The Daily Star

'Give us the Ashes' REUTERS, Canberra

Australian Prime Minister John Howard has made a public appeal for England to hand the Ashes urn over to Australia, saying it may give the battered English team an incentive to win the trophy back.



JOHN HOWARD

In a statement splashed across the front page of Sydney's Daily Telegraph tabloid, Howard said the time had come for England to surrender the Ashes trophy.

His comments came after the victory over England on Sunday in the third test of the five-match series gave Australia a run of eight successive Ashes series wins. "Given our sustained suprem-

acy, it is not unreasonable to argue the urn should be on display in Australia," said Howard, who has previously described himself as a 'self-confessed cricket tragic".

"I ask our English friends to look at it this way: If the urn were to come to Australia, then they would have a much greater incentive to win it back," he said.

England have not won a single match since arriving in Australia in October and have been crippled by injuries

The Ashes were introduced 120 years ago when Australia won a series in England for the first time. Following the decisive defeat at The Oval, The Sporting Times published a now famous mock

obituary for English cricket. Although there is some argument about the exact nature of the Ashes, the most generally accepted story is that months later a group of Melbourne ladies burnt a set of bails and presented their ashes to a touring English team, who took them home where they have remained ever since.

What to Watch

FROM PAGE 13 **Sportsline Tonight** Sport News Live at 8:00 pm Asia Sport Show Int'l Sports News Repeat at 8:30 pm (Saturday) English Premier Football League Charlton Athletic vs Liverpool Live at 8:55 pm (Sunday) South Africa vs Pakistan

Cricket

AFP, London

England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff insisted in a press report here Wednesday that he had done "everything asked of me" in a bid to regain match fitness and play an active part in the ongoing tour of Australia

the first three Tests, apart from occasional spells as a substitute fielder, watching from the sidelines. In the meantime Australia have retained the Ashes for an eighth successive series with a trio of crushing victories, leaving Steve Wauch's men an unbeatable 3-0 up

in the five match campaign. The England selectors' decision to pick Flintoff, who had a double hernia operation in August, has been severely criticised and so too has the medical advice upon which thev acted.

But Flintoff too has taken plenty of flak, with reports from within the England camp indicating that he has not stuck to his training regime.

MacLaurin.

MacLaurin, who steps down in

Ian wants Nasser's head

Cricket

thrashing in Australia. Waugh's men in Perth saw England

campaign.

tion, has also said wicket-keeper

bid farewell to Alec Stewart. Andv AFP, London Caddick and, I'm sorry to say, Nasser Hussain as Test captain.' Former England captain lan Botham has said current skipper waved the flag for England since Nasser Hussain should lose his job

in the wake of the team's Ashes An innings defeat by Steve

lose their eighth successive Ashes series, Australia taking an unbeatable 3-0 lead in the best of five Test

It was too much to take for legendary all-rounder Botham who, as well as calling for Hussain's resigna-

trating.

Mirror.

interview

However, the only member of the England hierarchy to publicly guestion the Lancashire star's discipline is outgoing England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) chairman Ian

"I think he was doing things during his recuperation that he probably shouldn't have,"



remains a real doubt after he admitted feeling "soreness" at the end of his initial six-over spell during a practice game in Adelaide on Tuesday

January, said of Flintoff in a recent

his six foot four inch frame in shape

has been criticised in the past,

insisted he had not shirked any part

ANDREW FLINTOFF

"I've done everything that has

been asked of me, yet the injury is

taking longer to heal than anybody

thought." he told Wednesday's

edition of The Sun. "It is very frus-

the injury or his critics deflect from

his aim of making a full recovery.

around at the moment. But my aim is

just to get fit and be able to play at

lively medium-pace bowling and

told Tuesday's edition of the Daily

"England must bit the bullet and

Botham said he had "often

England had hoped that Flintoff's

100 percent again."

There are a lot of comments flying

But Flintoff said he would not let

of his fitness programme.

