Veterans' song

AFP, Perth

Veteran England wicketkeeperbatsman Alec Stewart, six months short of his 40th birthday, sprang to the defence of the "old men" of world sport Sunday, offering special encouragement to besieged England goalkeeper David

Padding up for his seventh Ashes cricket series, Stewart also came out strongly in favor of Australia's ageing Waugh twins, Steve and Mark, being retained for the five-Test scrap starting in less than three weeks.

Seaman, 39 last month, has been pilloried mercilessly by the British press after conceding a goal directly from a corner in England's embarassing 2-2 draw with Macedonia in a Euro 2004 football qualifier in Southampton last week.

Seaman's latest miss came after his misjudgement allowed an amazing goal by Brazilian star Ronaldinho in a World Cup quarterfinal contest in June.

Stewart, a veteran of 122 Tests over 12 years, said: "Seaman has copped a bit of flak, but he has been a fantastic performer for England for a number of years.

"A 39-year-old made a mistake -so it's been highlighted. If he had made the same error 10 years ago, it would have been just a mistake.

The age thing is just an easy line for the media. If a 31-year-old makes a mistake, it's not '31-yearold Jo Bloggs dropped a catch, or let a goal in', but once you get to 35 or so and you do something wrong, then the age comes in. "But I suppose you have to

accept some of that, because, say, 37 -- as the Waughs are -- or 39 is above average age for cricket. "So you know you have to per-

form. But you have to perform if you are 39 or 22 to stay in the side."

Stewart said it seemed fashionable to question the Waughs' abili-

New draw

nent system," said BFF assistant general secretary Badal Roy.

When asked why the first four teams were not drawn. Badal could not come up with a satisfactory

Chaired by acting BFF general secretary Sirajul Islam Bachchu. three former national footballers Abdul Hossain, Kaiser Hamid and Rumman-bin-Wali Sabbir picked up the names of the twelve clubs in the

Speaking to the media, Bachchu revealed that they have set up a new BFF calendar for the next 15 months, during which time two federation cups will be held.

The organisers informed that they would prepare the fixture by today. They however disclosed that Mohammedan will take on Bangladesh Air Force in the inaugural match on Wednesday at 4 pm.

FIRST ROUND DRAW

Group A: Mohammedan SC Badda Jagarani, Rahmatgani Muslim Friends Society and Bangladesh Air Force Group B: Abahani KC, Victoria SC,

Dhaka Wanderers Club and Bangladesh Rifles Group C: Muktijoddha Sangsad KC, Brothers Union, Farashganj

SC, Bangladesh Navy. Group D: Arambagh KS, Dhanmondi Club, Sheikh Russell

KC and Bangladesh Army.

TV watch

FROM PAGE 13 Cricket Talk Show Repeat at 8:30 am Football Asia Repeat at 10:00 am Pakistan vs Australia Third Test, Day Four Live at 11:55 am

A team effort

Cricket

AFP, Madras

India skipper Saurav Ganguly said Sunday the presence of more than one match-winner was the key to his team's recent successes in Tests and one-day internationals. "Harbhajan (Singh) is not the only match-winner in the side. There are quite a few in the team now and that's the key to our success," said Ganguly after India's eight-wicket win over the West Indies in the second Test here.

The hosts wrapped up a threematch series with the win, having already thrashed the tourists by an innings and 112 runs in the opening match at Bombay.

Off-spinner Harbhajan played a big role in both the victories, claiming eight wickets in the first Test and seven in the second to become the first bowler to claim 50 Test victims this calendar year.

"There is more than one player in the team capable of winning the match for us, like Yuvraj Singh and Mohammad Kaif. That's the strength of our side," said Ganguly.

India, under Ganguly's captaincy, won a one-day series in the West Indies in June, the NatWest Trophy at Lord's the following month and then drew a tough four-Test series 1-1 against England.

