Calcutta tri-series

India A vs Sri Lanka A final

AFP, Calcutta

Dinesh Mongia came up with a superb all-round performance as India A defeated Pakistan A by four wickets to qualify for the triangular

wickets and scored an unbeaten 48 as the home side overcame a midinnings slump in a rain-reduced match to set up a final clash with Sri

It was the third win for the Indians while the Sri Lankans made it through with two wins in

side finished with just one win in

Left-handed Mongia played a hitting three fours and a six to see his team through to the target of 98

For Pakistan, paceman Junaid Zia produced an inspired spell in which he took three crucial wickets

Gavaskar was trapped leg-before with a fullish delivery as the Pakistan side raised hopes of an

India fell from 64-2 to 69-6 but Mongia kept his calm to see the

He had earlier in the day taken the important wickets of Mohammad Hafeez and Faisal Iqbal with his left-arm spin as Pakistan were restricted to 97 in

wickets, respectively.

BRIEF SCORES

PAKISTAN A: 97 in 22.2 overs (Bilal Asad 23, Sanjay Bangar 3-23, Dinesh Mongia 2-19, Sairaj Bahutule 2-9)

INDIA A: 99-6 in 22.2 overs (Dinesh Mongia 48 not out, Junaid Zia 3-12)

Man-of-the-match: Dinesh

tournament final here on Sunday. Mongia grabbed two crucial Lanka A.

the double-league format.

The Shahid Afridi-led Pakistani four matches.

responsible knock under pressure, in the 25 overs per side game.

including those of experienced Sanjay Bangar and left-hander Rohan Gavaskar off successful Bangar was bowled while

team through to safety.

Seamer Bangar and leg-spinner Sairaj Bahutule took three and two

Result: India A won by 4 wickets.

Final: India Av Sri Lanka A, Dec 30.

boundaries off 458 balls, raised his

double century with a single off

Ashish Nehra and ran on to the outfield with his arms raised to the

He was finally out when he became one of spinner Anil

Kumble's six wickets when he was stumped by Parthiy Patel in the

second-last over of the 626-minute

Waugh, who has announced the

Sydney Test will be his last, batted

in distress for 19 after earlier being

forced to retire hurt without a rur

when he took a blow on his left

elbow from a lifting Ajit Agarkar

was given a rapturous welcome as

he strode out to bat in his final

Melbourne Test, had considerable

swelling around the elbow, but

after ice treatment he returned to bat following the dismissal of Simon Katich. X-rays later revealed

Waugh batted in great discom-

fort, often whipping the top hand

off his bat as he played a shot, but

he continued to provide stoic

wicket to Kumble prompting

another standing ovation for his

painful 83-minute stint at the

wicket off 69 balls with one bound-

Waugh was playing in his 17th Test match at the 70,000-capacity MCG. He has scored 1,284 Test

runs at the ground at a 53.5 average including three centuries after

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acclaim of the home crowd.



Scene from yesterday's preliminary phase matches of the 25th National Women's Chess Championship at the Bangladesh Chess Federation hall room.

Ponting puzzled

Cricket

Ricky Ponting says he was surprised that Sachin Tendulkar didn't come out to bat in his regular number four position as India lost a couple of early second innings wickets late on the third day of the third cricket Test here on Sunday.

Tendulkar, who has been having a torrid tour with four failures while his batting teammates have largely prospered, did not appear as expected when India lost their second wicket at 19 as they attempted to erase a 192-run innings deficit against Australia.

Instead captain Saurav Ganguly came into bat and was still there at stumps on six along with Rahul Dravid with India shaky at 27 for two and still 165 runs from forcing Australia to bat again in the Test.