But Flintoff, whose ability to keep

However, during the same match he tuned up his batting with 98 from just 66 deliveries. Flintoff has been just one of

aggressive middle-order batting

would be an advantage on

Australian pitches which are gener-

ally bouncier than their home sur-

Flintoff's next comeback target is

England's opening match of the

triangular one-day series, also

faces.

Sydney

several England bowling casualties with paceman Darren Gough (knee), another who flew out to Australia with an existing injury, forced to return home without playing a Test.

And during the course of the tour Simon Jones (cruciate liagment), spinner Ashley Giles (wrist) and Jones' replacement Chris Silverwood (ankle) have all sustained injuries.

Jones is already back in his native Wales and Silverwood is highly unlikely to feature in the oneday series or the remaining Tests. Although England expect Giles

to return that still leaves captain Nasser Hussain with huge gaps in his pace attack.

pecking of his bowlers from mid-off

every other ball.

sacked.

heeded

series.

from the job.'

Flintoff feels let down Lanka bowled out cheaply

SPORT

AFP, Kimberley

Hockey The freak dismissal of Marvan Atapattu sparked a Sri Lankan collapse in the fourth one-day AFP, Perth international against South Africa at De Beers Diamond Oval here on China breezed into the semifinals of Wednesday. Sri Lanka were all out for 184

featuring Sri Lanka, against Australia on December 13 in after racing to 58 for no wicket in the first ten overs.

But whether he can bowl his Atapattu, who made a matchquota of 10 overs at full pace winning 123 not out in the third match of the series in Benoni Sunday, was in magnificent form before he was run out for 39. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard after Sri Lanka's innings in the fourth one-day international against South Africa at De Beers Diamond Oval on Wednesday

SRI LANKA Atapattu run out (Boucher) Jayasuriya c McKenzie b Donald27 Sangakkara c McKenzie b Kallis 1 De Silva c Ntini b Kallis

Jayawardene lbw b Donald 9 Tillakaratne b Pollock Arnold c McKenzie b Pollock 50 Vaas Ibw b Pollock Nissanka c Boucher b Klusener

Fernando c Boucher b Donald Gunaratne not out Extras: (b-4, lb-8, nb-2, w-6) 20 Total: (All out in 47.3 overs) 184 Fall of wickets: 1-58, 2-61, 3-64, 4 78, 5-97, 6-131, 7-146, 8-152, 9-155

м Bowler 0 R 9.3 0 40 Pollock 35 Ntini Kallis 5 0 25

10 18 3 Donald 29 Klusener 9 0 25 Peterson 0 SOUTH AFRICA: Shaun Pollock, Herschelle Gibbs, Andrew Hall, Neil McKenzie, Jacques Kallis, Jonty Rhodes, Lance Klusener, Mark

Boucher, Robin Peterson, Allan "Ás (former Australia fast bowler) Donald, Makhaya Ntini. Jeff Thomson said on TV during the Umpires: Ian Howell (South Africa) Perth Test, Nasser wouldn't like it if and Russell Tiffin (Zimbabwe). someone ran up to him as he took

quard and told him which shot to Pakistan reveal team for U-15 Asia Cup

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan was expecting tough competition from India and Sri Lanka in next week's under-15 Asia "He deserves to go with dignity Cup, batting coach Zaheer Abbas so I hope he is able to walk away said Wednesday after the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) announced the But with Hussain repeatedly

squad. making it clear he was not about to "We have high hopes from the quit and England's chairman of team in the Asia Cup, and our main rivals would be India and Sri Lanka," selectors, David Graveney, saying batting legend Abbas told AFP. Monday it was "paramount" that the Essex batsman stayed as captain,

The first ever under-15 Asia Cup is scheduled to be played in Dubai and Sharjah from December 7 to 22, with 14 teams taking part. "Since I have not seen other

teams at this level, I can't say what is in store for us, but our team is good enough to win." he said. The event is part of the Asian

bound to happen. I felt comfortable Cricket Council's development

Friday's other semifinal

China in last four

"I was satisfied with the result and to get into the semi-finals but it was not my personal goal just to make the semi-finals as I have had a third place in a World Cup before," said Kim Chang-Back.

