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Fazlur again on **UNESCO** body

PRESS RELEASE

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman has been reelected chairman of the Working Group on Preservation and Promotion of Traditional Games and Sports at a



FAZLUR RAHMAN

meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee on Physical Education and Sports (CIGEPS) of UNESCO at its headquarters in Paris recently.

Ridon sets

FROM PAGE 13 The former national defender however said that the next match

against Nepal would be different. "Nepal will be playing an attacking game like us. So, hopefully it will be a more open contest.

On the other hand, his Pakistan counterpart Siddique Sheikh blamed inexperience for the result on Monday

"Bangladesh boys played around four tournaments before this match while we had played only a few practice matches against mediocre local teams. That's why Bangladesh looked better today. But I am not unhappy with the effort of my boys," Sheikh said.

Bangladesh will play Nepal on December 5. Only the winners of this group will advance into the 16team final round to be held in Malaysia next September.

Bangladesh: Piru, Shiraji, Zahir, Robin, Faisal, Maruf, Sharif, Anwar, Ridon (Shamim), Parvez and Arup (Sujon).

Pakistan: Zulfiqar, Akhter, Waqas, Umar Farooq, Mubashar, Saleem (Asif), Imran, Farooq Shah (Ahsan), Misbah, Rafique and

Referee: Sunder Raj Balu (In-

Clijsters to skip **Olympics**

REUTERS, Brussels

World number two tennis player Kim Clijsters will not represent Belgium at next summer's Olympic Games, the 20-year-old said on

But Clijsters will fly the flag for her Fed Cup team next year after turning her back on the Belgian cause last month.

Missing Clijsters and her number one-ranked compatriot Justine Henin-Hardenne, the Belgian team -- including Clijsters' younger sister Elke -- fell in the semifinals to an under-strength U.S.

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the chairman and demanded his resignation after Pakistan failed to go beyond the first round in the World Cup early this year. But the general weathered the situation and continued.

Musharraf is likely to appoint former chief executive Arif Abbasi or the current PCB chief executive Rameez Raja to replace Zia.

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old man!"

India hold on to draw

Cricket

REUTERS, Sydney

India held out for a draw on Monday after being given a fright by an inexperienced Queensland Academy of Sport line-up.

Set a near-impossible 305 to win in two sessions, the Indians crawled to 121 for four when the captains agreed to an early finish.

The Academy, made up of mainly part-time players with little first-class experience, declared at lunch on 208 for six with Lee Carseldine 109 not out, to go with his first-innings hundred.

India play Australia in the first test starting at the Gabba on Thursday and Academy captain Aaron Nye predicted the tourists would struggle.

"You could see that they want to compete, which is pretty important, but they're going to have to go the next notch up...because the Australian team don't give you an inch to move," Nye said.

"We worked out we probably

didn't lose a session at all. In general we felt we were pretty much on

With 60 overs available, the Indians used their time to get some valuable batting practice.

They looked in trouble when they lost Virender Sehwag, Akash Chopra and Deep Dasgupta cheaply to slump to 32 for three.

But Indian skipper Saurav Ganguly and Sadagoppan Ramesh steadied the ship with a 57-run

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at end of drawn three-day match between India and Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) at Allan Border Field on Monday:

QAS: First innings 304 for 6 declared (Carseldine 112, Philipson 85, Simpson 43; Kumble 4-74) INDIA: First innings 208 for 9 declared Laxman 74, Dravid 38, Ramesh 21;

Dawes 3-36, Magoffin 2-28, Brant 2-39) QAS: Second innings (overnight 79-2) Payne lbw b Sehwag Simpson lbw b Pathan Carseldine not out 109 Nyelbwb Kumble Philipson c Ramesh b Pathan 11 Farrell st Patil b Kumble

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MacGill's desire

Cricket

AFP, Brisbane

Australian leg-spinner Stuart MacGill wants to be known as an entrenched Test bowler and not merely as Shane Warne's "stunt-

The four-match Test series against India will shape MacGill's future with Warne returning from a 12-month ban in February before the three-Test tour of Sri Lanka. The 32-year-old MacGill is keenly looking forward to taking on

the Indians for the first time and on Monday talked like a man who expected to be selected in Australia's XI for the first Test at the Gabba, starting on Thursday. His position is in question with

left-arm quick Nathan Bracken's good form and Brisbane's pacefriendly reputation leaving the selectors to float the thought of a four-prong fast bowling attack.

