



LET ME GET THE RUNS THEN YOU DO THE REST: Indian batting maestro Sachin Tendulkar (R) chats with Anil Kumble and Harbhajan Singh (C) during a practice session in Kanpur yesterday. The first Test against South Africa starts here tomorrow.

Federer torments Hewitt

Tennis

AFP, Houston

World number one Roger Federer won his 20th match in a row over a top-10 opponent, beating Lleyton Hewitt for the fifth consecutive time to book a semifinal spot at the ATP Masters Cup.

This was Hewitt's first loss to Federer this year in which he did not drop a set at love. Federer, coming off a six-week injury layoff, beat Hewitt in the US Open final 6-0, 7-6, 6-0. "I played a good match, obviously not as good as the US Open," Federer said.

wasn't able to take them. Sort of been the story in the last few matches I've played against Roger. I've had the opportunities and not been able to take advantage of them."

Kiwis fail to Kasper

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Brendon McCullum. McMillan threw away his wicket when he jumped down the wicket only to be caught behind for 23, while McCullum was perhaps unlucky to go for 10 to a tight stumping decision which went to the video umpire.

Television replays showed Ponting's fingers under the ball and Sinclair was on his way after a 229-minute vigil which had been the backbone of the battling Kiwi first innings.

ond slip where Ponting took a crouching two-handed catch and three balls later Kasprovicz got one to straighten on Fleming and coaxed him to nick a catch to first-slipper Warner at ankle-height for a duck.

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Brazil conquered

FROM PAGE 13 team to fifth on 14 points. The 33-year-old Juventus player, however, was lucky to be on the pitch, having escaped with a yellow card after a reckless lunge on an opponent in the first half.

India rely

FROM PAGE 13 asked for a good Test wicket." South African coach Ray Jennings did not look too worried. "We are here to do our best. At the end of the Tests, we hope to have more positives than negatives and that we leave here after making an impression," said Jennings, who took over from Eric Simons before this tour.

Woolmer's view

FROM PAGE 13 The proposals have been put forward by a cricket committee of former test players from around the world. Some, like Australia coach John Buchanan, have welcomed the idea, saying it will lead to bowling innovations, while others fear a new rule would damage the game.

Hookes

FROM PAGE 13 Christine Padfield, another member of the group, said Hookes was "courteous and polite" when told to leave. Under questioning from defence lawyer Terry Forrest, Padfield said she had not heard an exchange recalled by an earlier witness, who said Hookes had threatened the pub would "cop it" on his talkback radio program the next day and his staff would lose their jobs.

Twenty20 ends

FROM PAGE 13 Bashar, recovering from a toe injury, is likely to return after November 21 provided he is declared fit. Young paceman Nazmul Hossain suffered a family loss with the passing away of his uncle and could not attend training. Today is a rest day as a number of players will be involved in the final of the Corporate Cricket League.

Pollock near

FROM PAGE 13 a batsman in India but I always enjoy batting on the sub-continent," said Pollock, the most experienced player in a team of whom 10 have not played a Test in India before. "It's always a challenge to do well in different conditions and against different bowlers," said Pollock, who fancied his team's chances against India.

Zim rebels ponder future

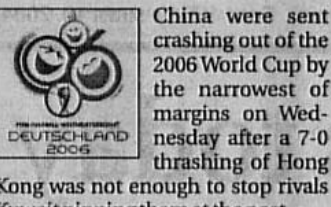
AFP, Harare Former Test players Heath Streak, Stuart Carlisle and Trevor Gripper are deciding their future after withdrawing from an International Cricket Council-sponsored tribunal to resolve their dispute with Zimbabwe Cricket.

Premier Div hockey Nov 26

BSS, Dhaka The Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League will begin on November 26 at Maulana Bhasani National Stadium with 10 teams taking part. Abahani will play Azad Sporting Club on the opening day while the other match features Mohammedan and Wari Club.

China won't be there

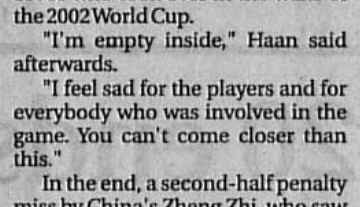
REUTERS, Rio de Janeiro



China were sent crashing out of the 2006 World Cup by the narrowest of margins on Wednesday after a 7-0 thrashing of Hong Kong was not enough to stop rivals Kuwait tipping them at the post. Trailing Kuwait on goal difference heading into the final round of Group Four fixtures, China had needed a big win in Guangzhou to have any chance of reaching next year's final qualifying round.

European situation

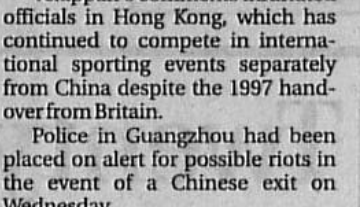
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A group-by-group analysis of Wednesday's European World Cup qualifying matches, the last to be played in the European competition until February 2005: GROUP ONE The Netherlands moved above Romania into top spot on goal difference after beating Andorra 3-0 in Barcelona as the Romanians were held to a surprise 1-1 draw by Armenia, who picked up their first point of the campaign.

Raggae Boyz bow out

AFP, Washington



Eddie Johnson continued his scoring streak as the United States tied Jamaica 1-1 on Wednesday in a World Cup semi-final qualifying match that knocked the Reggae Boyz out of contention. The match was merely a tuneup for the US which used the opportunity to give some young players more international experience.

Spanish blues for England

REUTERS, London



hosts of the 2006 World Cup, have little option but to take friendlies seriously and looked solid enough in beating Cameroon in Leipzig. They missed a series of chances before striker Kevin Kuranyi put them ahead in the 71st minute, but second-half substitute Miroslav Klose added two more.

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Invitation for Bids for Supply of Nine Packages

Corrigendum Due to some correction of tender documents and Eid holidays, Notice No DCC/PRD/85/04-05 GD-602 published recently in the daily newspapers for invitation for bids supply of Medical Equipment & Instrument, Audio Visual & Electrical Appliances, Micro Bus, Double Cab Pick-Up, Computer, Fax Machine, Aircondition, Photocopier and Accounting Software (Package-1 to 10) under Urban Primary Health Care Project, Bid Documents Purchase, dropping and opening date and some of other terms has been changed as per following schedule: