AFP, London

Australian batsman Matthew Elliott on Sunday pleaded with his country's selectors not to overlook him for next year's World Cup.

After hammering an unbeaten 128 to help Yorkshire to a six wicket



MATTHEW ELLIOTT

victory over Somerset at Lord's in the final of England's one-day knockout competition. Elliott said that his innings proved that he was in the sort of top form that could prove decisive when the Aussies defend their World Cup title in South Africa in February in 2003.

"I would have to say that is probably the best I have ever played in one-day cricket," said the Victorian.

"I think the measure of a player is how well you can do in the second innings of a one-day match and I was very pleased the way I kept my head." added left-hander Elliott who proved the perfect overseas standin for compatriot Darren Lehmann, the Yorkshire captain missing the final after being called up for international duty.

It is a measure of the strength of Australian cricket ahead of England's Ashes tour down under this winter that a cricketer of Elliott's class has not played an international for three years

"To be honest, I harbour World Cup ambitions," he said.

"I have felt like I have played really well in one-day cricket in the Australian summer.

"But at the moment I am not even in the (Australian) third XI. That means I am not in the top 30 players in the country.'

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FROM PAGE 13 date because he shuffled too much.

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In fact, most of our batsmen have little or no footwork. Before going the Caribbean and South Africa they must be better equipped to deal with the short-pitched stuff.

The disastrous tour did however provide a rare positive note - Khaled Mashud's leadership quality. Ishtiaque Mahbub, Khulna

Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-14; 3-75; 4-

88; 5-116; 6-131; 7-133; 8-157.

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Man-of-the-match: Younis Khan CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Cricket

INTERNET REPORT, London

England have recalled opening batsman Marcus Trescothick and all-rounder Ronnie Irani for the deciding final Test against India next week despite worries about their match fitness after long term inju-

Somerset left-hander Trescothick made his comeback after six weeks on the sidelines with a broken thumb in Saturdav's C&G Trophy final defeat by Yorkshire and looked impressive despite only scoring 27. Essex captain Irani has also

been on the sidelines since making such an impression during the NatWest Triangular one-day series earlier this summer.

Irani underwent knee surgery ast month and will make his comeback in Sunday's Norwich Union League match with Lancashire at Old Trafford.

Dominic Cork is also struggling with a finger injury and all three players will test their fitness with outings for their counties before the 14-man squad assemble at The Oval on Tuesday

"We want to give these three players some more match practice before the Test match and we should have a clearer picture of their fitness by Tuesday," explained chairman of selectors David

"Although we are aware of the imited match practice Ronnie has had recently, he was out for only a couple of weeks through injury and

was able to practice with both ball and bat on Friday and Saturday of

"Marcus Trescothick played in the C&G final and suffered no reaction above the norm to his thumb injury. He was happy with the way he batted and felt fine in the field.

Irani is recalled three years after



Graveney.

his last Test against New Zealand at The Oval and will battle it out to replace all-rounder Andrew Flintoff, who had surgery for a hernia complaint on Friday, in the starting lineup as England attempt to bounce back from their innings defeat at Headingley to clinch the series.

MARCUS TRESCOTHICK

He faces competition from both Cork and Alex Tudor to claim the allrounder's role as England consider whether to play seven specialist batsmen or strengthen their bowling resources by including an all-

"The selectors discussed the likely shape of the team when we met earlier in the week and we were not inclined to play seven batsmen

RONNIE IRANI seen the wicket, we are not expect-

and four bowlers," confirmed

against Sri Lanka at Lord's earlier in

the summer and we feel that we will

need a five-bowler combination for

"This policy did not work for us

in the squad." The series is tied at 1-1 after India's emphatic innings-win at Headingley, following England's victory in the first Test.

ing a surface which is especially

helpful to spin and as a conse-

quence we have decided not to

include a second specialist spinner

England squad for the final Test: Nasser Hussain (capt), Marcus Trescothick, Michael Vaughan, Mark Butcher, John Crawley, Alec Stewart, Ronnie Irani, Dominic Cork, Alec Tudor, Ashley Giles, Andrew Caddick, Matthew Hoggard, Steve Harmison, Robert

Bhutan's 'cricket trek'

The Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan Sunday concluded its first professional cricket coaching camp after vears of relying on television to learn the game.

A two-day camp was conducted n the capital of this tiny Buddhist kingdom by former Sri Lankan Test player Roshan Mahanama and cricket administrator Jayantha The duo was brought here by Sri

_ankan Foreign Minister Tyronne Fernando to popularise the game that is almost a common religion in

The Bhutanese Cricket Association (BCA), which won affiliate membership of the nternational Cricket Council (ICC) ast year, hopes to improve the standards and attract young players

BCA President, Lyonpo Kandhu Wangchuk, who is also the Minister cricketers were used to high altitudes and could easily adapt to conditions anywhere else.

