AFP, Christchurch

The New Zealand cricket squad for this month's one-day series against South Africa contains two changes from the side which beat Pakistan last month, including the new cap of prolific batsman Michael Papps.

Kiwis bring in

two rookies

Papps has scored an avalanche of runs for his Canterbury provincial team this season and has earned his New Zealand colours at the expense of Craig Cumming, who struggled to come to terms with the step up to international level

Mason, who made his international one-day debut in Pakistan last December but was not needed for the home series against the same opposition last month, replaces Andre

Papps's selection comes after an outstanding season in which the righthand bat averaged 57.87 in limited over matches, and with the country's most successful one-day batsman. Nathan Astle, injured there was an opening for a batsman capable of getting the innings off to a solid start.

The first one-day international against South Africa is in Auckland on

SQUAD

Stephen Fleming (captain), Michael Papps, Hamish Marshall, Scott Styris Craig McMillan, Jacob Oram, Brendon McCullum, Chris Cairns, Kyle Mills Daniel Vettori, Daryl Tuffey, Michae Mason, Ian Butler,

Sohag slams

FROM PAGE 13 (Jishan 55, Dilu 41; Shahid 4-34, Joy 2-35, Shamim 2-45) SR INTERNATIONAL: 184 for 9 in 35 overs (Shahriar 39, Shahid 33,

Irshad 4-26, Dilu 2-23) Result: Green Leaf International won by eight runs. Saint Judes International School

v Dhanmondi Tutorial SAINT JUDES: 146 for six in 30 overs (Asif 34, Faisal 30Arefin 3-14,

Rahman 2-36) DHANMONDÍ TUTORIAL: 150 for 1 in 19.3 overs (Asif 49, Sakib 35) Result: Dhanmondi Tutorial won

by 9 wickets. Mirpur Residential School v Mirpur Laboratory School

MIRPUR RESIDENTIAL: 278 for six in 35 overs (Imu 80, Alamgir 64, Monir 29: Farhad 3-38)

MIRPUR LABORATORY: 68 all out in 10.5 overs (Nantu 27; Babu 5-23) Result: Mirpur Residential School won by 206 runs. Islami Adarsh School v Progoti

High School Venue: DCG ISLAMI ADARSHA: 200 all out in

32.2 overs (Riju 40, Monsur 40, Romel 36; Manik 4-43, Bappi 2-28, Saiful 2-30)

PROGOTI HIGH SCHOOL: 201 for three in 28.1 overs (Sohag 103, Shipon 24)

Result: Progoti High School won by 7 wickets.

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CU CORRESPONDENT

Gymnasium yesterday.

City Club and Quality Sports moved into the super league winning in

their respective matches in the

CJKS-Sinmin Mineral Water Table

Tennis League at the Chittagong

Jila Krira Sangstha (CJKS)

In the first match, City Club

outplayed Young Star Club by 3-0.

Besides, in the other match Quality

Sports defeated Railway Rangers

On Saturday Satadal Club out-

played Railway Rangers 3-1 while

City Club beat Madarbari Udyan

Indian eves

hockey crown

Jasjeet Kaur produced a superb

second-half goal as India

shocked Japan 1-0 in the final of

the Asia Cup women's field

hockey tournament here on

minute as India clinched their

maiden title of the tournament to

India exacted sweet revenge

for their double loss to Japan at

the Busan Asian Games in 2002,

when they lost in the league stage as well as in the play-off for

Japan, who had beaten Asian

Games champions China 6-2 in

the semi-finals, dominated the

final but still went down to a gritty

in the first session, Japan were

left ruing missed chances as the

hard work by forwards Sachimi

Iwao and Chie Kumura went to

For India, captain Suraj Lata Devi and Suman Bala kept the

team in the game with some deft

stickwork but it was a superb

solo effort from Jasjeet that

from the top of the circle to

unleash a rasping drive that beat

goalkeeper Rie Terazono hands

doubt, but we also have to give

credit to our midfielders and the

"We came into the tournament

hoping to finish in the medals

bracket but have got a bonus in the form of this gold," said

Kaushik, who also coached the

men's team that won the gold at

the Bangkok Asian Games in

In a match for the third place,

China beat South Korea 3-0 in

the tie-breaker after a goalless

Shaoyan and Chen Qui Qi

scored for China, while Kang-Na

Young, Seo-Hye Jin and Gim-

Captain Ma Yibo, Mai

defence to hold on so strongly,

said Indian coach M K Kaushik

was a superb goal no

The Indian medio cut through

Earning nine penalty-corners

qualify for the 2006 World Cup.

