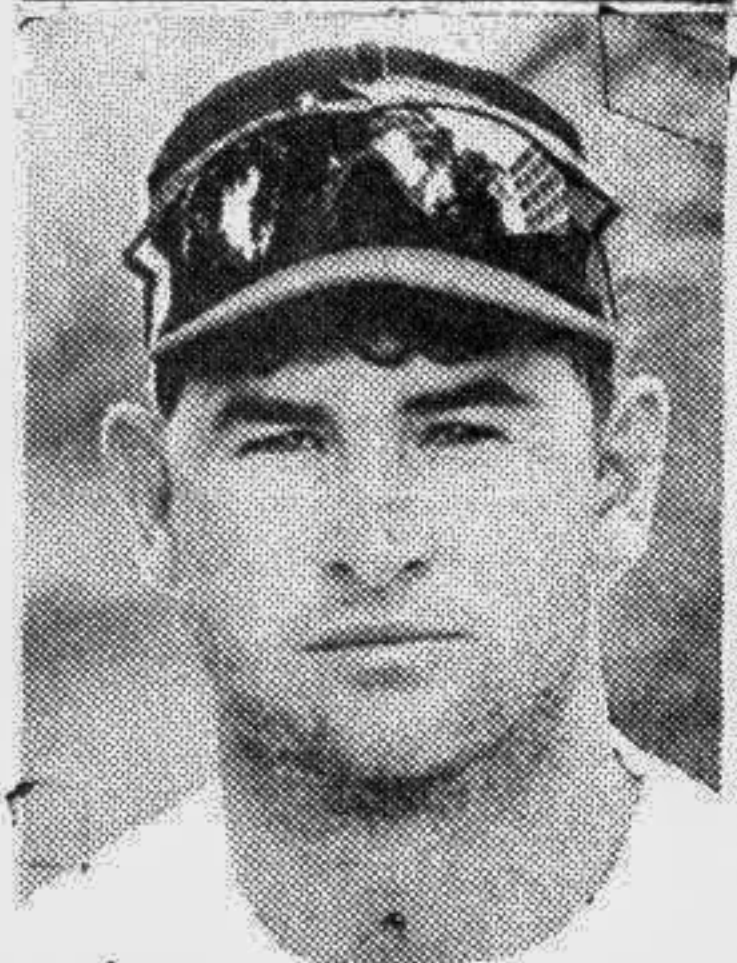


SPORTS TALK



Alistair Campbell

(Zimbabwe skipper)
"Getting through on run rate isn't the way to do it. We needed to win one more game to get there on merit."

After failing to reach the World Cup semifinals.

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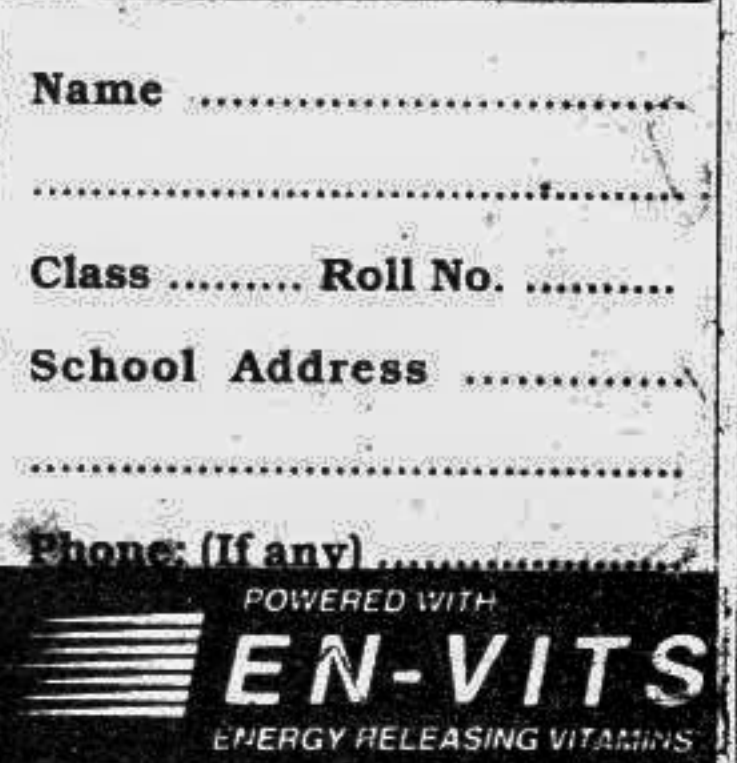
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- How many runs did Aminul Islam score against New Zealand?
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- Who won the cricket World Cup in 1979?
Australia W Indies Canada
- Who are the current ICC runners-up?
Kenya Scotland Germany
- Who is the vice-captain of the Bangladesh cricket team?
Mahmud Minhaz Naimur

