

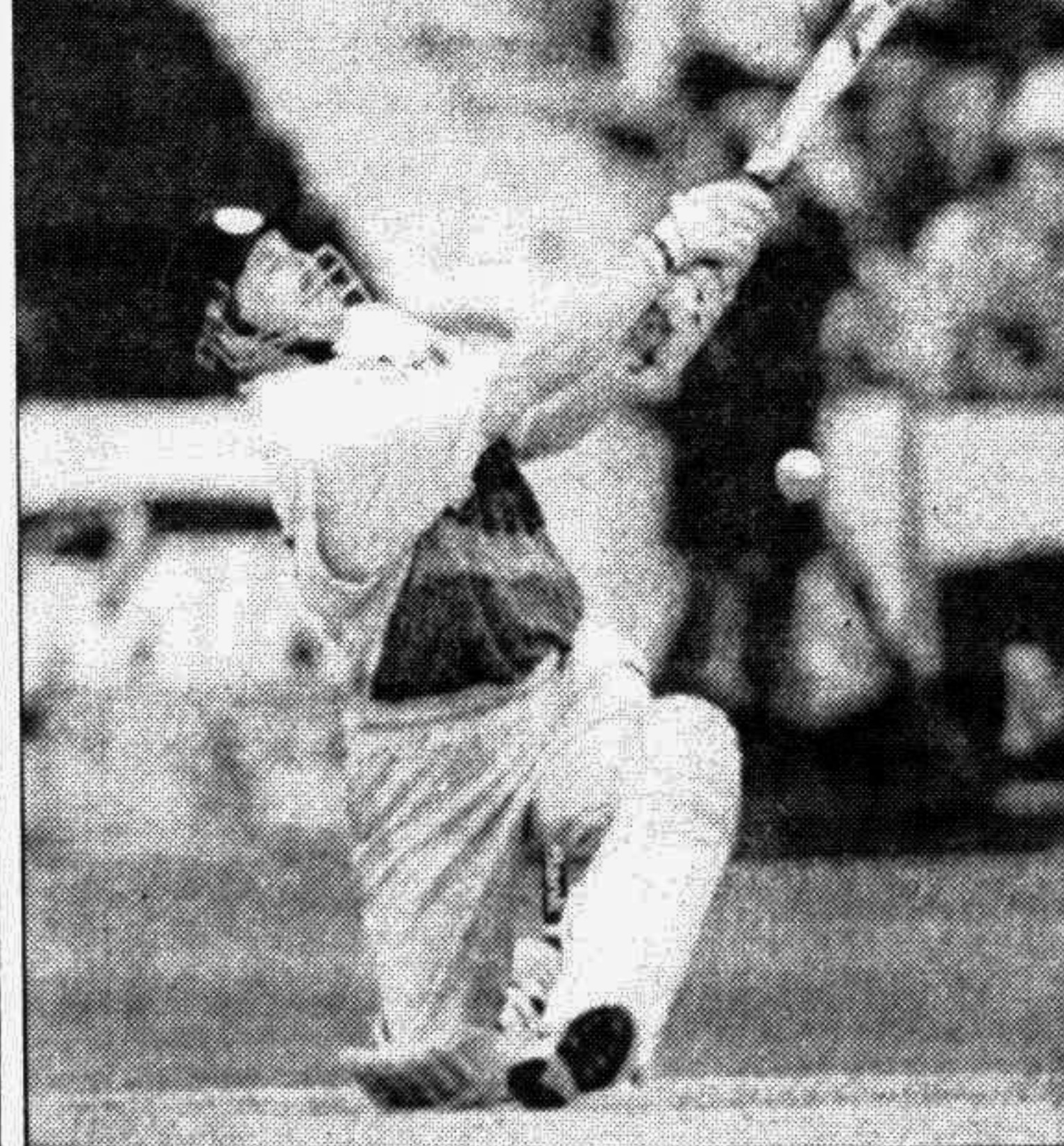
Silverwood's savage spell

WANGANUI, New Zealand, Jan 30: Fast-medium Chris Silverwood grabbed six wickets to day as England bowled out New Zealand A for 181 on the first day of a four-day match. But the tourists lost three top batsmen in a faltering reply, reports Reuter.

