SPORT

Pakistan come to India on Feb 25

AFP, New Delhi

Pakistan's cricket team will tour India from February 25, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Karunakaran Nair announced on Saturday.

"The Pakistan team will tour India from February 25 till April 18," Nair said. "The itinerary is still being worked out and will be announced

Pakistan are scheduled to play three Tests and five one-day internationals apart from two practice games during their 53-day tour.

They last toured India in 1999 when a two-Test series was drawn 1-1. Pakistan won an Asian Test Championship match against India in Kolkata in front of an empty stadium because of crowd trouble on

But bilateral series between the two countries were banned in 2000 by the Indian government because of tensions over the disputed region of Kashmir which is claimed by both.

Cricketing ties were resumed after a thaw in relations last year when India went to Pakistan on their first full tour in almost 15 years, winning both the Test and one-dayseries.

MCC to help reconstruct Galle arena

AFP, London

Marylebone Cricket Club, the pri-vate members club that owns Lord's Cricket Ground, has pledged 25,000 pounds towards the reconstruction of the Galle Cricket Stadium in Sri Lanka, which was devastated by the December 26 tsunami.

The MCC has also agreed to hold a fund-raising event in Lord's famous Long Room later this year and announced plans to stage a match for disaster relief at the ground during the English summer. MCC's secretary chief executive,

Roger Knight, said: "Everyone has been shocked by the tsunami disaster -- and its scale. "Now it is essential for the region to receive the resources needed for a full recovery; MCC is determined to

playits part in this process." Cricket has been in the forefront of efforts to relieve the suffering of victims of the tsunami with millions of dollars expected to be raised by a first all-star charity match between an Asian XI and a Rest of the World team in Melbourne on Monday.

Lara crushes

days that Hussey had taken full toll

of the West Indian attack, having made an unbeaten 83 for Victoria in lastWednesday's game at the MCG. Lara is set to miss Sunday's return match with Australia A here as he has to catch a flight to Melbourne for the tsunami disaster

fundraiser game on Monday. The Windies announced Saturday that Ricardo Powell would be flown in as the replacement for all-rounder Ryan Hinds, who is out of the international series with a groin injury.

What to watch FROM PAGE 13

ESPN

FA Cup (Third Round) Arsenal vs Stoke City Live at 7:55 pm Primera Liga Live at 2:00 am (Monday)

STAR Sports FA Cup (Third Round) Newcastle vs Yeading

Live at 7:40 pm Primera Liga Real Madrid vs Atletico Madrid Live at 11:55 pm

Inzamam still in doubt

Ryan pulls out of Windies side

CRICINFO/AFP, undated



Pakistan captain Inzamamul Haq will take a late decision on whether to make himself available for the VB Series against Australia

Inzamam missed the last two Tests against Australia because of back problems, but has responded

well to treatment. "I will decide then but I am trying my level best to be fit," he told the BBC website on Saturday.

"The muscular injury was hurting deep when I was bending to take stance or while I was running. Now the pain has eased out but I have to make the right calculation about my comeback because I can't afford to blow away my chances of touring

International Master Enamul

Hossain Rajib held Indian Grand

Master Krishnan Sasikiran to a draw

in the eighth round of the 3rd Parsynath International Open Chess

Championship in Delhi yesterday.

Sharing points with the highest

rated player in the competition has

improved Rajib's collection to 6.5

points and he was now jointly in the

Mehdi Hasan Parag bagged six

points after the round to share the

third place along with 14 players while other Bangladeshi partici-

pants Debaraj Chatterjee, FIDE

Master Khondokar Aminul Islam,

Mohammed Javed and Mahfuzur

Rahman Emon secured five points

Doza, Sifat UCB

golf champions

second spot along with five others.

Rajib holds

Sasikiran

SPORTS REPORTER

Meanwhile, West Indies batsman Ryan Hinds Saturday withdrew from the triangular one-day cricket series starting next week with a groin-related injury, a team spokesman said.

Hinds sustained the injury in the opening warm-up game against Victoria in Melbourne on Wednes-

He will remain with the team as officials explore the possibility of having his injury treated in Australia. Batsman Ricardo Powell will join the team on Sunday as a replace-

ment, the spokesman said. Powell, who has a reputation as a tremendous fielder and hard-hitting batsman, was a member of the West Indies team that clinched the ICC Champions Trophy in England last

Inzamam has come under fierce

stage tsunami Australia. He scored only one run in his two innings at Perth last month. and Imran Khan, who was the cap-

"I have the highest regard for him but I wish Imran had seen the medi-cal reports," Inzamam said, responding to the criticism. "We are more disappointed and sad than our supporters because we are not as bad as the results reflect. We improved gradually but we played against the best team in the world in

tain when Inzamam first entered

international cricket, condemned

his attitude.

their backyard." But Inzamam reckoned that some pride could be won back in the VB Series: "The players have been working extremely hard as they know this may be their last chance to win back the confidence and trust of their supporters. If we are a good

SPORTS REPORTER Mohammad B Doza clinched the title and RT Parsh finished runnerup in the UCB Golf Tournament at

Sifat Yusuf won the first prize and Jong Oh Bae received the runner-up trophy in the female group.

