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Sport

Trouble in Zim cricket? **REUTERS**, Harare

Zimbabwe's players considered striking before their final match in the one-day series against England after a series of rows with the Zimbabwe Cricket Union, according Tennis

Newly-crowned world number one

Jennifer Capriati proclaimed her

comeback complete before begin-

ning her reign with a defeat in the

lots of doubles matches," said a

smiling Capriati, who earlier in the

day was officially confirmed as

successor to Martina Hingis at the

go from child prodigy to teenage

felon to world number one and

(her comeback) complete?" asked

Capriati, the Australian and French

Open champion. "I'd say it's pretty

a lot of people thought I couldn't

Just because I'm number one now

doesn't mean I'm going to stop and

think there's nowhere else to go.

"What else could I do to make it

"Being number one is something

"But I think I can still improve

Eight years ago, Capriati

Just 17 and burnt out from the

appeared closer to prison than

double grand slam champion.

She is only the ninth woman to

"Doubles don't count, I've lost

Swisscom Challenge doubles.

top of the singles rankings.

since the rankings began.

happen too often.

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complete now.

do...not even me.

better every day.

Tennis

me here."

stardom.

REUTERS, Zurich

to a source close to the team. The source told Reuters the players had not been paid for six weeks and had not received new contracts. He added the imposition of racial quotas was also dividing the squad

No officials from the Zimbabwean Cricket Union (ZCU) could be contacted for comment on Tuesday. President Peter Chingoka and chief executive David Ellman-Brown are both overseas.

The source said the players believed the union should be in a position to pay them following India's two-Test tour earlier this

According to a ZCU policy document released this year, the national knew I had done it. team should include at least three black players and four in the squad. the pressure."

The document said by January the quota should increase to four black team players and five in a squad of 15, with six in the starting line-up by September 2004. Zimbabwe fielded two black

players as they lost the final onedaver to England to lose the series by a 5-0 whitewash. Their leading black player, Henry Olonga, missed

most of the series through injury. Signs of unhappiness within the squad emerged in June when Heath Streak gave up the captaincy and went on strike on the morning of the first one-day international against the West Indies, citing differences of

opinion over selection. Zimbabwe have lost their last 12 one-dayers in a row. They have also lost their last two Test series, to West Indies and South Africa.

Lanka bring FROM PAGE 13

SQUAD

Sanath Jayasuriya (captain) Marvan Atapattu (vice captain), Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardena, Russel Arnold, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Avishka Gunawardena, Chamara Silva, Chaminda Vaas, Dilhara Fernando, Prabhat Nissanka, Dulip Liyanage, Charitha Buddhika, Muttiah Muralitharan and Kumar Dharmasena.

England must FROM PAGE 13

Test series, followed by five one-day internationals in January. Recent media reports suggest

England are uncomfortable playing AFP, Stuttgart at Mohali and Ahmedabad, which host the first two Tests, although the Mark Philippoussis left the door third Test venue of Bangalore is open for a long-shot Davis Cup callaccepted as safe.

up as he moved into the second MacLaurin is expected to disround of the 2.95-million-dollar cuss the tour with Indian cricket Masters Series on Monday with a 6chief Jagmohan Dalmiya during 3, 3-6, 6-3 revenge win against a meetings of the International Cricket in Kuala Counci

Capriati doesn't mind

Women's tennis new world number one Jennifer Capriati of the United States smiles during a news conference at the WTA tournament in Zurich on October 15.

demands and pressure of the sport, the troubled teenager was arrested for shoplifting and cautioned for possession of marijuana in 1993, her once promising career in ruins.

But in one of the most inspiring sporting comebacks, Capriati reinvented herself and her game, finally realising the potential that was seen when, aged 14, she became the youngest player to break into the top 10.

"I can't describe the happiness "My goal is to keep playing the and satisfaction I feel," said Capriati. way that I've been playing and get 'It's been a long road, a lot of challenges "It's that type of thinking that got

I wouldn't change anything. "Who knows if I would have gotten to number one if things had

"It just wasn't supposed to hap-

told myself to hit the ball over, not

chip it back. If I'm going to miss, I'll

do it by hitting. That's the kind of

tennis that's going to get me Top 5,

Top 10, Top 3.

pen back then. It's been a unique journey, a unique story. "I never expected to be number one. I've always dreamed of being

number one but it wasn't always a goal "After my break I knew how tough it was. Maybe when I was young I didn't really understand the meaning of number one."

