Colombo

to step in

INTERNET, Colombo

series being cancelled

Tests in Sharjah.

Sri Lanka says it is ready to host the

first Test between Australia and

Pakistan in October to stop the

Sri Lankan Cricket chief Anura

Tennakoon told The Associated

Press that his body is willing to stage

the first match in the three-Test

series in Colombo, after the Pakistan

Cricket Board said on Sunday it

wanted to hold the second and third

seem to be OK on that," Tennakoon

said. "We have agreed to be the host

on principle, but logistics are yet to

be worked out. Sri Lanka always

wants to do everything possible to

to be played in Pakistan, but civil

unrest in the nation in the last few

months, including a suicide bomb

outside the New Zealand team's

hotel in May, resulted in Australia

Board isn't willing to risk the safety of

its players by touring Pakistan, it is

still keen for the series to go ahead at

a neutral venue, having already

ruled out the possibility of offering to

stage the first Test in Colombo from

October 4 to 8, before holding the

second and third Tests in Sharjah

from October 13-17 and October 20-

24, with the ACB wanting the series

worked out and the series re

scheduled for some time in October,

it may have to be put off for at least a

year and maybe two, just as the

series against Zimbabwe had to be

deferred when Australia refused to

tour there in April.

drafted

REUTERS, Melbourne

Symonds

Unless the matter can be quickly

held between October 1 and 29.

The PCB offered on Sunday to

host the series in Australia.

But while the Australian Cricket

The tour was originally set down

help the game of cricket.

refusing to tour there.

"They have asked us and we

happy

Kapil says no thanks

INTERNET, New Delhi

Indian coach John Wright has received the endorsement of the Indian-player-of-the-century, Kapil Dev, who says there is nothing wrong with having a foreigner in charge of the national side.

Although Dev would not be drawn on whether Wright was doing a good job, he appeared to back the New Zealander saying there was nothing wrong with appointing a foreign coach, as long as it wasn't done 'for glamour reasons.'

The former highest wicket-taker in Tests went on to suggest that the India under the leadership Sourav Ganguly and Wright, a former New Zealand international, was capable of winning the World Cup in South

"The players in the team are very confident which is a good thing," he said. Dev ended by saying he would

not ever coach India again, simply because he lacked the passion for "I have done my job I am happy and content. If I force myself or if I

don't enjoy a job, I will not do the job," he said. "You must have passion to do

things and that's why I don't want to

'Inzy's wkt was crucial'

REUTERS, Tangiers

Inzamamul Haq's unfortunate dismissal turned the Morocco Cup match in South Africa's favour, their captain Shaun Pollock said.

"You need something to go your way when it's so tense and that was the bit of luck we were looking for. It was definitely the turning point," Pollock said after his team had booked a place in Wednesday's final against Sri Lanka.

South Africa, who posted a total of 196 from their 50 overs, recorded an eight-run win against Pakistan in Sunday's fifth match of the triangular tournament.

South Africa's veteran fast bowler Allan Donald agreed that Inzamam's dismissal probably cost Pakistan a chance of victory. "It was a freakish way to get

out." man-of-the-match Donald said. "But I'm a bowler and every ball that takes a wicket is a jaffa to

"When Shahid Afridi was batting we just had to hope something would turn our way -- we tried to make something happen but we were chasing leather for most of the

"We tried to give a single and contain him that way but he's such a good ball striker when he gets going that it seemed impossible to stop him." Pollock said.

"I thought our chance had gone. We were desperate for something to happen and Allan doesn't drop too many in the outfield," Pollock

"I saw it all the way but it just hit my hands a bit hard...I don't know what happened. I also thought I'd lost the match," Donald added.

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Ripon 21-15, 21-17, Kachi defeating Badal 21-12, 21-13 and Edison defeating Shahed 21-13, 21-18.

In the First Division Super League matches, Ajax Sporting Club maintained their winning spree beating Mariner Youngs Club

Khelaghar SKS defeated Shamibagh TTS 3-1 and Cynthia SC beat Orka Club 3-1in the other first division super-league matches. In the women's league matches.

Riman Red defeated Surf Knitting 3-0 and they beat Khelaghar SKS also the same margin, Shamibagh Gilrs beat Khelaghar SKS 3-2, Biman Green defeated Ajax SC 3-0 and Azimpur Young Star beat Surf Knitting by 3-0.

Athers was tempted

Cricket

REUTERS, London

Michael Atherton says he would have sued if he had been branded a cheat and axed as England captain after being accused of ballmpering in 1994

Atherton says in his new autobiography being serialised by The Times newspaper: "I would, I think, have had no option but to take the matter to a court of law.

