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In first-round matches, sixth

seed Tatiana Panova of Russia

overcame Slovakian Henrieta

Nagyova 6-2, 1-6, 6-4, while sev-

enth seed Tamarine Tanasugarn of

Thailand beat Italy's Adriana Serra

Leon Garcia of Spain 6-3, 7-6, while

Lina Krasnoroutskava of Russia

beat Croatia's Silvija Talaja 6-3, 6-4

to set up a second-round meeting

with defending champion Jelena

Svetlana Kuznetsova was 5-0 up in

the first set against Tina Pisnik

before her Slovenian opponent was

forced to retire with back pain.

Kuznetsova will play third seed Kim

Clijsters in the second round on

Meanwhile, Clarisa Fernandez

Elsewhere, Russian qualifier

Pratt, meanwhile, defeated Gala

Zanetti 6-2, 7-6

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Thursday.

Aussie succeeds Woolmer

AFP, London

English county Warwickshire announced Wednesday that former Australia Test cricketer John Inverarity had been appointed as their new director of coaching.

Inverarity succeeds Bob Woolmer and will start his two-year contract in March 2003. Woolmer returned to

Warwickshire three years ago for a second spell after coaching South Africa But the former England batsman

is now returning to South Africa where his family are based.

Dennis Amiss. Warwickshire chief executive said: "John Inverarity is a man held in the highest regard by coaches and players from around the world and we are absolutely delighted that John has decided to accept the position of director of coaching here at Edabaston.

"We feel sure that the enormous wealth of young talent available to us at Warwickshire can only benefit from the experience and knowledge of a coach of this calibre".

Inverarity, who has had a teaching career running in parallel with his cricket commitments won six Test caps for Australia making two Ashes tours to England in 1968 and 1972.

But, during a playing career spanning 23 seasons from 1962-85, Inverarity made his name as a shrewd captain with Western Australia

Shaughnessy gets going

AFP, Quebec City

American Meghann Shaughnessy opened defence of her title at the 170.000 dollar WTA Bell Challenge with a hard-fought victory Tuesday over unseeded Alina Jidkova.

The fifth-seeded Shaughnessy needed three sets to dispatch her Russian opponent. 6-3. 3-6. 7-6.

Looking for her third career title. she has not reached a final since January at Sydney where she was a runner-up.

Top seed Silvia Farina Elia also is looking for her third career title at this hardcourt event. The Italian received a first-round bye and will meet American Laura Granville in the second round.

No. 2 Elena Dementieva of Russia also received a bye.



Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) president SA Sultan MP talking to players and officials of Abahani at their club vesterday about the FIFA Fair Play Day which will be observed today by the BFF.

my place in one-day cricket vet."

Hoggard took only nine wickets

a three-Test series and as many to

emerge as the most successful

bowler in the four-Test India series

home against West Indies two years

ago and then was injured during last

year's Ashes series in England that

But his career has steadily grown

was won 4-1 by Australia.

Hoggard made his Test debut at

Hoggard eyes Ashes

regular place.

tracks.

haul of 7-63.

that ended 1-1.

Cricket

REUTERS, Colombo

England fast bowler Matthew Hoggard is keen to seal a permanent one-day place with a good Champions Trophy showing before leading his team's bowling on the

Ashes tour starting next month. "It's going to be a big challenge," Hoggard told the news agency ahead of England's opening pool two game against Zimbabwe on Wednesday.

"We have come from a hectic schedule back in England. The (humid) weather is going to play a big part. The wicket is looking flat and good for batting. 'We've got some great batters in

our side...hopefully our bowlers can do a containing job. The Yorkshireman has this year emerged as a permanent feature of England's pace attack for a test side

that has otherwise continuously changed due to injuries or poor form Fast bowler Darren Gough has

been fighting to get fit for the Ashes tour because of a long-term knee injury, while other experienced since his return

He now wants to prove himself in players like pacemen Andy Caddick and Alex Tudor and swing bowler one-dayers, especially after a lowkey tri-series in July, which was won Dominic Cork have struggled for a by India

"I think I have become the lead The bowler with a swaying runbowler in Test matches," said up whose strength has been accu-Hoggard. "But I haven't cemented racy and swing, is already eyeing Ashes alory.