Bhatiary Golf Club in Chittagong on

A total of 116 golfers including five women took part in the competition, sponsored by United

criticism from former Pakistan and talented team, we have to perplayers for his side's 3-0 defeat to form well in this tournament.'

West Indies captain Brian Lara in action against Australia A in Hobart

Lehmann returns for ODIs



Darren Lehmann was given the backing of the chief of selectors Saturday after being named in Australia's 14-

man squad for this month's triangular one-day cricket series against Pakistan and West Indies.

The worst was feared for 34-yearold Lehmann when he was left out of

announced Saturday. "Havinghim in our one-day squad, he virtually picked himself," chairman

verywellforus.

senior player within the group, he's

Australia's winning third Test side against Pakistan last weekend after a run of low scores, but he was there when the one-day squad was

of selectors Trevor Hohns said. "He did so well against New Zealand recently and he's done very,

'He's also a very highly thought of

helped (captain) Ricky Ponting enormously over a period of time now.

"He looks after the young fellas so right now we didn't think it was necessary to move on from him in the onedaygame." Lehmann, who turns 35 next

month, was overlooked in favour of the much younger allrounder Shane Watson for the final Test against The expanded limited-overs squad

offered selectors the opportunity to rotate key players ahead of tours of New Zealand and England over the next nine months.

Australia A skipper Brad Haddin could also be called up if wicketkeeper-batsman Adam Gilchrist needs a rest. "We were always going to pick our

best 14 players," said Hohns. "What we do with them remains to be seen, we'll discuss that in the next

week or so as to how we shuffle the Young batsman Michael Clarke

was selected subject to proving his fitness in the next few days.

Clarke has injured his right foot, although scans have revealed no stress

Pace bowler Brett Lee is the only member of the squad playing in the back-to-back Australia A games this weekend in Hobart against the West

The same 14 players were involved in the Chappell-Hadlee series against New Zealand in December which ended in a 1-1 tie after the final game was washed out.

Australia play the West Indies in the opening triangular series match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on January 14.

SQUAD

Ricky Ponting (captain), Adam Gilchrist, Michael Clarke, Jason Gillespie, Matthew Hayden, Brad Hogg, Michael Kasprowicz, Simon Katich, Shane Watson, Brett Lee, Darren Lehmann, Damien Martyn, Glenn McGrath, Andrew Symonds.

Srichaphan in Chennai final

REUTERS, Madras

Second seed Paradorn Srichaphan of Thailand reached his fourth consecutive final at the 400,000 dollars Chennai Open ATP tournament with a 7-6, 6-3 victory over Tomas Zib of Czech Republic on Saturday. Asia's top player, winner here in

2003, wilted as the unfancied Czech hit a series of stunning backhand winners before clinching the first set tie break 7-5.

second set to wear down the 28year-old Zib, ranked 127th and playing his first semi-final in an ATP The 25-year-old broke the Czech

in the fifth game and went 5-3 up

before converting his third matchpoint on Zib's serve. "I was really happy to make it in the first set," Paradorn said. "He was returning just so well. His backhand

down the line was really killing." World number five Carlos Moya, the defending champion, faces fellow Spaniard Guillermo Garcia-Lopez in the second semi-final.

match REUTERS, Zurich Soccer's world and European gov-

FIFA, UEFA to

erning bodies, FIFA and UEFA, are to organise a "solidarity match" in February to help victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami.

"FIFA and UEFA, which has also pledged aid to the FIFA/AFC Tsunami Solidarity Fund, have decided to organise a solidarity match on a grand scale in a major European stadium in February,' FIFA said in a statement released on

FIFA said the joint solidarity fund it had set up with the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has already received several donations, adding that what it called the "football family's solidarity endeavours" are multiplying fast.

FIFA has already pledged \$2 million for the fund and the AFC another \$1 million to restore footballing infrastructure in the devastated region and to donate football equipment (balls, shirts, boots, goals etc) to the associations ortheir members.

"Several associations, notably Australia, England, Germany, Greece, India, Malaysia, Portugal. Romania, Spain and Turkey, have expressed a wish to arrange charity matches with a view to donating the revenue to the solidarity fund," FIFA

Law now a British

AFP, Manchester

Former Australian one-day international batsman Stuart Law, who plays county cricket for Lancashire, has been granted British citizenship after deciding to make his move to the United Kingdom permanent.

