# SPORT



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

# 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. The 23-year-old Swiss defending champion beat Hewitt 6-3, 6-4 here Wednesday in a round-robin match delayed and interrupted by rain, leveling his lifetime record against Hewitt at 7-7 in a year where he has

tormented the Aussiestar. Federer previously beat Hewitt this year in the Australian Open round of 16, Wimbledon quarterfinals, US Open final and Hamburg semifinals. Federer won each of those titles on his way to 10 crowns and a 71-6 record so farin 2004.

"I just tried to play my game. For the moment, that's enough against

"Hopefully that's going to con-said. "I had the first break points and I

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

"My second match in a long time, obviously it's hard to play at that level. had to play tough to beat him. We have had better matches."

Federer, in his first event since winning last month's Bangkok title, has shown no sign of trouble from a left thigh injury suffered in an October 25 practice session in his 2-0 start at the season-ending hardcourt event.

"I always feel like I have room for improvement," Federer said.

Hewitt, who could face Federer in Sunday's final, could not capitalize on six break points in the match, which began 3 1/2 hours late and was halted for an hour in the second set with

"I had a lot of chances," Hewitt

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." Spain's Carlos Moya waited

through an eight-hour rain delay to defeat Argentina's Gaston Gaudio 6-3, 6-4. Gaudio's title bid in done while Moya likely must beat Federer to

"I have to forget who I'm playing with, just play my match and enjoy it,"

"It's not often you get to play one of the best players ever."

## Twenty20 ends

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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.

# Kiwis fail to Kasper

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.

Warne's usually immaculate ngth was ragged and he suffered the indignity of bowling a wide down leg-side, but he also had Nathan Astle dropped off his bowling by Kasprowicz.

Australia had two fielding howlers with Darren Lehmann and Kasprowicz both botching regulation two-handed outfield catches, although exciting newcomer Michael Clarke helped redress the imbalance with a brilliant piece of quicksilver fielding to run out Astle.

New Zealand paid for a lapse of concentration by Astle, who had two "lives" on 16 and 18 before he was

Astle was guilty of not sliding his bat at the non-striker's end and was caught well out of his ground by a direct throw from Clarke haring in from point.

Astle's sloppy piece of cricket was compounded when topscorer Mathew Sinclair was out three balls later for 69 to a grass-high catch at second slip by Ricky Ponting off Jason Gillespie, which had to be referred to the video umpire.

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

"I respected the decision of the umpire, I wasn't sure what had actually happened, so I stood my just walked off," Sinclair said.

"It was disappointing that I didn't capitalise and go on but I was respectful of the bowling we had today."

'Up until Astle's dismissal just under 20 minutes before tea New Zealand had been rebuilding their innings after the loss of Styris for 27 shortly after lunch, leaving the tourists at 77 for three.

Styris, who put on 51 runs with Sinclair, gave Kasprowicz his third wicket of the innings when he tickled an edge behind to Adam Gilchrist. Clarke's virtuoso piece of fielding

was in sharp contrast to the two dropped catches off Astle. Lehmann spilt a two-handed

catch at backward square leg off McGrath and Kasprowicz put him down at deep mid-off off Warne. But Astle was out minutes later through his own misjudgement. First-change bowler Kasprowicz

removed Richardson and Fleming in the space of four balls in the morn-

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Richardson on 19 edged to sec-

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

Kasprowicz's three wickets took his Test tally to 79 in his 27th Test

SCORECARD Scoreboard after the opening day of the first cricket Test between Australia and New Zealand at the Gabba:

**NEWZEALAND:** First innings Richardson c Ponting b Kasprowicz Sinclair c Ponting b Gillespie Fleming cWarne b Kasprowicz Styris c Gilchrist b Kasprowicz Astle run out (Clarke)

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Vettori not out Extras (b-1, lb-1, w-1, nb-4) Total (For 7 wkts in 90 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-26, 2-26, 3-77, 4-138,

Bowler	0	M	R	W
McGrath	22	3	56	(
Gillespie	22	5	61	
Kasprowicz	20	5	54	113
Warne	22	2	65	1
Lehmann	4	0	12	(
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PAT HZTY Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A GROUP OF PARADERS SUDDENLY STARTED ACTING INSANELY, IS THAT MARCH MADNESS?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals T 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.