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Allott talks county cricket

OLD TRAFFORD, June 15: New Zealand cricket World Cup star Geoff Allott, the tournament's leading wicket-taker with a record haul of 20, said today that he would like to play English county cricket, reports AFP.

The left-arm Canterbury pace bowler, likely to play a key role in the semifinal against Pakistan here on Wednesday, said: "Before I came over here I certainly wouldn't have looked at anything in terms of playing in England — but I have loved it over here."

"Conditions have suited me, the grounds are great, people are so enthusiastic about the game and I would certainly consider playing cricket over here."

The 27-year-old, recently recovered from a back injury, added: "I've had no offers yet and am just taking things one day at a time. At the moment I am focused on trying to help New Zealand win the World Cup."

On-song eleven

LONDON, June 15 (AFP): Many of the world's leading cricket stars have failed to do full justice to their talents at the 1999 cricket World Cup.

Only three players selected in an AFP pre-tournament world team would still get a place in the 'form team' of the first two rounds.

Australian batsman Mark Waugh and Pakistani bowlers Wasim Akram and Saqlain Mushtaq are the only survivors.

Class may be permanent and form temporary but Sanath Jayasuriya (Sri Lanka), Adam Gilchrist (Australia), Sachin Tendulkar (India), Brian Lara (West Indies) and Glenn McGrath (Australia) have failed to do enough to retain their places after their teams were eliminated.

South Africans Hansie Cronje, Jonty Rhodes and Shaun Pollock are still in the World Cup but have not done enough to remain in contention either for the class of 1999.

AFP's form team is:

Mark Waugh (Australia)

Aged 34. Right-hand opener. "Junior" was born four minutes after his twin brother Steve — one of only six players to score over 300 runs in the World Cup so far. He warmed up slowly before showing his true class against India, with 83, and Zimbabwe, with 104. That was his fourth World Cup hundred and made him Australia's heaviest scorer in one-day cricket. Has the unique ability of looking elegant even when hoking across the line. Currently averaging 42.25. His occasional off spin can be useful.

Saurav Ganguly (India)

Aged 25. Left-hand opener. The Prince of Calcutta, the Bengal Tiger, call him what you will, he proved his class with 183 against Sri Lanka. Only one player, Gary Kirsten, has scored more in a World Cup, his 188 not out coming against the United Arab Emirates. Marvelous through the off side — only God, according to team-mate Rahul Dravid, is better — and happy hit in the air to exploit early fielding restrictions. Averaged 54.14. Bowls medium-paced right-arm skidders and has the happy knack of breaking important partnerships.

Rahul Dravid (India)

Aged 26. Right-hand batsman. One of the revelations of the tournament and the highest run scorer in the first two phases with 461. Until last year, he was regarded as too slow for one-day cricket but showed his classic stroke-play and tight technique work in all arenas, against Kenya and Sri Lanka. The second innings also saw him put on a one-day world record stand of 318 with his friend Ganguly. Many batsmen, relying on power rather than timing, have been caught out in England's seamer-friendly conditions. Dravid's class has merely been underlined by them. Averaged 57.6.

Neil Johnson (Zimbabwe)

Aged 29. Left-hand batsman, right-arm fast-medium bowler. Another revelation after opening both Zimbabwe's batting and bowling. Harare-born, he failed to make the grade in South Africa before returning to Zimbabwe, where he has been an instant success. He's been a huge hit here as well, with the first century by a Zimbabwean at Lord's. 132 not out against Australia, on his way to 367 runs. Stands tall and favours the front foot. Also swings the ball at a brisk pace. Averaged 52.42 with the bat, and took 12 wickets at 19.41.

