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Sri Lanka A captain Russel Arnold sweeps one on way to his match-winning knock of 96 not out against India A at

He proves his worth

Cricket

 $\textbf{REUTERS,} \ \textit{Hamilton}$

Pakistan wicketkeeper Moin Khan played the innings of his life on Monday to lead his side to safety in the first Test against New Zealand.

Moin hit a glorious 137 and figured in a seventh wicket partnership with fast bowler Mohammad Sami of 152 on the

His last Test hundred was in 1996 against England at Headingley. Monday's century scotched New Zealand's plans of forcing the follow-on and probably saved the match for the tourists.

"I was out of the game for so long I was really looking forward to a big innings and it was important

He played against South Africa

limited-overs matches played at

different venues across the country

Dhaka v Chittagong

Venue: Bangabandhu

National Stadium

CHITTAGONG

Aftab b Sunny

Yasin b Rafique

Obaidul not out

Alamgir lbw Sunny

Extras: (b-3, lb-2, w-9)

6-58, 7-60, 8-60, 9-63

Bowler

Sunny

Rafique

DHAKA

Mahmud

Neeyamur

Total: (All out in 32.3 overs)

Rashedul c Faisal b Alamgir

Total: (For 3 wkts in 19.5 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-15, 3-55

Al-Shahriar lbw Alamgir

Muntasir b Alamgir

Sajjad not out

Sunnynotout

Extras: (w-14)

Bowler

Alamgir

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KHULNA

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-29, 3-32, 4-56, 5-58,

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Result: Dhakawon by seven wickets

Man of the match: Arafat Sunny (Dhaka)

Venue: Shamsul Huda Stadium, Jessore

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Nafees lbw Mahmud

 $Masumuddowla\,lbw\,Mahmud$

Faisal c Muntasir b Rafique

Akram c Naimur b Sunny

Azam c Sanwar b Sunny

Hasan c Sanwar b Rafique

Nazimuddin c Saijad b Mahmud

in two Tests recently, but before that his last Test was the second against New Zealand in March 2001 in Christchurch.

Moin, who was the captain on that tour, missed the third Test in that series in Hamilton on a green top which Pakistan lost heavily, cause of a knee injury and lost the wicketkeeping berth to Rashid

"I was always hoping to get a way back into the Test team, so I kept myself fit and continued to play domestic cricket," said Moin.

To get a winner on the final day on Tuesday, New Zealand, with an overnight lead of 104 after batting for two overs to be four without loss at stumps, would need to set Pakistan a target and then try to bowl them out.

But home captain Stephen leming will naturally be mindful of the explosive batsmen Pakistan

Dhaka drub Chittagong

ShafiullbwAnis

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Tariqul

Arman

BARISAL.

Reshadur c&b Raj

Imran c&b Bashir

Nahidul b Bashir

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Anisur lbwb Bashir

Tarigul not out

Bowler

Ashraful

Shafiul

Shajjadul

RAJSHAHI

RafiqullbwTapash

Imroz c Rana b Nabil

Monjurul

Jamal c Bashar b Ashraful

Faruque c Raj b Sajjadul

Litust Hasibul b Sajiadul

Shahin c Hasibul b Bashir

Arman st Hasibul b Bashir

Extras: (lb-1, nb-1, w-6)

Total: (For all our in 40.3 overs) 157

123,6-135,7-143,8-149,9-155

Result: Khulna won by 81 runs

Fall of wickets: 1-43, 2-44, 3-111, 4-116, 5-

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Man-of-the-match: Habibul Bashar (Khulna)

Rajshahi v Sylhet

Venue: Cricket Garden, Rangpur

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Bashar lbw Imran

Shajjadul st Shahin b Litu

Tushar c Imran b Arman

Hasanuzzaman not out

Extras: (b-3, nb-1, w-19)

Total: (For 4 wkts in 50 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-84, 3-177, 4-238

0 M R Moin was all action during his 174-ball innings, deciding aggression and positive batting was the key to reaching the follow-on target

Moin said the ball was coming on to the bat well on Monday. "It was quite easy to bat because it was such a good pitch and I was getting tips from the captain and the coach while I was batting."

New Zealand's Daryl Tuffey finished with five for 87, his second five-wicket bag in Tests.

