Kallis's back gives away

REUTERS, Durban

South Africa's Jacques Kallis has been ruled out of the second Test against India in Durban on Tuesday because of a back injury.

said the all-rounder felt a "sharp pain" in his back when he woke up

"Jacques has difficulty moving and will therefore not be playing in the second Test," the statement

All-rounder Andrew Hall has

India lead the three-match series 1-0 after last week's victory

JU women

UNB, Dhaka

Women's team beat University Teachers and Officers combined team by five wickets in a friendly cricket match at the University playground yesterday.

Teachers' team batted first and overs with Jami and Sohel Rana

while Fatema took one wicket.

PTI, Karachi

The growing inclination of Pakistani cricketers towards religion has led to an increased number of former and present

Shahid Afridi and Mohammad Yousuf are leaving for Jeddah on Rashid Latif and Jalaluddin have

Many of them left after playing in the domestic Twenty20 compe-

probables of the South Africa tour.

India dominate

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Hall Ibw b Kumble							
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Morkel not out							
Extras: (lb-3, nb-13, w-1)							
Total: (For 8 wkts in 73 overs) 257							
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-13, 3-28, 4-							
122, 5-222, 6-256, 7-257, 8-257.							
Bowler	0	М	R	W			
Zaheer	18	6	61	2			
Sreesanth	17	3	74	3			
V Singh	13	1	60	1			
Kumble	22	1	48	2			
Ganguly	3	1	11	0			
To bat: Ntini.							

Toss: South Africa

Rauf (PAK).

TV umpire: I Howell (RSA). Match referee: R Mahanama (SRI).

Pardew has

point

secure his services."

The future of Charlton's on-field fortunes is now in Pardew's hands, and the club will be expecting him to steel the under-performing players for a determined battle against the drop.

coach who was well qualified, but in Pardew they have a manager with experience at the highest level.

but this decision is best for Charlton

season's FA Cup final, but recent upheaval at Upton Park appeared to have an unsettling impact on team affairs

Pardew were poor and he was unable to capitalise on the surprise Mascherano and Carlos Tevez.

Charlton are unlikely to make

Cafu hoping

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shirt again."

"I think it has to happen naturally at the right time, with no pressure. "If I'm named, it will be a plea-

sure for me to wear the national

A Cricket South Africa statement

on Sunday and had not recovered.

replaced Kallis in the team.

in Johannesburg.

beat teachers

Jahangirnagar University

scored 95 for eight wickets in 20 scoring 17 runs each.

Monisha grabbed three wickets

In reply, JU Women's team reached their target of 96 runs for the loss of five wickets in 14 overs with Fatema scoring 26 and Dina

Pak stars off to Hajj

players leaving for Hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia

Tuesday, while former cricketers already gone for the holy trip.

"Afridi and Yousuf will leave on Tuesday with a group that also includes former opener Saeed Anwar," Karachi coach Sagheer Abbas said.

Captain Inzamamul Haq and allrounder Abdul Razzaq are also expected to leave for Saudi Arabia Cricket

Mike Agostini, who had been

Trinidad and Tobago's honorary

consul in Australia since 1981 until

his resignation earlier this month,

has told Cricinfo that the shambles

surrounding the decision to insist

The biggest stir has come in

and efficient processing of applica-

tions, Agostini has explained that

visas, which allow for free transfer

between islands, seems to have

been rushed through, and Agostini

said that it was pushed through in

"no more than months and even

then [it was] not properly investi-

gated and carefully considered or

else reconsidered. Especially when

the Australian foreign minister,

Alexander Downer, wrote to all the

governments involved asking them

He went on to explain that his

resignation was not because of the

visas but "on account of the sloppy

and still seemingly hap-hazard

manner in which the attempted

implementation of the arduous and

lengthy processes of actually

issuing these visas occurred, or

more so still have failed even to get

Meanwhile, the federation is

expected to go professional from

not to do what they did."

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from 21.

The decision to introduce the

the reality is quite different.

