ping boys Kenya, who have already

In Bizerte, Mamadou Niang scored

twice as Senegal eased past the

Kenyans 3-0 to edge closer to the

quarter-finals and condemn their

against Burkina Faso, the pressure was

on Senegal to deliver and they did just

that by outclassing Kenya in the open-

30th minutes with Pape Bouba Diop

adding another in the 18th as Senega

on to the scoresheet," said Senegal's

and that's important. I hope now we

cango on and reach the quarterfinals.

win the African Nations Cup and it

wrapped up victory by the break.

Liverpool ace El Hadji Diouf.

After a disappointing 0-0 draw

Niang scored in the fourth and

Iwas disappointed I never made it

But the other guys got the goals

It has been my dream always to

opponents to elimination.

conceded six goals.

ing 45 minutes.

# Heartbroken Belgian

### Australian 🔊 Open

REUTERS/AFP, Melbourne

Kim Clijsters kept her anger in check after her latest Grand Slam heartbreak on Saturday, refusing to blame a controversial line call for her 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 defeat by Justine Henin-Hardenne in the Australian Open final.

Clijsters was the victim of an overrule from the chair umpire while facing break point at 4-3 down in the final set. Television replays showed her volley had clipped the

"I'm not going to blame the umpire or anything because everybody makes mistakes," said Clijsters, biting her tongue.

"I'm not the type of player to start complaining after matches. I don't

Ricardo Powell hit a half-century for

the West Indies before rain wrecked

the third one-day international

against South Africa at Kingsmead

eight in an innings reduced to 40

overs after two interruptions for

target of 169 in 40 overs, were 15 for

one when rain drove the players off

the field for the third and final time.

2-0 lead in the five-match series,

score in a West Indian innings which

started slowly before becoming a

frenetic mix of runs and wickets

after the second rain break caused

overs earlier, the West Indies

resumed with only 9.1 overs remain-

ing. They added 49 runs but lost five

wickets as they took risks in order to

Having scored 98 for three in 30.5

the number of overs to be reduced.

with two games still to be played.

South Africa hold an unbeatable

Powell's 50 was easily the highest

South Africa, with an adjusted

The West Indies made 147 for

Cricket

AFP, Durban

here on Friday.

people have told me that it was in, so that's even more disappoir ting."

In a rare show of temper, Clijsters yelled, "No way!" following umpire Sandra De Jenken's intervention on that crucial point.

After the match, Clijsters agreed that a second umpire would help avoid confusion over line calls.

"You know, that's what they do in cricket. I'm not going to say that because it happened to me today that all of a sudden I want to have it. But maybe, yeah, in the future," she

Clijsters added: "You feel things when they come off the racket. I definitely had the feeling it was good but there's nothing I can do about it

The Belgian insisted she did not have a psychological problem after losing the fourth Grand Slam final of

won the toss for the first time in the

series and decided to bat in condi-

tions which were tricky for batting.

up to the match Thursday and the

weather was overcast and humid,

with the floodlights switched on at

setback when Chris Gayle was

caught at point by Herschelle Gibbs

off Andre Nel for one, with only three

runs on the board, in the fourth over.

cautiously as he and Powell put on

49 for the second wicket before

Chanderpaul top-edged a hook

against Lance Klusener and was

caught by Jacques Rudolph at deep

backward square leg for 17 off 55

for explosive innings lower down the

order, showed responsibility after

being promoted to number three

but still hit some powerful strokes as

he went to a half-century off 69 balls

Makhaya Ntini off his toes and Boeta

Dippenaar caught him at deep mid-

But two balls later, he flicked

The hard-hitting Powell, known

Shivnarine Chanderpaul played

The West Indies suffered an early

There had been rain in the build-

Rain stoppage at Durban

loss to Henin-Hardenne following defeats last year in the French and US Open finals.

The latest defeat will re-open the debate about Clijsters' big-match temperament, which has now come



KIM CLIJSTERS

had four but made only 15 before he

skied the first ball bowled by Jacques

Kallis to present Boucher with a

catch soon after the second rain

balls earlier for 29 when he was

caught at deep cover off Shaun

Ramnaresh Sarwan was out three

South Africa lost captain Graeme

Smith to a mistimed pull against

Mervyn Dillon, who bowled

superbly, making the ball seam and

before rain started falling again. The

fourth match is a day game at

Final scoreboard of the rain-

interrupted third one-day interna-

tional between South Africa and the

West Indies at Kingsmead on Friday:

C'paul c Rudolph b Klusener

Sarwan c Dippenaar b Pollock

Powell c Dippenaar b Ntini

Only five overs were possible

lift off the damp pitch.