#### **India rely**

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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.

India won their only previous Test series against South Africa in 1996 when their decisive win came at this venue to give India a 2-1

South Africa have won seven of 14 previous Tests between the two teams and lost two with the remaining five drawn. In India, they have won three Tests and lost two.

#### Woolmer's view

The proposals have been put for-ward by a cricket committee of former test players from around the

Some, like Australia coach John Buchanan, have welcomed the idea, saying it will lead to bowling innovations, while others fear a new rule

would damaged the game.
"I am not sure if the issue of throwing will be settled once the rules come in force," added Woolmer, who is on a coaching assignment in Dubai. "The same thing will happen again if the match referee and umpire think the ball is not going out legally.

"But the criteria has to be in place."

#### 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 its staff would lose their jobs.

"We wanted to leave quietly and we were leaving quietly," she said. Local resident Anthony Perks told the court he saw about 15 people scuffling and wrestling in the

He said two people, one of whom he later learned was Hookes, separated from the group and he saw Hookes being punched. Bar worker Lucas Cacioli said

heard raised voices coming from outside the hotel, then saw pushing and shoving between about a dozen

Asked if the pushing was coming from both sides, he replied "defi-

### Pollock near

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 is always a challenge to do well in different conditions and against different bowlers," said Pollock, who fancied his team's chances against

"We are the underdogs and that suits us fine. We are playing in conditions suitable to the Indians and are far lesser in experience, so no one is giving us any chance. That puts the pressure on India.

"Also, sometimes, an unknown commodity can be dangerous," warned Pollock, who was sacked as captain after failing to take his team past the opening round of last year's World Cup.

"I get along fine with our new captain (Graeme) Smith and am always keen to perform. It is a previlige to be playing the game you love, all over the world, against the best," said Pollock.

South Africa won both Tests on their last tour of India four years ago and have won seven of 14 previous Tests between the two teams and lost two with the remaining five

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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.

Colombia also needed a headed goal from a defender, Mario Yepes of Paris St Germain giving them a 1-0 home win over Bolivia in Barran-

Colombia moved up to sixth with 13 points while Bolivia, who have 10, have begun to lose touch with the

## 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

Abahani will play Azad Sporting Club on the opening day while the other match features Mohammedan and Wari Club.

The other teams are Sonali Bank, Ajax Sporting Club, Usha Krira Chakra, Dhaka Railway, Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha and Mariner Young's 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 pipping them at the post.

Trailing Kuwait on goal differ-ence 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.

But Kuwait's 6-1 drubbing of
Malaysia in Kuwait City scuppered
China's dream of reaching the World

Cup finals for a second time following their debut appearance in the competition at the 2002 tournament. Kuwait's victory left them with an identical goal difference to China of plus 13. But the Gulf side advanced

more, 15 to China's 14. China's humiliating exit spelt an end to the reign of coach Arie Haan, a member of the famous 'Total

to the final round of qualifying by

Football' Netherlands teams of the 1970s who took over in the wake of the 2002 World Cup.

"I'm empty inside," Haan said afterwards.

"I feel sad for the players and for everybody who was involved in the game. You can't come closer than

In the end, a second-half penalty miss by China's Zheng Zhi, who saw his spot-kick tipped around the post by Hong Kong's livewire 'keeper Fan Chun-yip, was to prove fatal. China's goals came either side of

the break by Li Jinyu, together with a

first-half double by Shao Jiayi and

second-half strikes by Xu Yunlong, Yu Genwei and Li Weifeng but ultimately were in vain. The build-up to Wednesday's nail-biting finale had been overshadowed by a war of words trig-gered by a leading Chinese newspa-per that urged China's football

officials to put pressure on Hong

The Asian Football Confederavirtue of having scored one goal tion (AFC) responded swiftly, with general secretary Peter Velappan warning that the China-Hong Kong game would be watched closely for

Kong to throw the match.

anyhint of "funny business."

Velappan's comments infuriated officials in Hong Kong, which has continued to compete in international sporting events separately from China despite the 1997 handover from Britain.