The 25-year-old has grown in "Australia is going to be different. stature since leading an attack The wickets will be bouncier, there'll without Gough or Caddick on last be a little more pace in it. Hopefully we can get it swinging, then we're year's Test tour of India where he going to take the challenge to them. bowled with zest on slow, turning "They are the first people on top,

we've got to knock them off."

in India, but his experience helped Australia's world leading Test him bag 17 in the subsequent threeside are favoured to retain the Test series in New Zealand, which Ashes they have held since 1986, included his career-best innings but Nasser Hussain's side are upbeat after their recent steady This summer, he took 14 wickets performances. during the 2-0 win over Sri Lanka in

Hoggard feels there will be a lot of focus on England's fast bowlers in Australia. Gough, Caddick, youngster Simon Jones and Steve Harmison form the pace pack for Australia with Hoggard.

"It takes bowlers to win games. It takes 20 wickets to win a game and if you haven't got it then you don't win games," said Hoggard. "I think there is a big focus on the bowlers."

Rubbish claim

Friendship afterwards AFP, Tokyo

Up-and-coming Indonesian star Angelique Widjaja said on Wednesday she would fight for a gold medal against Japan's Shinobu Asagoe if she meets her doubles partner at the Asian Games

REUTERS, Tokyo

winning the US Open.

World number one Serena Williams

demolished Austrian Patricia

Wartusch 6-0, 6-2 to reach the

quarterfinals of the Toyota Princess

Cup in her first singles match since

out of three break points as the 2000

Princess Cup champion breezed

through the first set in 20 minutes

against her unseeded opponent at

afterwards that it had been difficult

motivating herself after beating

sister Venus in the US Open final on

September 7, was hardly extended

in the second set and wrapped up

Navratilova today about how after

"I was talking to Martina

Williams, who complained

Ariake Colosseum in Tokyo.

the match in just 50 minutes.

The American converted three

"We play for our country, maybe we play each other on the court. Outside of tennis, we are still friends, but we have to fight against each other. I play for Indonesia, of course, I want to give the gold to Indonesia." said Widjaja. Widjaja and Asagoe joined

hands for their second time on the WTA Tour and reached the semifinals last week in Shanghai.

defeat to the experienced American pair of Corina Morariu and Kimberly Po-Messerli in the 585,000-dollar Princess Cup tennis first round on Wednesday.

she won all her Grand Slams, the toughest match was the first match June

hope with Wynne Prakusya against this month. Asagoe said: "I wanted to play

with her in a challenger event but started plaving together.

care even if we have to play each other in the Asian Games. We just try to beat each other.'

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countries including India, Australia, chief executive Malcolm Speed.

Eng control

alive, having lost their opening pool match against India by 14 runs on Saturday. They have to win in 48 overs after being penalised for slow

> Trescothick, who hit 109 during England's defeat in a one-day series final against India in July, shared a second wicket stand of 141 with skipper Nasser Hussain, who

this weekend's semifinal against It was England's highest second wicket partnership in one-day internationals against Zimbabwe,

Serena starts in style after," said the 20-year-old, who is minutes on Centre Court Tennis

playing doubles with Navratilova in Tokyo this week.

"I felt it in practice. I haven't even had a week off and I found it very hard to be motivated. Martina said she experienced the same thing and that helped me realise it was normal.

Williams, who has won six WTA titles this season, including the last three Grand Slams, will play either Ai Sugiyama of Japan or Australian Nicole Pratt next.

Never fully tested by Wartusch, Williams warned that she would raise her game -- in particular her first-serve percentage -- in time for the quarterfinals on Friday.

"It usually takes a while for my serve to warm up in the first and second round. But once I reach the quarterfinals I tend to hit a groove," she said.

