Injury again dashes Nash

REUTERS, Brisbane

New Zealand all-rounder Dion Nash has been ruled out of the remainder of his team's tour of Australia with a recurring injury.

Nash, who played a leading role as New Zealand almost stole an unlikely win in Monday's drawn first Test, will return home on Tuesday after tearing an abdominal muscle that has troubled him in the past.

"It's disappointing to leave another tour, especially this one," said Nash, whose unbeaten 25 helped New Zealand avoid the follow-on and set up a thrilling finish

"It's the one I really wanted to be on. I probably wanted it too much in the

Nash has been plagued by back injuries in recent seasons and said this was the fourth time he had been sent home from an overseas tour.

He tore the muscle playing in a leadup game and aggravated it while fielding in the Test

"It's a shame to go home, but the good thing to come from it is that my back's been great, it's giving me no trouble and I'm feeling stronger and stronger every time I bowl," he said.

Proteas call up

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"He thoroughly deserves it," he said "Even though he's so young he's had to wait because there was no place for him at the top of the order.

"But he can bat anywhere in the middle order as well. He has an incredibly strong mind."

South Africa won the first match of the three-Test series by nine wickets. **SQUAD**

Gary Kirsten, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Neil McKenzie, Boeta Dippenaar, Lance Klusener, Shaun Pollock (captain), Mark Boucher, Nicky Boje, Mornantau Hayward, Makhaya Ntini, Jacques Rudolph.

Imran bowls

Indian pacer Michael Holding to work on Akhtar's action.

The ICC Wednesday confirmed that umpires had reported Akhtar's action as "suspect" following the Champions' Trophy tournament in Sharjah which Pakistan won last week.

"Akhtar has an unusual bowling arm and it has been shown on television all over the world. The hyperextension of his arm gives an illusion of chucking," Imran argued.

Akhtar, regarded as the fastest bowler in the world alongside Brett Lee of Australia. hit the limelight in the $1999\,World\,Cup\,held\,in\,England.$

His action was first reported in Australia in 1999 but Akhtar was cleared in March 2000 through a special ICC ruling. New Zealand's

March 2001. But a high-tech study at the Western Australian University cleared him in April this year, concluding that his bowling arm was naturally kinked at birth and did not fully straighten during delivery.

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FROM PAGE 13 Brett Lee came on for the penultimate over and with his second ball dismissed Cairns, who skied to Ricky Ponting just a few metres inside the boundary rope to be out for 43 off 38

"They definitely had their chances and I guess if that ball went for six they probably would have won the game

so it was a fine line," said Waugh. The teams head for the second Test in Hobart on Thursday week, with New Zealand resigned to being

an abdominal muscle injury, but he braved the pain Monday to guide New Zealand past the follow-on target with

England arrive tomorrow

India plan maximum security

Cricket

REUTERS, Bombay

A tight security ring will be thrown around the England cricket squad when it arrives for a Test tour of India where its safety will be as much in focus as its performances.

The 16-member squad, due in Bombay early Wednesday for its first full tour of India in eight years, will be escorted from the airport to the team hotel, an Indian cricket official said.

The measures have been put in place after the tour was thrown into doubt after several players raised safety concerns because of the current situation in the subcontinent due to the US-led strikes in Afghanistan.

England are scheduled to play three Tests in December and a fivematch one-day international series in the New Year after a Christmas break back home.

Nasser Hussain's side agreed to travel after being assured by government and cricket officials of both countries, though fast bowler Andrew Caddick and off-spinner Robert Croft chose to stay home.

Officials on Friday reviewed security in Bombay, where England will stay for the first six days and play their first warm-up

Tennis

game, a two-day fixture against Bombay from November 18.

Officials from the British Deputy High Commission, Bombay police and the Bombay Cricket Association (MCA) held discussions and British officials visited the Wankhede Stadium, where the side will train and play

'Security will be tighter than usual for the England team because of the scenario the world over," Mayank Khandwala, joint secretary of the MCA, who tended the meeting, told Reuters.

Visiting teams always receive elaborate security in India, mainly to stop overzealous cricket fans from mobbing them.

"We are very happy with the arrangements and the cooperation we have been getting from Indian officials at every level, a British Deputy High Commission spokesman said That will include guards outside

hotel rooms and players will be required to inform security officers before going out of the hotel, to get security escort if they want, Khandwala said.

At the Wankhede Stadium, mobile phones, bottles, handbags, transistors, cigarettes and lighters will not be permitted and fans can carry food inside only in transpar-

from the sport at the end of the

year, took a 2-0 lead over Agassi in the opening set before the American moved into top gear.

a recent father, Agassi reeled off six

straight games to take the first set

and the contest seemed over but

two-time US Open champion

Rafter lifted his game and had

points for a 4-2 lead before Agassi

From 4-4, Agassi broke Rafter's

erve to 15 and then served out for

Agassi now has a 10-5 career

Kuerten, aiming to be number

e match in just 73 minutes.

steadied himself.

record against Rafter.

