### Beckham

England captain David Beckham has been branded a crybaby and a cheat by Slovakia's playmaker Miroslav Karhan.

The German-based Karhan outshone Beckham when the two countries met in Bratislava at the weekend but England had the last laugh with Michael Owen snatching them a late winner.

tion with a scathing attack on Beckham, accusing him of trying to

"I don't like it when a star player like Beckham whinges to the referee. He was doing it permanently,"

"But at the same time he was going into tackles with his two feet first. The referee let him off and didn't even show him a card. He only

Beckham scored England's equaliser from a free-kick, but Karhan insists he should not have

before the first goal. It was a foul on our player and he ruled it completely

## Serena Cup

REUTERS, Perth

World number ones Lleyton Hewitt and Serena Williams will begin their preparations for next year's Australian Open at the Hopman Cup, tournament organisers have

Wimbledon champion Hewitt will partner Alicia Molik in the Australian team at the unique mixed teams event while Williams, winner of the past three women's grand slam titles, will join James Blake in the

ing number ones will be at the tournament. It's a coup," Hopman Cup chief executive Rick Williams

Eight countries will contest the next Hopman Cup, to be held in Perth from December 28 to January 4, with the U.S. seeded first ahead of Australia, Czech Republic, Belgium, Slovak Republic, Spain

play off for the eighth and final spot in the event, now in its 15th year.

out after being diagnosed with

hop which the batsman happily puts away for a boundary. But then (like a poker player who deliberately allows himself to be caught bluffing

Bangladesh bowlers need that kind of skill and continuous innovation to survive in modern Test

Not only do the bowlers have to possess potential wicket-taking balls, they must plot the tactics they will employ and sharpen it through continuous practice

--- Rafiquilah Bhuyian, via e-mail



North Koreans bid goodbye as they board the passenger boat at Busan yesterday. The Mangyongbong arrived on September 28, carrying 343 North Korean

## Busan sheds a tear

14th Asian Games **BUSAN 2002** 

This bustling South Korean port bid an emotional farewell Tuesday to a North Korean cheering squad whose presence at the Asian Games, with all its propaganda trappings, has sparked a mood of

"Urinun hanada (We are one)," "Chuguk Tongil (Unify the father-

The slogans, which have been heard many times at events involving athletes from the north of the divided peninsula during the twoweek Games, were exchanged for the last time as a North Korean ship sailed out.

Some 400 selected Busan citizens, with tears in many of their eyes, waved goodbye to all hands, numbering 360, aboard the Mangyongbong-92 after a 90minute farewell ceremony.

About 2,000 more people watched from outside the fence as a brass band played "Our wish is unification," a hymn which has been sung on both sides as they struggled in finding ways to ease tension

Darren Gough has confirmed he is

still on course to be fit for England's

first Test against Australia in

had successfully come through five

"hard weeks" of gym work, and will

test his bowling as soon as he

the Ashes squad, with 228 victims,

has not played in the Test team in

over a year, suffering several

stint at the National Sports Centre in

Lilleshall boded well for the immedi-

But he said his ability to do a long

aborted returns from a knee injury.

England's leading wicket-taker in

Gough told BBC Look North he

Cricket

Brisbane on November 7.

**INTERNET**, London

arrives in Australia.

The rigid communist state was taking part in an international sport meeting in the South for the first time and to add to the spectacle, it moblised attractive young women as cheerleaders for its sporting elite, who pulled in the crowds whereever "I went to see football, baseball,

softball and judo matches involving North Korean athletes", said Oh Seung-Joon, 28, who studies English at Busan's Dongan

He said he had cried when Ri Song-hui broke a world record to win the women's 53-kilogram weightlifting title early in the Games.

"Frankly speaking, I think this has been a test period." he said. wearing a bright red T-shirt for members of a group of South Korean youth supporting northern athletes. "I had hesitated about coming here. But now I feel like saying to them, 'Please, don't go.'"