"While the loss of the captaincy would have been painful, to have been labelled a cheat permanently would have been much more damaging.

Atherton became involved in the scandal during the first test against South Africa at Lord's in 1994. He was shown on television applying dust from his pocket on to the ball. The match umpires said the

condition of the ball had not been

fined 2,000 pounds over the affair, admits he should have been more frank with match referee Peter

Burge at the time of the scandal. The former Lancashire player did not initially tell Burge about applying dust on the ball to make it reverse swing.

"That is the thing I most regret now," he writes. "In a sense, you



MICHAEL ATHERTON

as England's next bright young

thing, with an energetic debut that

included some moments of genuine

speed, an asset that coach Duncan

fledgling England career with some

eye-catching performances such as

Alex Tudor has also enjoyed his

Fletcher prizes highly.

the most difficult times and I failed

"He looked fearsome, stern and headmasterly in his office that evening. In short, I panicked. sensed that he felt I was quilty but I was not about to incriminate mvself.'

After losing the match, Atherton revealed at a press conference he had used dust on the ball, even though he continued to point out the umpires said the ball had not been doctored.

He writes: "Press conference: complete shambles. Fed to the

Atherton, a compact opener with an immaculate defence, survived the scandal before finally standing down in 1998.

He retired last year after playing 115 tests and averaging 37.69, his trademark innings a back-to-thewall 185 not out spanning almost 11 hours to save a test match in

Not the only one

Cricket

BBC, undated

Andrew Caddick returns to the England attack against India at Headingley with his place less certain than it has been for some

Over the past few years, in harness with Darren Gough, Caddick has been a key part of the resurgence in English cricket.

Only two seasons ago in Leeds. Caddick followed Gough's four toporder wickets with four more in a single over as West Indies were consigned to a famous two-day defeat.

But both Caddick and Gough have missed significant chunks of the cricketing calendar over the past 12 months, allowing others to stake their claim to lead the England attack

Despite Matthew Hoggard's troubles earlier in the season, he has subsequently proved his class as an international strike bowler. At Lord's Hoggard reached 50

Test wickets in only his 12th Test.

Caddick himself took three more Tests, reaching the landmark four ears after making his debut, while Gough took 14.

Alongside Hoggard, Andrew Flintoff has proved to be an able accomplice, giving his all in some whole-hearted spells with at times not the reward he has deserved.

South Africa recorded a tense eight-

run victory over Pakistan to reach

the final of the Morocco Cup triangu-

in the space of just seven deliveries

cost Pakistan dear as South Africa

held their nerve to reach

Wednesday's final against Sri

after a fine bowling performance

spearheaded by veteran fast bowler

Wasim Akram, Pakistan appeared

to be cruising to victory following a

whirlwind 62 in 40 balls by Shahid

saw both Younis Khan and Abdur

Razzaq depart without scoring, set

Africa's favour when Inzamamul

Haq (41) hit a delivery from part-

time spinner Justin Ontong over the

ropes at mid wicket, only to step

back and knock the bails off his own

But the dramatic collapse, which

The match turned in South

Chasing a modest 197 for victory

A middle-order batting collapse

REUTERS, Tangiers

lar tournament.

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Afridi.

up a tense finish.

ANDREW CADDICK

his match-winning effort in the third Test against Sri Lanka. Steve Harmison gave glimpses

of promise during his recent debut. And with the greater batting talents of Craig White and Dominic Cork, the England attack is seemingly burgeoning. All this means that, when

England take the field at Headingley on Thursday, Caddick will have to be at his best to retain his place. The New Zealand-born pace-

man has repeatedly stated that he At Lord's Simon Jones emerged feels no fear about the crop of

young pacemen coming in to take his place, yet he knows he will have to perform.

Jones is expected to return from side strain for Glamorgan this week and will no doubt be searching to regain his place in the side.