"The new ball was doing a bit and it gave me a new burst of energy," Tuffey said.

The big medium fast bowler said New Zealand bowled well as a unit, but allowed too many boundaries. "In that respect we were pretty disappointed, but all-in-all I think we did pretty well on an unresponsive wicket.

Tarique c Parvez b Enamul Jr

Rezwanul c Masud b Tapash

Extras: (b-2, lb-6, nb-3, w-12)

Total: (For 8 wkts in 45 overs)

Nuruzzaman st Masud b Enamul Jr 5

Fall of wkts: 1-36, 2-85, 3-95, 4-159, 5-180,

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Aminul not out

Bowler

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Nabil

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Imtiaz lbw b Nuruzzaman

ParvezcAminulbAnisur

Tapash c Hasanuzzaman

Tagrimul lbw b Nuruzzaman

Enamul Jr st Mashud b Murad

Total: (All out in 42.2 overs)

132, 6-151, 7-152, 8-164, 9-167

Result: Raishahi won by 52 runs

Man of the match: Anisur Rahman

Fall of wkts: 1-31, 2-48, 3-49, 4-108, 5

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Nasirul lbwb Murad

Rana run out

b Rezwanul

Rezaul b Anisu

Sami run out

Nabil not out

Aminul

Murad

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(Rajshahi).

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I IMAGINE ANY CORE GROUP OF PHYSICISTS MIGHT PREFER TO CALL

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z 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.

BCZ DPC UETL

Extras: (b-1, w-4)

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Enamul Ir

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Mashudb Rezaul

Hasanuzzaman run out

Arnold coasts SLA home

AFP, Calcutta

Russel Arnold led from the front with a quick-fire 96 not out as Sri Lanka A thrashed India A by seven wickets in the opening match of a triangular one-day cricket tournament here on

The Sri Lankan captain's 99-ball knock helped his team surpass a challenging Indian total of 300-8 with 12 balls to spare in the 50-overs-aside contest before a sizeable crowd at the Eden Gardens.

Sri Lanka A will clash with Pakistan A on Tuesday in the second match of the tournament featuring experienced and young talented players from the three nations.

Indian opener Gautam Gambhir slammed an impressive 125-ball 113 with one six and 11 fours to help his team set a stiff target. He put on 159 for the second wicket with one-day specialist Mohammad Kaif (71).

The Indian pair were later upstaged by hard-hitting Arnold, who had played 43 Tests and 120 one-day internationals for the national team before being dropped for the recent home Test series against England.

BRIEF SCORES

INDIA A: 300 for 8 in 50 overs (Gautam Gambhir 113, Mohammad Kaif 71, Dinesh Mongia 23 not out. Sanjay Bangar 21; Nuwan Kulasekara 2-50, Nuwan Zoysa 2-81)

SRI LANKA A: 301 for 3 in 48 overs (Russel Arnold 96 not out, Saman Javantha 92, Naveed Nawaz 57 not out, Jehan Mubarrak 25)

Result: Sri Lanka Awon by 7 wickets. Man-of-the-match: Russel Arnold.

Korea's Kim in trouble

ANN/THE KOREA HERALD,

The prosecution is moving to summon Kim Un-yong, the South Korean vice-president of the International Olympic Committee, over bribery charges, prosecution sources said yester-

Kim is suspected of receiving at least 130 million won (110,000 dollars) in bribes in 2001 from a now-detained businessman in return for pulling strings to gain him membership of the Korea Olympic Committee. Kim, also a national legislator, served as chairman of the KOC at the time.

"If not next week, it won? take very long before we summon him,' said an investigator Saturday, implying that the subpoena against the Korean sports mogul should come this month.

Kim found himself embroiled in other corruption charges as prosecutors have been checking to see whether more than \$1 million in cash found in his personal safe was given him as bribes.

Prosecutors said they suspect Kim received 400 million won (\$338,000) in bribes from another businessman, Kim Hyun-woo, who became a KOC member in the same year, via a similar deal.

Prosecutors said they were also probing whether the IOC member misappropriated portions of IOC grants given to promote the Korean martial art taekwondo, which became a formal Olympic sport at the Sydney Summer

Orient handball

Cricket

Ground masterpiece.

