

Cricket going to China?

AFP, Karachi
China could be playing international cricket within two decades after being cleared to join the Asian cricket family later in November, the Asian Cricket Council announced Tuesday.

Taibu lifts Zimbabwe

REUTERS/AFP, Harare
West Indies seamer Fidel Edwards earned his three wickets the hard way as Zimbabwe reached 284 for six on the first day of the first Test on Tuesday.

Lara just holding the initiative.
Streak had won the toss and decided to bat on a wicket which offered opportunities for fast bowlers early on but which was eventually expected to favour batsmen.

Scoreboard
Scoreboard at tea on the first day of the first Test between Zimbabwe and West Indies at Harare Sports Club on Tuesday.

New-look SL pace attack

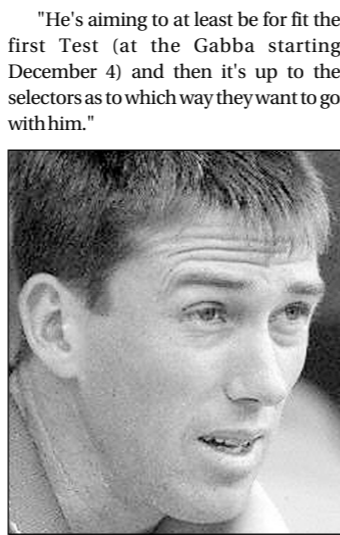
REUTERS, Colombo
Sri Lanka's selectors have picked a new-look pace bowling attack for a three-match one-day international series against England later this month.



PHOTO: COURTESY
WE ARE WITH YOU: Some of the England cricket team members and coach Duncan Fletcher visited the Islamia Eye Hospital in the city on Monday.

McGrath targets India

AFP, Sydney
Australia's leading fast bowler Glenn McGrath is targeting next month's opening cricket Test against India in Brisbane as his comeback match from ankle surgery.



GLENN McGRATH
Craig said McGrath, who underwent ankle surgery in early October, was looking forward to facing the Indians.

but he is walking around and confident of being fit for the opening Test of the summer.
'It was a reasonable operation, Lee's manager Neil Maxwell said on Tuesday.

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do badly. But on hindsight, I suppose people could say it worked because things got much better in the second half.

Ponting praises mates

REUTERS, Pune
Australia captain Ricky Ponting praised his team's character after their tense penultimate ball victory over New Zealand on Monday.

run win over India in Bombay on Saturday.
Clarke, playing only his eighth one-day international, has rapidly risen in stature after making a huge impression on debut in West Indies, where he made 208 runs in four innings before being dismissed.

Lancs on the move?

BBC ONLINE, London
Lancashire are considering plans to move away from Old Trafford, one of England's oldest Test cricket venues.

neglect and an awful lot needs doing," Cumbes added.
"You could give us £10m today, we could spend it in a year and you wouldn't know where it had been spent."

Harmison

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He was given a scan on Monday and the results underlined that he had suffered only muscular damage and is therefore on course to make his return to the England tour.

Mahmud stars

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The CJKS side scored 153 for eight with Shabib falling one run short of a half-century.

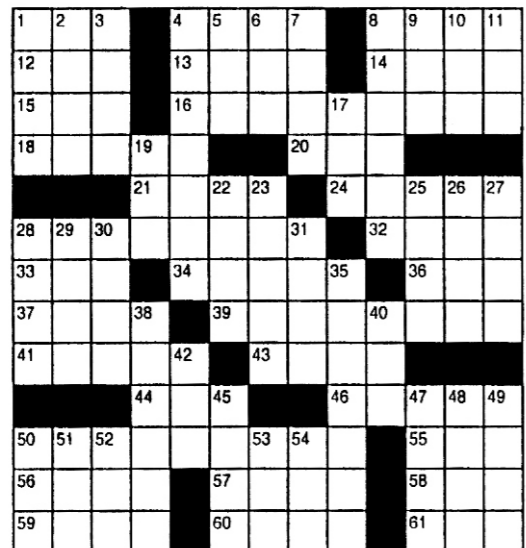
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Sunny c Zia b Rubaiyat 1
Uthappa c Sagir b Shahadat 0

BANGLADESH UNDER-19S
Naeem c Karthik b Pathan 0
Iqbal b Pathan 9
Kamrul lbw b Pathan 3

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
"We can complain, but it won't matter. It will fall on deaf ears because India are not playing," he said.

juice in them for one-day cricket.
"When you're starting at that time of the morning it's bound to swing, and the wickets have had life in them which is tough for the side batting first," Ponting said.