## Srinath to quit if...

REUTERS, Calcutta

India paceman Javagal Srinath has said he would quit the game for good if a knee injury rules him out of the Test tour of Australia starting in three weeks.

"If I don't go to Australia, I will retire from cricket," the player said on Thursday. "That will be the end of it."

"I am keen to go if my knee is completely healed," he told reporters. "But I am not 23 or 24.

"The healing is slow but there is improvement," Srinath, 33, said, adding that he would play in a local game next week to assess his knee.

The Australia tour, starting on November 25 and lasting up to the first week of February, will include four Tests and a one-day tri-series also featuring Zimbabwe

Srinath, India's second most successful fast bowler with 236 Test and 315 one-day victims, announced his retirement in June last year, but was persuaded to return by captain Sauray Ganguly to boost India's World Cup

## What to watch

India vs Australia Live at 3:00 pm **ESPN** 

**English Premier Football League** Leeds United vs Arsenal Live at 8:55 pm Primera Liga Real Madrid vs Bilbao Live at 2:30 am (Sunday) STAR Sports

Bangladesh vs England Second Test, Day Four Live at 9:15 am **English Premier Football League** Man United vs Portsmouth Live at 8:55 pm

## WHiZZ KID-199

## winner

Shohana Akter

(Pirojpur PT I Primary School) Please produce your ID card and an  $attested\ passport\ size\ photograph\ while$ collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star at 7:30 pm

## WHiZZ KID-199 correct answers

 $1. Who won the Asia \, Cup \, hockey \, title?$ 

2. Who was man-of-the-series in the Bangladesh and Pakistan one-day series?

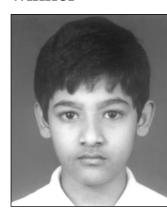
Ans: Youhana 3. Who became the Pepsi 16th nat'l men's handball champions?

4. Who are the European Champions League holders?

Ans: AC Milan 5. Who clinched the Amrito Lal Dev Rating chess title?

## WHiZZ KID-198 winner

Ans: Zia



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Bangladesh's Sultana Zakia (R) makes a move against Zenobia of Pakistan during their eleventh round engagement in the Asian Zonal Chess Championship at the NSC yesterday.

# WI off on right foot

## Cricket

AFP, Harare

Brian Lara's aim of getting West Indies off to a winning start in Zimbabwe seems likely to be achieved after the first day of their opening three-day fixture against Zimbabwe A here on Friday.

Lara did not play himself but was the centre of attention when formally opening the new Takashinga Cricket Club in the high-density township of Highfields.

West Indies lost three early wickets when Chris Gayle went for 25, Wavell Hinds for five and Ramnaresh Sarwan for 17. The tourists were struggling on 93-3, but a 175 run partnership between century makers Daren Ganga (110) and Shivnarene Chanderpaul (102 retired hurt) put the West Indies back on track.

Marlon Samuels with an unbeaten 66 and Ridley Jacobs' 55 not out kept the momentum going, enabling West Indies

Cricket

The International Cricket Council (ICC)

plans to freeze payments of millions of

dollars to the teams that competed at

this year's World Cup in southern

from the hugely successful tourna-

ment, cricket's world governing body

will refuse to pay the 14 competing

A source told this news agency on

condition of anonymity that the ICC

board, which is currently meeting in the

West Indies, would confirm on

Saturday that it was holding back the

"All the World Cup countries

currently have money withheld," the

source said by telephone from the West

The source said the sport's govern-

ing body had frozen the payments

 $because \,the \,Global \,Cricket \,Corporation$ 

(GCC), the ICC's commercial partner

for the World Cup, was demanding 47

million dollars to compensate players

for loss of earnings during the tourna-

up to two years to resolve, the source

The dispute with the GCC could take

Despite making massive profits

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nations their share.

payments.

the money?

The Zimbabwe A openers Dion Ebrahim and Vuzimusi Sibanda survived a spirited nine overs by Jerome Taylor and Ravi Rampaul and were 27 without loss in reply at the close.

