Morocco Cup

next three innings Seasoned Gary Kirsten has looked out of touch despite making 55 in the first encounter against Sri

While Sri Lanka are certain to play three spinners in Muttiah Muralitharan, Upul Chandana and Jayasuriya, the South Africans are undecided on playing a second slow bowler.

Pollock also dismissed suggestions that big-hitter Lance Klusener should be moved up the order after three unbeaten scores of 32, 28 and 39 batting at number seven or

"Lance has been a good finisher for us," Pollock said. "I think he is better off coming lower and leave the start to the regulars."

TEAMS

SOUTH AFRICA (from): Shaun Pollock (capt), Gary Kirsten, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Jonty Rhodes, Boeta Dippenaar, Lance Klusener, Justin Ontong, Graeme Smith, Mark Boucher, Nicky Boje, Paul Adams, Allan Donald, Roger Telemachus, Makhava Ntini

SRI LANKA (likely): Sanath Jayasuriya (capt), Marvan Atapattu, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardena, Aravinda De Silva, Russel Arnold, Chaminda Vaas, Dilhara Fernando, Muttiah Muralitharan, Upul Chandana, Pulasthi Gunaratne.

Without Thorpe

FROM PAGE 13 national duty soon.

"He's a class player and he has made a decision that's right for his family. You have to respect him for

"It's a courageous decision when you are playing for your country and he wouldn't have made it likely.

Although England have been understanding so far, Thorpe's decision leaves them in a quandary.

They face the probability of playing Australia without the only player with an average over 40, with the squad due to be announced either before or after the final Test against India on 5 September.

The decision of who will replace Thorpe will be far from easy for the England management, but it is one they look likely to be forced to make.

'Sign or be axed'

FROM PAGE 13 contract clause which prevents them from endorsing products which are in conflict with official

sponsors.

The "ambush marketing" clause, which was agreed by Indian cricketing authorities in 2000, puts an end to players endorsing such products one month before and after an ICC-sponspored event such as the Champions Trophy and the World Cup next year.

The ICC wants players to sign the contract, which will be valid until 2007

"We believe by signing the player contract we are caught totally in the middle," the Indian players said in a statement to the media.

"We have been told that unless we sign a document which forces us to relinquish all our intellectual property and personal commercial rights, we would be ineligible to play for our country in tournaments conducted by the ICC," the statement said.

"On one hand, we suffer exposure from the ICC/BCCI when they could allege non-compliance with our obligations

"On the other hand, we could face exposure from our competitive sponsors who have paid us for the right to exploit our brand and image commercially," the statement said.

"We want to play. We are not asking for anything more than we have been getting. We are just not being allowed to play, much against our wishes." the statement said.

It said such restrictions did not apply to any player participating in the Olympics or World Cup football.

AFP, Tangiers

Cricket

Sri Lanka gained the psychological edge ahead of the Morocco Cup final against South Africa with a sixwicket romp in the last league match here on Monday.

Changing the trend of the previous five games where teams batting first won, the Sri Lankans surpassed South Africa's modest 220-6 with 7.5

Veteran Aravinda de Silva led the way with an unbeaten 77 off 75 balls, Kumar Sangakkara made 57, while skipper Sanath Jayasuriya contributed 47 at the top of the order.

Sri Lanka's second consecutive triumph over Sri Lanka in the 250,000-dollar event - they won the first meeting by a whopping 93 runs made them favourites for Wednesday's final.

Sri Lanka ended the league with three wins from four matches. South Africa secured two wins, while Pakistan were knocked out of the event after three defeats.

In a match that held only academic interest, Sri Lanka rested four frontline bowlers, Chaminda Vaas, Pulasthi Gunaratne, Muttiah Muralitharan and Dilhara Fernando

South Africa also omitted four key players - wicket-keeper Mark Boucher, Jonty Rhodes, Allan Donald and Nicky Boje - and nominated Boeta Dippenaar to don the

Jacques Kallis hit 84 as South Africa survived early blows to cross the 200-run mark after electing to take first strike. Kallis added 78 for the sixth

wicket with Lance Klusener after a three-wicket burst by leg-spinner Upul Chandana reduced South Africa to 119-5 in the 29th over. Klusener remained unbeaten on

39 and Shaun Pollock made a quickfire 16 off nine balls as South Africa added 59 runs in the final eight overs. Young seamer Charitha Buddika

made an immediate impression by removing Herschelle Gibbs and Gary Kirsten with his first 13 deliver-

Graeme Smith and Kallis retrieved the situation with a 71-run stand for the third wicket, before Chandana hit back with three quick The leg-spinner bowled Smith for

40, had Dippenaar caught behind for 18 and then drew Justin Ontong out of the crease to have him stumped by Kumar Sangakkara.