Tendulkar has made scores of 0, 1, 37 and 0 so far in the series and Indian spinner Anil Kumble said it

making his Test debut here against

Overall Waugh has scored

Waugh first came to the crease

Katich batted for 92 minutes for

Lee was caught close to the

10,807 Test runs in 258 innings at

upon the dismissal of Martyn, who was caught behind by Patel for 31

his 29 before he was caught by a

leaping Chopra at short leg off Kumble.

fifth wicket of the innings. Bracken

lasted five balls before he popped back a return catch to Tendulkar

for one with Ponting at the other

Ponting's dismissal gave Kumble the figures of 6-176 off a

The MCG drop-in pitch was playing slow and low and with

forecast searing temperatures, the

wicket is expected to deteriorate

and crack over the final two days as

India attempts to get enough runs

Scoreboard at stumps on the third

day of the third cricket Test between Australia and India at the

Melbourne Cricket Ground on

INDIA: First innings 366 (Sehwag

195, Dravid 49, Chopra 48; MacGill

AUSTRALIA: First innings (over-

to set Australia a challenge

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'The' Ricky ravages India

50.9 with 32 centuries.

ahead of his high-profile team-

But that wasn't the feeling of Ponting, who dominated the third day with his Test-best score of 257 in Australia's first innings 558.

"I was very surprised but he is under a lot of pressure at the moment and obviously they have a lot of thoughts and reasons why he didn't come out at No.4," Ponting said at his post-match conference.

"We've got to get him out sometime, but it would have been nice if we had him out there tonight, but it wasn't to be, so we'll have to wait until he comes out tomorrow and hopefully get him out cheaply."

Ponting, who takes over as Australian captain when Steve Waugh steps down after next week's Sydney Test, said it was a situation that would not happen in the Australian team.

"If they think that's the right thing then that's what they do," he

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Waugh lbw b Kumble

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Gilchrist c Nehra b Kumble

Katich c Chopra b Kumble

Bracken c and b Tendulkar

Extras: (b-4, lb-8, w-5, nb-17, pen-

Total: (All out in 151.2 overs) 558

Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-264, 3-295,

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Chopra c Gilchrist b Bracken

INDIA: Second innings

Sehwag c Williams b Lee

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-19

Dravid not out

Ganguly not out

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NEW GUTSY SITCOM IN THE WORKS FEATURING A CLAN OF

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals M

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.

Bowler

Bracken

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176

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Lee c Laxman b Kumble

MacGill lbw b Agarkar

"It probably wouldn't happen in our side, I'm not saying if that's the right or the wrong thing.

"It was a high-pressure situation there tonight and he (Tendulkar) has obviously been feeling a bit of pressure so it will tell tomorrow if it was the right deci-

"If he makes a lot of runs tomorrow then it will probably be the right decision, but if he doesn't you can say anything you like about it."

Kumble, who toiled away for 51 overs to take 6-176 in Australia's innings, said India's in-form middle order could still put the pressure back on Australia over the last two days of the Test.

But the obvious key will be Tendulkar, who has been a majoi disappointment so far in this

Kumble said the Test was "still open" pointing out Dravid, Ganguly and VVS Laxman were in great touch.

Reefat alone atop

SPORTS REPORTER

International Master Reefat Bin Sattar maintained his solo lead with six points after the end of the sixth and seventh round games of the Leonine Grand Masters Chess tournament at the NSC Conference room vesterday.

GMs Alexander Fominya was in the second position with five points. GMs Alexi Barsov earned 4.5, Ziaur Rahman 4, Niaz Murshed 4 and IM Abdullah Al Rakib also earned 4 points,

In these rounds Reefat beat Debasish Mukharjee and drew with Barsov. Zia beat Rakib, Niaz beat Monjur Amin and drew with Fominyh, Barsov drew with Dinesh., Pominyh beat Debasish and Dinesh beat Monjur.

Ratinng chess

SPORTS REPORTER

Fide Master Abu Sufian Shakil took the solo lead in the points table with maximum six points after the end of the sixth round games of the Prime Bank Sixth International Rating chess tournament at the Chess Federation hall room yester-

Saifuddin Lavlu, Mehdi Hasan, Monir Hosain, Abdul Maleq, Md Javed and Rezaul Haque were in the second position with 4.5

Shakil beat Nipa, Lavlu beat Ranodev, Parag beat Farhad, Monir beat Arman and Reza beat Shamsul and Maleq drew with

Meanwhile, in the preliminary phase of the 25th National Women's Chess Championship 12 players were sharing the lead in the points table with maximum 2 points each after the end of the second round games at the Chess Feeration hall room. They are Bably, Liza, Masuda, Shimmi, Eva, Molv. Evana. Nupur. Anne. Shirin. Moly, Evana, Nupur, Anne, Shirin, Popy and Tanu

Rahmatganj, Farashganj winners

SPORTS REPORTER

Farashganj Sporting Club and Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society won their respective Western Union First Division Football League matches at the Birshrestha Shaheed Mustafa Kamal Stadium in Kamlapur yesterday.

