Nasser termed as insane

REUTERS, Melbourne

Nasser Hussain's decision to bowl first was insane and England's hopes of winning the Test series against Australia were already in ashes, local newspapers said.

Captain Hussain won the toss on Thursday in the first Ashes Test, put Australia in to bat on a flat pitch and watched the home side pile up 364 for two with centuries from Matthew Hayden (186 not out) and Ricky Ponting (123)

"NASSER INSANE" was the back-page heading of Melbourne tabloid newspaper the Herald Sun on Friday, with a kicker headline "Hayden laps up charity".

"The main talking point was Hussain's decision to bowl first on a pitch that played as it looked -- flat," the newspaper said.

National broadsheet newspaper The Australian carried a front-page headline "Series in ashes by tea, Day One" with a photograph of England's promising young fast bowler Simon Jones clutching his knee in agony after damaging ligaments while fielding.

A column by Mike Coward in The Australian was headlined: "Hussain's decision to bowl an insult to England's openers"

"Marcus Trescothick and Michael Vaughan will be within their rights to down tools if England ever get to bat in this Test match." Coward wrote, adding Hussain's decision to bowl first was "indefensi-

Azhar, Saglain join Surrey

REUTERS, London

Pakistan off-spinner Saglain Mushtag and all-rounder Azhar Mahmood have both signed new two-vear contracts with Surrey, the English county said on Thursday.

Both Saglain, who has been at Surrey since 1997, and Azhar, who played briefly for the county last season, are on tour with Pakistan in Zimbabwe.

"Azhar made a big impression on the side during his short spell at the start of last season," team manager Keith Meddlycott said in a statement on Surrey's website.

'He fitted straight into the team and I am extremely pleased that we have signed him on a two-year

"Saqlain has been an integral member of the team in the last five years and has been instrumental in our recent success."

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Correct answers

1. Who became man-of-match in the first Test between Bangladesh and South Africa? Ans: G Smith

2. Who won the Swisscom Challenge tennis title?

Ans: Schnyder 3. Bangladesh lost the first Test

against South Africa on the ..

Ans: 4th day 4. India won the second Test against

West Indies by Ans: 8 wkts

5. How many goals did Bangladesh

concede in AFC U-20 meet in Qatar?

Taposh released, FROM PAGE 13

Rafigul. "Doctors there don't want to take any risk with Rafiqul," he said.

The two along with fellow national mates Alok Kapali and Tushar Imran suffered injuries while going to Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on an auto-rickshaw on Wednesday. The three-wheeler overturned at the city's Ramna Park

All-rounder Alok and Tushar were released and advised to take rest after being attended with first

area to avoid a collision with a truck.

Dravid doubtful

Cricket

AFP, Nagpur

West Indies captain Carl Hooper played down security fears ahead of Saturday's second one-day international against India, saying his team was keen on driving home the early advantage.

"I think we are better in onedayers than in Tests," said Hooper, whose side lead 1-0 in the sevenmatch series following a last-ball victory in Wednesday's first game at Jamshedpur which was marred by

"It is important for us to win some tight games. It's good our batting clicked in the last match," said the West Indies captain.

The tourists successfully chased the big Indian total of 283-6 with four wickets to spare as Ramnaresh Sarwan smashed the last ball of the innings for the winning boundary in a match interrupted twice by crowd

"I have experienced unrest in the stands in the past and I am sure the administrators will now do what is best for the game," Hooper said. The organisers have beefed up

security for the match after the Jamshedpur incident. "We have deployed 200 volunteers at various gates apart from