CRICINFO, undated

These players will miss the short conditioning camp beginning on Tuesday in Lahore for the

nuia uominate					on new visas for many visitors to the		
ROM PAGE 20 Hall Ibw b Kumble Norkel not out Textras: (Ib-3, nb- Total: (For 8 wkts Fall of wickets: 122, 5-222, 6-25	13, w- s in 73 1-8, 2	overs 2-13,	3-28	3, 4-	World Cup caused him to quit. The implementation of a 100-dollar visa for many foreigners intending to travel to the Caribbean between January and May has been justified by the local authorities as a measure to ease travel between islands as well as allowing		
Bowler	0	М	R	W	for improved security measures.		
Zaheer	18	6	61	2	But it has been attacked by critics		
Sreesanth	17	3	74	3	as being little more than another		
/ Singh	13	1	60	1	move to exploit visitors to a region		
Kumble	22	1	48	2	where travellers already face		
Ganguly	3	1	11	0	substantial price hikes ahead of the		
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Umpires: M Benson (ENG), Asad

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In Reed, Charlton had a head

"Les has Charlton in his blood Football Club," said Murray.

Pardew led the Hammers to last

Results this season under signings of Argentina stars Javier

any such eye-catching purchases during the transfer window, but Pardew may well want to shake up

BFF general secretary Anwarul Hoque Helal informed the press that there would be no election for the vacant post of a vice-president due to limited time before the next

"It is estimated that there will be about 7,000 Australians and up to 3,000 New Zealanders needing these visas, which will take up to three weeks to be issued, after filling out the forms from an internet site, caricomimpacs.org, of which only a few travel agents are even aware, much less ordinary travellers. Simple logistics suggest that if each visa requires only 30 minutes of handling (but more like one or even two hours if security checks are to be made, as the site states), that would mean some 5,000 total, which obviously translates to 208 days total. And even if they put 50 people on to doing them that would still mean about 41 days or more, if all worked full-time, 24 hours daily! My God! Who did their homework

Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar (R) delivers a ball as captain Inzamamul Haq looks on during a practice session in

on this?" Agostini, who was Trinidad and Tobago's first Olympic sprint finalist in 1956 and who won the Commonwealth Games 100 yards gold in 1954, said that while the officials supposed to be running a mission to process applications arrived in Sydney on December 2 and 3, they "suddenly disappeared and stopped communicating or else responding to emails from us (giving no mobile or other numbers for anyone to call, as far as we can tell) and are essentially still missing. The leader, I am reliably informed, has been ill and in hospital for several days ... they have not completed the lease for the offices at 88 Pitt Street, which are still empty, the computers sent from Ottawa, Canada were still in storage at Fedex in Sydney awaiting collection, but with no offices yet there is nowhere to install them. Even then it will take up to five days for installation and several more days to training the mission staff in their use and so far no Australian staff have been employed." In the meantime, Agostini and his son,

WC visa mess likely

Things can only get worse, as more and more Aussies and Kiwis discover that they cannot travel to the Caribbean, even if only for a cruise and not the cricket, without having such a stamp inserted into

"Since the visas become mandatory from January 15 onwards things can only get worse, as more and more Aussies and Kiwis discover that they cannot travel to the Caribbean, even if only for a cruise and not the cricket, without having such a stamp inserted into their passports. There is already one instance of someone wanting to go on a Caribbean cruise, with no interest whatsoever in the cricket and not even at the time it'll be on, being told by their travel agent that they will not be able to board the

cruise liner without it. "I am truly sorry to see how this is hampering as well as harming so many people and also my own native country, which I still love dearly," he continued, "and if given the opportunity and full support, including financial at whatever costs, I would be willing to consider consulting and trying to put what looks like a Humpty Dumpty project together again, even if it'll be too

late for many people, too many." Cricket Australia has already said it will raise the issue, but it seems that barring some hasty action by the Caribbean authorities, many people heading to the region ahead of the World Cup will risk doing so without visas. There also have to be some serious doubts if the systems will be in place in time

for the tournament itself Whether the whole exercise works in practice come March is another issue altogether, but on the evidence so far, something aimed to ease travel and ensure greater security in the Caribbean is set to do quite the opposite.

We are the best

"Nothing is impossible in football. It will

Watford are battling for their topflight status, and are unlikely to extend much festive hospitality to the Gunners at Vicarage Road tonight.

can cope with whatever Boxing Day dish is served up.

He said: "Watford are a very physical team, but we have shown we cope with it now - and, if we get to play the way we have been playing, I do not think we will have a problem

"If we get in front, it will be difficult

Nadal wants to forget 2006

AFP, Paris

Rafael Nadal is determined to kickoff 2007 at full throttle and make up for the bitter disappointment of his injury-ravaged start to 2006.

A crippling foot injury ruled the world number two out of the first six weeks of this year, an absence which also included the opening Grand Slam event in Australia.