Centurion on Sunday.

SCOREBOARD

WESTINDIES

Gayle c Gibbs b Nel

forward stumping chance to Mark
Boucher off Robin Peterson when he
Dillon c Peterso

up short in seven out of nine finals against Henin-Hardenne.

There was more evidence of Clijsters' mental fragility on Saturday when she double-faulted twice when holding two game points that would have seen her level 4-4 in the decisive final set.

Justine makes you go for so many shots that are not natural. You try to go closer to the lines and then you miss a few. She made me go a ittle bit out of my comfort zone.'

Clijsters was satisfied to reach her first Melbourne final as she was troubled by an ankle injury throughouther campaign.

'My foot is not 100 per cent, so in a way I'm very lucky to have been out there. I could have been home for two weeks in Belgium... watching matches on TV," said the 20-yearold, who sprained her left ankle at the Hopman Cup earlier this month.

Dillon c Peterson b Kallis

Total: (For 8 wkts in 40 overs)

5-119, 6-134, 7-146, 8-146

Did not bat: Collymore

Bowler

Pollock

Ntini

Kallis

Dillon

Collymore

Klusener

Peterson

SOUTHAFRICA

Gibbs not out

Kallis not out

Extras: (b-1, lb-1)

Fall of wicket: 1-10

Peterson, Ntini, Nel

Smith c Lara b Dillon

Total: (For 1 wkt in 5 overs)

Did not bat: Dippenaar, Rudolph,

Boucher, Klusener, Pollock,

Result: No result because of rain

and South Africa lead series 2-0.

Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-52, 3-79, 4-118,

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Extras: (b-1, lb-6, w-3)

Rampaul not out

#### Llodra & Santoro secure doubles crown

AP, Melbourne

France's Michael Llodra and Fabrice Santoro successfully defended their Australian Open doubles title Saturday, beating twin brothers Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan of the United States 7-6, 6-3.

After the trophy presentation, the French players celebrated by stripping to their underwear and throwing most of their clothes and towels to the crowd at Rod Laver Arena. Llodra emptied the contents of his sports bag and walked off the court bare-chested, dangling the team's trophy in one hand.

"It wasn't a bet," Santoro said when asked if he was auditioning for the stage production of "The Full Monty" in Melbourne.

#### Henin's relief

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she has been doing since last year. "I'm not afraid any more. Sometimes I'm afraid of myself because I need to be confident," Henin-Hardenne said.

"Being stronger physically has helped me being stronger in my

### MSC misery

striker Ariful Kabir Farhad, but his header was spectacularly fisted

away by Atiqul for a corner. Atiqul also denied Mohammedan's Cameroon striker Etigo after five minutes when he blocked a right-footed volley from the leading scorer.

He then foiled another Kaiser-Farhad combined effort in the 21st minute by tipping over a left-footed volley. Mohammedan had their last chance in the 72nd minute when Basala came up with a diving header, but the heroics of Arambagh keeper made the difference. This time Atiqul used his outstretched right leg to parry away the goalbound head.

Yellow cards: Ashraful Karim and Masud Khan Johny (Arambagh) **TEAMS** 

Mohammedan SC: Bijon, Basala Jewel Rana, Faisal, Rony (Sourav Raju), Afala, Kaiser, Etigo, Amin Rana (Monju), Pappu (Bakhtiar) and

Arambagh KS: Atiqul, Khaled, Apu, Ashraful, Ratan, Shamsher (Obaidur), Aziz, Asadur, Johny, Dominic and Tabib (Wino). Referee: Ibrahim Nesar.

### It boomerangs

FROM PAGE 13 hyped series between Pakistan and

India in a month's time. But Wasim has lashed back, saying he did not think it was wrong to pass advice on to any Indian bowler who approached him.

