SPORT

McMillan hits back

Cricket

AFP, Brisbane

New Zealand batsman Craig McMillan accused Australia's Adam Gilchrist of being "righteous" during their much-publicised row after Australia's first-Test win, it emerged on Monday.

Television reports also broadcast audio footage of McMillan lambasting the wicket-keeper when he called, for him to "walk", or give himself out, following a caughtbehind appeal during New Zealand's second-innings capitula-

"Not everyone is (expletive) walking Gilly. Not everyone has to walk mate," he was heard to say through the stump microphones.

McMillan was out the following delivery, leg before wicket for nine to Jason Gillespie, as New Zealand slumped to 76 all out on the fourth day to lose by an innings and 156

Gilchrist, who is also Australia's vice captain, has repeatedly called for batsmen to give themselves out before waiting for the umpire's decision and has frequently done so himself, including in the recent Bombay Test against India.

After Australia mopped up an innings and 156-run victory, Gilchrist and McMillan further

England batsman Andrew Strauss believes his late blooming as an

international player has helped his

made his one-day international debut against Sri Lanka on

November 18 last year, and played

his first Test against New Zealand at

years earlier I would not have been

as well prepared," Strauss told reporters in Windhoek on Monday,

where England are preparing for their tour to Zimbabwe.

"County cricket allowed me to work out my game-plan," Strauss

"Test cricket is a test of technique

Strauss is averaging just over 45

and temperament, and if you're a

little older you're in a better place to

having scored 590 runs in seven

Tests, including two centuries. He is

Captain Michael Vaughan made his

highest score in a one-day match for

England to lead his team to victory

by 67 runs over Namibia on Sunday

in a warm-up match for the tour of

Vaughan struck 89 to guide

Namibia replied with 193 for four

England's total was built around

Vaughan faced 92 balls and hit six

a third-wicket stand of 150 between

fours and three sixes before holing

out to Kola Burger at long-on off off-

wicketkeeper Hugo Ludik off

medium pacer Louis Burger for 73

after he had faced 65 bals and hit

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Strauss was caught behind by

Vaughan and Andrew Strauss.

spinner Danie Keulder.

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England to 260 for six in the 42 overs

their innings was reduced to by

Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Vaughan stars

for England

REUTERS, Windhoek

overnight rain.

in their 42 overs.

"If I had made my debut two

South African-born Strauss, 27,

Cricket

Lord's in May this year.

deal with it.

REUTERS, Windhoek

discussed the incident on the field in full view of fans and television cam-

"I just thought you were being a little bit righteous," McMillan told Gilchrist in the second exchange.

The Australian vice-captain told the Black Caps batsman he had no complaint with his standing his

"But if you nick it you (have to) expect to cop it," Gilchrist said.

Gilchrist has received mixed reaction here over his conscientious attitude and was accused by New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming of a "crusade" on the matter which put pressure on opponents to follow his lead.

Gilchrist cancelled a scheduled press conference on Monday following media reaction to the Gabba incident, while McMillan was putofflimits by his team management.

Australian fast bowler Gillespie on Monday defended Gilchrist, saying any player would have made the same remarks to a batsman who has edged a catch but stood their ground.

'He doesn't instil his beliefs on his team-mates or the opposition," Gillespie told reporters.

"There wasn't anything (said to McMillan) to do with 'you should

"What everyone saw yesterday was a bit of gamesmanship out in the middle and a batsman reacted to

also averaging over 40 in one-day

had learnt a great deal since his

ANDREW STRAUSS

ently," he said.

little dinky shots.

Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

has heard.

Kilda.

elevation to international cricket.

"When I opened the batting for

You learn to improvise, to play

"I used to think you had to hit the

A hotel bouncer charged over the

death of former Australian Test

cricketer David Hookes will stand

trial early next year on charges of

manslaughter and assault, a court

guilty at the end of a week-long

committal hearing into the former

Test batsman's death in January.

Zdravko Micevic, 22, pleaded not

Hookes, 48, died in a Melbourne

hospital on January 19, a day after he

was allegedly knocked to the the

ground during a fracas outside the

Beaconsfield Hotel in suburban St

the hotel, where Hookes and mem-

bers of the Victorian state cricket

team which he coached had gone on

January 18 after an inter-state match

Magistrate Ian McGrane told the

with South Australia.

