

## Shahbaz sees Pak revival

KARACHI, Jan 28: Former Pakistan hockey captain Shahbaz Ahmed Saturday said the country had the potential to regain lost glory, reports AFP.

"I have a firm belief that Pakistan can regain its lost position in international hockey and I am ready to serve the team in any capacity," Ahmed told this news agency.

Ahmed was Friday named among three coaches appointed to the senior team, along with former Olympians Hanif Khan and Khwaja Junaid.

## Awsome Aussies

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final 10 overs, making 22 off 13 balls.

Spinner Dirk Viljoen was the best of the Zimbabwe bowlers, finishing with 3-62 off 10 overs, with many of the runs coming off his final three overs after he had applied a brake to the Australian middle order.

## SCOREBOARD

Scorecard of the Australia-Zimbabwe tri-series one-day match at Sydney Cricket Ground Sunday:

AUSTRALIA		ZIMBABWE	
Gilchrist c Campbell b Strang	63	McGrath b Viljoen	36
M Waugh run out	36	S Waugh c A Flower b Viljoen	36
Bevan not out	74	Ponting c Whittall b Viljoen	15
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Fall of wickets: 1-98; 2-111; 3-159; 4-187; 5-241; 6-291

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Streak	10	0	56	1
Strang	10	0	50	1
Nkala	8	0	56	0
Whittall	4	0	25	0
Murphy	8	0	38	0
Viljoen	10	0	62	3

## ZIMBABWE

Campbell lbw Fleming	3
Whittall c Warner b McGrath	10
Carlisle lbw Warner	44
A Flower c Symonds b Bevan	39
G Flower st Gilchrist b Symonds	30
Rennie st Gilchrist b Symonds	11
Viljoen b Warner	31
Streak c Bevan b Ponting	9
Nkala c Gilchrist b Fleming	4
Strang run out	2
Murphy not out	20
Extras: (lb-3, lb-6, w-5, nb-6)	2
Total: (all out in 47.5 overs)	205

Fall of wickets: 1-13; 2-13; 3-105; 4-119; 5-143; 6-159; 7-190; 8-200; 9-200

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McGrath	6.5	1	26	1
Fleming	6	1	21	2
Warner	10	0	52	2
Bracken	5	0	25	0
Bevan	7	0	25	1
Symonds	8	0	35	2
Ponting	5	0	12	1

Result: Australia won by 86 runs

Man-of-the-match: Michael Bevan

Next match: Jan 30, Australia v Zimbabwe, Hobart

## POINTS TABLE

T	P	W	L	Pts
Australia	6	6	0	12
West Indies	7	2	5	4
Zimbabwe	5	1	4	2

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Saikat not out 30 || Extras: (lb-3, lb-10, nb-4, w-8) | 1 |
| Total: (for 9 wks in 55 overs) | 503 |
| Fall of wickets: 1/131; 2/258; 3/288; 4/320; 5/342; 6/347; 7/352; 8/494; 9/496 |  |

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anis	22	3	64	2
Safuddin	36	6	35	4
Enamul	48	8	143	1
Minhazul	12	2	41	0
S Mehmod	15	1	94	0
Azam	9	1	26	0
Ehsanul	3	0	10	0
Rezaul	6	2	12	1

## CHITTAGONG: First innings

Nalis c K Mahmud b Ashraf	50
Azam c Al-Shahar b K Mahmud	29
Ehsanul not out	18
Rezaul not out	20
Extras: (nb-3, w-2)	5
Total: (for 2 wickets in 40 overs)	122

Fall of wickets: 1/82; 2/84

Bowler	O	M	R	W
K Mahmud	12	0	51	1
Neyamur	6	0	27	0
Naimur	12	5	29	0
Saikat	6	1	13	0
Ashraf	4	2	2	1

## Bashar pilots

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## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of four-day Green Delta National League match between Biman and Khulna at the Jessore Stadium yesterday:

## KHULNA: First innings

(Over) 262 for 8 in 97 overs	
Nahidul b b Monir	9
Saim b Ziaur	34
Raju c Sharif b A Wasim	14
Salaudin c Ziaur b Sharif	14
Rana b Ziaur	76
Asadullah c Bashir b Aminul	39
Tushar b Sharif	7
Jamalluddin not out	46
Sohel c Mukhter b A Wasim	6
Al-Amin c Ziaur b Monir	16
Monirul b A Wasim	6
Extras: (lb-13, lb-19, nb-4)	36
Total: (all out in 107 overs)	289

Fall of wickets: 1/12; 2/43; 3/54; 4/81; 5/193; 6/193; 7/217; 8/235; 9/271

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Sharif	31	5	77	2
Monir	20	7	45	2
A Wasim	23	6	63	3
Ziaur	24	10	38	2
Aminul	9	1	19	1

## BIMAN: First innings

Javed lbw b Monirul	23
Faruque c b Rana	47
Bashar not out	70
Aminul c Tushar b Jamalluddin	31
Sanwar c Raju b Rana	7
Hasanuzzaman not out	28
Extras: (lb-8, nb-1)	9
Total: (for 4 wks in 84 overs)	215

Fall of wickets: 1/75; 2/83; 3/142; 4/168

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Majidul	15	5	26	1
Al-Amin	10	3	28	0
Jamalluddin	21	4	56	1
Rana	21	5	51	2
Sohel	16	3	35	0

# Afridi's action alright



KARACHI, Jan 28 (AFP/Reuters/Internet): A Pakistani panel of former Test cricketers has cleared leg-spinner Shahid Afridi's bowling action which had been questioned by the International Cricket Council (ICC), officials said Saturday.

