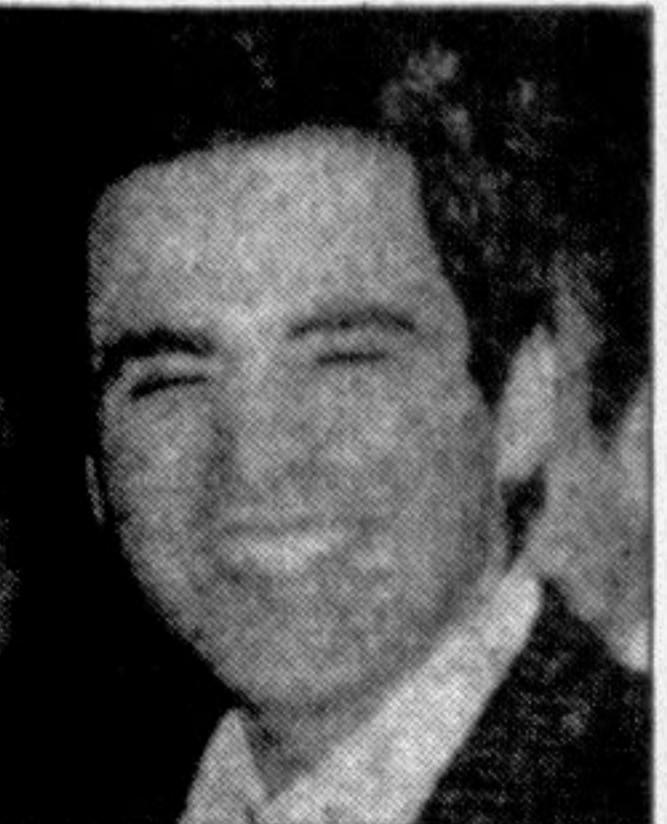


Column One
SPORTS TALK



Garri Kasparov
(World chess champion)
"Fischer's actual chess potential is clearly not sufficient to create public interest in such a match!"
On the chances of playing a match with Bobby Fischer.

DID U' KNOW?
(The Professor does)

THAT an Olympian was awarded three gold medals by the International Committee for winning two events. It so happened that the Russian oarsman Vyacheslav Ivanov was so thrilled on winning the single sculls at Melbourne in 1956, that after the presentation ceremony he danced up and down, throwing his Olympic gold medal up in the air. It never came back to him as it landed into the waters of Lake Wendouree.
It is, one presumes, still there. Ivanov dived in after it, but never found it again. He searched for it for hours. So did professional divers but they could not find it either.
Taking pity on Ivanov, the IOC presented him with another, a duplicate gold medal. To top it all, Ivanov went on to win another his third, at the Rome Olympics in 1960. Of course, he never threw this one into the air.

Sports WHIZZ KID
COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN
(The rules are published every Saturday.)

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-9.
Tick the Correct Answer
(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Oct 20, 1995)

- The current New Zealand cricket captain is
Crowe Greatbatch Germon
- The duration of a water polo game is
30 minutes 40 minutes 60 minutes
- Who founded Modern Olympics?
Coubertin Harclange Samaranch
- Who were the 1990 World Cup football champions?
Argentina Brazil Uruguay
- The current national chess champion is
Niaz Mamedov Rezaei Zia

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World number 192nd drives Marc mad

LYON, France, Oct 17: Unheralded Jean-Philippe Fleurian of France delighted his home fans by ousting holder Marc Rosset of Switzerland in the first round of the Lyon Indoor tennis tournament on Monday, reports Reuter.
Fleurian, ranked a modest 192nd in the world, recovered from the loss of the first set to overcome third seed Rosset 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Rosset, who impressed on his way to victory in last year's edition of the 600,000 dollars event, made many unforced errors.
"It makes me mad to lose against a player who doesn't even think," said an angry Rosset.
Fifth seed Todd Martin of the US survived a scare as he needed two tie-breaks to move past veteran Russian Andrei Chesnokov 7-6, 7-6.

Pakistan to host '96 World Open squash

CARDIFF, Oct 17: Pakistan will host the 1996 World Open, the Professional Squash Association (PSA) announced today, reports AFP.
The PSA said the decision to award the prestigious championships to Pakistan was in recognition of their exemplary World Open tradition and their offer of a prize fund of 120,000 US dollars.
The venue will be in Karachi from 18-23 November.