If Tudor, Hoggard and Flintoff all fire, then Caddick could come under some pressure

In turn, Gough's wish for that one last crack at the Australians could become an empty one, even if he recovers from his knee injury in The young bowlers have not let

England down yet this summer, and if Headingley proves another fruitful exercise for them, even someone as inspirational as Gough could miss out. It was pertinent that in announcing the squad on Saturday, chair-

man of selectors David Graveney suggested Flintoff had assumed Gough's talismanic status within the dressing room. There will also need to be a space for Ashley Giles in the side if

the pitch offers anything in the way of spin, after the incorrect decision to leave him out at Trent Bridge. That could lead to some interesting headaches for the selectors

even with White missing out through injury this time around. One thing is for sure: with their

bowlers yet to make an impact on statement. the England line-up in the series so Lehmann, 32, was named as far, the Indians would be more than part of a 14-man squad to be cappleased to have such problems. tained by Ricky Ponting for the

The triangular series in Kenya starts on August 29 in Nairobi. Frankie a

BBC, London

Frankie Fredericks believes that Dwain Chambers could fill Maurice Greene's shoes when America's sprinting legend calls it a day.

Commonwealth 200m champion Fredericks believes Chambers, who has set two personal bests in the past month, is one of a group of nossible successors to Greene.

there was plenty of competition, with up to 16 sprinters with the credentials to take over from the Olympic champion.

Commonwealth 200m gold

"There is an awful lot of talent about. Apart from the Americans, England has two youngsters, Dwain Chambers and Mark Lewis-Francis." he said.

"In Africa, thanks to the (IAAF) development programme there are Obikwelu.

forward to becoming the world's number one sprinter. It is really exciting for the future." Fredericks spoke after sugges-

tions that triple world champion Greene was less of a force in world sprinting following his fifth place in last Friday's prestigious Zurich Weltklasse race. sure of a major championship at

much in the past - now I've found what's right for Dwain Dwain Chambers

But the Namibian warned: "Don't start writing negative things about

added that he also hoped to be around to challenge the new young breed for several years to come.

Amelie stuns Jennifer Lleyton may



AP, Montreal

Amelie Mauresmo beat Jennifer Capriati 6-4, 6-1 Sunday in the final of the Rogers AT&T Cup, a hardcourt tuneup for the U.S. Open.

The seventh-seeded Mauresmo earned 182,000 dollars for her eighth career WTA Tour title and second of 2002. "I just wanted to play a few

matches and get my game in order

and see how I'm doing against the

best players," Mauresmo said. "I guess it went pretty well. 'The main thing is to be ready for the U.S. Open."

Serving at 4-4 in the first set, Mauresmo won two points on serves the second-seeded Capriati argued were out and took a 5-4 lead. The Frenchwoman then took the set by breaking Capriati's serve when a backhand flew wide. Capriati took the close calls as

an indication that it was not her day. "When you're trying hard and balls like that are taken away, you think: Why should I try when it's going to be like that?" Capriati said. "But I bounced back in the next

"It was just that one game. I got upset and maybe it was a downward spiral from there. Everything felt like

it wasn't going my way, no matter what I tried to do. I didn't find a rhythm and with the wind, it was a mess out there.

Mauresmo broke again to go ahead 3-1 in the second set, and once more for a 5-1 edge.

Capriati's 92.000 dollars runnerup check moved her past six million



AMELIE MAURESMO

dollars in career earnings. She has lost in the final of the Canadian tournament three times and won it in

Mauresmo, now 3-3 against Capriati, also won their meeting in the Wimbledon quarterfinals.

quit tennis

Lleyton Hewitt could follow the legendary Bjorn Borg in walking away from the game early, according to Australian Open chief executive Paul McNamee.

McNamee spoke out after the world number one was left fuming at a 103,000 dollars fine handed out to him at the Cincinnati Masters earlier this month.

run "circus" and threatened to skip many of their tournaments from next year.

Former Wimbledon doubles

"Let's look at history here and sort out the problems in the sport which Lleyton has taken the lid off,' McNamee told the Australian Associated Press (AAP).

(Bjorn Borg). Borg retired in 1982 after a

dispute over his plans for a fourmonth break from tennis.

into tournaments as the number one in the world." McNamee said.

Blake stamps his mark

Tennis

AFP, Washington

James Blake rallied to capture his first singles title, beating hardserving Paradorn Srichaphan of Thailand 1-6, 7-6, 6-4 in the 800,000 dollar ATP event here on Sunday. Blake used a variety of shots to

wear down the 23-year-old Bangkok native in front of 5,000 spectators during the two hour, 12 minute

double faulting on his first match point in the 10th game of the third set on a hot muggy day where courtside temperatures hovered at 39 degree Celsius (102 Fahrenheit). The 22-year-old American cele-

Blake served out the match after

then pumping his fist after Srichaphan's return sailed long on the second match point. Blake then ran over to the stands

brated by leaping in the air twice

where he hugged his mother. Blake became the ninth first time

winner of the year on the tour and is the first African-American winner in

Blake takes home 112.000

six double faults but hit almost twice as many winners a Blake. "I was really confident in the first set," said Srichaphan. "He came back strong in the second and third

"I had chances in the second tiebreak, when I was up 3-1, but he hit top serves and big forehands and

I made a few mistakes. Srichaphan had his own raucous cheering section which comprised about 200 supporters from Thailand.

embassy in Washington. Blake said putting up with the Thai fans was sometimes more difficult

than his task on the court. "The toughest thing I had to deal with today was 50 Thai fans," said

racial slurs, people throwing things, put in the toughest section of the draw week after week, not being allowed in the same locker room.

