

Sport

Pak hockey forward pulls out

Star Sport Monitor
Pakistan received a pre-series jolt when star forward Mohammad Shahbaz voluntarily pulled out of the Indian leg of the 4-match hockey tourney on fitness grounds, according to reports of the Pakistani newspapers.

Srikanth on Simpson affair

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Despite India's first Test triumph against Australia last week, helped by a distinguished Aussie advisor, the manager of India's second string cricket team is not pleased with the foreigner's appointment.



SRIKANTH

We don't need Bob Simpson as an advisor on our cricket affairs. India has several good cricketers who can prove to be better coaches than their foreign counterparts, Krishna-machari Srikanth said in an interview with a Pakistan newspaper Monday.

Dashing former opener and manager of the India 'A' team, which is now touring Pakistan, was not pleased with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)'s decision to appoint Simpson as an adviser in a bid to improve the standard of Indian cricketers.

frequent exchanges in Canada and Sharjah. "Too many matches render the rivalry as dreary."

On the controversy of match-fixing hounding some Pakistan players, the former Indian captain responded diplomatically. "This degradation should stop. I don't think a cricketer like Wasim Akram would stoop to that level," he

Pakistan in trouble

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Mar 16: Pakistan lost five wickets in the morning session of the third day and their thoughts of winning the first Test against Zimbabwe turned Monday to saving it, reports AP.

Pakistan slumped from 77 from one overnight to 159-6 at lunch today, the top order failing with some careless shots.

None of them got going after building good platforms. Ali Naqvi was caught in the slips for 27, to be followed shortly afterwards by Ijaz Ahmed with 23. He was unhappy about being given out caught by wicket-keeper Andy Flower.

LATEST

BULAWAYO, Mar 16: Zimbabwe, leading Pakistan by 65 runs in first innings, were 15 for two in their second innings at the close of play on the third day of the first Test at Queen's Sports Club today, reports Reuters.

Scores: Zimbabwe 321 and 15-2, Pakistan 256 (Younis Youhana 60; Guy Whittall 4-63). Inzamamul Haq was beautifully caught and bowled by Paul Strang for 24 and then Moin Khan spooned a soft catch to the covers off Guy Whittall after making 12.

Before the Pakistan team could catch their breath, Strang trapped Azhar Mahmood in front with a googly before he had scored. After scoring three Test centuries recently much was expected of him. But he went second hand.

It was frustrating for Pakistan to see none of their batsmen get going. Much now depends upon the inexperienced Younis Youhana, who is one 28, and skipper Rashid Latif on seven, to close the gap on Zimbabwe's first innings total of 321. Youhana is looking comfortable and he can now play an important innings for his country.

Pakistan is still 162 runs behind with just four wickets standing and there is much to do to save the match. Zimbabwe's Guy Whittall, Paul Strang and Mpuemele Mbanga have taken two wickets each but it was Grant Flower's undefeated 156 yesterday which set up Zimbabwe for this commanding situation.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at lunch on the third day of the first cricket Test between Zimbabwe and Pakistan at the Queen's Club on Monday:

Table with columns for ZIMBABWE and PAKISTAN, listing batsmen, runs, and bowlers with figures.

Khulna cricket

KHULNA, Mar 16: Khulna Wanderers Club moved into the final of the AB Bank Siraj Smriti cricket tournament defeating Mohammedan Sporting Club by two wickets at the local stadium today, reports BSS.

Meril football

PABNA, Mar 16: Ishurdi Thana Krira Sangstha defeated Munsaga Smriti Sangstha of Barat by two goals to nil in the second match of the Meril First Division football league tournament today at Pabna Stadium.

Title goes to Marcelo

INDIAN WELLS, California, Mar 16: Marcelo Rios subdued Britain's Greg Rusedski in four sets here Sunday to lift the ATP Tour Champions' Cup, a victory that will boost him to No 3 in the world rankings, reports AFP.

