Seles winning his fifth straight title at the would partner Jan-Michael Gambill \$2.19 million indoor event with a 6in the mixed teams event starting 4, 7-5 victory over Nicolas Kiefer of December 29 at Burswood Dome. Germany. The two were runners-up to

Switzerland's Martina Hingis and Roger Federer in the last tournament. During last summer's competi-

tion, Seles was alarmed by an overzealous autograph-hunter.

The 28-year-old was sitting courtside after a deciding mixed doubles win against Russia when a middle-aged man who had eluded the security net tapped her on the shoulder.

Seles, who was stabbed by a German spectator in 1993, spun around when the man thrust a program at her.

Trinidad enter FROM PAGE 13

umpires' offer of bad light Trinidad and Tobago got off to a frenetic start with in-form Andy Jackson scoring a brisk 59, sharing a 75-run stand for the second wicket with Lincoln Roberts who made 48.

Jackson, who scored 120 against the Northern Windwards, hit three sixes and two fours before he became the second of five Trinidadian batsman to go by the run out route

An unsettled Brian Lara made 29 before he was fourth out with the score on 167. The rest of the innings folded with the addition of 26 runs. Bowling for Jamaica, off-spinner

Marlon Samuels captured two wickets for 20 runs off five overs while fellow slow bowler Ricardo Powell claimed three for 27, also off five overs.

last 16 matches, reaching the Jamaica got off to an encouragsemifinals at the U.S. Open and final ing start. Wavell Hinds and Leon Garrick posted 40 runs for the first wicket, but once the latter was dismissed by leftarm spinner David Mohammed for 10 in the 10th over, the innings declined.

Hinds looked in good form but Tennis when he was run out for 44 in the 20th over with the score at 82, the home team gave up the run chase. **REUTERS**, Moscow

Bowling for the Trinidadians, Mohammed finished with the impressive figures of two for eight off seven overs. There was one wicket each for Marlon Black, captain Dinanath Ramnarine and Jackson.

Barbados clinched a place in the final four of the competition Sunday by defeating the Southern Windward Islands by 21 runs in a bump tense but low-scoring match at Guyana's Enmore Community Centre Ground

of the President's Cup in Tashkent, The 18-year-old Yugoslav will Uzbekistan last month. jump into the top 10 for the first time Kiefer, who squandered a 4-2 when the WTA Tour rankings are lead in the first set, failed to capture released Monday. She also joined

Yevgeny keeps Kremlin Cup

PHOTO: AFP

Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov celebrates after beating German Nicolas Kiefer at the Kremlin Cup final on Sunday.

his first title of the year and seventh of his career. He committed 35 unforced errors and had just seven winners.

By prevailing in Sunday's messy final, which featured a combined 13 breaks of serve and 68 unforced errors, Dokic earned 175,000 dollars and her third career crown. She won the Italian Open in March and the Princess Cup at Tokyo last month

Serena Williams as the only two players to have won two Tier I titles this season.

Despite not winning her first career crown at her hometown tournament, Dementieva has enjoying a strong run, having advanced to the semifinals of the Sparkassen Cup at Leipzig, Germany last week. She was a finalist earlier in the year at the Mexican Open.

"It was really stupid for him to go

"Instead of playing in all these

to Hong Kong right after his win in

Tashkent," Tarpishchev told

tournaments and chasing ATP

points, he should have rather

focused on better preparation for

playing here in Moscow. That way

he wouldn't have had a problem of

But Safin refused to accept the

"I respect Shamil a lot but I don't

na to get points as they didn'

"But I'm a grown man now and I

"Their support helped me when I

whom I respect a great deal," Safin

agree with him." he said. "I went to

getting acclimatised once again.

Anna, Martina lift doubles title

INTERNET, Moscow

Anna Kournikova and Martina Hingis put their singles sadness behind them to win silverware in the

The pair captured the Kremlin Cup title after defeating Elena Dementiieva, who was the losing inalist in the singles competition and her partner Lina Krasnorutskaya, 7-6, 6-3.

Kournikova crashed in the first round of the singles and Hingis in the quarters. It also marked their first doubles title win of the year together.

Kournikova is still feeling the effect of a lengthy injury lay-off and said: "Obviously, in doubles you don't have to run as much as in singles, so my foot is okay for the moment.

would continue to team up. She said: "We are scheduled to play in three more tournaments this year, in Filderstadt, Zurich and Linz, as well as next January at the Australian Open.'

Hewitt moving AFP, Paris

Llevton Hewitt of Australia is closing in on Andre Agassi for second place in the ATP Champions Race following his win in the Tokyo tournament on Sunday.

