

Aussies rush to victory

Cricket AFP, Sydney

Matthew Hayden scored a quickfire unbeaten 101 as Australia raced to a nine-wicket victory over Zimbabwe Monday with more than a day to spare in the second and final cricket Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

They took 21 runs off one over from paceman Andy Blignaut, although Ricky Ponting had a lucky escape on seven when caught by Ray Price off a no ball from Blignaut.

appearance against England in 2001, trapped Price lbw for nought and then had Blignaut caught for a defiant 44.

Price lbw Katich Mahwire not out Extras: (b-6, lb-5, w-1, nb-4) 16 Total: (All out in 91.5 overs) 266

Table with columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Includes Williams, Bichel, Hogg, Katich.

SCOREBOARD Final scoreboard on the fourth day of the second and final Test between Australia and Zimbabwe at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Monday: ZIMBABWE: First innings 308 (S Carlisle 118; A Bichel 4-66)

Sri Lanka A beat Kenya

AFP, Nairobi

Kaushaliya Weeraratne and Rangana Herath took three wickets apiece as Sri Lanka A beat Kenya by five wickets in the opening game of their five-match one-day international series at the Ruaraka sports club here Sunday.

The pair tore through the Kenyan middle order as the hosts, who appeared rusty after a long lay-off were dismissed for a paltry 176 all out.

After the home side had made a disastrous start with opener Kennedy Obyua returning to the pavilion after facing only one ball, the 24-year-old Weeraratne subsequently caught and bowled the Kenyan skipper Steve Tikolo (18) and Maurice Odumbe for four.



New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming (L) and his Indian counterpart Rahul Dravid jointly hold the Test series trophy at the end of the second Test in Mohali yesterday.

Akram joins 'Few Good Men'

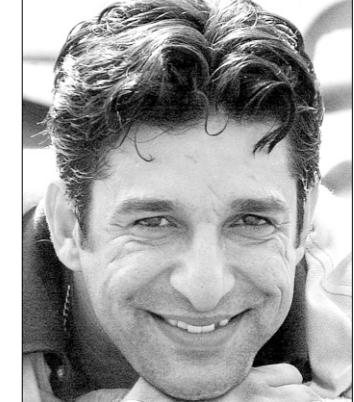
'Too many ODIs affecting players'

Cricket REUTERS, New Delhi

Too many one-day internationals are leaving players 'stale, bored and injured,' according to former Pakistan all-rounder Wasim Akram.

between India and Pakistan, banned since 2000 by the Indian government because of political tensions.

Akram joining ESPN STAR Sports comes close on the heels of the recent landmark signing of another cricketer great Saurav Ganguly.



WASIM AKRAM

India's Sunil Gavaskar and former England opener Geoffrey Boycott also last month urged the International Cricket Council to try and reduce the number of one-dayers being played by the top teams.

players in the South African line-up. Having dismissed Mark Boucher, caught at short leg by Imran Farhat, Kaneria started the final slide by having Gary Kirsten caught at mid-on by his captain Yousuf Youhana and then bowling Shaun Pollock for 18.

Kirsten, who retired hurt in the first innings on 53 after being struck by a Shaabib boucer, made 46 in just under two hours.

AB Bank TT

FROM PAGE 13 Girls, Biman (Red) defeated Dhaka TT Club and Azimpur Young Star beat Surf Knitting by straight 3-0 sets while Biman (Green) recorded a 3-1 victory over Blue Bird.

Streak brave in defeat

Cricket REUTERS, Sydney

Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak said inexperience cost his team an outside chance of beating Australia in the second and final Test that ended on Monday.

of 250.5 while Ponting followed up his 169 from the first innings with an unbeaten 53.

lesser teams." Although Zimbabwe lost the match, they produced some stirring individual performances with Stuart Carlisle top-scoring with 118 in the first innings and left-arm spinner Ray Price bagging a Test-best of six for 121.

