

Eng-Trinidad match drawn

POINT-À-PIERRE, Trinidad, Feb 3: Phil Simmons, captaining Trinidad and Tobago in the absence of Brian Lara, guided his side to a draw in their two-day match against England on Monday, reports Reuters.

At 92 for five after three wickets had fallen in 15 deliveries, Trinidad had been in danger of following on.

But Simmons put on 115 for the sixth wicket with Lincoln Roberts (60) to ensure Trinidad drew the game with plenty to spare.

The match ended when they were all out for 278 in reply to England's 351.

It was clear from the outset that Simmons, who top-scored with 78 not out, had no intention of giving England's players any help three days before the start of two back-to-back Tests at Queens Park Oval.

England captain Mike Atherton was able to give off-spinner Robert Croft a long spell but he was made to work hard for his two successes. He finished with a two for 84 from 31 overs.

The bowlers had held the whip hand in the morning session. Andrew Caddick took the first two wickets, Angus Fraser grabbed one with his second ball and Dean Headley two in successive overs.

Coach David Lloyd said: "We have had a fine preparation for the second and third Tests. What happened in Jamaica was a disruption for all of us but now it is back to business as usual."

The first Test in Kingston was abandoned after an hour's play because of a dangerous pitch.

Easy win for Zimbabwe

TAUPO, New Zealand, Feb 3: Zimbabwe cruised to a comfortable eight-wicket victory against the New Zealand Academy 11 in a limited-overs cricket match today, reports Reuters.

SCORES: NZ Academy 193 all out in 48.3 overs. Zimbabwe 195 for two wickets in 36.5 overs.

Simpson to arrive in India soon

MUMBAI, Feb 3: Former Australian captain Bob Simpson is scheduled to reach here before February 15 to commence his work as a consultant to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

"He has indicated that he would be in India before the 15th of this month," BCCI secretary J. V. Lele told PTI here today.

The BCCI's working committee decided to seek Simpson's help as a consultant in improving the Indian team's performance.

But details of the contract, especially the terms and conditions, were to be thrashed out before Simpson would sign the document, it was learnt.

Significantly, it was on the report of Simpson, who was match referee for last November-December's three-Test series between India and Sri Lanka, that the action of Rajesh Chauhan came under scrutiny of the technical committee of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

Mark skips Davis Cup

MELBOURNE, Feb 3: Mark Philippoussis has ruled himself out of selection for Australia's Davis Cup campaign in 1998, team captain John Newcombe said today, reports AFP.

Big-serving Philippoussis, ranked 17 in the world, will be absent for the first round World Group tie against Zimbabwe at home between April 3-5.

"Mark has decided not to play Davis Cup this year," Newcombe said in a statement released by ruling body Tennis Australia.

"He advised he wishes to spend more time with his family when he's not playing on the (ATP) Tour," Newcombe said.

Hosts clinch the series

Mark stands in SA's way



ADELAIDE, Feb 3: Controversy marred the drawn third cricket Test between Australia and South Africa on Tuesday after skipper Hansie Cronje felt the home side's



POLLOCK ... p-o-m

Mark Waugh should have been given out hit wicket, reports AP. Waugh scored a match-saving unbeaten 115 and shared a nervous 24 minutes with Shane Warne to force the dramatic draw and win the series 1-0.

Australia, set to make 361 to win, were 227 for seven at the end.

Waugh, who masterminded Australia's salvage operation in a 404-minute stay, was felled by a Shaun Pollock bouncer in the seventh of the 15 mandatory overs in the final hour.

As he staggered towards square leg, Waugh hit the stumps with the bat. The South Africans appealed for hit wicket.

It was referred to the TV umpire Steve Davis, who gave Waugh not out under law 35.1. a. But the South Africans, Cronje in particular, refused to accept the decision and argued the issue with umpires Steve Randell and New Zealand Doug Cowie.

The South Africans were furious after what they thought was a genuine case of a hit wicket being turned down.

"Mate, if someone gets hit on the head and is bit wobbly and walks on the stumps he is out, that's what I think," Cronje said later. "Nothing more than that—that's all I want to say about it."