Yuvrai and Kaif both slammed

Australia's captain Steve Waugh said

on Sunday he was delighted to return

to form with his 28th Test century and

with a spectacular 103 not out, his

first three-figure knock after 16

barren innings, on the second day of

"I have played better knocks

the final Test against Pakistan here.

ing," the 37-year-old said.

Waugh silenced his detractors

hoped to continue in the same vein.

Cricket

AFP, Sharjah

help India win a tall-scoring final of the NatWest Trophy one-day series against Nasser Hussain's Englishmen.

"Everyone played a part in the victory here. The team's form has been very good. We batted and bowled very well in this game," said



SAURAV GANGULY

Ganguly also said more technology should be used in Test cricket to avoid umpiring mistakes. "With so much of crowd and

noise around, the umpires cannot always be correct," said Ganguly, who fell to debatable leg-before decisions in both of his innings against the tourists.

"We have got to make more use of the technology. It was used on a

Nice to be back

two sixes

trial basis during the Champions Trophy at Colombo. I hope it also comes to Test cricket.

The International Cricket Council allowed on-field umpires to consult the TV umpire before giving decisions on lea-before and close catches at Colombo, saying the trial would be discontinued if it slowed down the game.

His West Indian counterpart Carl Hooper, however, lashed out at his

this level," said Hooper, whose side also lost the three-match series following this defeat.

"It's a shame that we've come to

The tourists lost the opening Test by an innings and 112 runs at Bombay.

"There are no excuses. We're just not playing good cricket. There was no problem with the pitch because we've played on much more difficult wickets in India," said Hooper. The West Indies have yet to win a

sub-continent, having lost 2-0 to Pakistan at Shariah and 3-0 in Sri Lanka last year before losing both the Tests against India. Hooper blamed his team's batting and fielding for the second

Test under Hooper's captaincy in the

successive defeat against the "We dropped at least 12 catches in two Tests and you're always going

to struggle after conceding a 150run lead," said Hooper.

Davenport thru

AFP, Zurich

Lindsay Davenport hobbled to a 7-6 7-6 victory over fourth-seeded Belgian Justine Henin to reach the final of the Swisscom Challenge and keep on track to defend her title.

The veteran American won the chance to face Switzerland's Patty Schnyder, who defeated Spanish veteran Conchita Martinez 6-0, 6-3.

Davenport showed remarkable grit in overcoming Henin after receiving treatment for tendinitis in her right ankle at the end of the first set. She could barely move, often pulled up when forced to run, and she appeared as if she would retire at any moment.

A bitter Henin however accused her opponent of gamesmanship by exaggerating her injury.

"I have a sore shoulder but I wouldn't make a big circus of it like she did," she said. "How can she hit four winners like that if she's injured?"

But Davenport hung in to retain the chance of winning her fourth Zurich title in five years, and at the same time quaranteed her place in the season-ending WTA Championships in her home city of Los Angeles. That also is an astonishing achievement, as the secondseeded American did not play a tournament until August after undergoing knee surgery.

Davenport's heavy hitting earned her an early break for 2-1, but she failed to serve out the set at 5-4 before sweeping through the tiebreak. In the second set, Henin broke twice to establish a 4-1 lead, but she failed to exploit Davenport's lack of movement. Point by point, Davenport

worked her way back, and although she was broken again to leave Henin serving for the set at 6-5. Davenport went for broke and took the set to a second tiebreak

Lleyton's **Swedish** gamble

AFP, Stockholm

With a revitalised Andre Agassi suddenly breathing down his neck in the late chase for world number Lleyton Hewitt has prudently opted to try to amass points in the 650,000-dollar Stockholm Oper starting Monday.

A year ago, the Australian pulled out just hours before his first match, infuriating Swedish organisers who had been counting on his presence. They all but vowed never to bother with him again. This year, after skipping this

week's Masters in Madrid with what he said was a virus, the 21-vear-old Hewitt had to seek out a wild card entry - which had conveniently been held aside and he enters the tournament as top seed.