Felex scored twice as Farashganj posted an easy 3-0 goal victory over BRTC Sporting Club. Mithu added the other.

In the other game, Rahmatganj earned a solitary goal victory over Sadharan Bima KS. Rezaul Karim netted the all-important goal in the

Orient handball

A brilliant show by Rafique helped Narinda Progoti Boys Club to clinch the third spot in the Orient Bread Cup handball tournament as they outplayed Victoria Sporting Club 22-14 in the third place deciding play-off at Handball Ground yesterday.

Rafique alone scored 12 goals while Badshah and Aziz added two goals each for the winners. Sagar scored four for Victoria.

The final between Bangladesh Rifles and Bangladesh Police to be held at the same venue on January

Umar c Oram b Tuffey

Zaheer out of Indian tour

REUTERS, Calcutta

India fast bowler Zaheer Khan will miss the remainder of the Australian tour because of a hamstring injury, an Indian cricket official said on Sunday

"Zaheer has been ruled out of the rest of the series," Indian board secretary Karunakaran Nair told

"The team physio has informed us that Zaheer will need four to six weeks to recover.'

Nair was announcing a 16-member squad for next month's one-day tri-series against hosts Australia and Zimbabwe.

The Indian pace spearhead aggravated an injury to his left hamstring while bowling in the third Test currently underway in Melbourne.

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Saurav Ganguly (captain), Virender Sehwag, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Vangipurappu Laxman, Mohammad Kaif, Yuvraj Singh Parthiv Patel, Ajit Agarkar, Ashish Nehra, Anil Kumble, Murali Kartik, Irfan Pathan, Lakshmipathy Balaji, Sanjay Bangar, Hemang Badani.

Narinda led the first half by 12-

Kiwis corner Pakistan

pace.'

Oram, who scored a Test best 97 with the bat, featured in the first two wickets to fall on the third day, catching Taufeeq Umar in the gully off the bowling of Daryl Tuffey and then trapping Inzamamul Haq leg before wicket. The giant-all rounder who

began as a batsman who bowled a bit, finished with figures of two for 49 of 22 overs and now has a Test batting average of 30.9 while with the ball he has 21 wickets at an impressive 23 runs apiece. Armed with a 170-run buffer,

New Zealand quickly found they could not relax as Lou Vincent again departed early, raising fears of a repeat of the second innings collapse in the drawn first Test. Stephen Fleming fell to off-spinner Kaneria for 24 and Test debutant Richard Jones went

cheaply for seven leaving New Zealand at 75 for three at stumps and a 245-run lead. For Pakistan, Shoaib Akhtar with the wickets of Vincent and Fleming as two for 12, backing up

from his five for 48 in the first Although New Zealand have put themselves in a strong position, they will be ruing their slow batting in the first innings as rain is fore-cast over the final two days which may nullify the chance of a result.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the second and final cricket Test between New Zealand and Pakistan at Basin Reserve on Sunday:

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 366 (Oram 97, Richardson 82, Vettori 44; Akhtar 5-48, Shabbir 3-87) **PAKISTAN:** First innings

Farhat c Hart b Oram 20 Hameed b Butler Youhana c Fleming b Vettori Inzamam lbw b Oram 34 Razzaq b Butler Moin c Vettori b Butler 19 Sami c Hart B Butler Akhtar b Butler Shabbir not out Kaneria lbw b Butler Extras: (nb-6, lb-3, b-4, w-1) Total: (All out in 90 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-30, 3-60, 4-112, 5-168, 6-171, 7-194, 8-195, 9-Bowler O M R 24 9 Tuffey 46 6 46 Butler 20 Oram 5 49 Vettori 22 6 47 Styris 2 1 1

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings Richardson not out Vincent lbw b Akhtar Fleming lbw b Kaneria Jones c Hart b Akhtar Tuffev not out Extras: (lb-1, w-1, nb-1) Total: (For 3 wkts in overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-43, 3-73 To bat: McMillan, Styris, Oram, Hart, Vettori, Butler O M Bowler Akhtar