But in 2007, the French Open champion is wasting no time in his build-up to Melbourne where the Australian Open begins on January

Nadal will begin his season on January 1 at the Chennai Open and then travel to Sydney for the Medibank International. At both events he will be top seed. "I have a big motivation because

when I come back to Australia it's one of my favourite tournaments and the weather is perfect for me," Nadal said in a teleconference to promote the Sydney event. "I was in Sydney in 2004 just for

one night. Melbourne is one of my favourite cities in the world, a special city for me, and as well it is a big motivation. It's one of my special goals for 2007 to play well in Australia.'

The 20-year-old ended the 2006

season amid a title drought. Nadal won 11 titles during 2005 and in 2006 he added five more from his first eight tournaments, including a second consecutive Roland Garros crown.

But the left-hander failed to win another title in his last eight tourna-

ments of the season. "The second half of the year was not bad," insisted Nadal.

Draw at the Bridge

was enough to give them their first double in the top flight over the Hammers since the 1929/30 season, though they had to sweat a little after the hosts came back with a late effort from veteran and former Pompey striker Teddy

Sheringham. In the day's other early kick-off match Tottenham's victory over Aston Villa meant the Midlands club have now gone eight games without a win.

England striker Jermain Defoe struck twice for Spurs in the second-half before Villa captain Gareth Barry netted nine minutes

Entertainment

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matches except Young Pegasus. We had to sweat to win a battle in the previous match despite scoring 226. That's why the tournament is still a mystery to me," said Bashar, whose side won a morale booster against archrivals Abahani in the group stage.

"I am really enjoying the tournaa good one at Mirpur," he added.

Victoria skipper Sabbir Khan, however, issued warning to Mohammedan saying that they have the ability to turn the tables on any opponents despite the fact that they are without any big names.

"We have already proved that we have the ability to win matches without star players compared to the other semifinalists. The team spirit is high and we have so far played the tournament as a team which is our real strength," said the tall off-spinner.

Bangladesh Television will not telecast the matches live although chairman of Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolis (CCDM) Khondokar Jamiluddin had said before the tournament that the state-run BTV verbally agreed to do so. He, however, failed to give any explanation about the failure.

Warne's beautiful

FROM PAGE 17 Panesar c Symonds b Warne Hoggard not out Extras: (b-2, lb-1, nb-3) Total: (All out in 74.2 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-44, 3-101, 4-101. 5-122, 6-135, 7-136, 8-145, 9-146.10-159 O M R W Bowler

Lee	13	4	36	2				
McGrath	20	8	37	1				
Clark	17	6	27	2				
Symonds	7	2	17	0				
Warne	17.2	4	39	5				
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Hayden not out 17								
Lee c Read b Flintoff 0								
Ponting not out								
Extras: (lb-1, nb-3)								
Total: (For 2 wkts in 11 overs) 48								
Fall of wickets: 1-44, 2-44								
Bowler	0	M	R	W				
Hoggard	6	2	27	0				
Flintoff	5	1	20	2				
Toss: England								
Umpires: Ale	em Dar	(PA	K) F	Rudi				
Koertzen (RSA	۸)							

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Match referee: Ranjan Madugalle

first match in Wellington on Friday by 18 runs on the Duckworth-Lewis calculation method.

five one-day matches in Napier on Thursday.

Better than a movie

Cricket

Shane Warne said his final flourish as a Test great had turned out like a well-written script after claiming his 700th Test wicket on an astonishing opening day of the fourth Ashes cricket Test against England here Tuesday.

The mercurial leg-spinner, who will finish a fantastic 15-year Test playing career at next week's fifth Sydney Test, bowled England opener Andrew Strauss with a legbreak to become the first bowler to capture his 700th Test wicket.

added four more wickets to finish the England innings with 5-39 off 17.2 overs and swell his career tally to 704 wickets in his 144th Test England were all out for 159

The 37-year-old Warne then

reached stumps at 48 for two in Warne has always produced his greatest performances on the biggest stage and Tuesday he was feted by an Ashes record crowd of 89.155 as he sayoured one of the

"Whoever writes my scripts, he's doing an unbelievable job," Warne

special days of his trailblazing

shaking my head, not believing it actually happened, to be honest. It

was a pretty amazing day. "The way it's all panned out, to retire and have two games left, end up coming to Melbourne on 699 Test wickets with the Ashes in the bag... there are some special days in your life and that's definitely one of them."