DHAKA THURSDAY DECEMBER 5, 2002

the women's field hockey World Cup "I do not know if China can win here on Wednesday with a 2-0 win the World Cup but the players are fit enough to play two more big The Chinese, who had to beat the matches. Kiwis to make it through after South

Australia has not beaten Argentina since the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, with Argentina winning three and three matches drawn

in the semifinals. China drew 1-1 Australia's coach said he was with the Netherlands at the looking forward to taking on the Champions Trophy in Macau in Argentinians with home advantage. August, an event the Chinese went "Argentina is a quality team but

demolished Ireland 6-0. their game today was flat too," said David Bell. Japan held Australia to a 1-1 "We are looking forward to playdraw but had no influence on the pool standings with Australia staying

ing Argentina." Australia's co-captain, Louise Dobson, said the home side would

"We think we can beat Argentina," she said.

the men's and women's players of England jumped from fifth to third the vear.

Sampras still doubtful

Tennis

over New Zealand.

on to win.

here

Korea's 6-2 victory over Scotland

earlier in the day, saw off the New

They will meet the in-form Dutch

Fu Baorong tipped in a pass from

Hou Xiaolan in the 13th minute and

Cheng Hui tapped in a rebound from

a Zhou Wanfeng shot four minutes

from the break to secure victory

aiming to set up a final against either

Australia or Argentina, who will play

China's coach said she was

Zealanders with two first-half goals.

REUTERS, Melbourne Australian Open organisers are still unsure whether US Open champion Pete Sampras will compete at next

month's grand slam tournament. Sampras was automatically included in the official entries for the January 13-26 event when nominations closed on Wednesday but has

yet to indicate whether he will play. "Like everyone else we're still waiting to see what Pete's future in tennis is," an Australian Open

> spokesman told Reuters. Sandrine Testud, who is pregnant, "Of course we're hoping he'll and world number nine Jelena come, but at this stage we really Dokic, who has refused to play in don't know."

Sampras has not played since winning the U.S. Open in September and has hinted he may Capriati was among the nominees retire. His wife Bridgette gave birth along with world number one to their first child last month. Serena Williams and her big sister Under ATP rules, the top 100 Venus.

The three exceptions were

former world number one Arantxa

Sanchez-Vicario, who has retired,

Defending champion Jennifer

Three times Australian Open ranked men were automatically entered into the tournament unless champion Martina Hingis also they had notified organisers they appeared on the list despite recently would not be playing. undergoing ankle surgery. "It's great to see that triple cham-

The only player to do that was American Todd Martin, who lost the pion Martina has indicated that she wants to play," Australian Open chief executive Paul McNamee said 1994 Australian Open final to The women, unlike the men,

in a statement. have to nominate themselves for the "Like her we'll be keeping our fingers crossed that she'll be fit in tournament and organisers said 97 of the top 100 had signed up to play. time for January."

Australia's world number one Lleyton Hewitt headed the list of entries in the men's event while Andre Agassi is going back for a shot at a fourth title at Melbourne Park.

that I won't stay in the wilderness

any longer. Then it coincided with

the proposal from the West Indies

DSS: What are the major

VR: The selectors come under

difficulties you are facing now in the

West Indies? How do you plan to

lot of fire in the West Indies every

Board and Laccepted that.

overcome it?

place in Pool B after winning 3-0

over Spain, earning the right to play

get ahead of Spain on goal differ-

minutes, Jane Smith added a sec-

ond midway through the second half

and Anna Bennett chipped in a loose

Germany defeated Ukraine 5-2.

In the earlier Pool A match,

Pool A cellar-dwellers Russia

held undefeated Argentina goalless

for 54 minutes until top-scorer

Agustina Garcia popped up to

United States 5-2 and South Africa

in second place and Japan in fifth.

Thursday is a rest day for all

teams during which the International

Hockey Federation will announce

In Pool B, Netherlands beat

settled a meaningless encounter.

ence and scored them in style.