Chandana capped a fine display in the field by catching Kallis on the long-off fence off Javasuriva.

start with Javasuriva and Marvan Atapattu putting on 40 in the first six

Atapattu scored 15 when he edged seamer Roger Telemachus to Dippenaar behind the stumps.

De Silva leads the way

Jayasuriya, who hit six fours and a six, missed a second successive half-century by three runs when he was caught behind off Klusener in



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AFP, George

Sri Lankan master batsman Aravinda de Silva attempts a half pull half sweep in his brilliant 77 against South Africa during their Morocco Cup match on

De Silva and Sangakkara quashed South Africa's hopes with a match-winning stand of 96 for the third wicket.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Morocco Cup one-day international between South Africa and Sri Lanka here on

SOUTH AFRICA: 220 for six in 50 overs (Kallis 84, Smith 40, Klusener 39 n.o; Chandana 3-32) SRILANKA

Jayasuriya c Dippenaar b Klusener Atapattu c Dippenaar b Telemachus Sangakkara run out

6 0 36 Adams 6 0 31 1.1 0 5 0 Result: Sri Lanka won by six

Umpires: Srinivas Venkataraghvan (Ind) and Simon Taufel (Aus) Third umpire: Daryl Harper (Aus) Match referee: Gundappa Viswa-

STANDINGS Final league standings (played, won, lost, bonus points, total points): 4 3 Sri Lanka

South Africa 4

Waugh retains captaincy

Cricket

BBC/REUTERS/AFP

Steve Waugh will captain Australia for the Test series against Pakistan. But he has not been confirmed as skipper for the Ashes at the end of the year.

Waugh, who is beginning a stint with county side Kent, knows he has got to perform well if he wants to play against England.

He has not played a competitive game of cricket since the third Test between Australia and South Africa in March.

Australia are set to play a Test series against Pakistan from 1-24

Where the matches will be played are still to be decided after Australia refused to play in Pakistan because of security fears.

Waugh told a news conference in Canterbury on Monday: "Pakistan are a very hard side. We're not sure of the venue yet which makes it more difficult.

"We always have good results

Ashes squad is not certain.

fully expect to captain in the Ashes. I've got to play well against Pakistan

England but it's not guaranteed."

squad to play Pakistan in October but have yet to announce their list

Waugh said he would accept missing the World Cup if need be but "what I can't live with is not giving myself the best opportunity to get there"

although they are a very good against South Africa in Durban in

Waugh was dropped from the one-day squad which will play in a triangular series in Kenya and the ICC Champions Trophy in Sri

And he knows his place in the The 37-year-old said: "I don't

"I'd love to be captain against

Australia have finalised a test

His survival as an Australia

player, however, depended on him remaining captain. "If you are not. they rarely say you can go back and be one of the players," he said. "It's out of the back door and 'see you later'.

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puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BBC, undated

retirement

Pete rules out

Pete Sampras says he has no intention of retiring at the end of this year, despite a serious decline in his form.

But he will consider his options at the end of 2003 and could then call it a day.

Sampras was speaking at the TD Waterhouse Cup where he is warming up for next week's US

"At the end of next year, I'll see where it's all at and then make a

"That doesn't mean I'm going to stop or continue," he said.

"I deserve to make my own decision as to when I leave the

"The days of dominating and being number one are over - I have to get my confidence back and you need to win matches for that to happen.

"My goal is to win another major and I believe I can in this vear's US Open.

Sampras is not in action until Tuesday when he will play Paul-Henri Mathieu, who beat Guillermo Coria 6-1, 7-6. Richard Krajicek was also a

first-round winner, with an easy 6-6-2 victory over Dominik Hrbatv. Krajicek is continuing his

comeback after taking off almost

two years to recover from an Hansie

memorial

The wreck of the plane in which disgraced former South African cricket skipper Hansie Cronje died is being salvaged and will form part of a memorial, a friend of Cronje's said Tuesday.

Cronje, who was banned from cricket for life in 2000 for accepting money from Indian bookmakers and paying players to under-perform, died in June when a plane he was travelling in smashed into a mountain in remote southeastern South

"A salvage operation started this morning (Tuesday) and should be completed by tomorrow," businessman Leon Dorfling, a friend of Cronje's, told the local SAPA news

Dorfling said he planned to set up a memorial for Cronje in either George or Mossel Bay, about 400 kilometres (250 miles) east of Cape Town and that he was seeking final approval from Hansie's wife, Bertha, this week. He said the wreck would form

part of the display and that efforts were underway to find some more personal objects linked to Cronje for exhibition. 'Hansie gave thousands of South Africans tremendous pleasure on the cricket field and I think it

or museum in his honour." Dorfling He confirmed that he was paying for the expensive salvage opera-

is appropriate to create a memorial

tion, but did not disclose the cost.

