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Cricket

INTERNET. Christchurch

A person has made it when his or her biography only needs their name as the title: Chris Cairns has a selling power all of his own.

The biography, launched next week in Christchurch, is one of the most eagerly awaited sports books in New Zealand in recent years.

Cairns is much more than a top New Zealand sportsman. He is a genuine world class cricket allrounder the country's best who commands attention in the middle either through his dynamic strokeplay or his penetrative pace bowl-

Cairns has also been the centre of enough incidents on and off the field to produce riveting reading.

Author Hamish McDouall, a former Sale of the Century and Mastermind winner, and selfconfessed cricket nut, is also out of

McDouall first talked to Cairns about a book in the Caribbean in 1996, but it was only firmed up when he began sending him articles written for Britain's Observer newspaper last year.

"Hamish's name was not on the list of possible authors but he submitted a chapter, we liked it, and things went from there," Cairns

There was no particular reason why he had chosen to write a book

"I suppose we started talking about it a year ago and the timing

Mark joining

Ashes Test against England.

the all-time list of appearances in

world cricket, said he knew his

international career was over but

would continue to play for New

latter months of his career amid

building media pressure about his

well through my career but you can

ever I pick up the papers my name is

mentioned and every time I go out to

bat whatever I do there will be close

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Total: (All out in 74.2 overs)

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Total: (For 5 wkts in 20 overs) 130

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lack of high scores in Tests.

only take so much," he said.

Waugh said he did not enjoy the

"I have handled pressure pretty

"The last six months or so, when-

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seemed right. It was time to reflect on lots of things."

Cairns, 32, says it is definitely not a retirement book. He hoped to play for several more seasons at least, fitness permitting. However, the past two seasons have been disrupted by injury, with successive patella tendon knee operations, a egacy of his pace bowling.

Cairns intends being back on the park again by mid-November and has completed a more gradual build-up this season, compared to a more pressure-cooker preparation last season, when he was aiming for the Australian tour.

"The rehab has gone really well and I'm well ahead of where I was last year. But there are no quarantees, of course,'

Cairns says the book is the story of his life, and not especially for the

cricket purist. "I just cover a lot of situations in my life and thoughts on other

Cairns says he feels some New Zealand sportsmen's books have dramatised a few incidents to sell

copies, but he says he has not done many traumas in his life. Among

How he came to terms with the death of younger sister Louise in a train crash near Rolleston in August,

The personality clash with coach Glenn Turner in 1995-96, and the celebrated bust-up between the pair when Cairns walked out of the West

The break-up of the marriage of

his parents, Sue and Lance Cairns, and Cairns' own marriage dissolution with Ruth Leslie after just a year.

Another story which received plenty of publicity at the time was his 4 am return home way beyond curfew during a Test match in Wellington early in 1997, soon after the new management regime of



**CHRIS CAIRNS** 

Steve Rixon and John Graham had taken over.

From that low point, Cairns made a concerted effort to resurrect a career which then could have gone either way ... from one of unfulfilled potential or to genuine stardom. That was probably because he knew that his international career was on a knife edge.

Cairns acknowledges that Graham and Rixon played a pivotal role in a getting a more mature individual coming to the fore.

"John's unbridled passion as a New Zealander to represent your

country and Steve's tenacity and sheer Aussie pig-headedness struck a chord.

"I know I made some mistakes but I became determined that would learn from them and not go back again." Cairns said at the time. Learning to live with the "son of Lance" tag, having started in his

"Recause I was the son of one of our best-known cricketers. I sunpose I didn't really get the chance to grow like others may have done. There was always this expectation that was perhaps unrealistically high of people for me."

father's shadow, was another issue.

Because of his talent. Cairns was fast-tracked into the first-class game, making his debut as a 17year old for Nottinghamshire in English county cricket in 1988.

The next year he was whisked into the New Zealand team for a Test match against Australia at Perth where he broke down with one of the first of many injuries a stress fracture to his back.

Cairns send stumps fly or smash sixes out of the ground, but the headstrong youngster was still finding his feet in life, let alone

People were wanting to see

Cairns earned a nickname "BA" (Bad Attitude) which stuck and at times he lived up to it.

Now he has completed the AFP, Karachi transformation into a senior professional in the Black Caps, and is now a first-time father, with South African partner Carin giving birth to a son. Thomas. He was born in June and life is now very different.

### Former world squash champion Jansher Khan of Pakistan Tuesday denied he had snubbed the Oatar Classic in Doha, saying injury and visa problems kept him away from the tournamnent.

