The Baily Star



Early exit for Costa



REUTERS, Geneva

Albert Costa's honeymoon was well and truly over when he was brought back down to earth at the Swiss Open by a French qualifier in his first match since winning the French Open crown just over a month ago. Costa, who got married following

his Roland Garros win last month and opted to miss the grass court season to go on his honeymoon. barely had time to unpack his baggage as he was sent skidding out of the event 6-4 6-3 in the first round on Tuesday by Paul-Henri Mathieu.

The promising 20-year-old Frenchman, who reached the fourth round at the French Open as a wildcard before falling to Andre Agassi in a five-set thriller, took advantage of Costa's lack of match practice to gain the upper hand as the Spaniard struggled to find his footing on the slow surface.

Costa was aiming to win his third Gstaad title, following victories in 1996 and 1999.

Surprise Wimbledon finalist David Nalbandian was handed an extra day to recover from his All England Club heroics before start-

ing his campaign against Romanian Andrei Pavel.

Argentine Nalbandian, who became the first player in the Open era to reach a Wimbledon final on his debut before falling to Lleyton

round.

at Wimbledon.

the decider.

the tournament

over Hicham Arazi of Morocco.

Marc Rosset won the all-Swiss

clash 7-6 3-6 6-3 with George Bastl,

conqueror of seven-times champion

Pete Sampras in the second round

first set to a tie-break which Rosset

took 7-5, but the 1992 Barcelona

Olympics gold medallist suffered a

lapse in concentration to drop the

second before making amends in

Open finalist, failed to perform on his

favourite clay surface and was the

only other seed to follow Costa out of

The sixth-seeded Ecuadorean

Savolt will next meet Slovakia's

Bastl credits his win over

The 27-year-old admitted that he

Sampras on grass in London with

sparking what he hopes is a better

second half of the season.

Stewart b Zaheer

Extras: (lb-6, w-18, nb-6)

Did not bat: M. Hoggard

Total: (For 8 wkts in 32 overs) 229

Fall of wickets: 1-52, 2-72, 3-148, 4-

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CRYPTOOUIP

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU USUALLY TEND TO BE A PESSIMIST, YOU MIGHT HAVE A

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals B

give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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Nicolas Lapentti, the 1999 Swiss

The unseeded pair pushed the

ALBERT COSTA

was beaten 7-5 1-6 7-5 by Hewitt on Sunday, was expected to Hungarian Attila Savolt. get his Swiss Open bid underway on Tuesday but he was unable to get on arol Kucera court because of fading light. French Open runner-up Juan

Other winners on the day included seventh-seeded Argentine Carlos Ferrero and third-seeded Gaston Gaudio, who rallied to beat Swiss Roger Federer had little compatriot Franco Squillari 2-6 6-1 trouble easing into the second

Cork recalled

INTERNET, London

England recalled Dominic Cork into their squad for Saturday's NatWest compatriot Alberto Martin 6-2 6-2 to Series final against India and gave set up yet another all-Spanish battle him another chance to demonstrate with David Sanchez in the second his credentials for next year's World Federer posted a 6-4 6-3 win Cup.

Derbyshire captain Cork was named as a replacement for Sussex fast bowler James Kirtley, who broke his right hand training at Old Trafford last Saturday and is expected to be sidelined for up to six weeks.

Cork will team up with the rest of the squad for training at Lord's on Thursday and will be in contention for a place in the final line-up, particularly on a ground where he has enjoyed considerable success at Test level.

Chairman of selectors David Graveney explained: "If the weather remains unsettled for the final and we wish to field a seam-based attack, we will require cover in this area as a result of the injury to James.

"Dominic continues to be in fine form for his county and if he is called upon to play on Saturday, his 'bigmatch' experience at international level will serve him in good stead."

Cork returns to England's oneday plans just a year after ending a four-year wait for further one-day international recognition when he was selected for the corresponding triangular tournament against Australia and Pakistan.

