

WICB chief executive Roger

Braithwaite also said interim team

manager Tony Howard had been

appointed to the role on a perma-

Howard took over from Ricky

Former West Indies all-rounder

King signed a three-year deal

Brathwaite also said the new

"He will be a member of the

Garfield Sobers was also appointed

and his first assignment for West

Indies is likely to be the one-day

coach would have sweeping pow-

ers, as well as ultimate responsibil-

selection panel with a casting vote

and will be responsible for the

selection of the playing eleven as

well as determining strategies for

be accountable for the performance

of the team and will be judged

accordingly in relation to his con-

"It follows therefore that he will

"I simply couldn't take the chance

"In the meantime I have been

Gibbs served a six-month ban for

However Delhi Police have

to go to India," he told the Afrikaans

hard at work to get ready for

his part in the Hansie Cronje affair

after accepting the offer of money

from his then captain but claiming

refused to give assurances that

either he or co-accused Nicky Boje,

who is set to go on the two-Test tour

as vice-captain, will not be impris-

Gibbs will have to force his way

back into a new-look squad under

the command of new coach Ray

Jennings. Slowed by an ankle injury

he endured a difficult tour of Sri

Lanka in August, averaging 13.29 in

poor form in more helpful conditions

with a century against West Indies in

the ICC Champions Trophy at The

Oval. Overall he averages almost 50

from 60 Tests with 13 centuries,

including two against England when

South Africa last visited in 2003.

But he broke out of the patch of

series in Australia in January.

ity for the side's performance.

the game." said Brathwaite.

three years ago

Rapport newspaper.

he never took the cash.

all forms of the game.

as technical consultant to the team.

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Skerritt in March

COOLING OFF: Australia pace bowler Jason Gillespie swims in the pool at the Taj Mahal Hotel in Mumbai yesterday.

King new WI coach

Cricket

REUTERS, London

Australian Cricket Academy head coach Bennett King has been named as the new coach for West Indies, the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) said on Sunday.

The 39-year-old King replaces Gus Logie, whose contract was terminated by mutual consent at the end of September just days after West Indies won the ICC Champions Trophy one-day tournament in England. It is the second time King has

been appointed to the job. He was named last year, replacing Roger Harper, but turned it down saying he wanted to stay in Australia. He joined the Academy after

guiding Queensland to three consecutive state championships from 1999-2000 to 2001-02.

"I have always said that the raw talent which the West Indies possesses is equal to any country in the

Pakistan's cricket team has donated

200,000 rupees (3500 dollars) to

help former field hockey Olympic

goalkeeper Mohammad Qasim as

he struggles with a blood clot,

captain Inzamamul Haq said

donate 200,000 rupees for Qasim.

who we feel has done great services

for the country and we pray that he

recovers from his illness." said

Qasim, 28, was hit in the chest

with a ball during Pakistan's tune-up

camp for the European tour in April

this year, an injury that doctors did

which operations in May and

Sydney Olympics, was over-

whelmed by the cricket team's

cricket team and hope the whole

nation prays for my recovery,

Qasim told AFP from his hometown

appealed to President Pervez

Musharraf for help to send him

abroad for further medical treat-

of Goira in Puniab Province.

But it developed into a blood clot,

Qasim, who played in the 2000

"I am thankful to the Pakistan

Qasim, who is not wealthy, also

not initially take seriously.

September have still not fixed

"As a gesture of kindness we

Kind of Pak

cricketers

AFP, Karachi

Sunday

Inzamam

gesture.

38 Greek

39 in sup-

vowel

world and I look forward to this assignment not least because it gives me a chance to aid in the development of players at all levels," King said in a statement.