But Australian skipper Mark Taylor said the umpires had ruled properly.

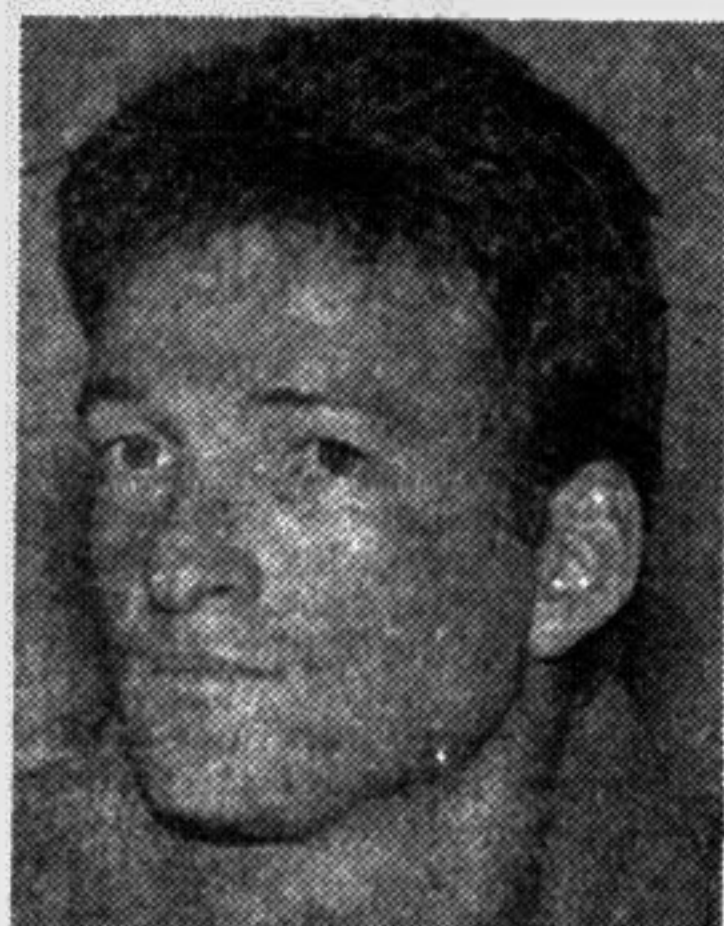
"I think they interpreted the rule correctly," Taylor said.

Waugh was heard on the on-field microphone saying to the umpires: "I lost the bat after the shot."

Waugh later added: "I completed the shot... I thought I was walking away."

Australia won the second Test in Sydney by an innings and 21 runs and drew the first

Test in Melbourne. It was Australia's ninth straight series win under skipper Mark Taylor. Australia have beaten England, West Indies and South Africa twice each and Pakistan, Sri Lanka and New Zealand.



MARK WAUGH ... 115 n.o.

Waugh held back his natural exuberance as he lived a charmed life and survived a dramatic last hour to see Australia safely through.

South Africa played the ultimate price for dropping 10 catches in the match, five in each innings.

Waugh was dropped three times as he scored his 13th century in his 75th Test.

It was the second time Waugh has come to Australia's rescue to win a series against South Africa.

Waugh scored a brave 116 in Port Elizabeth, South Africa in 1996-97 as Australia won by two wickets to take the series on a dodgy pitch. He batted for 328 minutes on the last day in South Africa and it stood as his longest innings until Tuesday.

"It will be very hard to split the two innings," Waugh said of the two batting heroes. He hit 16 boundaries off 305 balls.

Resuming the day on 32 for two, Waugh lost his overnight partner Greg Blewett 47 minutes into the morning and Australia was 54 for three.

But Waugh, with the help of his twin Steve (34) and Ricky Ponting (23), soaked up four hours in two separate stands to gradually put the game beyond South Africa's grasp.

Cronje said it was difficult to go home empty-handed after having put in 2 1-2 months of hard work.

"It is very frustrating," Cronje said. "We had the better of Australia in this match. We could have done with some of those catches."

It was South Africa's second series loss to Australia under Cronje and the skipper felt he might not get another chance.