He played in all but one of England's six games, all of which were lost, but was discarded after that and his chances of featuring in England's World Cup plans seemed slim.

The call-up, though, underlines England's belief that he can still play a part in their World Cup campaign and gives him a chance to secure a place in South Africa.

"I'm delighted the selectors have recognised that I have a role to play as a one-day player and it will be tremendous to be involved with the squad in the run-up to a Lord's final," said Cork.

"Lord's has been a happy ground for me in the past and I feel that I've been batting and bowling well this summer. If I do make the final XI on Saturday, it will be a good opportunity for me to show what I can do especially as there's a World Cup coming up this winter."

Cork's late call-up means he will be unavailable for Derbyshire's championship match against Durham at Darlington starting on Wednesday and he will instead travel to London to join up with the rest of the squad.

Italian Supercup in Libya

REUTERS, Milan

gave it his support.

Gazzetta dello Sport.

The Italian Supercup, the traditional curtain-raiser to the Serie A season will be held in Tripoli, Libya, the

Championship winners Juventus

and Italian Cup winners Parma

backed the proposal to play the July

25 game in Libya and newly-elected

League president Adriano Galliani

the two clubs and the validity of the

offer, the choice has been ratified, it

goes to Libya," Galliani told the daily

Juventus have close links with

the African country, with the Libyan

Arab Foreign Investment (Lafico)

"On the basis of the support of

Italian Football League said



All the right moves

father Konstantin

the board.

"Do you ever feel you are being

appreciated more for you looks than your skills?" Ian Davis from

Belfast. Northern Ireland, wrote.

"On seeing the emphasis on the

photo galleries it made me won-

popular Moscow café. Kosteniuk

comes across like a bashful teen-

too much." she said as she read

through an article about her pub-

McEwen wins Stage 3

But sitting in a denim outfit in a

"Chess genius! O no, that's way

🕘 Chess

REUTERS, Moscow

up Anna Kournikova. The plunging necklines and designer outfits worn by Russian new things without drawing paralprodigy Alexandra Kosteniuk, the lels with something they know," she world's first chess model, have said. "But I sincerely hope to create made some people in the chess more interest in chess, to provide world a little hot under the collar. the impetus for more people to But the 18-year-od Grand

Master, who won the top chess accolade at the age of 14, sparked a wave of interest in the game when she began to model "chess wear" for the International Chess Federation (FIDE). Kosteniuk consolidated her

position at the top of the chess ranks last December, when, after a spectacular set of games, she only narrowly lost the FIDE Women's World Championship crown to China's 25-year-old Zhu Chen.

"To tell you the truth, I don't take all of this for granted, but I don't see it as an amazing feat either I take it all calmly," she said in an interview. "People only see one side of the

coin -- before and after this there were difficulties, slip-ups." Glossy and often provocative

lished in a prominent European photographs of the dark-haired paper Russian are posted all over her

"official" website -- produced by her "I have moments when I think to myself "what's this about?" she However alluring the pictures confides. "But those moments might be, Kosteniuk is less than pass. And I figure, that's life."

Kosteniuk finished high school keen to be compared to tennis pinat 15, thanks to her father's tuition, "People find it hard to handle and is now studying at the chess faculty of the Moscow Institute of Physical Culture. Russia is one of the few countries in the world to consider chess a fully-fledged

sport. Her father, who dropped a Judging by some of the harsher career in the military to coach comments posted on her site, Kosteniuk from the age of five, is though, some chess fans feel she now only one of several coaches places a little too much emphasis who help the young woman perfect on her make-up and not enough on her game

"I have to be busy all the time. If I'm not, I just don't feel right," she

Published last year in Russian And, she adds, there is a lot of the book has since been translated work to be done. into English and Spanish. And for "I played well in the world cham-100 dollar an autographed copy is

available through her Web site -pionships, but in the months since then, I haven't won anything," she www.Kosteniuk.com. But when it comes to plans for said. "I've been feeling odd, out of the future. Kosteniuk dismisses shape."

