## **Shevchenko** coming back

AFP, Rome

AC Milan, unbeaten in Serie A and the Champions League this season, received a welcome boost Saturday with the news that striker Andriy Shevchenko has almost fully recov-

ered from a knee ligament injury.
The Ukrainian international was injured in August in his side's Champions League qualifier against Czech outfit Slovan Liberec. He has slowly been building up his strength on the training ground after a successful operation in

"I am following a strict training regime set out by the medical staff and I hope to be back in action

Shevchenko's absence has gone largely unnoticed due to the

form of team-mate Filippo Inzaghi The 29-year-old Italy international has already scored 10 times this season - seven in Europe and three in the league - so Shevchenko has not had to rush back from the

But despite being envious of his colleague's goalscoring exploits, the Ukrainian has nothing but praise for his fellow striker who scored twice in Tuesday's 2-1 Champions League win at Bayern Munich.

## RoW clinch

FROM PAGE 13 138 for eight.

With the Rest of the World winning the first match on Friday. Sri Lankan batsman Aravinda de Silva gave them a solid base for victory in this second match with 61 runs as they reached 142 for seven from their first 15 overs.

The Rest picked up the 50,000 pounds (78,500 dollars) 'winner takes all' prize money.

Despite sparse crowds in the 74.000-seater stadium which is more used to staging rugby union internationals, the first 'Power Cricket' matches played in Britain received an enthusiastic response from the players.

"Everybody was excited and I enjoyed every bit of it," said Akram.

Power Cricket differs from conventional forms of the game in several ways. A match consists of two 15-over innings-per side and batsmen also score bonus runs when they hit the ball into different tiers of the stadium's stands.

A hit straight into the lower tier was a six but balls landing directly in the middle section were classed as an eight with those going into the top deck were worth 10 runs.

## Ganguly's WC

still good for both Tests and one-

Srinath, 33, announced his retirement from Test cricket after the West Indies tour, but later agreed to play again in the longer version of

"At this moment, there is absolutely no scope of leaving either Srinath or (leg-spinner Anil) Kumble out of the Test side. With their experience and skill, they are still good enough to play Tests and one-

dayers," said Ganguly. "I don't think motivation should be problem for Srinath. He has a lot to contribute to Indian cricket and I think it will be a good move to have him back. He can still serve the game for a while."

## Tense finish

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# Sarwan slams ton too

## Windies draw opener

Cricket

REUTERS, Bangalore

Ramnaresh Sarwan struck a patient 140 as West Indies amassed 606 for four against an Indian Board President's XI in their tour-opening three-day match that ended in a

West Indies, opting for batting practice, played out the final day without trying to push for a result in reply to the home side's first innings 275 for eight declared.

The visiting side, 341 for two overnight, lost left-hander Shivnarine Chanderpaul (25) early but captain Carl Hooper smashed a whirlwind 67 in an 85-run fourth-wicket stand with

Hooper went on a rampage in the latter half of his 73-ball knock, punishing the bowlers with a flurry of bound-

Sarwan, 93 overnight, batted sedately to bring up his seventh firstclass century. Meanwhile, Hooper lofted leg-spinner Amit Mishra for two consecutive sixes and raced to his 50, hooking medium-pacer Sanjay Bangar over mid-wicket.

Left-arm spinner Murali Kartik finally got Hooper with a flighted ball that the batsman edged to Patel.

"I've played a lot against spinners," Hooper said. "That's my game and I've played quite a lot in these

Sarwan retired after more than seven hours at the crease as the visiting side tried to get all their batsmen accustomed to the conditions in their only tour match ahead of the first Test in Bombay starting on Wednesday.

The 22-year-old Guyanese has yet to score a test century despite 13 half-centuries in 24 matches.

All-rounder Ryan Hinds retired after hitting 74 and wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs (50 not out) added another half-century before play was ended 35 minutes ahead of sched-

"The batters had the opportunity to occupy the crease in the middle," Hooper said. "That's a big plus for us. The bowlers also did well to restrict the Board XI side."

Mishra, who was punished for 114 runs from 26 overs by tea, has been named in the India squad for the first two matches of the three-Test series.

had not specifically targeted the 19year-old after his selection.

"We did not plan to go after him. He's a good bowler, I'm sure he bowls better otherwise." he said.