South Africa cruise along

CAPE TOWN, Jan 30: South Africa calmly batted their way to a five-wicket victory over Zimbabwe in their limited-overs tri-nation match here Wednesday, effectively securing their berth in the series final, reports AFP.

Opener Gary Kirsten and Andrew Hudson gave the home-side a solid foundation with a partnership of 50, with Kirsten racking up the highest innings total of 55.



OLD IS GOLD: Zimbabwean Dave Houghton, who was declared man-of-the-match for his scintillating half-century against South Africa in a triangular Series match in Cape Town on Jan 29, showed that over-limit cricket is not necessarily a youngmen's game.

Krajicek skips Davis Cup tie

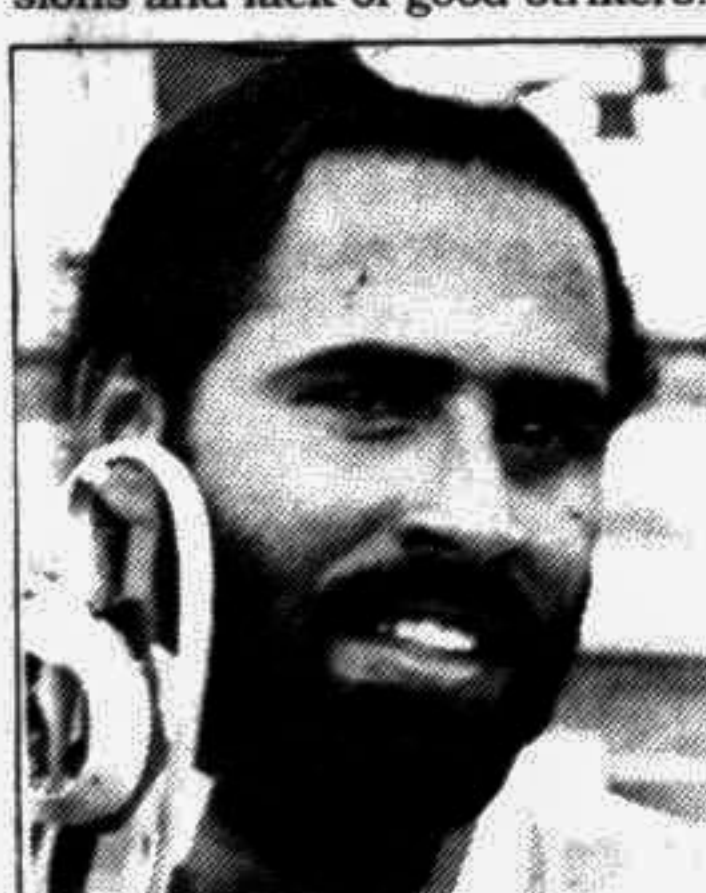
ROTTERDAM, Jan 30: The Netherlands will be without Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek for their Davis Cup World Group first round tie against Romania in Bucharest next week, reports Reuter.

Pargat calls it a day

NEW DELHI, Jan 30: Veteran Indian hockey captain Pargat Singh ended his 14-year-international career Wednesday saying it was time he made way for young blood, reports AFP.

The 32-year-old policeman regarded as one of the finest defenders in the game was India's most experienced international with 313 appearances since his debut in 1983.

He led India in 168 matches and took part in three Olympics and two World Cups.



PARGAT SINGH

"I have played my innings it is time to hang up the boots and make way for youngsters," Pargat said.

"I gave my everything to Indian hockey but go out with the regret that we did not win either the Olympics or the World Cup in my time."

Pargat said India once the masters of the game with eight Olympic titles, had fallen because of poor penalty corner conversions and lack of good strikers.

Let's face it we lag behind in scoring goals, there is good hockey talent around the country but it has to be handled and groomed well.

India's last Olympic gold came in the Western boycotted Moscow Games in 1980. It won the World Cup once in Kuala Lumpur in 1975.

Under Pargat India finished seventh at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics and an all time low of eighth at Atlanta last year.

Pargat said he would like to coach youngsters but his immediate plans after retirement included the launch of a hockey magazine to popularise the game in India.

per Hansie Cronje and later Shaun Pollock, were the more adventurous with the bat and their totals included four and three boundaries respectively.