The training to hoist Kosteniuk questions with a shruq. She would like to learn lanup from the 20th spot in the FIDE ratings table is both mental and guages, she says, but may not. "My father didn't think it was a good physical. She runs five km (three idea, ahead of the World miles) every day and hopes to compete in a short marathon to be Championships," she says. held in Moscow this spring.

> Pat no closer to return

"In chess, everyone has his or

her own way of training, people's

brains work in different ways," she

explained. "But I need to work hard

and I need to prepare myself physi-

cally. If I don't feel fit, I don't play as

"aggressive" chess moves.

style," shed said.

But she dismisses talk of her

People want to see something

amazing in the way I play, but that's

not true. I still have to work on my

her father -- "How I became a

Grandmaster at age 14" -- includes

not only tips on how to reach "the

shining peaks of the chess king-

dom," but her life story so far, photo-

graphs and some of her poems.

A book written by Kosteniuk and

Rosset rallies familiarity with the game of the Tennis other. The full-house multilingual crowd was forced to split loyalties in

down

AFP, Gstaad

Veteran Marc Rosset found his feet on the clay Tuesday, knocking out the Wimbledon conquerer of Pete Sampras 7-6, 3-6, 6-3 in the first round of the 600,000-dollar Swiss Open.

George Bastl, the son of a former NHL hockey player who was born in Chicago when his father played for the Black Hawks, couldn't overcome his countryman, who turns 31 on Friday

With Bastl and Rosset playing doubles here, both men had full

Undone by Irani

FROM PAGE 13 is about how much character and

bottle you have that will decide how third umpire Neil Mallender, the successful you will be." Englishman taking several minutes Only Virender Sehwag (46) and to give Yuvraj out even though

Sachin Tendulkar (36) made sizereplays did not appear conclusive. able top order scores. when he then reduced India to 114

But India captain Sourav Ganguly insisted his team had not relaxed knowing they were already in the final 'There was no complacency,"

Then, in his final over, Irani struck Ganguly said. "We wanted this twice. First he had Ajay Ratra (two) game and we suffered a bad defeat. caught behind by Stewart and two "But one-day cricket is a new balls later Ajit Agarkar (nought) game every time you play. We turned a ball off his legs straight to played better at Lord's (where India

ble-fault - and blew into the second round before a flash mountain rainfall briefly interrupted afternoon proceedings.

controversial fashion

The courts more than 1,000 could never get a handle on Rosset's booming service. "It's metres above sea level at this VIP alpine village gave the big-serving always tough to play a friend. Only Geneva-born Rosset enough of an vesterday, we were fighting together edge to advance into a contest in the doubles. against either fourth seed Andre Pavel or Wimbledon finalist David

The decision was handed over to

And Irani's day just got better

for five, clean bowling Mohammad

Kaif for one run between bat and

third set with just a handful of points

against his serve - one was a dou-

Nalbandian, playing later. "It was a pretty good match for both of us," said Rosset, twice a a French-versus-German showsemi-finalist here who lost in the first round a year ago. "It was not an easy win, but it turned on just a few Rosset produced a near-perfect

points

beat England by six wickets on June 29) and at Durham (in a no-result rain ruined match on July 4).

"They played better here. We've just got to get ourselves back up again.

Anil Kumble (21 not out), batting with a runner, and Nehra provided some tail-end heroics but it was Irani's day

India had already lost Ganguly (six) when Irani struck with his third ball

Sehwag, trying to steer down to third man, edged and saw veteran wicket-keeper Alec Stewart, standing up to the stumps, take the catch. Sehwag had faced 41 balls

including one six and eight fours, India 62 for two in the 10th over But his departure slowed India's

progress and in the 15th over they were 78 for three.

Venkatsai Laxman (14), in his first match of the series, saw frustration get the better of him as he skied medium-pacer Paul Collingwood to Matthew Hoggard at mid-off.