"For me to get angry at a few Thai fans would seem silly and it would seem almost an insult to everything

final since the opening week of the year, when he was the runner-up at Chennai India

Blake advanced to the final with a straight set win over top seed Andre Agassi while Srichaphan tripped Marcelo Rios of Chile in three sets in the other semi.

It was the third meeting between Srichaphan and Blake, with Blake winning all three.

They met for the first time in 2000 in Binghamton, New York. Blake won that match on hard-court 6-4, 7-

Blake won the second meeting 6-1, 6-0 on clay in Bermuda last year.

All year long, past major winners

Woods showed up quickly with

like Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer

have complained that too many

players wilt when they see Woods'

three birdies and two amazing pars

on the front nine, putting him just one

stroke behind Beem with nine holes

Beem didn't buckle. He simply

Hitting driver on just about every

hole and attacking the pins. Beem

turned a one-stroke advantage into a

six-stroke lead over Woods in a

second shot on the 597-yard 11th

velled as the ball soared over a

cluster of bunkers, landed on the

front of the green and didn't stop

rolling until it was 6 feet from the cup.

He made that for eagle to get to 10-

of Beem, although he knew who was

the cup on No. 13 as Woods stood

Woods played in the group ahead

A scoreboard was directly behind

The biggest was his 5-wood

"Come on! Come on!" Beem

name on the leaderboard.

continued to blast away.

matter of four holes.

under.

Beem-used Woods

AP. Minnesota

Rich Beem buried Tiger Woods on Sunday and captured a PGA Championship even he thought he had no business winning.

Beem hit a 5-wood to within 6 feet for an eagle on the 11th hole to seize control, then put the finishing touches on a fearless round by rolling in a 35-foot birdie putt on No. 16 to thwart a final charge from Woods.

supposed to win majors. Beem stared down the world's best player under the stifling pres-

Hazeltine on Sunday, closing with a 4-under 68 for a one-stroke victory over Woods. "I'm still surprised at myself,"

U.S. majors in the same year.

Woods watched the final putt on a television in the scoring trailer. He had told caddie Steve Williams that four birdies on the final four holes would be enough to win the tourna-"I went ahead and birdied out, and

we didn't win," Woods said. "At least I gave it my best effort. We just came out a little bit short."

Woods closed with a 67, match-



ing the best score of the day.

Chris Riley shot a 70 and was

another stroke back, his best finish in a major and good for a trip to the The season's final major has

at 10-under 278, became the 12th player in 15 years to make the PGA Championship his first major victory.

hole where Payne Stewart won the

1991 U.S. Open at Hazeltine. Beem begged his 9-iron to clear a marsh on the corner of Lake Hazeltine, and it barely did. His 35-foot birdie putt was

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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.

IMMEDIATELY FLY OFF THE SHELF.

SA thwart Pakistan What should have been a six Wagar three overs later and the turned into a vital dismissal and Pakistan were plunged into trouble at 163 for eight wickets in the 42nd Latif with the score on just 49. Azhar Mahmood fought valiantly

> unbeaten 16 in the closing stages but fast bowler Allan Donald (4-43) claimed the last two wickets to clinch a memorable victory. South Africa's win was truly remarkable considering they man-

aged to post a respectable total despite being reduced to 49 for five But battling half centuries from Boeta Dippenaar and Mark Boucher helped to rebuild the innings after

to keep his team alive with an

splendid display of fast bowling from Akram and Waqar Younis. Akram struck the first blow with the first ball of the match when Herschelle Gibbs edged a wide delivery into the gloves of Rashid

Jacques Kallis (3) quickly followed Gibbs back into the pavilion after being bowled by Waqar in the

second over. Opener Graeme Smith (5) was trapped plumb lbw in Akram's third over, Ontong (10) chipped a straightforward return catch to

CRYPTOQUIP

MZNQK MHRYPE Saturday's Cryptoquip: PLASTIC FLAMINGOS ARE HARD TO KEEP IN STOCK THEY

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals L

innings reached its demise when Jonty Rhodes (11) edged Azhar to

to make 57 from 99 balls before a slow full toss from Azhar deceived him in the air and hit leg stump. Pakistan's apparent cruise towards victory came unstuck at 92 for two when Áfridi's thrilling hitting,

Boucher played with similar caution

Donald to Boucher. Lance Klusener then took two wickets in successive deliveries when Yousuf Youhana (22) holed out to deep mid-wicket and Younis Khan was trapped lbw next ball.