"Till now, cable TV was the only source of coaching for our players," Wangchuk said, referring to the 45 cable TV channels that broadcast, among other things, a steady dose of international cricket matches.

Mahanama, a member of the Sri

Lankan team that won the 1996 World Cup, was amazed at the enthusiasm of young cricketers in "What they have learnt from TV is

fabulous. But they need proper training and regular practice," Mahanama said. "Our target is to get them trained for ACC (Asian Cricket Council) matches." The two-day camp was organ-

ised after Sri Lanka offered its expertise to Bhutan during a summit of the seven-member South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) in Nepal in

"When I met the then Bhutanese Prime Minister Wangchuk (the present BCA President) at the SAARC summit, he asked me for assistance in developing cricket in Bhutan. This exercise is a result of that request," Fernando said.

He said Sri Lanka was using the "Technical Assistance Program" of the foreign ministry to give a push to cricket in Bhutan.

"I see tremendous potential in these youngsters. They have picked up the game from cable TV over the past two decades," said Fernando, who is to help in the preparation of a large training program for Bhutan.

Bhutan's players do not have proper cricket grounds and make do with pitches made of mat, which can be rolled out and used on any ground. These matting wickets' are widely used for club matches on the

Younis Pak hero Warne older, wiser

FROM PAGE 13 captaincy he had almost always been set up to bowl last on wearing

But now he says he can rip his leg-spinner as he did before. Former captain Allan Border, a confidant, said a few days ago that he could see in Warne's body language that he might "go berserk"

After the "Can't bowl, can't throw" farce a couple of years ago, Warne learnt that he had many enemies who would believe what they wanted to believe. But he has put it behind him

"I'm just keeping my nose clean." he said. "I just went through a stage where it was outrageous, some of the stuff that was happening. Some things I had nothing to do with and I was getting blamed. Yeah, I did a couple of things but it was one thing after another.

"I realised a long, long time ago that not everyone will like you. For whatever reason, they don't like the way you play, they don't like the way you conduct yourself - jealousy,

whatever it might be. You've just got to be yourself and if they like you,

great, and if they don't, so be it. "The best way is to work it out yourself. Over time you realise who your true friends are. I've got a good circle of friends and they know what Shane Warne stands for and what I'm about." Warne has always had a rapport

with the public that is at odds with his reputation for arrogance. But he has paid a heavy price for his greatness as a player. He and his wife, Simone, had to move house because bus tours were turning up. They had intoxicated people knocking on the door at 2 am wanting Warne to join them at parties. Someone sold their wedding photos to a women's magazine. If he had taken it to heart, he says, he would

have gone mad. "There's good and bad sides of everything. The price you pay is that you give up a lot of time with your family and you give up your privacy. Everything you do now will get judged by someone. Whether that's right or wrong, that's the way it is.

Warne says he never had the certain people but that's the way it

Looking ahead, the man who revived the art of spin bowling wants to make sure that it continues to thrive when he stops playing, and says he would like to mimic Dennis Lillee's success with fast-bowling

remains largely misunderstood. "Even at first-class level captains don't understand spin bowling. What I'd like to do is get the bowlers to understand their field, what to look for in a batsman and the thought process in how to bowl. For a young kid it can be humiliating if you're making it bounce twice or something like that. You can lose

He reckons Australia needs to build its slow-bowling stocks, and rates Queensland off-spinner Nathan Hauritz highly. Warne has spent part of his winter break working in the nets with his fellow Victorian leggie, Cameron White, whom he regards as a potential Test

He now wants to make a fourth Ashes tour of England in 2005 and may give up one-day cricket to pursue his goal.

second leading wicket-taker in Test cricket and will be a key player for one-day captain Ricky Ponting in next year's World Cup defence in South Africa.

"I think another Ashes series (tour) is a realistic goal," Warne was

Australian newspaper. "Maybe I'll only play one form of the game. That might prolong my Test career.

"Maybe I could play four or five years of Test cricket. "They're all the things you have to weigh up. ahead of yourself. That's when your

Ctg h'ball

CU CORRESPONDENT

The Chattagram Jela Krira Sangstha (CJKS) Ruhul Amin & Brothers Handball League 2002 begins at the MA Aziz stadium here

Chittagong WASA will face Rising Star Junior in the inaugural match of the tournament.