"I feel confident that at the international level, the West Indies will



BENNETT KING

Gibbs' focus

on England

be once again a force to be reckoned with in both forms of the

Cricket

BBC ONLINE. undated

South Africa batsman Herschelle

Gibbs says he will be ready for

England's visit later this year despite

missing the forthcoming tour of

HERSCHELLE GIBBS

Gibbs withdrew from the trip

because he feared being detained

by the Indian police over his involve-

ment in the match-fixing scandal

India.

booters leave for India **SPORTS REPORTER**

Arambagh

women

Arambagh Krira Sangha women's handball team left Dhaka yesterday for India to play five exhibition matches at different Indian cities. Shaila Parveen Shikha will lead the team during the 13-day tour. The other members are Dalia Akhter, Sahida Khatun, Lipi Begum, Rozina Khatun, Afroza Begum, Farhana Yasmin, Shiuli Parveen, Nasima Khatun, Mina Khatun, Rita Khatun, Kabita Rani, Hasina Begum and Bibi Mariam. The matches will be played in Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Amritsar, Delhi and Kolkata.

Hasan makes 2-0 for U-15s

SPORTS REPORTER

A scintillating 131 not out by Mahmudul Hasan steered Bangladesh Cricket Board Under-15 team to their second win in as many matches against visiting CAB (Cricket Association of Bengal) U-15s yesterday. Having recorded A 124-run victory two days earlier, the local side thrashed their cross-border opponents by 126 runs at the BKSP ground in Savar. Hasan, who came to bat at number four, smashed nine fours in 131 balls as BCB U-15s amassed 308 for six in 50 overs after electing to bat. The local boys were reduced to 106-4, but Hasan repaired the damages during a 190-run stand with Baizid Hamid, who contributed a run-a-ball 74.Joyjeet Sasu's 53 was the highlight of CAB U-15's 182 all out. Ashiquzzaman took 4-26 and skipper Humayun Kabir 3-36.

Delta Life h'ball final today

SPORTS REPORTER

The final of the 10th Delta Life Insurance Handball Competition will be played at the Dhanmondi Women Sports Complex today

Viqarunnissa Noon School and College will take on Siddheshwari Girls College in the final.

Back problem

FROM PAGE 13 piled 478. His time off the field means he now cannot bat before the fall of five wickets in Pakistan's second innings

young leg-spinner Danish Kaneria. who took six of the seven wickets in Sri Lanka's reply. "Pakistan has been missing a

Despite not taking to the field, Inzamam was full of praise for

quality spinner for sometime now, but Kaneria bowled really sensibly today. I think he has a bright future ahead of him." Inzamam said "Pakistan does not play

many Test matches, but Kaneria is maturing fast as a quality spinner. think he will win us many more

Kaneria pegs

FROM PAGE 13 Razzaq 5-35, Kaneria 3-72) PAKISTAN: First innings 478 (Younis 124, Inzamam 117, Farhat 72: Fernando 3-96. Vaas 3-106 Herath 2-125)

SRI LANKA: Second innings (overnight 134-1)

Jayasuriya c Malik b Kaneria 107 Atapattu c Hameed b Kaneria 25 Sangakkara c Akmal b Naved 138 Javawardene c Hameed b Kaneria 32 Samaraweera c Younis b Kaneria 22 Mubarak c Farhat b Kaneria Kaluwitharana b Kaneria

Vaas not out Maharoof not out Extras: (b-5, lb-10, nb-11) Total: (For 7 wkts in 111 overs) 361 Fall of wickets: 1-117, 2-170, 3-253 4-333, 5-351, 6-359, 7-360 To bat: Herath, Fernando

Bowler 3 67 Naved 12 45 Afridi Razzaq 91 11 Kaneria

Should play

FROM PAGE 13 batting. If only the players could play to their potential instead of throwing their wickets at crucial stages, then believe that success is not far away," Mahmud told journalists after the second day's practice at the country's second Test venue.

But when asked what were they expecting to achieve in the first oneday, Mahmud gave a rather diplomatic response "We will try our very best and

that's all I can say," he said.

Mahmud wanted his team to draw inspiration left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique, who became the Bangladesh bowler to claim 50

"He is a real fighter. He tries to do well even when it comes to batting.' Meanwhile, New Zealand, who spent a couple of hours at the picturesque Bhatiari Golf and Country

Club on Saturday, also returned to training. Left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori will lead the Black Caps in the oneday series after Stephen Fleming returned home on Friday after completing a Test series whitewash

over the Test babes.