Meanwhile, Russian Elena of Argentina beat Hungarian Petra Likhovtseva upset number eight Mandula 7-5, 6-2 and Alicia Molik of seed Arantxa Sanchex-Vicario 6-2, Australia thrashed Spain's Cristina 6-7, 6-4 in a marathon second-Torrens Valero 6-4, 6-2 round match lasting two hours, 15

American Serena Williams in action against Austrian Patricia Wartusch in the Toyota Princess Cup in Tokyo vesterday

US morale high

the French stadium. "These are the best clay courts in the world here. It's a pleasure to play on them.

"The French picked the surface that they felt they had the best chance on... that automatically favours them. If we picked the surface, we'd be the favourites but since they picked it, we're playing on for something that I really believe in, their soil, on their surface, so I think

we are the underdogs. "But, with that being said, I feel problem playing on it." Captain Patrick McEnroe summed up the feeling in the US

The Sri Lanka cricket board have gation for ball tampering.

INTERNET, Colombo

denied the team are under investi-The Herald Sun newspaper say

Tikolo wants to play more

not far away from us from a player's "When you play a lot of games point of view," said Tikolo. you improve, but I mean a lot of "I know we have players of ability who can play at the highest level, games at the highest level. If we

but it is in the ICC's hands."

less.'

But they crashed to a 4-6, 4-6

PHOTO: STAR

Widjaja, who became the Wimbledon junior champion last year, clinched her first WTA title at Bali last September and went on to win the French Open junior title in

She surprised the world by knocking out Russian pin-up girl Anna Kournikova in the first round of the US Open.

Widjaja will be Indonesia's best Tamarine Tanasugarn of Thailand and Asagoe in the Busan Asian Games which get under way later

she had a diffrerent partner in that tournament. Before Shanghai, I received an E-mail from her, so we

"We are good friends, so I don't

ICC goes happy

"Every telecast of every game in this tournament has a potential viewing audience of 800 million people in England and South Africa," said ICC

"With the event proceeding smoothly, we are now on target for Sri Lanka to deliver the most successful ICC championship in the event's

history."

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over-rate.

weighed in with a 97-ball 75.

France brimming with confidence. The Americans -- champions a record 31 times -- have won only bettering the previous best of 134, while their total was also their best ever against the Africans in one"I feel good." he told reporters at much fun here. It's got so much history.

"(Davis Cup) is the most important thing in a tennis player's life. It's an honour to be picked to have a chance to play for your country. "I love the team atmosphere. I especially love it when I am playing

"It's thrilling to be a player out

"We realise it is going to be difficult,

but we feel confident on the clay. The

weather is beautiful. What could be

better than being in Paris in

September? We're enjoying our-

the mindset that they're going to be

able to play pretty well, they've got

with other Australian squad mem-

bers. Wayne Arthurs. Scott Draper

and Todd Woodbridge were in good

Meanwhile, Hewitt said he along

PHOTO: INTERNET

playing for my country. "It's an honour. You really get a high when you are playing for your

about playing here.

Kenya should be given more exposure to top-class cricket to allow them to develop into the next Testmatch nation, captain Steve Tikolo has said.

Cricket

REUTERS. Colombo

The Africans gave the West Indies a tough examination before losing by 29 runs in Pool Three of the ICC Champions Trophy on Tuesday.

But if they fail to beat South Africa in their next match on Friday they will be knocked out of the tournament and have just a handful of matches against top-class opposition before next year's World Cup.

Tikolo says that is not enough cricket to allow his players to advance their case to become the 11th Test nation, a status he is convinced they deserve.

"We've improved quite a lot but the only hindrance is we don't get to play more often," he said.

no other player reaching 50, but "From here we go to India to play despite their failings on Tuesday, he state teams, then from India we go to Nairobi to play Namibia in onedayers then we go to Zimbabwe for five one-dayers ahead of the World

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team will improve. Tikolo performed superbly with the bat on Tuesday, making 93 from only 91 balls to lead the pursuit of

STEVE TIKOLO

remains convinced he and his

players have what it takes to step up

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU'RE FIRED UPON

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals 'I

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the

puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe

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

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their fielding the West Indies' 261 for six.

