SPORT

Hussain

foresees

AFP, Nottingham

better Vaughan

Former skipper Nasser Hussain

welcomed his successor Michael

be," said the first innings centurion.

Hussain, who stood down after

the first drawn Test at Edgbaston,

added: "Even though I'm no longe

captain I felt just the same as ever I

woke up at five this morning feeling

He said some habits die hard

"Vaughny has said he wants 11

nervous and wishing we could win.

like wanting to marshall the fielding.

captains but the last thing you need

is too many people setting the field.

"I do find myself making sugges-

tions to him but I'm old enough and

ugly enough to accept that he's the

man in charge, and that's how it

The top order will remain the same

followed by Habibul Bashar,

Ashraful or Rajin, Alok Kapali and

Sanwar Hossain. Skipper Mahmud

is likely to promote himself at num-

Left-armer Mohammad Rafique

will be the lone specialist spinner in

the team. The placid nature of the

Karachi surface means that there is

room for only two frontline pacers

the 'Narail Express' Mashrafee-bin-

Tests. They also pulled out of an

Pakistan has hosted just four Tests

out of a scheduled 14 in the past

Pakistan, says Pakistanis' passion

for cricket has survived the lack of

The combined pullouts meant

Raja, who used to captain

"People in Pakistan are waiting

ber seven sending wicketkeepe

Omar opening the innings

with Hannan Sarker and Javed

Spin-wary

non-performing Ashraful.

Khaled Mashud at eight.

or Monjurul Islam.

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three years.

home matches

Asian Test series in 2001.

should be."

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Trent Bridge here on Monday.

The Paily Star

Champs hockey India snatch victory

AFP, Amsterdam

India came from behind to defeat Germany 3-2 with a goal in the last two minutes at the men's Champions Trophy field hockey tournament here Sunday.

Germany had caused surprise when naming a development team for the competition, blaming the proxomity of the European Nations tournament in Barcelona at the end of the month where the winner qualifies for the Athens Olympics.

India failed to take Germany's second-string team seriously in the first half and by the interval Germany were a goal up through Benedikt Sperling's 25th minute effort when he broke open India's defence on the right to drive past Devesh Chauhan in goal.

Germany played with purpose and maturity beyond their years to be more than competitive with India

At the start of the second half India played high on Germany, pressing them inside their own defensive guarter. Finally Germany succumbed with Gagan Ajit Singh tapping in on the goal line after a skilful pass by Deepak Thakur from left to right across goal to find Gagan unattended at the right post (42nd minute).

India conceded a goal when Viren Rasquinha brought down Beniamin Kopp in the circle and Alexander Sahmel converted the penalty stroke (46th minute) for Germany to retake the lead.

Martyn also was on messenger!

CRICINFO, undated

Shane Warne, it seems, is not the only Australian cricketer with an unconventional use for his mobile phone.

According to a report in the Australian Sun-Herald newspaper, Damien Martyn's fiancee called off their wedding after discovering that he had received text messages from another woman

Martyn, 31, was due to marry Helen Appleyard on June 14, but the wedding was cancelled with just eight weeks' notice.

Sources within the Australian team suggested that Appleyard first discovered the text messages, then some other evidence of contact with another woman, believed to be a 21year-old South African. She has been offered sizeable sums of money to reveal her side of the story.

"I've heard rumours that the wedding was called off because of text messages but I have never asked Damien about it," said his manager, Colin Young.

"To be honest with you, I think it was because of the age difference between the pair. She is 10 years older than him and things wouldn't work out when he wants to have kids.

"I kept on asking him what he was doing with her and she is a AFP, Nottingham friend of mine. I told him if he wanted to have kids he'd turn around one day and think about the age difference.'



David Fletcher (3rd from left), chief executive officer of Standard Chartered bank, handing over a cheque of Tk 50 lakh to the BCB president Ali Asghar at the Board's management office in Gulshan yesterday. Standard Chartered is the title sponsor of the Bangladesh-England two Tests and three one-day series to be held in October.