Hewitt awaits Paris storm

Tennis

Lleyton Hewitt is braced to fend off questions over his personal life with all the ferocity he normally resumes for his all-court game when the Australian returns to action at the Paris Masters this week. Hewitt, a former world number

and enjoying a 2004 career renais-

sance, has his sights set on finishing the year as world number two, tucked just in the slipstream of Roger Federer. But the 23-year-old knows he

faces a media storm as he plays his first tournament since the highlypublicized collapse of his relationship with Kim Clijsters. Hewitt, beaten in the US Open final by Federer this year, has not

commented on the break-up and,

with a long-standing love-hate relationship with the press, will not be relishing an inquisition here. Newspaper reports said Hewitt was "completely floored" when

Clijsters told him their relationship was off especially after they had planned a wedding in February. "He's angry, embarrassed,

devastated, distraught," said a friend at the time. "He's been kicked in the guts and he's been kicked in the guts interna-

tionally and embarrassingly." Not surprisingly, the brash Australian prefers to concentrate on his game and his chances of ousting America's Andy Roddick from the world number two spot this week

"I'm playing extremely well," said

Hewitt whose titles this year in Rotterdam, Washington, Long Island and Sydney have taken his



haven't put too many feet wrong.

Right through this whole year, it has

taken a hell of a player to beat me

LLEYTON HEWITT

Petersburg and will definitely come

The winner Youzhny earned

back next year to play here again."

lost to Gaston Gaudio in the quarters of the French Open and he

went on to win it. "I'm back at No.3 in the world

now and got a chance to try and finish number two." Hewitt is seeded two at the 2.45-million-euro Paris Masters behind Roddick who is seeded one in the absence of Federer

who has failed to recover from a thigh injury. The Swiss star's place in the season-ending Masters Cup was already assured while Roddick, Hewitt, Spain's Carlos Moya and

French Open champion Gaudio are also guaranteed places in the eight-man field. That leaves Andre Agassi, Tim Henman, Marat Safin and David Nalbandian to battle for the remaining places for the

November 15-21, 3.7-milliondollar event in Houston. The shake-up will be decided in Paris where Henman is the defending champion but the Briton's rivals are all in good

shape Safin, the winner in Paris in 2000 and 2002, picked up the Madrid Masters crown two weeks ago while Agassi and Nalbandian both reached their respective finals in Stockholm and Basel this week-

The battle for the places in the Houston event could be eased somewhat if Guillermo Coria, who has already booked a place. misses out with the Argentine not having played since July because of a shoulder injury.

Youzhny ends title drought JFA Cup

142,000 of prize dollars and a silver

trophy, while the runner-up Beck

pocketed a 83,600-dollar cheque.



AFP, St Petersburg

Russia's Mikhail Youzhny overwhelmed Karol Beck of Slovakia 6-2, 6-2 here on Sunday in the final of the one-million-dollar ATP tournament to record his first title win of the

The 22-year-old fourth seed barely broke sweat as he swept aside Beck in just 62 minutes to record his third win over his opponent in as many meetings.

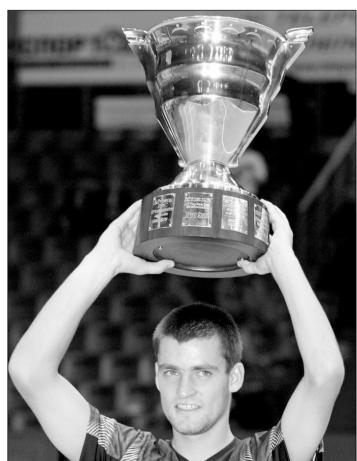
Youzhny seized the initiative from the start, easing into a 3-1 lead after breaking Beck - who was appearing in his first ATP final - early

He managed to increase his advantage breaking the 22-year-old Beck's serve again in the seventh game to take the opening set in 33

In the second set Youzhny, who is currently 28th in the ATP race, underlined his domination with another couple of breaks, winning the set and the match on the first match point to take his second career ATP title. Youzhny praised the home fans

for their support and promised to return next year to defend his title

"I'd like to thank all of my fans here for their support. You encouraged me to win here at one of toughest tournaments in my career. You gifted this title to me." said Youzhny. who had come from a set down to beat Britain's Greg Rusedski in Saturdav's semifinal



Russian Mikhail Youzhny holds up the St Petersburg Open trophy after "I really enjoy playing at Saint defeating Slovakia's Karol Beck in the final yesterday.