350 policemen," said an official of

He went on to smash the champion

leggie for three consecutive fours

late in the day and claim his 12th

and fielding yesterday and we

aimed to put that right today," said

spinner Ashley Giles, who led

England's recovery with four wick-

Michael Vaughan ripped into

McGrath early to seize a psycholog-

ical series edge, but McGrath won

out in the end, tempting him to edge

to Gilchrist for 33 off 36 balls for his

incapacitated with a serious knee

injury. England are effectively down

to 18 wickets with which to salvage

there were expectations of a 600-

plus Australian innings after being

put into bat by captain Nasser

Hussain, vet England determinedly

against Australia, while Caddick

stepped up with 3-108 from 35

Thursday, was a different proposi-

tion on the second day, bowling a

tighter line and was rewarded with

the wickets of Hayden (197), skip-

Australian star, chipping in with his

eighth Test half-century and second

against England with an energetic

fours, some majestic along-the-

ground cover drives, before he top-

edged Caddick to Butcher at deep

The tourists had a rousing morn-

The leg-spinner clouted eight

Warne was the unlikely

per Steve Waugh (7) and Warne.

Giles snared 4-101, his best

Caddick, disappointing on

turned things around on Friday.

After Thursday's dire opening,

With paceman Simon Jones

404th Test scalp

the Gabba Test.

57 off 65 balls.

"We let ourselves down bowling

Test 50.

the host association.

"Security at the stadium will be tight as spectators have been banned from carrying bottles, sticks, transistors, crackers, horns, bells and lunch boxes." he said.

India, without the services of



RAHUL DRAVID

their key batsman Sachin Tendulkar (hamstring injury) and fast bowler Zaheer Khan (knee), are expected to include veteran paceman Javagal Srinath and all-rounder Sanjay Bangar.

Left-arm seamer Ashish Nehra and all-rounder Jaiprakash Yadav are likely to be axed as India attempt to square the series on a newly-laid

ing, rebounding from Thursday's

Hayden added 13 to his over-

Hayden clubbed 25 boundaries

night 186 before he gloved to

wicket-keeper Alec Stewart ending

and two sixes off 268 balls for his

10th Test century. He fell six runs

short of his highest Test score of 203

against India at Madras in March

No.4 spot, was circumspect scoring

26 in 122 minutes before he edged

to Trescothick at first slip off Craig

for 25 minutes the tourists captured

the important wicket of Waugh for

trap, caught at short leg by John

Crawley off a lifting Caddick deliv-

seven in 71 minutes.

After stalling Australia's scoring

Waugh fell to a well-laid English

There was more glee for England

with the dangerous Gilchrist, who

averages 58 batting at No.7, playing

White away from his body to Giles in

the gully and Australia were 415 for

back in the Australian team after

almost four years, added 63 for the

seventh wicket in even time before

Lehmann lazily drove to Butcher at

Bichel went next ball lbw and Jason

Gillespie saw off Giles' hattrick

attempt before Warne's splendid

before he was Ibw to give Giles his

Scoreboard at stumps on the sec-

ond day of the first Ashes cricket

McGrath only lasted two balls

Home-town favourite Andy

extra cover off Giles for 30

cameo came to an end.

SCOREBOARD

fourth wicket of the innings.

Warne and Darren Lehmann,

Martyn, batting in Mark Waugh's

gloom to send Hayden, Martyn,

Waugh and Gilchrist on their way.

England claw back

his 395-minute vigil

India's major worry ahead of the match is the fitness of batsman Rahul Dravid, who suffered cramps while keeping wickets in the previ-

Test wicketkeeper Parthiv Patel has been named as stand-by in case Dravid does not regain fitness before the match

"The team management wants Patel to be with the team for this match and the next one at Rajkot in case Dravid is not able to keep wickets," said Indian board secretary Karunakaran Nair.

TEAMS

INDIA (from): Saurav Ganguly (captain), Virender Sehwag, Venkatsai Laxman, Rahul Dravid, Yuvraj Singh, Mohammad Kaif, Harbhajan Singh, Sanjay Bangar, Anil Kumble, Javagal Srinath, Ajit Agarkar, Dinesh Mongia, Jaiprakash Yadav, Ashish Nehra and Parthiv Patel

WEST INDIES (from): Carl Hooper (captain), Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds, Marlon Samuels, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Ridley Jacobs, Mahendra Nagamootoo, Mervyn Dillon, Pedro Collins, Vasbert Drakes, Ricardo Powell, Corey Collymore, Cameron Cuffy, Darren Ganga, Ryan Hinds. Umpires: Asoka de Silva (Sri

Lanka) and K Hariharan (India).