'Best match of my career'

always puts you in the game."

MICHAEL VAUGHAN

the timing of his resignation follow-

Edgbaston, which left Vaughan with

just two days to prepare for life as

Test skipper ahead of Lord's.

criticised.

for two.

Cricket

AFP, Nottingham

England captain Michael Vaughan hailed Monday's third Test victory over South Africa here at Trent Bridge as "the best match of my career"

England's victory by 70 runs gave Vaughan his first win as Test skipper after his reign started with a crushing innings and 92 run second Test defeat at Lord's. But now England head to

Yorkshire batsman Vaughan's Headingley home ground, where the fourth Test gets underway Thursday, with the five Test series all square at one apiece. "I'm obviously delighted to win

the game and go to Headingley at 1-1 with Headingley usually a result wicket," said Vaughan. "We knew we had to get five

wickets to keep the series alive, said Vaughan after South Africa resumed on 63 for five. Test debutant James Kirtley

bowled England to victory with six for 34 before lunch on the final day as South Africa, chasing 202 to win, ended 131 all out. But Vaughan said the platform

for England's win had been laid on the first day when, after he won the toss, Mark Butcher (106) and former

Cricket

to him. "That's just Nasser. You

Hussain had been under fire for day when South Africa batted on it for the first time "It was not a flat pitch. We got the best of the conditions. But you still had to exploit the conditions and

Sussex paceman Kirtley, 28, said: "This is something I've always dreamed of. Moments like that don't come around that often," he added after ending the match by having Mark Boucher caught behind for 52.

the stigma of having his action reported to the International Cricket Council when a one-day international, although that hasn't stopped questions being raised about its egitimacy.

"I've put that very much behind me. You have to block it out," insisted Kirtley when asked if he was affected by the ongoing debate over his action

for cricket. I don't think their interest lessened due to Pakistan playing home series on neutral venues," he told this news agency. Echoing the views of many

Pakistani cricket fans and officials he played down the security risks. 'Security was never a problem in

Pakistan, it was just a myth," Raja said. The PCB incurred a reported 20

million dollars in losses. "Financial losses are a part people suffer as they see no action on home grounds." Raia said.

at first slip. Organisers of Wednesday's Test, the first of three against eight with Kirtley, 28, who had Bangladesh, are deploying strinfought back from the stigma of gent security precautions.

Roddick's Masters double

Tennis

AFP, Cincinnati

Vaughan's first win as England Andy Roddick needed plenty of captain against South Africa at perseverance to reel in fellow American Mardy Fish 4-6, 7-6 (7/3), "Michael is already a better 7-6 (7/4) Sunday to win his fifth title captain than he was two or three of the year at the Tennis Masters weeks ago. The sooner England Series-Cincinnati move on and win away from the Nasser Hussain era the better it will

After surviving to take the win, Roddick's first concern was to wish his father, sitting in the stands, a happy birthday.

"Happy birthday, Dad," said the seventh-seeded Roddick. "I love you, Mom. I love you, Dad and happy birthday."

The 20-year-old Roddick, who will move to number one in the ATP Champions race on Monday, is the player to beat these days, having won three titles on the hardcourt summer circuit in the US --Indianapolis, Montreal and Cincinnati

Roddick, however, was reluctant to accept the role of favourite for the upcoming US Open, the last Grand Slam of the year.

"I don't know," said Roddick, when asked if he feels like the US Open favourite

"I mean, everything that happened this summer is out the door when you start a Grand Slam. You know, as my coach (Brad Gilbert) can tell you, he had a great summer one time, but I think he lost first round of the Open.