Africa on Sunday SOUTH AFRICA: 196 for eight in 50 overs (Boucher 57, Dippenaar 55;

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Venkatraghvan (Ind) Match referee: Gundappa Viswanath (Ind) **STANDINGS**

Sri Lanka 3 2 1 1 9 South Africa 3 2 1 0 8 Pakistan

But Dippenaar struggled to 55 from 89 balls while wicketkeeper

which included five fours and four sixes, ended with an edge off

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the Morocco Cup match between Pakistan and South

Akram 3-31, Mahmood 2-33, Younis **PAKISTAN** Nazir b Pollock Malik run out Afridi c Boucher b Donald Youhana c Boje b Klusener

11 Extras: (w1) Total (All out in 48.3 overs) 188 Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-49; 3-92; 4-

118; 5-118; 6-119; 7-155; 8-163; 9-

186

2 South Africa won by eight runs Man of the match: Allan Donald Umpires: Daryl Harper (Aus) and Simon Taufel (Aus)

Standings after Sunday's match (played, won, lost, bonus points, total points):

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Andrew Symonds will replace Darren Lehmann in Australia's cricket squad for the triangular limited-overs series in Kenya starting later this month, selectors have Lehmann suffered a broken little finger on his left hand while playing in a match for England county team

Yorkshire and underwent a fitness test in Melbourne on Sunday. He will undergo another fitness test in two weeks, chairman of selectors Trevor Hohns said in a

series against Pakistan and Kenya. While Symonds will go to Kenya he will not be part of Australia's squad for the ICC Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka next month, and will instead join the Australia A squad for its series against South

Africa Ain South Africa, Hohns said.

Dwain fan

But Fredericks, 34, stressed

Frankie Fredericks took

a lot of good guys coming through while Portugal pinched Francis "They are all eagerly looking

I've been watching others too

Maurice. With his credentials, until he does retire, he will still be a difficult man to beat." Fredericks, who is in Linz for Monday night's Gugl-Meeting,

"Both Merlene Ottev and Linford (Christie) showed it was possible to run fast at an advanced age. Retirement isn't on my mind," he

PHOTO: INTERNET

American James Blake is jubilant after defeating Thai Paradorn Srichaphan in the final of the Legg Mason Tennis Classic in Washington on August 18.

Golf

Seven years ago, Beem was

give up after back-to-back bogeys, Woods birdied the final four holes to keep alive fleeting hopes of becoming the first player to win the three

Masters next year. seen this before. Beem, who finished

the guy chasing him.

Hewitt called the ATP a badly-

champion McNamee said the ATP should learn from the loss of Borg, who walked away from the game when just 27 years old.

"They have been there for a while and nobody has been prepared to talk about them. Go back . 20 vears...we lost a number one

"He wasn't allowed direct entry

Washington since 1973.

dollars for the win, while Srichaphan nets 59,000 dollars as the runner-Srichaphan, the 14th seed, had

His fan base included friends and diplomats from the Thailand Without going into specifics,

"(Arthur Ashe) had to deal with

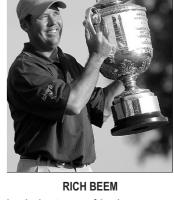
he did to make it possible for me to Srichaphan reached his first ATP

Playing as if he had nothing to lose,

selling car stereos and cell phones for \$7 an hour. Even after the third round, he said guys like him weren't

Beem said. "I'm elated beyond belief. I was a lot more in control of my emotions than I ever have been under that kind of pressure." Woods did his part. Unwilling to

He finished off his incredible round with a harmless three-putt bogey on the 18th, lifted his arms and did a shimmy shake under the bright skies of Minnesota before taking a



What set Beem apart from a long list of surprising winners -- John Daly, Wayne Grady, Mark Brooks -- was

over a 12-foot birdie putt that would have pulled him within two strokes of the lead. Instead, he three-putted for bogey, then dropped another shot on the next hole. The key putt came on No. 16, the

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