If he wins in Madrid on Sunday, Agassi would pull to within 43 points of Hewitt with only the concluding Masters at Paris Bercy to play starting October 28.

Hewitt, who spent this week recuperating while watching girlfriend Kim Clijsters compete at the women's event in Zurich, will open at the Kungligahallen tennis arena against home hero Thomas Enqvist, a two-time champion whose stock has sunk this season.

Sweden's Thomas Johansson will be using the home crowd to try to move into position for a place in the eight-man field at the Masters Cup, to be held in Shanghai from November 11-17.

The Australian Open holder needs to pass French Open champion Albert Costa of Spain, as one reigning Grand Slam winner is allowed a spot in the event.

Costa, who pulled out of Madrid this week and could be doubtful for next week in Basel due to a back injury, has 393 points with Johansson on 330.

The fourth-seeded Swede begins his chance with a match against Spain's Tommy Robredo.

Foreman to

World Boxing

George Foreman, who dominated the heavyweight class in the early 1970s before returning to win the title in 1994, will be inducted into the World Boxing Hall of Fame on Also to be inducted at the new

Crowne Plaza and Commerce Casino are former champions Miguel Canto, Mike McCallum and Lupe Pintor, trainer Freddie Roach, television boxing commentator Larry Merchant and publicist Bill Caplan.

Foreman was a dominating heavyweight champion in 1973-74 until Muhammad Ali stopped him in the "Rumble in the Jungle" in Zaire.

Foreman retired for the first time in 1977 but came back after a 10-The birth was said to have gone knockout of Michael Moorer.

Agassi clinches Madrid title

Tennis

AFP, Madrid

Andre Agassi moved closer to overhauling world number one Llevton Hewitt when he won the 2.95-million-dollar Masters Series here Sunday without hitting a shot on court.

The 32-year-old American was awarded the title when Jiri Novak withdrew before the best-of-five-set contest citing a groin strain picked up in his semifinal victory Saturday over Fabrice Santoro. The Czech was to have played in

his second final in as many weeks after losing in Vienna last Sunday.

"We were discussing it yesterday, but we decided today that I could not play," he said. "I didn't know after the match that it would be this bad. I'm very disappointed, this was my first Masters final." "Even if I could have taken the

court, I would have just hurt it more by trying to play," said the 27-year-

Agassi's win gives him a record 15 Masters Series trophies, with only Monte Carlo and Hamburg missing from a matched set of all nine of the majors which rank just below the Grand Slams.

With tournaments to play in St Petersburg next week and the wrapup Paris Masters due to start a week from Monday, the race between Hewitt on 697 points and Agassi on 654 will intensify.

Hewitt skipped the Masters with



ANDRE AGASSI

a virus, but eagerly grabbed a wild card on offer for next week's Stockholm Open, where he will be top seed after pulling out of the event a year ago at the last moment.

Agassi meanwhile heads the

Novak, who stands fifth in the points chase for the eight-man Masters Cup in Shanghai November 11-17, is unlikely to play next week in the hope that the injury will heal enough for him to compete

"I'll probably have to rest and hope to be fit for Paris," said Novak. The 32-year-old Agassi happily

lifted the trophy, but admitted the

outcome was an anti-climax. "It was very disappointing for many people, especially Jiri. It's unfortunate that anything like that has to happen." said the seven-time Grand Slam champion. "I try to feel good about the form that I have and go from there."

Agassi now stands an impressive 51-8 on the year with titles in Scottsdale, Los Angeles and a trio of Masters in Miami, Rome and the Spanish capital.

Hewitt and Agassi are the only two currently qualified for Shanghai, with provisional third Russian Marat Safin expected to make his move next week in St Petersburg.