"You know, I'm happy for the summer I've had so far, but now I need to regroup, calm down and get ready for a whole new tournament." Roddick's strategy in the week until the Open will not include endless practice. Instead he will take a plunge from a plane with Gilbert, who he persuaded to promise to Pakistan awaits skydive if he won the Montreal title

last week. "I'm not going to probably touch a racket for the next two days," Roddick said. "I'll probably get bored by Tuesday and pick it up again, but I'm not sure."

Roddick's victory gave him backto-back Tennis Masters Series titles, and made him the first to win backto-back trophies in Canada and Cincinnati since Australian Patrick Rafter in 1998

Roddick boasts a 30-2 record since winning Queen's Club in early June.

Looking flat throughout most of the first two sets, Roddick came

nought, an edged drive off Kirtley

alive on the fifth point of the second set tiebreaker when a volley exchange finished with the 21-yearold Fish netting a forehand and both players high fiving each other at the

"Obviously, I wouldn't have wanted this to end any other way, but definitely as he walking off, I felt for him." Roddick said. "I'd have no problem if I didn't really know the guy or if I just said 'hi' in passing sometimes, but to know someone pretty well and what they're going through, it's tough."

Minibreaks on the seventh and 10th points put Roddick even at one set apiece.

Roddick saved two match points on his own serve in the 10th game of the final set - changing tactics by kicking his serve out wide to Fish's backhand on those two occasions He then seemed to steal the match from his childhood friend when he executed a winning forehand crosscourt passing shot to break serve and go up 3-2 in the final set tiebreaker.

"I'm sure I'll look back in a couple days or whatever, once I get over the fact that I did have two match points to win my first tournament and just say it was a great tournament," Fish said. "But I'll always hopefully not forever - say, 'what if." Fish, who posted wins over the 20th-ranked Mark Philippoussis, 14th-ranked David Nalbandian and eighth-ranked Rainer Schuettler en route to his third career final, should move up to around No. 25 in the rankings to be seeded at the US



Open

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE: American Andy Roddick reacts after defeating compatriot Mardy Fish at the Cincinnati Masters Series final on Sunday.

Kirtley cuts thru' SA Henin takes **Toronto title** FROM PAGE 13

AFP, Toronto

Andrew Hall went for a first ball ENGLAND: First innings 445 (N Hussain 116, M Butcher 106, A well caught by Marcus Trescothick Stewart 72, E Smith 64; A Hall 3-88) SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 362 South Africa were now 81 for (N McKenzie 90, S Pollock 62; J Anderson 5-102) **ENGLAND**: Second innings 118 (N Hussain 30, A Flintoff 30; S Pollock 6-39) SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings (overnight 63-5) Smith Ibw b Kirtley Gibbs c Giles b Harmison 28 Rudolph lbw b Kirtlev 0 Kallis b Anderson 13 Dippenaar c Smith b Anderson McKenzie b Kirtley 11 Boucher c Stewart b Kirtley 52 Pollock b Flintoff 0 Hall c Trescothick b Kirtley 0 Adams c and b Kirtley 15 Ntini not out Extras: (lb-2, n-1) Total: (All out in 56.2 overs) 131 Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-28, 3-40, 4-41.5-50.6-71.7-80.8-81.9-126 Ó M R w Bowler 34 54 24 Kirtley 16.2 6 17 4 Flintof Harmison 11 2 Anderson 12 4 17 2 Result: England won by 70 runs and the 5-match series is levelled at 1-1. Man-of-the-match: James Kirtley. Toss: England. Umpires: Darrell Hair (Australia) and Daryl Harper (Australia). Next match: Headingley, August 21-25.