Test between Australia and England

AUSTRALIA: First innings (over-

at the Gabba on Friday:

Langer c Stewart b Jones

Hayden c Stewart b Caddick

Martyn c Trescothick b White

Waugh c Crawley b Caddick

Lehmann c Butcher b Giles

Warne c Butcher b Caddick

Extras: (b-1, lb-11, w-1, nb-7)

Total: (All out in 130.2 overs) 492

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9 108

Gilchrist c Giles b White

Bichel Ibw b Giles

McGrath Ibw b Giles

Gillespie not out

niaht 364-2)

Ponting b Giles

Jansher puts return on hold

AFP, Cardiff

Jansher Khan's surprise comeback at the age of 33 may have reached the end of the line after Thursday's announcement that he is not fit enough to participate in next month's World Open in Antwerp.

The world champion a record eight times, Jansher had hoped to play once more in the December 6-14 event which made him a squash legend by becoming one of the eight invitees of the Professional Squash Association and the World Squash

But he has been forced to admit that he is not ready for this level of competition, saying: "Inshallah, next year I will be super-fit for participation in all international tournaments.'

Jansher claims that he will be continuing to train full time. However the rumours say he is still having difficulty in doing this, and after four years out of the game with knee and back injuries, it is an improbably steep road he has to climb to get back to a high standard.

True, the Pakistani surprised many people by suddenly reaching the quarter-finals of the CNS International in Karachi in September, beating the world number 12 Omar Elborolossy in the

Jacques jolts

26

30

57

R W

Van Jaarsveld, who took the field after play had been in progress for 80 minutes, had been dropped in favour of his provincial teammate Neil McKenzie after playing in the matches against Bangladesh. **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard at tea on the first day of the first Test between South Africa and Sri Lanka at the Wanderers Stadium on Friday:

SRI LANKA: First innings Atapattu b Pollock Arnold c Smith b Ntini Sangakkara c Smith b Elworthy 26 Jayawardene c Boucher b Kallis39 Jayasuriya c Smith b Kallis Tillakaratne not out H Fernando c Kirsten b Kallis Vaas c Kallis b Hall Extras: (b-4, lb-1, nb-1, w-1) Total: (For 7 wkts in 55.3 overs)141 Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-46, 3-86, 4 137, 5-140, 6-140, 7-141

| To bat: D Fernando, M Muralitharan, | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|--|--|--|--|--|
| R Perera | | | | | | | | | |
| Bowler | 0 | M | R | W | | | | | |
| Pollock | 13 | 8 | 16 | 1 | | | | | |
| Ntini | 14 | 5 | 45 | 1 | | | | | |
| Elworthy | 13 | 3 | 36 | 1 | | | | | |
| Kallis | 12 | 4 | 31 | 3 | | | | | |
| Hall | 3.3 | 1 | 8 | 1 | | | | | |
| SOUTH AFRICA: Shaun Pollock, | | | | | | | | | |
| Graeme S | mith, | Gary | Kirs | ten, | | | | | |
| Jacques Kallis, Ashwell Prince, Neil | | | | | | | | | |
| McKenzie, Martin van Jaarsveld, | | | | | | | | | |
| Mark Boucher, Andrew Hall, Steve | | | | | | | | | |
| Elworthy Makhaya Ntini | | | | | | | | | |

Elworthy, Makhaya Ntini

and Russell Tiffin (Zimbabwe).

B'desh men

FROM PAGE 13

After the Russians' victory, Khalifman, Svidler and Sergei Rublevsky hovered anxiously on the four boards of the Hungarian team, who were deep in battle against

Hungary could only draw on three boards, but Polgar came through with a smashing victory against Baadur Jobava that enabled them to hold second place. The contest for the men's title

can be decided in Friday's 13th round if Hungary does not reduce the deficit substantially. China edged England 2.5-1.5, on

the strength of Zhang Zhong's victory over Jonathan Speelman to remain in the top five.