Jacques Kallis (South Africa)

Aged 24. Right-hand batsman, right-arm fast-medium bowler. Regarded by many as the world's finest all-rounder after transforming his bowling — and his shoulder muscles — during a season in England with Middlesex. Now sharp and accurate enough to open the bowling at Test and one-day level. Scored a well-crafted 96 against India for his first man-of-the-match award, then smashed a rapid half-century and took two wickets for 15 for the second against New Zealand. Badly missed by South Africa in their defeat to Australia. Averages 51.80 and has taken seven wickets at 33.28.

Lance Klusener (South Africa)

Aged 27. Left-hand batsman, right-arm fast-medium bowler. Nicknamed "Zulu", he was expected to be overshadowed by teammates Shaun Pollock and Jacques Kallis here but instead he has left them — and everybody else — in his wake. He has smashed 250 one-day runs at the World Cup and been dismissed just twice. Before being bowled by New Zealand's Gavin Larsen, he had amassed a world-record 400 one-day runs without being dismissed since February. Most of his runs here have saved his side from crisis. He has also taken 17 wickets at an average of 17.64.

Moin Khan (Pakistan)

Aged 27. Wicket-keeper/batsman. He barely got a mention before the World Cup when the top glovemen were being discussed, relegated behind Australia's Adam Gilchrist, Alec Stewart of England and South African Mark Boucher. None of them, however, got close to matching his contribution. Not only has he hit 236 high-speed runs from number seven — his best a knock of 63 off 56 deliveries against South Africa, and an extraordinary 31 off 12 against Australia — but he has also taken 10 catches and four stumpings, two of them helping Saqlain Mushtaq claim only the second hat-trick in World Cup history. Averages 39.33.

Wasim Akram (Pakistan)

Aged 33. Left-arm fast bowler, left-arm batsman. A man used to leading by example. His body may not be as flexible as he was in 1992 when he inspired Pakistan to the World Cup trophy, but his arm action still generates enough pace to worry the best. He has also had his moments with the bat, failing useful runs at number eight. Against Australia he made 43 as 108 came off the last 10 overs. Belying his years, he has also flung himself around enthusiastically in the field. Has taken 12 wickets, including a best of four for 40, at 21.33 apiece.

Shoaib Akhtar (Pakistan)

Aged 23. Right-arm pace bowler. Has rarely ended his first spell without a wicket or two. No opening batsman has dominated him. The excitement he has centred on his pace. His first ball of the tournament was top-edged for six over third man, his seventh got him the wicket of West Indian Sherwin Campbell. He was timed at 95mph against South Africa, giving the batsmen around a third of a second to react. He also has a very useful slower ball and is learning to meld control with speed. Has taken 13 wickets at 23 apiece.

Geoff Allott (New Zealand)

Aged 27. Left-arm pace bowler. A year ago, he was regarded as unfit, overweight and too wild for one-dayers. Today he is on top of the pile, with a record 20 World Cup wickets, having beaten the 18 recorded by India's Roger Binny (1983), Australia's Craig McDermott (1987) and Pakistan's Wasim Akram (1992). Those three all played in World Cup-winning sides. Can generate real pace but also has a fine yorker and slower ball. Uncannily similar in style to England's Darren Gough but with the added advantage of being an awkward over-the-wicket left-arm. Became something of a cult hero last year as a number 11, when batting 102 minutes without scoring against South Africa, breaking a 50-year record. Taken his wickets at 14.20 runs apiece.

Saqlain Mushtaq (Pakistan)

Aged 22. Off spinner. The only slow bowler to make a major mark in the first two phases of the tournament. Took only the second hat-trick in the history of the World Cup when he cleaned up Zimbabwe's last three batsmen to take Pakistan into the semi-finals. May not have the exaggerated turn of the wrist spinners but his control is second to none while his "slider" — a disguised ball drifting from leg to off — is "picked" by only the very best of batsmen. His economy rate of 4.5 an over has been spoiled by a few bad games, but has 16 wickets at 20.12.