Hooper, 36, will play his 100th Test

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the final day of a three-day cricket match between the West Indies and the Indian Board President's XI at the Chinnaswamy Stadium on Sunday:

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Total: (For 4 wkts in 176 overs) 606 Fall of wickets: 1-128, 2-276, 3-350, O M R W



West Indies batsman Ramnaresh Sarwan off-drives during his knock of 140

BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI: First innings: 275-8 dec (Mongia 101 n.o. Badani 67; Dillon 2-53, Lawson 2-WEST INDIES: First innings (over night 341-2)

# Japan Open Carlsen's

Tennis

Denmark's Kenneth Carlsen edged out Swedish qualifier Magnus Norman 7-6, 6-3 in the final of the 800,0000 dollars Japan

Open, capturing his second tour title and marking a comeback from

came a determined challenge by Norman with his big serve and with a bit of help from errors committed by the Swede on crucial



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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A THIEF WERE TO HOLD UP A PUBLIC LIBRARY, WOULD HIS WEAPON EMPLOY A SILENCER? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals R

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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against the Board President's Eleven yesterday.

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REUTERS, Tokyo

The 29-year-old Dane over-

"He might have had more

Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark exults after beating Sweden's Magnus Norman in the final of the Japan Open in Tokyo yesterday.

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break points than I did, so I was a bit lucky to have pulled it out," the lanky Carlsen told a news confer-

Norman had two break points in the final game but made three groundstroke errors, giving the game and the match to the veteran Carlsen. "I didn't take my opportunities,"

Norman said after the match, which lasted one hour 46 minutes. "My head was not 110 per cent

there as it has to be in a final," added Norman, who was once number two in the world. Carlsen, who had to sit out for 19 months following two opera-

tions on his shoulder in 2000

called his victory "incredible", adding that he was surprised himself "My form was getting a bit better but I didn't expect this at all. This is maybe as big a surprise for

reporters. Norman, who has also seen his ranking sink in two seasons plagued by a hip injury, had warm words for his opponent

me as it is for you," Carlsen told

"I'm happy for him because know what he has been going through, I know how tough it is to come back from injury. I wish him all the best," said Norman, who said he practised and went out occasionally with Carlsen in Monaco, where they both live.

But the 26-year-old Swede, a finalist at Roland Garros in 2000, added: "At the same time, I hate to lose...I hope this is a good start to my second career."

In a tournament full of upsets, Norman was responsible for knocking out second seed Juan Carlos Ferrero along his way to the final

In the 170,000 dollars women's tournament, Jill Craybas of the United States walked away with her first WTA tour title, coming from a set down to outlast Croatia's Silvija Talaja 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the final.

The match between the two unseeded players often fell into an exchange of unforced errors and each had trouble keeping her service games but in the end, Craybas said it was her mental toughness that made her victori-"I've changed my attitude --

believing in yourself and to know

that you can do well...having

confidence in my play," the 28year-old American told the crowd on centre court after the match. "I have a tendency to do better when I'm down. I think that was the case today," the jubilant but tearful Craybas added.

## Border going on Ashes walkathon

REUTERS, Sydney

Former Australia cricket captain and current national selector Allan Border said his planned 31-day charity walk, starting on Tuesday, was an act of "madness".

Border, the most capped player in Test cricket history, retired in 1993-94 after hitting 11,174 runs including 27 centuries in 156 Tests at an average of 50.56.

On Tuesday, he leaves Sydney Cricket Ground for a 1,000kilometre walk to Brisbane's Gabba ground with his wife Jane and former Australia cricketer Dean Jones. The trio, who will be joined by

Australia sporting celebrities along the journey and will be supporting children's charities, plan to arrive in Brisbane on November 7 -- the opening day of the five-Test Ashes series against England. "I think we all know it's going to

be very tough but I suppose it's for the right reasons so that will get you through," Border, 47, said on Australian Broadcasting Corp. (ABC) Radio on Sunday. Border said he had been inspired

by the charity walks of his friend and former England captain Ian Botham. "It was very much the inspiration coming from Ían. I consider myself very fortunate and hopefully we can do something about the kids who do

## HK lift mixed doubles TT title

AFP, Ulsan

Hong Kong doubles duo Cheung Yuk and Tie Yana staged an extraordinary comeback to win the territory's first ever Asian Games table tennis gold here Sunday.

The mixed doubles pairing, who had earlier stunned China's Wang Liqin and Wang Nan in the semifinals, looked to be heading for defeat after going 3-0 love down against South Korea's Ryu Seung-Min and Ryu Ji-Hae.