Spain's Juan Carlos Ferrero is fourth, ahead of Novak. Swiss Roger Federer stands sixth with Brit Tim Henman, whose first child Rose Elizabeth was born Saturday, level with Carlos Moya on seventh with two more events to play

Indies' tail to wag, having Ridley

Jacobs (3) caught by wicket-keeper

Parthiv Patel and then bowling last-

man Jermaine Lawson for two with

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the

second Test between West Indies

WEST INDIES: First innings 167 (A

INDIA: First innings 316 (V Sehwag

WEST INDIES: Second innings

Chanderpaul c Harbhajan b Srinath

SCOREBOARD

and India on Sunday

(overnight 186-4)

Gayle c Kumble b Srinath

Hooper c Patel b Kumble

M Dillon Ibw b Harbhajan

Extras: (b-12 lb-3 nb-3 w-1)

30

26

INDIA: Second innings

Bangar c Gayle b Hooper

Total: (For two wickets in

Sehwag st Jacobs b Hooper

Fall of wickets: 1-50: 2-61

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Result: India won by 8 wickets

Man-of-the-match: Harbhajan

First Test: Bombay -- India wor

Third Test: Calcutta -- October 30

by an innings and 112 runs

to November 3.

FROM PAGE 13

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-96; 3-107; 4-

179; 5-208; 6-210; 7-210; 8-214; 9-

(All out in 79.4 overs)

23

79

87

33

81

10

27

32

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Jacobs c Patel b Khan

Collins not out

222.

Bowle

Zaheer

Kumble

Harbhajan

Dravid not out

21.1 overs)

Bowler

Collins

Lawson

Breese

Hooper

Singh

Dillon

Tendulkar not out

Extras (lb-3 nb-3)

Lawson b Khan

Hinds c Kumble b Harbhajan

Breese c Ganguly b Harbhajan

R Sarwan Ibw b Khan

Hinds c Ganguly b Harbhajan

Harbhajan baffles WI

The 22-year-old Harbhajan, the first bowler to claim 50 Test victims this calendar year, began the slide with three wickets off five balls in his ninth over of the morning session played under lights due to poor visibility.

He dismissed Ryan Hinds and Breese off successive deliveries before trapping Mervyn Dillon leg-Dillon denied Harbhajan a hat-

trick with a defensive push and swung the next ball for a four before being adjudged leg-before by Sri Lankan umpire Asoka de Silva off a fuller-length delivery that appeared to have hit the bat. Zaheer dashed the tourists'

fourth-innings target with the prize wicket of Ramnaresh Sarwan in his opening over of the morning. Sarwan added 16 to his overnight score of 62 before being trapped leg-before while trying to

hopes of setting a challenging

work the ball on the on-side He struck two sixes and four

boundaries in his 218-ball 78, but again failed to convert his halfcentury into a three-figure mark in 26 Tests.

Bridgetown in 1999-2000, but is still looking for his maiden hundred. The panic set in after Sarwan's dismissal as the lower-order bats-

who took seven wickets in the second innings at Bombay, began it when he had Hinds caught by

Hinds went for a big heave but mistimed it to offer a simple catch after adding six to his overnight score of one.

Breese made a forgettable Test debut as he was caught by Ganguly at backward short-leg off Harbhajan for no score. He had made five in the first innings

Zaheer did not allow the West



World champion Vladimir Kramnik of Russia ponders his next move against super computer Deep Fritz during game eight yesterday.

Chess war

benefit immensely from this tournament," said team member, Frederic

asked ourselves -- if Fritz is better than the world champion. In a few years, I think it will be. Deep Fritz is

tactically a monster and will always put you under pressure."

But the world champion insisted it was still too early to entirely write off man in his battle with the machine.

"I believe that we (humans), still have some years yet before we cannot beat the computers," he said.

Here are the moves of the final game: 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. Nc3 c6 5. Bg5 Be7 6. e3 O-O 7. Bd3 Nbd7 8.