Jasieet struck in the 64th

Asia Cup

AFP, New Delhi

the bronze.

Indian side.

surprised Japan.

American Lindsay Davenport holds up the winner's trophy after beating Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria in the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo yesterday.

Lindsay keeps Pan **Pacific title**

Tennis

AFP, Tokyo

Lindsay Davenport retained the only title she won last year when she breezed past Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria in Pan Pacific Open tennis final here on Sunday.

The American former world number one, who returned to the tour last month in Sydney after a foot injury, was in top form, hitting seven aces and winning nine free points off her serve to score a convincing 6-4, 6-1 victory.

"It's been a year since I won my last title, that was here," said Davenport, who was also the winner here in 1998, 2001 and last year.

"It's really a remarkable achievement to be able to be the champion four times and in the finals five times," she said

"Obviously I played very well here. It's great anytime, for me --(I'm) not winning as many titles as I used to. I'm really happy to get the year off by winning the title so early. "I look forward to carrying over

the play that I had this week to more tournaments." she said.

It was Davenport's fourth Tokyo indoor title, equalling the tournament record set by Martina Hingis of

She got off to a flying start, cashing in on a double break chance in the opening game and then keeping the next to move up 2-0.

But Maleeva retaliated with some fine angled shots to take the following three games in a row, breaking the fourth by hitting a pass to cause Davenport a forehand error However that appeared to be

Davenport made it a lopsided affair in the remainder of the 58-minute "At 2-0 I had a couple of break points to go two breaks up," Davenport said. "For the first time all

Maleeva's final break opportunity as

week, I felt like I was giving away points, making a few errors. "But the thing I did very well was I stayed calm, I went back to going for my shots, I just really believe that I

can play well and it really paid off. "Maggie is a great player, we had a lot of tough matches before, so I wanted to really try and play aggressive and go for my shots. The court here is very fast. That helped my ground strokes and service quite a

"I was just trying to play like I did all week and not let Maggie dictate,

trying to keep her behind the baseine," added the American, who was also the winner at the Tokyo outdoor

With the win, which carries the top prize of 189,000 dollars, Davenport avenged her three-set loss against Maleeva in the 2002 Kremlin Cup final to square her record against the Bulgarian at three wins against three defeats.

It was her 39th career singles title, including her first major victory at the Atlanta Olympic Games as well as three Grand Slam wins at the 1998 US Open, the 1999 Wimbledon and the 2000 Australian

Maleeva failed to follow her elder sister Manuela's victories in the inaugural 1984 and 1985 tournaments, but she appeared satisfied with her performance this week.

"Generally, she was just too good," Maleeva said. "When she is on, it's very tough to play her, because her ball is so deep and she hits the ball so clean, and she serves well.

"I did pretty well, I played everything I wanted to play... everytime I tried to play the point, I did not miss, did that, so I have no regret," she

strokes for the Korean side. Australia win

regulation period.

FROM PAGE 13 triangular cricket tournament between Australia and India at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday: AUSTRALIA Gilchrist Nehra

Martyn Symond behind in 2:08:46 with another Clarke

Fall of wickets 1-62 2-73 3-230 4-228 5-347

Balaji Tendulka INDIA Laxman c and b Lee Ganguly

Balaji b William Fall of wickets 1-22, 2-49, 3-49, 4-52, 5-56, 6-59, 7-99

Harvey

Eng may lose ICC meet

Cricket

CRICINFO/BBC, undated

David Morgan, the chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), faces one of the most important meetings of his career next month, when he takes on the board chairmen of the other nine Testplaying countries in a summit in Auckland.

On the agenda will be England's probable postponement of their tour of Zimbabwe, and the possible repercussions of such a stance.

Morgan has defended himself against accusations he has broken a promise to tour Zimbabwe.

Morgan suggested at a meeting last vear with Zimbabwe authorities that moral issues would be part of the decision.

"I said, 'Yes, we shall visit you, subject to their being no security and safety issues." Morgan claimed

"What has occurred since March 29 is a further deterioration in the situation in Zimbabwe and the UK government taking a much firmer After England's World Cup

boycott. Morgan met his Zimbabwe counterparts to ensure their tour of England would go ahead the following May.