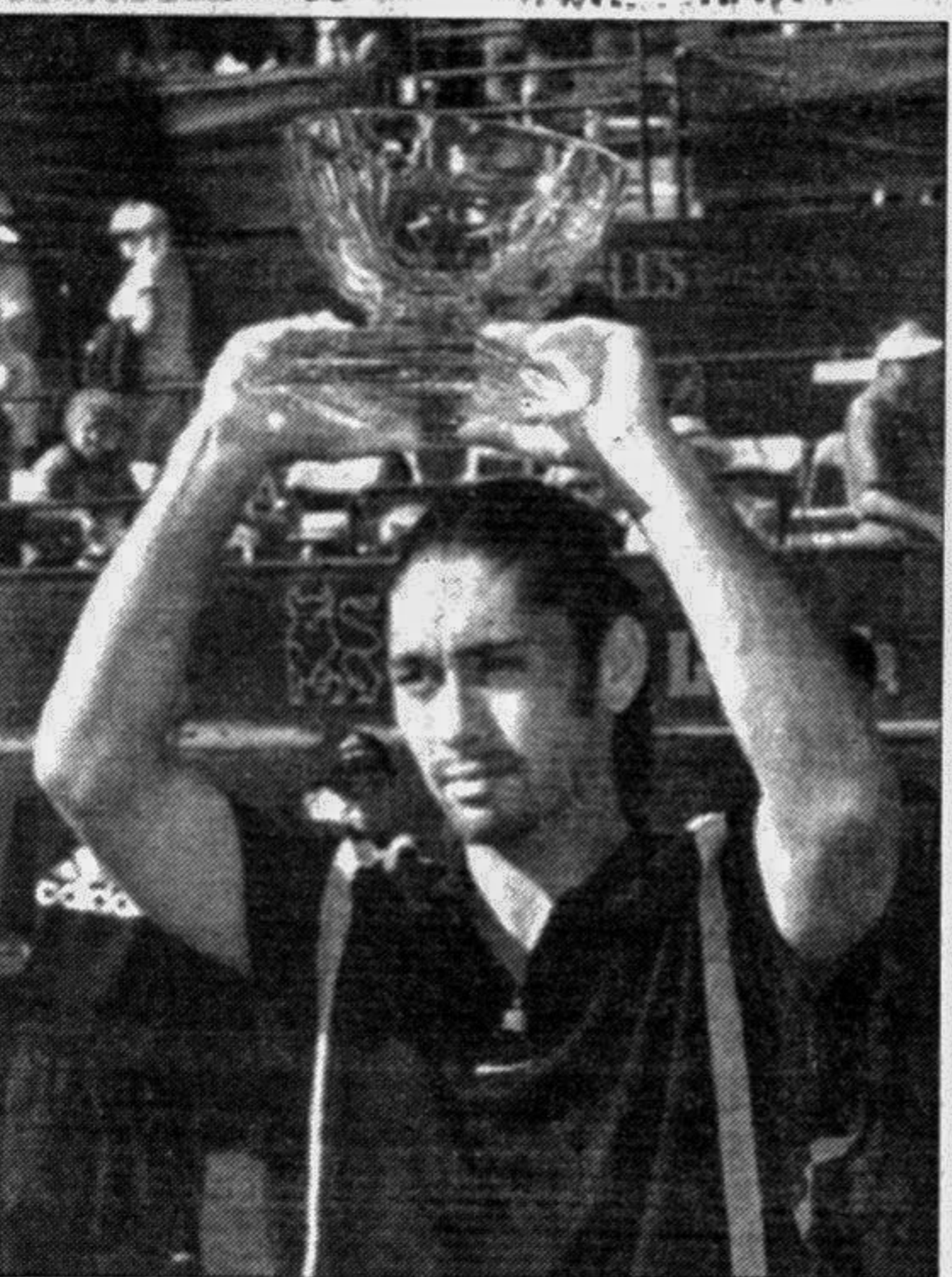
Rios, runner-up to Petr Korra in the Australian Open in January, said his game plan against Rusedski, who blasted a record 149 mph ace past Muster on Saturday, was simple.

He failed to convert them, and worse, dropped his serve to love in the next game to find himself trailing 0-3.

Rios, the seventh seed from Chile, fired a backhand cross-court winner on his first match point to complete a 6-3, 6-7, 7-6,

"I knew he was going to serve big," Rios said. "I would not have many break points. I would have to hold my serve."

"If I could have taken that, maybe it would be the momentum that had changed."



Chilean super star Marcelo Rios holds aloft the Newsweek Champions' Cup after his 6-3, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4 triumph over Britain's Greg Rusedski in the final at Indian Wells, California on Mar 15.

