

**Pak-World XI match drawn**

**Sports Reporter**  
The three-day festival match between Pakistan and a World Eleven ended in a tame draw as the collected cricket eleven managed 385 for eight wickets on the final day of the rain affected match at Scarborough yesterday, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka last night.

Former Australian leg-spinning all-rounder Peter Sleep of New South Wales remained unbeaten on 182.

Earlier, Pakistan had declared their innings at 253 for six wickets.

An earlier AFP reports said: Acting captain Shoab Mohammad held Pakistan's innings together against the World XI here on Thursday, but rain ruined his hard work.

His unbeaten 105 enabled him to declare at 253 for six at tea on the second day before the weather prevented any further play.

Resuming on 57 after a rain-delayed start, the Pakistani skipper made swift progress early on, but was then becalmed in the 90s.

A leg-gance off New Zealand seamer Chris Pringle finally brought him his century off 223 balls in four hours with three sixes and 11 fours. He added 97 with Moin Khan before Khan was stumped for 44 off New Zealand spinner Dipak Patel.

**SCOREBOARD**

**PAKISTAN:** Overnight 151-5; (Shoab Mohammad 57 not out)

Shoab not out 105  
Moin Khan st Parore b Patel 44  
Rashid Latif not out 14  
Extras (lb4, nb11) 15  
Total (6 wks dec) 253

Fall of wickets cont: 6-225

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Benjamin	12	0	55	3
Pringle	18	5	56	0
Patel	20	3	72	2
Sleep	10	3	34	1
Harper	15	0	32	0

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**Cowdrey dubs Lamb 'cheeky'**

NEW DELHI, Aug 28: The chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Thursday voiced his strong disapproval of Allan Lamb's criticism of Pakistani bowlers, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said, reports AFP.

"It was cheeky of Allan Lamb to have called the Pakistani bowlers cheaters," Sir Colin Cowdrey was quoted as saying in Madras on way to Colombo to watch the Australia-Shri Lanka Test match in that country.

"Allan Lamb is in trouble" for making that comment, Sir Cowdrey told reporters in the southern Indian city.

**Napoli yields to FIFA pressure?**

NAPLES, Italy, Aug 28: World football's ruling body, FIFA, may have broken the deadlock between Seville and Napoli over the Italian club's reluctant star Diego Maradona, reports AFP.

Seville have been trying in vain to persuade Maradona that they should grant Maradona's wish to be released from his contract, now that the Argentinian's 15-month ban for cocaine use has come to an end.

After two months, Napoli are now believed to be ready to talk to the Spanish club.

Sources here said on Thursday that FIFA has sent a message to Seville and both the Spanish and Italian football federations, calling on the club to visit Naples and start negotiating a transfer.

Napoli's sporting director, Paolo Poletti, would neither confirm nor deny the reports.

But with FIFA putting its weight behind Maradona, Napoli officials did acknowledge that they will now at least have to listen to Seville's envoys, should they make the trip.

**Zia retains lead**

**Sports Reporter**  
Ziaur Rahman, a former national champion, led the points table with seven points at the end of the eighth round of the first Foundation chess competition at the chess room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

National champion Rezaul Karim beat Ziaur Rahman, Khandaker Kayes Hassan, Niamul Huq Niru and Kalam were in joint second position, each with six and half points to their credit.

Syed Tahmidur Rahman, Almasur Rahman, Arifuzzaman Sikdar, Shabana Parveen Nipa, Hasibul Hassan Hanif, Abul Kashem Bhuyian, Afroza Khanam and Enayet Hossain have six points each.

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**Jones arrests Aussie slide**



COLOMBO, Aug 28: Test debutant Dulip Liyanage of Sri Lanka took three wickets for 61 runs, helping to limit Australia to 177 for five at stumps on the opening day of their second cricket Test on Friday, reports AP.

After losing openers Tom Moody for one and Mark Taylor for 15, Dean Jones rallied the Australians somewhat with an unbeaten 77 and teamed with all-rounder Greg Matthews (18 not out) to see Australia through the evening session on an unfinished sixth-wicket partnership of 68 runs.