Pakistan thrown into oblivion
SL claim champs' status



SHARJAH, Oct 17: Sri Lanka set up a Champions Trophy final against the West Indies with an easy eight-wicket victory over injury-hit Pakistan here today, reports AFP.
The classy Lankans skittled Pakistan out for 143 before coasting home with 23.1 overs to spare at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium.
All three contenders ended the double-leg preliminary league with two wins each, but Pakistan were eliminated due to a lower run rate (4.21 against West Indies 5.17 and Sri Lanka's 5.05).
Friday's final, worth 30,000 dollars to the winners, will be a repeat of Monday's marathon thriller which produced a record 662 runs, Sri Lanka making 329 to West Indies' 333.
Arjuna Ranatunga's men put the narrow defeat behind them to produce a dazzling display in the field after Pakistani captain Rameez Raja won the toss and elected to bat.

Roshan Mahanama and wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwitharna took two acrobatic catches each and Muttiah Muralidharan effected a run out, diving to his left at point, to cause Pakistan's downfall.
Pakistan sorely missed injured duo Aamer Sohail and Inzamam-ul-Haq as six batsmen failed to get into double figures.
The world champions were reduced to 68 for five by the 24th over, before tailenders Mushtaq Ahmed (26) and Saqlain Mushtaq (30) prevented a total collapse by adding 52 for the seventh wicket.
For Sri Lanka, off-spinner Kumara Dharmasena took three for 16 in 10 overs,

while skipper Arjuna Ranatunga and Sanath Jayasuriya claimed two wickets each.
Left-hander Jayasuriya hammered 25, including a six over third man off Aaqub Javed in an opening stand of 35 with Mahanama to give Sri



Lanka a solid start.
After Jayasuriya's departure in the seventh over, Asanka Gurusinha helped Mahanama add 59 for the

Mahanama (45 not out) and Aravinda de Silva (35 not out) dug in to carry Sri Lanka to a third win over Pakistan in their last four encounters. De Silva brought up the

well-deserved win by lofting off-spinner Saqlain for six over the sightscreen.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the Champions' Trophy one-day match between Pakistan and Sri Lanka today:

PAKISTAN
Elahi c Kaluwitharna b Hathurusinghe 0
Rameez c Kaluwitharna b Wickremasinghe 9
Basti c Mahanama b Ranatunga 21
Aamer Hanif run out 17
Moin c and b Dharmasena 16
Zafar c Mahanama b Ranatunga 2
Mushtaq b Jayasuriya 26
Saqlain c Wickremasinghe b Dharmasena 30
Waqar Ilyas b Dharmasena 3
Aaqub not out 3
M. Akram c Ranatunga b Jayasuriya 1
Extras: (lb-1, nb-3, w-11) 15
Total: (In 48.3 overs) 143
Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-25; 3-52; 4-63; 5-68; 6-82; 7-134; 8-137; 9-140.

Bowling: O M R W
Wickremasinghe 7 1 19 1
Hathurusinghe 10 1 33 1
Muralidharan 9 0 43 0
Ranatunga 10 1 21 2
Dharmasena 10 3 16 3
Jayasuriya 2.3 0 10 2

SRI LANKA
Mahanama not out 45
Jayasuriya c Moin b M Akram 25
Gurusinha c Elahi b Mushtaq 31
De Silva not out 35
Extras: (lb-7, nb-4, w-2) 13
Total: (for two wickets in 26.5 overs) 149
Fall of wickets: 1-35; 2-94.

Bowling: O M R W
Aaqub 5 0 25 0
M Akram 5 0 24 1
Saqlain 4.5 0 27 0
Zafar 1 0 8 0
Mushtaq 8 0 35 1
Waqar 3 0 23 0

Result: Sri Lanka won by eight wickets
Man-of-the-match: Arjuna Ranatunga
Friday's final: Sri Lanka v West Indies.

Ramesh takes solo lead

Sport Reporter
R B Ramesh of India took the solo lead in the 12th Beximco Q M Hussain International Masters' chess tournament at the end of ninth of the 13 round meet yesterday at the conference room of National Sports Council.

Ramesh, one of the four Indians participating in the meet, beat IM Mahmood Lodhi of Pakistan in this round to collect the highest score of seven points.
It was the sixth win for Ramesh after his second draw of the tournament against his fellow countryman IM Mithrakanth Sharma in the eighth round on Saturday.