England needed three goals to

Helen Grant scored on five

off for fifth to eighth place.

ball seconds from time.

In King Viv's court

Australia again.

Sampras.

FROM PAGE 13

through my contribution and aggressive attitude my team was successful.

DSS: You never used a helmet against the fast bowlers. Was there any particular reason for that?

VR: Not really. It's just like driving a racecar. If you are going to worry about the speed in which you are driving or if you worry about running out of the track--- you know, you can't win many races. Accidents are

he was in the ring he believed he was the best. And even though he had respect for other performers, he still knew he was the best. It's the same when I was there.

DSS: Which were the bowlers you found difficult to negotiate in vour time?

VR: Oh, there were many like Chandrashekhar, Imran Khan Abdul Qadir was also a very good bowler.

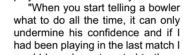
time the team fails. But I am a DSS: Which present day reasonably strong man regarding batsmen impress you? what I want to do.

Hussain took over and he deserves the nation's gratitude for restoring their credibility. But he added that the current series had clearly taken its toll. "Nasser did a great job in mar-

shalling those memorable wins against the West Indies, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, but now he looks shellshocked.

"That is understandable because England's catalogue of injuries and sub-standard perfor-





Botham's words are unlikely to be

the captaincy during an Ashes

He himself knows all about losing

After bagging a pair in the drawn

second Test at Lord's in 1981,

Botham resigned as England skip-

per, although Alec Bedser, then the

play from the next delivery.

would have been tempted to throw the ball back at him." However, Botham said he hoped Hussain would resign rather than be

Live at 1:55 pm Primera Liga Mallorca vs Real Madrid Live at 12:00 am (Monday)

First ODI

Money doesn't

"If money was my intent, it would be much less stressful and easier to play county cricket (in England) and earn more money than I can by plaving for Australia... I would play for nothing if there was no revenue being generated from the game."

Waugh was this week left out of Australia's preliminary 30-man squad for the World Cup one-day cricket contest next year, fuelling speculation that his international career would end when the current England Ashes tour to Australia wraps up in January.

Waugh was already dropped from the Australia one-day team in February and although he led the Test squad to an early victory in the Ashes series, many see this as his last Test campaign.

Since Steve's twin brother Mark was forced off the Test squad by selectors ahead of the Ashes series due to poor form, there have been suggestions in the press that Steve should avoid such ignominy by retiring of his own accord.

When Waugh made clear this week that he hoped to still be leading Australia when they meet India for a Test series in 2004, some commentators saw his determination as simple greed.

But Waugh wrote Thursday that he still hadn't given up hope of forcing his way back into the World Cup squad, and beyond, and insisted his perseverance was not about money

allegations of match-fixing, with its He said it was "the Australian finish as runners-up in the 1999 way to never give up", which was a World Cup in England marred by reason why the cricket side was allegations it was a rigged result. such a success

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for Adam Gilchrist three years ago before a home Brisbane Test against Pakistan and Mark Waugh was told his time was up just over a month ago.

The newspaper speculation is that Hohns will have to drop Waugh.

Some commentators are saying that Waugh has the ideal match to bow out in Sydney in New Year, with the Ashes already secured and a home crowd to give him a rapturous farewell, but Waugh gives every indication of sticking on.



IAN BOTHAM

Alec Stewart and fast bowler Andy Caddick should have their international careers terminated.

"Enough is enough. After yet another Ashes series defeat, it's time to clear out the dead wood and build a brave new England," Botham

Cricket

Pakistani cricket officials said

Wednesday they will raise the

issues of ball-tampering, match-

fixing and doping with the national

side ahead of next year's World Cup

light over match-fixing and ball-

tampering whereas others are

cleared ... we would talk to the

players on that," Pakistan Cricket

Board (PCB) chairman Lieutenant

Fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar was

"Akhtar must have his viewpoint

reprimanded by International

Cricket Council (ICC) referee Clive

Lloyd last month for ball tampering.

on that, which I am not ready to take.