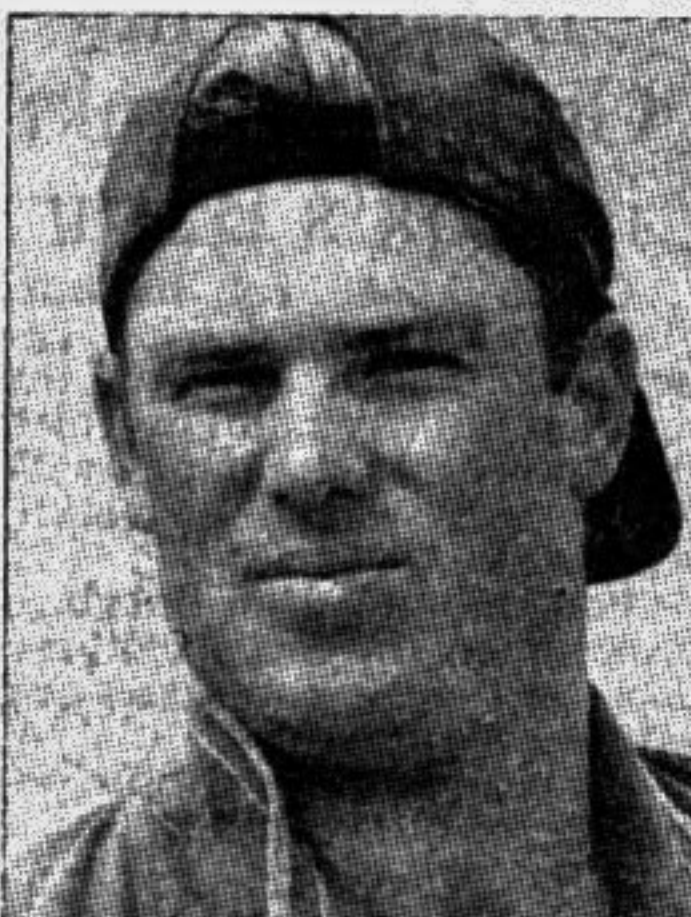
"For people like Pat (Symcox) and me, it hurts because I don't think we'll get another

chance to beat Australia here."

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the end of the fifth and final day of the Adelaide Test between Australia and South Africa on Tuesday:

SOUTH AFRICA: First in-



WARNE ... p-o-s

nings 517

AUSTRALIA: First innings 350

SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings 193 for six dec

AUSTRALIA: (overnight 32 for two)

Elliott c Richardson b Pollock 4
Taylor b Klusener 6
Blewett b Pollock 16
M Waugh not out 115
S Waugh c Richardson b Klusener 34
Ponting c Symcox b Klusener 23
Healy c Richardson b Kallis 10
Bichel b Klusener 7
Warne not out 8
Extras: (nb-6, b-2) 8

Total: (for seven wickets in 108.4 overs) 227

Fall of wickets: 1-6: 2-17: 3-54: 4-112: 5-185: 6-202: 7-215

Bowling: O M R W

Pollock 30.4 12 61 2

Klusener 30 10 67 4

Kallis 16 10 20 1

Symcox 18 2 42 0

McMillan 13 2 33 0

Cronje 1 0 2 0

Result: Match drawn. Australia win three-Test series 1-0.

First Test: Melbourne Test drawn.

Second Test: Australia won the second Test in Sydney by an innings and 21 runs.

Player-of-the-match: Shaun Pollock

Player-of-the-series: Shane Warne

Celtic beat Aberdeen

LONDON, Feb 3: Celtic took a 3-1 victory Monday over Aberdeen to move level on points with Rangers and Hearts atop the Scottish Premier Division, reports AP.

David Ross won game, Aberdeen a 1-0 lead in the 8th minute, but Celtic rebounded with strikes from Morten Wieghorst in the 21st, Henrik Larsson in the 35th and Darren Jackson in the 82nd.

Pakistan win tour opener

KIMBERLEY, Feb 3 (Reuters/AFP): Pakistan beat Griqualand West by 307 runs on the final day of their four-day match at the Kimberley Country Club today.