Young Brothers Union Club and

Biddyut Kendra Youngmen's Club

won their respective matches in the

National Bank Second Division

Football League at the local stadium

Young Brothers beat Rafique Smrity

Sangsad 1-0 while Biddyut Kendra

defeated Challengers' Soccer Club

Today's matches: Balaka Sporting

Club vs Dumuria Tarun Sangha 2:15

pm and Sumon Smrity Sangsad vs

Young Muslim Sporting Club 3:45

ICPA is born

The Indian Cricket Players'

Association (ICPA) was finally

formed on Tuesday with Mansur Ali

Khan Pataudi being nominated as

president and Arun Lal the secretary.

Sachin Tendulkar, Anil Kumble,

Rahul Dravid and Ravi Shastri have

been designated as the founder

At a press conference at the Taj

Bengal Hotel here, Arun Lal

announced the launching of the

body with all the national players

members of the association.

Jansher's

denial

Current captain Saurav Ganguly,

SAKYA SEN, Calcutta

vesterday.

"I remained the top player for more than a decade and always participated in all events for which I sent my entry, but due to injury and visa problems I couldn't go to Qatar." Khan, who won a record eight world titles, told AFP.

"I apologise that I couldn't convey my unavailability but I never received a visa."

Organisers on Monday expressed disappointment over Khan missing the event without notifying them, and threatened to report it to the Professional Squash Association

### Mixed fortunes

FROM PAGE 13 the world's youngest Grand Master.

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**Dropped Sanjay** 

Hooper

who delivered the win. Defending women's champions China overcame Poland, 2-1 and the USA triumphed over Yugoslavia

by the same score Former holders Georgia were in a tie with three others for third place on nine points. Georgia proved too much for Moldova 2.5-0.5 while the Czech Republic upset fourth seeded Ukraine, India, powered by a 3-0 rout of Azerbaijian, also joined

Vietnam missed a chance to join Georgia's group when it only drew against Romania, 1.5-1.5, Vietnam, Yugoslavia and Romania have 8.5

WEST INDIES: Carl Hooper, Chris

Gayle, Wavell Hinds, Ramnaresh

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### Football burgers and fizzy drinks. The Brazilian is seven kilos overweight." screamed Spanish

AFP, Madrid

Having won the World Cup and overcome a series of careerthreatening injuries, Brazilian superstar Ronaldo is facing a new

sports daily Marca on Tuesday. 'The Real Madrid doctors have

imposed a diet but it's forgotten the minute he feels like hamburgers and sodas.'

Ronaldo, who is likely to feature



TIME TO CHANGE SPORT? Superstar Ronaldo taking his mind off the beautiful game in Madrid on October 28.

on Wednesday in Real's Champions League match against AS Roma, made his debut for the Spanish giants on October 6 scor-

ing twice in a 5-2 win over Alaves However, since then he has

struggled failing to find the net. Marca pointed out that he has gone 307 minutes without a goal while his team has lurched from one mediocre performance to another with a 2-1 defeat to Santander as well as a 2-2 draw against AEK Athens and a 1-1 draw with

Villarreal. "Physically I am not one-hundred percent," said Ronaldo.

"I have to rediscover my confidence. I need patience and some

He was interviewed by the Canal+Espagna TV channel after Sunday's match but refused to be weighed when a scales was brought

Ronaldo's weighty problem has become a major talking point in

Recently, Real sporting-director Jorge Valdano admitted that the striker's extra few pounds were a problem and that they were not ideal

for a top level sporting career. On October 11, the player himself admitted the situation was not

"I am not at my weight. I am 87 kilos, one more than I was at the World Cup. 86 kilos is my ideal

However, the Brazilian is officially listed as weighing 82 kilos and former national coach Luiz Felipe Scolari admitted after the World Cup, where Ronaldo finished as top scorer with eight goals, that the star would always struggle with his

"He had difficulties maintaining his proper weight and will never be 100-percent again because of his two right knee operations," said

## Lee will bowl fast

The 37-year-old batsman, Cricket whose 128 Tests placed him fifth on

Tearaway paceman Brett Lee stung by talk over his shaky position in the Australian Test team savs he's ready to let rip against the England batsmen if he gets to play.

Lee responded positively on Wednesday to a warning from chairman of selectors Trevor Hohns who says he needs to "get out there and bowl fast".

The 25-year-old fast bowler faces a challenge from hometown paceman Andy Bichel for his place in the Australian attack in the first Test against England at the Gabba from November 7.

But Lee expects the return to Australian conditions to bring out his best after struggling through a lean spell, particularly in the recent 3-0 series win over Pakistan in Colombo and Shariah.

With sapping temperatures and humidity in the United Arab Emirates. Lee was forced to curb his pace and was out-bowled by Bichel in the final two Tests.

**BRETT LEE** 

"Pace is my biggest asset and

that's what I'll be taking into this series," Lee said. "It was very hot over there and they are flat wickets -- sometimes

wickets, it will be a lot better.