Jones got off to a lucky start when he was dropped at one by Roshan Mahanama at second slip in the fourth over after lunch. He struggled throughout his innings to counter the relentless medium pace attack, facing 145 deliveries during his 225-minute stay, which produced eight boundaries.

Jones and Matthews came together after skipper Allan Border made an early exit soon after tea. Border sat in the stands for nearly 1 1/2 hours from where he watched Australia bat without further loss.

The 20-year-old medium pacer Liyanage, who graduated from Frank Tyson's last bowling clinic, bowled under a heavily overcast sky, swinging the ball with devastating effect to run through the Australia top order.

The mediumpace duo of Champaka Ramanayake and Liyanage vindicated their captain's resolve to avenge last week's loss to Australia. The Australians scored a surprising victory against the Sri

Lankans last Saturday, winning by a narrow 16 runs.

Liyanage, with his third ball of the match, had Moody caught behind with a lifter. Moody, who had put together a poor 49 runs in five previous outings, stood at the crease looking shellshocked after being given out.



DEAN JONES

Play began 50 minutes late because of a wet field following heavy overnight monsoon showers. Fifty-one more minutes were lost on either side of the tea break, when Australia were 103 for 4 with Jones on 32 and Border on 12, forcing an early interval.

Border was repeatedly beaten by Liyanage who dealt a mixture of in and out swingers, and one delivery sneaked past Border's defence as he pushed forward, knocking off his wickets.

Australia took lunch at 35 for two in 16 overs, losing both their openers. Taylor, who battled for 65 minutes to score 15 runs, pushed forward at mediumpacer Chandika Hathurusinghe and presented Sanath

Jayasuriya one of his three catches at short-leg.

In a dramatic session after lunch, Australia quickly lost David Boon and Mark Waugh, who, following a move similar to Taylor's, were snapped by Jayasuriya at short-leg off Liyanage and Ramanayake.

Boon batted for 119 minutes for his 28, which included four boundaries.

Sri Lanka recalled left-hand batsman Jayasuriya, while presenting Test caps to off-spinner Muttiah Muralidharan and Liyanage.

Australia replaced injured leg-spinner Shane Warne with all-rounder Tony Dodemaide.

**SCOREBOARD**

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings:

Moody c Kalutharana b Liyanage	1
Taylor c Jayasuriya b Hathurasinghe	15
Boon c Jayasuriya b Liyanage	28
Jones not out	77
Waugh c Jayasuriya b Ramanayake	0
Border b Liyanage	13
Matthews not out	18
Extras (b 9 lb 10 w 2 nb 4)	25
Total for five wickets	177

Fall: 1; 34; 69; 72; 109

To Bat: Ian Healy, Tony Dodemaide, Craig McDermott, Michael Whitney.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Ramanayake	19	7	44	1
Liyanage	22	7	61	3
Hathurasinghe	9	1	26	1
Gurusinghe	3	1	8	0
Anurastri	6	0	13	0
Muralidharan	4	0	6	0

**SHRI LANKA:** Arjuna Ranatunga (captain), Roshan Mahanama, Chandika Hathurasinghe, Asanka Gurusingha, Ravinda de Silva, Sanath Jayasuriya, Ramesh Kaluwitharana, Champaka Ramanayake, Dulip Liyanage, Don Anurastri, Muttiah Muralidharan.

**Bacher's Board takes the lead**

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 28: South Africa will become the first country to use television replays to determine stumping, hit-wicket and run outs when they play home Tests against India later this year, cricket authorities said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Ali Bacher, managing director of South Africa's United Cricket Board (UCBSA) said they had recommended to the Indian Board of Control for Cricket that a third umpire assist the standing umpire by watching the replay in close calls.

The UCBSA has invited Steve Bucknor from the West Indies to officiate in the first two Tests, while a top English umpire will be invited for the last two Tests. They will be assisted by two local umpires at each match.

Bacher reaffirmed South Africa's desire to host the 1995-96 Cricket World Cup. He will present a submission to the ICC in December.

India and Pakistan are hoping to co-host the event and England has also put in a bid.

**Procter made SA manager**

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 28: Mike Procter has been appointed manager of the South African cricket side to meet India in their tour here from October to January, reports AFP.