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Micevic worked as a bouncer at

Middlesex in one-day games two

years ago I played completely differ-

The Middlesex opener said he

It's good to be late

Appleby's longest drive "A lot of people don't realise how much we do cop it in return from

opposition teams but we don't make

was disappointed that the dispute

took away from their outstanding

performance over the final two days

felt the issue and dispute had both

been blown out of proportion but

said Gilchrist couldn't expect others

to share his views on walking.
"That's his choice and no one has

a problem with that, but by the same

respect he shouldn't have a problem with guys that don't walk," he said,

adding that there was no resent-

"Emotions get high, you are out there to compete and win for your

country and you can't not go through those sorts of emotions."

Selectors on Monday predictably

named an unchanged 12-man

squad for the second Test, starting in

Justin Langer, Matthew Hayden,

Ricky Ponting (captain), Damien

Martyn, Darren Lehmann, Michael

Clarke, Adam Gilchrist, Shane

Warne, Jason Gillespie, Michael

Kasprowicz, Glenn McGrath, Brett

ball hard, but you can score quickly

with deflections rather than smack-

Strauss said England were pro-

'We've had a few blips, against

Sri Lanka and elsewhere in the

summer, but hopefully it's part of a

learning experience and we're going

tour to Zimbabwe, where England

play five one-dayers, but Strauss

said Michael Vaughan's side were

focused on their second one-day

warm-up match against Namibia in

"The Zimbabwe tour is on the

Once the game tomorrow is

"The guys are looking forward to

England beat Namibia by 67 runs

finished we'll turn our attention to

Zimbabwe and try to deal with that.

doing well on the field, to making a

in the first warm-up match, in

Windhoek on Sunday.

The squad is scheduled to arrive

Melbourne Magistrates Court on

Monday that Micevic would stand

trial in Victoria's Supreme Court in

hearing included testimony from

current Test star Darren Lehmann

and other well-known cricketing

figures in a case which has caused

a sensation in sports-mad

Test cricketer and the coach of

Victoria's state team, Hookes

hosted a popular sports show on a

commercial radio station in

Hookes had threatened to criticise

the hotel on air in his talkback

radio programme for throwing

court the bouncer claimed that

Hookes threw the first punches in

Micevic's lawyer also told the

him out minutes before the fight.

The court heard evidence that

Apart from his background as a

The week-long committal

in Zimbabwe on Wednesday.

Bouncer to stand trial

March.

Australia.

Melbourne.

the incident.

clean sweep of the five matches."

Windhoek on Tuesday.

backburner," he said.

There have been calls to scrap the

to be a better side for it," he said.

ing it over the bowler's head."

gressing as a one-day team.

ment between the teams.

Adelaide on Friday.

SQUAD

Kiwi batsman Nathan Astle also

a song and dance about it.

of the Brisbane Test.

Stuart Appleby is accustomed to watching his drives take off, but he "We don't go and flay our arms and say we get sledged, we just get usually doesn't use an airport runway to accomplish the feat. Gillespie said the Australian team

On Monday though the Australian golfer teed up on Sydney International's runway 16L-34R to beat three other stars of the game with a drive of 630.58 metres (693.64 yards) -- a record of sorts that won 5,000 dollars for charity.

"It's still softer than the fairways at the British Open," quipped Appleby as his ball bounced and rolled down the 2,438-metre concrete fairway as part of the Longest Drive Competition organised in the run-up to this weekend's Australian

Appleby currently ranks fifth on the US PGA's list of longest drives

with a wallop of 395 metres. In Monday's charity contest he beat fellow Aussie John Senden, who was a snip behind at 622.98 metres, while New Zealander Michael Campbell came in third with a drive of 603.44 metres.

Australian Peter O'Malley didn't fair so well.

Considered one of the game's straightest hitters, O'Malley missed the 60-metre wide runway in his first attempt before managing a credible 581.07 metres.

Sydney Airport Corporation closed the runway for an hour to allow the four players to tee off.

Appleby, ranked 17 in the world, and the highest player in the Australian Open, was presented with a cheque for 5,000 dollars, which he will donate to charity.

Gibbs allergic to India

AFP, Kanpur

South Africa's cricket chief Monday said star batsman Herschelle Gibbs, named in the match-fixing probe which brought down former captain Hansie Cronje, would not tour India for the ICC Champions Trophy scheduled for 2006.