Newly married to Steffi Graf and

He broke for 2-1 in the second

Hewitt, Agassi victors

The ECB has said it is happy with the security planning and has also arranged for a security officer to travel with the players throughout the tour.

England's will play two more warm-up games in the southern Hyderabad city and in Jaipur in northern India before arriving in Mohali, in the northern Punjab state bordering Pakistan, for the first Test starting on December 3.

A Punjab Cricket Association (PCA) official said security would be tight at Mohali, where a dry moat runs around the ground as an additional barrier besides fencing.

"The first secretary from the consulate in New Delhi, (Peter) Holland, came and saw everything last week and he was fully satisfied. The police have made elaborate arrangements," PCA secretary MP Pandove told Reuters by phone from Chandigarh.

A similar drill has been put in place for the second Test starting on December 11 in the western city of Ahmedabad.

The city has in the past witnessed communal trouble involving Muslims and Hindus. There have been no major problems of late, but Muslims have taken to the streets, burnt the British flag and called for a boycott of U.S.-made goods to protest against the strikes in Afghanistan.

saps his strength but he fought

back to take the second set 6-2 as he

began to move better and errors

began to creep into Grosjean's

game. The Frenchman began to

Hewitt, seeking his sixth title of

struggle on serve as fatigue set in.

the year, broke for 2-0 in the decid

ing set as he took complete control

pulling Grosjean all over the court

"I didn't feel great out there, but I got through it," said Hewitt, who won 11 of the last 15 games of the

Australia face France in the Davis Cup final in Melbourne from

November 30 and Hewitt's win

over Grosjean will give him a psy-

career meetings with the

It was Hewitt's fourth win in six

The winner of the Tennis

Masters Cup will earn at least

700,000 dollars while the total

prize-money for the week is 3.7 million US dollars. Any player

going through the tournament

undefeated could earn as much as

Despite the presence of two

Australians in the event, the

Olympic Games complex was less

Mark Richardson, who needed a

runner after straining a right ham-

string, batted positively as the

Kiwis initially chased after victory.

who only made his Test debut just

over a year ago, raised his seventh

Test half-century before he was

trapped lbw for 57 attempting to

Mathew Sinclair became

Warne's second victim when he

was stumped by Gilchrist for 23,

leaving New Zealand at 90 for two.

had looked consigned to a draw,

off 23 overs and claim five wickets

in an innings for the fourth time in

Astle (66), Cairns (61) and Adam

Parore's exit for 11 left the Kiwis

Parore (11) all fell to Lee, who

needing 16 runs to avoid the fol-

low-on, but Nash got his team past

the target with some lusty late

hitting in his unbeaten 25 in his 83-

minute stay.

captured 3-22 in a 10-over spell.

The weather-hit Test, which

sweep Warne.

hour.

The 30-year-old left-hander,

Drawn Test

17,800-seat venue in the Sy

than half full on Monday night.

as he dictated terms.

chological edge.

1.52 million dollars.

Frenchman.

Germany clinch Champions **Trophy**

AFP, Rotterdam

Germany beat Australia 2-1 with two goals from Florian Kunz in the final of the Champions Trophy here Sunday to win the competition featuring the world's top hockey nations for a record eighth time.

Meanwhile, England took fifth place at the Champions Trophy tournament here on Sunday after three low saves by Nick Taylor in a penalty stroke shoot-out saw off Olympic silver medallists South

The fifth-place playoff ended 3-3 and after 15 minutes of goalless extra time, England took the penalty competition 3-2.

They had beaten Korea 4-3 when the two teams met on the first day of the competition, which features the world's top six hockey nations.

Korea led three times in the match on Sunday but England, who were unsound defensively, managed to score two open play goals in the last six minutes to save the game.

Korea's scorers were Jung-soon Lee from a penalty corner, Jong-hyun Hwang and Seung-tae Song while Danny Hall converted a penalty for England whose other scorers were Jerome Goudie and Mark Pearn.

Hall had his shot saved from the first stroke of the shoot-out but England converted their next three through David Mathews, Jon Wyatt and Tom Bertram while Korea suffered from Taylor's brilliant anticipation in goal.

Schnyder's seventh

AFP, Pattaya

Switzerland's Patty Schnyder captured her seventh career singles title by winning the 110,000-dollar WTA event here on Sunday with a 6-0, 6-4 win against second seed Henrieta Nagyova of Slovakia

It was seventh-seeded Schnyder's first title since clinching the Gold Coast tournament in January 1999.