Earlier on Monday, fast bowler Waqar Younis captured two wickets for seven runs as Pakistan finished the third day firmly in the driving seat.

Griqualand requiring a massive 417 runs to win, needed only to see out 10 overs in their second innings before the end of the day but ended up losing three wickets for only nine runs.

Younis grabbed two while seamer Mohammed Akram picked up one for two on a pitch playing with increasingly low bounce.

In all, 16 wickets fell and 240 runs were scored on Monday, underlining Pakistan's dominance in the first game of their 13-week tour of South Africa and neighbouring Zimbabwe.

Griqualand, resuming on 203 for seven overnight in their first innings, were quickly skittled out for 218 as leg spinner Mushtaq Ahmed picked up another two wickets to give him figures of six for 63 in 27.4 overs.

Leading by 200 runs on the first innings after their mammoth 418 for eight declared, the Pakistanis opted for batting practice in their second innings.

Opener Aamir Sohail posted a workmanlike 61 (144 balls, 197 minutes), before he became medium pacer Loots Bosmans first first-class wicket.

Bosmans went on to add the wickets of Saqlain Mushtaq and Mohammed Akram in his third over to finish with the fine figures of three for 25 in nine steady overs.

After Sohail's dismissal, wickets fell at regular intervals as the tourists reached 152 for eight before a limping Inzamam-ul-Haq was forced to enter the fray despite injuring his knee on Friday.

Batting without a runner, the big man, together with Mohammad Wasim (31), added 64 runs for the ninth wicket in an hour. Inzamam ended 46 not out off 46 balls including two sixes and two fours.

Scores: Pakistan 418 for eight dec and 216 for nine dec; Griqualand West 218 and 109.

Martina in familiar company

TOKYO, Feb 3: Top seeded Martina Hingis misses the chance to play Steffi Graf when she defends her Toray Pan Pacific Open tennis crown this week, but she is lined up to clash with Majoli who shattered her Grand Slam hopes last year, reports AFP.

Graf, who pulled out of a long-awaited final against Hingis here last year after aggravating a left knee injury, withdrew from the Tokyo event on Friday as the knee flared up again.

"I would love to play her again," said Hingis, who at 17 years four months and one day became the youngest player to defend a Grand Slam title at the Australian Open last weekend.

Hingis, also the doubles winner in Australia with Mirjana Lucic of Croatia, will play either Lucic or Elena Likhovtseva of Russia in the second round of the \$26,250-dollar WTA event after a first-round bye.

Her probable quarterfinal opponent is likely to be Dutch power server Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, the seventh seed.

Also in the same half of the draw as Hingis are sixth seed Anke Huber of Germany, whom she thrashed in the Australian Open semifinal, and Majoli the fourth seed.

Croatian Majoli, the 1996 champion who tipped Hingis out of the French Open last year, crashed to a humiliating 6-0, 6-2 defeat to Tamarine Tanasugarn in Australia, but she has a chance to avenge her loss if the Thai player can beat her in the first round.

A field of 28 will take part in the competition, vying for the winner's check of \$50,000 dollars on the artificial indoor courts at the Tokyo metropolitan gymnasium.



CHAMPION UNIT: Jubilant Australian cricketers huddle together after their Test series victory over South Africa at Adelaide yesterday. —AP/UNB photo

OPINION

Cricket: The Independence Cup

Mohammed Ali Sattar

At the outset, I sincerely grieve at the early elimination of home side from the tournament. I also grieve at the pathetic display of our boys. They have once again broken our hearts. They caused hiccups to the Indians and panicked before the Pakistanis. One should still feel shy to greet Aminul Islam for his magnificent batting against the Indians. To rest of the team, better luck next time.

This writing is intended to focus on the performance of the two arch-rivals — India and Pakistan.

Much has already been said and written about the thrill and excitement that Indo-Pak matches generate. In fact, Indo-Pak encounter anywhere in the world, is considered the most popular (crowd pulling) duel in present day cricket. I reckon, the once famous "Ashes" clash (between England and Australia) has long been overshadowed by Indo-Pak encounters. Though many conventional pundits may not agree with me, I, for one, take particular interest when these two teams meet. Fortunately, these days we are able to watch most of the matches live. Thanks to who-ever is making it possible.