While Zimbabwe kept the fielding tight, Eddo Brandes' performance was not up to the standard of his five-wicket assault on India on Monday, taking only one wicket at the cost of 51 runs.

Zimbabwe's innings started inauspiciously with opener Grant Flower cleaned bowled for a duck by Pollock in the third ball of the first over.

Grant's older and left-handed brother Andy, wilted after some impressive teamwork between the South African fielders.

The gazelle like Rhodes returned the ball in record time and, although he missed the stumps, Cullinan was able to smash Flower's wicket as he went for the second.

Rhodes, whose performance did not suffer after colliding with a concrete wall in a bid to stop one of Flower's boundaries,

and a draw and India with one defeat and one draw each have one point in the series.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play in the tri-nations limited overs day-night international between Zimbabwe and South Africa at Newlands here Wednesday.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes G Flower b Pollock (50), Waller b Bryson (52), A Flower run out (Cullinan) (13), P Strang c Rhodes b Symcox (11), Evans c and b Pollock (19), Campbell c Rhodes b Cronje (30), Houghton not out (57), Whittall not out (26), Extras: (b-1, lb-4, nb-8, w-5) (18), Total: (For 6 wkts in overs) 226.

Table with 4 columns: Bowling, O, M, R, W. Includes Pollock (10, 0, 50, 2), Bryson (10, 0, 41, 1), Donald (10, 0, 44, 0), Klusener (10, 0, 38, 0), Symcox (4, 0, 16, 1), Cronje (6, 0, 32, 1).

Table with 4 columns: Bowling, O, M, R, W. Includes Brandes (10, 1, 51, 1), Rennie (10, 1, 51, 2), Streak (8, 0, 34, 0), Whittall (8, 0, 42, 1), Strang (7, 0, 26, 0), Evans (4, 0, 21, 0).

Result: South Africa win by five wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Dave Houghton.

Craig bids cricket bye

BRISBANE, Jan 30: Australian fast bowler Craig McDermott retired Thursday from all levels of the sport, acknowledging that he'd rather go out on his terms than continue an injury-prone career, reports AP.

The fast bowler, Australia's second-highest wicket-taker behind Dennis Lillee, struggled to hold back tears when he made the announcement at the Gabba, the ground on which he played much of his career for Queensland.

"I've made a conscious decision, and it hasn't been a decision made lightly, to retire from international cricket as of today," said the 31-year-old McDermott.

"Basically, I'm out of comebacks. I've made four and come back strong each time. But I've lost the will to train as hard as I used to when I was a fat bloke in 1988.

"I didn't want to end my career on a downer-being dropped and not playing Shield cricket, injured in Shield cricket and coming back next year, the knee not coming up, all that sort of stuff. I just didn't want to go through that again.

McDermott made a dream Test debut by bowling out West Indies icon Viv Richards for a duck at the Melbourne Cricket Ground at the age of 19.

After 71 Tests, 67 Sheffield Shield matches and 138 limited-over internationals between 1984 and 1996, McDermott leaves the game second only to Lillee on the Australian Test wicket-takers' honour roll with 291.

Lillee captured 355 wickets in 70 Tests.

"I dare say I don't think I'll be second for too long," said McDermott. "I think a certain blonde-haired leg-spinner



CRAIG MCDERMOTT

(Shane Warne) is going to go whooshing past me at some stage."

McDermott's 203 limited-overs wickets is the best by any Australian bowler.

"At the end of the day, I'd say I had a good career," said McDermott. "I think most players would be pretty happy with that."

McDermott broke down during the opening weeks of Australia's cricket season and has not played since.

He has undergone 12 operations during his career and on five occasions was forced home from tours.

Kluivert, Bogarde to leave Ajax

AMSTERDAM, Jan 30: Dutch soccer internationals Patrick Kluivert and Winston Bogarde will leave Ajax Amsterdam at the end of the season, a club spokesman said Thursday, reports AP.

"They will not extend their contracts which expire at the end of the season," said Ajax spokesman David Endt.

Neither player has said where he plans to play next season.

The departure is another blow dealt to the Amsterdam soccer superpower by the so-called "Bosman ruling," which allows out of contract players free movement inside the European Union.