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That prompted Hohns' warning that Lee must bowl flat out to warrant a place in the side and the



speedster has promised to do just

you do have to pull your pace back a bit so, coming back to Australian

"I'll be bowling the way I have been bowling lately. The pitches will be a lot faster and I'll obviously be bowling a lot quicker back at home. "The Australian wickets suit my

bowling a lot more than the Sharjah wickets and I'll be excited if I get the chance to play at the Gabba. Lee's average in Brisbane is 18.4

from two Tests and, despite a difficult recent series, his confidence heading into the international summer remains intact, particularly as he was the joint leading wicket taker against New Zealand and South Africa at home last year.

"There are times when people go through a lean period in their career but I know deep down inside that am bowling well so it's just a matter of when it's going to turn," he said.

He said he had been encouraged by captain Steve Waugh who told him he would get a lot of wickets this season if he continued to bowl as he had recently. Lee made an explosive start to

wickets in seven Tests at an average of 16.07 he was forced to undergo elbow surgery. In the 17 subsequent Tests he has taken just 47 wickets, but Lee

his Test career, but after taking 42

played down the statistics. "Its very hard to keep going at (an average of) 16 as a Test bowler," he

"If I am lucky enough to get the opportunity come the first Test I will certainly be going out there firing.

as India breezed to lunch at 98 for

But young fast bowler Jermaine

Lawson, playing only his second

Test, claimed his wicket after lunch

edged a cut against Hooper after he

had come on himself at the stroke of

But Bangar, who has shown the

virtues of patience and a straight bat

in a side of brilliant stroke players,

once again gradually built his

innings before opening out after tea.

**UEFA** Cup preview

## 'Battle of Britain' on cards favourite Chris Sutton teams up with team which is made up of French

Football

AFP, Paris

The UEFA Cup has yet to capture the imagination this season but the second round tie between English League Cup holders Blackburn Rovers and Scottish champions Celtic has all the ingredients to get the sparks flying.

In what has been termed the 'Battle of Britain' it pitches a former manager of Celtic's bitter rivals Rangers, Graeme Souness, against a Celtic side desperate to show they can match it with the English Premiership and further fuel the debate whether they and Rangers should join a British Supe League.

The phoney war has seen Souness suggest he would accept losing 3-0 in both legs so long as Rovers survived in the Premiership which Celtic boss Martin O'Neill threw out of court immediately.

"I would never have seen Graeme going into any game that he didn't want to win and I would be absolutely astonished if he did it as a manager whatever game it would be so I wouldn't read too much into it," O'Neill said.

"He was aggressive as a player but he was a very good player and influential in that top-class Liverpool

Swedish marksman Henrik Larsson while ex-Manchester United duo Andy Cole and Dwight Yorke take on the Celtic defence. Rovers are in great form at the

moment having rattled five past Newcastle and followed up with a 2-1 win away at Arsenal last weekend. Blackburn's fellow Premiership side Fulham will have an entirely different challenge on their hands as

they travel to Croatia for the second successive round and will hope to deal with Dynamo Zagreb in the same way that they saw off Hajduk Split in the first round. However Dynamo and their

idiosyncratic coach Miroslav Blazevic have enlisted the help of an extra force, the Catholic church. "I think it is very positive

include the church in the club's life.' "Demons are running through

the club and we need to chase them out," added Blazevic, who guided Croatia to third place in the 1998 World Cup finals. Blazevic, though, has added extra spice to the meeting by claim-

ing defeating Fulham would avenge the post-war masscre of Croats, for which he holds the line held by some historians the British were to blame for handing them over to the communist regime under Marshal Tito in Yugoslavia.

"I am delighted to be meeting the English club so we can gain revenge for Bleiburg (the place where the handover was carried out of the prisoners)," said Blazevic.

Fulham's Egyptian owner Mohammed Al-Faved, French manager Jean Tigana and half the

Fabrice Santoro failed to emulate his

doubles partner when he slumped to

a 6-4. 6-2 defeat at the hands of 20-

players would have good grounds for excusing themselves from what looks like being a hotblooded encounter - notwithstanding the racial abuse their black players received from Hajduk Split fans in the last round.

The Fulham defence will know one of the strikeforce pretty well in the shape of Bosko Balaban, whose nightmare spell at Aston Villa was ended in the summer when he moved back to Croatia since when he has rediscovered the scoring touch that deserted him in England.