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2 14 threatening the goal at the other end. Alfaz found a little room just outside 11 9 2 the Mohammedan box and 4 1 12 unleashed a right-footer that came off the right post. Monwar got a foot on the rebounder but it was comfort-9 2 18 5 19



Celtic's Chris Sutton celebrates after scoring against Hibernian during their Scottish Premier League match in

Six-star Celtic

Football

PA, Glasgow

Chris Sutton and John Hartson both scored twice as Celtic battered 10-man Hibernian 6-0 at Parkhead to move 11 points clear of Rangers at the top of the Bank of Scotland Premier League.

After Sutton had fired Celtic ahead, referee Alan Freeland harshly dismissed Derek Riordan for a rash challenge on Jackie McNamara which sparked a flurry of goals and ended Hibs' hopes.

Henrik Larsson and Stilian Petrov also scored as Celtic avenged their CIS Insurance Cup defeat at Easter Road over a fortnight ago and increased their lead over Rangers, who play Dundee on Sunday. It was a memorable day all

round for the club as they recorded their biggest win over Hibernian for 25 years while Larsson became the club's joint third-highest They made a dream start by

going ahead after just three minutes. Sutton exchanged passes with Hartson before bursting into the box and slotting the ball past Daniel Andersson. But before being reduced to 10

men. Bobby Williamson's highlyrated youngsters did look dangerous on the break. Tom McManus held his head in his hands in the 11th minute after

blazing a bicycle kick over the bar from Gary O'Connor's cross. Celtic keeper Robert Douglas then gave the home fans an anxious moment when he dropped a

cross but he reacted quickly to jump on the loose ball. Despite the Christmas festivities, Hartson looked leaner than he had for some time and he fired wide from seven yards before Alan as he picked up a pass from Alan Thompson and then fired wide

from just inside the box. At the other end, McManus was given too much space in the area but Johan Mjallby made sure he did Neil Lennon sensed a rare goal in the 50th minute when he was fed not test Douglas by deflecting his

shot wide for a corner. Sutton has been enjoying a fruitful season in front of goal, despite being played in a number of positions, and he fired a 28-yard shot just wide from Thompson's

But the Englishman was in the wars in the 23rd minute when he was floored by a reckless foul from Kevin Thomson, who deservedly received a yellow card. Mjallby and Thompson quickly

followed him into the book for rash challenges on Scott Brown as the game began to turn sour. Douglas then brilliantly kept Celtic in front in the 29th minute when Riordan's shot took a wicked deflection but he acrobatically

tipped it over the crossbar. Sutton had the ball in the net again in the 33rd minute when he played a one-two with Larsson but this time the linesman ruled it out

The former Blackburn striker then turned provider as he threaded the ball through to Hartson but the Welshman's tame effort was easily saved by a relieved Andersson.

Some of referee Freeland's decisions were beginning to get too much for Bobby Williamson and both sets of supporters. And the Hibernian manager was out of the dugout again in the 42nd minute when Riordan was controversially shown a straight red card for a

challenge on McNamara. It got even worse fo Edinburgh club as Hartson then headed home Thompson's cross a minute before half-time after Andersson had made a hash of a

The players missed a hail shower at the break but the restart could not come quickly enough for

the ball after a flowing five-man move for the home side but he fired wide from the edge of the box. The referee pointed to the spot

in the 53rd minute after Larsson had gone down under a clumsy challenge from Colin Murdock and Sutton confidently chipped the ball past the diving Andersson. Larsson could have got in on the scoring act after 57 minutes when

he was picked out unmarked in the

box by McNamara but he headed

straight at Andersson from six Hibernian's misery continued on the hour mark when the Swede

teed up Hartson to fire low past the keeper's outstretched right hand and into the bottom corner. Larsson did get on the score-sheet in the 67th minute when he steered the ball past Andersson from close range after more terrible

The Swede should have had another as he fired over after Andersson had spilled Sutton's long-range effort. The final whistle could not

defending from the visitors.

come quick enough for Hibernian but there was still time for Petrov to force the ball past the distraught Liam Miller almost scored the best goal of the day in the dying

minutes as he coolly lobbed the ball over Anderson but he could only watch as it brushed the top of the crossbar.