True to Cold-War rules, however. the squad members were prevented from spontaneous contact with admiring and curious locals and slept aboard the cargo-passenger

Not everyone was uncritical. Kim

Gough in fitness race

He said: "People have said I'm

not available for the first two weeks.

**DARREN GOUGH** 

pastor, who fought the Soviets when as a soldier in the Japanese imperial army when Korea was under Japanese colonial rule, complained: "They should act in a more open

He also demanded the North apolgise for invading the South to start the 1950-1953 Korean War. "They should repent for being a Soviet protege an vow to seek

Kim noted that the cargo ship on which the cheerleaders had travelled usually served as a lifeline for the North's moribund economy, carrying rice and other necessities from the Japanese port of Niigata from ethnic Koreans still loyal to Pyongyang.

A television comedian. Kim Ik-Hyun, was shouting to a crewman on the ship's stern. "What do you eat these days?"

The crewmen answered "namse (dried vegetables)." The funnyman looked puzzled. But finally it clicked: "namsu was what in the South they call "namru".

Busan, now with a population of 3.7 million people, was the only major city in the South, which was never captured by North Korea forces in the war.

I've done no bowling and I don't

want to jar my knee by bowling

we will test it from there. I'll get my

spikes on and we'll see how it goes.

I'm hoping to be available for the first

everyone wants to be there. They've

picked us now. It's been hard work

their sauad. including current new

ball pair Andrew Caddick and

The players fly out from

but hopefully it will pay off."

Matthew Hoggard.

"It's a big winter for all of us and

England have six fast bowlers in

"But as soon as we get out there

### **Martinez** advances

REUTERS, Zurich

Former Wimbledon champion Conchita Martinez wrecked Swiss youngster Myriam Casanova's sliced her way to a 6-4, 6-3 victory in

Spaniard Martinez, 30, gave a hopeful Zurich crowd, delivering a measured and polished perfor-

that sort of player," said the 17-year-Martinez was in a class above. "Her slice shots were difficult to cope

another player in a hurry crushing Croat Iva Majoli 6-1, 6-4 in less than one hour.

Charleston in April, a run that has her current position of 27. But she was out-classed

Dokic and, after managing to hold serve through the second set, she lost confidence at 5-4 down and gave away the win to her Yugoslav opponent.

and Elena Dementieva both progressed to the second round earlier in the day with straight sets victo-

Tuesday, celebrated a day early as she improved her chances of making it into the WTA championships by fighting past German qualifier Anca Barna 6-2, 7-5.

last six SA wickets falling for 24

runs. Paceman Will Carr finished with 4-42.

Victoria started solidly, with captain Matthew Elliott (25) and Jason Arnberger putting on an opening stand of 37, but they lost 57 for seven in the final 23 overs.

Miller was the chief destroyer with 4-22 off an 11-over spell. Graeme Rummans was not out on 27 at stumps.

#### Aussies go to FROM PAGE 13

Indies XI, Cave Hill May 1-5: Third Test, Bridgetown

May 9-13: Fourth Test, St John's May 17: First ODI, Kingston

May 21: Third ODI. Castries May 25: Fifth ODI, Port of Spain May 30: Sixth ODI, St George's June 1: Seventh ODI, St George's

#### Costa battles FROM PAGE 13

to be fit REUTERS, Madrid

with Yorkshire.

Spain's Albert Costa has suffered a back injury during a practice match and is facing a race to be fit in time to play in the Madrid Masters.

The French Open champion, seeded sixth in Madrid, will undergo tests on Tuesday to see if he can play in the indoor tournament.

"Everything depends on how much pain he's in," Spanish Tennis Federation doctor Angel Ruiz Cotorro told reporters.

"Playing on Tuesday would be difficult but with his first match scheduled for Wednesday he's not ruled out.

hopes of home success when she the Swisscom Challenge.

