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A starry show

Cricket

REUTERS, Tangiers

"Gambling and betting on cricket is illegal and strictly prohibited," says the prominent sign at the entrance to the Tangiers Cricket Stadium.

The warning may not be strictly true but it is all the reminder anybody needs of the turmoil the dame has suffered at the hands of matchfixers in recent vears.

Morocco becomes the latest nation to host international cricket with a triangular one-day tournament starting on Monday featuring three of the best teams in the world -- Pakistan, Sri Lanka and South Africa.

The game's followers should be rejoicing in the game's globalisation and, especially, its growth in Africa. But there are, understandably,

still suspicions about the veracity of some international fixtures and a tournament in a place as exotic as the charming Moroccan city of Tangiers on the Straights of Gibraltar is attracting more attention than most.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) Anti-Corruption Unit have made a conspicuous effort to ensure the 'cleanliness' of this

Gibbs-powered

Kirsten and Jacques Kallis caught

behind to reduce South Africa to 51-2

him five boundaries and two sixes

before he holed out in the deep off

46 when his run out sparked a late

against Pakistan in the opening one

day international of the Morocco Cup

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Mark Boucher and Pollock.

Boje's pinch-hitting role fetched

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Shahid Afridi.

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SCOREBOARD

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Extras: (b-2, lb-4, nb-8, w-6)

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tournament and, thankfully, has employed some subtler methods than the sign at the stadium's entrance

A prize fund of 250,000 dollars makes the tournament the richest to

be played outside of World Cups and should also give any potential match fixers a run for their money, so to speak The spectre of corruption has not

dampened everyone's enthusiasm, however, and for a nation formally introduced to cricket just three years ago, it has made startling progress and is already the proud owner of an

ICC affiliate membership. The participants are treating the tournament as a valuable part of their build-up to the 2003 World Cup in South Africa and have selected

their strongest teams. The locals, not to mention a world-wide television audience, will det the chance to see some of the game's best players towards the end of their illustrious careers.

Pakistan stars Wasim Akram and captain Wagar Younis lead a starstudded line-up that includes allrounders Abdur Razzag and Azhar Mahmood, batsman Inzamamul Haq and match-winning spinner

Saglain Mushtag. Sri Lanka will again rely on the devastating batting of captain

Cricket

Sanath Jayasuriya and a return to form following injury of the best offspinner in the game, Muttiah Muralitharan

South Africa, after a three-month winter break for most of their players, will look to captain Shaun Pollock for inspiration after he and spinning all-rounder Nicky Boje spent the off season playing county

cricket in England. Veteran fast bowler Allan Donald, 35, like Pakistan's Akram, will be keen to demonstrate to the growing band of sceptics that he is still a force and, more importantly, will still be in six months time when the World Cup begins on home soil.

The teams have also been stunned by the quality of the facilities and talk of further international fixtures, seemingly fanciful before their arrival in the city, are now confirmed with all three signing a contract for the next three years.

South Africa and Pakistan kicked the tournament off on Monday, while Sri Lanka enter the fray against Waqar's men on Wednesday following a rest day.

The winners of the final on August 21 will collect a cheque for 120,000 dollars with the runners-up being paid 80,000 dollars and the third-placed team 50,000 dollars.

Cricket Stadium has yet to prove

ACB wasn't convinced

AFP, Sydney

Australian Prime Minister John Howard said Monday that Pakistan's eader had personally guaranteed the safety of Australia's cricketers during a planned tour to Pakistan but the pledge was not enough to prevent the trip being cancelled.

Howard said he had spoken at ength with President Pervez Musharraf two weeks before the Australian Cricket Board announced on Friday that it was cancelling the three-match Test series in October due to fears for the team's security.

"The president rang me about two and a half weeks ago, we had a conversation for about half an hour," Howard said on Radio 846 in Cairns.

"He asked me to tell the board players would be safe, he said he would guarantee their security."

Howard, a self-avowed cricket fanatic, said he passed the information on to the Australian Cricket Board but told Musharraf it was a matter for the ACB to decide.

"I don't think they had any alternative, particularly in light of recent events, but it is a great shame," Howard said, referring to a spate of deadly attacks on Westerners and non-Muslims by Islamic militants in Pakistan.