Magic moments

LONDON, June 15: Following are significant highlights after the Super Six stage on Sunday:

BATSMEN

* India's Rahul Dravid remained top of the run-scoring charts despite his team's failure to reach the semifinals. The prolific right-hander from Karnataka scored 461 runs from eight innings, including two centuries in the group matches.

* Neil Johnson's 132 not out in their Super Six defeat by Australia at Lord's was the second highest World Cup score for Zimbabwe. Their coach, Dave Houghton, made 142 against New Zealand in the 1987 tournament.

* Mark Waugh became the first to hit four World Cup centuries. His 104 against Zimbabwe took the Australian clear of India's Sachin Tendulkar, Rameez Raja of Pakistan and the West Indies' V. Richards.

* The Super Six produced six centuries: Zimbabwe's Neil Johnson topped the charts with an unbeaten 132 against Australia and in the same match Australia's Mark Waugh hit 104. His brother Steve, the Australian captain scored 120 not out against South Africa. Saeed Anwar of Pakistan hit 103 against Zimbabwe; Herschelle Gibbs reached 101 for South Africa against Australia and India's Ajay Jadeja scored an unbeaten 100 against Australia.

* Five record partnerships have been set in the competition. Towering above the rest was the massive 318 for India's second wicket by Saurav Ganguly and Rahul Dravid against defending champions Sri Lanka in the group match at Taunton.

* Lance Klusener's dismissal against New Zealand brought relief to statisticians yearning to give the South African all-rounder a batting average. His sequence of 'not outs' ended after 214 runs and seven innings.

* Pakistan's Ijaz Ahmed has an unwanted statistic to his name, as the only player to have been dismissed for five World Cup 'ducks'.

BOWLERS

* Geoff Allott's 20 wickets were a tournament record, as the left-arm paceman helped spearhead New Zealand into the semifinals.

* Saqlain Mushtaq achieved only the second hat-trick in World Cup history as the Pakistan off-spinner completed their win against Zimbabwe at The Oval. Chetan Sharma of India was the first, taking a trio of New Zealand wickets in 1987.

* Venkatesh Prasad brightened India's gloom at failing to reach the semifinals with his best ever analysis of 5 for 27 in the defeat of Pakistan.

* In addition to inspirational leadership for Pakistan, Wasim Akram continued to lead the World Cup rankings, with 40 wickets from 29 games. Of other current players, South Africa's Allan Donald has 33 and Chris Harris of New Zealand 30.

WICKETKEEPING

* Moin Khan of Pakistan maintained his status as the most successful keeper in World Cup with 28 dismissals from 18 matches.

Aminul off to London

Sports Reporter

National cricket captain Aminul Islam left the country for London last night to play some exhibition matches for "Crusaders Eleven", an Australian outfit from Victoria province.

The team which arrived in England last week, is made up of players representing Victoria in the Sheffield Shield, invited Aminul to be part of the tour six months ago.

Talking to The Daily Star before his departure, Aminul said he was scheduled to play in 13 limited-over matches before returning home on July 8.

Aminul's first game is against the Dutchess of Norfolk Eleven on June 19 at Arundal Castle in Sussex.

Gibbs explains

LONDON, June 15 (Reuters/Internet): South Africa's Herschelle Gibbs said on Monday a spray used to treat a sore finger may have caused him to drop a vital catch off Australian captain Steve Waugh in Sunday's World Cup Super Six game.

Waugh had scored 56 when Gibbs spilled a simple catch, appearing to let the ball slip from his hand as he tried to throw it up in celebration.

Waugh went on the score 120 not out in an Australian win that took them into a semifinal against South Africa on Thursday.

Gibbs told Sky television that a spray given to numb the pain on a sore finger hit while he scored 101 in the South African innings may have contributed to the blunder.

But he did not use it as an excuse. "I dropped the catch and that was that," he said.

Woolmer says no

LONDON, June 15: South African World Cup supreme Bob Woolmer ruled himself out of the running to become England's next cricket coach on Tuesday — but said he coveted the job in the long run, reports AFP.