The 36-year-old has spent nine seasons in England spending six seasons with Essex before moving to Lancashire.

"I'm glad that its happened quickly and with no problems. I can now start the New Year and new season as an English player and hopefully in the long run benefit Lancashire," said Law.

Law has scored 23,000 first-class runs, with 68 centuries and at an average of 51.21.

one-dayinternationals.

He played just one Test for Australia but has also appeared in 54

We can still win'

"I thought it was a bit drier than the wicket we played against India, which suggested it might spin. There are certain spots that do spin though, but not enough."

Whatmore however praised the effort of left-arm spinner Enamul Haque although he finished wicket-

"I thought he was looking like the one to take wickets. He beat the bat more than anybody else but cricket

Bangladesh, a team used to playing on the back-foot, are now in the unusual position of going for the kill and Whatmore was the first to admitit. "It was different and interesting

to see how they reacted. I thought they stuck to their task well and hope that they will continue to do the right things in the next two days to enforce the right result," hoped a confidentWhatmore.

SCOREBOARD

Rogers run out

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the first Test between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Saturday

BANGLADESH: First innings 488 (Bashar 94, Saleh 89, Rafique 69, Igbal 56; Mpofu 4-109, Nkala 2-50) ZIMBABWE: First innings (over night 84-4) Matsikenyeri c Bashar b Baisya

Sibanda Ibwb Rafique Masakadza b Mashrafee Cremer Ibwb Rafique Taylor lbw b Mashrafee Taibulbwb Rafique Chigumbura c Mashud b Rafique 71 Nkala not out

Hondo not out Extras: (b-1, lb-1, nb-9, w-1) Total: (For 8 wkts in 122 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-31, 2-48, 3-59, 4-59 5-86, 6-152, 7-271, 8-308 To bat: Mpofu Bowler R 26 10 76 Mashrafee

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BFF wants

three million dollars to help rebuild

terrible start to beat Gisela Dulko Bangladesh also qualified for the aid along with India, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Maldives, Myanmar,

Sri Lanka and Thailand. "In principle we can't accept the money because we have not been affected by the disaster. We will request them to distribute the money among the countries that have been badly affected," he said.

PREVIEW: SERIE A Capello unfazed

Football

AFP, Rome

Juventus coach Fabio Capello is not losing any sleep at nights, despite his team's loosening grip on top spot in Serie A.

Juve, who host Livorno on Sunday, were surprisingly held to a 1-1 draw by relegation-threatened Parma on Thursday, while defending champions AC Milan thrashed AC Milan have cut Juve's lead

from six to two points over the last five games, but the ice-cool Capello remains unmoved by the growing threat of the title-holders. "We are still first and very much

alive, so I'm calm," said the former Roma coach, who has won five Italian league titles as a coach. "We are not worried if the team behind us has one point, two points or three points. I would be concerned if we weren't creating

but that has not been the case. "If we want to be in contention for the title at the end of the season, we have to keep doing what we have been doing. There is no reason for us

chances to win our own matches,

Juventus have not played Livorno in Serie A since 1948 when the teams played out a 2-2 draw. They have met on 12 previous occasions with Juve winning 10, drawing

once and losing once. AC Milan face a potentially tough examination away to Palermo, who have lost just one of their eight matches at their Renzo Barbera stadium in Sicily.

Milan's French international Vikash Dhorasoo is hoping to retain his place in Carlo Ancelotti's starting line-up after catching the eye with an energetic performance in midfield against Lecce. Born in Harfleur, Normandy,

Dhorasoo said he was always confident he would prove himself to be a good enough for the Italian champions after signing from French club Lyon in the summer. "I wasnt scared of playing in a

new league and I knew it was going to be tough, but I was also aware that Ihad to be patient," said the 31-year-

"I started a match for the first time on Sunday and Ill never forget that moment at the San Siro. I was satisfied with the victory, but also with my own individual perfor-

Inter Milan, who are the only team in Serie A still unbeaten, face Sampdoria, who they are level with on 27 points. Inter have won their last two games, while Sampdoria have won their last three.

Sixth-placed Cagliari visit thirdplaced Udinese, whose 10-match unbeaten run, which included eight wins and two draws, was ended on Thursday by a 2-0 defeat at Sampdoria.