He told AFP from Australia Saturday that he was pleased with the court's ruling "I am delighted because public-

ity mongers have caused disturbance not only for me but for the court and such cases should not be accepted in future, "Wasim said. "I can never think of passing any

secrets but if a young bowler comes to seek advice, I will help him, irrespective of his nationality," said Wasim, who has admitted he helped upcoming Indian pacer Irfan

Wasim's lawyer Chowdhry Fawad Hussain told AFP that Abbas's fine would be donated to Shaukat Khanum Cancer Research hospital run by Wasim's mentor and another former cricketing great,

"The case was frivolous and a publicity stint against Wasim and we are delighted that it is dismissed,"

The Pakistan Cricket Board announced this week Wasim, Imran Khan and Aaqib Javed would assist Pakistan's pace bowlers before the

series against India. Wasim said: "Nobody has con-

tacted me as yet, but yes, my country comes first and if I am not busy elsewhere, I will help the fast bowl-

### Something special

streak in Melbourne with a 7-6, 7-6, 5-7, 1-6, 6-3 semifinal victory, has already made a mockery of his low ranking

frustrating 2003 -- during which he won just 12 matches -- and will be on a mission to become the first unseeded Australian Open champion since Mark Edmondson won in

"I came here to try to win it," shrugged Safin, who lost the 2002 final to Sweden's Thomas

"Federer, he has great talent. You have to be careful with him but this is a completely different final. I'm full of confidence and it's a com-

Federer, who has prepared for his

'He's really tough on this surface. You can't get up on him with a kick serve because he's so tall and so strong with his backhand," said Federer, who has never played Safin on a hardcourt.

For Safin, fatigue could be critical factor. He has battled through three five-setters in six

could barely stand after his gritty win over Agassi, although an extra day of rest will have helped the recovery process.

grand slam title was Goran Ivanisevic at Wimbledon in 2001 but Safin will need to find another level altogether to beat an inspired

thing to lose.

He has his credibility on the line after sinking to his knees, Bjorn Borg-style, after beating Ferrero in the semi-final.

## Kanoute propels Mali

TUNISIA 2004

AFP, Tunis

Frederic Kanoute struck his third goal of the tournament to help lead Mali into the quarterfinals of the African Nations Cup on Friday while World Cup quarterfinalists Senegal edged closer to the last eight with a 3-0 against Kenya.

Tottenham striker Kanoute, who had scored twice in Mali's opening 3-1 win over Kenya, was on target again as his side beat Burkina Faso by the same scoreline.

Kanoute opened the scoring after 34 minutes in a Group B showdown betweenWestAfrican neighbours.

Kanoute, who defied pleas from manager David Pleat to remain in England and help relegation-

threatened Spurs, also created a goal as Mali joined hosts Tunisia in the last

After representing France at under-age level, Kanoute switched to the home of his father when FIFA ruled that players with dual nationality can switch allegiance provided they have not been capped at senior

Mahamadou Diarra and Soumaila Coulibaly were also on target for Mali while substitute Dieudonne Minoungou scored for a Burkina Faso team that impressed when holding 2002 runners-up Senegal in the open-

Mali lead the table with six points after two rounds. Senegal have four,

Burkina Faso one and Kenya none. In the final series of matches Monday, Mali confront Senegal in a Tunis clash set to decide who tops the table while Burkina Faso meet whip-

would be an honour for me, my family and my country." On Saturday, former double champions Nigeria could be eliminated if they lose to South Africa in Monastir and Morocco defeat Benin in Sfax in

Group D. Nigeria lost 1-0 to Morocco in their first match and were rocked by more controversy on Friday when three

members of their squad were kicked outforalleged indiscipline. Chelsea's Celestine Babayaro, Portsmouth striker Yakubu Aiyegbeni

and Victor Agali of Bundesliga side Schalke 04 were all told to leave the team's base 'We have decamped three players.

They are Celestine Babayaro, Victor Agali and Yakubu Aiyegbeni," said Nigerian Football Association general secretary Taiwo Ogunjobi. "They broke camp rules. They were

supposed to be in bed after team prayers last night but they were not. They only returned to the hotel early

While there are few dissenters to

the view that Reyes is one of the

most exciting prospects in European football, there is the

inevitable question mark about the

ability of a young man who seems

even younger than his 20 years to

make a smooth switch from the

balmy climes of Andalugia to mid-

'Obviously it is a big change but I

don't think it will be a problem. I

have told my family to bring coats

with them when they come over,'

winter in the British capital.