Irani and Stewart then combined again to dismiss the dangerous Yuvraj Singh (five), stumped in Collingwood b Nehra

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Collingwood at midv et and India were 118 for seven. Tendulkar had watched all this from the other end and, running out

of partners, in the next over was caught behind off Hoggard for 36. His 29 ball innings included five fours but at 120 for eight the game was up.

Earlier Irani and Andrew Flintoff (51) were the major contributors to England's total.

wicket, Flintoff facing 38 balls including one six and six fours and Irani batting for 55 balls including one six and two fours before he was bowled by leg-spinner Kumble. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps in the

England v India triangular series one-day international, reduced by rain to 32 overs per side, at The Oval on Tuesday: ENGLAND Trescothick b Kumble Knight c Kaif b Yuvraj 31 Irani b Kumble 53 Flintoff c Nehra b Agarkar 51 30 Vaughan c Yuvraj b Zaheer Hussain c Kaif b Zaheer 6

INDIA Kaif b Irani

The pair put on 67 for the third

Flintoff Irani Collingwood Hoggard Result: England win by 64 runs. Peter Willey (Eng) Third umpire: Neil Mallender (Eng) Match referee: Mike Procter (Rsa) 9

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Kumble not out 21 Z. Khan c Gough b Flintoff 2 Nehra c Irani b Tudor 24 Extras: (lb-1, w-7) 8 Total:(All out in 21.9 overs) 165

Fall of wickets: 1-31, 2-62, 3-78, 4-100, 5-114, 6-118, 7-118, 8-120, 9-127, 10-165 Bowler

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> Hossain Khan, Kamrul Islam Anwaruzzaman, Mohammad Ali, SK Akram Ali (manager), Sidorov Alexandre and AN Ishtiaque (assistant coach)

ATHLETICS TEAM

Humayun Kabir, Maruf Reza, Shah Delwar, Mofiqul Islam and Jahangir Faiz (manager)

Ahmed, Rubel Rana, Niaz Ali and Abdus Samad Khan (manager)

Only a matter

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victorv.

pick on character and he has that in abundance

never going to be a class-type batsman or a class-type bowler.

bottle you have got at this level. He has always been a big match player.

"Victory means so much when you are playing for England, I am an England fan

But he refused to be drawn on his chances of a World Cup squad place despite England being a maximum of 15 one-day games away from the

"It would be totally unprofessional of me to think of it," he said.

"You are not as good as your last believe it."

Cooke, who moved up to 13th A Tour de France new boy Baden place overall from 30th the previ-Cooke threw down the gauntlet to ous day, saluted McEwen's win -third stage winner Robbie but then said he wasn't too far McEwen after his compatriot's win away from winning himself.

Yeah, he was definitely the Cooke, at 23 one of the younquickest today. Robbie took it out gest riders on the Tour, came third of me on the line. I had a 54/11 in a tense sprint won by Australia's (chainrings/gear sprocket) on national champion who beat today which was maybe a bit too German sprint king Erik Zabel for much for the final sprint. the second time in as many days.

"I had to do the whole sprint myself because I had nobody's wheel to stick on. Had I been on Tour, but Cooke showed once his (McEwen) wheel, who knows, I probably would have done better.' Not bad for someone who is

only getting to grips with the professional peloton in France after six years of riding all over Europe then having to contend with serious injury setbacks last year.

Cooke's driving potential, and lack of fear, becomes even more apparent when you see him mixing it up with the likes of Zabel and Belgian sprinter Tom Steels on a regular basis.

the national champion. "It's getting closer," he added

confidently, referring to the possibility of a stage win. Cooke came fourth in Monday's stage, third on

there's so many factors to con-

sider in a sprint that you can't

predict things. But if everything

goes my way I'm sure I can get a

trifle ambitious for someone mak-

ing his Tour debut, and whether it

would perhaps be better to make

sure he finished the Tour first.

nity comes, I'll be right up there."

nonetheless that he, too, is moti-

Asked if that wish was not a

next week

stage win.'

Cooke retorted.