Hewitt stands just six points behind the American after winning his fifth title of the year just one month before the season-ending Masters Cup in Sydney

retained top spot despite being idle. He has 755 points, 72 points ahead ofAgassi.

the Masters. "Everyone is going to be there. I'm looking forward to it.

for Australia **ATP Champions Race Top**

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9. Tim Henman

11. Marat Safin

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19. Jan-Michael Gambill

15. Andy Roddick

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20. Carlos Moya

16. Tommy Haas

10. Roger Federer



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second lead nearing the halfway point and pulled away from there to set the world mark and achieve a long-sought goal.

"It is my prayer and my dream,"

Ndereba won her second Boston title last April in 2:23:53. She won here last year by ending Fatuma Roba's three-year reign in 2:21:33. her fastest ever and the best in the world last year. But Ndereba was irked at not being named to the 2000 Kenyan Olympic team and vowed she would smash the world mark to demonstrate her ability. The prison telephone operator trains with husband Anthony Maina. In the men's race, Kimondiu was originally intended to be a pacemaker but his more illustrious fellow Kenyan Paul Tergat was unable to catch him. Tergat finished in 2:08.56 and another Kenyan, Peter Githuka, was third in 2:09.00 to give his country a clean sweep of the men's medals Kimondiu held off Tergat in a lastmile showdown, as the former world-record holder at 10,000 meters and cross country champion could not find the strength in the final stretch run.



Government was not prepared to up ATP rankings cover the spiralling costs of a proposed new stadium at Picketts Lock.

Britain's standing in world sport. But the Government then made itself look even more ridiculous to the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) by suggesting the northern English city

of Sheffield as an alternative even though the IAAF has a clear policy of only taking its showpiece event to major international cities.

Brazil's Gustavo Kuerten city in its county of Yorkshire.

"I'd like to win it," said Hewitt of

The top eight players will qualify

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Athletics



Ndereba beat the previous best set last Sunday by Takahashi when she won the Berlin marathon in

has shown with the new Millennium Stadium in Cardiff that major sporting venues can be built in the UK.

Similarly, in Scotland, both football's Hampden Park and rugby union's Murrayfield have undergone redevelopment. All these projects had one thing in common - there was never any doubt or dissension about what they would ultimately be used for.

The delay over Wembley is symptomatic of a wider problem in British sport which is not the Government's fault alone.

countries who do not have those Unlike European counterparts, Britain's sports minister has never Then what remaining credibility had any real power whatsoever regardless of whichever party won a the Government had with world athletics' chiefs was clearly shat-General Election.

The post has been a political graveyard for everyone who has ever held it. Despite being a cricket enthusiast and sports lover, Britain's former Prime Minister John Major fought shy of attempts to give him the job early in his career.

The result is that public money is distributed to a number of different bodies - Sport England, UK Sport, the British Olympic Association and numerous regional organisations with the inevitable bureaucratic confusion that entails.

Should Britain adopt the French or German model then some good may come out of the current embarrassment. But that would mean Government having to take more direct responsibility for sport.

permanent running track with retractable seating so that major athletics, football and rugby events could all be staged at the one venue. In the meantime Britain's hopes Meanwhile, despite a lottery of hosting the 2012 Olympics have grant of 120 million pounds, the old all but vanished. The nation that

Wembley and its famous twin towgave the world the expressions 'fair ers are still standing while the play' and "it's not cricket" has had its Governemnt conducts a review into international reputation for sporting probity and competence tarnished. the future of a replacement.

Wembley, it must be stressed, is a particularly English failure. Wales

Ndereba runs world's best

her second consecutive Chicago marathon, eclipsing the mark set a week ago by Japan's Naoko

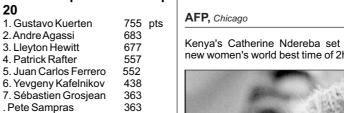
2:19.46 and became the first woman to dip below 2hr 20sec. Ndereba's compatriot Ben

Kimondiu won the men's race in 2hr Two-time Boston Marathon

champion Ndereba, 28, finished more than six minutes ahead of Ethiopia's Elfenesh Alemu, who crossed the line in 2:24.54. The winning time was originally listed as 20 seconds faster by race officials. but corrected when official results

were announced. Ndereba, also a two-time Boston Marathon champion, surged to a 10-

Ndereba said.



Enough is enough compatriots Yevgeny Kafelnikov coach, for playing too many tournaand Anna Kournikova had both ments

> faced similar treatment by fans in the past. . I don't deserve it and I won't take it," said Safin, who once admitted to having cried as a 10-vear-old after

It has been a tough year for Marat Safin losing practice matches to After the highs of last year, when Kournikova at the old Moscow

he won seven titles the most on the ATP Tour including a shock straight-sets victory over Pete Sampras in the US Open final, Safin has come down to earth with a

The 21-year-old Russian has been troubled by injury and inconstency and did not win a title unti last month when he beat compatriot Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the final of the President's Cup in Tashkent. Now, even his hometown fans have turned against him. Safin was booed off court after losing to unseeded Slovak Dominik Hrbatv in the second round of the Kremlin Cup in Moscow last week and reacted angrily by saying he never wanted to play in Russia again.