Roma, currently languishing in eighth place, will be looking to bounce back from their 3-1 derby defeat to city rivals Lazio when they play at home to bottom club Atalanta. Atalanta are on a high after winning their first game of the season, a 1-0 home victory against

Sunday's fixtures (all 1400 GMT unless

Bologna v Chievo, Fiorentina v Lazio, Inter Milan v Sampdoria, Juventus v Livomo, Lecce v Reggina, Messina v Brescia, Palermo v AC Milan (1930), Roma v Atalanta, Siena v Parma, Udinese v Cagliari

Barca keen on Kanoute | Di Canio in

Football

BBC ONLINE, undated

Barcelona have revealed they are considering a move for Tottenham's in-form striker Fredi Kanoute. The La Liga leaders have been

linked with Manchester City's Nicolas Anelka, but are now eyeing the 27-year-old. Sporting director Txiki Begiristain said: "Kanoute is an

coach to study, but nothing has been determined." He told the Daily Star: "Kanoute is a good player and has a European passport which is a point in his

option for the technical staff and

But Begiristain admitted: "We have still not spoken with Tottenham about him.

Spurs boss Martin Jol, who is being linked with a renewed move Nottingham Forest midfield man

January market.

Jol asserted recently that he was intent on keeping Kanoute, Jermain Defoe and Robbie Keane at the club. Kanoute joined Tottenham from West Ham in August 2003 in a £3.5m

"Iam very happy that I have three strikers of such quality," said Jol. Despite being linked with Reid, Jol warned he may not move in the

He said: "The way we improve is a big player - and if it's not on because it's too expensive or crazy money we don't do it and we have another crack with young players. "If we buy someone else it's a

replacement, so it's a problem if they start on the bench. No player wants that. "With signing another striker, I can't go to a player and say 'Come sit

on the bench'. "We are looking at two or three ayers in the Championship. - I id a look at a very good young

hot water

Lazio captain Paolo Di Canio is to be investigated by the Italian football federation (FIGC) over an alleged fascist salute during his side's 3-1 victory over bitter city rivals AS Roma on Thursday.

According to witnesses and photographs published in the newspapers Di Canio extended his right irm to the Lazio fans who have a history of racial abuse and suspected fascist leanings.

Di Canio, though, strongly denied that he had intended to cause offence. "It was only to celebrate," said the former Italian international.

"I am a professional and my manner of celebrating has nothing to do with politics."

Lazio president Claudio Lotito defended Di Canio. "Of course he celebrated quite forcefully but he did so within the.



Slovaks Daniela Hantuchova (R) and Dominik Hrbarty display the Hopman Cup trophy after beating Argentina in

Slovakia clinch Hopman Cup

Tennis

REUTERS, Perth

Slovakia clinched the Hopman Cup for the second time when they crushed Argentina 3-0 in Saturday's final.

Daniela Hantuchova and

Dominik Hrbaty had given

Slovakia an unassailable 2-0 lead before they won the final mixed doubles via a walkover because of Guillermo Coria's sore back. Former world number five Hantuchova recovered from a

1-6, 6-4, 6-4 and put the third seeds ahead. Hrbaty, who had not lost a set in his three singles matches in the group stages, then upset world number seven Coria 6-4, 6-1 to help erase the memories of 2004 when the Slovaks lost to the United

"I would like to congratulate

Daniela," Hrbaty said. "I was so second set littered with breaks to nervous watching her today, I almost had a heart attack.

"I also feel a little sorry for Guillermo today because I get very excited whenever I play for my country. I show lots of emotions and played such good tennis

today. World number 14 Hrbaty was in imperious form as he sauntered past Coria in just 58 minutes.

The Argentine struggled with a sore back in the second set but Hrbaty showed no mercy in wrapping up victory with another backhand winner.

World number 31 Hantuchova,

ranked two places above Dulko,

had won two of her three matches

in the run-up to the final but

looked nervous as she dropped the first four games of the match. Dulko, who had lost all three of her singles matches in the group stages, grew in confidence and took the first set in just 27 minutes before Hantuchova hit back in a

really wanted to win for the team and for Dominik as he played so well all week," Hantuchova said. "I didn't think I was playing my best but I just tried to hang in there

drawlevel.

vital break.

and fight hard for every point for my country." With Coria nursing his back, the walkover completed a 3-0 win, although Hrbaty and Hantuchova beat Dulko and her brother

Alejandro 8-4 in an exhibition pro

Dulko had an early chance to

break in the second game of the

deciding set, but the contest

stayed with serve until the seventh

game when a double fault from the

Argentine gave Hantuchova the

"I was so nervous because I

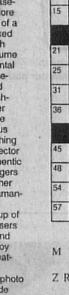
Slovakia won the Cup on their first appearance in 1998, when Karol Kucera and Karina Habsudova led them to victory



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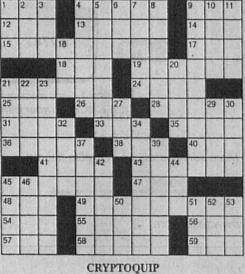
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A PORCUPINE
PLAYED VOLLEYBALL, YOU'VE GOTTA THINK

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HE'D BE FANTASTIC AT SPIKING.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals H 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.

World number 27 Paradorn, however, found his rhythm in the

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