This is the first time a township ground in Zimbabwe has hosted an international cricket team. Other similar grounds in Zimbabwe are

soon to be ready for play in Bulawayo. and in the Midlands town of Kwekwe, as part of the extensive development program to bring young blacks into the SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the West Indies innings against Zimbabwe A on the first day of the three-day match at Takashinga Sports Club in Harare on Thursday: WEST INDIES: First innings Gayle c Maregwede b Nicolle Hinds c Sibanda b Friend

GangacMaregwedebMatsikenyeri110 Sarwan b Nicolle Chanderpaul retired

The council would consider paying

"If the auditors believe the ICC

the teams before then but only if they

agree to repay the money if the ICC is

forced to pay the compensation claim.

should give some money back they may

be able to access it, but only if the

council get the bank guarantee they

they release any money, b) if they

should release any money, exactly how

much, and c) before they release any

money, any country effectively needs to

give a bank guarantee they'll cover the

liability that might arise if things go

The ICC is also withholding money

from New Zealand and England for

boycotting matches. The Kiwis refused

to travel to Kenya and England pulled

out of a match in Zimbabwe, both citing

leading calls for the ICC to pay the

teams now, asking for 6.5 million

dollars, but the source said their

need to be met before any money

would be returned to the World Cup

"They are saying strict conditions

demands would not be met.

countries," the source said

Beaten finalists India have been

wrong concerning the body's dispute

with the GCC.

security fears.

"The ICC are deciding a) should

Extras: (lb-1, w-9, nb-9, pen-5) Total: (For 5 wkts decl in 90 overs) 404 Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-55, 3-93, 4-266, 5-

Did not bat: Baugh, Drakes, Taylor,

Rampaul				
Bowler	0	M	R	W
Friend	8.4	1	28	1
Mahwire	19	2	93	0
Nicolle	8	1	40	2
Chigumbura	12.2	6	42	0
Ewing	22	4	100	0
Evans	1	0	2	0
Sibanda	5	0	25	0
Matsikenyeri	14	1	68	1
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## ICC won't give player dies

BBC ONLINE, undated

Gordon Lindsay Weir, who was the world's oldest surviving Test cricketer at 95 years and 151 days, died in Auckland on Friday.

Weir, known as 'Dad' for unknown reasons, had been very ill for the past

Indian M Gopalan, at 94 years and 147 days old, is now the world's oldest

The oldest surviving New Zealander is now Don Cleverley, who played two Tests in the 1931-32 and 1945-46 seasons

Cleverley will be 94 in December. Weir was first selected for New Zealand against the touring MCC team in 1929-30

A right-handed batsman. Weir toured England with the New Zealand teams of 1931 and 1937.

He played 11 Test matches in all scoring 416 runs at an average of 29.7. He was also a part-time right-arm medium-pacer, taking seven Test

Weir also played representative rugby, making nine first-class appearances for Auckland, mainly at fly-half.

## Wanderers

In the other match, Ripon Biswas put Army ahead in the ninth minute and Nasiruddin netted the second goal in the 23rd minute

## TODAY'S MATCHES

Sheikh Russel KC v BRTC SC (Mirpur) Wari Club v Bangladesh Police

# **Oldest Test**

Ziaur Rahman Rubaiyat 0 53 Sahadat 0 Aftah 0

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BANGLADESH Nafis Igbal lbw b Wahab Nadeem c and b Shahid Najimuddin b Mansoor Aftab c Khalid b Mansooi Nafis c and b Shahid

Sagir st Zulqarnain b Sohail Arafat b Mansoor Nadif st Zulgarnain b Shahid Rubaiyat c Shahid b Mansoor

Extras: (lb-1, w-11, nb-2) Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-71, 3-73, 4-107 5-116, 6-122, 7-139, 8-170, 9-174

M Riaz 3 18 Wahab 21 0 10 36 Mansoor 10 Salman 1 24 Sohail 1 22

Shahid Result: Pakistan won by 117 runs. Man-of-the-match: Shahid Yousuf.

### SERIES SALAD FROM PAGE 13

Middlesex seamer captured his second five-wicket haul. He might have enjoyed a brief honeymoon in London, but certainly his happy hunting with the ball will go some way to ease miss-

## **BD-ENG SCOREBOARD**

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Richard Johnson	21		6	49		5			
Rikki Clarke 7		4		7		2			
Martin Saggers 12.1		3		29		2			
Ashley Giles	shley Giles 2		1		2				
ENGLAND: Second innings		R	M	В	4	6			
Mark Butcher c K Mashud b Mohammad Rafique		42	62	61	6	0			
Michael Vaughan run out (Habibul Bashar/ Mashud)		25	74	40	3	0			
Nasser Hussain c and b Mohammad Rafique		95	168	144	15	1			
Graham Thorpe lbw b Mohammad Rafique		54	130	97	7	0			
Chris Read not out		38		50	5	0			
Rikki Clarke lbw b Enamul Haque jr.		27	21	16	0	1			
Marcus Trescothick not out		1		1	0	0			
Extras: (b-4, w-1, nb-6)		11							
Total: (For 5 wkts in 67 overs)	293								
Fall of wickets: 1-66 (Butcher), 2-76 (290 (Clarke)	0 (Vaughan),	3-208 (	Thorpe	), 4-23	l (Hus	sain			
To bat: Ashley Giles, Martin Saggers, Richard Johnson, Matthew Hoggard									

Bowler Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza 23 Mushfiqur Rahman 41 Mohammad Rafique 106 Khaled Mahmud 14 64

Umpires: Aleem Dar (Pakistan) and Ashoka de Silva (Sri Lanka).