O-O dxc4 9. Bxc4 Nd5 10. Bxe7 Qxe7 11. Rc1 Nxc3 12. Rxc3 e5 13. Bb3 exd4 14, exd4 Nf6 15, Re1 Qd6 16, h3 Bf5 17, Rce3 Rae8 18, Re5 Bq6 19, a3 Qd8 20. Rxe8 Nxe8

DEEP FRITZ а <u>\$</u> а VLADIMIR KRAMNIK

Bangladesh

night 153-7) Omar Ibw b Terbrugge Al-Shahariar b Hayward Bashar c Boucher b Ntini Sanwar c Boucher b Ntini Kapali c Kallis b Henderson Mashud c Van Jaarsveld b Hayward Rafique not out Baisya c Boucher b Ntini Manjurul b Ntini Jubair c Boucher b Terbrugge Extras: (lb-8, nb-1, w-1) Total: (All out in 58.4 overs)

Fall of wkts: 1-21, 2-25, 3-91, 4-97, 5-100, 6-130, 7-149, 8-155, 9-**Bowler O** 15 50 44

23 2 26 **BANGLADESH:** Second innings Omar c Gibbs b Hayward Al Shahariar b Ntini Bashar c Terbrugge b Hayward 21 Mashud not out Extras: (lb-3)

11.4 3

Fall of wkts: 1-22, 2-78, 3-121 18 11 53 21

Henderson Umpires: Daryl Harper (Aus), umpire: Shahid Wadvalla (Rsa). Match referee: Ranjan

Havward Terbrugge Henderson **Bowler** Terbrugge Hayward

Total: (For 3 wkts in 44 overs) 150

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CRYPTOQUIP UKHZAD

BEAD QVEYYZAD SBZNAQ VCNZH QYSFNQCZYQ SHGZAD

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals M 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

'To get a century with a six and with the baggy green cap on the head is pretty special. It does not get better

before, but when this one came after such a long time it was pretty satisfylot of pressure before this Test. "It was pretty strong pressure, but Waugh, under pressure to retain that has not happened only now," he the captaincy for the upcoming Ashes said. "I have had pressure around me

Stranded on 82 when last man McGrath joined him, the 37-year-old smashed leg-spinner Danish

timely form to hit 13 boundaries and

than this." Waugh said. "It is nice to get runs, nice to be

granted in the final Test despite reducing Pakistan to 163-6 in reply to Kaneria for 20 runs in one over 4,4,0,0,6,6 - to race to his hundred. Australia's 444.

captain and score a century for the "I am pleased and hope to consol-

idate and continue making runs." Waugh admitted he was under a

Pakistan still need 82 runs to avoid the follow-on, but Waugh said he was not sure of enforcing it after Australia's disastrous experience against India at Calcutta last season.

India, made to follow-on 274 runs

"You are expected to score runs at

Waugh would not take victory for

the international level. I had faith in

my ability and backed my instincts."

behind, build a huge second innings total and then shot Australia out to record a memorable victory.

"After Calcutta, I am more careful. It is still quite open," he said "We had hoped to bowl out Pakistan quickly today but the later

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45

36

PAKISTAN: First innings

Latif c M. Waugh b Warne

Extras: (b-3, lb-10, nb-8, w-2) 23

Total (For six wickets in44 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-50, 3-50, 4-

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Umpires: Steve Bucknor (WIs),

Match referee: Clive Lloyd (WIs).