Beside Ramesh, IM Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh, IM Sudhakar Babu of India and two other Bangladeshis - Saifuddin Lavlu and Kayes Hasan - also recorded victories yesterday.
Zia, in an opening, beat Rahul Shetty of India after 45 moves. Both Zia and Shetty share the second spot now with six and a half points.
Sudhakar Babu, who beat IM Shahjad Mirza of Pakistan in this round, is in third position with six points.
In the other matches, Lavlu outplayed Abdullah Al Rakib while Kayes defeated Ziaul Kader Tuhin.

STANDINGS
7 points - Ramesh
6.5 points - Zia, Shetty
6 points - Sudhakar Mithrakanth
5.5 points - Lodhi
5 points - Rajib
4 points - Mirza, Kayes
3.5 points - Tuhin
2.5 points - Khorshed Lavlu, Mintu
1.5 points - Rakib

To add more sensation!

NEW YORK, Oct 17: The US Open is borrowing from "super Saturday" in hopes of creating a sensational "championship Sunday," by changing its format and moving the women's final to the last day of the championships, reports Reuter.
The latest five-year television deal, sealed last week between the US Tennis Association and CBS-Sports, calls for the women's final to shift from Saturday afternoon to Sunday afternoon, where it will precede the men's final.

In recent years, the women's final had been played in between the men's semifinals on Saturday, a marathon day for tennis fans.
The WTA Tour said Monday that the women's final had a fixed starting time of 2:00 pm on Sunday.
The WTA Tour had long objected to the previous arrangement since the women's final had no set scheduled time and the finalists had no rest day after Friday's semifinals.
The men's finalists still have no rest day before their final, but removing the women's final from Saturday's programme means the second men's semifinal will not carry over into the night, as often has been the case.

China thrash Russia

LANZHOU, Oct 17: The Chinese women's field hockey team defeated the visiting Russian squad 6-1 in its second match here on Monday, reports Xinhua.
The host team beat the visitors 4-1 in its first match on Sunday.
During their stay in China, the Russian girls are scheduled to play five games with the Chinese team.

Bangalore Test begins today
Acid test for a new NZ



BANGALORE, India, Oct 17: New Zealand, in the process of rebuilding their side after a string of defeats, go into the first Test against India on Wednesday hoping their bowlers will rise to the challenge, reports Reuter.
"Our batsmen have run into form, but the bowlers have not had much of a chance in the two matches we have played here," New Zealand's coach and former Test captain Glenn Turner said. "We hope to play to our potential."
The tourists have already named their team for the Test, selecting five specialist



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batsmen and three all-rounders - Chris Cairns.

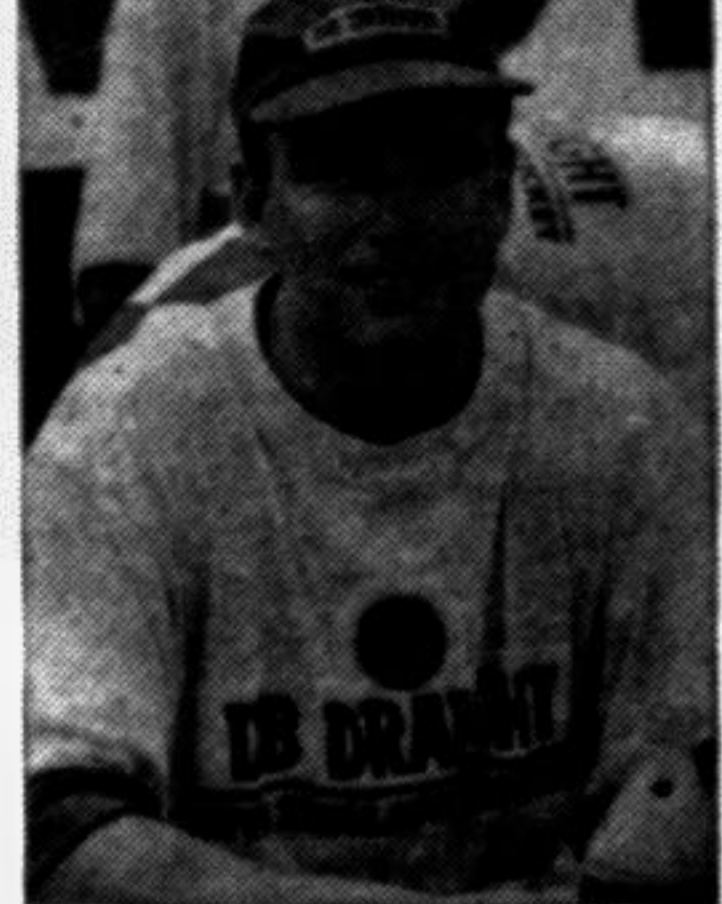
Shane Thomson and Dion Nash.
Pace bowler Danny Morrison and left-arm spinner Matthew Hart are the only specialist bowlers in the side.
Lee Germon, who will become the first New Zealander to lead his team while making a Test debut, said it would be an emotional moment for him.
"I am obviously excited at the prospect of leading New Zealand on my Test debut and in front of big Indian crowds," Germon said.