"Gibbs has been advised by his lawyers not to tour India," Gerald Majola, chief executive officer of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, told a press conference here,

Opener Gibbs and spinner Nicky Boje withdrew from the ongoing two-Test tour fearing detention by Indian police as their names figured prominently in the case being investigated for four years.

"Gibbs will not play here in the Champions Trophy and we won't push him to do so. Though we would always like to play a full-strength side, we also have to look at our players' concerns," he said.

Boje, even he will play here only if given an assurance that he will not be detained," said Majola.

Indians, Abahani

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Rumi and Ratna 11-5, 11-4, 11-6. Abahani, the local giants in football, cricket and hockey, started taking part in table tennis competi-

tions from last year. Earlier, Abahani eliminated Jessore 3-1 and Biman ousted Patuakhali 3-0 in the semis. The women's singles will be

decided today. Wari Club clinched the boys' title

with identical 3-1 wins over Biman in the semis and Narail in the final. Shovon of Narail defeated Wari's Helal 11-8, 9-11, 12-10, 9-11 and 11-

7 but Wari's in-form paddler Krishna took the second and fourth sets against Rajib (11-8, 7-11, 11-5, 11-9) and Shovon (9-11, 11-3, 16-14, 12-10) respectively. Rocky won the third set for Wari 11-13, 11-7, 11-2 and 11-

India reply

Fall of wkts: 1-61, 2-69, 3-154, 4-154, 5-241, 6-385, 7-445, 8-467, 9-510. O M 29 Zaheer 59 12 2 45 Ganguly 54 13 131 Harbhajan 9 127 Kartik 42 12 76 Tendulkar 0 36 0 INDIA: First innings 85 Sehwagnotout Gambhirnotout 85 Extras: (b-4, lb-7, nb-4) 15 Total: (For no loss in 42 overs) 185 Bowler OMR W Pollock 13 2 46 0 12 0 48 Ntini 0 Peterson 1 43 0 Hall 2 37 Toss: South Africa

Master Roger FROM PAGE 13

achieved -- win a Test series in Australia," said Inzamam, who took Muhammad Khalil will strengthen over as skipper last year. the attack as Shabbir Ahmed recov-"On a bad pitch Australia sucers from a knee operation and Umer Gul returns from a stress fracture of

cumbed in India recently so any team can suffer like this." Inzamam said Pakistan, whose first Test against the hosts starts in Perth on December 16, could take inspiration from their 1992 World Cup win and other one-day victories in

"We won the World Cup in Australia in 1992 and a tri-series in 1997 so we can do well in the Tests as well and the way this young team is working I am confident that the results will be different," he said.

achieve the best."

Pakistan have announced a 17man squad for the three Tests and

Kamran Akmal will be the only wicketkeeper in the squad after the selectors axed experienced Moin Khan and Rashid Latif from a 25-

Besides Inzamam, only express pacer Shoaib Akhtar, Younis Khan, Abdul Razzaq, Yousuf Youhana and Shahid Afridi have previously toured

pace bowlers among a battery of five

ACU team to visit Kenya

Investigators from the International Cricket Council (ICC) Anti-Corruption and Security Unit will return to Kenya this week to interview 12 team players implicated in the match-fixing scandal involving former team captain Maurice Odumbe, cricket officials said on

"The two officers will arrive in the country on November 30. They have asked us to facilitate the availability of the players for interviews over three days," the Kenya Cricket Association general manager Sammy Obingo confirmed on

Obingo explained that the two officials, Martin Hawkins and Alan Peacock, who were part of a threeman probe team that investigated Odumbe's dealing with an Indian bookmaker and led to a five-ban on the player, would also inter-view Kenya's former coach

Sandip Patil. The India-born Patil led the team to the semifinals of the World Cup in South Africa in 2003 but left the country to return

Pittman plans to

Australian track star Jana Pittman plans to marry British athlete Chris

Pittman announced her engagement to Rawlinson, who she met at the Athens Olympics, on Friday.