After breaking down in tears after her semi-final win on Saturday because of the death of her cat, the 22-year-old Swiss girl went on to dedicate the win to the animal on

"My cat Rudi died two days ago, so I'm pleased to present today's win to him. It was very hard to concentrate on the match after hearing the news.

"I realise my last title on the Tour was three years ago I know I have to concentrate more and play consistently, but I am enjoying the Tour right now.'

Lou Vincent just beat Hayden

29 balls and Justin Langer was

The second Test of the series is in

Scoreboard after the fifth and final

day of the first Test between

Australia and New Zealand at the

AUSTRALIA: First innings 486

for 9 declared (M Hayden 136, A

Gilchrist 118, J Langer 104; C

Ricky Ponting was not out 32 off

home at the bowler's end.

Hobart on November 22

SCOREBOARD

Gabba Monday:

Cairns 5-146)

unbeaten on 18.

The world number five added that she would now be heading for Australia to support boyfriend Lleyton Hewitt as he spearheads his country's bid for the Davis Cup title against France at the end of the

Belgian players (from L-R) Justine Henin, Els Callens and Laurence Courtois celebrate their Fed Cup victory after

Belgians justify tag

"He has won one already, but it would be great for him to win again. He loves to win for his country," said Clijsters.

Russia had also been bidding for their first title but had to settle for their second runner-up spot in three years after being defeated by the Únited States in Stanford, California in 1999.

Dementieva 6-0, 6-4 in just 49 "We had a good chance today and we didn't take it," said world Russia's top player Dementieva number 12 Dementieva. "The last lost the opening set in just 14 mintime we played against the US we had no chance to win.' The 20-year-old Dementieva,

ued in the second with Clijsters scoring her fourth straight win this hampered by a foot blister, had year over the Olympic silver medalonly admiration for her opponent. "It's a present to end the year,"

"It's tough to play against some-one who doesn't make any mistakes at all," she added.

The 18-year-old Petrova, ranked 42 in the world, also had no answers for the Wimbledon finalist Henin's play, leaving the court in tears after losing the first set in just

Not Jordan's day

Basketball

defeating Russia 2-1 in Madrid on November 11.

Tennis

Belgium lifted their first ever Fed

Cup title here Sunday when teen-

agers Kim Clijsters and Justine

Henin powered past Russia to win

the World Final of women's team

Henin, 19, scored the first point

when she blew Russian newcomer

Nadia Petrova off the court 6-0, 6-3

in just 50 minutes, and not to be

outdone Clijsters, 18, routed Elena

utes and the punishment contin-

said French Open finalist Clijsters,

who sprayed the team with cham-

"I've seen it on television and

really wanted to do it once in my

pagne to celebrate.

life," she joked.

AFP, Madrid

minutes.

Gary Payton had his fifth doubledouble in eight games and helped force Michael Iordan into one of the worst shooting days of his career as the Seattle SuperSonics posted a 99-84 victory over the Washington Wizards.

throw from the deep by substitute On offence, Payton collected 32 points and 15 assists. On defence, the man known as "The Glove" and Desmond Mason held Jordan to just 16 points on a nightmarish 5of-26 performance from the field. Jordan, the six-time National Basketball Association champion returning this season from retire-

ment, missed his first 14 shots. The points were a season low for Jordan in his third comeback. The 10-time scoring champion did contribute 12 rebounds and four

assists but Washington shot a meagre 37 per cent (29-of-78).

Four others scored in double figures for Seattle, which took control with two extended runs during the third quarter and snapped on a three-game losing streak while finishing a 2-3 Eastern road trip.

A dunk by Jerome James with :41 to play in the third period gave the SuperSonics a commanding 76-51 lead. Although the Wizards used a 22-4 run to fight within 80-73 midway through the final quarter, they could not get any closer.

It was the fourth straight loss for Washington, which was held to its second-lowest point total of the

Washington rookie Kwame Brown, the first high school player to go first overall in the NBA draft. received his first career start and had five points and six rebounds in 21 minutes.

She returned on court, three minutes later, wiping her eyes but after holding her serve for the first two games was broken again in the fifth giving Henin a 3-2 lead.

Henin showed little signs of fatigue after her marathon 2hr 38min battle Saturday when she had to save a match point against Spaniard Conchita Martinez.

"It's a great victory for a little country with two young players, said Henin.

"Yesterday was a lot more difficult and it gave me a lot of confidence mentally. I felt stronger. I was waiting for a difficult match and she gave me a lot of rope," said

Petrova, whose best previous erformance was reaching the third round at the 2000 Australian Open, was overwhelmed in her first meeting with world number seven

"I was ready to play but when I came out on the court it all went the wrong way. It just wasn't my day, said Petrova.

