### Celtic on fire

AFP, Glasgow

Celtic extended their lead at the top of the Scottish Premier League to 10 points over arch-rivals Rangers after a 5-1 demolition of Dundee United at Parkhead on Saturday.

Elsewhere, there was a similar goal tally on the road for Livingston. who trounced Kilmarnock 5-1 to remain third, while fourth-placed Aberdeen beat Dunfermline 3-2 courtesy of a brace from Robbie Winters

Dundee's game against Motherwell was postponed, while on Sunday Hibernian host Hearts and Rangers travel to St Johnstone. But victory came at a price for

Celtic, who saw star striker Henrik Larsson taken off in the second half with a mystery illness which could rule him out of this week's crucial Champions League clash with Rosenborg

Celtic must win in Norway on Tuesday to stand any realistic chance of progressing in the competiton after their mid-week mauling in Porto.

"Henrik was just not feeling well," said Celtic boss Martin O'Neill

"He's just feeling a bit of sickness at the moment in his stomach. But he wouldn't even tell you if he was feeling ill before the game and that's to his great credit.

"He's just gone off and the doctor is looking at him, but we will continue to monitor him tonight and tomorrow and see how it goes.

"It's too early to say and this time last week we thought Chris Sutton might be all right and it didn't look that way so this is a concern."

Sutton has missed the last three games with tonsilitis, adding to O'Neill's selection headache, but encouragingly, the Englishman's absence has allowed Wales' John Hartson to take his chance.

Hartson, in his sixth game since his 6-million-pound (8.6 million dollars) move from Coventry City, scored inside eight minutes and went on to bag a late hat-trick.

"He (Hartson) has been brilliant and it will have given him a very, very big lift," said O'Neill. "He's played very well and scored three goals and had a part to play in the

"But his overall performance was excellent as was the whole team and it was a good response.

#### Appeal for Adams

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Pat Symcox, a former South African off-spinner, says he has tried to help Adams change his grip, but his efforts failed because Adams did not work hard enough at it. "As far as I'm concerned, he

missed his chance of getting proper help when he refused to put in the required effort on the West Indian tour. He told me that he could not bowl with a changed grip," Symcox

like Adams should not be summarily

"He took his 96 wickets in fewer Tests than even the legendary Shane Warne. I think he must get full-time specialist help for the next couple of months, because he can still make a big contribution to South African cricket

"Somebody should have taken Adams in hand a long time ago, because there isn't enough time now to successfully change his bowling grip ahead of the Indian Tests or the Australian tour.

"Boje would be our first choice spinner due to his batting abilities. but when you are playing a Test in Sydney you need two spinners. Last time we were there even Mark Taylor (the former Aussie captain and opening bat) had to bowl a few overs of spin.

"We are placing a far too high a premium on bowlers that can also score runs. I believe we need more bowlers that can concentrate only on getting the opposition out cheaply." Irvine said.

# India abase Argentina

Hockey

India overwhelmed Argentina 6-1 to win the Junior World Cup here

Prabhjot Singh opened the scoring for India in the 11th minute after receiving a pass from Bipin Fernandez at the top of the circle and knocking a reverse stick shot past Argentinan keeper Joaquin Berthold.

India notched another from their second penalty corner in the 17th minute, when Jugraj Singh fired his drag flick high to the right of Berthold

The Argentinians found their confidence in the second quarter and matched India for the number of shots on goal (five) and possessions in the Indian circle (eight), but they were unable to find the net.

India came out fast in the second half, piling the pressure on the Argentinian defence to earn three penalty corners in the first three minutes, none of which they were able to convert. Jugraj could get only one clear drag flick on goal and

If New Zealand captain Stephen

Fleming and his touring party are

feeling upbeat about the first Test,

they might do well to ignore cricket

bulletins flashing in from around the

They have the potential to dis-

Australia's leading batsmen

The probable Test top order

amassed 653 runs for their States at

an average of 109 - without

Australian captain Steve Waugh.

still recovering from deep vein

Likely Test openers Matthew

Hayden and Justin Langer scored

143 and 96 respectively. Probable

United States Olympic officials, who

seek a record medal haul from the

2002 Winter Olympics, have

boosted the payoffs for American

The US Olympic Committee will

raise the reward for a gold medal to

25,000 dollars, a silver to 15,000

dollars and a bronze to 10.000

dollars under a plan announced

Those figures are a 10,000-

dollar boost for champions, a 5,000-

dollar rise for runners-up and a

2,500-dollar improvement for

much-needed financial assistance

for athletes who have dedicated so

much of their time and energy,

acting USOC chief executive officer

Blackmun made the controver-

sial move of setting a US goal of

capturing 20 medals at next

February's Salt Lake City Winter

Games. That total is seven more

than any prior US Winter Olympic

thing we felt we really needed,'

Blackmun said. "We wanted to tie

"The 20-medal goal is some-

"We hope to provide some

medalists to record sums.

here Saturday.

finishing third.