AB Bank TT

UNB, Dhaka

Defending champions Bangladesh Biman face Wari Club in the title deciding match of the AB Bank Senior Division Table Tennis League at wooden-floor gymnasium today.

Besides. Biman Red will take on Azimpur Young Star in the women's league and Ajax SC face Khelaghar SKS in the First Division titledeciding matches at the same venue.

In the day's only Premier Division super league match, Brothers Union blanked Armanitola JS 3-0.

In the First Division super league Mariner Youngs Club defeated Orka Club 3-0 and Swamibagh TTS beat Cynthia Sporting Club 3-2. Swamibagh Girls beat Ajax Sporting Club by 3-1 in the women's league.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman will distribute prizes after the matches.

floor gymnasium yesterday.

Shaky Martina prevails

Tennis

REUTERS, New Haven

A rusty Martina Hingis needed six match points to finally close out a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Anna Smashnova in the first round of the New Haven Open on Monday

Having played only one tourna-

hand wide to let Hingis level at 3-3, and the Swiss former world number one broke again to love to take the

In the second set, fifth seeded Hingis built a 5-0 lead, held two match points on her opponents serve and then three more at 5-1 as Smashnova began to stage a late

She broke twice, as an increasingly frustrated Hingis failed to



ment since May after returning from ankle surgery, Hingis looked shaky at first against her Israeli opponent.

She dropped her serve in the opening game and struggled to hold serve at 0-2 in the face of some strong groundstrokes from

But Smashnova sent a back-

serve out for victory at 5-1 and 5-3. But Hingis finally closed out the one hour 38-minute match, break-

ing serve when Smashnova hit a backhand wide on the sixth match "She had to make a mistake at

some point," Hingis said. "It's not that I felt I played badly

when I had my opportunities, but I just couldn't finish it.

"I thought I was playing really well when we had the long rallies,

but all of a sudden, well. She just stopped missing." Hingis will next play Alexandra Stevenson, who in 1999 became

the first woman qualifier to reach the Wimbledon semifinals, but then almost disappeared off the radar. After being ranked 111 at the end

she has resurrected her career and now hovers around the top 30. The inspiration for her renaissance came as a result of last year's attacks on the World Trade Centre which is now drawing daily attention in the American media as the first

anniversary of the tragedy

approaches. "After September 11, I decided to dedicate my playing to my friend Manny Del Valle who died in the World Trade Centre," she said after beating qualifier Jelena Kostanic 6-

"He was 32 and a firefighter for the 14th Street Express and he drove me at the U.S. Open, and that is how we got to know each other.

became great friends and then he had to die, but his memory stays

knew him he really opened my eyes to a lot of things.

me get through the tough times I was going through. He gave me a book of quotes to keep me uplifted. He was just really special." In another first round match,

German qualifier Angelika Roesch

claimed her second victory this year

over eighth seeded Russian Elena Dementieva, winning 6-3, 1-6, 6-3. She now faces American qualifier Laura Granville for the right to meet top seed and defending cham-

Granville beat Daja Bedanova 3-6, 6-4, 6-1, and there was victory for a third qualifier as Elena Bovina outlasted Lisa Raymond 4-6, 6-1, 6-

Scud's back



REUTERS, Melbourne

Australia welcomed 1998 U.S. Open finalist Mark Philippoussis back to their Davis Cup squad on Tuesday for next month's playoff against India, ending the player's two-year absence from the tournament

Australia's 1999 final victory over France in Nice but over the past two years has suffered knee problems and personality clashes with Australian officials

World number one Lleyton Hewitt will lead the bid by Australia, beaten finalists in the past two years, to defeat India in the September 20-22 playoff in Adelaide to qualify for the World Group next year.

Philippoussis has not played for his country since the first round tie



MARK PHILIPPOUSSIS

against Switzerland in 2000.

for Australia and no bigger than in France," Australia Davis Cup captain John Fitzgerald, speaking from the U.S., told reporters in a teleconference.

negotiating with Philippoussis for "The players are all excited at the prospect of having him in the team

"The last time we played India in Australia we lost, in 1987. We're not

in February because he wanted to focus his energy on Grand Slam

The injury-plagued Philippoussis

tie because of illness and Australia Fitzgerald named a squad of five on Tuesday, led by Hewitt and Philippoussis and including Wayne Arthurs. Scott Draper and Todd Woodbridge, plus hitting partners