After a series of modest performances. Armenia reappeared on the top three after trouncing Ukraine

The Armenians' victory was sparked by Vladimir Akopian's big victory over FIDE world champion Ruslan Ponomariov and Karen

Asrian's win over Vladimir Baklan. The Armenians have 30 points while Georgia. China and Israel were tied with 29.5 points. The round's biggest surprise was

Canada's upset draw against

Poland, which pulled them into a select group of countries with 29 points. These are Poland, England, Croatia and Yugoslavia. WOMEN The breaks continue to go

China's way as a tense battle for first has shaped up in the women's China tied Georgia for the lead

with 25.5 points thanks to an assist from Vietnam, which beat the Georgians, 2-1. Le Kieu Thien Kim, winless in her last two matches, broke that spell

with a gutsy triumph over Nana loseliani, who has dropped two games for her teammates. China salvaged a draw against Armenia. Their champions' pride

was seen in world champion Zhu Chen's rearguard performance, where she played a piece down for 37 moves. Russia crushed Hungary 2.5-.5 to jump into contention with 25

Vietnam's surprising performance placed them in tie for fourth and fifth places with 23 points.



Sri Lanka's Marvan Atapattu follows through on a cover-drive on the opening day of the first Test against South Africa in Johannesburg yesterday.

No tech-umps in S Africa

Cricket

REUTERS, London

The International Cricket Council (ICC) will not expand the use of television technology for umpires at next year's World Cup, cricket's world governing body said in a statement on Thursday

The ICC announced its decision after examining the report of a technology trial conducted during September's Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka.

ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed said the trial had increased their understanding of the practical implications of television technology, but confirmed they would not experiment with it during cricket's premier event. "Although the trial taught us a

lot...too many questions remain other events at this time," Speed said in the statement "The World Cup is cricket's preeminent tournament. It is of a stand-

ing, size and complexity far greater that the Champions Trophy and it is not a tournament to trial unproven playing conditions." The report identified several

areas of concern, including changes in the role of the three umpires at each game, the inclusion of television producers in the decision-making process, the costs associated with its introduction and the training and development needed to make it effective. ICC general manager David

Richardson said they were also concerned about the 12 additional umpires who would be used during the World Cup who had not been in Sri Lanka and had therefore not used the new system.

"These...umpires would have no experience with the expanded use of technology and this would have created another risk if we had asked them to use the technology in

this way for the first time at cricket's most important tournament, Richardson said.

The ICC confirmed that use of technology by umpires at the World Cup would be limited to line decisions for run-outs, stumpings, hit wicket and boundaries.

In a change to the existing playing conditions, technology would not be used to determine if a catch had been taken cleanly, unless the vision of both on-field umpires was obscured.

Speed added that the ICC would continue to examine the issue and the results of the trial. "The timing of the World Cup has

made it impractical to expand the role of technology at this event but it is an issue that the ICC will continue examine in detail." added Speed. The World Cup runs from

February 8 until the final in Johannesburg on March 23. Most of the games will be played in South Africa, although six matches have been scheduled in Zimbabwe.

Serena on a Jelena date

Tennis

AFP, Los Angeles

World No. 1 Serena Williams blew past Anna Smashnova in the first round of the WTA Tour Championships 6-2, 6-2 Thursday, but said she still can polish up her game after taking October off.

Williams - who counts the French Open. Wimbledon and US Open. among the eight titles she has earned in 12 tournaments this year took just 54 minutes to overwhelm the Israeli, who had zero winners to Williams' 28

But Williams also had 28

Williams, who is trying to become the first woman since Steffi Graf in 1995-96 to successfully defend her Championships crown. The elite season finale is open to the top 16 players in the world.

answer for Williams, the American said she hoped to improve her concentration against quarterfinal opponent Jelena Dokic of Yugoslavia

a few more shots. It's just a matter of mentally focusing," added Williams, who was playing her first match since her tournament triumph in Leipzig in September. After that she decided she needed a rest.