Reuters

criticism.

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sponsors.

Barbados, whose batsmen encountered difficulties coping with the fast medium pace of McNeil Morgan, Limped to 178 runs for the loss of nine wickets off their 50 overs before a modest crowd at the ground 29 kilometers (18 miles) east of the capital. The Southern Windwards also struggled badly and ended on 157 for nine off their 50 overs.

Chappell

FROM PAGE 13 Waugh's side.

They are headed by the world's greatest legspinner Shane Warne, fast bowlers Glenn McGrath, Jason Gillespie and Brett Lee, batsmen Michael Slater, Adam Gilchrist, Justin Langer, Damien Martyn, Ricky Ponting and Simon Katich.

Other notable graduates are Greg Blewett, Brendon Julian, Michael Bevan, Andrew Symonds, Stuart Law and Stuart MacGill.

"I have never been so humiliated in my whole life," said Safin, who lost 6-0. 4-6. 7-6. "It was a terrible feeling to hear the fans whistle and boo me on the court. "I didn't throw the match on

purpose, I was trying my best, chasing every ball, fighting for every point. I have had enough.

"I wanted to guit right there after the first set as I couldn't bear to hear them shouting insults at me," he added. "I just couldn't take it any longer.

Russian journalists tried to placate Safin, reminding him that



MARAT SAFIN

tennis school.

Safin had hoped that the win in Tashkent, together with good performances in Hong Kong and at the Kremlin Cup, would help him to earn a place in the Masters Cup in Sydney at the end of the season when the top eight players fight for \$3.7 million in prize money.

But he lost in the second round of this month. the Hong Kong Open to Swede Magnus Larsson last month and is story, they have great fans," he said. now only 11th in the champions' race standings. played Hrbaty in last year's final

Safin was criticised by Russian there. I was losing the match but tennis chief Shamil Tarpishchev, they kept urging me to fight on and it who is also the country's Davis Cup pulled me through in the end."

Navratilova to play in charity match "If I had won there, had come

AFP, London

Tennis legend Martina Navratilova will take on Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain in a charity match at the Royal AlbertHall on Thursday December 6, organisers announced Monday.

"Mats and I decided that it would Navratilova won nine Wimbledon be better for me to play as much as singles titles including six in a row possible. Besides. I have commitbetween 1982 and 1987, while ments to various tournaments, to Sanchez-Vicario was twice a runner-up at the All England Club and a After first saying that he never wanted to play in Russia again, three-time winner of the French Open

Safin had second thoughts and said The exhibition match will be in he would play in St Petersburg later aid of wildlife conservation organisations Save the Rhino "St Petersburg is a different International and Wildlifeline.

> Famous names from the men's game who are competing include John McEnroe, Boris Becker, Pat Cash, Guy Forget, Petr Korda and Henri Leconte

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Catherine Ndereba of Kenya claps her hands after winning the Chicago Marathon on Sunday.

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"I knew he might out-kick me at PHOTO: AFP the finish but I made it," Kimondiu said. "Nobody expected me to win this race. I'm very happy and glad."

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Jr WC starts today



AFP, Hobart

Germany are favourites to topple defending champions Australia in the Junior World field hockey Cup which starts here Tuesday.

The tournament bring the world's top under-21 players from 16 nations together for the first time in four years.

Australia won the last Junior World Cup in 1997 at Milton Keynes, England, but Germany, with seven players who are regular members of their senior side, are strong favour-

Their stars include 19-year-old Matthais Witthaus, who played at the Sydney Olympics, and Florian Keller from the famous Keller family whose Olympic gold medals in hockey started with grandfather Irwin Keller at the Berlin Olympics in 1936

Surprisingly, the Netherlands have not sent their three senior team players to Hobart, saving them for the Champions Trophy in Rotterdam starting Nov 3.

In a practice match here on Saturday, Germany overran the Dutch 3-1 in a display of sharp shooting by Keller and Witthaus although the Dutch have an excuse

international striker Eduard Tubau with 52 matches for Spain's senior team, Albert Sala with 8 caps and Santiago Freixa with 11.

coach Maurits Hendriks took over as Spain head coach after taking Netherlands to their second successive gold medal at the Sydney Olympics

with Olympic experience Singh after the loss of a series to

Malaysia bring four experienced

Captain Boon Huat Chua has made a name for himself in international hockey circles as a very capable midfielder and tenacious striker over more than 100 games

Logan Raj Kali Kavandan and as experienced as Boon Huat and as cool under pressure. Their collective leadership will be needed as Malaysia has the toughest task to

qualify for a top 8 place as their pool includes Germany, Argentina and

as they only flew in at 2:30 that morning. Spain's talented team includes

Former Dutch senior men's

India have high expectations with Gagan Ajit Singh and Deepak Thakur from the senior team and India changed coach last month from Charles Cornelius to Rajinder

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