Five teams -- Chittagong WASA Ekadash, Chittagong Mohamedan Sporting Blues, City Corporation Ekadesh, Shaheed Shahaiahan Sangha, and Rising Star Junior--will take part in the tournament, to be played on direct league format.

Bulbul blazes

FROM PAGE 13 Bulbul set the course of the highscoring encounter with a spectacular left-foot volley over an out of position Rahmatganj custodian Shahid in the fifth minute.

The lead lasted 19 minutes before Ritu hit back for Rahmatganj capitalising a terrible defensive error from Abahani's central defender Amit Khan

But Rahmatganj's joy did not last long as Abahani regained the lead in the 32nd minute with Bulbul slotting the ball into an empty net after Shahid could only let his finger tip off a powerful minus from Donald.

The pint-size Rahmatganj keeper was always at a loss dealing with aerial balls. The 4-foot eightinch Shahid could only blame himself for the third goal minute before

He failed to grab what should have been a regulation catch and Khokon, lurking at the far post, stabbed it in.

Basanta made the score 3-2 four minutes into the second half blasting home a Ritu cross from the right. But Abahani effectively killed the

match off when Khokon netted his second goal from a goalmouth scramble in the 54th minute. Although the game ended as a

contest with Khokon's goal, but a from the final whistle. With this defeat Rahmatgan

remained content with their previous collection of six points from eight games.

(Abahani) **TEAMS** Abahani KC: Apel, Partho, Amit Khan, Ghansha, Asad, Iqbal

Rahmatganj MFS: Shahid (Rafique), Apu, Faisal, Deen Mohammad, Narayan, Selim, Basanta, Shamim, Taju, Ritu and

Referee: Maruf Shikder

career with Brazilian side Cruzeiro in 1993 and made his first appearance with a European club in 1994 for Dutch team PSV Eindhoven. After two seasons with PSV and the year at Barcelona, he moved to Inter

Hewitt fights

fierceness were captured perfectly on break point at 1-1 in the fourth set Saturday, when Blake hit a running backhand that usually would be a winner. But Hewitt reached behind his body, twisting so far he fell, to strike a backhand that kissed off the net tape and landed in. With no chance to respond, Blake threw his racket at the bouncing ball and smiled appreciatively.

That shot gave Hewitt a chance to serve with a 2-1 lead and a real mental edge, because Blake hadn't broken him all match. But, typical of the afternoon's back-and-forth nature, Blake smacked a forehand down the line -- Hewitt applauded the winner -- to get a break point in the very next game, then converted on Hewitt's error.

wide, a backhand wide and a forehand long to give Hewitt three break points. It was part of an 11-point streak for Hewitt. "Sometimes it looks like you're

missing easy balls, but that's because of the work he does," said Blake, who attended Harvard. "It makes you concentrate for five

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That score included a flamboyant 125 from Worcestershire's Kadeer opener Andrew Gale.

owed by that of Rayudu, who hit 16 fours and one six as the Indian youngsters put England to the

Mixed day for top guns



REUTERS, New York

While other big names have wobbled at the U.S. Open, Venus Williams, Andre Agassi and Jennifer Capriati stayed rock solid, recording quickfire victories to slice further through the Grand Slam draw.

Venus smashed German Martina Mueller 6-1 6-2 in just 41 minutes, Capriati crushed fellow American Meghann Shaughnessy 6-2 6-2 in 56 minutes, while Agassi battered Ramon Delgado of Paraguay 6-2 6-16-2 in 89 minutes. Their emphatic victories on

Saturday were in stark contrast to the progress of men's top seed and defending champion Lleyton Hewitt, who needed five nerve-jangling sets to shake off American favourite James Blake.

Agassi, though, continued his dominant run.

In a rematch of last year's thirdround encounter, also won by Agassi in straight sets, the American kept his opponent off balance and was in control throughout.

Seeking his third title here, he has looked unbeatable through the first three rounds, dropping just 16

"I feel good where my game is at. How can I complain?" he asked. The sixth seed will face unseeded compatriot Jan-Michael Gambill after he clattered Argentine 21st seed Gaston Gaudio 6-0 6-2 6-0.

Gambill knows the size of the task ahead. "There's nobody on the tour I

have more respect for on or off the court," he said. "He's a great guy and it's going to be a tough match. I am excited about it."

Venus, seeded second this year behind younger sister Serena, stayed on track for a third successive Open crown with a ruthless

"It seemed to go a little

US OPEN IN BRIEF

AP, New York

Highlights Saturday of the \$16.17 million U.S. Open tennis champi-

WEATHER Mostly cloudy, breezy and cool with a high of 72.