Procter, 46, will get a six month contract from September 1. United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) managing director Ali Bacher told a news conference here Thursday.



MIKE PROCTER

The former Springbok all rounder will handle playing affairs only, while administrative manager will be appointed to deal with the logistics, Bacher said.

Procter will also get observer status, along with captain Kepler Wessels, at selectors' meetings, although he will not have a vote, Bacher said.

The announcement sparked speculation in England that Procter may quit his job as manager of English county side Northamptonshire.

**TV replays to determine close decisions in Tests**

**Indian Board accepts SA proposal**



MADRAS, Aug 28: The Indian Cricket Board has agreed to a South African proposal to use

television replays to determine controversial decisions during their Test series in October, a top cricket official said today, reports Reuter.

"We have agreed to the proposal from South Africa because they said their umpires lacked experience," said Chandappa Nagaraj, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

A third umpire will review television replays of stumpings, run outs and hit-wicket decisions if asked by the two umpires on the field.

India will be the first foreign team for 20 years to tour South Africa, barred until last year from official international matches because of its apartheid system. The Indians will also be the first official non-white team ever to tour South Africa.

Ali Bacher, managing director of the South Africa's United Cricket Board (UCBSA) announced the innovative umpiring scheme in Johannesburg on Thursday.

The third umpire in the umpire's room can assist the standing umpire, if requested, in immediately determining a run out, stumping or hit-wicket decision when the standing umpire is not certain whether the batsman is out or not," Bacher said.

The electronic eye would be used during Test matches, but not in one-day matches, he said.

Sir Colin Cowdrey, chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) said during a brief stop-over in Madras on Thursday that he backed the idea.

Englishman Cowdrey was on his way to Colombo to watch the Sri Lanka-Australia Test series after visiting Bangalore, his place of birth.

**ROTATING UMPIRES**  
Cowdrey also revealed that the ICC wanted to see the three umpires taking turns in standing at the wicket in order to give them a respite from long hours in the field. Test matches always have

two umpires while the third stands by in case of emergency. He is not usually called on to adjudicate in matches, however.

Cowdrey said the two umpires were often exhausted by the end of the day, but the players got some respite while their side was batting.

"The third man sits around, having little to do. Revolving the three men will be a worthwhile experiment, so that they all get respite for some time," Cowdrey said.

This experiment would also be tried out during the South Africa-India series, Cowdrey said.

Nagaraj said the Indian Board had also agreed to the South African proposal to have neutral umpires.

"There will be three umpires for each match, two of them neutral and the third from South Africa," Nagaraj said.

Earlier, Bacher said that South Africa had recommended to the Indians that neutral umpires be used in the four Tests between November and January.

**ICC closes file on scuffing row**



LONDON, Aug 28: Pakistan cricketers, accused of cheating in games against England, Friday claimed vindication after the sport's governing body refused to comment on the controversy, reports AP.

The International Cricket Council, expected to reveal why umpires controversially changed the ball during last Sunday's one-day match at Lord's, instead closed its file on the case.

"I have decided not to make any further statement concerning the change of ball during the lunch interval at Lord's on Sunday," ICC secretary Colonel John Stephenson said in a statement.

"Umpires' reports are, and always have been, treated as strictly confidential and after careful consideration I have concluded the same should apply to the match referee's report."

"The umpires' decision is final therefore, so far as the ICC is concerned, the matter is closed."

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**Gower's new book says Indians doctored ball**



LONDON, Aug 28: England batsman David Gower has added fuel to the flames of controversy surrounding allegations of ball-doctoring by Pakistan with a claim that Indian bowlers were guilty of illegal tampering, reports Reuter.

Gower's accusation comes in his new book in which he said India interfered with the ball during the 1990 Oval Test match on their last tour of England in similar circumstances to which Pakistan find themselves accused now.

He said India's efforts to make the ball "wobble around" did not preclude some surreptitious scuffing-up on one side of the ball.

**Essex, Kent make most of rainy day**

LONDON, Aug 28: While rain again struck hard at the county championship programme on Thursday, leaders Essex and closest challengers Kent both escaped the worst of the weather to improve their title chances, reports Reuter.

England captain Graham Gooch hit 10 fours in his 77 as he and Jon Lewis shared a second wicket partnership of 131 in 45 overs.