# Aussies at tiger's den

Cricket Surya Sekhar Ganguly maintained his

Australia's second-string bowling attack

faces a daunting test of nerves when the

world champions clash with India in a key

TVS Cup one-day clash in Sachin

A full house of 45,000 at the Wankhede

Stadium will be in attendance to lend

vociferous support to the local hero, the

world's leading one-day batsman with a

Seven of those hundreds have come

against Australia, the last one in the

previous tri-series match against Ricky

Ponting's men at Gwalior on Sunday

Australia's task is made tougher by the

absence of five frontline bowlers

pacemen Glenn McGrath, Brett Lee and

Jason Gillespie, and spinners Shane

Warne and Stuart MacGill due to injuries

The back-up attack of Nathan

Bracken, Brad Williams and Andy Bichel

routed New Zealand for 97 in Faridabad

on Wednesday, but the Australians are

under no illusion Saturday's match will be

which fired India to a 37-run win.

record 12,367 runs and 35 centuries.

Tendulkar's home city on Saturday.

supremacy in the Asian Zonal Chess Championship at the end of the eighth AFP, Bombay round at the NSC conference room

The Indian Grand Master won both his seventh and eighth round boards to keep his solo lead with 7.5 points. Ganguly beat Krishna Thapa of Nepal in the seventh round and later defeated

**Indians** keep

dominating

SPORTS REPORTER

vesterday

Another Indian Grand Master Pentala Harikrishna, with 7 points, regained the second slot by defeating Bangladeshi GM Niaz Murshed in the seventh round. He later beat Svothayan of Sri Lanka in the eighth round.

In the other matches of the seventh round, GM Ziaur Rahman beat IM Enamul Hossain Rajib, IM Reefat Bin Sattar checkmated Amir Karim, IM S Kidambi defeated VTS Svothavan and GM Abhijit Kunte drew with IM Tejas

In the eighth round games, Zia beat Kirshna Thapa, Rajib drew with Kunte, Reefat drew with Kidambi and Niaz lost

In the women's division Indian IWM S Minakshee also maintained solo lead with a win against Syeda Shabana Parveen in the eleventh round yesterday atthesamevenue

With the outcome, she raised her tally to 9.5 points while compatriot Swati Ghate followed her with eight points. Swati beat GM Aarthie Ramaswamy.

In the other matches, Zakia Sultan beat Zenobia Qadir and IWM Nisha Mohota drewwith Eesha Karavade

## Roddick on top of the world

AFP, Paris

America's Andy Roddick admitted he is living a fairytale after blasting his way to the world number one spot for the first time in his career on

The 21-year-old's 6-3, 6-4 third round victory over Tommy Robredo at the Paris Masters means that when the new rankings are unveiled on Monday, he will leapfrog previous leader Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain who was knocked out of the 2.45million-euro tournament 7-5, 7-5 by the Czech Republic's Jiri Novak.

## U-19s crash

Salman Qadir c Arafat b Ziaur Mansoor Amiad not out Extras: (w-31, nb-2) Total: (For 5 wickets in 50 overs) 291 Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-65, 3-254, 4-283

> sent off for kicking out at van Nistelrooy late in the game. for the club's failure to control its players and is thought to be the highest ever imposed on an English club by the governing body.

Giggs and Cristiano Ronaldo also face disciplinary action over the incidents at Old Trafford. Their cases were not dealt with Thursday because United are contesting the charges of improper conduct laid against the two players. Ronaldo would appear unlikely to

face a ban as he was involved in the confrontation for which Ashley Cole was only fined The scenes at Old Trafford trig-

gered a fresh round of condemnation of Arsenal's disciplinary record under Wenger. Since the Frenchman took over in 1996, Arsenal have received 52 red cards and lost a total of 148 games to suspension. Vieira alone has missed the equivalent of half a season.

## England, Turkey English fans were banned from the

Arsenal consider

actual punches being thrown.

final whistle.