India appear to have trouble finding the right combination for the first match in a three-Test series.
They have yet to name the team, but the focus of attention will be leg-spinner Anil Kumble, needing to dismiss just one more batsman to reach 100 Test wickets.

The dilemma for the Indians is whether to take a risk and pick another leg spinner, Narendra Hirwani, to partner Kumble on a wicket that could help slow bowlers.
The Indians expect New Zealand to put up a stiff fight.
"They can't be taken lightly and their batsmen are in fine form," Indian coach Ajit Wadekar said.
India have the better record in matches between the two.
In 32 Tests, India have won 12 and New Zealand six. The remaining 14 Tests have

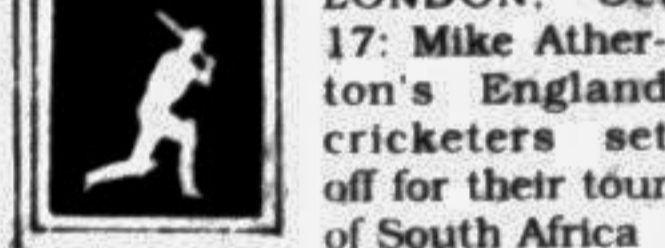
been drawn.
New Zealand, on their sixth tour, have won only two Tests out of 18 on Indian soil, with India winning eight.

TEAMS
New Zealand: Lee Germon (captain), Mark Greatbatch, Bryan Young, Martin Crowe, Stephen Fleming, Adam Parore, Chris Cairns, Shane Thomson, Dion Nash, Danny Morrison, Matthew Hart.
India: Mohammad Asharuddin (captain), Manoj Prabhakar, Ajay Jadesha, Vikram Rathore, Vinod Kambli, Sachin Tendulkar, Sanjay Manjrekar, Nayan Mongia, Anil Kumble, Venkatapathy Raju, Rajesh Chauhan, Ven-



LEE GERMON
katesh Prasad, Javagal Srinath, Narendra Hirwani.