He told the Sunday Telegraph: "In the course of the meeting they ... gave a clear signal to me that having

heard the reasons for the no-show in the World Cup they would tour in

"Later in the meeting they said, 'You're due to tour here in October 2004. Can you assure us that you're

coming? He admitted he had effectively said political and moral consider-



DAVID MORGAN

ations would not enter into deliberations, but argued he was simply stating ECB policy

The ECB have yet to cancel the tour and will now discuss it with representatives of the other nine Test nations at an International Cricket Council meeting in Auckland on May 9 and 10.

The ICC executive board could

compensation for Zimbabwe and moving next September's lucrative ICC Champions Trophy away from England.

Fifteen matches are set to be staged at Edgbaston, Southampton and The Oval, which would gener-

ate around 3 million pounds in ticket

sales for the ECB. In addition, the three-ODI NatWest Challenge against India would also be cancelled, and so more gate revenue and a lucrative deal with Indian television would

also be lost. Morgan told the newspaper the ECB is building a "contingency fund" of 3 million pounds to cover such possibilities.

According to the newspaper England stand to lose as much as 10 million pounds if they continue to

take a hard line against Zimbabwe. Their decision has won plenty of support from the public and government at home, but has been viewed with a jaundiced eye abroad. When Des Wilson produced his 17-page document, it was praised in Britain

for reintroducing the moral argument to sport, but elsewhere it has been seen as unnecessary moral Morgan is still hopeful that the

Champions Trophy will be not be relocated. He needs at least three of the 10 boards to stand by him, and India is the only viable alternative

'We're mentally strong'

Cricket

REUTERS/BBC, Sydney

Australia captain Ricky Ponting attributed his team's crushing win over India on Sunday to their superior mental strength, saying the tourists had failed to raise their game when it mattered most.

Ponting added that India's players had "run out of puff" during the best-of-three finals series, allowing the world champions to cruise to 208-run victory in the second final.

"When the big games come around, the character of this side really stands up," he said. "If you look back at the series, our batting was superior to India's and, in the last two games, it was chalk and cheese. India's batsmen just ran out

Ponting said India had played above themselves during the drawn Test series but had been unable to sustain their high standards during the limited-overs matches.

"It's been a very tough tour for

"They played as well as they can, especially their batsmen in the Tests and the start of the one-day series, but you just can't keep playing that well on a two-and-a-half-month tour.

"We didn't see too many weaknesses in their batting at all but, as the series went on, we made some adjustments that helped us,' Ponting added "We probably played as well as

we can in the last two matches,"

Ponting said. "I thought we'd get around 300 today but I never thought we'd get to 359. "But we timed our run to perfection. I think we had the momentum

on our side going into the finals, and momentum is a big thing in cricket." India captain Saurav Ganguly said his players were jaded after such a long tour but could not use

fatigue as an excuse. "We've played well all tour but we ust didn't play well in the finals," he

"They lifted their game but we just didn't perform. We are tired but that's not an excuse, they played the same amount of cricket as us

"It's especially hard when you've

played four Test matches." said Ganguly, who also played 10 onedayers. "I don't think it's fair to change the

finals but we can reduce the number of group games.' Australia begin a tour of Sri

Lanka on Friday and Ganguly said: "It will be hard work, but Sri Lanka can win.' However the India skipper

refused to accept opposite number Ponting's theory his side were simply tired at the end of a tour lasting 11 weeks. Ganguly complained to Ponting

about a comment he received from one of Australia's fielders as he went out to bat but he played down the incident afterwards.

"There was a reason for it, which don't want to make public. It happened from the time I walked out of the gate until I reached the stumps,

"I'm not upset. I just told [Ponting] I don't want to start it all over again. I told him I don't want to blow it out of

Tokyo Marathon Njenga's

AFP, Tokyo

Kenyan Daniel Njenga spurted to his first marathon victory here Sunday, upstaging double Olympic medalist and compatriot Eric Wainaina and boosting his chances of earning a first Olympic ticket.

