

Rivalries renewed Australian Open starts today

Tennis AFP, Melbourne

Venus Williams takes a 20-match unbeaten run into the Australian Open...

Monday against American qualifier Anasley Cargill. Former world No.1 Hingis showed she is fully recovered from ankle surgery...

and is the acknowledged favourite to lift the trophy for the fourth time on January 27.

Lleyton Hewitt has developed a siege-like mentality in the lead-up to his national Open, refusing to talk to the press.

Zakia, Masuda share lead

UNB, Dhaka

Zakia Sultana and Masuda Begum are jointly leading the points table after sharing a point in their fifth round match...

Gough ready

FROM PAGE 13 "My record speaks for itself. I have just overtaken Ian Botham but I don't (find a place straightaway) I will try to get back," he said.

Premiership Magical Magpies

Football AFP, London

Newcastle United went back to the top of the English Premiership Saturday with a marvellous come-from-behind 3-1 win over previous pacemakers Leeds.

Elsewhere, Chelsea's Premiership title hopes took another knock as they twice went ahead only to be held 2-2 by Bolton.

Imran gives refs no points

INTERNET, undated

Imran Khan has called for the abolition of match referees in Test cricket as the Mike Denness controversy gathers fresh pace.

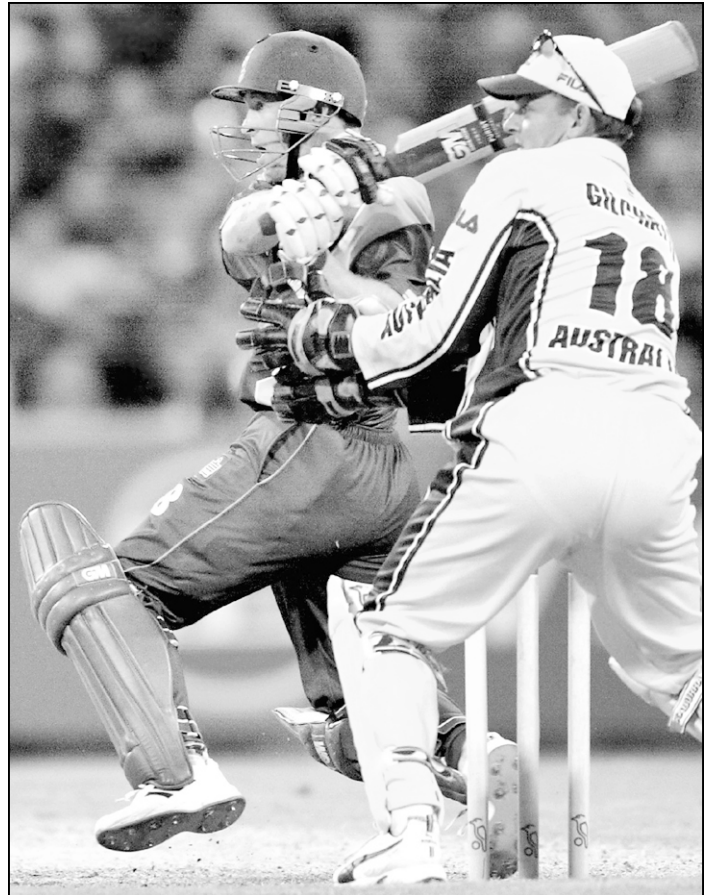
SA guided by Rhodes

Cricket REUTERS, Melbourne

Jonty Rhodes led South Africa to a four-wicket victory over Australia in a tense finish to their triangular series one-day international.

Australia's Waugh and Damien Martyn (31) shared a fourth-wicket stand of 58. Andrew Symonds (0), Warne (4) and Lee (0) were out cheaply as Australia were suddenly fighting hard simply to bat out the 50 overs.

the series to New Zealand by 23 runs on Friday. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the triangular series day-night limited-overs international between Australia and South Africa at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Sunday:



South Africa's Jonty Rhodes whacks the ball on the on-side during their tri-series clash against Australia in Melbourne yesterday.

Rahman plays

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Rahman never mentioned that he would reinstate the ousted committee but said: "You see, we need a peaceful solution to the problem and for that I am ready to do anything that is required."

One-day specialist Rhodes, who top-scored with a patient 43 not out from 101 balls with no boundaries, shared a 65-run partnership with Neil McKenzie (34) for the fourth wicket after South Africa looked vulnerable at 71 for three in the 17th over.

board, it's obviously important at the start of a one-day series," Pollock said. "It was a good effort to keep Australia under 200. We kept taking wickets at regular intervals."

Symonds c Gibbs b Kallis 0 Warne c Pollock b Klusener 4 Lee c Rhodes b Donald 0 Bichel lbw b Pollock 17 Gillespie not out 1 Extras: (lb-6, w-6) 12 Total: (All out in 48.5 overs) 198

Upul, Thilan

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against the spinners, pulling Marillier for a four and then taking three boundaries off off-spinner Trevor Gripper before falling in the closing session.

Primera Liga Tiko ticks well for Bilbao

Football REUTERS, Madrid

Athletic Bilbao moved up to second place in the Spanish First Division after two scorching long-range strikes from Tiko earned them a 2-1 win at home to Basque rivals Real Sociedad.

just before halftime with a low freekick that curled round the wall, but Bilbao grabbed the points thanks to another stunning goal on the hour mark.

ing night on his first start for Real Sociedad since re-joining from Lazio in December.

Primera Liga's top six

Table with 6 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, GF, GA. Rows include Real Madrid, Athletic Bilbao, Deportivo, Valencia, Celta Vigo, Real Betis.

French First Division

PSG sail on Samba

Football AFP, Paris

Paris Saint Germain bounced back from last week's home loss to Monaco to move provisionally up to third in the French table with a 2-1

win at Rennes on Saturday. Reigning champions Nantes, meanwhile, eased a little nearer safety after a 2-0 home win over Breton neighbours Guingamp.

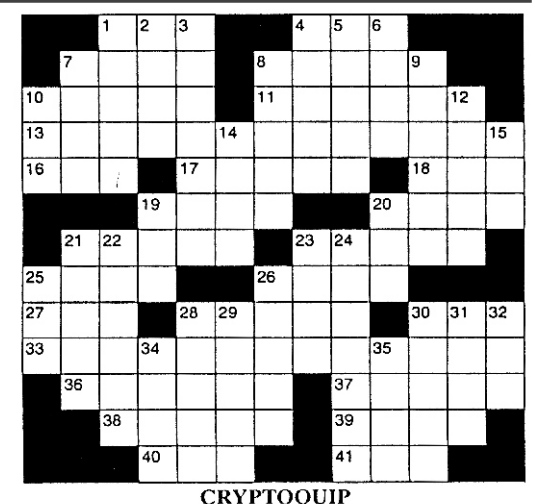
they moved eight points clear at the top with a second-half effort from Senegal international El-Hadji Diouf securing a 1-0 success.



Maurice Flanagan, Group Managing Director, Emirates and Emirates flight crew are seen with the Dubai Desert Golf Classic 2001 winner Thomas Bjorn during a prize giving ceremony.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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