England off to S Africa

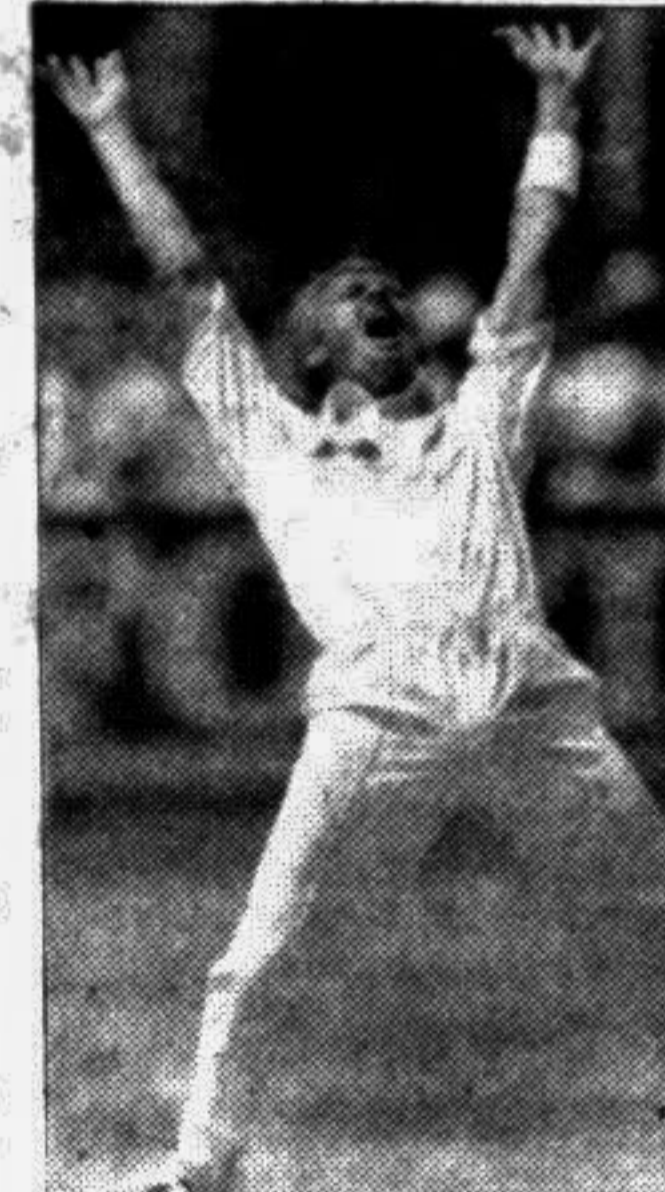


LONDON, Oct 17: Mike Atherton's England cricketers set off for their tour of South Africa on Wednesday buoyed by an improvement in home form but aware their priority is to produce better results abroad, reports Reuter.

England have not won a Test series overseas since they beat New Zealand 2-0 in early 1992, and they can expect to have their work cut out to overcome a South African side boasting an attack bristling with pace and hostility.
Allan Donald and his fellow fast bowlers are sure to provide a demanding examination on pitches to suit their needs, offering the prospect of a combative five Test series.
Donald, who is South Africa's premier strike bowler, sounded a warning to Atherton's team on Monday by completing his best haul in a Test innings of eight for 71 to set up a seven-wicket win over Zimbabwe in Harare.
"Taking 11 sticks in the first Test of the summer has set things up beautifully for the England series," Donald said. "We all know what the five Tests will be very, very tough but we're also looking forward to them immensely."
Donald's comment echoed the view of a South African sporting public eagerly awaiting the contest.
England's ground-breaking visit - their last tour was 31 years ago - completes the republic's cricketing rehabilitation, which began when the dismantling of apartheid allowed their return to the international arena in late 1991.

South Africa have subsequently produced a show of mounting strength, with the victory over Zimbabwe being their fifth in consecutive Tests.
England's wretched away form is underlined by their last 14 Tests abroad since early 1993 which have brought two wins, two draws and 10 defeats.
Atherton, captain when England last series to West Indies and Australia on their

last two tours, faces the South African adventure with most of the players used in the 2-2 draw in six home Tests against West Indies recently.



DOMINIC CORK

Providing vice-captain and opener Alec Stewart stays free of injury - he missed the second half of the English season with a third broken finger in eight

World bridge results

BEIJING, Oct 17: USA2 defeated favourites France while Canada won against Sweden in the semifinals of the 96-board biennial world bridge championships in Beijing today, reports Reuter.
In the Bermuda Bowl, USA2 won by 68 points while Canada defeated Sweden by 64 points.
In the Venice Cup, USA1 maintained a comfortable lead to beat hosts China by 74.
Germany easily defeated France, pulling ahead by an astonishing 132 points in initial boards on Monday.
Results of the semi-finals as follows:
Bermuda Bowl: USA2-France 221-153
Canada-Sweden 218-154
Venice Cup: Germany-France 257-164
USA1-China 259-185

months - and Robin Smith shows no ill effects from fracturing a cheekbone against West Indies, England should not be short of runs.
Graham Thorpe has developed into their most consistently effective batsman, Graeme Hick seems finally to have established himself in Tests after four years of trials and tribulations, and Atherton can lead from the front with his innings of immense concentration and resolution.
England's attack, short of world-class performers, may cause the most concern.
Devon Malcolm and Darren Gough have first to prove their fitness after knee and foot problems respectively while fellow paceman Angus Fraser may need nursing through the more rigorous phases of the schedule to ensure he is at his best for the Tests.
All-rounder Dominic Cork who was named England's cricketer-of-the year on Monday, was often their most potent weapon against West Indies with his fast medium bowling has the talent and ability to enhance his reputation during the tour.
Cork said he was confident England could win the Test series.
"I was in South Africa two years ago with the A team and really enjoyed playing there. And I see no reason why we can't also beat them in the one-day series and win (next year's) World Cup as well. It's a waste of time being negative about anything."
Certainly, England are unlikely to be distracted from their task with chairman of selectors and tour manager Ray Illingworth making it clear he is indeed the man in charge.
Illingworth has already turned down all requests for the squad to attend official functions during the Tests.
"We realise this is England's first visit for 30 years and there are certain obligations to fulfil," said Illingworth. "We have accepted invitations to some functions and rejected others.
"But above anything else we are going to South Africa to play cricket and to win matches."