But MacGill's strong Gabba his ability to turn the ball away from the Indian right-handers and captain Stephen Waugh's penchant for a proven spinner will provide the opportunity to cement his place in the world's No.1 side.

"This series, whether I like it or not, is important in redefining me if you like," MacGill said on Monday. "I'm either the replacement or



STUART MacGILL

I'm able to stand alone consistently.

"If I do well, or hold my own at least, against these guys I can be seriously considered as just another spin bowler rather than

"(Another) reason I want to do well is because they (India) are supposed to be the best players of spin in the world.

MacGill has enjoyed a great career in his own right.

He has 133 Test wickets at an average of 26.3 and possesses a strike-rate comparable to the likes of Dennis Lillee and Glenn "I think my ability to take the

ball away from the right-handed batsman might be important considering most of the Indians are right-handed batsmen." he said. Skipper Saurav Ganguly is the only left-handed batsman in a top-order heavily reliant on Sachin

"My record at the Gabba is pretty solid, the last time I bowled here was in the Sheffield Shield final and I got five-for," said

West Australian Brad Williams is under most pressure in the push for Bracken but has strong claims by virtue of a solid Test debut against Zimbabwe in Sydney where he took four wickets in the

'India must improve'

Cricket

AFP, Brisbane

India will have to improve to give world champions Australia a run for their money in the Test series starting here Thursday, Queensland Academy of Sport captain Aaron Nye said Monday after the tourists drew with his

Nye claimed the Academy team -- virtually a Queensland state second eleven -- had scored a moral victory in the three-day clash at Allan Border Field.

"They are going to have to go to the next notch up for the Aussies because the Australian team don't give you an inch to move," he said.

"We worked out we probably didn't lose a single session in this match. We felt we were pretty much on top.'

The game was called off 30

minutes early with India 121 for four wickets in their second the second session. innings after they had been set a victory target of 305 from a minimum of 60 overs.

The tourists made no attempt to hammer the runs, preferring instead to use the time to hone their skills for the first Test starting at the 'Gabba Ground here in three days.

Earlier in the day, Queensland Academy batsman Lee Carseldine tormented the Indian bowling again, adding 109 not out to the 112 he smacked in the first knock.

The dynamic left-hander -unable to find a place in Queensland's senior side -- punished the bowling in thrilling fashion.

His efforts allowed the Academy to reach 208 for six wickets by lunch when they declared.

Far from looking for a victory, India appeared at one stage to be in danger of defeat as they

slumped to 32 for three wickets in

Virender Sehwag for just four when he trapped the opener in front.

shut up shop, with just 24 runs coming in their first hour at the

and Deep Dasgupta (8) on either side of the drinks break It brought captain Saurav

Ganguly to the crease and he steadied the ship with Sadagoppan Ramesh.

Ganguly was caught by Nye off the bowling of off-spinner Chris Simpson for 35 in the dreary, abbreviated last session. Ramesh was left unbeaten on 37 with Rahul Dravid not out on 20.

former Australian fast bowler Bruce Reid, who has been signed up as the team's bowling coach.

Lara lauds Zim effort

REUTERS, Harare

West Indies captain Brian Lara paid tribute to Zimbabwe's fighting qualities after his side had clinched the five-match one-day series 3-2 with an eight-wicket victory over the southern Africans

"We played good cricket, but credit must be given to the Zimbabweans for the way they played during both series," Lara told reporters.

"We came here expecting to win and they put up a good fight, and almost turned the tables in both Zimbabwe had led the one-day series 2-1 going into the weekend,

but lost Saturday's match at Harare

Sports Club by 72 runs before being outplayed in Sunday's decider. Chris Gayle was the architect of victory for West Indies in the final encounter, claiming four for 24 with his part-time off spin before hammering an unbeaten 112, his second century of the series.

"We needed to get to 250 or 260 to put pressure on them, so we always needed to attack," said Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak, after his side had slumped to 196 all

"But Chris blew us away. He bowled superbly, he changed the "We didn't counter his bowling

well, and we didn't put enough runs on the board." Gayle's batting had been a signif-

icant factor during the series, Streak added. "Chris rode his luck and played some superb shots," he said. "He was the key player for the West

Indies throughout the series.' Gayle finished the one-day series with an aggregate of 385 runs at an average of 128.33, having scored a career-best 153 not out in

the first match in Bulawayo. He was the leading bowler in the series, claiming seven wickets at an average of 12.57.