But the Hong Kong pairing rallied magnificently and roared to victory in a nail-biting finale to run out 12-14, 5-11, 10-12, 11-8, 11-7, 14-12, 11-3 winners. Defeat left their Korean oppo-

nents devastated with Ryu Ji-Hae in tears and needing to be consoled by her coaches as a silent home crowd looked on. Hong Kong's dramatic victory was the latest twist in what has been

a controversial Asian Games for

their table tennis squad. One half of the former British colony's winning doubles duo mainland Chinese player Tie Yana was initially kicked off the Asian Games team only to be reinstated at the 11th hour.

Two other players were sent home after the Olympic Council of Asia deemed they were not eligible to represent Hong Kong.

## Davenport stoops to Maleeva

AFP. Moscow

Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva fought back from a set down against American Lindsay Davenport to win her third Kremlin Cup trophy here Sunday.

Maleeva clinched the final of the

6 to register her third win over Davenport in their fifth head-tohead meeting. Davenport, who is eighth in the WTA rankings, looked dominant right from the start, breaking her 27year-old opponent in the match-

2.24 million dollar event 5-7, 6-3, 7-

opening game to gain a comfortable 2-0 advantage. Maleeva, who won twice here in 1994-95, fought tooth and nail to draw level at 5-5 before 26-year-old Davenport won the last two games to take the opening set in 42 min-

In the second set the big serves were reserved until the sixth game when unseeded Maleeva, who is currently ranked 23rd in the world, broke Davenport to love to clinch a 5-2 lead minutes before levelling at

Maleeva saw off the event's top seed, Venus Williams of the United States, and France's fifth seed Amelie Mauresmo on her way to the final and showed more of her mettle when she broke early in the deciding set before Davenport replied with an immediate break to level at

tiebreak Maleeva performed with slightly more precision before claiming her third prize from the At the award ceremony the title

When the match headed for a

winner praised the public for their support, adding she would like to dedicate her win to her mother, who celebrated her birthday on Sunday. "It's a pity that no Russian girl played in the final," Maleeva said. "I would like to congratulate Lindsay

(Davenport), whom I really respect

for her playing and personality. "I dedicate this win to my mom who has her birthday today and I'd like to thank you all for your support," she added.



Chinese lifter Liu Chunhong grimaces on her way to winning gold in the women's 69 kgs competition at the 14th Asian Games in Busan yesterday.

## Three-star Liu

BUSAN 2002

AFP, Busan A triple world record-breaking

weightlifter Liu Chunhong stole the show at a rain-soaked day eight of the Asian Games here Sunday. Liu's display of lifting secured her the gold medal in the 69kg class, and saw her set new world records

for the snatch, clean and jerk and

overall.

performance from teenage Chinese

Still aged only 17, Liu hoisted a mammoth 115.5kg for the snatch, bettering the world best set by Russia's Valentina Popova in Turkey last year.

She then raised 148kg in the

clean and jerk, to beat her own

existing record of 147.5kg, setting a

new overall record of 263.5kg in the

Thongsuk Pawina of Thailand took the silver medal and Mya

Sanda Oo from Myanmar won Seven world records have now been set at the Asian Games

weightlifting and Liu, who started competing as an 11-year-old, sees more records ahead for herself "I took up weightlifting when I was 11 because I like it " she said

train about four or five hours a day." Liu's medal was one of seven golds won by China on Sunday as it consolidated its lead at the top of the medal standings. China now has 92 golds, South Korea is a distant

second with 32 and Japan on 28.

Elsewhere Sunday, rain postponed the Asian Games men's team tennis final between South Korea

Tournament officials waited five hours in vain for the showers to subside before finally calling off the day's action, which also included opening matches in the men's singles and doubles and women's

Rain did not stop rising Indian star Shiv Kapur from clinching the golf gold medal at the Asiad Country Club though. Kapur, one of the top ranked

"Now I no longer go to school. I work college players in the United States, on my weightlifting full time, and shot a two-under-par 70 in the wet to beat great rival Rohana Anura of Sri Lanka by three shots. "When I saw the rain this morning I thought I had an advantage

singles tournaments.

over my rivals," said a delighted "I am used to playing in bad weather in the United States. I did not let the weather get to me. It was a good test of my golf today and I

# South cagers in semis



South Korea cruised into the semifinals of the Asian Games men's basketball tournament with a 101-58 rout of Hong Kong here Sunday to complete the final four lineup.