She said today they would marry

serve and volley skills to augment his power serve and become a more "We are going to get married the versatile opponent with an eye on week after the Commonwealth Games, so the second of April

reclaiming the year-end number (2006)," said Pittman on Monday.
The 22-year-old athlete, who braved a knee injury to come fifth in the Athens Olympics 400m hurdles,

would love to win a Slam. I would like to continue to improve some things. There's room for improvement. Hopefully I'll be able to 4x400m relay. accomplish some of those next

The American expects Hewitt to be a factor in the fight as well, having

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England were put through by the behaviour of the fans, I would have "Last year I think was a bit of a supported them walking off. fluke for him that he didn't play

I was shocked and I am still shocked at what happened. I am sad at this new expression of racism in a stadia that has been a temple of football and I cannot understand

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wouldn't want to be rested. It would be a hard thing to come to grips with being rested from a Test match because it's never been done before.

would certainly think about it." Gillespie felt Australia could rest

because of the depth of fast bowlers in the country.

ened at all," he said.

been rested in one-dayers and your first choice is always to play.

"But at the same time if it's in the best interests of the team and the individual I think it's something worth considering. Especially with

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"MKHTSR EC H BACWSANW. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A KANGAROO IS FINDING IT HARD TO JUMP, SHOULD HE JUST TAKE SOME LEAPING PILLS?

YOVVWY AS

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S 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.



AIR GOLF CLEARED FOR TAKE-OFF: (L) Australian golfer Stuart Appleby drives down one of Sydney Airport's main runways yesterday. (R) Appleby is elated after winning the unique longest drive event in a distance of 630.58 metres.

Inzamam has no fears Muhammad Asif and left-armer

Cricket

AFP, Lahore

Pakistan captain Inzamamul Haqon Monday insisted his team remained positive about their upcoming tour of Australia despite New Zealand's heavy defeat against the world He said Pakistan, who have never

won a full Test series in Australia in eight attempts, would not be intimidated by the Kiwis' innings and 156run defeat as they crumbled for 76 all out on the fourth day on Sunday.

"We are going to Australia with a positive frame of mind and our young team and are not worried over what happened to New Zealand in the first Test last week," said Inzamam.

The captain, who took over as skipper last year, also received a boost when the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) announced he will remain as captain until the tour of the West Indies in May-June next

"It's a great honour for me to lead the side and the Australian tour will be my first real test and I want to achieve what no other captain has

Roger Federer clinched year-end

world number one honors in

September by capturing his third

Grand Slam title of the season, but

his closest rivals are already prepar-

ing to provide a tougher test in 2005.

Australian Open titles and his sec-

ond consecutive Wimbledon title,

but the runner-ups from each of

those events are in position to make

a run at dethroning the 23-year-old

Hewitt of Australia, Wimbledon

runner-up Andy Roddick of the

United States and Australian Open

runner-up Marat Safin of Russia

staked their claims with the best

results here at the ATP Masters Cup.

to have us four guys at the top,"

Hewitt said. "It's four guys from

totally different countries. It's four

guys that are obviously very young,

who have won Grand Slams and

have all been No. 1 in the world.

Image-wise as well, we're all totally

Rather than producing one

heated rivalry as in past eras, the

"You know that Adelaide is con-

ducive to scoring runs and you've

got to be tough in terms of your

bowling disciplines in terms of

coming back, sticking with the line,

right balls to score off, stay confi-

dent, stay positive and not let the

situation get to you and stay with

your plan. That's part of toughness

New Zealand got themselves into

a strong position on the opening two

days of the Gabba Test by sticking to

their plans, but it all unravelled

spectacularly under the counter-

attacking ferocity of Clarke and Kiwi

lengths and we readjusted our

strategy but it was a skill factor in

terms of being able to execute it over

"We tried to adjust our bowling

that we all need to beat the best."

You know you have to pick the

world's best team.

hitting the right areas.

nemesis Gilchrist.

"I think it's good going into 2005

US Open runner-up Lleyton

Swiss star next season.

Federer won the US and

Tennis

AFP, Houston

"This is a young team willing to do its best and I hope they will

tri-series one-day tournament also involving the West Indies.

Promising right-arm bowler

gang of four appears set to produce

several classic contrasts among the

the top four, they all have the poten-

tial to have rivalries with each

other," Federer said. "I'm not sure if

it's going to be one-on-one rivalries

another's booty, top-ranked rivals

are setting sail in pursuit of the Jolly

established that gap and there's no doubt about that," Britain's sixth-

ranked Tim Henman said. "This

year, it has just been phenomenal

whether they can close the gap early

next year. Federer is so confident

right now, and he's sort of riding that

wave of 2004. There's no doubt that

he has been No. 1 by such a big

margin. "Come March, if he has won

the Australian Open and a Masters

series, then I'll probably still say he is

round exit at the US Open, having

won titles in Beijing, Madrid and

Paris in the final two months of the

season. The 2000 US Open winner

achieved his 2004 goal of returning

a long period of time and we got

Martin had bowled against these

guys before, the counter-attacking

may have become a little bit too

their monumental loss, skipper

Fleming said his bowlers had to stay

true with their line and length even

when they were under fire from the

prodigious-scoring Aussies, who turned around a shaky position of

128 for four chasing 353 to amass

age) because you expect the best to

a number of times because he's a

wonderful player with that ability to

Gilchrist put together a match-

come hard," Fleming said Monday.