After the melee Collina called England skipper David Beckham and Turkish defender Alpay Ozalan to his dressing room and told them both to

Alpay had goaded Beckham after the Englishman missed a first-half penalty and two then clashed as they came off the pitch. Since then Alpay has had his contract cancelled by his English premier league club Aston

calm down or else they would both be

Although UEFA fined the Turkish FA, they had previously praised them for an excellent overall job on controlling a match that had the potential for producing extreme violence.

match and there were no major incidents surrounding the game. But flares were set off at the stadium and some missiles were thrown on the pitch. The match ended in a 0-0 draw

which saw England advance to the finals and Turkey go into the playoffs. In response to the punishment the "We can confirm that coach Sven-

Goran Eriksson will be speaking to senior players ahead of the next match against Denmark (November 16) to remind the squad of their responsibilities and the need to maintain their generally high standards of behav-

India, who lost the World Cup fina against Australia in March, are geared for the new challenge

"This match will be tough, you can never take Australia lightly," said stand-in captain Rahul Dravid, leading India in the

absence of the injured Saurav Ganguly.

"We may have beaten them in Gwalior. but this is a new day, a new game.

"Australia bounced back strongly by toying with New Zealand on Wednesday and they will come out strongly against us. But we are backing ourselves to win and have the advantage of playing at home. We are ready for the challenge.

INDIA (from): Rahul Dravid (captain), Virender Sehwag, Sachin Tendulkar, Venkatsai Laxman, Yuvraj Singh, Mohammad Kaif, Hemang Badani, Parthiv Patel, Harbhajan Singh, Anil Kumble, Zaheer Khan, Ajit Agarkar, Murali Kartik, Lakshmipathy Balaji. AUSTRALIA (from): Ricky Ponting (cap-

tain), Adam Gilchrist, Michael Bevan, Andy Bichel, Nathan Bracken, Michael Clarke, Ian Harvey, Matthew Hayden, Brad Hogg, Michael Kasprowicz, Jimmy Maher, Damien Martyn, Andrew Symonds, Brad Williams,

Champs League

## Sweating over Becks move during the winter transfer win-

Spain are due to face Norway in the Euro 2004 play-offs.

Barcelona have risen to fifth on the back of two comfortable wins over weak opposition but the Catalans face a tougher test when they go to Real

Sociedad on Sunday.

"I believe the team is improving. We needed these wins, especially the one at home, to give us confidence," said coach Frank Rijkaard, who suggested that Barca could still be a factor in he championship race.

One man who may not be around to pick up his second league title in the unlikely event Barca can accomplish the feat is Rijkaard's disgruntled Dutch compatriot Patrick Kluivert, who could

Lauren reflect their central role in the

violent jostling of United striker Ruud

van Nistelrooy immediately after the

that surrounded and jeered the Dutch

forward over his late penalty miss.

Vieira paid the price for his failure to

leave the field immediately after being

The fine imposed on Arsenal was

Parlour was also part of the group

Kluivert did not get off the bench to

"I can't say we're 100 per cent sure on a

"It's a matter of trying to counter his

"Sachin has a tremendous record

"We try to look at that in a positive way

"We know that Sachin can make

Tendulkar and his teammates have a

Victory will not only put the hosts in

sight for the tri-series final at Calcutta on

November 18, but also propel India to

third place behind Australia and South

Africa in the official International Cricket

India, who are currently ranked fourth,

will however slip to sixth place behind

England, Pakistan and the West Indies, if

they lose Saturday's match, according to

against everyone, but he certainly does

because we still seem to have a great deal

hundreds against us and we can still win

games or win tournaments where he's

of success as a team against him.

plan that we've got to get him out,"

Australian vice-captain Adam Gilchrist

said of the Indian champion.

produce his best for us.

involved," Gilchrist said.

lot to play for on Saturday.