A spokesman for the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) said: "We are sorry Bob has chosen to pull out, but he has his reasons and we wish him the very best for the future."

Woolmer's decision comes on the day the ECB began interviews with the other candidates — Duncan Fletcher of Zimbabwe, Jack Birkenshaw of England and Australian Dav Wharmore.

Woolmer, a former England Test batsman who has coached South Africa for five years, is quitting after the World Cup. His side are currently preparing for Thursday's semifinal against Australia.

Many saw him as the ideal man to take over the England post after their World Cup failure. David Lloyd, England's coach during the tournament, has quit to follow a media career.

"I am flattered by the attention I have been given not only by England but also by other

countries," the 51-year-old Woolmer said.

"However, I feel I need time to reflect on my position after the World Cup as, after five years on the road, I desperately



BOB WOOLMER

need some rest.

"It is only fair that England appoint someone immediately as I would not be available until March next year, which is not satisfactory from their point of

view."

Woolmer, however, regarded as one of the most innovative thinkers in the game, added he would like to be considered the next time the job becomes available.

"I hope to be involved in English cricket in the future but in the middle of trying to win a World Cup for South Africa, now is not the time for me to consider taking on another permanent international role."

Woolmer has agreed a lucrative deal to commentate for radio on England's Test series against New Zealand this summer and the tour of South Africa in the winter.

His decision will open the way for English counties to compete for his services next year, with Warwickshire — where he was highly successful before taking on the South African job — expected to lead the way.

England, meanwhile, are expected to name the new coach next week.

Fletcher is a former Zimbabwe World Cup captain. Birkenshaw has played Test cricket for England, while Australian Wharmore coached Sri Lanka to World Cup success in 1996.

Sampras, Hingis head seedings' list

LONDON, June 15 (Reuters/AFP): Defending champions Pete Sampras, bidding to win a record sixth singles title, was on Monday named top men's seed for Wimbledon.

Martina Hingis, also world number one, headed the women's seedings.

Defending women's champion Jana Novotna, still injured after spraining her ankle at the French Open, was seeded according to her ranking — fifth.

Steffi Graf, who beat Switzerland's Hingis in the French Open final, was seeded second, one better than her ranking as she bids for her eighth singles title at the world's most prestigious tournament.

Australia's Pat Rafter was seeded second in the men's singles behind Sampras, who regained the world number one spot from Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia after winning the Queen's grass court title on Sunday.

The American has won five of the last six Wimbledon titles and needs one more to become the most successful men's singles player at the championships this century.

Compatriot Andre Agassi, who won the French Open title in stunning style earlier this month, was seeded fourth, his current ranking, behind Kafelnikov for the two-week championships starting next Monday.

But Wimbledon did not faithfully follow the rankings when they named the 32 seeds for the singles.

They downgraded clay-court specialists such as Carlos Moya and Gustavo Kuerten and pushed Goran Ivanisevic, three-time Wimbledon finalist, up the seedings ladder.

Brazil's Kuerten, ranked seventh in the world, was made 11th seed while Spaniard Moya, another French Open champion, dropped two places below his ranking to 12th.

There was no place for eight-ranked Alex Corretja. It was unclear whether the Spaniard had pulled out of the championships like world number nine Marcelo Rios of Chile, said to be suffering from a leg injury.

Croatian Ivanisevic was seeded five places above his world ranking at 10th — he lost

last year's final in five sets to Sampras. Another big server, Mark Philippoussis of Australia, was seeded seventh compared with his ranking of 11.

Graf's grass pedigree and heroics in Paris where she beat Hingis in a controversial French Open final saw the German promoted above third-seeded American Lindsay Davenport.

The women's seedings followed the rankings more closely, except that Nathalie Tauziat, who last year became the first French woman to reach a Wimbledon final since 1925, swapped places with compatriot Mary Pierce to become eighth seed.

Frenchwoman Amelie Mauresmo has withdrawn, organisers said, allowing Natasha Zvereva of Belarus, a semifinalist last year, to be named 16th and last seed.

