#### Hall ban stands

AFP, London

South African all-rounder Andrew Hall has lost his appeal against a two match ban and will miss the Tests against Pakistan starting this

The International Cricket Council Code of Conduct Commission's Sir Oliver Popplewell, a former English High Court Judge, upheld ICC Referee Clive Lloyd's ruling that Hall brought the game into disrepute.

Hall was banned for inappropriate and deliberate physical contact with Pakistans Yousuf Youhana during the second one-day match in Lahore on October 5.

He appeared to impede Youhana with an elbow while the batsman was taking a run.

"No one who has seen the video. and I have seen it four or five times, can be in any doubt that there was a very serious confrontation between Mr Hall and Mr Youhana and that a Level 3 charge of breach of C2 was entirely appropriate." said Sir Oliver.

South African captain Graeme Smith was also fined and banned from one one-day match for using abusive language as the players argued over the matter.

The first Test starts in Lahore on Friday. The second Test is at Faisalabad on October 24-28.

#### Kiwis going to Pakistan on ODI tour

BBC ONLINE, undated

New Zealand on Tuesday have agreed to play five one-day matches in Pakistan next month.

It will be the first time they have visited Pakistan since aborting a tour in July 2002 after a bomb exploded outside the team hotel in Karachi.

The incident traumatised a number of New Zealand's players with skipper Stephen Fleming later saying that it would haunt him for life.

The itinerary for the forthcoming tour will be restricted to the cities of Faisalabad, Rawalpindi and Lahore. Karachi was the centre of

attention again last month when another explosion led to South Africa cancelling a tour. It was eventually salvaged after

the Pakistan Cricket Board agreed to move games away from Karachi and

The New Zealand squad will travel to Pakistan following a tour to India, which could end only four days

SCHEDULE Nov 22: 1st ODI. Faisalabad

Nov 24: 2nd ODI, Rawalpindi Nov 25: 3rd ODI. Rawalpindi Nov 29: 4th ODL Lahore Dec 1: 5th ODI. Lahore

# Await changed Aussies

Cricket

REUTERS, Melbourne

Australia's desire to cut out sledging is a separate issue to the art of gamesmanship, World Cup hero Andrew Symonds said on Tuesday.

National ruling body Cricket Australia (CA) issued a statement on October 1 warning players they could face life bans if they breached a new code of conduct outlawing onfield sledging.

"What you won't see is sledging. What you will see is gamesman ship," Symonds, 28, told reporters in Melbourne at the launch of the 2003-04 domestic season.

"At times you will see heated things said but hopefully it will be a bit more controlled," added the Queensland all-rounder, who scored 326 runs in this year's World Cup including 143 not out against Pakistan and 91 not out in the semifinal against Sri Lanka.

"I don't think there is that much that is said, it's just that the cameras are right up close and see all your facial expressions.

New Zealand will be without sea-

soned batsman Nathan Astle for the

upcoming limited-overs tournament

against India and world champions

Australia due to a knee injury, it was

second and final Test against India,

starting here on Thursday, to have a

knee injury medically assessed,

Black Caps manager Lindsay

The one-day series, where each

"Nathan aggravated the injury in

"It is difficult to ascertain the

team plays the other thrice before

the final at the Eden Gardens in

Calcutta on November 18, begins

his left knee early on this tour and he

is returning home to have the injury

examined by a medical specialist,

exact nature or extent of the injury.

The Black Caps on-tour medical

panel feel it is unlikely he will aggra-

vate the injury further by playing in

greater risk of aggravation of the

injury during the one-day tourna-

"However there would be a

Astle will return home after the

Cricket

announced on Tuesday.

Crocker said.

on October 23.

Crocker said.

the second Test.

Astle blow for NZ

"The boys just have to be a little hit more subtle when something is said. No-one is condoning sledg-

Australia Test captain Steve Waugh announced last week the



ANDREW SYMONDS

players had written a new set of conduct guidelines themselves, included in CA's Code of Behaviour, urging each other to cut out personal insults and accept umpiring

Incidents such as fast bowler

NATHAN ASTLE

ment because of the more strenu-

ous fielding demands in one-day

to try to ensure he is fit for the home

series against Pakistan and South

Africa," Crocker said

will replace Astle, he said.

"The aim of sending him home is

Wellington batsman Chris Nevin

Astle was in good form in the

New Zealand are scheduled to

drawn first Test at Ahmedabad last

week, scoring 103 in the first innings

and a match-saving 51 not out in the

second despite a stomach infection.

take on India in the opening match

of the tri-series at Madras on

with West Indies batsman Ramnaresh Sarwan earlier this year will in future lead to the Australia player explaining his actions to his eam mates.

"We'll try and work it out among ourselves to start with," Waugh told reporters in Perth.