Scott Blackmun said

squad has achieved.

34 Terrible

guy? 35 Lazily

have staged a run feast in the open-

ing Pura Cup matches of the season

at the Sydney Cricket Ground, the

Gabba and Adelaide Oval.

thrombosis.

Cricket

**INTERNET**, undated

that was saved low and to the right by Berthold.

Argentina clawed one back through Lucas Cammareri in the 44th minute but India replied immediately to break the Argentinians' spirit. Jugraj converted from India's seventh penalty corner of the game with a drag flick into the top right of the net.

Deepak Thakur scored three times in the last 15 minutes as Argentina went on an all out attack. leaving huge gaps in their midfield which India were able to exploit.

Deepak finished as the highest scorer of the tournament with 10

"India was too good for us today and we were not smart with getting yellow cards in the second half, said Alejandro Verga, Argentina's coach, referring to the second half temporary suspensions of Lucas Rey and Diego Avila.

"We were dark today, like in a cloudy day, and we did not play well," Verga said. "It was a good experience for the

team and as senior players they will not make the same mistakes," he said. "Even though we lost 6-1 we still have a silver medal

first drop Ricky Ponting was in

dashing form for Tasmania, crack-

ing 126 from 174 balls against NSW.

Waugh amassed a masterful 168

from 211 balls for NSW while Adam

Gilchrist just fell short of his century

With the Australian captain on

the sidelines, Damien Martyn was

the only member of the top seven to

"fail". But he was carelessly run out,

having scored a threatening 22 from

the depth of Australian batting.

Little joy for the Kiwis there nor in

Batsmen of world-class ability

Greg Blewett (169no), Michael

Bevan (102), Jamie Cox (107) and

Brad Hodge (140) among them

made sure the selectors did not

forget they are waiting for their

Australian chairman of selectors

"In the past, we haven't had as

Trevor Hohns said the flow of runs

decided here Sunday when the

USOC executive committee con-

cludes a year-long search to fill the

job Blackmun has held on an interim

A divided USOC will decide how

much control sport governing

bodies have over the group when it

chooses between Blackmun and

two black men, former Baltimore

mayor Kurt Schmoke and former

over the time it has taken is coun-

tered by the relief I feel that this

process is going to be over in the

next couple of days," Blackmun

and getting on with what the

Olympic movement is about and

getting the family united one way or

USOC job a year ago after only nine

Norm Blake resigned the top

USOC bosses over the past 20

years have averaged barely two

years in the job, but stable leader-

ship would help US chances of

winning the 2012 Summer

USOC officials will announce

Friday which of eight candidates to

be the US bid city will remain in the

picture, weeding out weak bids

before the US names a city in 13

"I look forward to completing this

"Any frustration I might have felt

corporate chairman Lloyd Ward.

from so many players was "terrific".

Richer medal payoffs set

for Western Australia, smacking 98

runs from 112 balls.

iust 23 balls

chance

US seeks record 2002 Winter haul

the other.

months on the job.

The ominously in-form Mark

Aussies armed, dangerous

prisingly delighted.

"There will be a big celebration for us tonight and in India also," said captain Gagan Ajit Singh. "Everyone is happy because we

will be getting good prize money." "My boys did an excellent job today and today was the only day

they played their game," said Indian coach Rajinder Singh. "In other matches they played in patches but today they were excellent. I was not expecting this high scoring but they outclassed them.

forward line," Rajinder said. "Argentina's team did not click" and it was not the day for Argentina today and they did not play well."

We combined in the half line and the

Germany outclassed England 5-1 to take the bronze medal. England played attacking hockey but did not anticipate the penalty corner variations of Germany, allowing Timo Wess to fire in drag flicks on their first two short corners.

The third goal in the first half put the match out of England's reach.

Spain outclassed Australia 2-0 to take fifth place, while South Korea pipped the Netherlands 3-2 in a close match to claim seventh spot.

many fellows in form this early," he

said. "Whether they are established

Test players or not, it is always nice

to have them in form going into the

"It is very encouraging, there is

Hohns said the New Zealanders

"But they'd be mainly concerned

with their own form and getting

some practice under their belt in our

conditions. That is the most impor-

While the batting is not recom-

mended reading, the bowling may

hold some relief for the New

While Brett Lee is out with injury,

Glenn McGrath did it tougher, as

the Tasmanian openers put the

Blues to the sword. McGrath went

for 1-106 off 32, while spin king

Shane Warne took 1-61 from 23

months in advance of a 2005

International Olympic Committee

cities that have a real chance of

winning," Blackmun said. "We have

to think about which bid might have

the best chance internationally. It

struck last month by terrorist

attacks, are favorites to stay in the

running. Los Angeles and San

Francisco also have solid bids. Less

certain are the hopes of Dallas.