Petrova, however, returned on

court with doubles team-mate Elena Likhovtseva to secure Russia's only point in the best-ofthree tie when they defeated Belgian duo Laurence Courtois and Els Callens 7-5, 7-6. And Petrova brushed aside

suggestions that the inexperienced team would have been stronger if Anna Kournikova had been

"She played last year and didn't win a single match. So I think it would have been the same story, added the Russian.

With two top ten players in Clisters and Henin, the Belgium lived up to their favourite's tag in the absence of the United States, who withdrew citing security

But Henin did not believe that the withdrawal of two-time defending champions the United States took the shine off their

"It would be great if they (USA) were here, but they weren't," said Henin. "We have two players who are five and seven in the world. We were favourites here but we still

Australian Hewitt recovered from a sluggish start to beat Sebastien Grosjean 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 in his first round-robin match at the Sydney SuperDome, while American veteran Agassi breezed to a 6-2, 6-4 win over Hewitt's compatriot Pat Rafter.

Lleyton Hewitt and Andre Agassi

both scored victories in the open-

ing session of the Tennis Masters

Cup on Monday night, each keeping alive his hopes of ending the





LLEYTON HEWITT

US Open champion Hewitt, 20, and Australian Open champion Agassi, 31, are both chasing Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten in the race to be year-end world number one. The final rankings will depend

on results this week. Frenchman Grosjean was the last qualifier for the event, sealing his spot with a victory in the Tennis Masters Series event in Paris eight days ago, but he found himself worn down by the relentless Hewitt.

US Open champion Hewitt took 1hr 50mins to overcome Grosiean in the John Newcombe Group of the eight-man event.

ANDRE AGASSI one for the second straight year, plays his opening match in the Ken Rosewall Group on Tuesday against Goran Ivanisevic while

> play Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov. The top two players from each group will advance to the semifitop-ranking being decided on

Spaniard Juan Carlos Ferrero will

Grosjean, winner of two titles this year, breezed through the first t against Hewitt. Serving at 5-3, the Frenchman

came up with three aces to seal the set in 36 minutes. Grosjean was able to find the angles to negate Hewitt's dogged

Grosjean's baseline aggression. Hewitt has been troubled

nals with the title and possibly the

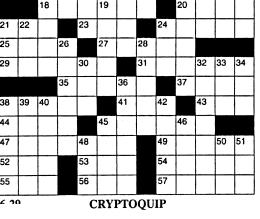
Australian made several uncharacteristic errors in the face of

intermittently over the past year



FPHX PG PHZY ZGSXUXOS ZC

SFX EPSXOS YXHXEJITXGSO Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THE PARTY PINATA WAS READY, ONE KID SCREAMED



"TIME TO HIT THE SACK!" Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals I

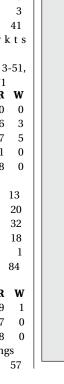
The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error. 13 in going for a third run. The

was resurrected into a contest with **NEW ZEALAND**: First innings two imaginative declarations by (186 for 5 overnight) Waugh and Fleming on the final Richardson lbw b Gillespie Bell c Ponting b Gillespie Fleming set things in motion by Sinclair c Ponting b Lee declaring New Zealand's first Fleming c Gilchrist b Gillespie innings at lunch as soon as his Astle c Gilchrist b Lee team passed the follow-on mark of McMillan c Warne b Lee Cairns c S Waugh b Lee That left the New Zealanders Parore c S Waugh b Lee 199 runs behind Australia with 59 Nash not out overs left including 15 in the last Vettori not out Extras: (lb-15, nb-26) The extended morning session Total: (For 8 was a triumph for express bowler declared) 287 Brett Lee, who finished with 5-67

Fall of wickets: 1-36, 2-51, 3-51, 4-55, 5-147, 6-242, 7-243, 8-271 McGrath 26 6 80 0 Gillespie 6 56 23 6 67 18 Warne 2 61 0 Ponting 8

Waugh accepted the challenge and declared his team's second innings at 84 for two -- 283 runs Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-39 ahead with a minimum of 57 overs Bowler O M Cairns Gilchrist, promoted to opener, McMillan hit a lively 20 off 16 balls and Vettori Matthew Hayden was run out for

AUSTRALIA: Second innings Hayden run out sub (Vincent) 13 Gilchrist b Cairns Ponting not out Langer not out Extras: (nb-1) Total: (For 2 wkts declared) 1 29 7 0 47 0 2 0 8 0 **NEW ZEALAND**: Second innings Richardson lbw b Warne



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