FRANCE '98 SIDELINES

UNDATED, Mar 16 (AP): Bulgarian striker Hristo Stoichkov, ousted from Spanish powerhouse Barcelona last week, may join his countryman Luboslav Penev at Spanish club Compostela.

The 32-year-old striker and winner of the 1993-94 FIFA Golden Boot award, attended Compostela's home game against Atletico Madrid on Saturday and was reported to be planning to stay at Penev's house for a several days.

Club chairman Jose Maria Caneda told reporters later that Barcelona had blocked a previous attempt by Compostela to sign the Bulgarian. He said he did not know what the situation would be now but said the club was interested.

Compostela, who won Saturday's game 2-1, lies fourth from the bottom in the 20-team First Division.

Recent reports suggested Stoichkov might return to his former side CSKA Sofia to prepare for the upcoming World Cup in France. Bulgaria is grouped with Spain, Nigeria and Paraguay.

Stoichkov helped Barcelona win four consecutive league titles between 1990-94 and the club's first European Champions Cup in 1992.

He was let go in 1996 despite protests by fans. Barcelona took him back this season, but he failed to win a place under new coach Louis Van Gaal.

AZURRIS' DEFENSIVE WOES

Italy's defence is proving brittle. Add Alessandro Costacurta to the injury list after the AC Milan centerback hurt his right

calf muscle during a Serie A match Sunday. He will be sidelined at least 10 days.

Costacurta, a fixture on Italy's back line since 1992, left Milan's 2-2 draw at Brescia midway through the first half.

Italy is likely will be without veteran defender Ciro Ferrara at the World Cup. Ferrara fractured his leg in two places in a club match with Juventus Feb 1.

In addition, Paolo Maldini — Italy coach Cesare's son — has been in and out of Milan's lineup this season with a variety of ailments.

GOOD NEWS FOR JUNINHO FANS

Hopes of injured Brazilian Juninho making it to France were boosted this weekend as doctors announced they had removed the pin from his leg and that his recovery was on schedule.

Juninho, whose full name is Osvaldo Giroldo, will now be able to stand on his left foot following the removal of the pin from his lower shin at the Nivaldo Valdo clinic in Campina, Brazil, the daily Marca said.

Juninho, 25, was badly injured last month during a domestic league game between his Atletico de Madrid and Celta. Reports said the diminutive midfielder ace was expected to fly to Madrid Sunday and then on to Birmingham, England, to watch Atletico's crucial midweek UEFA quarterfinal second-leg game against Aston Villa.

GRANDPA PELE

Soccer legend Pele is going to be a grandfather, his press office announced.

The child's mother, Sandra Regina Machado Arantes do Nascimento Felinto, 33, was born out of wedlock and Pele did not recognize as her as his own until 1996 when DNA tests proved his paternity.

"I wish Sandra all the luck in the world with her pregnancy and I also wish all the happiness in the world for her and her husband," Pele said in a note issued by his press office at the Sports Ministry on Thursday.

Sandra, who is four months pregnant, told the Jornal do Brasil newspaper that she did not expect the arrival of her child to touch the heart of the soccer star.

"The legal question (of paternity) has been resolved, but for as affection I don't have any hopes for him in that sense," Felinto was quoted as saying.

Pele, whose real name is Edson Arantes do Nascimento, has three children from his first marriage to Rosemarie Chohbi and a pair of twins with his current wife, Assyrria.

BWF polls tomorrow

The second phase of the national sports federations' elections will begin tomorrow at the National Sports Council (NSC) conference room, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Wrestling Federation (BWF) will go to polls on the day with voters to be held from 11 am to 5 pm.

A total of 62 voters are expected to exercise their rights to elect three vice-presidents from four candidates, a general secretary from two candidates and 12 members from 14 contestants.

Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD) Road Division, Gopalganj (RHD) Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No 2911 for the following works:

- 1. Tender Notice No : 30 (1997-98) EE/GRD.
2. Name of work : Earth work in road embankment and turfing work in different KM of Gopalganj-Takerhat Road under Gopalganj Road Division during the year 1997-98. In 5 (Five) groups.
3. Estimated cost : As per group list.
4. Earnest money : -do-
5. Time allowed : -do-
6. Head of accounts : 266-CA.
7. Eligibility of contractor : For Gr. No II & IV: 'A' to 'C' general category contractor under (RHD), 'D' general category under Road Circle, Faridpur for Gr No. I, III, V -do- & 'E' class under Road Divn, Gopalganj.
8. Name of office where tender documents will be sold : Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Gopalganj/Faridpur/Madaripur/Barisal/Planning Division, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/ Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka/ Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Gopalganj/ Bhatipara/Kotalipara/ 1st. Line Workshop Sub-Division, Gopalganj.
9. Name of office to receive tender bids : (a) Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Barisal Zone, Barisal. (b) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Faridpur. (c) Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring and Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. (d) Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segunbagicha, Dhaka only for Group No. 2 (two). (e) Executive Engineer, Road Division, Gopalganj.
10. Last date of selling : Upto the office hour of 24.3.98 E/10.12.1404BS.
11. Last date and time of receipt of tender : Upto 12:30 PM of 25.3.98 E/11.12.1404BS.
12. Date, time & place of opening tender : At 11:00 AM of 30.3.98E/16.12.1404BS. In the office of the Executive Engineer, Road Division, Gopalganj.
13. Group List.

Table with columns: Group No, Name of work with location, Estimated cost, Earnest money, Time allowed.

Executive Engineer (RHD) Road Division, Gopalganj

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Mayor Gold Cup cricket from Mar 19

RAJSHAHI, Mar 16: The Mayor Gold Cup cricket tournament organised by Rajshahi City Corporation will begin at the Rajshahi Government College ground from March 19, reports BSS.

A total of nine teams will take part in the competition which will be held for the first time in Rajshahi City.

Rajshahi City Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu will formally open the tourney.

R&H, Tender Invitation Notice

- 1) Tender Notice : 230/EE/WD Dhaka/1997-98. No
2) Name of work : Supply of materials for manufacturing furnitures of the Training Hostel constructed under IDC Project of R&H, Road Research Laboratory, Mirpur, Dhaka.
3) Estimated cost : Taka as per schedule.
4) Earnest money : 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost should be submitted as per usual Govt. rules.
5) Time for completion of work : 45 (forty-five) days from the date of issuing work order.
6) Eligibility of contractor : R&H, Directorate enlisted all class contractors as per financial and zonal eligibility.
7) Offices where tender and schedule to be had at : Tender can be purchased on payment of Tk 510/- (non-refundable) per set including Bangladesh Form No-2908 from Workshop Division, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Mymensingh during office hours up to the day before the date of receiving tender.
8) Officers and offices where tender and schedule to be received at : Superintending Engineer, R&H, Workshop Circle, Tejgaon, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, R&H, Workshop Division, Mymensingh. 24/3/98.
9) Last date of selling tender : 25/3/98 up to 12:00 Noon.
10) Last date and time of receiving sealed tender : 29/3/98 at 12:30 PM.
11) Date and time of opening sealed tender : 29/3/98 at 2:30 PM. (if applicable)
12) Date of lottery : 29/3/98 at 2:30 PM.
13) Head of : T&R. expenditure

Md Humayun Rashid Khalipha Executive Engineer, R&H (Mechanical) Workshop Division, Tejgaon, Dhaka.

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The Daily Star TV Guide

Tuesday 17th March (All programmes are in local time but subject to last minute change)
BBC
7:30am BBC World News followed by Weather 8:00 World Focus: Science World 8:30 BBC World News followed by Weather 9:00 Hardtalk 9:30 The World Today 11:00 World Living: Top Gear 11:30 BBC World News followed by Weather 12:00noon World Focus: Science World 12:30 BBC World News followed by Weather 1:00 Hardtalk 1:30 BBC World News followed by Weather 2:00 World Living: Earth Report (r): Cameroon 2:30 The World Today 4:00 Wild World: Sea Trek 2:5 4:30 BBC World News 4:45 World Business Report followed by Weather 5:00 The World Today 6:00pm World Living: Holiday 6:30 BBC World News followed by Weather 7:00 Hardtalk 7:30 BBC World News followed by Weather 8:00 World Focus: Correspondent 8:30 BBC World News followed by Weather 9:00 World Living: Film 9:30 BBC World News followed by Weather 11:00 World Living: Film 9:30 BBC World News followed by Weather 12:00noon World Focus: Reporters 12:30 BBC World News inc World Business Report