The Pakistan Cricket Board has responded angrily to the Australian decision, reviving threats to boycott Australia over the cancellation.

Cute handball

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Police and Narinda Progoti Boys Club won their respective matches in the Cute Premier Division Handball League at court next to Bangabandhu National Stadium vesterday

Police beat Dhaka Wanderers Club 25-11 after leading the first half 10-7.

Siddiqur Rahman netted eight and Mithu, Alim and Nur-e- Alam scored four goals each for the winners while Baiyzed netted three for the losers

KC 34-23 after dominating the first half by 15-12.

Akram and Enam netted six goals each while Rabi five for the Narinda. Hanif scored 13 for the Menjis.

The league has been suspended for three days because heavy rain has made conditions unplayable. Remaining matches will resume

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But eight short of what would have been his 30th Test hundred, he was bowled by Vaughan, already enjoyng a memorable match.

Vaughan's career-best 197 was the centrepiece of England's mammoth first innings score of 617 and his purple patch continued with the

ball. one out of the footmarks Tu

Kipketer roars, Szabo silenced

Athletics

AFP, Munich

Kenyan-born world record holder Wilson Kipketer won the European 800 metres title here on Sunday to finally avenge his surprise defeat by Nils Schumann of Germany at the Sydney Olympics.

But on the final day of the championships, world champion Gabriela Szabo was beaten in the 1,500m by little-known Turk Sureyya Ayhan.

Kipketer, the naturalised Dane who missed last season due to a foot injury, controlled a slow and tactical race to win in 1min 47.25sec

Reigning world champion Andre Bucher of Switzerland, also fighting back from injury, was second in 1:47.43 while the lanky Schumann faded to third in 1:47.60 on the raincovered Olympic Stadium track.

Schumann's victory over Kipketer in Sydney was one of the surprise results of the Games but the 31-year-old partly atoned for that loss with his first medal in a European championships. "I am so happy to get back in the

winning mode after so many problems," said Kipketer. "It was overall very tough but this first European medal for me gives me great satisfaction.

Szabo was baffled after failing to catch Ayhan in a sprint finish. The Turk, who was only eighth in last year's world championships, set a new national record to win ir 3:58.79 with Szabo second in 3:58.81 "Even if you offered me the whole

four years ago.

Moya sinks Hewitt

blowers and towels.

ron of ballboys and girls onto the

cement with gasoline-powered

drizzle began again. The match

finally resumed in late evening, with

CARLOS MOYA

But Moya again got the

later, setting up another match-

But after 30 minutes of work, the

after Germany were ruled out of

contention when one of their run-

ners fell world, I'd rather have this medal,' said Ayhan. "After the race I felt sick with the emotion and the atmosphere in the stadium.

"I'm already known in Turkey but after this it is going to be crazy."

A baffled Szabo said: "The last time I competed against the Turkish girl was at the world championships

last year. I haven't seen her since. "It looks as though 1,500 metres is not definitely my speciality."

Individual 100 metres champion Dwain Chambers anchored Britain to the 4x100m relay gold medal in a top-class time of 38.19sec.

Jkraine were second in 38.53sec and Poland third in 38.71sec.

The British quartet that was plagued by baton hand over problems in the Sydney Olympics and in last year's world championships made no mistakes this time.

Christian Malcolm ran the leadoff leg for Britain, handing over to 100m bronze medal winner Darren Campbell before Marlon Devonish Romania to win the women's 1500m final at the European Championships in ran the bend to pass on to the mus-Munich on August 11. cular Chambers with a two-metre



Denmark's Wilson Kipketer celebrates on winning the men's 800 metres final on August 11.

In the women's 4x100m relay France 200m champion Muriel Chambers cruised home and Hurtis in the quartet that went on to Britain retained the title they won win in a time of 42.46sec, beating The British 4x400m relay team Germany in a close race. also struck gold in a time of 3:01.25

Grit Breuer then had the German crowd on their feet as she brought the home nation to victory in the women's 4x400m relay.