Indian vice-captain Rahul Dravid

says he expects Sachin Tendulkar's barren Test year to end with another Melbourne Cricket

Tendulkar has had a lean vear

But the Indian master loves the

month's three-dayer against

Dravid said too much had been

made of Tendulkar's lean Test year

and he was confident that would

"A lot has been said unnecessar-

"We're looking out for a big

"Having said that, it's not just

for runs, scoring 109 from seven

innings at an average of 15.57.

AFP, Melbourne

BSS, Dhaka

soon change

core from him here.

Title aspirants Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) scored an emphatic 31-9 victory over Purbachal Parishad in the Orient Bread Cup handball tournament at the Outer Stadium

The winners led the first half by

Nazmul scored nine goals and Saveeduzzaman seven for BDR.

In the day's other encounter, Narinda Progati Boys Club overcame a stiff first-half resistance from Surjadoy Boys Club to post a 26-17 win.

while Didar pulled back four.

Mushfiq

FROM PAGE 13 of pain in his left thigh.

"Mushfiq has been suffering pain in his left thigh which was troubling him during the second one-day match against England that's why he will return home," said chief selector Faruque Ahmed.

Faruque also informed that Mushfiqur had a test done by a Pakistani physiotherapist and he suggested a two-week rest for the all-rounder, who was made captain of the second-string national team after an impressive showing against England last month.

Hannan Sarker will now lead the side in the first-class competition.

Boxing Day venue his last Test innings there was an outstanding 116 during the last 1999-00 series. He opened this tour at the same ground with a classy 80 in last

Much ado about Sachin

about Sachin, we don't want to put any additional pressure on him.

there and enjoy his cricket, play

like we know he can play

"We want him just to go out

"I'm confident Australia has not

RAHUL DRAVID

seen the best of him ... you can see ily about his form we believe he's in great touch and hitting the ball he's really keen to make a big one.' The Indians arrived here on really well," Dravid said here on

Monday to prepare for the third Boxing Day Test leading Australia 1-0 in the four-match series.

Big win for jr

hockey team

Australia have made one change for the third Test, with Brett

Bangladesh junior hockey team

drilled eight goals past Iran in the First Junior AHF Cup Hockey

Tournament in Singapore yesterday.

victory in the meet after they out-

playedHongKongChina5-0.

It was their second successive

The winners led the first half 1-0

Bangladesh play their last group

with Sumon scoring in the19th

match against Singapore on December 24.

Lee taking the place of injured fellow paceman Jason Gillespie. "He's just one of four bowlers,

so we're not going to concentrate only on Brett Lee," Dravid said. "We understand we'll have to prepare well and play well against four or five bowlers, not just Brett

Dravid was confident India would regain strike bowler

Zaheer Khan, who missed the second Test in Adelaide with a hamstring strain. Zaheer, who bowled in the nets on Sunday, took five wickets

in the first innings of the Brisbane Test earlier this month.

"We're very hopeful and confident he'll make it," Dravid said.

Dravid said his scintillating display in India's remarkable four-wicket win over Australia in Adelaide last week was the best Test performance of his career.

The right-hander, known as 'The Wall', scored a first-innings 233, the highest by an Indian batsman on foreign soil, before lashing the winning runs in an unbeaten 72 as the tourists reached their final-day victory

Big disappointment

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is known as a big match player, could have stolen the headlines had he availed those chances that came his way in the 78th and 81st minute.

Referee R Alam also must have heaved a sigh of relief, as the match was incident-free. He had to only caution Parvez Babu of Brothers and Muktijoddha's Saiful Islam.

TEAMS

Brothers Union: Biplab, Rajani (Abul 48 min), Nazrul, Sujon, Parvez Babu, Iqbal, Liton, Okelo, Gomez, Monwar and Alfaz.

Muktijoddha Sangsad: Aminul, Hasan Al-Mamun, Prodeep, Ghansha, Harry, Papel, Bidyut, Saiful (Gerald 40 min/ Matiur Munna 66 min), Lajuk, Moni and Kanchan.

FIRST DIVISION

match at the same venue between Wari Club and Sadharan Bima also produced no goals.