AFP, Noosa Heads Tuesday and is now ready to

Pat Rafter says he is no closer to a pounce before the Tour heads for tennis comeback after watching close friend Lleyton Hewitt claim the the more tricky mountains stages Wimbledon singles crown. "I've definitely got the legs but

Rafter says he enjoyed watching Hewitt break Australia's 15-vea singles drought at Wimbledon on Sunday, regularly phoning the 21year-old to wish him well

"But it didn't make me any more hungry for a comeback," Rafter said here on Wednesday.

Rafter, 29, who lost the previous two Wimbledon men's finals, said he was reluctant to discuss his tennis future ahead of the birth of his first child later this month with partner Lara Feltham

"Of course I want to finish the Former Davis Cup captain John Tour, but I want to win as well. I'm Newcombe has suggested Rafter is used to winning so if the opportucontemplating a return from his semi-retirement with an eye to McEwen's win has shown chasing his Davis Cup and Wimbledon goals.

vated for more of the same. And Hewitt has now become going on Tuesday's performance, Australia's leading player and Rafter the 30-year-old Brisbane native is said he supported him against only too keen to flaunt his status as criticism that he was a "caretaker No.1 in the world rankings.

"I was getting very close to the Some US newspapers have line and I felt I was starting to slow lamented the lack of talent on the men's circuit and said Hewitt would not be at the top in other eras.

Border supports

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players to the higher levels of the game, but he felt that value had been overshadowed by the system's negative aspects.

"I now know what is required to succeed at international level, but I wasn't in favour of quotas in the first place," Ontong said. "They made us as coloured players feel inferior, and that you weren't really a part of the team.

> Asked how he would feel if Balfour criticised the UCB's decisions, Ontong said: "The minister wants to speed up the transformation process, but you can't speed up something like this.

"I just want to see South Africa win, and we need to put our best team on the field to do that." he said.

Top order batsman Prince echoed Ontong's sentiments when he said: "If I get selected for a team, I'll be happy to know that I'm part of the best available eleven and that the best.

ALL . OHLO Adecci ABX PHOTO: AFE

Australian Robbie McEwen jubilates clinching the third stage of the Tour de France on July 9.

again he is not here just to make up the numbers on his FDJeux.com team. "My legs felt really good today, I had lots of confidence." Cooke. whose trouble with a trapped nerve in his back which was affect-

McEwen might have finally got

the stage win he was after on this

AFP.

the sprint and he kept me calm

ing the circulation of blood in his his leg has now cleared up, told "Once again Brad (McGee)

kept me in it, he did a lot of work to get me and Jimmy (Casper) up for

when I was really wanting to go for

AFP, France

on Tuesday.

SWIMMING TEAM Karar Samedul Islam, Jewel

bonus point for their emphatic

"At international level you have to

"He will be the first to admit he is

"But it's about the amount of

Irani added: "It was nice to have the belief from the England management and come in and do what I knew I could do.

start of the competition.

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 game, you are only as good as your last and I am not just saying that, I

a little bit and ... I wanted to feel I had enough time to put my hands in the air. "And I wanted to get a photo on

the finish line with my Australian jersey and my hands in the air," said McEwen, who was pipped on the line for a stage win on Monday by world road race champion Oscar Freire of Spain.

Aussies are certainly holding their own in the early part of the race. In the overall standings McEwen is second. Cooke 13th. McGee 16th and O'Grady in 27th place.

However the three sprinters -O'Grady, McEwen and Cooke -could find it a little different as of next Wednesday when they ride upwards into the Pyrenees when the climbers have chance to show their stuff.

Going into Wednesday's 67.5km team time trial, where the Spanish ONCE team are being touted for top honours, Zabel leads with an eight-second lead over McEwen with Bertogliati third at 14 seconds adrift of Zabel. France's Laurent Jalabert sits fourth at 17, the same as Armstrong who sits fifth.

Merit based selection. Ontong felt. was crucial to South Africa's success