But Waugh's vice-captain Ricky Ponting told reporters he would continue to take the verbal fight to opponents "What's wrong with saying (to

an opponent) that he's suspect against good bouncers or something?" the 70-Test veteran said. Waugh's top-ranked team have been heavily criticised in recent

years for their persistent on-field sledging and CA is determined to clean up their act. Waugh's side has thrived on gaining a psychological edge over opponents with some on-field chat,

which the skipper has described as

a policy of "mental disintegration". "We want emotion, we want passion ... banter is a part of the game. But now we know the standard expected of each other and hopefully (breaches) will be less and less," Waugh said.

Hayden, Pollock top Test stars REUTERS, London

Latest PricewaterhouseCooper's

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#### India under

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that we have proved to ourselves that we can play well in such conditions even under pressure, we feel a lot stronger." Astle scored 103 in the first innings to

become the first Kiwi batsman to make a Test hundred in India since 1976 while McMillan compiled a pair of halfcenturies in tight situations. The tourists' bowling lacks bite in the

absence of pace spearhead Shane Bond, who is recovering from a back Left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori was

the pick of the lot, but needs support to keep pressure on a formidable Indian batting line-up that includes Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar and Ganguly. The Indian captain conceded his

bowlers more. "The pitch will have a bit more bounce and will probably help the spinners a bit more than it did in

team was under pressure to deliver, but

hoped the pitch in Mohali will assist his

Ahmedabad," said Ganguly. "It's going to be a challenge for us to win the second Test under pressure."

#### Big win

FROM PAGE 13 The second three-day match

between the same teams will start at Eden Gardens tomorrow.

The tourists are also scheduled to play a couple of two-day matches and two one-day matches before they return home on October 25.

#### Pepsi v'ball

Group B: Rajshahi DSA, Satkhira DSA and Chittagong DSA Group C: Dhaka DSA, Kushtia DSA, Dinajpur DSA and Patuakhali

#### **WOMEN'S TEAMS**

Group A: Rajbari DSA, Pabna DSA, Dinajpur DSÁ and Gazipur DSA. Group B: Rangpur DSA, Rajshahi DSA, Chittagong DSA and Jhenidah

Shafigur Rahman Munna who is also a BCB advisor was dismaved at the police action against Saiful, who played for the club last season.

"I'm shocked at what has hap pened to Saiful. He is still a useful cricketer. I don't know how to console him. I won't be happy until those policemen are taken to task, said Munna.

demanded a proper inquiry into the incident and exemplary punishment for the persons involved.

Besides, the non-functional BCB directors in a statement were appalled at police misbehaviour with Saiful.

for the nation.

#### AFC U-17 C'ship **Training camp**

#### granted 20 lakh taka

SPORTS REPORTER

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman yesterday announced a grant of Tk 20 lakh to continue the training camp of the under-17 football team for the AFC Under-17 Championship finals to be held in Japan next September.

The announcement came when the boys of Shahidur Rahman Shantoo met the minister at the National Sports Council (NSC) conference room after their victories over Kyrgyzstan on Monday and Saturday last.

Bangladesh booked the berth in the 12-team finals beating the central Asian nation both at home (2-0) and away match (1-0) at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in

#### World XI play Pak XI today

CRICINFO, undated

The Pakistan Cricket Board has announced a 13-man Pakistan XI to play a World XI in a charity day-night match at Lahore on Wednesday.

The match is being organised by the Zindagi Trust, and all income from the game will go to the Trust.

**TEAMS** WORLD XI (from): Sanath Jayasuriya, Romesh Kaluwitharana (Sri Lanka), Venkatesh Prasad, Robin Singh (India), Courtney Walsh, Jimmy Adams, Franklyn Rose (West Indies), Steve Tikolo (Kenya), Travis Friend (Zimbabwe), Neil Fairbrother (England), Dean Jones (Australia), plus two South African players to be named.

PAKISTAN XI (from): Imran Farhat, Taufiq Umar, Imran Nazir, Yasir Hameed, Misbahul Haq, Abdul Razzag, Moin Khan, Shoaib Malik, Wasim Akram, Saglain Mushtag, Mushtag Ahmed, Shoaib Akhtar,

#### India revises pay system

**BBC ONLINE**, undated

Indian cricket officials have on Tuesday averted a potential dispute with the national team by agreeing a new pay formula. It will see players taking part in

Tests and one-day internationals paid according to seniority. "The cricket board and the

players have agreed on a gradation formula," said Jagmohan Dalmiya, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India. "We've reached a final under-

standing. What remains is to draft a contract incorporating all the details." Captain Saurav Ganguly, star

men Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid and leg-spinner Anil Kumble represented the players during the discussions. They are currently paid on a match

by match basis with fees taken from money paid by team and match sponsors. But the new agreement will also

see the introduction of annual contracts, similar to those in place in Australia and South Africa. There is, however, no specified

time for the new agreement to come into force

"Neither we nor the players are in a

hurry to sign the contract," added Dalmiya.