Elsewhere, Young Men's Club Fakirerpool posted a 2-1 win over Farashgani Sporting Club at the Bir

each for the winners in the 14th and 36th minute while Sujon reduced the margin for Farashganj in the 25th

In the other match, BRTC registered a solitary goal win over Agrani Bank.

Brett in, Jason out

"If these bowlers are what we consider to be our best bowling attack, we then have to come up with ways to getting these guys out particularly those two (Laxman and Dravid)

With India having posted scores of 409 and 523 batting second in each Test so far without Sachin Tendulkar firing a shot, Australia risks being batted out of the series unless it can find a way through the In the past that hasn't been a problem for Australian attacks but

McGrath and Jason Gillespie injured and Shane Warne serving the 10th month of his year drug ban, Hohns conceded Australia was up against it. "What you have to realise is the Indian batsmen are very, very good players. We can't just expect to

with leading pacemen Glenn

he said. While India has traditionally been dominant against Australian legspinners Warne and MacGill, Hohns said it wasn't time abandon the legspin option despite the ease with which India took runs off MacGill in Adelaide.

steamroll everybody all the time,

On an Adelaide pitch which was dry and offering irregular bounce MacGill went for more than four runs an over in India's second

But he's Australia's leading wicket-taker in the series, with eight wickets costing 45.25 runs

'These Indian batsmen are highly proficient players not just against spin but against all bowling," said Hohns.

'Stuart has taken more wickets than anybody else in the series, albeit at a high cost. "They do play spin very well but

it's obvious they're playing other types of bowling pretty well. Hohns said the one forced change to the bowling line-up was

a reflection on the fact the Adelaide

Test was lost by a poor second innings batting effort from "Quite frankly the bowlers didn't let us down in Adelaide, it wasn't their fault on a very flat

wicket," he said. "We had them 6-230 in the second innings and if we had scored another 50 runs we could have won the match.'

Captain Steve Waugh, playing his last Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground before retiring after January's final Test in Sydney, will be keen to turn the tables on the Indians.

Australia needs to win the final two Tests if it is to regain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

SQUAD

Steve Waugh (captain), Ricky Ponting, Andy Bichel, Nathan Bracken, Adam Gilchrist, Matthew Hayden, Simon Katich, Justin Langer, Brett Lee, Stuart MacGill, Damien Martyn, Brad Williams (12th man to be named).

A royal show

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171

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32

31

35

stay in third place, six points

behind Real Federico Insua opened the scoring for Malaga after 16 minutes but Murcia's David Karanka took just seven minutes to equalise with an acrobatic goal which saw him trap a high ball on his chest before volleying it home.

Honours remained even until two minutes into injury time.

A terrible breakdown in communications between Murcia goalkeper Juanmi Garcia and his defender Gabriel Loeschbor allowed the ball to run free and Canabal was on hand to get the last-gasp winner.

Villarreal moved up to fifth after a 3-1 win at Real Betis with all the action squeezed into the last 15

Brazilian striker Sonny Anderson put the visitors in front after 75 minutes and then three minutes later Betis were reduced to 10 men when Daniel Lembo got his second yellow card and his marching orders.

Betis managed to equalise with 10 minutes to go, thanks to a Juanito Gutierrez header, but Villarreal showed their class by not settling for a single point with Antonio Guayre getting two goals in the last three minutes.

Villarreal now have the same points as fourth-placed Osasuna, who lost 1-0 at home to Real Zaragoza with David Villa getting the only goal of the game after 35

MU reclaim top spot

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Republic of Ireland defender O'Shea's flicked volley flew past Keller and beat Spurs captain Stephen Carr who was guarding

Tottenham's former England midfielder Darren Anderton was included in the Spurs team after passing a late fitness test but lasted just 19 minutes before being replaced by Poyet. And the Uruguayan interna-

level, his low shot forcing a fine one handed save from Howard. Then, after Howard had made a more comfortable save from Stephane Dalmat, United counter-

tional almost brought Tottenham

attacked and got their second. Roy Keane and Giggs were involved in the build-up before van Nistelrooy beat the Tottenham offside trap and burst through on goal, his 25th minute shot deflecting off the leg of defender Anthony Gardner with Keller left flat-footed.