Since the ruling, the Amsterdam club has lost top players without receiving the multi-million-dollar transfer fees needed to replace them.

Kluivert's price tag, had Ajax sold him while he was still under contract, would have been in the millions of dollars.

But when his contract expires, clubs can snap him up without paying Ajax a transfer fee. The same is true for Bogarde.



Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona (C) joins several other photo journalists in a minute-of-silence in memory of an assassinated photographer Jose Luis Cabezas in Mar Del Plata, Argentina on Jan 29. Cabezas was found handcuffed, shot in the head and incinerated in his car six days ago while on assignment. Police are yet to officially establish a motive for the killing.

Hoddle in a sticky stew

LONDON, Jan 30: Paul Gascoigne is on crutches with his ankle in a cast. Teddy Sheringham, David Platt,

Greame Le Saux, who was sidelined for six months after breaking an ankle while tackling Middlesbrough's Juninho last season.

Shearer likely will team up with fellow Newcastle striker Les Ferdinand on the starting lineup with Arsenal's Ian Wright, scorer of 23 goals this season, and Liverpool's Robbie Fowler, who has netted 19, in reserve. Southampton's Matt Le Tissier is another contender for a striker's role on the squad.

Darren Anderton and Andy Hinchcliffe are definitely out. David Beckham is doubtful.

On Thursday, England coach Glenn Hoddle names his squad for the vital Feb. 12 World Cup game against Italy hoping that the weekend's domestic games won't rob him of more of his stars, reports AP.

The game which will have a major bearing on which country qualifies automatically for the finals by finishing top of Group Two.

Gascoigne, who suffered an ankle injury playing for Glasgow Rangers in a six-a-side competition in Amsterdam on Monday, likely will be named in the squad even though he may not be able to train properly for at least a week.

"I've spoken to Glenn and told him I will be ready for the England match — there's no doubt about it," the former Lazio striker said.

England, nine points from victories over Moldova, Poland and Georgia, leads Italy by three points although the Italians have a game in hand. Neither team has dropped a point so far.

"Monday is vital for me, as I'll see if I'm training Tuesday or Wednesday. Hopefully next Wednesday I'll be kicking a ball."

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SQUAD Goalkeepers: David Seaman (Arsenal), Ian Walker (Tottenham), David James (Liverpool), Tim Flowers (Blackburn).

Along with Hinchcliffe and Sheringham, both were on England's last World Cup lineup who scored a 2-0 victory at Grogger in November. But at least Hoddle can welcome back top striker and team captain Alan Shearer, who missed that game because of injury.

Hoddle can also recall

Defenders: Graeme Southgate (Aston Villa), Stuart Pearce (Nottingham Forest), Graeme Le Saux (Blackburn), Gary Neville (Manchester United), Tony Adams (Arsenal), Sol Campbell (Tottenham), Dominic Matteo (Liverpool).

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Midfielders: Paul Ince (Inter Milan), Paul Gascoigne (Rangers), David Beckham (Manchester United), Steve McManaman (Liverpool), David Batty (Newcastle), Robert Lee (Newcastle), Paul Merson (Arsenal), Nicky Barry (Everton).

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Forwards: Ian Wright (Arsenal), Les Ferdinand (Newcastle), Matt Le Tissier (Southampton), Alan Shearer (Newcastle), Robbie Fowler (Liverpool).

English soccer scene

LONDON, Jan 30: Andy Cole missed two easy chances but made sure of another as defending champions Manchester United scored a 2-1 victory over Wimbledon Wednesday to top of the English Premier league standings, reports AP.

having scored more goals with the two teams level on points and goal difference so that the Merseysiders drop to third.

Welsh international Neville Southall was dropped from the Everton team for the first time since 1982 as manager Joe Royle aimed to end a run of five league losses in a row. The 38-year-old goal keeper had played in a club record 726 times.

Entering the game as substitute, Cole saw Wimbledon go ahead through Chris Perry following a corner in the 61st minute.

In the League Cup, Andy Mutch scored the winner only seconds after entering the game as a substitute as Second Division Stockport upset Premier league Southampton 2-1 to reach the semifinal of a major cup competition for the first time in their 114-year history.