Justine Henin-Hardenne destroyed overmatched Lina Krasnoroutskaya to win her WTA Tour-tying sixth title of the year Sunday at the 1.3 milliondollar hardcourt tournament here.



campaign 1-0.

tourists taking the three-match haven't got my reward. The key is not to get frustrated." South Africa's hopes of victory Peter, like Shaun a fast bowler,

now rest with Neil McKenzie, who is

Kirtley has bounced back from

ing the drawn series opener at

Kirtley added that his success

And at Lord's, Essex batsman had been based on old-fashioned Hussain's attitude had also been attributes. "I just kept it boring, tried to keep hitting the top of off-stump." But Vaughan said Hussain's response had come as no surprise

captain Nasser Hussain (116), know when people have a little dig at shared a third-wicket stand of 189 him he fights, fights really hard. that saw England recover from 29 "His innings settled the game. We could guite easily have been "On Day One we played really four or five wickets down.'

well. To get 445 in the first innings Vaughan conceded it had been a good toss to win after the pitch deteriorated sharply on the second

James did. Mortuza and either Tapas Baishya

Appleyard refused to elaborate on the matter, saying: "This is still all a bit raw, but it is in the past and that's where I want it to stay.

But a close friend confirmed that it was the text messages that set it all off.

"Helen confronted Damien about t," said the source, "and offered him the opportunity to explain who they were from and what they were about. He didn't offer any excuse. The line that his manager is putting out there is not correct. They were together for three years do you think that eight weeks out from the wedding Damien would suddenly think he couldn't have kids with Helen?"

Martyn currently is in South Africa and was unavailable for comment.

CROSSWORD

Shaun Pollock was a proud man Sunday after becoming the latest member of his family to have his name inscribed on the Trent Bridge honours board but his joy could be shortlived as South Africa battle to

save the third Test. Paceman Pollock's return of six for 39 on the fourth day against

England saw him join father Peter and uncle Graeme on the ground's role of honour.

But unlike his relatives' efforts, Pollock's haul may not set up a South Africa win over England. When bad light ended play for the day South Africa were 63 for five,

needing another 139 to reach their victory target of 202, after Pollock's superb display had seen England bowled out for 118. The Pollock brothers secured

their places in Trent Bridge history during South Africa's Test series clinching victory here in 1965, the

for a match haul of 10 for 87 while left-hander Graeme, regarded as one of cricket's greatest batsmen, made a majestic 125

"They had a great Test match between them in 65, 10 wickets and a hundred. It's nice to join the family tradition," said Pollock who is due to miss the fourth Test at Headinglev starting Thursday, in order to be with his pregnant wife Tricia who is expecting the couple's first child.

twice took five wickets in an innings

Asked if he had any regrets about flying home to Durban, 30vear-old former South Africa captain Pollock replied. "No, not at all. I'll be on the plane.'

Reflecting on his own bowling performance, his best against England and the 15th time in his career he had taken five or more wickets in an innings, Pollock said: "I knew when I was batting how difficult it was when the ball hit certain areas

"I knew it was my kind of wicket. I've been bowling well but I feel I

six not out, and Mark Boucher, on nine, who were at the crease when bad light ended play with 11 overs remaining.

The duo's sixth-wicket stand of 129 had been the cornerstone of the tourists' gutsy first innings 362 and a similar partnership Monday would see the Proteas go 2-0 up in the five Test series.

"The two guys at the crease, one got 90 (McKenzie), the other nearly fifty (Boucher made 48) so they know the wicket as well as anyone.

"If they get us close to 200, it's all about pressure and who handles it the best." said Pollock who made 62 in the first innings and is due in next on Monday

South Africa's collapse Sunday was sparked by debutant James Kirtley who took two wickets for no runs in three balls.

Afterwards, the 28-year-old Sussex quick, who recovered from the stigma of having his action reported to the International Cricket Council, said: "It's something I've been waiting for for a long time. It's great to get amongst them.

"Trent Bridge has always been a lucky ground for me.

"If we can come in tomorrow with the same tempo and the same processes there's no reason why we can't come out on top.

Kirtley has been made to travel many miles as England's long-time bowling reserve but said: "It's been planes, trains and automobiles for me

"But I'd have done it all twice, three times over to play for England."

Kumble bats

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"We can win the Test series in Australia if we play to our potential," said Harbhajan, who has scripted many Indian home triumphs along with Kumble.