Police in Guangzhou had been placed on alert for possible riots in the event of a Chinese exit on

In 1985, a surprise Hong Kong win against China knocked the mainland out of World Cup qualifying, sparking riots in Beijing with angry fans rampaging around the Worker's Stadium, turning over cars and breaking windows.

The other qualifying issues to be settled on Wednesday saw 2002 World Cup semi-finalists South Korea book their place in the final round of qualifying with a 2-0 victory at home to the Maldives in Group Seven.

South Korea -- who are bidding to reach their sixth consecutive finals, an Asian record -- made sure of top spot thanks to second-half goals from Kim Do-Heon and Lee Dong-Gook.

But it was a lacklustre showing from South Korea, who struggled to

Leaders Serbia & Montenegro beat

Belgium 2-0 in Brussels to take their goal tally to 10-0 and their points

At the same time they seriously

damaged Belgium's hopes of a seventh successive World Cup finals appearance, leaving the Red Devils

with just one point from three games and only forlorn San Marino

Lithuania remained in second

total to 10 from four games.

break down opponents who had held them to a shock 0-0 draw in the

earlier pool fixture in Male in March. South Korea and Kuwait join Japan, Bahrain, Uzbekistan, Saudi Arabia, and North Korea as the qualifiers for the final round.

Iran claim the eighth and final qualifying berth later on Wednesday with a whacking 7-0 victory over lowly Laos in Group One.

Veteran striker Ali Daei scored four times as the Asian giants ensured that they would not slip-up as China had and left poor Laos with no points from the campaign while Iran finished three points clear of

The eight teams in the final round will be placed in two groups of four at a draw in Kuala Lumpur next month.

The top two teams in each group will qualify automatically for the finals in Germany, with the two third placed teams meeting in a play-off.

The winner of that match will then advance to a further playoff against a side from the North and Central America CONCACAF qualifying zone for the opportunity to qualify as the fifth Asian team.

# European situation

REUTERS, London



A group-by-group analysis of Wednesday's European World Cup qualifying matches, the last to be played in the Euro-

pean competition until February

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.

The Czech Republic maintained their challenge with a 2-0 win over Macedonia to leave the group tightly bunched. The Netherlands and Romania have 10 points, Finland and the Czechs nine.

**GROUP TWO** 

Unbeaten Ukraine maintained their drive for a first appearance in the World Cup finals with a stunning 3-0 win over Turkey in Istanbul, the Turks' first defeat in the competition. Ukraine stretched their lead at

the top to five points with 11 points from five matche Turkey and Albania, who were not playing, were joined on six points by Denmark, who had a disap-Israelis believing they could reach the finals for the first time since their pointing evening in Georgia where onlyappearance in 1970.

theyonly managed a 2-2 draw. Fading European champions Greece finally kick-started their listless campaign with a first win, 3-1 over Kazakhstan in Piraeus, to move on to five points. Angelos Haristeas scored twice and skipper Theodoros Zagorakis become the first Greek player to win 100 caps.

**GROUP THREE** 

Leaders Portugal opened a three-point lead over Slovakia after a 5-0 win in Luxembourg took their goals tally to 20, the highest in any of the

European groups.

Portugal have 13 points from five matches, with Slovakia second on 10. Russia beat Estonia 4-0 to leapfrog above the Estonians into third place with seven points. Latvia also climbed to seven points following a 3-1 win over Liechtenstein. ---

**GROUP FOUR** 

The only match in the group ended in a significant win for Israel, whose 2-1 victory over Cyprus in Nicosia lifted them to eight points from four games, level with Ireland and France Israel's next two matches are at

home to Ireland and France and a

victory in either or both would get

place, moving up to eight points despite a slender 1-0 win over San Spain, who played England in a friendly on Wednesday, should move up to eight points in their next match, against San Marino.

beneath them.