He was found guilty and punished

so he must have done that," PCB

Pakistan has been dogged by

Pakistan banned former captain

Salim Malik and pace bowler Ataur

Rehman for life in 2000 after a

match-fixing inquiry, while

Pakistan's surprise loss to outsiders

Bangladesh and India in the 1999

Cup were widely seen as the results

of fixing. Nobody was convicted of

"Obviously the World Cup is a

high-profile event and we need to

talk to the players and besides fixing

and tampering, we have also done a

lot of work (talking about) doping as

The ICC is set to introduce dope-

testing of players for the first time in

offences relating to the allegations.

General Tauqir Zia told reporters.

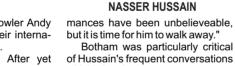
"Pakistan has been in the lime-

AFP, Karachi

in South Africa.

chairman said.

well." Zia said.



with his bowlers. "Hussain's captaincy has clearly suffered, notably the excessive hen-

PCB's WC, ICC agenda

international cricket during next

meeting this week with the ICC to

press for its return to hosting

matches following several nations'

refusal to play here due to security

concerns. officials said Wednesday.

world cricket's top official and other

ICC president Malcolm Gray,

Meanwhile. Pakistan will use a

year's World Cup.

attacks.

of Grav's visit.

Bangladesh.

this year

home series.

agrees to visit us," Zia said.

New Zealand's rescheduled tour,

Pakistan said it lost 20-25 million

"Our stance is that now we won't

postponed after September 2001,

had to be cut short after a suicide

bomb blast outside the team's hotel

dollars in revenue in the last year

due to the relocation abroad of the

play at neutral venues, and it would be

only on the government's advice that

tunity to seek an end to India's two-

vear boycott on play with Pakistan

over concerns Islamabad was

fomenting unrest in Indian-

The PCB will also use the oppor-

we play at neutral venues." Zia said.

killed 14 people May 8 this year.

a subsequent television interview that the decision had already been taken to remove him from the job. But with Australia 1-0 up, Botham proceeded to turn in an extraordinary sequence of match-winning

Test series 3-1.

break the ice.

money," he said.

programme, aimed at encouraging chairman of selectors, confirmed in junior talent. Teams from Oman, the United

Arab Emirates, Maldives, Hong Kong and Thailand form Group A, while Malaysia, Nepal, Kuwait, Singapore and Qatar form Group B. Winners and runners-up of the performances, with both bat and two groups will join Asia's Testball, which saw England win the six

playing countries -- Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka -- to feature in the Super Six Stages. SQUAD

Fazal Mohammad Khan (captain), Adnan Raza (vice captain), Suleman Ali, Favvaz Ahmed, Yasir Arafat, Salman Akbar Butt, Owais Ahmed, Raza Ali Dar, Mansoor Amjad, Fahad Zaman, Mohammad Umer Khaliq, Jamshed Ahmed, Nasir Ahmed, and Nawaz Sikander.

Mathieu hopes to rebound

REUTERS, Paris

Frenchman Paul-Henri Mathieu is looking forward to getting back on the tennis court after his shock defeat in the decisive game of the Davis Cup final against Russian Mikhail Youzhny, he said.

"I still have the same dreams: to give my maximum in order to get as high as possible," the 20 year-old told French sports daily L'Equipe.

"Big defeats make you improve as well as great victories. "He (Youzhny) hit incredible shots. I knew he was talented. Forehand, backhand, he did everything. But he had no fear and even if he looked tired at times, he finished

strongly.' Mathieu said he never felt the match. which he lost 3-6. 2-6. 6-3. 7-5, 6-4, was slipping from his grasp. "Even in the fifth set. I came back

for 3-3. No, even when he was serving for the match, I was still there. I hoped I would come back and told myself that he was not mentally strong. But he was."

He recalled his similar defeat from two sets up against Andre Agassi in the French Open earlier this year, arguing it had been a turning point in his career.