Srinivas Venkataraghvan (Ind)

Raza not out

Saglain not out

70, 5-76, 6-100

Bowler

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series against old foe England, struck Vintage Steve show

and a six.

and Sachin Tendulkar (30) and

Australian legend Don Bradman The aggressive onslaught paid off as McGrath, who made three in a last-wicket stand of 26 with Waugh, was dismissed soon after by

Pakistani captain Wagar Younis.

record lows of 59 and 53 in the second Test, once again faltered against the spot-on Australian McGrath removed opener Taufig

Pakistan, who were shot out for

Umar and Younis Khan on either side of tea to give his team a perfect Warne then trapped Imran Farhat leg-before and had Faisal

Igbal caught behind as Pakistan's top order slumped to 76-5 Australia, who began the day at 298-3, slipped to 308-5 before fighting back through their captain to

go past the 400-run mark. Wagar, who claimed the second new ball soon after the start, removed Ricky Ponting and Damien Martyn off successive deliveries. Ponting added just eight to his

overnight score of 142 when he was

clean bowled by a superb delivery

on the pads by a fast yorker and

declared leg-before by Indian

umpire Srinivas Venkataraghvan.

Next ball, Martyn was wrapped

Ponting batted for more than six

that cut back after pitching.

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the third and final cricket Test between Australia and

Pakistan at the Sharjan chicket	
stadium on Sunday:	
AUSTRALIA: First innings	(ove
night 298-3)	
Langer b Waqar	4
Hayden c Iqbal b Saqlain	89
Ponting b Wagar	150
M. Waugh c Latif b Saqlain	23
S. Waugh not out	103
Martyn Ibw b Waqar	C
Gilchrist c Latif b Kaneria	34
Warne Ibw b Kaneria	11
Lee run out	1
Bichel c Umar b Kaneria	9
McGrath c Latif b Wagar	3
	stadium on Sunday: AUSTRALIA: First innings night 298-3) Langer b Waqar Hayden c Iqbal b Saqlain Ponting b Waqar M. Waugh c Latif b Saqlain S. Waugh not out Martyn Ibw b Waqar Gilchrist c Latif b Kaneria Warne Ibw b Kaneria Lee run out Bichel c Umar b Kaneria

Extras: (b-4, lb-10, nb-3) Total: (All out in 128.3 overs) 444 Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-188, 3-233, 4-308, 5-308, 6-363, 7-403, 8-404, 9-

Australia lost three wickets for 15 runs after lunch as Kaneria picked up Warne and Andrew Bichel while

Lanka by 41 runs and the second here by an innings inside two days.

hours under the hot sun to compile 150 that included 14 boundaries Adam Gilchrist, who denied

before he was caught behind trying Brett Lee was run out.

Younis finished with four for 55, while Kaneria had three for 128 from 36 overs. Off-spinner Saglain's two wickets in 45 overs cost 159 runs.

SCOREBOARD

Waqar 17.3 Saglain Kaneria

> Umar Ibw b McGrath Farhat Ibw b Warne Younis Khan c Gilchrist b McGrath 5 Igbal c Gilchrist b Warne Misbahul Ibw b Bichel

Wagar a hat-trick, hammered 34 in a sixth-wicket stand of 55 with Waugh Bowler

Australia won the first Test in Sri

Henman becomes father

AFP, London Tennis' world number five Tim Henman on Saturday became a father for the first time after his 30year-old wife Lucy gave birth to a girl, the Briton announced on his official website

born at 5.07am (0407 GMT) at London's Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital and weighed eight pounds and four ounces (3.74kg). "I'm absolutely delighted." Henman, 28, said on his website.

"It's obviously something Lucy

and I have been looking forward to

for most of the year and I'd like to

Rose Elizabeth Henman was

thank everybody at the hospital for all their help. "I'd also be very grateful if our privacy would be respected at this special time.'

smoothly while mother and daugh-

ter are doing well.

enter Hall of Fame

AFP, Los Angeles

Saturday.

In going 76-5 with 68 knockouts,

year hiatus. In 1994, at the age of 45. Foreman became the oldest man to win a heavyweight title with a

Sarwan has scored 14 halfcenturies since making his Test debut against Pakistan at

men tried to chance their arms and fell against the Harbhajan-Zaheer Man-of-the-match Harbhajan,

Kumble in the covers.



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Friedel. "It was something we constantly

FINAL POSITION