In the 57th minute another

rapid United counter-attack saw

Giggs release van Nisterooy out on

the right but the Dutchman's shot

across the face of goal just passed the far post.

However, just when it seemed United had done enough, Poyet sparked a Spurs revival. On-loan Charlton defender

Paul Konchesky's deep cross from the left, found Stephane Dalmat who squared the ball onto the edge of the six yard box where Poyet's shot hit the advancing Howard and went in off the post to give Spurs Earlier Southampton went into

fourth place in the Premiership with a 3-0 win over arch-rivals Portsmouth in a south coast derby at St Mary's Stadium. Saints captain Jason Dodd's struck direct from a corner on 34 minutes before goals from Marian

Pahars in the 67th minute and a

James Beattie curling free-kick a

minute from full time sealed vic-

The defeat was Pompey's fourth in five games and kept Harry Redknapp's injury-depleted team, last season's First Division champions, third from the bottom

Bangladesh Biman maintained their solo lead with 47.5 points after the end of the 14th round of the First Division Chess League at the

Biman flying

SPORTS REPORTER

NSC Conference room yesterday. Leonine Chess Club were in the second position with 43.5 points.

No 2nd trip FROM PAGE 13 the last week of January ahead of their five-week Zimbabwe tour.

Javed has the distinction of carrying his bat in Bangladesh's second innings in the Bulawayo Test when the Tigers played their overseas series in the southern African nation in 2001.

Referee: RAlam

Meanwhile, the only First Division

Shrestha Shaheed Mustafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur. Robin and Shakil scored once

After a barren first half, Abu Morshed scored the only goal for the state-run transport team a minute

Milan's first slip

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the post with 18 minutes to go.

Milan then had to contend with being a player down after Kakha Kaladze was sent off in the 80th minute after he swung a fist at Bertotto after being accidentally kicked in the stomach

Despite the numerical imbalance Milan went all out to try and salvage a point -- but to no avail.

AC Milan's coach Carlo Ancelotti said: "The truth is that we were facing a very good team and the fact Udinese took the lead immediately made it even more difficult a task.

"When we missed a penalty as well, we knew it was all going wrong. I must admit we are a little tired and the Christmas break is a welcome rest.'

Juventus had substitute David Trezeguet to thank for their share

of the points against relegation

strugglers Lecce.

minute.

Lecce started the brighter and took a deserved first half lead after Iavier Ernesto Chevanton's cross from the corner found Axel Konan who headed in at the far post.

Juventus, the reigning champions, were reduced to ten men when Mark Iuliano was red-carded for a foul on Chevanton in the 58th

Juve's blushes were saved though when Trezeguet, finally brought off the bench, connected with Stephan Appiah's high pass four minutes from the end to slot the ball past Poleksic.

The result placed them level on points with AC Milan, who have a game in hand, but second on goal

Perugia's Greek international Zisis Vryzas failed in his ambition to score on his last game for the struggling club before joining

Perugia, without a win this

with Brescia which placed them fourth from bottom. Inter Milan missed a chance to take second losing 2-1 at Lazio in Sunday's late match.

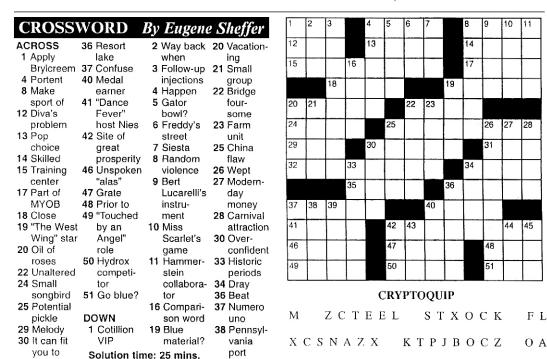
season, had to settle for a 2-2 draw

Substitute Luciano Zauri sealed Lazio's win nine minutes from the whistle as Alberto Zaccheroni lost his first Inter match in Serie A. Inter, who have not won at Lazio

since 1996, had taken the lead with

former-Lazio player Christian Vieri netting after 30 minutes. Bernardo Corradi put the home side ahead two minutes from half time flicking an Dejan Stankovic cross into goal, with Zauri marking his 100th Serie A appearance with a

rare goal to seal victory.



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