**GROUP SEVEN** 

**GROUP EIGHT** Hungary won 2-0 in Malta to take their points tally to six from four games but the victory failed to improve their position in the stand-

Sweden lead with nine points from four games, followed by Bulgaria (7 from 3), Croatia (7 from

Iceland and Malta trail, with just

#### bow out AFP, Washington

Raggae Boyz

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. The US won a spot in the final

round of CONCACAF World Cup qualification with a 6-0 win over Panama last month. Panama defeated El Salvador 3-0 on Wednesday to wrap up the final slot in Group A and join the US in the

six-team regional finals. The field for the next round is set. with the US, Mexico, Guatemala and Panama joined by Costa Rica and

Trinidad and Tobago. CONCACAF gets three automatic berths into the World Cup 2006 in Germany, with the fourth-place finisher facing the fifth-place team

from Asia for another berth. Costa Rica played a scoreless draw with Honduras to seal its berth Wednesday. Trinidad rallied with two late goals to defeat St. Vincent. 2-1, and nab the final slot. Canada salvaged some pride by beating

# Spanish blues for England

REUTERS, London Europe's big guns did their best to hasten the demise of international

friendlies with a series of low-key performances on Wednesday. France were held to their third successive 0-0 home draw, by Poland, England failed to muster a single shot on target in a dire 1-0 defeat in Spain and an experimental

Italy side beat Finland 1-0. Germany at least managed to find the net as they beat Cameroon 3-0, as did Sweden, 4-1 winners in Scotland, but goalless draws between Azerbaijan and Bulgaria and Slovakia and Slovenia were

more typical of the night's fare. Germany, automatic qualifiers as

## Zim rebels ponder future

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.

"We are due to meet together in a day or two and will issue a joint statement on our future plans. Basically, we couldn't afford to go through with the tribunal, especially as there are only three of us left. It would have been extremely expen-

sive," Gripper said. "All the other players have made newlives for themselves. 'Whatever we decide, we will act

together. Basically it is a decision about going back to cricket or not." Zimbabwe Cricket chairman Peter Chingoka has said this is possible "provided there are no preconditions"

That would mean dropping all

their complaints about racially-

motivated teams and Streak's axing

ZC vice-president Justice Ahmed Ebrahim said the tribunal never met formally, even though it was set up more than four months ago. "There was in fact a 52-day dead-

line, so that is long past anyway." An earlier ICC inquiry was abandoned because the same three players refused to give evidence in the hearing of ZC directors, who

little option but to take friendlies seriously and looked solid enough in

before striker Kevin Kuranyi put them ahead in the 71st minute and second-half substitute Miroslav Klose added two more. The Africans, who hardly threatened, had Manchester United

midfielder Eric Djemba-Djemba

sent off nine minutes from time.

They missed a series of chances

beating Cameroon in Leipzig.

It was a third win in four games for Germany since Juergen Klinsmann's arrival as coach in July and, aside from the poor finishing of

the first half, it was by far their most convincing.

France also appointed a new

ech is finding things much tougher. Wednesday's 0-0 stalemate with

Poland was their fourth consecutive

home draw, the last two in World

Cup qualifiers against Israel and Ireland, and brought a disappointing year to a suitably low-key close. Poland keeper Jerzy Dudek kept out their best efforts while Sidney

Govou headed against a post. England did not even get that close in one of their worst performances for years in a game marred by racist

chanting by home fans in Madrid. Spain were vastly superior but had only defender Asier del Horno's looping header after nine minutes to

show for all their sharp passing.

the first half and despite the home side's domination, they too seemed to lose interest once the fans started abusing the visitors' black players.

Italy coach Marcello Lippi rested

several regulars in Messina, where

Fiorentina forward Fabrizio Miccoli

beat impressive Finnish goalkeeper Jussi Jaaskelainen after 33 minutes for the game's only goal. Sweden also rested strikers Henrik Larsson and Zlatan Ibrahimovic, and midfielder Fredrik

Ljungberg but were far too good for sorry Scotland in Edinburgh. Striker Marcus Allback scored two and Johan Elmander and Fredrik

Berglund were also on target.



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England keeper Paul Robinson

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and some of other terms has been changed as per following schedule: Date of the bid purchase : 21 November 2004 Up to 4:00 PM (local time) 25 November 2004 Date of the bid dropping: 12:00 Noon (local time) Time : Date of the bid opening: 25 November 2004

Time

The delivery place of the package 1-10 (Except Package # 06) the delivery price shall includes all expenses along with EXW price up to delivery place at PIU, Nagar Bhaban,

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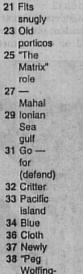
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