Thompson blazed over moments later before Freeland, for the first time, did Hibernian favour by putting them out of their

Lesson Ferdinand

Football

REUTERS, London

One positive to come out of the Rio Ferdinand drugs case was that no player would miss taking a dope test again, Football Association (FA) chief executive Mark Palios said on Sunday.

"After this case, I don't think any club will allow a player to miss a drugs test again," Palios told the News of the World newspaper in an interview. England international Ferdinand

was given an eight-month ban by an independent disciplinary commission earlier this month for missing a drugs test. The Manchester United defender had been charged by the Football Association (FA) with a "failure or

training ground at Carrington on September 23. "I didn't feel pleased or vindicated (about the decision). I actually

felt quite sad because I know, up until now, football has been the loser." Palios said.

"But if there has been a positive in what has been a difficult year it is that we are at last on the right road." Ferdinand passed the test 36 hours after he should have taken the

original one.

The FA, which was widely criticised for its handling of the affair, ruled him out of England's final Euro 2004 qualifier in Turkey on October Ferdinand's exclusion from the game in Istanbul prompted threats of an unprecedented strike by his

England teammates. England drew the match 0-0 to qualify for the tournament finals. "I've got this reputation as a hardliner ... but it's not true. This is about consensus I want to draw a line under the Ferdinand case and

move on," Palios said. "I hope it is understood that we had picked Rio for the Turkey game, the Association and the England team would have been compro-

No BU headway

stopper Mohammad Sujan and fell to Itigo whose powerful header just missed the mark.

Gomez was replaced before the breather by Monwar who provided some much needed energy in the Brothers midfield in the second half. But rough challenges and confrontations started becoming more fre-quent much of which a lenient referee Taiyab Hassan decided to

The best chance of the match fell to the Mohammedan in the 12 minutes from time. Itigo controlled Afala's defence-splitting pass and burst past left back Nazrul, rounded off Biplob and then astonishingly shot wide with the whole goalpost at his mercy. his mercy. Immediately Brothers were

end following the mysterious disappearance of Liberian goalie Chris Mohammedan could have had a final stroke of luck just prior to the long whistle but it was not to be their day. Substitute Souray Raju's free-

ably gathered by a relieved Nadim

who has been thrown into the deep

far post and came back to play. Yellow cards: Basala (Mohammedan), Rajani, Liton (Brothers)

kick from the right of the Brothers

box missed everybody and kissed the

TEAM **MOHAMMEDAN:** Nadim, Olinga (Shuvro 90th), Jewel Rana, Faisal,

Amin Rana (Sourav Raju 83rd)

Basala, Rony, Itigo, Afala, Bakhtiar, Farhad (Monju 68th) **BROTHERS:** Biplob, Rajani, Nazrul, Sujan, Parvez Babu, Iqbal (Francis 57th), Liton, Arman, Okolo (Abul 85th), Alfaz, Gomez (Monwar 45th) Referee: Taiyab Hassan

Procter warns both India, Australia

REUTERS, Melbourne

Match referee Mike Procter issued a warning to Australia and India on Sunday to show more respect to umpires during the third Test, or face a possible fine.

The former South Africa Test

all-rounder released a statement

through Cricket Australia spokes-

man Jonathan Rose demanding an end to bowlers and fieldsmen launching loud appeals and celebrating before a decision is made. "Any bowler or player who doesn't look for an umpire's decision when appealing will be reported under clause 1.5 of the

ICC Code of Conduct," Rose told reporters at Melbourne Cricket Ground.

"The penalty for a level one offence is a reprimand or a fine of up to 50 percent of a player's match fee.

Kallis, Kirsten

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Smith c Sarwan b Edwards	14
Gibbs b Sanford	142
Rudolph c Ganga b Sanford	36
Kallis c Sarwan b Dillon	177
Kirsten c Drakes b Sarwan	137
McKenzie not out	30
Boucher not out	0
Extras: (b-1, lb-7, nb-20, w-5)	33
Total: (For 5 wkts in 142 overs)	569
Fall of wickets: 1-38, 2-99, 3-267	4-516
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