Council (ICC) rankings.

play even a few minutes as a substitute during Wednesday's 3-0 waltz past Murcia and Rijkaard looks to have settled on the combination of Ronaldinho and Javier Saviola up front. Saturday (kick off GMT): Celta Vigo

Racing Santander (1830), Murcia v Deportivo La Coruna (1830) and Real Madrid v Athletric Bilbao (2030) Sunday: Real Betis v Atletico

Madrid (1600), Espanyol v Real Zaragoza (1600), Malaga v Sevilla (1600), Valladolid v Albacete (1600), Villarreal v Osasuna (1600), Real Sociedad v Barcelona (1800) and Real Mallorca v Valencia (2000)

## in September.

contract extension earlier this

month, suffered a calf injury in Juventus' 2-2 draw at home to Roma "Im recovering well," the 28-yearold said. "I think I will be back in

9 against Udinese.' Over the last year, the two teams have clashed many times but the games have usually been finelybalanced and only a keen student of Italian football would dare predict

action for my birthday on November

Juves normally steady rearguard has been letting in goals however, having kept just two clean sheets in all competitions this season, and would do well not to underestimate Milan's probable strike duo of Filippo Inzaghi and Italy's top scorer Andriy

Shevchenko Shevchenko has often scored against Juventus and one season even scored the goal of the season against Juve

keeper Gianluigi Buffon. **FIXTURES** Saturday: Udinese v Lazio, AC Milan

Sunday: Ancona v Sienne, Bologna v Sampdoria, Brescia v Parma, Lecce v Empoli, Modena v Perugia, AS Roma

## v Reggina, Inter Milan v Chievo. Kahn puts off

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Bayern captain said. "I will play only as long as I can put

in top performances. If that was no longer the case, I would quit straight awav.'

Kahn, instrumental in Germany's run to last year's World Cup final, conceded 10 goals in his first six league games for Bayern and was criticised for making uncharacteristic blunders. Bayern have now let in 13 goals in 10 matches and are in fourth place, four points behind Bayer Leverkusen.

Timo Hildebrand of second-placed VfB Stuttgart has conceded just one

## Barthez deal

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doesn't really suit us because we've go a very busy month ahead.

"However the harm has already been done and since this was all announced, the news has lain heavily on his (Runje's) shoulders. Whatever decision FIFA made or whatever the result of an appeal, the psychological impact on Vedran has already been

## Gunners aimed at Leeds

own players at Elland Road. Jermaine Pennant is currently on loan at Leeds from Highbury but Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger will not block Reid from selecting him, as he could have That raises the fascinating pros-

pect of right-winger Pennant

attempting to give close friend Ashley Cole, the Arsenal left-back, the runaround. "We know each other very, very well but youve got no friends on the

Arsenal.com "Ill just be trying to do what I do in training. It is going to be a bit weird but I am just hoping to play well."

football field," Pennant told

As well as helping Leeds out of their current predicament, Pennant has the added incentive of showing Wenger how much the loan spell has benefitted his game. "Playing week in, week out can

only make you a better player," he said. "You look forward to coming into training and cant wait for the weekend to come around."

Arsenal, who will be without inspirational skipper Patrick Vieira,

need to take all three points at Elland Road to guarantee that they stay ahead of both Manchester United and Chelsea. Vieira has been ruled out of action for at least three weeks with a thigh injury.

Portsmouth can expected to feel

the backlash from United's shock home defeat to Fulham last week when they visit Old Trafford. United will be without Paul

Scholes, who is out for a month following groin surgery, but manager Sir Alex Ferguson is expected to keep faith with Rio Ferdinand as the England defender waits to learn whether he will be banned for missing a routine drugs test in September. Mikael Silvestre should return

alongside Ferdinand after missing the

midweek win over Leeds in the League Cup to be with his wife, who gave birth to a daughter on Wednesday. Chelsea travel to Everton hoping to repeat last year's performance at

Goodison Park, where they won 3-1. Fourth-placed Birmingham are

from an Achilles problem in time to return to his starting line-up. Liverpool, whose fortunes have

Robbie Savage will have recovered

taken a turn for the better in the last week, will restore Michael Owen to the attack for Sunday's trip to highflying Fulham. Influential midfielder Didier

Hamann could also be in line for a starting slot after a 15-minute appearance as a substitute in the midweek League Cup win over Blackburn. The German, whose composure has been sorely missed during Liverpool's stuttering start to the season, has been sidelined since undergoing surgery on his shin in July. Fixtures (1500 GMT unless stated)

Saturday: Everton v Chelsea,

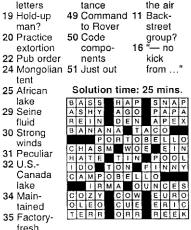
Leeds v Arsenal, Man Utd v

Portsmouth, Middlesbrough v Wolves, Newcastle v Aston Villa, Southampton v Man City, Tottenham

Sunday: Fulham v Liverpool (1400 GMT), Leicester v Blackburn (1605 not in action until Monday, when they GMT)

Monday: Birmingham v Charlton entertain Charlton. Manager Steve Bruce is optimistic key midfielder (2000 GMT)

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puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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