"I'm a part-time spinner, but don't underrate it because it can be very effective," Gayle said.

"The captain had the faith to give me the ball, and I got the job

West Indies travel to South Africa on Monday to play four tests

Pole vaulter **Emma retires**

AFP, Sydney

Former world champion pole vaulter Emma George of Australia said Monday she was abandoning her dream of competing in next year's Athens Olympics and retiring from athletics because of chronic back problems.

Doctors told the 29-year-old former world record holder and Commonwealth Games gold medalist she had to retire or risk permanent injury following a past two years.

A team camp

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first batch as Athar Ali Khan will be replacing fellow selector GM Nowsher Prince. Young coach Shahidul Alam Ratan has been handed his first major test.

Chief selector Faruque Ahmed and BCB's coach Sarwar Imran will take over in the second half of the

The second batch of Bangladesh A team will start training on January 5.

"But we will prefer the second batch to play in the upcoming National League before the start of the camp," said Faruque. The country's first-class com-

petition involving the six divisions is scheduled to start on December

about is that we made a few errors with our finishing but we had to play a team that chose to be ultra-

Camp Nou with the intention of hanging on for a draw. "Maybe we could have been

lucky and got a goal but I'm happy with a point," said Vazquez.

home victories came to an end with Racing Santander beating the Basques 2-1 in the San Mames Jonan Garcia got Athletic off to a

perfect start, the 20 year-old midfielder for his first goal in the top flight after just seven minutes. Racing were unlucky not to

equalise five minutes before the break when Diego Mateo had his goal disallowed for a questionable offside but the visitors were back on level terms just a minute later.

Athletic defender Luis Prieto before getting his sixth goal of the season. Mario Reguerio got Racing's winner just after the hour. Athletic goalkeeper Daniel

Aranzubia could only parry away a

Bodipo shot and the Uruguayan midfielder made the most of the ball falling to his feet.

"They had moments when they played very well and to perform like they did away from home is

"Perhaps we might won if we had taken all the opportunities that fell to us but that's the way it goes and doesn't tell the full story of the game," said Valverde. Racing move up to seventh with

impressive.

Athletic dropping four places to eighth. Bottom club Espanyol woes

increased when they went down 2-1 at fellow strugglers Albacete. Spanish international Raul Tamudo put Espanyol ahead after

points for Albacete. sive rubber. Celta eased their own relegation "It was emotional for me too and for all of us definitely," worries with an impressive 1-0 win Philippoussis said.

> "Nice was an incredible feeling but this can't touch it. I was emotional, everyone was emotional and this was just a storybook end-

Mission Revenge

Cricket

Brian Lara and his team will be seeking to erase the memories of one of the most humiliating episodes in West Indian cricket history when they arrive in South Africa Monday for a four-Test tour.

Lara was the captain when the West Indies toured South Africa in 1998-99 and suffered defeat in all five Tests the first and only time cricketers from the Caribbean have been hammered so badly.

Lara lost the captaincy a year after the South African tour, having won six, drawn two and lost 10 of 18 matches in charge.

He was reappointed earlier this ear and although his side were beaten 3-1 in a series by Australia they have come on top by 1-0 margins in two-match series against Sri Lanka at home and Zimbabwe away.

The recent series win over Zimbabwe was not easily achieved, however, as the West Indies narrowly avoided defeat in the first Test in Harare, with their last two batsmen at the crease when the match ended, while they suffered a batting collapse in the second innings of the second Test in Bulawayo before winning by 128 runs. It was Lara's first Test win as a captain on foreign soil.

Lara's own form will be crucial in South Africa. He has yet to make

a Test century against South Africa in 11 appearances but has made 22 hundreds in 87 matches against

In Lara's favour will be a loss of potency in South Africa's bowling resources. Five seasons ago, the West Indies ran into Allan Donald and Shaun Pollock when they were at the peak of their form. Donald has retired from international cricket and although Pollock remains one of the most reliable bowlers in the game, his pace has slowed.