# **Gunners unveil Reyes**

Football

AFP, London Arsenal's 17-million-pound signing Jose Antonio Reyes has been cleared to make his debut for the north London club in Sunday's Premiership clash against

Manchester City on Sunday. Arsenal received international clearance for the 20-year-old winger shortly after unveiling their new forward here on Friday, as well as confirmation that he would not have to serve an outstanding disciplinary ban he earned at former club

Reyes revealed that he had decided to join Arsenal because he was convinced they could help him to win some of the game's major prizes while playing football with the kind of flamboyance that had made him the darling of his home"My belief is that Arsenal are a

Mali's Frederic Kanoute (C) is congratulated by teammates after scoring

against Burkina Faso in the African Nations Cup in Tunis on Friday.

club that can go on to win honours and I expect that by the end of the season that will have been proved right and I will have an honour to my name," Reyes said after being presented with the number nine shirt that Francis Jeffers recently vacated to go on loan to Everton.

Courted by the likes of Milan's Internazionale, Reyes said he had opted for Arsenal because of the speed and precision" of their game qualities that Gunners boss Arsene Wenger believes his latest

acquisition will accentuate. First, we want to win of course and if possible we want to win with style and I think he can add to that,"

Wenger said. 'Most of our players can provide and score goals. Thierry can do that, that and Reyes can do that. That is

what I wanted -- to be faithful to our

philosophy of how to play the

Reyes joked. Reyes will be insulated against a hostile environment however by the presence in London of his parents, brother and girlfriend, all of whom are moving with him to England and Wenger has no doubts about his

ability to find his place on the pitch When players are on the same wavelength on the football pitch, the ball is the best communication

you can have." Reyes' adaptation to life will be helped by the presence at Arsenal of a sizeable Spanish-speaking community. Cameroon fullback Lauren is a former team-mate at Sevilla while Robert Pires, the Brazilians Edu and Gilberto Silva and Philippe Sendoros will all be able to converse

with him in his native tongue. Reyes has made his name as a left-sided forward but Wenger said he saw him as a striker first and foremost.

"We think he'll develop as a central striker but he's a creative, technical player and can play as well on the flanks. It is very interesting for us sometimes to have different options available."

While Reyes will provide Arsenal with some badly needed insurance against the possibility of Thierry Henry getting injured, Wenger dismissed the suggestion that his latest purchase would help to ease the pressure on his star striker.

You can't take the pressure off Thierry because Thierry has put himself up to a level where people will always be very demanding, Wengersaid.

"He cannot get rid of that any more and I think that is a pressure you need at some stage. Thierry is 26 and he is at the level where people

want to see him every week and if you add a young player like that it

## Butt says no to B'ham

Football

AFP, Birmingham

Birmingham have conceded they

have no chance of signing wantaway Manchester United midfielder Nicky Butt before the winter transfer window closes.

Butt, who has been at Old Trafford for a decade -- coming up through the United ranks along with the likes of David Beckham and Paul Scholes -- submitted a transfer request last week due to his lack of regular first team football.

Birmingham had looked poised to snap up the England midfielder ahead of Saturday's deadline after

However Birmingham co-owner

David Sullivan, citing Butt's reticence over the move, admits their chances of signing Butt in the short term are "a non-runner". "I would say we are not close at all

to a deal for Nicky Butt," he admit-

"We agreed a fee with Manchester United and we thought we were very close to the wages the player wanted, but it is a big decision for him and he wants to stick it out at United until the summer before deciding what he wants to do.

been at a club for his whole career and then rush a move through in a few days is very dramatic, and he wants more time to think about it.

"I hope he will become a Birmingham City player eventually but it is a non-runner at the moment. It has broken down -- we did agree a fee but it was the player's decision, which we respect him for." Butt's request -- prompted by

Euro 2004 squad -- was accepted by Sir Alex Ferguson but it now appears unlikely that it will go through Sullivan does not believe the

concerns about making England's

terms being offered by City had a part to play in the breakdown of the move, adding: "We were very close to matching the wages he is on at Manchester United and we were offering him a longer contract. I don't think that was the stumbling

# Aus wary of India

high quality that they capitalise on those times that you're not doing it

said but his team was brimming with

"There are two very good sides competing. One side really has to play poorly for it to be a one-sided affair, Ganguly said India was focussed

confidence gained on the tour.

on winning the best of three finals series which starts next month following Sunday's game and a final match against Zimbabwe in Perth on

"We will try and win it. We will try and play our best cricket every game is an international game and you play towin," hesaid. "I've always believed it is a difficult

place in the world for the number two Matches between the two teams had been very even, he said. "When you play a side like

60th or 70th over, it's won in the 90th or 91st over, "Gangulysaid. "That's what it's been. Two very

Australia the game is not won in the

good sides competing." He said the tour had been long and tiring but the Indians had been boosted by their success and now believed they would be an impossible team to beat at home.