"The end of the year is always especially tough," Williams said. "It's one more tournament, one more match. You get to the point where, you hit one forehand too many, you can go crazy." In Dokic she'll meet a player who

has played 29 tournaments this "It's 11 months of tennis," Dokic

getting tired and injured. I think it's ust the schedule that does it." Dokic closed out unseeded Russian Anastasia Myskina 6-3, 6-

said. "I think a lot of players are

4, but needed three match points to Dokic avenged a loss to Myskina the semifinals at Bahia in

September, and said she could tell the Russian was nervous "I think she gets a lot more nervous in bigger occasions, I think

that's what happened today," said Dokic. "I played enough to win the match. I could have played better. My goal was to get through the first

Myskina had hoped for more in her first appearance in the Championships

"Right now I feel like it's really the worst match of my life," she said. admitting that the pressure of playing in the elite field got to her. On the plus side, she now gets a couple of

weeks off. "I'm going to send my racquets straight to Russia and go the opposite way," Myskina said. Seventh-seeded Slovakian

Daniela Hantuchova also made a first-round exit in her Championships debut, falling 6-2, 7-5 to Bulgarian Magdalena Maleeva. Hantuchova was a late arrival in

Los Angeles after helping Slovakia to their first ever FedCup crown in Spain last weekend. But Maleeva had little sympathy

for any plea of fatigue on the part of her 19-year-old opponent. "Everybody is tired," she said

"I'm dead. You just deal with it."

In the quarterfinals Maleeva will play Australian Open champion Jennifer Capriati. The third-seeded American defeated Italian Silvia Farina Elia 7-5, 6-1.

The quarterfinals get underway on Friday, when fourth seed Justine Henin meets No. 5 Kim Clijsters in an all-Belgian match, and secondseeded American Venus Williams faces sixth-seeded compatriot Monica Seles.

Andre lurks in Shanghai



REUTERS, Shanghai

The Andre Agassi poster has long gone from Lleyton Hewitt's bedroom wall but the American dynamo will still be filling Hewitt's thoughts in the days leading up to next week's

sharp and fast as ever, is the only player in the exclusive eight-man Shanghai field capable of toppling Hewitt for the end-of-year number To do so, he will more likely than

not have to win the season-ender for the first time since 1990. Despite having won five titles this year Agassi is without a major crown in 2002. Victory in Shanghai would put

Certainly Hewitt knows that the man who was his tennis hero as a child is more than capable of ruining

feisty Australian said as he looked ahead to Shanghai. "A lot of guys wouldn't be able to

do it at 32 but he is in such great shape that I'm not even going to put a time line on when he is going to

"He is moving as well as ever

his fitness is definitely not dropping off. It is gonna be tough to finish number one the way that Andre has been playing ... he's a very tough

close quarters in September when Agassi blew him away in the semifinals of the US Open "If Andre is too good and gets number one you have to take your

two ways about it." Hewitt heads to Shanghai 88 points ahead of Agassi. With 150

points available to an unbeaten

Sydney last year. Then, rankings were far from his thoughts in the run-up to the yearender. This year they are para-

"It is funny because last year, at the time. I couldn't give two hoots about getting number one. I really couldn't have cared less. I had won the US Open and for me that was the biggest thrill ... the biggest accomplishment of my career at the

"I didn't think about chasing

ranked five going into the US Open. then I was up to number three. Three was pretty good for me at that

I knew that going into the Masters Cup, in front of my home crowd, if I won the tournament I would be number one and I just went for it.

"I would be happier if I was further ahead going into Shanghai but I've had a tremendous year whatever happens," the reigning

themselves Even though only Agassi can

haul Hewitt, with a total prize pot of 3.7 million dollars on offer the other six competitors will be playing for fai more than pride.

ender that only the United States can match.

Ferrero finds himself in the Gold Group with Agassi, Roger Federer and Jiri Novak.