MEN

1. Pete Sampras (USA)
2. Pat Rafter (Aus)
3. Yevgeny Kafelnikov (Rus)
4. Andre Agassi (USA)
5. Richard Krajicek (NED)
6. Tim Henman (GBR)
7. Mark Philippoussis (Aus)
8. Todd Martin (USA)
9. Greg Rusedski (GBR)
10. Goran Ivanisevic (CRO)
11. Gustavo Kuerten (BRA)
12. Carlos Moya (SPA)
13. Karol Kucera (SVK)
14. Tommy Haas (GER)
15. Nicolas Pietrangeli (GER)
16. Felix Mantilla (SPA)

WOMEN

1. Martina Hingis (SWI)
2. Steffi Graf (GER)
3. Lindsay Davenport (USA)
4. Monica Seles (USA)
5. Jana Novotna (CZE)
6. Venus Williams (USA)
7. Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario (SPA)
8. Nathalie Tauziat (FRA)
9. Mary Pierce (FRA)
10. Seren Williams (USA)
11. Julie Halard-Decugis (FRA)
12. Amelie Mauresmo (FRA)
13. Sandrine Testud (FRA)
14. Barbara Schett (AUT)
15. Dominique Van Rost (BEL)
16. Natasha Zvereva (BLR)

Americans a happy bunch

MARTINSVILLE, New Jersey, June 15 (AP): No clichés. No petulance. No outright hostility. Could this really be a US national soccer team?

Certainly, the American women, who not only are a favourites to win the World Cup tournament they open Saturday against Denmark, but they're one big happy family.

From 1991, when the United States won the initial World Cup, into the 1995 tournament in which they became third, then through the gold medal performance in the Atlanta Olympics, the women have been the tightest of groups. That fellowship has been a key element in the team's overwhelming success, something the men never have matched — on the field or off.

"It's an environment to ex-

press yourself," said Mia Hamm, the game's best player and career goal-scoring leader.

"Chemistry is not something you flick on with a switch like a light. It has to be nurtured." It's not like, "OK, today is team chemistry day." It's more like, "we're going to set up an environment for you and what you make of it. We will not force it on you. Make of it what you can, or don't."

TV Guide

Wednesday 16th June
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

BBC World

6:00 BBC World News
6:30 World Living: Jancis Robinson's Wine Course
7:00 BBC Newsroom Inc.
World Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today
7:24 Hours 9:00 BBC Newsroom Inc.
World Business Report/Asia Today
7:24 Hours 10:00 BBC World News
11:30 Europe Direct
12:00 BBC World News
12:30 World Living: Wheels
1:00 BBC World News
1:30 Holiday Guide
Spain 2:00 World News
2:30 World Focus: Reporters
3:00 BBC World News
3:30 Hard Talk
4:00 BBC World News
4:30 World Living: Jancis Robinson's Wine Course
5:00 BBC The World Today
6:30 World News
7:00 World Focus: Reporters
7:30 BBC World News
7:50 The Big Trip
8:00 BBC World News
8:30 World Focus: Reporters
9:00 BBC World News
9:30 World Focus: Reporters
10:00 BBC World News
10:30 World Living: Film India (Anchor: Victor Banerjee)
11:00 The World Today
12:30 World Focus: Hard Talk
1:00 BBC News
1:30 World Focus: Reporters
2:00 BBC World News
2:30 World Living: The Money Programme
3:00 BBC World News
3:30 World Living: The Air Show
4:30 BBC Newsdesk Inc.
World Business Report/24 Hours

CHANNEL [V]

8:30 Rewind
9:30 V News
Bulletin 9:32 Zabarast
Hits 12:00 House Arrest
12:30 Catch-22
1:00 Zabarast Hits
2:30 First Show
3:00 Turn On TV
4:00 [V] News
4:30 [V] Backbench
5:30 Turn On TV
6:00 Teen Strip
7:00 First Day First Show
7:45 [V] News Bulletin
8:00 House Arrest
8:30 Kingfisher-Mangta Hai
9:30 Lunch Pad
10:00 Turn On TV
10:30 House of Noise
11:00 Tootan TV
11:30 Band at Bedtime
12:00 The Juice
12:30 The Drum
1:30 V News Bulletin
1:32 Turn on TV