Casanova a tennis lesson in front of

"It is never easy playing against old Casanova, acknowledging

American world number three was handed a bye into the second Yugoslav Jelena Dokic was

the form that began with her first tournament win in five years, in moved her from 58th in the world to

Russian players Tatiana Panova

Dementieva, who will turn 21 on

#### Michael gives

May 18: Second ODI, Kingston May 24: Fourth ODI, Port of Spain

### Kamal the new

Hossain, Maleq beat Mojibul Haque, Shahnur beat Habibur Rahman and Abid beat Badal Kumar Das. This year the tournament

attracted a record 100 players from not only every district, but also a good number of university students and other organisations as well.

Federation and Bangladesh Braille

Chess Association. Inter Life-

Bangladesh sponsored the meet.

The State Minister of Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman, who was chief quest, later distributed the prizes among the winners. tennis authorities Bangladesh Chess Federation

In August, Dokic's father also general secretary Syed Sujauddin threatened to move the family to was also present among other distinguished guests. The tournament was jointly organised by the Bangladesh Chess

# Reality begins to sink in

14th Asian Games **BUSAN2002** 

AFP, Busan

Swathes of empty seats and officiating controversies at the 14th Asian Games are likely to put a dampener on Busan's reported dream of mounting a successful bid for the 2016 Olympics

Some extraordinary individual performances. most notably from Japanese swimmer Kosuke Kitajima and China's weightlifters, and a shock basketball upset -South Korea's defeat of China were the highlights of the Asiad. But not even the heroics of

Kitajima, who broke the oldest world record in swimming on his way to collecting three golds, could help capture the imagination of local Staged barely four months after millions of South Koreans had been

swept up in the euphoria of the football World Cup, the Asian Games appeared to suffer the hangover of June's nationwide Only about half the available

tickets were sold, with many events

before sparse crowds and school

children brought into venues so

fewer athletes were forced to play in

silence before empty seats. Organisers put a brave face on ticket sales as the Games wound up here on Monday.

"The figures of the spectators exceeded our expectations," said Busan Asian Games Organising Committee president Chung Soon-

Taek.
"Events like volleyball, basketball and taekwondo were completely sold out (at times) due to their popularity. Other events sold ess well than we would have liked."

Chung also acknowledged problems caused by poor officiating. The boxing ring and the badminton arena witnessed the fiercest complaints ranging from accusations of biased judging to downright incom-

Indonesia staged a dramatic two-hour boycott midway through the men's team final after several decisions went against their star player Taufik Hidayat.

"I express regret about the line-

judgement," Chung said. "There is

talk about home advantage because this is our own turf. Judgement calls should be objective. Our priority here is a fair judge-At least there was no disputing

the brilliance of Kitajima, crowned as athlete of the games at Monday night's closing ceremony.

He came into the event carrying a wrist injury and astounded even himself in smashing American Mike Barrowman's 10-year-old 200m breaststroke record.

"I honestly didn't know I was going that fast. It was only when I hit the wall and looked up that I realized it was a world record," said a bemused Kitajima after clocking 2:09.97, the first man ever below

Despite having Kitajima in their ranks, Japan were overwhelmed in the pool by China's swimmers, who won the gold medal race 20-11.

Chinese haul of 150 golds that saw them finish a long way ahead of their rivals at the top of the medal table. South Korea were second, Japan

third and Kazakhstan fourth. Yet Chinese officials have counselled caution as they look ahead to the Athens Olympics in 2004, warning that their athletes are not world-

beaters in many sports. The issue of drugs did not seriously disrupt the games. Around 750 to 800 athletes were drug tested, though not for the banned endurance-boosting. The only positive dope test confirmed was on women's 1,500m champion Sunita

Elsewhere, North Koreans participated in the event as a way of promoting reunification and their presence became a focal point, from cheering blocks kept separated from the rest of the crowds to athletes that won 33 medals, nine of them gold.