"I'm persuaded this one (against Youzhny) will have the same effect." After he was defeated in five sets by Agassi at Roland Garros, Mathieu won two tournaments in a row, in Moscow then in Lyon, before he had to pull out of the Paris Masters Series with an injury.

without a helmet and if I got hurt or seriously injured out in the field. there's no better place to experience that than in the middle. DSS: When someone plays aggressive cricket these days, invariably his style is compared to that of Viv Richards. How does that make you feel?

VR: Well that's really nice. If you see your name being mentioned even today that is great.

DSS: Critics say that if you had played against bowlers like Roberts, Marshall, Holding or Garner, you would not have been as successful as you are today. What's your answer to this criticism?

VR: Never, because I played against the best bowlers that the world had to offer. So, that's not true.

DSS: You gave an impression of being aggressive and extremely confident on the field. Do you believe that such an aura is vital for success in cricket?

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VR: Most certainly. It's like Mohammad Ali's philosophy. When

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VR: I think Sachin is a marvelous batsman. He has his own style. Ricky Ponting also has his own style. I believe Sehwag is the most aggressive batsman. Sachin is a little cautious these days. But when I see Sehwag, it gives me excitement because that's the way I played. It's nice to see him taking on the bowlers. It's very very refreshing.

DSS: You retired from the game in 1991 and after all these years you have come to serve West Indies cricket in a different capacity. What took you so long to get involved in your country's cricket?

VR: Well, I wanted a break after playing for so many years. I wanted to do something different. I worked for West Indies tourism department. Later I became an ambassador and all that stuff. There are so many things that I wanted to do apart from playing cricket. But I started to miss cricket. I started to miss something, which has given me my livelihood, something, which I had enormous amount of respect for. So I decided

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DSS: The present West Indies team is a mixture of young guns and experienced players like Brian Lara and Carl Hooper. How is the team ielling as a unit?

VR: I think they have jelled well. The way they have played the oneday tournament in India and in Bangladesh, it shows that they are mentally strong enough even without Hooper and Lara. I think that's a plus point for West Indies cricket. Now we have the belief that even if the experienced players are not there the team can still perform.

That's very important. DSS: What is your dream now

with the present West Indies team? Do you think they can be a serious contender in next year's World Cup? VR: Oh, yes! They are going to

be a serious contender. Someone asked me that who is going to be the dark horse and I said the West Indies will be the dark horse.



ABTSU ІВТ Q DBUU Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN THE TRIAL, A STONEMASON TESTIFIED FIRST. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE CONCRETE EVIDENCE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals R

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ICC members are due to arrive in Lahore Thursday for a December 7-8 meeting where the PCB will seek a resumption of international cricket activities that were halted in the wake of last year's September 11 security "It is a fact-finding mission just like the one he did in India." Zia said AFP, Nairobi

> South African security experts are to visit Kenya early next month to discuss the security measures for the two matches the country is due to host in the 2003 cricket World Cup. local officials said here Tuesday.

taken in the wake of the terrorist attacks on Israeli targets in Mombasa that killed 16 people last week," Kenya organising committee chairman Sharad Ghai said.

and the Kenyan police will be involved in all the arrangements of the event. There will security arrangements involved as well, Ghai told a news conference attended by South African High Commission officials and organising committee members.

in Nairobi in February.

check Kenya

Prior to the meeting in Lahore. Gray was scheduled Thursday to hold talks with Pakistan President General Pervez Musharraf and the high commissioners of India, Australia, Sri Lanka and

"We hope the rest of the world "The precautions have been Pakistan was forced to play its series against the West Indies and Australia at neutral venues earlier

"The South African government

Ghai said that Kenya would be forced to seek financial support from the South African World Cup Organising Committee, or the International Cricket Council (ICC), to meet the huge expenses of hosting New Zealand and Sri Lanka

SA officials to

administered Kashmir, Zia said.

Zia said he did not rule out con-

"If we get enough revenue, which

sidering the neutral venue option to

we have lost already, it would be silly

on our part not to consider playing at

neutral venues with India because

we don't want to lose any more