Drama before

FROM PAGE 13 Sehwaag b Styris 130 David c Hart b Butler 13 Tendulkar c Richardson b Vettori 55 Laxman not out 104 Yuvraj c Hart b Tuffey 20 Patel c Richardson b Vettori 18 Kumble run out 5 Harbhajan run out 8 Balaji c Hart b Tuffey 4 Zaheer c Hart b Tuffey 0 Extras: (b-2, lb-1, nb-2, w-2) 7 Total: (All out in 172 overs) 424

Australia reached their target for the loss of just one wicket with Matthew Hayden blasting an unbeaten hundred and Ricky Ponting making a half-century, but not without a few anxious moments.

"I just try to use my mental strength and try not to swim into the flags too much."

Table with columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Includes Tuffey, Butler, Styris, Vettori, Wiseman, McMillan.

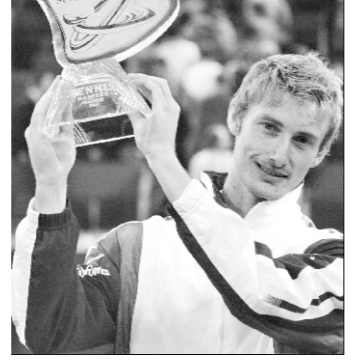
Ferrero the master

Tennis AFP, Madrid

Juan Carlos Ferrero easily defeated Chile's Nicolas Massu 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 Sunday to lift the 2.45-million-euro Masters title here which confirmed his place at the top of the tennis world.

said the smiling winner, who claimed a cheque for 450,000 euros.

and never looked like losing to world number 21 Massu, by far the lesser-experienced of the two.



JUAN CARLOS FERRERO

INDIA: Second innings Chopra c Richardson b Wiseman 52 Sehwaag c Fleming b Tuffey 1 David c Fleming b Tuffey 5 Tendulkar b Tuffey 1 Laxman not out 67 Yuvraj not out 5 Extras: (lb-4, w-1) 5 Total: (For 4 wkts in 69 overs) 136

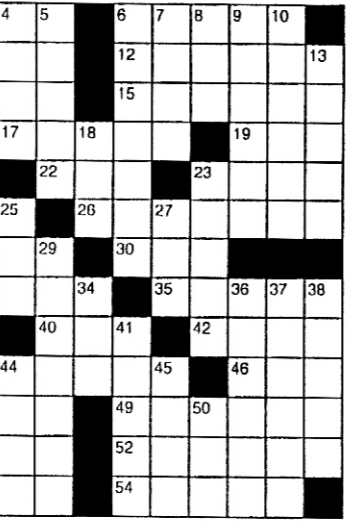
The runaway victory, in two hours and 30 minutes, nudged the Spaniard four points clear of American Andy Roddick in the season Champions points race.

"I believe in me all the time," he said. "I know I can play well on grass."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Pakistan 24 runs away

Cricket FROM PAGE 13

strain. He finished with four for 36.

Kaneria took over when South Africa resumed on 171 for five after lunch and was totally dominant, picking up the wickets of the three most experienced

players in the South African line-up.

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National cricket

FROM PAGE 13 wicket win over Jahangirnagar University.

Jahangirnagar were all out for 155 in 45 overs while Chittagong University scored 159 for nine with three balls to spare.

In the other match, Chuadanga beat Bagerhat by one wicket at the Chuadanga Stadium.