The question now concerns her direction for the future.

She admits she is unsure of how to handle the increased demands and pressure of being the world's number one player.

worse recently.

had so many tasks in my life. "This is just another chapter. But

I can breathe a sigh of relief.

past several months. "It's been

me, I actually hit the ball decently

over the past few weeks, but I've lost

some matches that I'd hoped to do

better in. I do have some good

Nicolas Lapentti scored a minor

upset as he ousted former French

Open champion Carlos Moya of

Ecuador's former top 10 player

memories of this place.'

Spain 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

"The match was pretty good for

Rixon, Lee have Salt Lake's rock medals faith in Slater

INTERNET, Salt Lake City AFP, Sydney When Mitt Romney unwrapped a New South Wales coach Steve sample of Salt Lake's roughhewn Rixon and captain Shane Lee Olympic medals, the IOC executive believe Michael Slater will force his board was slow to give its approval. way back into the Australian Test cricket side this summer. said Romney, president of the Salt When Slater was dumped from Lake Organising Committee.

the fifth Ashes Test against England last August for makeshift opener Justin Langer, he declared he would "hit the ground running" in the domestic competition to stake his claim for a recall

His first big opportunity comes Wednesday in the start of the fourday match against Tasmania at the Sydney Cricket Ground, where national selector Allan Border will be monitoring his form.

In Brisbane, Langer will open for Western Australia against Queensland to fight off the Slater challenge for his Test spot after scoring 102 in the fifth Test at The Oval. "Michael is actually in a very

good physical and mental state at the moment," said Rixon Tuesday. "He's been working well, he's

been training extremely well, he's pleasant in the squad, he's doing everything conceivably possible to get back into the Test side.

"Let's hope he continues along that vein for the rest of the season -I have no doubt he will be back in the Test team, but there's no easy way back and nor should there be. He knows he's got to make runs."

Lee supported Slater's recall saying: "Hopefully, Michael's putting Test selection out of his sights at the moment and just worrying about getting runs.

American athletics standout Inger

Miller repeated her denials that she

took abnormal quantities of caffeine

in a statement here Monday,

expressing disappointment with an

Miller was reacting to an IAAF

HSI, Miller's training group, the 29-

year-old US standout denied ever

taking caffeine in an abnormal

quantity at any time during her

substance to gain an unfair advan-

tage and said she was especially

disappointed with the IAAF for not

accepting her explanation of an

abnormal caffeine level since IAAF

officials provided her with soft drinks

on the media podium and in the drug

testing area prior to collecting her

She also denied taking any

When Romney took his gold medal sample to Lausanne. "I think if he does that, the class Switzerland, setting off metal detecplayer that he is, he'll definitely tors at airports on the way, some push his way back into the Test International Olympic Committee executives grumbled that it was not IAAF decision perfectly round.

"We said, "No, we want something that looks like it came from the

Olympic Games at 1 1/4 pounds.

can fill an athlete's palm.

This is how the 2002 Winter Games medal will look like.

There was quite a hubbub,

Looking nothing like the pol-

ished, coin-like medals of past

games, Salt Lake's medals have

heft and bulk and smooth but irregu-

lar edges, like a weathered rock

The medals, the heaviest for any

plucked from a mountain stream.

Nehra hopeful of Tests

Olympic archives.

love the free form.'

speed skating.

Cricket

REUTERS, New Delhi

decision announced by US officials Saturday that saw her disqualified India paceman Ashish Nehra, from a third-place finish in the 60 sidelined for over two months after a meters final at the World Indoor groin injury, believes he will be fit in Championships in Japan in March time for a three-Test series in South Africa starting next month. In a statement released through

Nehra missed a series in Sri Lanka in August and was ruled out of the current one-day tournament involving India, Kenya and hosts South Africa after failing a fitness

"I'm confident I'll be fit for the Test series," the left-arm paceman said on Tuesday. "There was a strain in my lower abdomen and groin, but it's almost gone now.

earth," Romney said. The debate over the medals

raged for weeks until then-IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch called Romney saying, ``I like it, go ahead."