Symonds holds out hope

SYDNEY, Oct 17: Andrew Symonds, the best young player in English county cricket this year, has boosted Queensland's optimism in their bid to retain the Sheffield Shield, Australian cricket's most cherished domestic prize, reports Reuter.
It's a confidence borne out of a surfeit of batting talent - an abundance that allows Queensland the luxury of ignoring the 20-year-old Australian batting sensation for their opening fixture of the 1995-96 season.
Despite averaging 55 for Gloucestershire - a feat which led to Symonds being sought by England as a potential Test opener - he was unable to force his way into the Queensland line-up for the four-day match against Victoria, starting in Brisbane on Thursday.
"We certainly have a wealth of talent in our batting just now with a number of other young players besides Andrew vying to get a game," Queensland coach John Buchanan told Reuters today.
"Andrew had a good season in England but he still needs to show his undoubted talent here in Australia and put some runs on the board," said Buchanan.
Symonds, voted young player-of-the-year by his fellow county professionals in England, failed to oust incumbent Jimmy Maher, 22, from Queensland's middle order.
Symonds, who hit a world record 20 sixes in an innings for Gloucestershire in August, is resigned to the prospect of filling a lesser role for Queensland over the coming months, saying: "As is this season is concerned, I always looked upon myself as a fringe player battling to get

into the side."
The English-born batsman, who moved to Australia at the age of 18 months, turned down an offer to tour Pakistan with England A this year to concentrate on his

Perturbation against Primo

BONN, Oct 17: German athletics chiefs on Monday launched a fierce attack on the sport's leading official Primo Nebiolo, accusing him of being undemocratic and of drawing up a "hit list" of people who criticised his views, reports Reuter.
After Germany's former European Athletics Federation (EAA) general-secretary Heiner Henze failed to win a place on the federation's council at the weekend, the German Athletics Federation (DLV) made a rare public attack on Nebiolo.
The DLV, one of the sport's largest federations, said Henze often spoke his mind. It alleged that the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) chief used unacceptable tactics to influence an EAA vote at a meeting in Paris.
"Heiner Henze was one of the few people who gave his views openly and was capable of constructive criticism in dealings with the IAAF," a DLV statement said.
"Anyone who has criticised Nebiolo in the past is put on his hit list. That such politics can be successful should be a warning to all democrats in sporting organisations."
Nebiolo has been criticised in the past for being too powerful and dictatorial in running athletics. It is rare, however, that one of the IAAF's major federations should attack him on the record.

career with his home state.
Amid euphoric scenes at the Gabba in Brisbane, Queensland lifted the Shield for the first time in the state's history last season, ending a famine that dated back to 1926-27.
Former Australia captain Allan Border, now 40, has provided a further boost by postponing his retirement for another season.
"Allan is still scoring the runs and his fierce competitiveness and experience are a great influence on younger players," Buchanan said.
Queensland are likely to face a stern challenge from New South Wales, Shield champions 42 times, most recently in 1994.
New South Wales open their campaign against Western Australia in Perth in the first fixture of the season, starting on Wednesday.
After finishing fifth in the standing last season, New South Wales appointed former Test fast bowler Geoff Lawson as coach to revive their fortunes.
New South Wales, who provide the bulk of the Australian Test, side, will benefit from an international fixture list that frees Test captain Mark Taylor to play more Shield games for his state.
Taylor will be joined in the state's ranks by fellow Test top order batsmen Michael Slater, Steve Waugh, Mark Waugh and Michael McGrath.
South Australia, losing Shield finalists last season, and Tasmania, who finished bottom on the table, complete the line-up for the six-team competition.
In format changes, more Shield cricket will be played at night this season, with five of the six states hosting day-night matches.



Bangladesh IM Ziaur Rahman pushes his white king up while his Indian counterpart Rahul Shetty planning his next move during their ninth round engagement of the 12th Beximco Q M Hussain International Masters' chess tournament at NSC conference room yesterday. Zia won the match after 45 moves. - Star photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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J N M Z T U A B W A T N T N P M M U
Y R Q N Z Y P E R W R K
F B Y W E I X E F N R Y T
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THE ARTIST WAS CONVICTED OF A BAD CRIME HE CRIED, "I'VE BEEN FRAMED!"
Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals C
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.