Warne had to bide his time up until the 41st over of the innings as Australia's pacemen revelled in the seaming conditions before getting his chance to make history.
"We're enjoying ourselves at the

moment, it's just a good time to be playing cricket, there's only a couple of games left, so we're all trying to enjoy it as much as we can," he "It's not about myself and Glenn

McGrath, it's about the side and a series whitewash is what we want and we want to continue to play good cricket after winning the toss and Australia "Days like what happened today (Tuesday), all the guys said enjoy

> pretty special time, so I was trying to do that. "To knock them over for 150, take five-for, get your 700th wicket, it's pretty hard to keep those emo-

tions in, it's a pretty exciting time."

yourself, enjoy the moment, it's a

Warne first struck with the second ball of his fourth over to trigger a huge roar from the near-capacity

Strauss had reached his first half-century of the series but was befuddled by the delivery, which knocked over his middle stump.

West Indian batting great Brian Lara, who had many batting duels with Warne, was at the MCG to

watch Warne create history. "He's not only someone for Australian cricket, but someone for

world cricket," Lara told national

"I was very surprised to hear that Warne was retiring, he's younger than me and I feel he has a couple more years of cricket left in him. "He knows everything, he con-

tinued to grow in confidence when you played him and he could bowl the unplayable ball, he always seemed to have something up his

sleeve.' Warne captured Lara's wicket

seven times in Test cricket. The Australian team surrounded Warne and individually congratulated him before captain Ricky Ponting gave him the ball to raise to the delighted home-town crowd in recognition of becoming the first bowler in Test history to pass 700

Warne went on to claim the wickets of Chris Read (3), Steve Harmison (7), Kevin Pietersen (21) and Monty Panesar (4).

Strauss defends toss-call

Cricket

AFP. Melbourne

career

England vice-captain Andrew Strauss defended the decision to bat first after his side was routed for just 159 on the first day of the fourth Ashes Test against Australia at the

On another dark day for the

embattled tourists, captain Andrew

the temptation to insert the Australians on what shaped as a lively deck. But England's batsmen again failed to do the job and the tourists lost their last eight wickets for just

58 runs. Speaking after play here Tuesday, Strauss said the English still believed they made the right call in batting first, but admitted it might not have been a bad toss to lose in retrospect.

"We felt the right thing to do was bat and I think we still feel that." he

"If you had lost it (toss), you wouldn't have felt too bad. It (the

bowling first.

pitch) did a little bit more than we expected it to." In heavily overcast and windy conditions ideal for seam bowling, and with the pitch sure to have some life having been covered for several days because of rain,

England must have considered

However, former captain Flintoff called correctly and resisted Nasser Hussain's disastrous decision to bowl first in Brisbane on the last tour would have weighed heavily on their mind. In England's defence, the

> foundations for a good score at 101 for two, but didn't capitalise. "We got to 100-odd for 2 and if

Australians said they were also

Strauss said England laid the

planning to bat if they won the toss.

solace from it. you get 250-odd you have done "It was a great moment for a

pretty well on a wicket like that," he "We battled hard for the first

ourselves in a position where we could maybe go on and post a

decent score. "Unfortunately, we lost wickets at crucial times at the back end and we are somewhere short of where we wanted to be.'

nated England's spirits. "It was a frustrating day for us but it was good to get a couple of wickets at the end," he said.

"It is the sort of wicket you can

go bang, bang, bang on and get two

However, Strauss said the late

two wickets to Flintoff had rejuve-

or three early tomorrow (Wednesday) morning. If we do that, we are right back in the game. Strauss went into the history books when he became Shane

Warne's 700th Test victim, but not surprisingly didn't take much

great bowler," he said. "From my point of view, that's not much consolation as you are

trudging off the ground.

Crowd almost the best

couple of sessions, where the ball

Cricket

AFP. Melhourne The biggest-ever Ashes crowd turned out for the first day of the fourth Ashes Test here Tuesday, but

the world record Test attendance set almost 50 years ago remains intact. The official attendance of 89,155 that turned out at the MCG was the biggest ever for a single day of a Test between England and Australia and also the highest

Boxing Day attendance.

day of Test cricket, but fell tantalisingly short of the record of 90.800 people that attended the venue in February 1961 to see Australia play the West Indies. It continued the healthy atten-

dances for the most anticipated

Ashes series ever with the three

On a historic day, it was the

second-biggest crowd ever for a

Adelaide and Perth, all setting ground records for overall attendances for a Test match. Melbourne's infamously fickle

the revamped MCG in its 100th

Test. Despite the series already being decided, the day's play was a sellout many months ago due to the unprecedented hype surrounding

Australia's bid to reclaim the Ashes. Boxing Day is the most eagerly anticipated day of cricket in each Australian summer and with champion leg-spinner and local hero Shane Warne set to claim his 700th Test wicket, it was hoped more than 98,000 people would turn out on