Houston, Tampa and longshot

and New York could affect (the

USOC). But we have to remember

that the final decision won't be

made until 2005. We have to select

the bid with the best chance of being

No changes have been made to

any bids in the wake of the terrorist

attacks and subsequent US military

actions, although bid groups which

reach the final US list are likely to

"Next week, we will evaluate the

bids we had in place before

"Everything that has happened

since then, they will take into

September 11." Blackmun said

selected by the IOC."

make some changes

account after that point.

"What happened in Washington

New York and Washington, both

"We want to keep in only the

decision among global bids.

could be only two or three."

Cincinnati.

fellow quick Jason Gillespie bowled

35 overs for South Australia for a

would "be taking an interest".

tant thing for them," he said.

first Test.

Zealanders.

return of 2-95.

no doubt about that."

#### Kiwi hopes REUTERS, Sydney

Thommo Ibws

Former Australia pace bowler Jeff Thomson said on Sunday New Zealand had no chance of beating world champions Australia in the three-Test series starting on November 8.

Yeah. I give New Zealand a chance." Thomson said.

``None. "Look at the personnel on both teams...how can they possibly beat

Thomson 51 who took 200 Test wickets and was a television commentator in England this year as Brett Lee took nine wickets at 55.11 while Australia won the series 4-1 also had some advice for Lee.

The blond fast bowler, troubled by a side strain, is attempting to prove his fitness to play for New South Wales in a four-day interstate match against South Australia starting in Sydney on October 26.

"He bowled very poorly in England," Thomson was quoted as saying by Australian Associated Press.

``There were a few good spells in there but the rest was pretty average and the statistics showed that. 'It was back-to-the-rest-of-thefield stuff and that's not what he's

"He's there to bowl fast, that's his job and that's what he should be

Lee, 24, who started the Ashes tour while recovering from an elbow operation, was then hampered by a side strain late in the tour.

"It seems like every time I start getting it right something goes wrong, a little niggle somewhere, and then I'm back to square one,'

`But I feel good now, great."

#### **Price exacts** revenge

AFP, Melbourne

Paul Price gained revenge for defeat in last year's Australian Open when he downed fellow Australian Anthony Ricketts in a thrilling fiveset final of the WSF World Challenge here Sunday.

Price, the second seed, looked down and out when he lost the fourth game to love and appeared to be struggling with the recurrence of a back problem.

But it proved just to be a minor scare as he went on to win 9-0. 9-10. 10-9, 0-9, 9-2 in a 103-minute marathon. For Price, the victory was the

perfect warm-up before joining his Australian teammates for the start of Monday's world team championship "It's great to win the individual title, and now I want to add the team

title for Australia, especially here in front of my home fans," said the world No.6 from Melbourne. "Today was a great match and I

always knew it was going to be hard "I wasn't injured in the fourth

game, I was just absolutely exhausted. But I managed to comeback in the fifth which was great." Ricketts, the ninth seed who had

knocked out three higher-ranked players on his way to the final, was disappointed. "But Paul played really well, and

it's been a good week overall for me," said Ricketts.

#### Pete misses **Basel meet**

AFP, Basel

Injured Pete Sampras pulled out of next week's ATP event in Basel on Saturday and immediately called a halt to his season, according to reports here. The decision by the seven-time

Wimbledon champion to skip the one million dollar Swiss event, for which he had been awarded a wild-card. also adds a new twist to the chase for places in next month's Masters Cup in Sydney. The American complained of a

'dead arm' after his defeat by Max Mirnyi in the quarter final of the Masters event in Stuttgart on Friday and on Saturday he decided to head home to America to recuperate, the Swiss Telegraphic Agency reported.

Sampras, the holder of 13 Grand Slam titles, will also miss the final Masters series event of the seasor in Paris at the end of this month.

#### Inside Marsh's

Marsh has a reputation for not suffering fools gladly. He gained a reputation through 96 Tests as a tough competitor and his time as head of the Australian Academy has

"He's got a great track record and we're going to be doing a lot of listening," says Kirby.

and his attitude," says Abrahams, "and he brings that to coaching but coach.'

should watch out when he claims: "I'd run through a brick wall for Rod Marsh "



German Tommy Haas plays a backhand return against Australian Lleyton Hewitt at the Masters Series tournament on

# **Haas halts Hewitt**

Tennis

AFP, Stuttgart

German Tommy Haas ended Lleyton Hewitt's 17-match winning streak here Saturday, coming back from a set down to defeat the

Australian 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 and reach the final of the 2.95-million-dollar Masters Series. Haas, seeded 15th, will try to make it two titles in two weeks indoors in Europe as he clashes with Belarus' Max Mirnyi in

Sunday's best-of-five-set show-

down at the Schleyerhalle. Miryni comfortably stretched his run through the ranks Saturday, knocking out a fourth straight Grand Slam champion with a win over former French and Australian Open winner Yevgeny Kafelnikov 7-6, 6-3.