"Yes, Afridi's bowling action is cleared by a panel of experts and the report of the panel will be sent to ICC in the next couple of days," Pakistan Cricket Board director operations Brigadier Munawwar Rana told AFP.

Afridi's bowling action was questioned by ICC earlier this month.

"As per ICC's new rules on illegal deliveries we appointed former leg-spinner Abdul Qadir, Mohsin Kamal and Ejaz Faqih who watched footage of the questionable deliveries sent by the ICC and have cleared Afridi," Rana said.

"Afridi was not suspended before nor is there any question mark on him now," Rana said.

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Lahore and doubts were expressed about the legality of his faster delivery.

"Afridi's faster ones had come under suspicion but we found nothing wrong in it," Qadir said.

Afridi, who is among the probabilities for the New Zealand-bound Pakistan team, said he was relieved by the decision.

"I knew there was no problem in my bowling action and I feel relieved on being cleared," Afridi told AFP.

"Now I will concentrate on my performance on the New Zealand tour," he said.

As per ICC rules, Afridi is free to play and if another report is made within 12 months, ICC will appoint its own man to review and improve Afridi's action.

In case the problem persists, the same Pakistani panel will come into action again and vote whether Afridi should be banned or not.

Pakistan's Shoaib Akhtar and Shabbir Ahmed were cleared after their actions came under suspicion in 1999.

# Fans rally for Waugh



SYDNEY, Jan 28 (Internet report): The shadowy figure of the two-faced Indian bookmaker, "Johnny" or "Pinky" or "MK" Gupta, has failed to scar Mark Waugh's image as far as the Sydney Cricket Ground fans are concerned.

The big crowd welcomed the Bankstown boy warmly when he walked on to the field Sunday with partner Adam Gilchrist and gave him a hearty farewell when he was unhelpfully dismissed for 36.

Waugh had backed up two metres along the wicket when Zimbabwean leg-spinner Brian Murphy put his hand down to a firm drive by Gilchrist and deflected the ball into the stumps at the non-striker's end.

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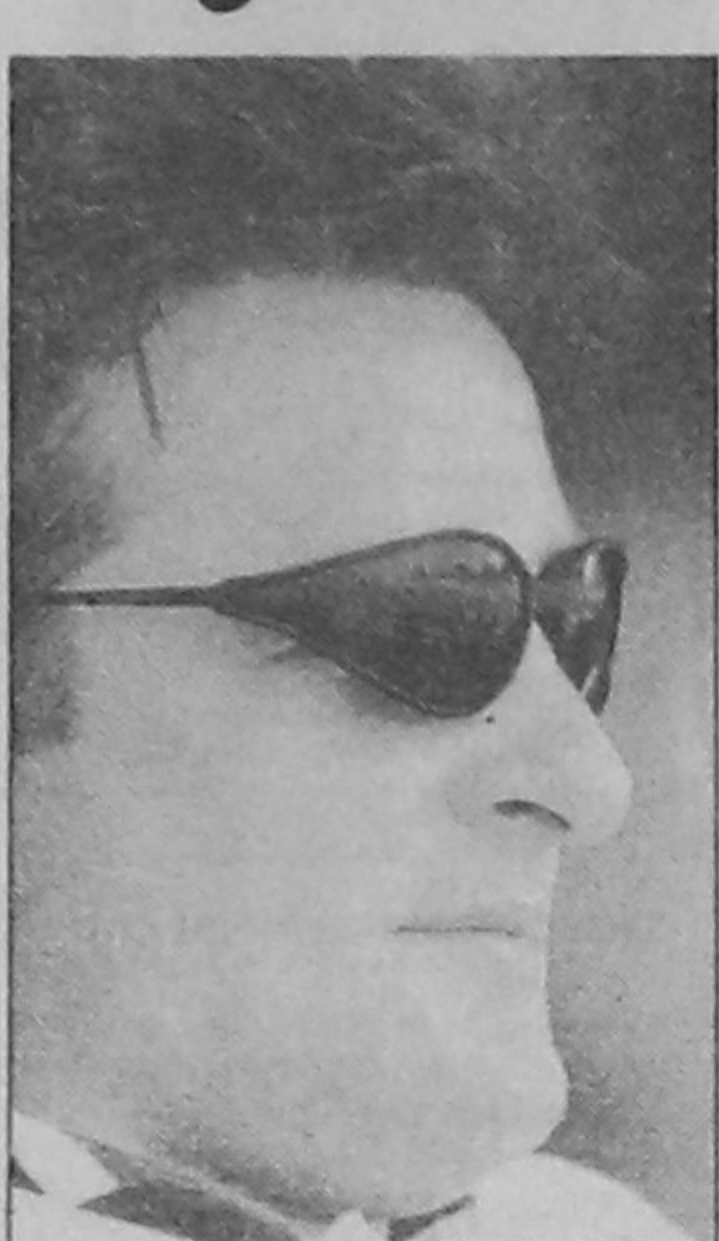
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