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and Ukraine's Sergiy Lebid secured bronze. Garcia's gold came at the end of a week in which Antonio Jiminez won the 3,000m steeplechase title Marta Dominguez claimed gold in the women's 5,000m and Jose Manuel Martinez beat Dieter Baumann in the 10.000m. Reyes Estevez only missed out on gold in the 1,500m on Thursday by two thousandths of a second. Janne Holmen of Finland, at 24

the youngest man in the field, wor the rain-blighted men's marathon in a time of 2hr 12min 14sec.

Spain continued their impressive

showing at middle and long distance

events at these championships

when Alberto Garcia sprinted away

Ismail Sghyr of France took silver

to win the 5.000m in 13:38.18.

Pavel Loskutov of Estonia came second, more than a minute behind in 2:13:18, after he nudged Julic Rey of Spain, who was banned for a doping offence from 1999 to 2001, into third place in 2:13:21.

Holmen took control of the race early on and never relinquished his lead

Kajsa Bergqvist of Sweden neanwhile confirmed her reputation as one of the world's top women high jumpers by clearing 1.98 metres to claim gold.

Jayasinghe's sprint double

AFP, Colombo

down the line, fired over his sixth ace and used a drop shot to reach 4-Sri Lanka's Susanthika Jayasinghe 2. He benefited from a costly Hewitt made up for compatrio double-fault for a match point and Damayanthi Darsha's absence as raised his racket in joy as a return

PHOTO: INTERNET

REUTERS, *Tangiers* Rhodes hit a typically pugnacious Tangiers and Sharjah are both collapse in which Waqar clean bowled available to host Tests between Boeta Dippenaar was run out off Pakistan and Australia if the counthe last delivery of the innings, leaving tries can agree on a neutral venue last man Makhya Ntini stranded in the for the postponed series, the owner

of both stadia has said. Sri Lanka are the third team in the On Friday, the Australian Cricket 250,000-dollar tournament, the first to Board (ACB) cancelled the tour of be played in this north African country. Pakistan, which was scheduled to go ahead in October, for security Scoreboard of the South Africa innings

reasons and proposed that a neutral venue could be found. Abdurrahman Bukhatir, a businessman from the United Arab

Emirates, was speaking in Tangiers on the eve of the city's debut as an international venue with a triangular one-day series between South Africa, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

"We are all hoping that cricket in Pakistan will resume soon because a team cannot keep playing home fixtures outside their own venues, but in the short term we have no problem at all," he said. "I invite them to play, of course. Why not?" "It's not up to us but when they

came to us for the West Indies series we said 'fine, we'll arrange it,' but it's up to Pakistan and Australia to decide where they want to play. But we can provide the facilities, no

problem," he added. "We have to wait until cricket gets Shariah, a tiny Emirate in the PAKISTAN: Saeed Anwar, Imran UAE which has been hosting inter-Nazir, Inzamamul Haq, Yousuf national cricket for 20 years, was the Abdul venue for two Tests between Pakistan and the West Indies earlier

itself as an international venue, all three visiting teams have expressed unreserved admiration for the facilities they have encountered so "It's a magnificent venue and

Sharjah, Tangiers ready

easily up to international standard," South African captain Shaun Pollock said ahead of Monday's opening match against Pakistan, whose captain Waqar Younis concurred

Waqar said on Saturday that his team would prefer to play the Test series against Australia as close to home as possible and also expressed a desire to play in front of as large a crowd as possible.

Bukhatir readily conceded that this could be a problem in a country like Morocco, which does not have a long history as a cricketing nation. "There always has to be a begin-

ning," he said. "We already have ten (domestic) teams playing in the league, in Casablanca, Rabat and Tangiers.

"There is a keen interest in those cities and although they are not yet properly 'educated' cricket places there is always a beginning.

"We also weren't very happy with the reception shown by the crowds for the Pakistan-West Indies Test matches. "We can host Test matches, no

problem, but I don't think we'll get the crowds in the beginning.

into their blood, then they'll come. but we have no problem in organising Test matches," Bukhatir said

Narinda Progoti defeated Menjis

from August 16.

Rahul, Sachin

Razzaq, Rashid Latif, Shahid Afridi, Wasim Akram, Wagar Younis Saglain Mushtag.

Youhana Younis Khan

Umpires: Srinivas Venkataraghvan (India) and Daryl Harper (Australia).