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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.

Fall of wickets: 1-67, 2-339, 3-378, 4-399, 5-408, 6-415, 7-478, 8-478, 0 Bowler 35 Caddick

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Extras: (lb-5, nb-5, w-1) Total: (For 1 wkt in 47 overs) 158 Fall of wicket: 1-49 John To bat: Nasser Hussain,

| Crawley, Alec Stewart, Craig White, | | | | | | | | | |
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Indies) and Rudi Koertzen (South

Harare Test from today

equipped for the challenges of the

lot, and I've learnt to cope better

under pressure," said Campbell

who will relinquish the captaincy to

Streak when the latter regains his

who are smarting from a run of poor

results including a 3-0 drubbing in a

Test series against Australia, to play

aggressive cricket in the two match

Campbell expected Pakistan,

"I've matured a lot and learnt a

"Even if there is sunshine now it's going to be wet come Saturday

morning, and the toss will be very interesting," he told Reuters. Campbell captained Zimbabwe from 1996 to 1999 before resigning to focus on his batting, but returned as skipper after Heath Streak dislocated his shoulder in a traffic acci-

dent during the Champions Trophy in Colombo in September. Campbell said he now felt better

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ONE COULD IMAGINE THAT A REEF DIVER'S FAVORITE THING TO LISTEN TO IS CORAL MUSIC. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals L

Test at Sharjah

stable

"They're a strange side," Campbell said of the visitors. "When they're down they're really down, but when they're in a corner they come out all guns blazing.

"They are going to want to put in

a big performance against us." Pakistan coach Richard Pybus felt inexperience at the crease was at the root of Pakistan's problems against Australia, which included being dismissed for their lowest scores of 59 and 53 in the second

"We just had a really young batting line up against Australia," Pybus, who has been laid low by food poisoning, told Reuters. "Having Inzamamul Hag and Yousuf Youhana back in the side will

be good for our batting because our

middle order will be a lot more

Pakistan will play five one day

internationals after the Test series before moving on to South Africa for another two Tests and five one day internationals "We're looking at it as a southern African tour of four Tests and 10 one

day internationals, and we've set

our targets accordingly." Pybus

SQUADS ZIMBABWE (from): Dion Ebrahim,

Hamilton Masakadza, Alistair Campbell (captain), Andy Flower, Grant Flower, Guy Whittall, Tatenda Taibu, Andy Blignaut, Blessing Mahwire, Ray Price, Henry Olonga, Mark Vermeulen, Mluleki Nkala. PAKISTAN (from): Waqar Younis (captain), Inzamamul Haq, Taufeeq

Umar, Shahid Afridi, Salim Elahi,

Yousuf Youhana, Hasan Raza,

Faisal Iqbal, Younis Khan, Rashid

Latif, Kamran Akmal, Shoaib Akhtar,

Muhammad Sami, Muhammad

Zahid, Saqlain Mushtaq.

unforced errors, and her six double faults matched her total of six aces. "I would love to improve on my serve, and also my return," said

While Smashnova clearly had no

"I think I could have zeroed in on

Tennis Masters Cup. Agassi, 32 years of age and as

"Age doesn't come into it ... not if you name is Andre Agassi," the

player to beat on any surface. Hewitt found that out at painful

hat off to him. But if I get to keep number one it will be fantastic, no

champion, he is well within range. Hewitt himself overhauled a number one in the final week of the season -- Gustavo Kuerten -- when he became the youngest year-end world number one aged 20 by winning the Tennis Masters Cup in

Guga (Kuerten). One minute I was

Then basically it hit home when

Wimbledon champion said. Agassi has been keeping tightlipped about his chances and will typically let his actions speak for

accumulate enough points to over-With Carlos Moya, Juan Carlos Ferrero and Albert Costa booked in.

Spain have three entrants for the

first time -- a record at the year-

Costa and Mova have been grouped together with Hewitt and Marat Safin in the Red Group and can do a great deal to help Agassi to topple Hewitt.