STAR PLUS
6:30am Ninasad 7:30 Good Morning India (News, Business & Entertainment news) 9:30 Meri Pasand 10:00 Priya Tendulkar Show 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 To The Manor Born 12:30 The X-Files 1:30 Santa Barbara 2:30 The Bold & the Beautiful 3:00 Is Duniya Ki Setare rpt 3:30 Hindi Serial: Saans #Ep-19rpt 4:00 Hindi Serial: City Lights #Ep-4rpt 4:30 Its Small Worlds 5:00 WWF Wrestling Superstars 6:00 Hindi Serial: Tu Tu Main #Ep-107 (Rpt) 6:30pm Saans 7:00 A Question of Answers 7:15 The Trial Show 7:30 Star News (Hindi) 8:00 Maal Hai To Tall Hai 8:30 Hindi Serial: Philips-Meri Awaz Suno 9:00 Rahee Naye Naye #Ep-2 9:30 Star News 10:00 Mind Your Language 10:30 Murder, She Wrote 11:30 A Question of Answers 12:00am The Bold & the Beautiful 12:30 Star News 1:00 Newhart 1:30 Baywatch 2:30 Charles Angel's 3:30 Vega 4:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 5:30 21 Jump Street

STAR MOVIES
7:30 ACTION: THE TATOOED DRAGON (15), 9:30 THRILLER: BEHIND CLOSED DOORS (15),

ZEE INDIA TV (Former-EL TV)
7:00 Jagran 7:30 Zee News - English 8:00 India Debates 8:30 State Count Down 9:00 Hasen Pal (Trailer Show) 9:30 Zee News - Hindi 10:00 Positive Health Show 10:30 Naye Nagme 11:00 Hum Zameen 11:30 Zee News Update 11:50 Zee Business News 12:00 Bourvita Quiz Contest 12:30 Shakti 1:00 Zee World 1:30 Zee News - Hindi Bulletin 2:00 Hindi Film: 5:00 Naye Nagme 5:30 Ghoomta Aaina 6:00 Help Line 6:30 Chakravarty 7:00 Huseen Pal (Trailer Show) 7:30 The Shotgun show 8:00 State Count Down 8:30 Zee News - English 8:50 Zee Face To Face 9:00 India Votes - Help Line 9:30 Zee News - Hindi 10:00 Vaade 10:30 Zee News - Hindi 10:30 Zee Business News - Hindi 11:00 Hindi Feature Film: Muqadder Ka Sikander 1:30 State Count Down 2:00 Zee News - English 2:20 Zee Face To Face 2:30 India Votes - Help Line 3:00 Zee News - Hindi 3:30 Ru-Ba-Ru 4:00 Hindi Feature Film (B/W)

SONY ET
6:30 Parachute - Premiere 8:30 Gaane Jaane Maane 9:00 Cartoons - Real Ghost Busters (Hindi Dub) 9:30 Silver Spoon 10:00 Who's The Boss? 10:30 Different Strok 11:00 Bewitched 11:30 Parachute - Premiere 12:00 Fasle 12:30 Yeh Sadi Nahi Ho Sakti 1:00 Siddhi 1:30 Pehchan 2:00 The Rasoi Show 2:30 Cine Malinee-Hindi Feature Film 5:30 Cartoons 6:00 Silver Spoon 6:30 Who's The Boss? 7:00 Different Strok 7:30 Bewitched 8:00 Parachute - Premiere 8:30 Cine Prime-Hindi Film 11:30 Cine Hits 12:30 CocaCola - Pappadum Show 1:30 Chamatkar 2:00 Thoda Hai Thoda Jhujkar Hais 2:30 Gaane Jaane Maane

1:15 Zee Cine Awards 1:45 Daku Bilji (Krishna, Roshni) 4:30 Tel Maalish Bot Polish (Shalish M. Kumkum) 7:15 Jackpot 2 Crore (Pankaj K. Supriya P.) 9:15 Music News 9:30 Saazish (Dharmendra, Saira B.) 12:15 Moviefare 12:30 Halaku (B/W) (Meena K., Ajit) 3:15 Its My Choice 3:45 Madhyantar 4:00 Saajan Bina Subhan (Rajendra K. Nutan) 6:45 Cardiac Like Paika 7:15 First Love Letter (Vivek M., Manisha K.) 10:00 Bajaj Ki Lahri 12:30 Amardeep (Dev A., Padmini K.)