THE FIRST FINAL: The first final, where India beat Pakistan, was not at all exciting to say the least. India dominated the whole affair and that too with flair. The rejuvenated Indian team, under their newly appointed skipper Azharuddin, appeared to have found their rhythm back. The team were all charged up. The team work was impressive, though not outstanding.

Tendulkar scored a brilliant 95 with his usual aggression. His magnificent innings once again proved that he is basically a stroke-player.

Rashid Latif should have decided to bat second. The moving conditions seemed to have favoured the bowlers. The captain of a team should do justice to his boys by allowing them to perform.

Saeed Anwar and Shahid Afridi did not (or could not) play their usual game. They were forced to defend by some accurate bowling by Srinath and Mohanty. The morning wicket was indeed bowler friendly. Predictably, Pakistan could not cross the 220 mark.

THE SECOND FINAL: In the second final, it was the other way round. Everything went wrong for India. Azhar won the toss and elected to bat first. That was a blunder. (I would have easily opted to bowl first), Pakistan, on the day was super. They must have done their homework quite seriously

and managed to execute it successfully.

The early departure of Sachin (being bowled out by a beautiful delivery by Azhar Mahmud) had, in fact, sealed India's fate. Only Azharuddin managed a fight back with a defiant 66. Pakistan fielded exceptionally well on the day. India were bundled out for a paltry 189.

Fighting a do or die battle, Pakistan started their innings with a positive frame of mind. Though the opening choice was wrong, Shahid Afridi shouldn't have been sent to open in this match, which was so very crucial for Pakistan.

It was again Saeed Anwar in my opinion the FINEST batsman in the world, who signalled victory Pakistan. I believe, and strongly so, that if Saeed Anwar plays with his head down and refrains from going after everything on the offstick, he can score a hundred in every game. He has the ability, he has the talent.

Aamir Sohail scored a useful thirty-six off 56 deliveries, a sensible knock, but a half-hearted drive cost him his valuable wicket. Inzamamul Haque, the mighty man, who is now the mainstay of the Pak middle order, sealed the match for Pakistan scoring 40 valuable runs with the help of three huge sixes and number of fours.

THE THIRD FINAL: Neither of the teams actually deserved to lose. But one has to lose in one-dayers. India emerged as "great winners" and Pakistan "honorable losers."

Pakistan batted first, and my conviction came true, Saeed Anwar batted with patience and scored a brilliant 140. What really puts him above Sachin and Lara is that he is equally strong on both sides of the wicket. His flamboyant display makes batting look easy against any attack, pace or spin. I would like to ask the pundits whether they would unanimously agree that Saeed Anwar is now the best batsman in the world. To me, he stands above Sachin Tendulkar, Brian Lara, Steve Waugh and Aravinda de Silva. The other opening batsman, Shahid Afridi once again went cheaply.

Ijaz Ahmed, another powerful hitter of the ball, joined Saeed in the middle, after Afridi's departure. They played sensible cricket, but slowed down the run rate a bit. However, Pakistan amassed 314 for the loss of only 5 wickets in their 48 overs.

Many sensed a Pak victory, even before the Indian innings got off. The Pakistan strategy, if

there was any, to send Sachin or Ganguly packing early, did not work. The Pak opening bowlers, reverted to their senseless bowling, pitching mostly on the off or just outside offsticks. They shouldn't have forgotten that they were bowling against brilliant off side players. How the Indian batsmen clobbered the Pakistani bowlers was indeed a treat. Shots were flowing as runs came by with unexpected ease. Tendulkar's departure did not change anything. Left handed Robin Singh, an on side hitter of the ball, came in only to deepen the woes of Pak bowlers. If you have a closer look, you will find that it was Robin Singh who made the difference.

He stayed on, longer than one really expected him to. He hammered a fine innings of 83. It was indeed a shame for Pakistan that they could not take his wicket early on. He was dropped many a time and on one occasion, the captain Rashid Latif failed to stump him out. Robin Singh's innings was very useful, but clumsily played. Rashid Latif should have conferred with the senior members of his team to work out an instant strategy to get Robin out. This shouldn't have been hard. For he is not the likes of Tendulkar, Azharuddin or Ganguly.