ATTENDANCE

Day session: 31,149. Night ses-

WINNERS: Men, Third Round No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt, No. 6 Andre Agassi, No. 13 Roger Federer, No.

14 Jiri Novak, No. 20 Younes El Aynaoui, No. 32 Max Women, Third Round No. 2 Venus Williams, No. 3 Jennifer Capriati, No. 6 Monica Seles, No. 7 Kim Clijsters, No. 9

Martina Hingis, No. 10 Amelie Mauresmo, No. 14 Chanda Rubin. LOSERS: Men, Third Round No. 19 Xaver Malisse, No. 21

Gaston Gaudio, No. 22 Marcelo Rios, No. 25 James Blake, No. 31 Tommy Robredo.

Nomen, Third Round No. 16 Magdalena Maleeva, No. 21 Lisa Raymond, No. 23 Patty Schnyder, No. 30 Meghann Shaughness

STAT OF THE DAY Blake committed 86 unforced errors to 40 for Lleyton Hewitt. QUOTE OF THE DAY

"He came up with great shots. I came up with great shots. He came up with a few more." -- Blake

quickly...but I guess that's a nice thing," she said.

'Still a long way, the final... but it's getting closer. That's a good thing."

While Serena won the French Open in June and deposed Venus at . Wimbledon a month later, at least in New York, Venus still rules.

The American has conceded just six games in three matches at Flushing Meadows and is looking in sparkling form. She meets compatriot Chanda Rubin next.

Rubin, seeded 14, finessed her way past U.S. doubles specialist Lisa Raymond with a tight 7-6 6-4

Capriati, the third seed, produced 17 winners and broke 30th seed Shaughnessy's serve four times in their match

her play her game," Capriati said. "I was pretty consistent, served great, and came in on some good shots. I moved well considering the weather and everything."

"I felt I played so well I didn't let

The Australian Open champion has conceded just 10 games in three matches this week as she chases her second major of the year.

"It's only going to get tougher," Capriati said. "If I can just keep going the same way, still play the tennis I'm playing, I should be all right."

be unseeded fellow American Amy Frazier, who rallied past 16thseeded Bulgarian Magdalena Maleeva 3-6 6-2 6-2.

Her fourth-round opponent will

Far less convincing than Capriati and Venus on a blustery day six were Monica Seles and Kim Clijsters.

Sixth seed Seles was in the wars again as she fought off a spirited challenge by South Korea's Cho Yoon-Jeong to reach the fourth

Hingis in no hurry



Enduring two operations less than nine months has left Martina Hingis just happy to be here.

The ninth seed characteristically

committed fewer unforced errors than her opponent on Saturday but advanced to the round of 16 at the U.S. Open with a 6-3, 6-4 win over South African Amanda Coetzer. The former world No. 1 had her first surgery on October 14, 2001,

after tearing three ligaments in her right ankle during the Filderstadt semifinals. Hingis bounced back remarkably, defending her Sydney crown in January, advancing to her sixth consecutive Australian Open final and winning the Tokyo title. After finishing as the runner-up at

Indian Wells and a semifinalist at Scottsdale and Hamburg, Hingis needed to go under the knife again to repair torn and damaged ligaments in her left ankle.

way." Hingis said. "Right now. I'm

not in a hurry. You learn to be

patient, just try to do the best you

can at this moment. You just try to

"It definitely toughens you up in a

MARTINA HINGIS

"The Swiss Miss." whose standards once were so high, fell well short of stating she was capable of winning a second title at the USTA

National Tennis Center

"Well, that's going to be a harder task," Hingis said. "But definitely I'm not counting it out. You always have hopes. As a top player, I always want to look forward to the next match and give it my best." Hingis' success always has been based upon strategy and execution.

But in recent years, the most powerful hitters have risen to the top of the rankings as Americans Serena and Venus Williams, Jennifer Capriati and Lindsay Davenport have blasted their way past Hingis.

However, her injury woes have not added to Hingis' frustration at being toppled from the No. 1 spot in

"You've got to be realistic," she said. "I just came off surgery. I plaved a couple of events, made quarterfinals. Maybe I wish I had done better there. I feel like I learned from the last two weeks; already playing a lot better here. But still there is a lot I have to catch up with."

Thorpedo's full Monte



INTERNET REPORT, Sydney Australia's record-smashing swimmer lan Thorpe is set to base himself in Monte Carlo as he bids to become the world's best 100m swimmer. Thorpe will make a more con-

crete decision on the exact where-

abouts of his new home in the next week, but he is keen to live in Europe and race more regularly against the world's best swimmers. At this stage he will spend at least three months in Europe.