Salt Lake planned to showcase the medals, all milled from gold, silver and bronze mined in Utah, on Monday. Romney was to join Kent Murdock, president and CEO of Utah jeweller O.C. Tanner, which is making medals for 477 top Olympic athletes and hundreds more for Paralympians, tie-winners and

for when a neighbor dropped one of her gold medals, breaking the fragile, crystal-based medallion ssued in 1992. The Salt Lake medals depict 16 sports, another difference from

skating and short track, called Sali

ing if not durable. That's something

speed skater Bonnie Blair, the

winner of five gold medals at three

Olympic Games, could have wished

The Salt Lake medals are noth-

Lake's medals ``nice and simple.'

standard Olympic design. The Olympic rings are shown more prominently than usual, a suggestion Romney said was made by former Olympians. Tiny etched letters spell out Salt Lake's Olympic motto, ``Light the Fire Within."

The backside of every medal shows Nike, the Greek goddess of victory.

Romney likens the irregularshaped medals no two shaped exactly alike to a piece of sculpture a half-inch thick. ``This is not your standard commercial art." he said.

It took about 20 hours of painstaking labor for O.C. Tanner, an Olympic supplier donating the minerals and handiwork, to make each medal.

Cutting machines gave shape to a silver core that was then stamped with 1,000 tons of pressure, or five times the weight of the Statute of Liberty. Each medal was handpolished.

The gold medals come with 6 grams of gold plating. The silver medals are solid silver, and bronze is an alloy of 90 per cent copper and 10 per cent zinc over a silver base. Each medal comes in its own walnut

Winning an Olympic medal is the dream of any athlete," said Priestner Allinger. ``It's concrete evidence of your achievement. Five, 10 or 15 years later, you can pull it out and it has the same meaning."

record score of 281 this year to

The injury forced him out of the

inspire his team to a shock 2-1 home seasons before emerging as one of series win over Australia, sustained India's leading bowlers on tours of a ligament tear in July during a oneday triangular tournament in Sri He has picked up 12 wickets at

It's the most unique medal l've

ever seen," said Cathy Priestner

Allinger, SLOC's managing director

of sport and a silver-medal

Gabel, a 1994 silver medalist in

``It's not gaudy,'' said Andy

Gabel, SLOC's director of figure

Canadian speed skater in 1976.

He will examine me shortly. I'm still waiting for the board to give me a date for my fitness test," Nehra said. "I'm getting back my speed slowly and gradually. Things are going

according to plan. The India squad for the Tests will be strengthened by the return of Nehra and batsman Vangipurappu Laxman, who said this month he had recoved from knee surgery and would be available for the series

Laxman, who hit an Indian Test

Nehra, who made his Test debut in 1998-99, was overlooked for two Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka this year.

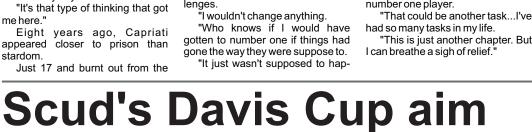
Lanka. 25.91 in three Tests and 13 in 10 one-day internationals at 29.92.

subsequent three-Test series won "I have spoken to Dr Anant Joshi. 2-1 by Sri Lanka and also ruled him out of the current one-day series in South Africa. Left-arm paceman Zaheer Khan

PHOTO: INTERNET

is also hoping to make a comeback in the Tests after being left out for the one-day tournament because of a leg injury. BCCI officials said on Tuesday

Khan had submitted a fitness certificate and would be tested along with Nehra





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AFP, Los Angeles

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career.

PHOTO: INTERNET

Malaysia, this week

Commenting on possible venue changes, MacLaurin said: "I'm sure that will be part of the conversation I will have with my Indian counterpart on Thursday and Friday

"If the situation is as it is right now then we would not tour," he was quoted as saying. "But can anyone tell me what the world political situation will be like in two weeks time.'

The ECB had received advice from the British aovernment foreign office last week that Europeans in India should maintain a low profile.

"But an England side in India is a very high profile side. The players are our crown iewels and we will not endanger them," MacLaurin said.

Dalmiya, a former ICC president, refused to discuss the fate of the tour till he had spoken to MacLaurin.

New Zealand last month called off a Test series in Pakistan and plans to host a one-day series between Sri Lanka and Pakistan also fell through.

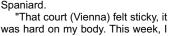
Philippoussis, back only a month following half a year recuperating from two bouts of knee surgery, used last week's losing experience against Alberto Martin to get his own back on the Schleyer Halle's purple, made-for-TV carpet.

The Aussie next faces big-hitting Wimbledon winner Goran Ivanisevic.

Philippoussis said he considers Australia's 1999 Davis Cup finals victory against France, next month's repeat opponent in Melbourne, the biggest thing in his career.