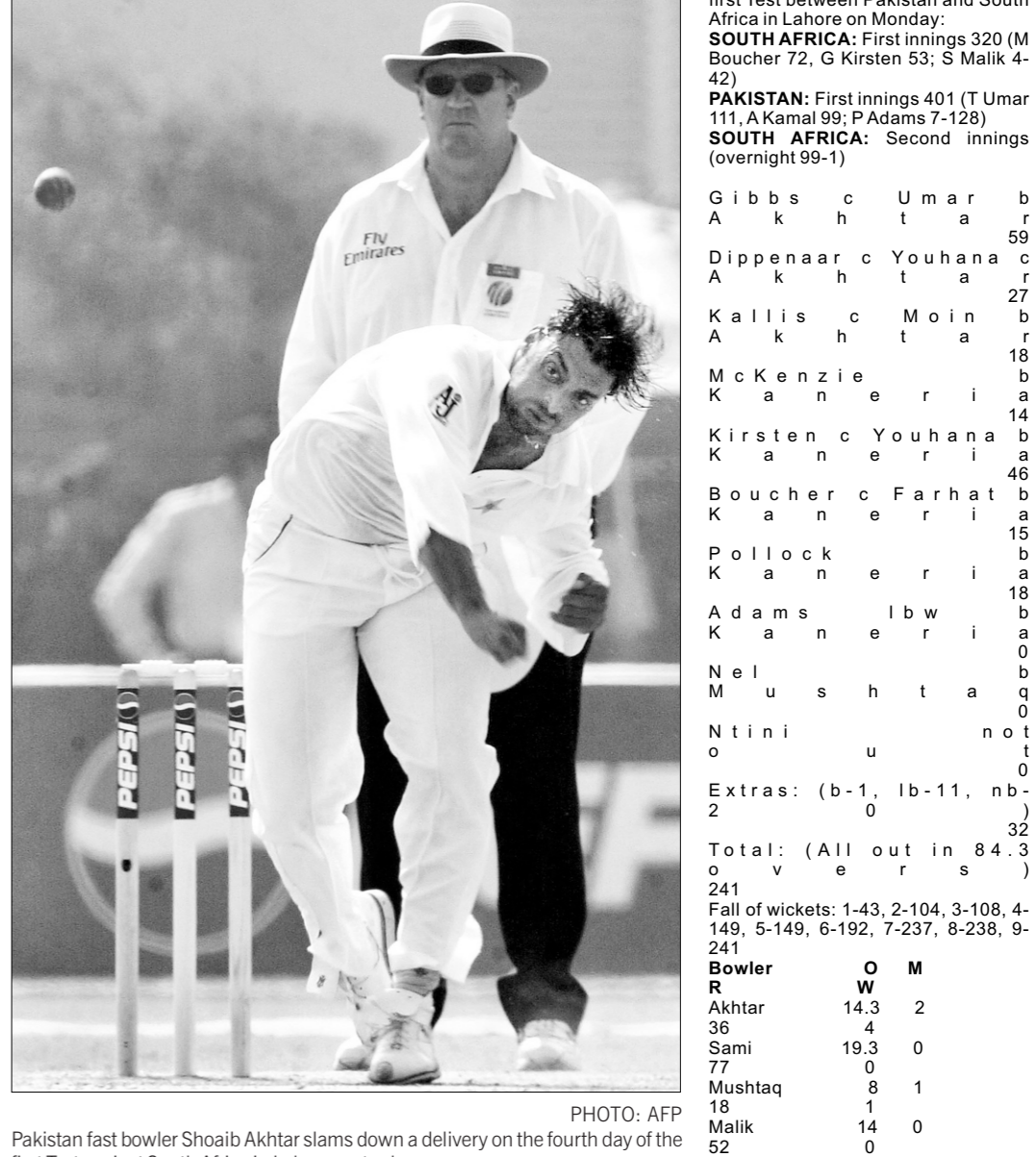
SCORES IN BRIEF Comilla v Noakhali Venue: Chandpur

COMILLA: 158 all out in 49.4 overs (Baglu 23, Sumon 22, Ashique 21, Humayun 4-29, Rafique 2-19) NOAKHALI: 62 all out in 30.2 overs (Saidur 13, Wasel 4-8, Ashique 2-20)

CHITTAGONG UNIVERSITY: 159 for 9 in 49.3 overs (Azam 65, Ali 59, Shanto 3-25)

CHUADANGA v BAGERHAT Venue: Chuadanga BAGERHAT: 91 all out in 31.4 overs (Bappi 30, Milan 4-12, Shimul 2-13) CHGUADANGA: 93 for 9 in 30.5 overs (Shanto 21, Rubel 24, Tareq 4-18)

Extras: (b-1, lb-11, nb-2) 0 Total: (All out in 84.3 overs) 32



Pakistan fast bowler Shaabib Akhtar slams down a delivery on the fourth day of the first Test against South Africa in Lahore yesterday.