FIXTURES

Dec 3: One-day v NFO XI, Randjesfontein Dec 5-8: Four-day v Free State, Bloemfontein Dec 12-16: First Test, Johannesburg

Dec 19-22: Four-day v Border, East Dec 26-30: Second Test, Durban Jan 2-6: Third Test, Cape Town Jan 9-12: Four-day v Easterns, Benoni Jan 16-20: Fourth Test, Centurion

Jan 23: (D/N) One-day v South Africa A, Jan 25: (D/N) First One-day international. Cape Town

Jan 28: (D/N) Second One-day international, Port Elizabeth Jan 30: (D/N) Third One-day international, Durbar Feb 1: (Day) Fourth One-day international. Centurion Feb 4: (D/N) Fifth One-day international, Johannesburg

The West Indies will be looking for Lara to hit batting form but will also hope that players such as Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds, Ramnaresh Sarwan and Shivnarine Chanderpaul are able to find consistency.

The West Indian bowling is not what it was five seasons ago. with Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose both having retired.

Fidel Edwards, 21, a fast bowler from Barbados with a slingy action, will be tested by an experienced South African batting line-up after making an impressive start to his international career. Edwards took 14 wickets in his first three Tests, including two five-wicket hauls, and claimed an astonishing six for 22 on his one-day international debut against Zimbabwe in Harare Saturday.

It will be an important season for South African cricket as the national side play at home for the first time since failing to advance beyond the first round of the World Cup staged in South Africa earlier this year.

The South African selectors will meet in Paarl Wednesday to pick a side for the first Test, which starts in Johannesburg on December 12, with as many as four places up for grabs following South Africa's defeat in a two-match series in Pakistan in

Muralitharan cautious scored 269 runs on England's last

Cricket

Sri Lanka's star spinner Muttiah Muralitharan warned on Monday that England would not be easy to

shows what they are capable of. It won't be easy for us even though we are playing at home," Muralitharan told this news England have won their last two

years ago and a 2-0 scoreline at Muralitharan, however, said those results will not put this team

under any extra pressure. "The pressure to perform is always there and this series is no different," said the prolific offspinner, who has taken 459 wickets

Muralitharan denied he had

MUTTIAH MURALITHARAN

as saying so," he said.

some special deliveries that I have

been working on. I haven't said

anything like that to anyone and

was surprised to have been quoted

respect for England's batsmen,

especially Graham Thorpe, who

Muralitharan said he had great

doing it all the time and it is just a matter of going out and doing your best," the 31-year-old year said. Thorpe, opener Marcus

"They have some good left

nanders in the side, but bowling to

them doesn't take much. We are

Trescothick and Mark Butcher, all

visit to Sri Lanka.

 $left-handers, are prominent \ members \ of England's \ batting line-up.$ "One has to try different things all the time. Sometimes they work, sometimes they don't. But one has to try the best at all times,' Muralitharan said.

He said he had fond memories against England, most notably his 16-wicket haul in the one-off Test at The Oval a few years back. "That was a special moment when I helped my team beat

England in their own backyard," he said. "I also have some good performances in Galle and hope to have a good start to the series."

The second Test will be played in Kandy from December 10-14 and the third at the Sinhalese sports club in Colombo from

Sami blows Kiwis away

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Farhat c Hitchcock b Vettori

Elahi c Vettori b Hitchcock

Misbah c Cairns b Tuffey

Extras: (b-4, lb-1, w-4)

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Imran Farhat and Yasir Hameed provided the home team with a solid start of 115 for the first wicket. with the former reaching his maiden half-century.

Razzaq's 42 included two sixes and four boundaries, while Elahi and Shoaib Malik made 50 for the fifth wicket off just 39 balls. The $home \, side \, hit \, 30 \, runs \, in \, the \, last \, two$

The third of five matches will be played in Faisalabad on Wednesday.

SCOREBOARD

Full scoreboard of the second day-night one-day international between Pakistan and New Zealand played at Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore on Monday: **PAKISTAN**

Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-115, 2-144, 3-162, 4-171,5-221,6-266 Did not bat: Sami, Kaneria, Shabbii O M R 62 38 0 44 Hitchcock 0 54 0 34 Canning 10 44 Vettori 0 NEW ZEALAND

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Sinclair b Shabbir Marshall b Razzaq 70 Cairns run out Oram b Sami McCullum b Sami Canning b Sami Vettori c Farhat b Sami 42 Hitchcock b Sami Tuffey not out 281 Extras: (b-1, lb-9, nb-4, w-11) Total: (All out in 38.5 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-36, 3-51, 4-119, 5-155, 6-155, 7-155, 8-155, 9-155 M **Bowler** 0