Donald toast

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Colly, who found the net from a goal mouth melee in the 73rd minute.

Abahani now earned a temporary lead in the ten-team league race, having raised their tally to 13 points from five matches. On the other hand, Brothers have earned three points so far.

TEAMS

ABAHANI KC: Apel (Titu), Aminul, Nazrul, Ghansha, Mintu, Iqbal (Shuvro), Parvez, Donald, Asad, Colly and Bulbul (Liton).

BROTHERS UNION: Mohammad Ali (Mitu), Ashraful (Montu), Jahangir, Rezaul, Chanchal, Sourav Raju, Saker, Bal Gopal Mahajan, Hari Khadka, Zahid (Emili) and Rikto. Referee: Tazul Islam

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President of the American Chamber of Commerce Aftabul Islam delivering his speech at the launching ceremony of WWE Superstars at the Sheraton Hotel in the city on August 10.

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B U G E O J H X U V W Z W W Q V O ? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU HAD A CIRCUS JOB AS A HUMAN CANNONBALL, I ASSUME YOU'D ENJOY GETTING FIRED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals B The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, 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.

created by India's left-arm quicks, Vaughan beat Tendulkar's intended drive, bowling him through the gap between bat and pad.

Tendulkar had faced 113 balls including 17 fours, putting on 163 with Dravid to take India to 174 for three

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the fifth and final day of the second Test between England and India at Trent Bridge

vesterdav: INDIA: First Test 357 (V Sehwag 106, S Ganguly 68, Harbhajan Singh 54; M Hoggard 4-105, S

Harmison 3-57) ENGLAND: First innings 617 (M Vaughan 197, C White 94 not out, A Stewart 87, M Butcher 53; Zaheer Khan 3-110, Harbhajan 3-175) INDIA: Second innings (overnight

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Sehwag Ibw b Hoggard	0
Jaffer Ibw b Flintoff	5
Dravid Ibw b Cork	115
Tendulkar b Vaughan	92
Ganguly not out	81
Laxman not out	2
Extras: (b-4, lb-7, nb-9)	20
Total: (For 4 wkts in 83 overs)	315
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-11, 3-1	74, 4-
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To bat: A Agarkar, P	Patel.

Harbhajan Singh, Zaheer Khan, A Nehra

Bowler	0	Μ	R	W
Hoggard	20	0	95	1
Flintoff	15	2	64	1
Harmison	21	3	46	0
Cork	6	1	29	1
Vaughan	14	4	59	1
White	7	2	11	0

Lanka security

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"We have gone through an identical process for every tour where we assess security risks and we are quite satisfied with the security that will be offered to the players in Sri Lanka."

The ACB announced last week they had cancelled their October Test tour of Pakistan for security reasons and asked the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) if a neutral venue could be found.

The PCB responded by threatening a boycott by the Asian cricket bloc

tables on world number one Lleyton Hewitt, ignoring a rain interruption and a fight-back charge to win his fourth title of the year at the ATP Masters Series here Sunday.

Spain's Carlos Mova turned the

Tennis

AFP, Cincinnati

The Spaniard's 7-5, 7-6 triumph at the 2.95 million-dollar event came after Moya rallied from two breaks down in the second set following a rain-halted first set. It was only the second hard-court title of Moya's career.

After an afternoon of solid sunshine, clouds moved in on almost as if on cue as officials who had schedule the contest three hours later than usual to accommodate television were forced to turn on the lights

The first set took more than three hours to complete, with only 43

the pair spending another nine minutes of that spent on court. minutes in settling the set. Before the interruption after 33 minutes of play, Hewitt had gone up when the pair resumed at 4-5, a break and lost his edge as former moving to 5-4. Hewitt fired over French Open champion Moya three aces in the tenth game, saving two set points in the process.

rain stopped, which sent a squad-

3 Kiwis won't FROM PAGE 13

scored a century in leading New Zealand to victory in the Nairobi final against India two years ago, fellow all-rounder Andre Adams and left-When Hewitt passed to force a tiearm seamer Shayne O'Connor, are breaker, Moya lifted his game even also unavailable through injury. higher.

Mathew Sinclair has won his place back after missing selection for the recent Pakistan and West Indies tours but Ian Butler, who made his debut against England this year to replace the then injured Shane Bond, has been omitted.