"It doesn't do too much (dam-

"Adam Gilchrist has done it to us

"Michael Clarke together with

585 and a 232-run innings lead.

Asked if the Kiwis were scarred by

"Perhaps the fact that only Chris

to the ranks of top contenders.

Broken Kiwis pick up pieces

punished," Bracewell said.

much for them."

counter-punch.

Safin went 24-5 after a first-

"It will be a better reflection of

Like pirates ready to plunder one

"In the short term, Federer has

with each other."

whathe's achieved.

along way in front."

"The guys at the top right now,

Rivals gear up for 2005

Pakistan will take two uncapped

Farhat, Yasir Hammed, Younis Khan, Abdul Razzaq, Salman Butt, Kamran Haroon Rasheed (manager).

Akmal (wicketkeeper), Muhammad Sami, Shoaib Akhtar, Shoaib Malik, Danish Kaneria, Rana Naveedul Hassan, Asim Kamal, Mohammad Khalil, Mohammad Asif and Shahid Afridi, Bob Woolmer (Coach),

"I started the year 89. Compared

to where I am right now, I've

improved 85 spots," Safin said. "The

main goal was to get back to the top

10. I even made top five. So I'm not

really angry at myself. I don't regret

anything, even that I lost in the finals

Roddick is trying to improve his

"I would love to make a run at

number one again," he said. "I

bounced back his top form of 2001

and 2002 after struggles last season.

"You don't finish number one

two years in a row and then sud-

denly forget how to play tennis. I

think he's every bit as good now as

winning partnership at a pretty

crucial time and they didn't do it

slowly, that's the damaging aspect

because it's done very quick, so the

skill of the opposition side is to

adjust and then to reiterate and be

got a chance, but it's a tough pros-

"If you can slow them up you've

Bracewell said the Kiwis had

"We have a full squad and obvi-

Adelaide Oval is a different

virtually a full squad from which to

choose their team for the second

ously everybody, apart from (pace-

man) James Franklin is fit at this

surface with different dimensions.

left-handers often do very well there

because of it's short square (of the

wicket) and we'll be looking at the

surface and its history before com-

precise with them.

stage to play," he said.

ing up with our team."

well," Roddicksaid.

of the Australian Open."

one spothe owned in 2003.

Khalil, who played the Junior

World Cup in 2002, has been in the

reckoning for the past year and was among the 15-member squadwhich

won the Karachi Test against Sri

during the current Quaid-e-Azam

Trophy domestic tournament when

he took 25 wickets in five matches.

Inzamamul Haq (captain) Yousuf

Youhana (vice captain) Imran

Asif caught the selectors' eyes

Lanka earlier this month.

name preliminary squad.

SQUAD

home where he has been coaching the India A side.

wed in 2006

SMH, undated

Rawlinson just days after the Melbourne Commonwealth Games.

after competing at the Commonwealth Games.

will compete in the same event at the Commonwealth Games, as well as the 400m flat run and possibly the

Blatter tells

'Dizzy' likes

"I can fully understand if someone

"I wouldn't put my hand up to do that but if the selectors and captain or team management sat down with me and said 'Dizzy, here's the opportunity for you to have a rest and these are the reasons why', I

"Brett (Lee) is a quality bowler and our attack wouldn't be weak-

players without affecting results

"The last couple of years I've

the amount of cricket we're playing

Umpires: Darryl Harper (AUS) and Simon Taufel (AUS) TVumpire: A.V. Jayaprakash (IND) Match referee: Jeff Crowe (NZL)

The victory was Federer's 23rd consecutive triumph over a top-10 foe, a streak that began with his unbeaten 2003 Cup title effort. Federer matched Ivan Lendl's 1986-1987 feat of unbeaten back-to-back title efforts at the event.