But he added that he's not too worried if he's not a part of the team in November. "If I have to miss a Davis Cup I've got to do it. (But) it's

always been a priority in my life." Philippoussis said that he learned from his loss to Martin and was able to turn the tables in Germany after going out in the Vienna first round to the 23-year-old



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MARK PHILIPPOUSSIS

Hobbled Stuttgart holder Wayne Ferreira ignored the back problems which have all but wrecked his season, winning 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 over heats up. Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia

The 31-year-old South African notched only his 14th victory of the year against 17 defeats as he advanced into the second round of the event he won a year ago over Australian Lleyton Hewitt in five

"I came here not hoping to do much or hoping to do to well," said Ferreria, bedevilled by back and hip problems which have flared in the

German hopes took a hit as sample Miller also said she presented Nicolas Kiefer lost to Spaniard Albert Costa 3-6 6-0 7-6 (8/6) but proven medical evidence to the

AAF regarding how caffeine affects Axel Pretzsch picked up the slack with a win over another Spaniard, Albert Portas, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3. Belarus' Max Mirnyi beat Belgian qualifier Olivier Rochus 7-6 (7/1), 6-

while Czech Bohdan Ulihrach eliminated Swede Andreas Vinciguerra 6-3, 6-2. Dutchman Sjeng Schalken beat German wild card David Prinosil 6-2, 6-4. The Stuttgart event could set the

stage for a final month of drama in the season-long Champions points race as the qualifying battle for the Masters Cup next month in Sydney

Insurers feel scared

All major contenders save fourthstanding Patrick Rafter are entered here. Already qualified for Sydney are Gustavo Kuerten, Andre Agassi and Lleyton Hewitt, the newly crowned U.S. Open winner.

Hewitt has won his last two events, the New York Grand Slam and the AIG Open in Tokyo, while inbetween leading Australia into a third consecutive Davis Cup final.

African American women and individuals who are dehydrated differently than the average, but the IAAF imposed sanctions anyway. Miller has since gone on to win the 200m title at the outdoor World

Championships in Seville, Spain later in 1999, and a sprint relay gold at this year's World Championships in Edmonton, Canada.

But the announcement is another blow for Miller's HSI training group, where she trains under coach John Smith. Smith, coach to Maurice Greene,

the world's fastest man, is facing a one-million-dollar legal suit for damages over allegations of assault from former charge, Anjanette Kirkland.

Smith's group is also reeling from the recent stimulant positive findings against another high profile member of their group, Trinidad's Ato Boldon.

PHOTO: EMIRATES

The victorious Godolphin team pose during the presentation of the Emirates World Series Trophy after winning at the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe Lucien Barriere at Longchamp Racecourse in Paris on October 7. The winning team members are: From (L-R) Shekh Mohammed, jockey Frankie Dettori, Sheikh Hamdan, Sheikh Maktoum.

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International insurers, confronted with new and different kinds of risks, are resorting more and more to the last shot in their locker -- cancelling and renegotiating contracts.

AFP, Paris

"We're going from a situation where we insured for everything, with only a few exceptions, to a situation where everything is excluded, apart from just a few things that are covered," said Jean-Marie Nessi, chief executive of Axa Corporate Solutions.

Even before the World Trade Center catastrophe, insurers had already been confronted with a string of natural disasters stretching their resources.

The upshot of the WTC and Pentadon attacks is that insurers have been sending staff around to clients such as companies and airlines considered to be high risk. in order to renegotiate premiums and guarantee ceilings.

The new development has been given urgency by the fact that many contracts have to be renewed in December, and three months' notice is required.

The world's airlines received a letter from their insurers on September 17 imposing a extra

premium charge of 1.25 dollars (1.37 euros) for each passenger, and a reduction in the total value covered to a maximum of 50 million dollars (55 million euros) per aircraft and per accident, compared to previous ceilings of between 1.5 billion and two billion dollars.

Next in line is the world of sport. Last Friday the insurance company Axa Colonia ended its contract covering the 2002 World Cup football finals, in order to renegotiate guarantees.

The new arrangements will not affect the French Open tennis championship next year or the skiing world cup this winter.

Private companies, already subject to increased premiums since last year, will also feel the full effects of September 11 and the new unknown risks perceived by insurers

Premiums will go up by at least 15 to 20 percent, according to one insurance agent.

Axa CS, a branch of the insurance group Axa, is planning premium increases between 39 and 80 percent in industrial risks for the year 2002.