West Indies was woeful, with Brian Lara dropped three times on his way to 111. Shivnarine Chanderpaul also missed twice and numerous misfields and overthrows.

"Those chances should have been taken, I don't see why you should put down those chances at this level." added Tikolo. "It's probably down to the differ-

ent conditions, but it is back to the drawing board to work on our fielding. We'll try our best and see how it goes during the next game. That next game is against South

Africa on Friday. If South Africa win they will go forward to the semifinals while Kenya must win and improve their net run-rate in comparison to the other two sides in the

pool in order to progress. The side that tops the pool will play the winners of pool two, containing England, Zimbabwe and

India. "Personally I feel Test status is

Sri Lanka may have unfairly dam-One area Kenya will have to aged the ball during the Champions improve on in order to compete against senior international sides is Trophy game against Pakistan.

But the ICC have told Sri Lankan Their display in the field against officials that there were never any allegations of ball tampering.

> Match referee Mike Proctor said: "The allegation that the Sri Lanka is under investigation for ball tampering is completely untrue and base-

Mohammad Kaif

dayers

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He just wanted to stay on the field and work harder than the rest." averages more than 56 in one-

The strict regimen has made him one of the best fielders in India and the fittest member of the team in terms of body fat.

When Kaif won his first India cap in a Test match against South Africa at Bangalore in early 2000, it was an emotional moment

"Wearing the India colours was a dream come true, it was the culmi-

nation of everything I had worked for." he savs.

But after his 12 and 23 in that match, Kaif had to wait for a while before stepping on the field in an India shirt again.

Sri Lanka 2001 proved uneventful and it was only after his one-day debut earlier this year against England in Kanpur that Kaif finally cemented his place in the team.

"The two years when I was out of the team were tough but I had faith is his middle name.'

It doesn't get any better

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met in the first phase of the League. The Mohammedan captain is also counting on 'foreign power' in case stalwarts Jewel Rana and Nakib fail to shake off their injuries. "We have injury problems with Jewel Rana and Nakib. But that should not be a problem because we will be fielding four foreign recruits tomorrow," said Rana adding that the new forward Akeem could be a revelation.

Rana said that they will be extra cautious about Abahani's prolific Nigerian striker Colly Burnes, the league's leading marksman, who netted both the goals against Mohammedan in the first round meeting

Abahani captain Kazi Nazrul be opened at 2:30pm for the specta-Islam on the other hand, was upbeat tors

England's disciplined bowling on a flat pitch was in sharp contrast to their opponents, Zimbabwe having to wait until the ninth over to hit their first four, an on-drive by Ebrahim against fast bowler Andy Caddick.

once on Gallic clay in the competition's 102-year history, and never in the French capital. But a record of four defeats from

Despite a surface tailor-made for

their opponents and a Parisian

record to make grown men weep,

the US Davis Cup team heads into

Tennis

REUTERS, Paris

four visits will count for nothing when Patrick McEnroe's young warriors step on to the slow, red Roland Garros surface.

With Pete Sampras opting to rest after winning a 14th Grand Slam title at the US Open earlier this month, and Andre Agassi in self-imposed Davis Cup exile, Andy Roddick leads the Stars and Stripes into battle

A team spirit runs through the US outfit that could be worth at least one camp. "We feel really good. Our victory over the weekend. guys are playing with a lot of confidence. We're extremely excited

Roddick said: "The great thing about our team is that every person in the locker room wants to be here.

"This (Davis Cup) is a priority for evervone on our team. Fellow young gun James Blake

is thrilled to be part of the action. "Roland Garros is a great place. came here when I was about 12-

The winner of the clash will face years-old as a fan. My parents either Russia or Argentina in December's final brought me over here. It was so

nothing to lose.

shape.

selves."

Hewitt smells a rat in India 'You've got to go out there with

in Davis Cup doubles matches. But they terminated their successful professional partnership in March this year, for undisclosed reasons

It was the second split between the pair, which also broke up in early 2000, before rejoining later that vear

Paes said at the time of the first "All the boys are pretty relaxed, split that while he and Bhupathi and we'll just wait and see what combined well on the court, they happens come Friday," he said. had struggled in their off-court relationship and there had been a Oremans quits lack of trust between them.

apart from doubles specialist Paes. the Indian team contains littleknown players.