Lewis was unbeaten on 81 as Essex reached 195 for two in reply to Sussex's 204 on the second day of their four-day match at Hove.

Irish-born Australian Martin McCague, a young fast bowler being sized up by England, took five for 42 to put Kent back into the championship race at Canterbury.

Then Neil Taylor, Kent's dependable 33-year-old batsman, lined up victory over Gloucestershire with a brilliant 96.

At the close of the second day, Kent, having dismissed Gloucestershire for 175, were 178 ahead at 164 for three in their second innings when bad light intervened with just under five overs left.

Hampshire's Tony Middleton scored 117 not out and Jon Ayling was left ten short of his maiden championship century against Durham at Darlington.

The pair, together throughout the rain interrupted day, had added 195 for the fifth wicket when play was halted early with Hampshire on 266 for four from 87 overs.

**Pak-Holland one-dayer tomorrow**



THE HAGUE, Aug 28: World champions Pakistan face a tricky final hurdle following their turbulent tour of

England — a one-day match against the Netherlands on Sunday, reports Reuter.

It may not be quite as easy a fixture as it appears.

While few would immediately associate the Netherlands with cricket, the country has a long history in the game and no mean successes.

They beat West Indies last year, England the year before and Australia in 1964 and have built something of a giant-killing reputation.

The Netherlands boast three members who are professional county cricketers in England plus a former Australian professional.

Seam bowlers Andre van Troost and Ronald Lefebvre play for Somerset while fellow pacer Paul Jan Bakker plays

for Hampshire.

Opening batsman Peter Cantrell played for Queensland in Australia until last year but marriage to a Dutch woman allows him to play for the Netherlands.

Lefebvre believes the Dutch could trouble the Pakistanis enough to force a creditable result, if not an upset in the 55-overs match.

**DIFFICULT MATS**  
The secret lies in the type of wicket the Dutch use. Because of the softness of the sandy soil, matches are played on a matting pitch laid over gravel, which can offer bowlers extra bounce.

"When first-class cricket nations come to us, the mats can give them problems. They find it difficult to adjust. We can give them a nasty surprise," Lefebvre said.

The Dutch are desperately keen to prove they are worthy of moving up into the A-group of cricketing countries, especially since Zimbabwe attained

first-class status.

The Netherlands lost in the B-group World Cup the ICC Trophy final to Zimbabwe in both 1986 and 1990 but they are optimistic about their chances the next time around.

The next World Cup has been enlarged to 12 teams, leaving space for three others outside the recognised first-class nations.

"It must be possible for Holland to qualify for the major Cup," said Steven van Hoogstraten, chairman of the Dutch Cricket Association (KNCB).

The association was established in 1983 — six years before the football association. And Dutch cricketers have long dreamed of reaching the same sporting heights as the nation's footballers.

"We are a small body. Not a patch on our football counterparts. But we are getting stronger. Playing Pakistan will greatly boost our profile," Van Hoogstraten said.

**Spassky-Fischer re-match from Sept 2**

**Anything can happen, experts warn**



REYKJAVIK, Aug 28: Looking back, it was as though World War Three had broken out.

The 1972 clash between chess giants Bobby Fischer of America and Boris Spassky, the Soviet world champion, had been portrayed in advance as the Cold War personified, reports Reuter.

But it wasn't cold — most of the time the atmosphere was blistering.

As the two stars confronted each other across a small square table in the Laugardal Sports Hall in Iceland's biggest building, the twilight and shadows cast by overhead lights made it look more like a war room.

The political atmosphere was bleak. It was only four years since Soviet-led Warsaw Pact tanks had crushed the "Prague Spring," and Leonid Brezhnev was firmly in power in the Kremlin.

Chess might be just a game, but many people saw Fischer and Spassky as Superpower envoys and their meeting was billed as "the match of the century."

The psychological warfare and histrionics had begun well before. The brilliant but unpredictable Fischer phoned from New York at the last moment refusing to come at all unless he was paid more money.

When he arrived here, things got worse.

Fischer and Spassky rowed incessantly about such things as the playing table, the chair, the platform, the position of spectators, whether anyone should occupy the front row, and about background noise.