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Turkey's Sureyya Ayhan (R) edges out world champion Gabriela Szabo of

"This is a great victory," said the Spaniard. "My tennis has really come along recently. I had a few years in the wilderness, but I'm back now.

Trailing 0-2, Mpya sent a winner

"I've found my game again and I hope to threaten at the US Open."

Moya, the 1998 French Open champion and world number one in 1999 for a few weeks prior to a back injury, ripped off his shirt on court and climbed into the stands to hug his coach and kiss his girlfriend.

Moya is the first Spanish player in more than a century of the tournament to win the title.

"Congratulations to Carlos," said Hewitt, who lost in first final after 10 title-match victories in a row dating back two seasons. His last loss in a title match came in Stuttgart in 2000 against Wayne Ferreira.

"He played terrific tennis over Moya grabbed his advantages the last five or six weeks. He was too good today, he's hardly lost a match. He'll be tough at the US Open."

Hewitt said that he'll be back: "I made the semis last year, and a final this year. Hopefully I can some back next year and do one better."

winning chance which he took as Hewitt's last won a title last Hewitt sent a forehand into the net. month at Wimbledon trophy last Hewitt raced to 5-2 in the second month. He will play as top seed next thanks to a pair of breaks. But that week in Indianapolis before resting only provided more incentive to a week prior to the start of his title Moya, who annulled them both. defence in New York.

Moya has won 20 of his last 22 matches and three titles in the past five events.



Action from the Cute Premier Division Handball League fixture between Bangladesh Police and Dhaka Wanderers at the court adjacent to the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

second gold medal of the Asian athletic championships here on Monday.

Jayasinghe equalled Darsha's games record of 22.84 seconds in the 200 metres at the Sugathadasa Stadium, adding to the 100 metres gold she won on Saturday.

Darsha did not defend her 200 and 400 metres titles because of a hamstring injury but Jayasinghe gave the home crowd a lot to cheer about as she won by a comfortable margin.

Jaysinghe clocked the same time as Darsha did in the last edition of the championships at Jakarta two years ago but said she missed her team-mate.

Jaysinghe gave hosts Sri Lanka their second gold of the meet, while Gennadly Chernovol ensured Kazakhstan's second of the day by winning the men's 200 metres in 20.73 seconds

Kuwaiti Fawzi al-Shammari winner of the 400 metres, clinched a silver in the event.

Kazakhstan had earlier in the day won the women's 400 metres hurdles through Natalya Torshina while the men's low hurdles race was won by Mubarak al-Nobi of Qatar with a new meet record.

The effort of 48.67 by al-Nobi erased his compatriot Mubarak al-Nubifaraj's games record of 48.71 seconds set at Fukuoka, Japan four years ago.

Super-charged Rubin

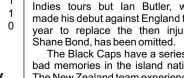
AFP, Los Angeles

Chanda Rubin charged from behind to upset defending champion Lindsay Davenport 5-7, 7-6, 6-3 or Sunday and capture the 585,000 WTA Los Angeles Open.

Rubin used precise ground strokes to beat the fellow American and former world number one Davenport in front of 4,500 spectators at the Manhattan Beach Country Club

"It's nice to win and beat Lindsay," said Rubin, who takes home 93,000 dollars. "It has been a great week for me. I had trouble early in the match but I fought through."

There were 13 service breaks in the sloppily-played match between the two which lasted two hours, 19 minutes



The Black Caps have a series of bad memories in the island nation. The New Zealand team experienced a bomb blast outside their hotel in Colombo in 1992 and several players returned home immediately.

During the World Cup of 1996 Australia rejected playing in Sri Lanka, and even last year when the Black Caps were playing a tourna-ment there, terrorist activity occurred at the airport in Colombo. SQUAD

Stephen Fleming (captain), Nathan Astle, Shane Bond, Chris Harris, Paul Hitchcock, Kyle Mills, Chris Nevin, Jacob Oram, Mathew Sinclair, Scott Styris, Glen Sulzberger, Daryl Tuffey, Daniel Vettori, Lou Vincent.

Australian in trouble two games

broke back in the sixth game. As night began to fall, the light