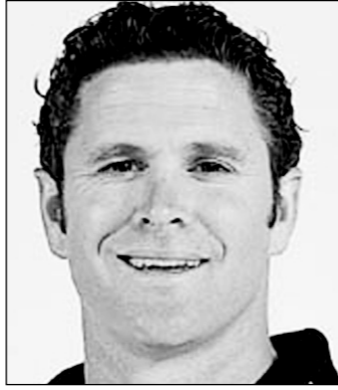


Harmison will harm SL

SPORTING LIFE, undated
England paceman Steve Harmison has vowed to return to his match-winning best after shaking off a back injury to declare himself fit for the forthcoming tour to Sri Lanka.

Cairns concern for NZ

Winless New Zealand are sweating over the fitness of inspirational all-rounder Chris Cairns ahead of Thursday's crucial TVS Cup tri-series match against hosts India here.



CHRIS CAIRNS

favoured the hosts. Fleming was critical that all matches between Australia and New Zealand had early morning starts

Fleming flayed

REUTERS, Cuttack
The Indian cricket board has hit back at complaints from New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming about the scheduling of the TVS Cup tri-series tournament.

Divine incentive for Steaua



REUTERS, London
Former European champions Steaua Bucharest will be hoping to answer the prayers of main shareholder Gigi Becali when they host Liverpool in the second round of the UEFA Cup on Thursday.

Liverpool will be without England striker Michael Owen who has an ankle injury. Valencia, who take on Israel's Maccabi Haifa with the first leg at the Mestalla, have been made favourites to win the trophy by most English book-

makers. The Primera Liga leaders ended Real Madrid's short stay at the top at the weekend with Ricardo Oliveira netting a hat-trick in a superb 5-0 away win at Real Mallorca, who are also in UEFA Cup action this week against Denmark's FC Copenhagen.

FIXTURES

UEFA Cup 2nd round, 1st leg fixtures on Thursday (Home game for the team named first): Gaziantepspor (TUR) v Lens (FRA), Slavia Prague (CZE) v Levski Sofia (BUL), Spartak Moscow (RUS) v Dynamo Bucharest (ROM), Dynamo Zagreb (CRO) v Dnepropetrovsk (UKR), Schalke 04 (GER) v Brondby (DEN), Utrecht (NED) v Auxerre (FRA), Valerengen (NOR) v Wisla Krakow (POL), Bordeaux (FRA) v Heart of Midlothian (SCO), Panionios (GRE) v Barcelona (SPA), Genclerbirliigi (TUR) v Sporting Lisbon (POR), Villarreal (SPA) v Torpedo Moscow (RUS), Steaua Bucharest (ROM) v Liverpool (ENG), PAOK Salonika (GRE) v Debrecen (HUN), FC Copenhagen (DEN) v Real Mallorca (SPA), Borussia Dortmund (GER) v Sochaux (FRA), Austria Salzburg (AUT) v Parma (ITA), FC Basel (SWI) v Newcastle (ENG), Perugia (ITA) v Aris Salonika (GRE), Feyenoord (NED) v Teplice (CZE), AS Roma (ITA) v Hajduk Split (CRO), Manchester City (ENG) v Groclin (POL), Valencia (SPA) v Maccabi Haifa (ISR), Benfica (POR) v Molde (NOR)

Overwhelming

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work was against exposed when he failed to put enough weight on the front-foot while driving at a James Kirtley delivery and he was caught in the covers by Anthony McGrath.

Table with 5 columns: Player, Runs, Balls, Fours, Sixes. Includes Ehsanul, Humayun, Ali Arman, Manjarul, Ashraf, etc.

But it was another Khulna cricketer Manjarul Islam who top-scored with an enterprising 47 off 66 balls. Coming into bat at number eight the most successful all-rounder in the National League last season celebrated his surprise call up the national team with four boundaries.

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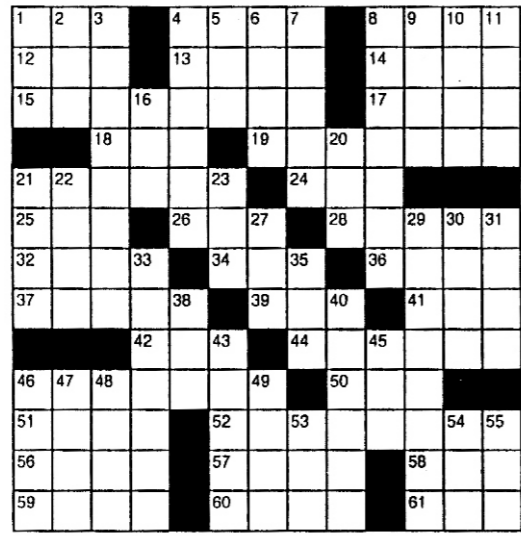
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Matsikenyerere Jacobs b Edwards 57
Taibu b Edwards 83
Streak not out 100
Blignaut not out 78
Extras: (b-1, lb-5, nb-15, w-2) 23
Total: (For 7 wts in 139 overs) 463
Fall: 1-26, 2-35, 3-58, 4-112, 5-154, 6-233, 7-314
To bat: Price, Mahwire