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57 Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-14, 3-19, 4-29, 5-29, 6-37, 7-47, 8-51, 9-51

Result: Match drawn

# Players and officials of Bangladesh under-17 football team, who qualified for the final round of the Asian championship, pose with the State

Div I kabadi

Outer Stadium yesterday.

Bangladesh Bank and Imarat

Nirman won their respective

matches in the opening day of the

First Division Kabadi League at the

points victory over Srijani Sangsad

with four 'lonas'. They dominated

the first session by 45-19 points.

Bangladesh Bank earned 75-40

Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman at the NSE conference room yesterday.

## Spin duo again

Cricket

REUTERS, Mohali

India are likely to rely on their main weapon, the spin duo of Anil Kumble and Harbhajan Singh, in the second and final Test against New Zealand starting on Thursday, coach John Wright has said.

The Indian spinners were unable to run through New Zealand's second innings in the drawn first Test at Ahmedabad last week but Wright said on Tuesday the fault was not in his bowlers but in the placid track that offered them no assistance.

"I think we bowled pretty well in Ahmedabad," Wright told reporters on Tuesday. "The pitch didn't help the bowlers and we hope the wicket in Mohali will be different from the first Test. At least, we should have some bounce.'

Wright said the Indians were toying with the idea of including experienced paceman Ajit Agarkar, drafted in place of the injured Aavishkar Salvi, who sat out the first

"Zaheer Khan bowled brilliantly in Ahmedabad and Lakshmipathy Balaji made a solid debut but we might give Agarkar a different problem to solve," Wright said. New Zealand are encouraged by

a tinge of green on the wicket and by

Dion Nash had grabbed six quick

for 83 in their first innings when the teams last met here in 1999 and coach Ashley Ross is hoping his pacemen, Daryl Tuffey and Jacob Oram, can emulate him.

"These are not normal Indian conditions where you just toss the coin and say you're going to bat first," Ross said. "We'll be looking at the wicket very carefully and see if it

JOHN WRIGHT

But the Kiwis have a slight bat-

ting worry with Nathan Astle, the first

Test centurion, suffering from a

knee injury that will force him to miss

but the medical staff has ensured us

there will be no problems for him

getting through this Test," Ross

"Astle is due to head back home

will assist our pacemen."

the subsequent one-davers.

Draw by a whisker

In another match, Imarat Nirman beat Milon Smrity 90-41with four "lonas" after leading the first half by 49-29 points.

#### Youngsters

FROM PAGE 13 When he was asked about the first

nnings collapse, Faruque said that t was an excellent line and length bowled by Matthew Hoggard and Martin Saggers that did the dam-

"They made sure that the batsmen had to play at every delivery and with the balls moving away from the body, it was a bit too much for our inexperienced batters to han-Faruque informed that the prolific

Moniruzzaman, who couldn't bat in either innings due to a nasty cut suffered above his left eye during fielding, had a good chance to play in the second three-day match for the Bangladesh A team against England starting tomorrow at the

"His condition is not too bad although his vision is still a bit hazy. If he recovers, we are likely to put him in the Ateam," said Faruque

#### Inzamam out

opener Taufiq Umar back for the first Test as he made a good recovery from the knee injury that forced him out midway through the series against Bangladesh and to miss the one-dayers against South Africa.

Umar, a left-hander, was Pakistan's top scorer earlier this vear in the two Tests in South Africa.

#### Result makes

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collapse in the first innings, Fletcher said that in a game of cricket anything can happen. Besides, he reminded that his team did not get the chance to bat on grass after arriving in Dhaka on October 8.

"We have been batting indoors because of the bad weather. The last time we batted on grass was in September (in The Oval Test).

"We must also look at some of the wickets that fell. One was really a strange and unlucky decision. But again that's how cricket goes," he said.

"But I'm especially happy with the bowlers. They swung the ball nicely and that's what we need to win Test matches," said the England coach.

Members of the Sales and Marketing Division of GrameenPhone, who became GP inter-division football champions beating the Customer Relations Division by a solitary goal, pose with the Sales and Marketing Director Mehboob Chowdhury recently

By Eugene Sheffer

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# CRYPTOQUIP IXIFNQKTN B O S

DUBBED "FIVE GREASY PIECES." Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals E The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: A MOVIE ABOUT A VERY UNHEALTHFUL PIZZA PLACE MIGHT BE

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.

## Saiful feels FROM PAGE 13 Victoria Sporting Club president

Abahani Krira Chakra have also

The statement signed by Mubasshar Hussain expressed their outrage at the behaviour with a cricketer who brought rare honour