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0 48 0 Kaneria 10 Malik 1 36 8 Result: Pakistan won by 124 runs to lead the series 2-0. Man-of-the-match: Mohammad

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Davis Cup heroes lauded

REUTERS, Sydney

Australia's triumphant Davis Cup team were hailed as national heroes on Monday as thousands of fans turned out to cheer them at a $civic\,reception\,in\,Melbourne.$

The nation's pain at losing last

month's rugby World Cup final

was eased as fans crammed into

Federation Square to see the winning quartet of Mark Philippoussis, Lleyton Hewitt, Todd Woodbridge and Wayne Arthurs take the stage. Melbourne's Philippoussis received the biggest cheers having defied a painful muscle tear to beat Spain's world number three Juan Carlos Ferrero in five sets and give

Philippoussis told the crowd that Sunday's win had eclipsed Australia's last Davis Cup final victory against France in Nice in 1999, when he also won the deci-

Hoggard and James Kirtley. Richard Johnson has been practising with a knee support -

Sri Lanka have a selection

not the best of signs before a Test

First Test from today

FROM PAGE 13 muddy.

"They keep telling us the rain is going to stop and we just hope it does because it's hard for the mentality not knowing when you are going to start. "This pitch is unlike any in the

reversing as soon as possible.' England have already settled on a playing eleven and though they have not announced it, it is believed there will be two specialist seamers and two specialist spinners.

Robert Croft has not played for

world you have to bowl a few

cutters and try to get the ball

England since the home Ashes series of 2001, but he has had his successes on tour and in Sri Lanka in particular. He will probably team up with Ashley Giles once again who it is

hoped has settled into his new run-up. With James Anderson still injured, the seam bowlers of choice will perhaps be Matthew

dilemma of their own.

Picking three support spinners - Kumar Dharmasena, Upul Chandana and Thilan Samaraweera - means their batting could be a little weak. They are also expected to drop

wicketkeeper Romesh

Kaluwitharana to play three

specialist spinners. Kumar

Sangakkara will take over the

wicketkeeping duties for the first time in 12 months. Thilan Samaraweera is tipped to bat at six while fast bowler Dinusha Fernando is all set to

PROBABLE TEAMS SRI LANKA: Marvan Atapattu,

make his Test debut.

Sanath Jayasuriya, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene, Hashan Tillakaratne (captain), Thilan Samaraweera, Upul Chandana, Kumar Dharmasena, Chaminda Vaas, Dilhara Fernando, Muttiah Muralitharan. ENGLAND: Michael Vaughan

(captain), Marcus Trescothick, Mark Butcher, Nasser Hussain, Graham Thorpe, Andrew Flintoff, Chris Read, Ashley Giles, Robert Croft, James Kirtley, Matthew

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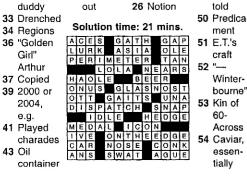
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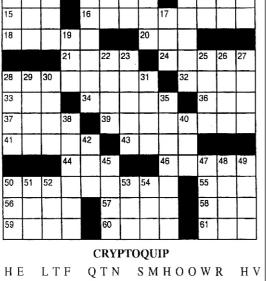
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN COWS ARE

SHOPPING BY MAIL-ORDER, DO THEY BUY MERCHANDISE THROUGH CATTLE-LOGS? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals P 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.

Paceman Joe Dawes removed This was the signal for India to

India lost Akash Chopra (11)

The Indians announced that they will be joined Tuesday by

Deportivo blow it

Valladolid coach Fernando Vazquez made it clear after the game that thay had come to the

Athletic's run of five successive

Rodolfo Bodipo waltzed around

Athletic coach Ernesto Valverde admitted that the visitors were the

the hosts an unassailable 3-1 lead over the Spanish visitors. 15 minutes but two goals from Carlos Aranda clinched the vital

at Sevilla. Jesuli Mora got the only goal of the game after 34 minutes. It was a bittersweet moment for Jesuli, who

was born in Seville and spent the first five years of his professional career at his home town club.

speculated in the media in recent "It was amusing to read about

beat in the upcoming Test series. "England are a very good batting side and their past record

series against the Islanders, securing a 2-1 verdict in Sri Lanka two