

# Third one-dayer tied

**NAPIER, New Zealand.** Feb 26: New Zealand and England played to a rare tie Wednesday in the third-limited overs cricket international at McLean Park, reports AP.

The home side failed to take advantage of ideal batting conditions and were dismissed for 237, but they then restricted the visitors to 237 for eight in reply in the day-night contest.

The tie means England cannot be beaten in the five-match series. The tourists went into the game with a 2-0 lead.

With Darren Gough at the wicket, England took a bye from the last ball to pull level with the Kiwis.

Graham Thorpe steered the England innings with a dashing 55 from 61 balls after New Zealand all-rounder Chris Harris took three for 20 from 10 overs and left the tourists struggling on 127 for five.

When Thorpe was dismissed at 174, Craig White and Dominic Cork took England to the brink of victory with a stand worth 58 runs for the seventh wicket.

White, who had earlier taken four for 37, was run out for 39 attempting a second leg bye from the third ball of an incident-packed final over bowled by Geoff Allott.

Robert Croft then smashed the first ball he received over mid-wicket for four, leaving England needing just two runs from the final two balls.

Croft, however, was bowled by the penultimate ball and Allott's final delivery beat Gough—only for Cork to race through for the bye as New Zealand skipper Lee Germon's underarm throw missed the stumps.

New Zealand earlier squandered an excellent start and was bowled out in the final one of its 50 overs.

Opening batsman Nathan Astle peeled off a string of boundaries with crunching strokes but at 34—off 32 balls—he miscued fast-medium paceman Gough's third ball of the innings to pop up a simple catch.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in third one-day cricket international between New Zealand and England.

### NEW ZEALAND

	O	M	R	W
Doull	9	0	53	1
Allott	9	2	50	2
Davis	10	0	40	0
Harris	10	3	20	3
Larsen	10	0	50	1
Astle	2	0	19	0
Did not bat: A Caddick				

Score: (b-11, w-4, nb-4) 19 Total: (49.4 overs) 237 Fall of wickets: 1-50; 2-103; 3-125; 4-140; 5-145; 6-178; 7-191; 8-233; 9-234.

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### Bowling:

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Result: Match tied.

First match: England won by four wickets.

Second match: England by six wickets.

Fourth match: March 1. Auckland.

Fifth match: March 4. Wellington.

## Shearer sidelined

**NEWCASTLE, England.** Feb 26: The world's costliest player Alan Shearer had his third operation on nine months on Tuesday and will

miss Newcastle UEFA Cup quarterfinal tie against Monaco next week, reports Reuter.

"He's been feeling some discomfort for the last three weeks and the only thing that can be done is to operate again," spokesman Graham Courtney said.

## St Gregory's sports meet

The annual athletic meet of St Gregory's High School will be held tomorrow at 9:00 am on its own field, says a press release.

ASM Shahjahan, Secretary, Ministry of Youth and Sports, will inaugurate the meet as the chief guest.

Besides, the victory also kept him second in the 14-man table along with Indian IM Praveen

Shipsay, half a point behind British GM Jim Plaskett who earned a solo lead yesterday after defeating IM Dmitri Kaimov of Uzbekistan.

Zia and Plaskett apart, IM Reefat-bin-Sattar beat GM Malisauskas of Lithuania while Kays Hasen edged past Saifuddin Lovlu and earned full points.

The day's other three matches — GM Niaz Mursheed against IM Devaki Prasad of India, GM Sergei Tiviakov of Russia versus IM Shipsay of Hungary vs IM Saidali of Uzbekistan, ended in full draws.

Today is a rest day.

STANDINGS

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points — Zia, Shipsay; 4.5

points — Reefat, Prasad, Dung; 4

points — Niaz; 3.5 points —

Szekely, Tiviakov, Malisauskas; 3 points — Saidali; 2

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