Hewitt's comments add to spec-None of the other three team ulation that Bhupathi's withdrawal may have been because of personal members, Rohan Bopanna, Sunildifferences with Indian Cup team Kumar Sipaeya and Vishal Uppal, member and former doubles partner are ranked in the world top 300 in either sinales or doubles.

Bhupathi and Paes. who teamed Hewitt admitted he knew next to to win the Wimbledon and French nothing about any of the Indian players, other than Paes. Open doubles titles in 1999, have

"It's always a tough situation when you haven't seen the other earned over one and a half million guys pick up a racquet," he said. dollars in her career.

Dutch tennis player Miriam Oremans, a silver medalist at the 2000 Olympic Games, announced her retirement Tuesday, local media reported. In 13 years on the WTA circuit Oremans' career highlight came in the doubles in Sydney where with Kristie Boogert she came off second

> 25 she was the backbone of the Dutch Fed Cup squad that felled defending champions the United

> The Dutch won through to the final for the first time in their history,

With a best ever WTA ranking of

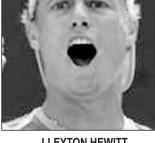
best to the Williams sisters.

States in the 1997 first round.

losing to France.

She will also be remembered with a grimace by legend Martina Navratilova, who on her final appearance at the French Open in 1994 lost to Oremans in the first round - the first time Navratilova had

Hewitt said. "He's pulled out with a shoulder injury but I don't know how LLEYTON HEWITT



Grand Slam competition. Born in Berlicum. Oremans has

AFP, The Hague

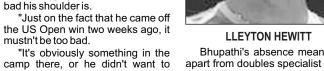




Krishnan said on arrival here that Bhupathi, ranked No.4 in doubles, had withdrawn with a shoulder But Australia's world No.1 Hewitt said on Wednesday he doubted that was the case, as Bhupathi won the US Open doubles title with Belarussian Max Mirnyi just two weeks ago and appeared uninjured. "It was a big surprise that Mahesh didn't come. I had no idea.'

Bhupathi's absence means that

fallen at the first hurdle in 18 years of





Lleyton Hewitt says there may be a on Mohammad Azharuddin, relies feud within India's Davis Cup squad on his swiftness between the wickafter voicing his doubts that doubles ets and opens his shoulders only star Mahesh Bhupathi may not be injured as claimed "That's the way I play," he says. "I Bhupathi, who has represented

Tennis

AFP. Adelaide

keep the scoreboard ticking over India in Davis Cup since 1995, and wait for the bad balls." withdrew from the squad on Sunday Kaif's most memorable knock was to play Australia in the tie starting an unbeaten 87 in a triangular final here on Friday and did not make the trip. India's captain Ramesh

injury.

make the long trip."

Leander Paes.

been the backbone of India's Davis

Cup team for the past seven years,

with the pair holding an 11-3 record

"The Lord's innings was the best," he says. "But," he hastens to add. "I couldn't have done it alone."

that the fantastic team-spirit will

Mohammedan in the first round. The

team morale is also very high as we

don't have any injuries or suspen-

sions. So, hopefully we will wear the

winners medal tomorrow," said

Federation (BFF) will observe today

as the FIFA Fair Play Day. BFF

president SA Sultan MP went to

both clubs yesterday and requested

the players to uphold the spirit of the

game above anything during today's

for a 6pm start. The gates of the

Bangabandhu National Stadium will

The Dhaka derby is scheduled

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Football

Nazrul at the Abahani ground.

We have already beaten

against England at Lord's in July.

No wonder one of Kaif's former

coaches once remarked: "Modesty

in Allah," Kaif says.

has been invaluable.

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when necessary.

Batting at number seven, he now

The right-hander is not a

Kaif, who has modelled himself

davers and each of his big knocks

destroyer of attacks but an accumu-

carry his side to glory.

high-voltage clash.