Gary Speed fired Everton ahead after three minutes before Kenny Dalglish's Magpies hit back through Les Ferdinand, Robert Lee, Alan Shearer's penalty and Robbie Elliott.

United striker Ole Gunnar Solskjaer hit the Wimbledon crossbar twice and Eric Cantona did the same once. Cole then shot wide from close range with only the goalkeeper to beat before Ryan Giggs levelled with a header in the 76th minute.

County won the quarterfinal replay at the Dell to earn a last-four game over two legs with star-studded Middlesbrough.

Aston Villa went down 1-0 at home to Sheffield Wednesday at Villa Park where Dwight Yorke's penalty was saved by the visitor's Kevin Pressman and Andy Booth scored Wednesday's winner.

Just seven minutes remained when Cole, who has a reputation for wasting easy goal chance, finally got it right. The ball dropped to him three yards out and even he couldn't miss from there.

After Saints' England star Matt Le Tissier had collected a left wing cross on his chest to fire his team ahead in the eighth minute, County hit back to turn the game around.

Spurs won 2-1 at home to Blackburn, which had not conceded a goal in six games. Norwegian striker Steffen Iversen and Andy Sinton netted for Tottenham and Colin Hendry replied for Rovers.

The result enabled United to move a point clear to Liverpool atop the standings. Alex Ferguson's team has 47 points from 24 games and Liverpool have 46.

And seven minutes from the end Match, seconds after running onto the field, tapped the ball in from only one yard out after Alan Armstrong had broken clear, drawn Beasant off his line and shot goalwards.

While Leeds and Derby tied 0-0 at Elland road, Leicester and Sunderland fought out a 1-1 draw at Filbert Street. David Kelly's cross set up 19-year-old Darren Williams for his first goal for the Sunderland. But Leicester levelled through Gary Parker's penalty in the 32nd minute for handball by Dariusz Kubicki.

Arsenal, who kicked off 15 minutes earlier, went top for a short period by scoring a 2-1 victory at relegation-threatened West Ham.

It was another giant-killing act for Stockport, who had knocked Premier league West Ham and Blackburn out of the competition. And it was another upset for Saints, which was ousted from the FA Cup by Division One Reading.

In other Premier League games, Newcastle came from behind to score a 4-1 victory over Everton.

Ian Wright's 24th goal of the season was the Gunners' winner at Upton Park after an own goal by Arsenal defender Matthew Rhodes had cancelled out Ray Parlour's early strike.

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The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Friday 31st January (All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programmes) BTV Morning Session 8:00am Opening Announcement Al Quran Programme summary 8:10 News in Bangla 9:00 Pictorial 9:30 Sports 9:10 Description 9:40 Jao Kids 10:00 The News 10:05 Natun Kuri 11:30 Open University 12:30 Programme summary of the evening session Closing down Evening Session 2:30 Opening announcement Al Quran Programme summary 2:40 Recitation from the Tripitak 3:00 Bangla Feature Film 3:10 News in Bangla 5:20 Mahe Ramadan 6:00 Picket Fences 6:50 Open University 7:00 The News 7:25 Malancha: Modern Songs 8:00 News in Bangla 8:45 Drama of the week 10:00 News in English 10:25 The X-Files 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Saturday's programme summary 11:40 Close down

BBC 06:00 BBC World News 06:10 BBC Newsnight 07:00 BBC Newsroom in World Business Report/Asia Today 24 Hours 10:00 BBC World Headlines 10:05 World Focus: Troubleshooter Returns 11:00 BBC Newsday 02:00 BBC World Headlines 02:05 World Focus: Troubleshooter Returns 03:30 Time Out: The Clothes Show 04:00 BBC Newsdesk 06:00 BBC World Headlines 06:05 World Focus: Everyman 07:00 BBC World News 07:15 World Business Report 07:30 BBC Newsday Asia & Pacific 08:30 Time Out: Tomorrow's World 09:00 BBC World Headlines 09:05 World Focus: Troubleshooter Returns 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Time Out: Holiday 11:30 Time Out: Top Gear 12:00 The World Today 02:00 BBC World Headlines 02:05 World Focus: Troubleshooter Returns 03:00 BBC World News 03:30 Time Out: Film-97 04:00 BBC World Report inc. World Business Report/24 Hours 05:00 BBC World