The 27-year-old, who has been based in Japan for 12 years, overtook Japanese Satoshi Osaki with less than a kilometre to go and won the Tokyo international men's marathon in 2hrs, 8mins, 43sec. Osaki followed home 15 metres

Kenyan Ben Kimondiu, the 2001 Chicago marathon winner, third in 2:09:27 The 30-year-old Wainaina, who

has collected the Olympic bronze medal in Atlanta and the silver in Sydney while training and working n Japan, like Njenga, found it hard to stick to the front-running pack and finished eighth in 2:11:03. "I thought I would never make the

Olympics unless I beat Wainaina," Njenga said in Japanese as tears welled up in his eyes. "I was all aware that only a victory would allow me to keep that goal within my

It was the first marathon triumph for Njenga, who set his personal record of 2:06:16 when he finished second in the Chicago marathon in

Kenya, home to many great marathoners, has already picked Paul Tergat, who set the world best time of 2:04:55 in winning the Berlin marathon last September, for one of the country's three male marathon

tickets to Athens. "I have taken so much time to

produce a result which brings me closer to the Olympics," said Njenga, who first came to marathoncrazy Japan as a high school student and graduated from a commercial college to join an athletic club at the top lactic drinkmaker, Yakult.

"If I am selected for the Olympics, I will go all out. I wish you will give me support again," the lanky Kenyan said.

The race, run in great sunshine turned into a solo race for 27-yearold Osaki when he broke away from a dozen of front-runners after the pace-makers started to fade away 30 kilometres.

But Njenga paced himself into Osaki's slipstream after 40 kilometers before he made the final spurt toward the National Stadium, the goal of the 42.195-kilometre race.

The Tokyo marathon also served as one of three Olympics trials for Japanese runners and Osaki was rated as one of the top candidates for his second-place finish

Clement gets

France thru'

AFP, Metz

Arnaud Clement qualified France for the Davis Cup quarterfinals here on Sunday with a four set win over Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia. His 6-2, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4 victory put

the French into an unassailable 3-1 lead ahead of the last of the reverse The tie had been level 1-1 after

Friday's opening action, Clement defeating Mario Ancic in straight sets and Ljubicic winning in similar style over debutant Thierry Ascione. Nicolas Escude and Michael

Llodra then gave the home side the edge by defeating Mario Ancic and Ivo Karlovic 6-1, 7-6, 6-3 in Saturday's doubles. The wily Clement, one of the smallest players on the ATP circuit,

dominated the tie from the start and was soon one set and 4-1 up. But Ljubicic, Croatia's top player since injuries downed Goran

Ivanisevic, fought back to level only to lose a tense tie-break to the

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By Eugene Sheffer

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Parvez b Arafat Murad Ibw b Muntasir Ashraful not out Extras: Fall of wkts: 1-13, 2-15. Bowler Muntasii 17 Arafat Flias 2.2 8 Mahmud 1 21 wickets.

31 Total: (For two wkts in 20.2 overs)53 Result: Rajshahi won by eight Man-of-the-match: Saifullah Khan (Rajshahi). Barisal v Khulna

Venue: Barisal Stadium BARISAL: First innings 193 all out in 77.4 overs (Salahuddin 59, Arman 28, Touhid 25; Russell 8/67)

CRYPTOQUIP

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GXBDCUW YTU Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF AN INN'S OWNERS ARE FORCED TO LEAVE, I THINK I WOULD CALL IT A HOSTEL TAKEOVER.

LCVGQWC

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C 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.

KHULNA: First innings (overnight 41 for no loss in 10 overs) Shafiul b Tarigul Sanjay c Nahidul b Mofizur Nizamuddin c & b Arman 18 Salahuddin not out Selim b Tariqul Jamaluddin not out Extras: (b-7. lb-6) Total: (For 4 wkts in 108 overs) 260 Fall of wkts: 1-131, 2-137, 3-164, 4-2 2 8 31 35 0 Arafat 60 Tariqui 11

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Ahsanullah c Nabil b Imtiaz Yasin Ibw b Imtiaz Alamgir not out Extras: (b-7, lb-4) Total: (All out in 32.4 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-5, 2-6, 3-10, 4-16, 5-17, 6-76, 7-78, 8-93, 9-93, 10-93. W **Bowler** 0 7akwan 23 15 27 Rezaul 4 3 Nabil Parvez SYLHET: Second innings Imtiaz c Iqbal b Yasin Golam not out Parvez c Masum b Raihan Sadequr not out Extras: (b-15, lb-6, w-2)

Total: (For 2 wkts in 55 overs)

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series 2-0. Man-of-the-match: Matthew Hayden Man-of-the-series: Adam Gilchrist.



Kenya's Daniel Njenga crosses the finish line on his way to win the Tokyo International Marathon at the National Stadium in Tokyo yesterday.