Palestine captured its first medal a boxing bronze and Afghanistan won a bronze in women's taekwondo, with Roia Zamani triumphing over the troubles in her homeland to leave her Asiad

The war-torn nation's footballers' were brutally made aware of the fact that the road back from sporting exile is going to be a long one. In three games, they conceded 32

Not that it mattered to the Afghan players. "We were exhausted by the time we got to South Korea, but we didn't care. We are just so happy to be playing football again," said

## 'SA need to change tack'

Rhodes said that the reason for

South Africa's successes in the past

was that they took to the field with

### Cricket

**INTERNET, Bloemfontein** 

The recent chopping and changing to the national cricket team could be blamed for the fact that most players in the squad are victims of "an inhibiting fear of failure", said Jonty Rhodes in his latest newsletter on his website.

Rhodes said there is more talent in the current squad that there was four years ago, but he could not understand why the team is not playing with the same self-belief that it had at that time.

Rhodes then goes on to look for possible reasons that the current team is not playing to its potential. The earlier team was able to handle pressure better and Rhodes believes consistency in selections contributed much to their success.

"This high level of selection consistency leads to players having confidence that they were not going to be dropped after a tour or bad performance. This meant that most of the players did not have that ing 'fear of failure' that seems to be plaguing us right now," Rhodes

the same team in almost 85 per cent of matches. "Injuries were the main reason for any changes.' He said this gave the players

JONTY RHODES confidence. "Players were able to 'express' themselves, and more often than not, fortune favours the brave, and we won games from

impossible positions. Rhodes said the way the team

was changed during this season did nothing for the confidence of the individuals within the team and the team as a whole.

He does not want players to be given places for life, but says that especially players who were selected after good performances in the provincial series should be given the every opportunity to prove

themselves. "The selectors have made quite a few changes for the series against Bangladesh, which for me is quite frustrating, as Eric has installed some new ideas, on and off the field. And to have the best chance of winning the World Cup, I would love to see the selectors have faith in the players that they have selected (regardless of the opposition), and give the squad every opportunity to become a well-drilled unit, that can function as a team, in every circum-

stance," Rhodes wrote. 'That is just my opinion, and like I said, I am not looking for excuses for our inability to win either of the two tournaments we have participated in so far, but I am just looking for ways to ensure that the SA team is playing at its peak when the World Cup comes around," he concluded

There was one success fo

Argentina, with qualifier Agustin

Calleri overcoming a shaky start to

see off the American James Blake 6-

Calleri will go on to face Marat

## Too spicy Chileans



REUTERS, Madrid

Fernando Gonzalez and Marcelo Rios made it a Chilean double while Alex Corretia safely avoided a potential upset against fellow Spaniard Fernando Vicente as the Madrid Masters began at a cracking pace.

Gonzalez, one of the rising stars of the men's game, outclassed Andre Sa of Brazil to win 6-3, 6-2 in 66 minutes and provide the first victory at the indoor tournament, which has a new home after Madrid acquired the rights from Stuttgart.

Former world number one Rios matched his countryman with a convincing 6-2, 6-2 success against Gaston Gaudio of Argentina before the Spaniards took centre stage.

Tommy Robredo blasted past Max Mirnyi of Belarus, who finished as runner-up to Tommy Haas in last year's final in Stuttgart, 6-4, 6-4 to book a second-round clash with the Czech Republic's Jiri Novak.

The unseeded Corretja then came through a messy patch midway through the second set to beat Vicente 6-4, 7-5. Over on court number one.

Finland's Jarkko Nieminen recovered from a terrible start to beat Rainer Schuettler of Germany 1-6, 6-Magnus Norman had to dig even

deeper for victory over Argentina's Mariano Zabaleta, the Swede eventually running out a 6-7, 7-6, 6-2 winner. Russian Mikhail Youzhny had no

such trouble beating another

Argentine, Juan Ignacio Chela 6-2, 6-

Australian circuit at the start of the

level tennis you cannot play Fed

Cup the weeks you have off. It's

"I think if you want to play high

Safin, the number three seed from Russia. In the battle of the two French qualifiers, Fabrice Santoro beat Julien Boutter 6-3, 7-6.