Coming into his clash with Haas, Hewitt had won 17 matches on the trot, including the U.S. Open crown and the AIG Open in Tokyo.

But the 20-year-old, still with two regular tournaments and two huge events - the Masters Cup in Sydney and the Davis Cup final against France - coming up at home next month, has had his mind well ahead "I was tired at the end of the second set and the start of the third. I've always had tough matches against Tommy, I didn't take this one lightly. t was decided by one or two points. "I haven't had any easy matches,

all the guys I've played have been grinders, I haven't had any serve and volleyers or the chance to get any cheap points. I've played a lot of tough guys and I'm a bit tired right Against Haas, the Vienna cham-

pion last weekend, Hewitt reversed his recent trend of losing the opening set only to roar back for victory. The Aussie won the opener, but

his level dropped from that point on as Haas, cheered by a crowd eager to see the first home finalist here since Boris Becker in 1996. The German lost an early break

in the second, but broke Hewitt in the final game of the set on his third try to square the match. The third stayed cleanly on serve until Haas found a slight chink in the Hewitt game. A forehand cross-

court winner on the Aussie's serve gave the 15th seed three match Never-say-die Hewitt saved the first two, but could do little on the

third from a backhand long to lose

Davenport goes in Sunday's final

as favourite having defeated Dokic

two hours, 17 minutes of struggle. Hewitt is due to headline at the

Stockholm Open next week, but dropped a hint that his plans might change. "I'm due to play there. I do want to talk to my coach about things. I haven't had a proper break since after Wimbledon." Mirnyi, 24, added Kafelnikov to

an elite list of losers this week at the penultimate Masters event of the The 24-year-old Russianspeaker knocked out top seed and

treble Roland Garros champion Gustavo Kuerten in the second round, ousted Wimbledon winner Goran Ivanisevic in the third, upended seven-time Wimbledon king Pete Sampras for a semi-final place and capped his showing with "We come from basically the

same country," he said of the Russian. "We know each other very well. Any time we play, we're going to bring our best to the court. I was able to raise my game and keep it there to win.

Mirnyi added: "I want to do my best to win my first title. I like my tennis and I enjoy my training, I guess it's just a matter of time."

away from Jelena who played very

well, she was very strong physically.

## Lindsay-Jelena finale

Tennis

American Lindsay Davenport knocked out new world number one Jennifer Capriati in the semifinals of the 1.185 million dollar WTA tourna ment here on Saturday to set up a final with Jelena Dokic of Yugoslavia.

Davenport saw off her compatriot 6-1, 5-7, 6-2, while Dokic had a much easier time beating French veteran Nathalie Tauziat 6-2, 6-2 who was playing the last match of her career before going into retire-

It was a medicore encounter between the two Americans, the match littered with errors.

where you play better than others won the first set," said Davenport.

and I was surprised at how quick I

and that Jennifer improved in the

"There are some tournaments

"I knew I wasn't playing very well



LINDSAY DAVENPORT

affected the way I played," said the

"I had a bad back and that

Frenchwoman



**JELENA DOKIC** 

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**CRYPTOQUIP** P O JWJEGRSEJ B A V

DGCCGXZ SJRP Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU'RE EXPECTED TO SEND A MEMO BY PHONE, BE CERTAIN TO GET YOUR FAX STRAIGHT.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals C

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.

the ten-day meet. Steve straight

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against the West Indies in Melbourne last December after recovering from a muscle injury that kept him out of the previous Test. He has not played since the

Waugh has declared he is ready for another hectic season which takes Australia through home Tests month tour early next year.

#### Army v'ball PRESS RELEASE. Dhaka

The annual volleyball championship of the Bangladesh Army began at the Mirpur Cantonment yesterday. The Jessore Area defeated

Bogra Area 3-0 in the opening Twelve teams are taking part in

from a torn calf which kept him out of the fourth Test and threatened to sideline him for the last game of the

Waugh also made a century

mild case of DVT. against New Zealand and South Africa before heading to South Africa and Zimbabwe for a three-

Ashes series after discovering the

course.

added to his stature.

"Everyone knows his experience

he's not as hard or inflexible as a Marsh is certainly an innovator, as this week has shown, but Kirby

It might just be among the next day's activities.



calling time on a career which has seen her win eight tour titles and reach the final at Wimbledon in 1998