Last week The Sun-Herald newspaper said that Thorpe was splitting from his coach Doug Frost, and this may help explain some of the thinking behind his latest plans. A change of base would fit his biggest desire - to become the

world's best 100m sprinter. Thorpe may have swum his last 800m race. He is very keen on living in Europe and the Riviera is his likely destination.. He has also toyed with the idea of moving to the United

Thorpe's neighbours in Monaco would include speed aces Michael Doohan and David Coulthard, and former tennis star Boris Becker. Those in swimming circles close

to Thorpe say that setting up a base

in a tax haven is not the reason for

his move. It is all about his unyield-

ing determination to be the best sprinter he can be. That could mean the biggest race of next year's world championships will be the 100m sprint between Thorpe, Pieter van den Hoogenband and Alex Popov.

The Europeans would have taken note that Thorpe swam 47.2s in the last leg of the Pan Pacific championships medley relay and Thorpe has rated that as his best race of the Pan Pacs.

Thorpe wants to race the Europeans more regularly because he feels the competition would bring

Also, the next two major international meets are the World Championships in Barcelona and the Olympic Games in Athens Thorpe is known to be in negotiations with Barcelona organisers to be the face of that event.

If Thorpe departs he would not turn his back on Australia His manager, David Flaskas, has



return calls yesterday.

Fellow Australian swimming great Dawn Fraser has endorsed Thorpe's move.

"He has done more than enough for Australian swimming," threetime Olympic champion Fraser said. 'And in this day and age of professional sport I can understand exactly why would make a move. Swimmers have a limited span in the sport and they have to make the most of their careers.

"I reckon if he wants a change and wants to experience life in another country, we shouldn't stand in his way. And if he feels he can get greater competition there, he should

to go. Far from it. Australian swimming would really miss lan. We would suffer from not having him train with other swimmers.

in all those swimmers around him.

His talent helps bring the best out

move with his fellow Australian

swimmers and there were suggestions that Grant Hackett would also base himself overseas, but this has been refuted by Hackett's manager Chris White. "There are no plans for Grant to

Thorpe is yet to formalise his split from Doug Frost, but that is a matter

Thorpe had considered Japan as

"Nothing has happened in that

"It's all just speculation. I am going on holiday for two weeks and there may be something to say after

arrested

BBC, New York

A man accused of stalking US tennis star Serena Williams has been arrested and charged in New York.

photo distributed by Miss Williams' management while she was attending a practice session on Saturday, and taken into custody. The star apparently left the ses-

obsessed fan Stromeyer, who was bound over to keep the peace by an English court in July after being arrested as he rode his bicycle near the All England Club where the

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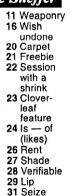
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another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the

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

You've got to accept that and get on

chance to learn his lessons in private. "Some of the things that happened have made me a better person. Unfortunately, my life experiences have been in the public eye. Not everyone has to learn the hard way ... I've had to learn it in public. I'm pretty thick-skinned. I don't think I'm bitter. I'm disappointed with certain sections of the media and

His own craft, he believes,

Warne, 33 next month, is the

quoted as saying by by an

"But you don't want to get too far form wavers and you're out of the

few thousand sky-blue supporters went home satisfied seeing a third **INTERNET,** New York goal by Bulbul three minutes away

Yellow cards: Deen Mohammad, Narayan (Rahmatganj), Amit Khan

(Nayan), Parvez (Mintu), Donald, Liton, Khokon and Bulbul.

Ronaldo gets

That athleticism and stick-with-it

"That wears you down a little bit," Blake said. "He fights for every

With Blake down 3-2 in the fifth set and serving, he sent a forehand

India U-19s

Ali, who shared in a first-wicket stand worth 201 with Yorkshire But Ali's innings was overshad-

Montreal and New Haven. The 21-year-old Hingis enjoyed

She played two hardcourt tournaments leading up to the U.S. Open, falling to the quarterfinals at

get better in the next few weeks."

a stretch of about three years when she dominated the WTA Tour. She is the last woman to win three Grand Slam events in a year, capturing the 1997 Australian Open, Wimbledon and U.S. Open titles and finishing as the runner-up at the French Open.

She also won the 1998 and 1999 Australian Opens and reached three other major finals

the best out of him.



been battling illness and did not

"That's not to say that I want him

Thorpe has talked about the

relocate overseas," he said.

a base, but the drawback there is his popularity. He would be mobbed wherever he went.

area," Frost said.

Serena stalker

Police said he was spotted spying on the player through a fence at the US Open tennis championships. Albrecht Stromeyer, a 34-year-old German, was identified from a

sion before the arrest was made It is the latest incident involving