Italy's two representatives Parma and Lazio are both at home against Wisla Krakow and 1991 European Cup winners Red Star

Belgrade respectively. Parma, winners of the competi tion in 1995 and 1999, will face the Polish side without Brazilian star Adriano but should have enough firepower to take a comfortable lead to Poland, though Lazio are taking nothing for granted against their

Yugoslav opponents. "Red Star are a team with a great tradition. They're probably the hardest rivals we could come up

against," a Lazio spokesman said. The giantkillers of the last round. Norwegian outfit Viking, who beat Premiership giants Chelsea, will have to do it all over again against

highflying Spanish side Celta Vigo. The Norwegians, though, have been boosted by the news that Celta's influential playmaker Alexander Mostovoi will be unavailable for the first leg because of

remarkable Davis Cup final victory

over Australia last year, blasted 38

winners in a performance of con-

trolled power which would have

impressed France's Davis Cup

recently returned to action after a

stomach injury, broke Mantilla for the

second time to clinch the first set

before running away with the second

set. He will now play another

Spaniard, 11th-seeded Albert Costa,

In the meeting of two of the

name's brightest new kids on the

block, American James Blake fought

back to beat Chilean Fernando

The 22-year-old Blake, who plays

Carlos Moya next, was forced to dig

deep to save a breakpoint at 2-2 in

the second set but gradually tamed

an opponent who showed signs of

Kafelnikov's 6-3, 7-6 victory over

Ecuador's Nicolas Lapentti,

although he did have to save three

set points in the second set before

becoming the first man into the third

Earlier, Swiss Michel Kratochvil's

Less dramatic was Yevgeny

Gonzalez 6-7, 6-4, 6-4.

The 26-year-old wildcard, who

captain Guy Forget.

### by luring Tendulkar into edging a Sarwan, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, wide ball to first slip. Marlon Samuels, Ridley Jacobs, "But it doesn't deflect from the Lawson, who had dismissed Cameron Cuffy, Darren Powell, fact that I suppose we'll be the team Tendulkar in the second Madras Mervyn Dillon, Jermaine Lawson. under pressure.' Test, and Dillon frustrated him by Umpires: David Shepherd (Eng-The outstanding feature of the bowling to their field or wide of the land) and Asoka de Silva (Sri match should be the two stumps to keep him off the strike for strikeforces as former Rovers long spells. Tendulkar hit sever fours in his 65-ball knock. Hewitt, Ganguly also played many Agassi advance flowing off-side shots in his effort but

A press conference was organised yesterday in connection with Delta Life Women's Handball Championship which begins today.

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EATING FISH: "TEA FOR TUNA." Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals E 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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**INDIA:** First innings Bangar c W Hinds b Cuffy Sehwag Ibw b Dillon 35 Dravid Ibw b Powell Tendulkar c Gayle b Lawson Ganguly c Jacobs b Hooper Patel not out Harbhajan not out Extras: (lb-7, nb-8) 15 Total: (For 6 wkts in 83 overs) 275 NZZV BQ UZ RI BPZ ERBN Fall of wickets: 1-49, 2-72, 3-116, Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TUNE CONCERNING WHICH BEVERAGE IS BEST TO HAVE WHEN 4-165, 5-242, 6-271 To bat: Anil Kumble.

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Tennis

REUTERS, Paris

The battle for the Champions Race top spot reconvened at the Paris Masters on Tuesday as world num-

their second round matches. On the day the seeds were in action for the first time, there were also wins for Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Dutchman Sjeng Schalken while Argentine David Nalbandian kept alive his unlikely

ber one Lleyton Hewitt and his only

challenger, Andre Agassi, both won

quest for a place in the Masters Cup. Agassi made hard work of his opener against Argentina's Gaston Gaudio, eventually winning 6-4, 6-7 6-4. Hewitt, on the other hand, showed no signs of the virus that kept him out of the Masters Series in Madrid, defeating Finland's Jarkko Nieminen 6-2, 6-4 in little more than an hour.

Agassi, winner of the Paris Masters in 1994 and 1999, seemed to be in control of his second round match until an uncharacteristically sloppy second set tiebreak enabled his 23-year-old opponent to level. He broke to lead 5-3 in the third

set, but immediately lost his own serve before breaking again to clinch an unconvincing victory

Nalbandian, winner of the Swiss

indoor title last week, knows only the one-sided first round contest but matches to propel France to a title in Bercy will clinch a place in the Masters Cup, and he staved in contention with a 6-7, 6-3, 7-5 defeat of big-hitting Belarussian Max Mirnvi in a first round match. The beaten Wimbledon finalist

third seed Marat Safin on Wednesday. Earlier in the day there were mixed fortunes for the French players. Nicolas Escude brushed aside

secured a decisive break at 5-5 in

the third set to set up a clash with

Spain's Felix Mantilla 6-2, 6-1 in a

vear-old Spaniard Tommy Robredo. There was further disappointment for the boisterous Paris crowd later when Arnaud Clement lost a two hour 24 minute battle with giant

Dutchman Schalken 4-6, 6-2, 6-4. Clement, who suffered from cramps during the match, broke

Schalken's serve to lead 3-0 in the final set before being pegged back. Escude, who won both his singles

miserable indoor run continued when he was beaten 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 by Slovakian qualifier Dominik Hrbaty -his fourth consecutive first-round



the Paris Masters tournament on October 29.