Kazakhstan advanced as a result of the South Korean triumph while Asian champions and defending champions China and Philippines had already secured semi-final berths in earlier quarter final round robin games. National Basketball Association

center, makes China a clear favorite for Asiad gold, but South Korea and Philippines each have a solid chance to reach the final with Kazakhstan eager to surprise.

"China is the team to beat,"

South Korean star Moon Kyung-

top draft pick Yao Ming, a 2.26m

Eun said. "I think we will play very well. The important thing is passing and defense. It's very important to defend well." South Korea made 15 steals

against outmatched Hong Kong and

also spread around 19 assists with

devastatingly quick passes. Korea also outrebounded Hong Kong 49-China will play Philippines on Tuesday and South Korea will face the Kazaks on Wednesday to determine pairings for Saturday's semifinals. Each winner will play the

ober 14 title game. "Kazakhstan is a good team," Moon said. "They are similar to Hong Kong so I think we will play verv well.

loser of the opposite match for a

A near-capacity crowd of about 4,500 watched South Korea seize a 29-14 lead after the first quarter, then stretch the margin to 54-27 at half-time and 74-41 after three

Moon hit 4-of-5 three-point shots and scored 14 points in the first 13:44 before coach Kim Jin sat him down for the night, his team leading

Hyun Joo-Yup added 14 points and eight rebounds while Seo Jang-Hoon had 14 points and seven assists to share top honors for South Korea, which also got 13 points each from Lee Kyu-Sup and Chun Hee-Chul. Li Wai Lun led Hong Kong with

17 points. But Hong Kong only hit 20-of-58 shots from the field, 34.5 per cent, as South Korean defendmaintained the pressure and challenged every opportunity the visitors managed. Hong Kong joined Japan, North

Korea and Taiwan in being eliminated from medal contention in the quarter-final stage, although the teams will continue in consolation matches.

# **Bad day for Russians**



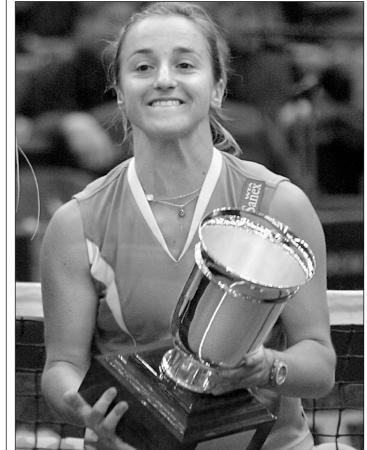
REUTERS, Moscow

Dutchman Sjeng Schalken has upset second seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-2, 6-4 in the Kremlin Cup semifinal to thwart the Russian's bid to win the event for the

sixth year running.

It was a bad day for Russia as French qualifier PaulHenri Mathieu then upset top seed Marat Safin 7-6, 6-4 in the second semifinal to shock a highly-partisan 10,000-strong Moscow crowd, who were already reeling from Kafelnikov's defeat.

After a tight first set, Mathieu broke Safin in the fifth game of the second set before breaking the



Bulgarian Magdalena Maleeva holds the Kremlin Cup trophy after defeating American Lindsay Davenport in the final yesterday.

former U.S. Open champion again at love in the seventh to take a 5-2 lead as the temperamental Russian slammed his racket against the

Safin fought back by taking the

next two games, but the Frenchman.

ranked 83 in the world, held his

serve in the 10th game to reach his first major final. "I'm a newcomer on the big tour so I think he was a bit surprised to see me play that well," said Mathieu, who showed his potential at this year's French Open, where he reached the fourth round before

losing to Andre Agassi in five sets. "Yes, he really surprised me with his steady play," said Safin, who is still looking for his first title of the

"I also didn't play very smart, trying to overpower him instead of just making him run from side to side. "I think if I had won the tiebreaker I would have finished him off

swallow this defeat.' Kafelnikov, who plans to retire at the end of the year, was bidding to become the first person in the Open era to win the same tournament for

in two sets, but instead I have to

six years in succession. "I was a little bit nervous to play him because he always plays so well here in Moscow," Schalken said.

going for a sixth title and he was close again reaching a semi-final, but I wanted to be the guy who finally "I consider it one of my best

"Everybody knows that he was

victories ever.' Kafelnikov had won 28 consecu-

tive Kremlin Cup matches since losing to Croat Goran Ivanisevic in the 1996 final But the seventh-seed broke Kafelnikov's serve in the opening

game and never looked back as he earned three more breaks in the first set to clinch it in 35 minutes