Tuesday. However, Melbourne is in the midst of an unseasonal cold snap and showers were forecast for the day, undoubtedly keeping many

previous Tests, in Brisbane, people away despite the prospect of seeing Warne become the first Test bowler to reach 700 wickets. The promised rain arrived

forcing players from the ground weather foiled the bid to attract a twice, and made for bitterly cold world record Test cricket crowd at conditions for many spectators. The weather matched the mood of the disappointed Barmy Army, but the failure to break the world

record was the only disappointment for Australian fans. In his final Test on his home ground, the soon-to-be-retired Warne delivered one of the memorable moments in 100 MCG Tests

when he clean bowled Andrew Strauss to claim his 700th scalp. The leggie received a standing ovation just for stepping up to the bowling crease, again when he dismissed Strauss, another from his adoring fans when he claimed his fifth scalp to end the England innings, and a final one as he left

Packer's noble initiative

Cricket

AFP. Melbourne

Media tycoon James Packer Tuesday unveiled a 10-million-dollar (7.8 million USD) foundation to help both Australia's former and promising cricketers to mark the anniversary of his father's death.

Packer. Australia's richest man

whose Publishing Broadcasting (PBL) holdings include the Nine television network and 60 magazines, said the Kerry Packer Foundation would help retired Australian international players who had fallen on hard times.

ers in Australia who needed financial assistance, he said. Packer, 39, inherited majority position in the media empire after

It would also help young cricket-

his father, Kerry, died of kidney failure aged 68 on Boxing Day last Packer told a lunch on the opening day of the fourth Ashes cricket

foundation would not be too strict, with veteran first-class players also "My father loved cricket and he actually loved the people associated with the game, particularly the players," Packer said.

Test at the Melbourne Cricket

Ground that the guidelines of the

way, is something in which his love for the game can linger and provide some useful support for its participants and administrators." Packer said Boxing Day was a momentous occasion for his family,

paid tribute to Kerry Packer a year "Today (Tuesday) is an emotional day for me," he said.

"A year ago today, my father died

and our families were greatly hon-

oured by the manner with which this

who were grateful for how the game

ground and cricket in general honoured him by way of a minute's silence. "It was a moving ceremony for all of us at home and this is the best opportunity I have to publicly

express my family's gratitude. "For some time, we have given some thought and been seeking some advice on how best to commemorate his name throughout

"My family and I have decided to create the Kerry Packer Foundation with a 10 million dollar fund." Packer said he along with Cricket

as the chairman.

a little bit flat in his delivery stride and struggled for a bit of rhythm in Australia chairman Creagh O'Connor and former CA chairman Denis Rogers would be directors of the foundation, with Rogers acting "The intention of the fund is

"I am not precluding longstanding first-class players in Australia who have served their states faithfully. "It is also our intention for this fund to be used to assist promising

young men and women who may be

precluded from pursuing a career in

cricket because of financial con-

Packer said he also wanted to help

provide assistance for former

Australian Test and one-day inter-

national players who have fallen on

hard terms and may need some

help," Packer said.

ensure young cricketers could pursue their studies while trying to develop their sporting careers. He said he did not intend to make

the recipients public and said the

Ponting urges

FROM PAGE 17 two days. He's worked on his run-up

foundation would be self-funding.

a bit because he's felt that he's been

"I think we saw in Perth, particuarly in the second innings, where he

started to swing the new ball again. which is really pleasing. That goes to show that some of his technique things are starting to pay off."

2011 when the secretariat would be fully paid. The general secretary, deputy general secretary and two assistant secretaries would be appointed by the EC. The four

BFF consolidates

secretaries will be members of the EC without voting rights. The number of the EC members is likely to be extended to 25

The AGM also approved five new councillors and reduced one to take the total number to 132. "We have decided to give

who had done all the groundwork to

set up the mission, remain substan-

tially out of pocket for all they have

councillorships to three new clubs Chittagong Abahani and Mohammedan and Khulna Abahani -- as they will join the inaugural Professional Football League." Helal said. The eight Dhaka clubs and Sylhet DSA, also to play in the Pro

League, already have councillors.

Association and the Referees'

Association will get councillorships

while the National Sports Council

will have one instead of two from

now," added the general secretary.

The Women's Sports

be difficult for the title, but we are looking forward to it and want to get as many points as we can in the last 20

Clichy, however, believes Arsenal

The two teams play the first of