Azhar's decision to send him at number 3 has been the best decision of the day. Many things happened, dropped catches, mis-fieldings, inaccurate throws and the ongoing slog. And then came the "bad light" affect. It halted proceedings for a short while. Tension mounted in the middle, as both the teams were equally poised. Eventually, it turned out to be a day-night affair from a 'day-light' start.

Things might have been different, if Wasim Akram had been playing. The two Indian opening pair, can consider themselves a little lucky not to have encountered Wasim and Waqar (particularly Wasim) in the opening spell. Pakistan selectors should learn from this. You should not drop key players from the squad on flimsy grounds. Look at the Indian selectors. They have, though, belatedly shown a degree of maturity by reappointing Azharuddin as the captain. Azhar has shown his mettle. They should now allow Azhar to continue till he quits.

India took the trophy by their sensational victory over arch-rivals Pakistan, but the ultimate winner was 'Cricket.'

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The Daily Star TV Guide

Wednesday 4th February

(All programmes are in local time but subject to last minute change)

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Business Report 5:00 The World
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Clothes Show 6:30 BBC World
News 7:00pm 7:30pm
World News 8:00 World Focus:
Reporters 8:30 BBC World News
9:00 World Living: The Travel
Show 9:30 The World Today
11:00 Hard Talk 11:30 BBC
World News 12:00pm World Focus:
The Money Programme
12:30 BBC World News inc Business
Report 1:00 World Living:
The Travel Show 1:30 BBC
World News inc Report & 24
Hours 3:30 BBC World Headlines
3:45 USA Direct 4:00 World
Living: The Travel Show 4:30
BBC World News inc World
Business Report 5:24 Hours

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BBC World News 9:00 Hard
Talk 9:30 The World Today
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- South Africa 11:30 BBC World
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Reporters 12:30 BBC World News
1:00 Hard Talk 1:30 BBC World
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Encounters 4:00 Turn On TV
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Ranvir 8:30 Turn on TV 9:30
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STAR PLUS

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La La 10:30 Ek Din Ek Jeevan
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
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12:30 Santa Barbara 1:30 Her-
beat 2:30 The Bold & The
Beautiful 3:30 Wednesday Mat-
inee Gujarati Film Percy 5:00
The Wonder Years 5:30 Small
Wonder 6:00pm Tu Tu Main Main
6:30 Reporter 7:00 Aawaz 7:30
Star News Hindi 8:00 Ashok
Masale Meri Pasand 8:30 Daal
Main Kaele 9:00 Yeh Hai Raaz
9:30 STAR News 10:00 A World
Apart 11:00m Mewar 10:30
The X Files 11:30 Aawaz 12:30
The Bold & The Beautiful 12:30
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A Law 2:30m Duo South 3:30m
Vegas 4:30 The Oprah Winfrey
Show 5:30 21 Jump Street

STAR MOVIES

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11:30 Action: City on Fire 15
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Rising Sun 15 3:30 Adventure:
15:30 Horror Rabbid 15:00 Ex-
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My Darling Clementine PG
(Hindi Subtitles) 9:30 The Movie
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Wiest Edward Scissorhands 12
(Hindi Subtitles) 12:00 Double
Bill: Dianne Wiest The Scout 15
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Comedy: Nine Months 15 5:30
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World Cup 1:00 Trans World
Sport 2:00 Thai Kick Boxing 3:00
Inside The PGA Tour 3:30 Whit-
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Boating 4:00 The Road To
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cer: World Cup Hall of Fame 9:30

Pro-Box 3:00 Motorsports: Max Power

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8:45 MANSOORBAJAAT
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MILLAH 1:15 Drama Serial 2:00
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World 4:35 How Things Work
5:00 YEH MUMUK IN HAE 5:25
HAMARA SEHAAT 5:55 Kitab
Guz 6:25 AJOU COURSES 7:00
Tarunam 7:05 Felix The Cat
(cartoon) 7:30 Show The Games
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Blue (series) 12:45 Khas

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