CHANNEL V 6:30am Frame by Frame 7:00 Rewind VJ Sophia 8:00 Frame by Frame 9:00 Jump Start VJ Alessandra 10:00 Frame by Frame 11:00 The Vibe VJ Luke 12:00 noon Revival VJ Sophia 1:00 By Demand VJ Trey 2:00 Frame by Frame 2:30 First Day First Show 3:00 Videocon Flashback 3:30 Soul Curry 4:00 Planet Ruby 4:30 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 6:00pm Billboard US Countdown 8:00 The Vibe VJ Luke 9:00 The Indian Top 10 10:00 First Day First Show 10:30 The Ticket 11:00 V Spot 12:30am Big Bang VJ Alessandra 1:00 Haysah 2:00 Over Edge VJ Sophia 3:00 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 4:30 Top Of The Pops 5:30 The Ride

STAR PLUS 6:00am Ninasad 7:30 STAR News 8:00 SKY Business News 8:30 STAR News 9:00 SKY News inc. World Business Report/24 Hours

ZEE TV 05:30 Surtaal 06:00 The News 06:30 Jagran 07:00 ZED 08:30 Aap Ki Adalat 09:00 Health Cement Aashiana 09:30 Gaane Anjane 10:00 Neslita Jhatpat Khana 10:30 Akbar Bahal 11:00 Sur Tal 11:30 Parampara 12:00 Shakti 12:30 TMM 02:30 Tara 03:00 Raahat 03:30 Lijjat Khana Khazana 04:00 Lakme Khoobsurat 04:30 Low Calorie Show 05:00 ZED 05:30 Casper Kya Scene Hai 06:00 Daak Ghar Apna Ghar 06:30 Bournvita Quiz Contest 07:00 Gaane Anjane 07:30 Raahat 8:00 V3+ Zara Si Jhalak 08:30 Close Up Antakshri 09:00 Philips Top Ten 10:30 The News 11:00 Kodak Klick Klick 11:30 Mast Mast Hai Zindagi 12:00 Banegi Apne Baat 12:30 Styaram Cine Magic 01:00 Chukki Baja Ke 01:30 Gharvika Ki Ummed 02:00 Manasi/Siyaram Cine Magic 2:30 TMM 4:00 9 Malabar Hill 4:30 Campus 05:00 Jagran

EL TV 06:30 Tarana Aur Fasane 7:30 Party Time 8:30 Jugal Jodi 9:30 Jabbaat 10:30 Fal Or Fit 11:00 Hafta Hafta 11:30 Gambler 12:00 Abhineti 12:30 Talash 01:00 Bangla Serial 02:00 Kishor Kumar Special 03:00 Karm (Serial) 03:30 Purush Kshetra 04:30 Chalo Cinema 05:00 Naam Gum Jayega 05:30 Guza Hua Zamana 06:30 Young Buzz 08:30 Monoranjan 09:00 Ru-ba-ru 09:30 Bida Belawan Bhawan 10:00 Akanksha 10:30 Hindi Feature Film 01:30 Special: Songs 2:30 Ched Chad

PTV 08:00 TILAWAT AUR TARJUMA/ HAM/NAAT 08:20 BOLTAY HAATH 08:35 Sada-E-Kashmir 09:10 DASTAR KHWAAN 09:35 Karb (serial) 11:00 KHABRAIN 11:15 English Film: 11:45 Sports Prog. 02:02

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ZEE CINEMA 6:45 Songs 07:00 Rahu Ketu 0:00 Movies Masti Magic 9:30 Bhuchal (Krishna Malik, Kirti Singh) 12:15 Returns 12:30 Aakhri Nisachay (Shekhar Sunam, Sadhana) 3:15 Hi Hi Hi Hi 3:45 Greh Pravesh (Sanjeev Kumar, Sharmila Tagore) 6:30 Ithavide Van (Mal) 9:15 Cinema Cinema 9:30 Box Office 10:00 Kismet (B/W) (Ashok Kumar) 12:45 Dada 302 (Randhir Kapoor, Rekha) 3:30 Zandu Film Bastein 4:00 Night in London (Biswajit, Mala Sinha)