Future looks

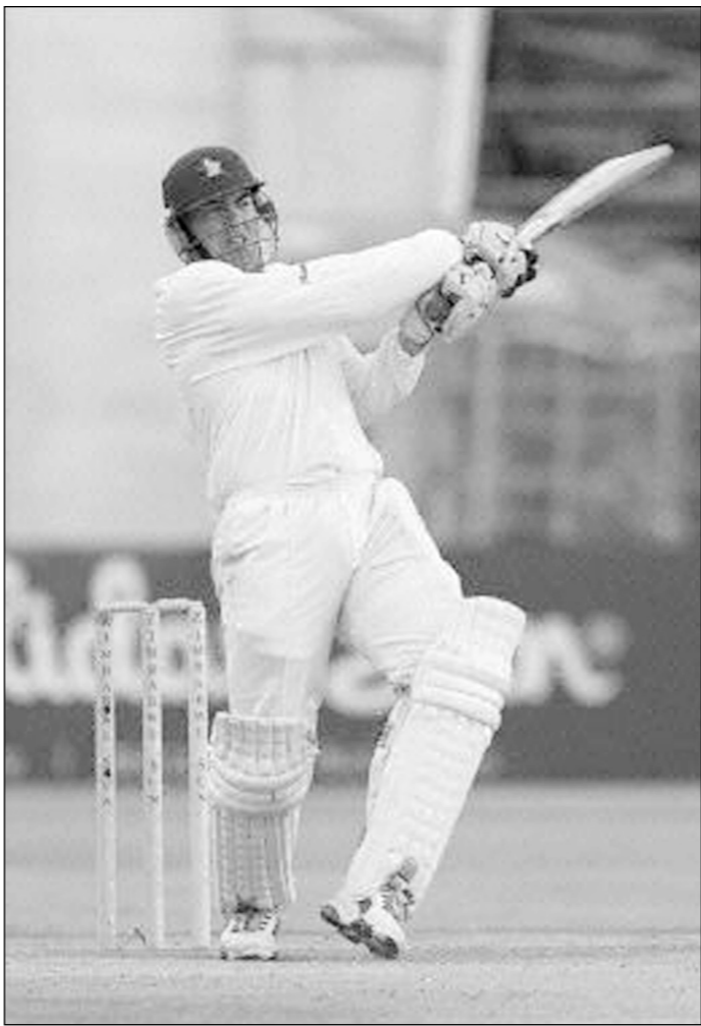
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have failed to show the discipline required to build a Test innings, unable to control loose drives outside off stump.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer
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CRYPTOQUIP
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B D J Y B X I I L D T F
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K H B I B X F N F C Q F K B B Q Q T Q ?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU STRETCH YOUR MUSCLES BEFORE CLIMBING A TREE, I SUPPOSE THAT'S LIMBERING UP.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals R
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.



Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak pulls one powerfully on way to scoring his maiden century on the second day of the first Test against West Indies in Harare yesterday.

Cricket only on his mind

ECB monitoring situation in Sri Lanka

SPORTING LIFE/AFR, Dhaka
Captain Michael Vaughan has stressed his side are concentrating on cricket despite the worsening domestic situation in Sri Lanka England's next destination in just over a fortnight.

situation and we will do whatever the ECB tells us to do."

Mohan De Silva on Wednesday moved to reassure the ECB.

The ECB said in London on Wednesday it had not come to a decision on the future of the tour but was keeping a close watch on the situation in Sri Lanka.

"I think cricket and politics are two different things and we should not get worried about it," he said.

The team are currently playing in Bangladesh but are due to arrive in Sri Lanka on November 13 for three one-day internationals and three Test matches.

"I feel we should allow the politicians to sort out their problems whilst we at Sri Lanka cricket will ensure the smooth functioning of the tour.

However, the country's president Chandrika Kumaratunga declared a state of emergency on Wednesday, giving the military sweeping powers in the island nation and raising doubts over England's tour.

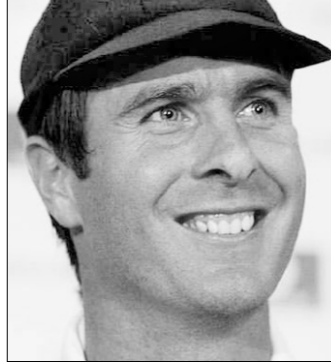
"When England were here last time, despite not having a peace deal with the rebel group the Tamil Tigers, there was no incident or danger.

Police throughout the country have been put on maximum alert and all leave has been cancelled.

"So (now) with a peace accord in place, we are confident that nothing will go wrong and it all points in the direction of a very happy and a highly successful tour.

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) are monitoring the situation and are keeping in contact with the Foreign Office, who have not so far changed their advice to Britons travelling to Sri Lanka which currently is to be careful in the north of the country.

"As such I feel that there should be no worry and the tour will go on as expected."



MICHAEL VAUGHAN

place in the quarterfinals and was a contributing factor to captain Nasser Hussain quitting as one-day captain.

Suddenly Manjarul

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Manjarul gave an impressive display in front of the Bangladesh think-tank on Wednesday claiming two wickets for 42 runs in his ten overs against England in the practice match. The southpaw also scored highest 47 batting at number eight.

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But chief selector Faruque said that they had already chosen him purely on his last season's impressive performance.

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"We have made our decision even before not played today. I think he will be a very useful lower-order batsman apart from his exploits with the ball," said Faruque.

But despite the renewed political unrest, Sri Lanka Cricket secretary

makers.