STAR PLUS

6:30 Nanaad 7:30 Good Morning India
9:15 The Trial Show
9:30 Good Morning India
10:30 Ek Din Ek Jeevan
12:00 So Let's Yahoo
12:30 Ham Tum Gaate Chale
1:00 Hello 1:30 Good Food Guide
2:00 Kora Kagaz
2:30 Yeh Hai Raaz
3:00 Swabhimani
3:30 Kabhie Kabhie
4:00 Is Duniya Ki Sitare
4:30 Wagle Ki Nayee Duniya
5:00 Potli Baba
5:30 Doggie Houser
6:00 The Wonder Years
6:30 Small Wonders
7:00 Meri Awaz Suno
7:25 The Trial Show
7:30 Star News
8:00 Hello 8:30 Tanha
9:30 Star News
10:00 Colgate Total World Cup Magic Moments
11:00 Aaj Ki Baat
11:30 A Mouthful of Sky
12:00 Rendezvous with Simi Garewal
12:30 The Bold and The Beautiful
1:00 Newheart
1:30 Snowy River
McGregor Saga
2:30 Jewel in the Crown
3:30

LA Law 4:30 Media TV

5:00 The Bold And The Beautiful
5:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Comedy: A Shot In The Dark
8:30 Comedy: Kiss Me, Kick Me
9:30 Family: A Far Off Place
1:30 Action: Waco And Rhinoheart
3:30 Action: Pathfinder
5:30 Comedy: Repossessed
7:15 Musical: The Last Waltz
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10:00 Double Bill: Frances Macdormand-Fargo
12:00 Double Bill: Frances Macdormand-Fargo
2:00 Comedy: Repossessed
3:45 Thriller: Defence Of The Realm
5:30 Family: A Far Off Place

STAR WORLD

6:00 Aerobics Oz Style
7:00 The New WKRP in Cincinnati
7:00 The Frugal Gourmet
7:00 The Wonder Years
8:00 Mysterious Island
8:30 Newheart
9:00 Series: LA Heat
10:00 Series: The Pretender
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00 Series: NYPD Blue
1:00 The Bold And The Beautiful
1:30 Daily Series: Tropical Heat
2:30 Fashion TV
3:00 Mystery: Island 3:30 Small Wonder
4:00 The New WKRP in Cincinnati
4:30 World News
5:00 Asia News Update
5:15 World Business Report
5:30 Home Improvement
6:00 Series: Buffy The Vampire Slayer
6:45 AsiaNews Update
7:00 Series: Alley McBeal
8:00 Series: The Practice
9:00 The Bold And The Beautiful
9:30 Series: Home

Improvement 10:00 Series

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11:00 Series: Alley McBeal
12:00 Series: The Practice
1:00 Series: Home Improvement
1:30 Series: Buffy The Vampire Slayer
2:30 Series: The New WKRP in Cincinnati
4:00 Life in the World with Joyce Meyer
4:30 World News
5:00 Home Improvement
5:30 Media TV

PTV-2

8:00 Tilwat Aur Tarjuma/Ham Naat
8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khabrain
8:45 Mansobajaat Barai Khud Kafalat
9:00 Sur Savaria & Sehra Ka Safar
9:40 Shana Ba Shana
9:50 Aaj Ki Kitaab/Aik Nazm
10:05 Boor Kay Ladoo
10:30 English Film: Chip And Dale
1:05 Milli Naghma
1:10 Khabrain
11:10 Serial 11:35 Serial 12:00 Urdu Khail
12:55 Quran-e-Hakeem
1:02 Bismillah
1:15 Drama Serial 2:00 Serial 2:50 The Earth Revealed
3:20 Aarshi Pudaay
3:40 Natural World
4:35 How Things Work
5:00 Yeh Mumukh In Hae
5:25 Hamara Sehat
5:55 Kitab Quliz
6:25 Aaj Ka Course
7:00 Tarannum
7:05 Felix The Cat (Cartoon)
7:30 Such Put 7:45 English News
8:00 Morven Gold
8:25 Gigit