Harbhajan, 23. said he did not believe the fast and bouncy Australian tracks would blunt the Indian spin attack.

"When Shane Warne can take wickets (in Australia), why can't we.' said Harbhaian, who has bagged 144 wickets in 33 Tests.

"I think the spinners' role will be crucial in Australia. I always try to take wickets wherever I go. As a bowler, you have to take wickets. Otherwise, it's no use going out there.

having his action reported to the The whole stadium and the surroundings will be under the two for one in eight balls.

control of paramilitary troops and police will control the law and order inside the stadium," secretary of the Karachi Test organising committee

Irfan Mirza said. Bangladesh, who said they have no security fears in Pakistan, will also play five one-day matches after the Test series finished on

September 3. Pakistan later host South Africa for three Tests and three one-day fixtures from September 22 until October 28, while the New Zealand team starts its long-awaited return tour in November

Miandad takes

FROM PAGE 13 listen. It's very easy for people to criticise but every new team needs time at the highest level.

'There is more focus on the game nowadays. Everybody is watching the matches on TV and it's very easy to say negative things as spectators lack patience." said Miandad.

Despite the obvious under-dog status of their opponents, Miandad said that Pakistan will be as focused as they are with any other top Test team.

"I have already told my boys that we have to be aware of our responsibilities. The bowlers should bowl sensibly and the batsmen should bat properly. They should concentrate on their own skills and work as they are supposed to," he said.

About the world champion Australians, Miandad said that they have turned the game into an industry. They work harder than anybody else and that's why they are doing better than others. They always think ahead

When asked to compare between Clive Lloyd's all conquering West Indies team with Steve Waugh's Australia, Miandad said that the West Indies were much

superior. "West Indies ruled the world in the seventies and eighties. They ruled for 15 years. They used to beat Australia in Australia. Australia is also doing the same thing now but they also lose at times. I would always rate Clive Lloyd's team higher than the current Australian team.'

International Cricket Council, taking

Paul Adams was dropped on one by second slip Mark Butcher off Kirtley, the new boy denied his fifth wicket of the innings.

Meanwhile wicketkeeper Boucher remained defiant, even offdriving Kirtley for four, as a packed crowd roared England home in Trent Bridge's 50th Test.

Vice-captain Boucher's two off James Anderson brought up his fifty in 85 balls including seven fours.

But Kirtley's fourth ball back then saw him lure Adams (15) into a simple caught and bowled dismissal before he wrapped when he had Boucher caught behind by wicketkeeper Alec Stewart for 52. Kirtley described the result and

his part in it as "a fairytale"

"I've been dreaming about this, and it's nice to do it at Trent Bridge where the support's so strong," he added

"The team's performing brilliantly so hopefully we'll have a repeat win at Headingley

SCOREBOARD Final scoreboard on the fifth day of the third Test between England and South Africa at Trent Bridge on

Playing her fourth Russian this week, the second-seeded Belgian rolled to a 6-1, 6-0 triumph to improve to 6-1 in championship matches this season

She tied countrywoman, and world number-one Kim Clijsters, for the WTA Tour lead in titles, and earned the 12th of her career.

"I'm very happy to win my sixth title of the year and it was a great win," said Henin-Hardenne, who had 11 aces. "I was a little bit surprised at how well it went today. I didn't know what to expect. She was playing great tennis this week but I knew she would be a little bit tired and nervous in her first final

"I just tried to forget about these things and prepare the best way that could. It's been a wonderful week for me," Henin-Hardenne said.

Henin-Hardenne, who earned 192,000 dollars, captured her first career Grand Slam crown at the French Open and also picked up titles at Dubai, Charleston, Berlin and San Diego.



A goalmouth action from the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter between Bangladesh Railway and Wari Club at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TO SUCCEED AS A TIGHTROPE WALKER, I WOULD THINK IT TAKES

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.