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Saha's dream

goalmouth scramble to turn home the winner just after the hour of an exciting match in front of a record crowd of 67,758 that Saints twice

came close to levelling in the pulsatingfinal minutes. Saha, signed from Fulham for 12.8 million pounds eight days ago, had a fine debut opening the scoring with a free kick, deflected in off Phillips, in the 18th minute and played a part in United's second

United, who have not lost at home to Southampton since 1988, moved one point ahead of Arsenal. who meet Manchester City at home on Sunday.

### CA appeals

Lara c Boucher b Kallis

August last year, but we are appealing to members of the public to come forward with any information they may have that could assist police in their investigations and

help us recover the missing bats,' Sutherland said in a statement. "Any piece of Australian cricket memorabilia is a valuable item, and to discover that 43 autographed cricket bats have gone missing from our storage facility is quite disturbing and very disappointing," he said.

The stolen bats included 20 signed by the 1999 Australian team, which won the 1999World Cup. Other bats were signed by Test teams from England, India, the West

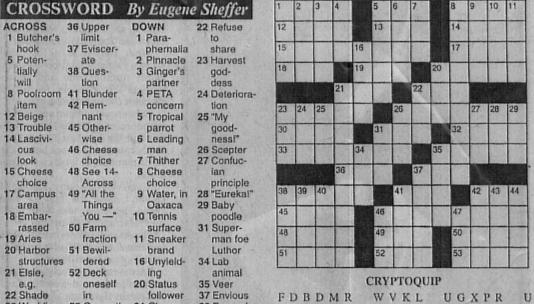
Indies, South Africa and Sri Lanka

### following tours here dating back to

Sumathipala

FROM PAGE 13 Amarasinghe was shot dead earlier this month as he was escorted to court here in connection with an unrelated case by a gunman dis-

guised as a lawyer. A police spokesman said the man who killed Amarasinghe had given himself up to the authorities and claimed he carried out the attack to avenge Amarasinghe's alleged killing of another gang member in



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HUFIDM: "GDUOR XW DIDM. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I ONCE DESIRED TO BE A PRACTICING TREE SURGEON, BUT I FAINTED AT THE SIGHT OF SAP.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals B 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.

### Next match: Centurion, Feb 1. Morris escapes rape charges

Rape charges against Leeds United footballer Jody Morris were dropped on Friday after prosecutors decided there was no prospect of them

obtaining a conviction. The player was charged in November with raping a 20-year-old woman in Leeds on October 7. The case against his co-defendant Kristofer Dickie was also dropped after new forensic evidence which undermined the prosecution case

came to light. The woman allegedly attacked in a lay-by on a road near Leeds has not withdrawn her claim that she was

PCB wants FROM PAGE 13 Karachi was the scene of an explosion in 2002 which prompted New Zealand to cancel a Test match and abandon their tour and there have been further bombings in recent

Peshawar, meanwhile, has seen a number of arrests of suspected members of Al-Qaeda in the past two years.

visited both cities during their 2003 and the matches passed off without "Karachi and Peshawar are

But the Bangladesh cricket team

perfectly safe for matches," said PCB media spokesman Samiul Hasan. "We will brief a three-member Indian security team about it when



who ended Agassi's 26-match win

Safin has been making up for a

pletely different story."

matches by hitting with Swiss juniors, is taking nothing for granted. He has beaten Safin three times out of four but each time on

The 2000 US Open champion The last unseeded player to win a

Federer, meanwhile, has every

agreeing a fee with United.

Arsenal's manager Arsene Wenger ( L ) poses with new signing Jose

Antonio Reyes (R) at the club's training ground in London on January 30.

"From his point of view, to have

before the summer.

#### Smith c Pollock b Klusener score as many runs as possible. Lara surprisingly only batted at West Indian captain Brian Lara number five. He survived a straight-Jacobs not out SOUADS INDIA: Saurav Ganguly (captain), Sachin Tendulkar, Virender Sehwag, Indian skipper Saurav Ganguly