Frankie's fantastic finale

Athletics Athletics

AP, Linz

Two-time Olympic silver medallist Frankie Fredericks of Namibia swept the 100 and 200 metre sprints on Monday at the Raiffeisen Gugl-Meeting, winning the 100 in 10.19 seconds and taking the 200 in

400 hurdles (48.18): James Nieto of (20.67)

Ripa of Swamibagh TTS sending in a return during her AB Bank Metropolis

Table Tennis Super League fixture against Tinni of Ajax at the NSC wooden

Fredericks, who won a pair of gold medals in the same two events earlier this month at the African Championships, is planning to retire

Japan's Nobuharu Asahara (10.34) in the 100 while holding off Zakari (20.52) and Troy Douglas of the Netherlands (20.56) in the 200. In the men's long jump, Dwight Phillips of the United States jumped

Olexey Luashevich of Ukraine (8.01) and Hussein Al Sabee of Saudi Arabia (7.92). Other men's winners included: Colin Jackson of Great Britain in the 110 hurdles (13.39): Wilson Boit Kipketer of Kenya in the 3000 steeplechase (8:19.52); Michael Rotich of Kenya in the 800 (1:47.52); Hadi Al Somaily of Saudi Arabia in the

the United States in the high jump (2.27 metres); Tim Lobinger of Germany in the pole vault (5.80 metres); and Adam Nelson of the United States in the shot put In the ladies competition, favorite

Canadian Diane Cummins and archrival Yolanda Ceplak of Slovenia in the rarely run 1000.

In the 100 hurdles, Vonette Dixon of Jamaica and American Jenny Adams both crossed the line at

After several minutes of discus-

sion, the officials declared Dixon the

winner. Olena Krasovska of the

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Police by 35-27 goals in the Cute Premier Division Handball League at Mirpur Indoor Stadium yesterday.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Nat'l wrestling

gymnasium yesterday. As many as eighty wrestlers,

of the U.S. Open almost a year ago,

"It was like a short movie. We

"In the short amount of time I

"He taught me a lot and helped

pion Venus Williams or Meghann Shaughnessy.

"We all understand potentially what a tremendous player Mark is," added Fitzgerald, who has been

and we view this tie against India as the beginning of our campaign for

"They are going to be very tough in the doubles but on paper we are probably favourite to win in the

Hewitt, 21, missed that first round

Peter Luczak and 17-year-old Ryan Former world number one and

twice-winner of the U.S. Open Pat Rafter, 29, has recently become a father and is taking a year's break

Cute handball

The winners led the first half 19-17 goals. Sultan was the top-scorer for Narinda with 11 goals while Nurul Islam for Police netted eight.

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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 the counties to make that deci-

Waugh has not played for "We have a style they don't like Australia since the third Test He also hit back at claims by

> sion pundit, has been the most vociferous dissenting voice against the arrival of Waugh, who will earn somewhere in the region of 15,000 pounds (23,000 dollars) for his 21 Lloyd questioned the sense of allowing leading Australian players

> matches at a lean time of year in

their schedule and Waugh being

England on television so I don't

have to come over to spy on the

"It's not as though I am the only

players

accepted.

former England coach David Lloyd

that he is exploiting the English

county season ahead of the Ashes.

Lloyd, now working as a televi-

allowed a watching brief on England's finest young talent before the first Test in Brisbane in November. But Waugh countered: "Was he joking or serious? I can watch

player playing here from outside of England. "He must have been on TV looking for some ratings, that's ridiculous. "I had an invitation to come

here, it wasn't by request, I was

invited to play at Kent and

"It's pretty short-sighted and a

strange comment for a guy that's been around a long time and knows his cricket. "There were two overseas

players when I first played 15 years

"He really should be worrying

about how well he's commentat-Lloyd's main irk, however, was that while counties are taking in Waugh, his twin brother Mark, who will play for Essex, and Stuart MacGill, who recently arrived at Nottinghamshire, top English players are not asked on reciprocal visits to Australian state cricket.

ers." said Waugh. "The English counties don't have to sign up overseas players, if ers then they don't need to sign them up. "At the end of the day it's up to

"There are a number of players

playing grade cricket, we only have

six sides at the top level and it's a

lot harder to invite overseas play-

Philippoussis, 25, was the hero of

from international competition next The Namibian, making his final appearance at Linz, beat Aziz Zakari of Ghana (10.31) and

a personal best 8.38 metres to beat

Maria Mutola of Mozambique edged

Mutola, who picked up euros

2,500 (2,500 dolars), won in 2:38.08 while pace-setter Judit Varga of

"He has had some big moments

several months.

taking them lightly.

chose not to play against Argentina

Ukraine took third in 12.90.

UNB, Dhaka The 15th Junior National Wrestling

who are representing fourteen teams are taking part in 16 catego-