The tournament, which will have a major say in the race for the six places still up for grabs in the Masters Cup in Shanghai, was without its leading lights on the first day, with all 16 seeds given byes through to the second round.

There was still plenty of quality on show on both main courts, though, as Rios and Norman continued on the comeback trail and Gonzalez. Youzhny and Robredo maintained their progress.

ments this season then any other

top 10 player, the world number six

also said she will cut down her

She has played over 70 singles

## Dokic's double fault!

2003 tennis season.



**REUTERS**, Zurich Jelena Dokic has chosen to snub her former homeland once again by not playing in January's Australian

The 19-year-old, who skipped the opening Grand Slam of the year in 2002, also declared that she will not apply to play for Yugoslavia in international competition once she becomes eligible.

The Belgrade-born Dokic used to play for Australia but reverted back to her native Yugoslav nationality after her controversial father, Damir, clashed with Australian media and

Britain following arguments with the Yugoslav authorities over the building of a sports centre in Belgrade. "I'm happy with the way it is right now and I don't think I'll be looking to

play for anyone at all," said Dokic,

who has decided to skip the entire

**JELENA DOKIC** 

"It's nice to play with a team and it's a different feeling to what you have the whole year but at the end of the day you're alone on the court." Having played more tourna-

matches this year and 35 doubles. Although Dokic beat Iva Majoli in the first round of the Swisscom Challenge, she had lost in the opening round of her previous three tournaments.

schedule for 2003.

"I've been very tired and it's just a matter of playing too much," she "I've really felt tired the last few

months, especially since the U.S. "I haven't had a really good break which I should have done during the

year. It's something to learn from and I'll not do it next year. "I will definitely cut down my tournaments because I think my performance goes down.

"Next year I'll really focus on the bigger tournaments and not play so many of the less important ones. Playing 28-29 tournaments, if you

want to be in the top five or top 10, it's impossible."

### blasted AFP, London

Karhan gave vent to his frustrause his star status to win decisions.

Karhan told the Sun.

"But when you touch Beckham he immediately starts like a cry baby. I really can't stand that."

had the opportunity. "The referee made a mistake

# Lleyton, in Hopman

announced.

United States team This is the first time both reign-

Paraguay and Uzbekistan will

Hewitt, who is striving to become the first local player since Mark Edmonson in 1976 to win the Australian Open, also entered last year's Hopman Cup but had to pull

Work hard FROM PAGE 13

a few times to disguise the trump card) Warne bowls a delivery which looks very similar to the earlier longhops but which actually is the flipper and shoots forward from halfway down the pitch, low and straight

towards the stumps. That is how he got Younis Khan leg before in the second innings, probably the key wicket, which enabled Australia to win the game!

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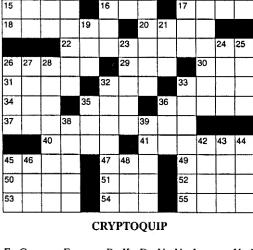
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The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the

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

TURNED INTO A SOUR PUSS.

The Spaniard will now face top seed Jennifer Capriati after the

Majoli, 25, had hoped to continue

FROM PAGE 13

Heathrow on 17 October. England open their tour with a festival match in Perth on 22 October and play three first-class matches before the Test series Due to the demands of the World

Australia will be played between the third Test and the traditional fourth Test in Melbourne on Boxing Day. Gough also confirmed that despite being out of contract with his county, his allegiances still lay firmly

"I want to play for Yorkshire for

the rest of my career and Yorkshire

want me to play for them," he said.

Cup, half of the one-day series in

"We are going to see how it goes up until March. It gives me a lot of options from March but if I'm playing cricket Yorkshire cricket club is the only cricket club I'll be at.'