But there are signs that he is still

On home territory in Bangkok in

September, he took the first set off

world number one Roger Federer

before going down in three in the

"That gave me a lot of confi-

a man to rise to the occasion.

Tennis

has a final chance to rescue a disappointing season when he takes part in the 2.45-million-euro (3.12 million dollars) Paris Masters here this week. Twelve months ago, the 25-year-

making the elite eight-man Masters Cup season finale as he reaped the reward for his best ever season which had seen him pick up two titles and his ranking soar to 11.

with his world ranking having slipped to 23, his worst for two years and with just one more title added to his collection, the pre-Wimbledon grasscourt warm-up at Nottingham. A low point came last week when

he lost in the first round in Basel to Stefan Koubek. In Paris he will be unseeded and

the first round before a possible second round match-up against defending champion and third seed Tim Henman of Great Britain. Paradorn, who carried his country's flag at the Olympic Games

schedule which has seen him play 28 tournaments this year. "I was just thinking too much and

Such was his frustration with his disintegrating game in Austria that the Asian number one slumped into

Paradorn full of hope

that I can play like this. It was a

dream match for me to play Roger,

if I stay fit and play like this I will have

great tournaments in the future."

"I put it in a positive way which is,

the world No.1, in Thailand.

a line judge's box at courtside in disgust at one stage. "I have to now believe in myself

AFP, Paris

Thailand's Paradorn Srichaphan

old came here with a chance of But 2004 has been a let down

faces America's Vince Spadea in

opening ceremony before losing in the first round in August, admits he has been struggling in a tough

wasn't staying focused," he confessed after a second round loss to Robbie Ginepri in Vienna two weeks

PARADORN SRICHAPHAN

FROM PAGE 13

teams struggled to field 11 players due to shortage of players, forcing the BFF to look the other way for the sake of the tournament.

Today's final will also pit the two best players of the event. Feni's Baten who is the top scorer with nine goals, and Barguna's talented striker Mobarak, who has showed impressive skills so far.

"Even if we can find two or three talented players from one tournament, it will be a success." Helal

Cairns eyes

Cairns observed.

"They have to work really hard to make a comeback. There is no alternative to hard work if you want to achieve success or wish to perform better. New Zealand always takes the game very seriously and plays professionally under any given condition and against any team. This is an aspect which I didn't notice in the Bangladesh team or

their players. Cairns however, was impressed with Bangladesh left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique whom he rated as the best player in the home side.

ATP blames it on players

REUTERS, St Petersburg

Men's tennis chief Mark Miles says players have only themselves to blame for the fitness problems that have led to a wave of withdrawals from recent tournaments.

Organisers of the Masters Series events in Paris and Madrid have voiced concern after their tournaments were hit by big-name pull-outs due to player fatigue and injuries.

Critics say the problem is that there are too many tournaments on the ATP Tour but Miles, the ATP's chief executive, put the blame

squarely on the players. "The health issue of the players s important, but I think that the concern is not a factor of the number of tournaments on the circuit but instead the number of tournaments that players choose to play," Miles told a news conference at the St

Petersburg Open on Saturday. The ATP requires players to enter the Grand Slams, the nine Masters Series tournaments and at least five other events.

Mauresmo in Linz final

AGENCIES, Linz

Amelie Mauresmo is one win away from returning to the top spot in the world rankings. The top-seeded Mauresmo, who

ost her No. 1 ranking earlier in the

month due to a left abductor strain, overcame an inspired start by unseeded Jelena Jankovic to advance into the final of the \$585,000 Generali Ladies Linz tennis tournament Saturdav. After dropping the opening set to

her Serbian opponent, Mauresmo stormed back to record a 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 win. The win sealed her seventh finals appearance of the year. Entering the event in a quest to

return to No. 1 before the end of the vear, the Frenchwoman has been outstanding here since receiving a first-round bye. She has lost just one of seven sets in the tournament, including a dominating win over defending champion and sixth seed Ai Sugiyama in the semifinals.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals S

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.