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edged it to Mehala Jayawardene at first slip.

The touring team's plight might have been heightened had Thorpe, on 75, been given out to a bat-pad catch off Muralitharan's off spin, but the umpire's verdict went in the batsman's favour.

Thorpe went to his century from 250 balls, having hit 10 fours, and edged England into the lead with last man Darren Gough as an effective ally.

Vaas had the final word immediately after lunch when Gough went to drive and edged to Javawardene at first slip, giving the Sri Lankan paceman a worthy haul of six for 73.

When the home country batted again they lost three wickets for three runs at one stage, Gough starting the slump by getting Marvan Atapattu for a pair when he miscued to mid-on.

Andy Caddick had Sangakkara caught behind off an outside edge as he went to off drive, then Gough trapped Jayasuriya lbw as he aimed to turn the ball to leg.

Sri Lanka, 24 for three at that point, checked the slide as Aravinda de Silva and Jayawardene added 33 before de Silva clipped Caddick's slower ball off his legs and Thorpe held a diving catch to his left at mid-wicket.

The slow bowlers now took over, with Robert Croft removing Russel Arnold, who also completed a pair, before left-armer Giles snapped up the key wicket of Jayawardene for 23 on his way to taking four for 11 which sealed the Sri Lankans' fate.

There was more drama to come as England stumbled from 21 without loss to 43 for four and then 71 for six - Jayasuriya taking four for 24 - but left-hander Thorpe once again rose to the occasion in impressive style.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the third day of the third and final Test between England and Sri Lanka on Saturday:

SRI LANKA: First innings 241 (M Jayawardene 71; R Croft 4-56) ENGLAND: First innings (over-

night 175-4) Atherton Ibw b Vaas Trescothick c Arnold b H'rachchi Hussain c J'suriya b H'rachchi Thorpe not out Stewart b M'tharan Vaughan c S'kara b Vans White c S'kara b Vaas Giles c l'wardene b Vaas Croft run out Caddick c l'suriva b Vaas Gough c J'wardene b Vaas Extras: (b-10, lb-9, nb-6) Total: (All out in 109.5 overs) 249

Fall of wickets: 1-45, 2-55, 3-66,

223			-	***
Bowler	0	M	R	W
Vaas	27.5	6	73	6
Fernando	5	0	26	0
De Silva	3	1	2	0
M'tharan	41	9	73	1
H'rachchi	24	6	36	2
J'suriya	9	1	20	0

Atapattu c Croft b Gough I'suriya lbw b Gough S'kara c Stewart b Caddick De Silva c Thorpe b Caddick J'wardene lbw b Giles Arnold c Hussain b Croft Dilshan b Giles Vaas c Atherton b Giles Fernando c Giles b Gough H'rachchi not out M'tharan lbw b Giles Extras: (nb-2)

Total: (All out in 28.1 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-24, 3-24,

ENGLAND: Second innings Atherton c and b Fernando 13 after leading England to a four-Trescothick c S'kara b J'suriya 10 Vaughan b M'tharan Thorpe not out Stewart c J'wardene b J'suriya White c J'wardene b J'suriya Hussain c Arnold b J'suriva

Giles not out

Extras: (lb-1, nb-1) 2 losing the first Test in Kandy by an Total: (For 6 wkts in 24.3 overs) 74 Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-24, 3-42,

4-43, 5-63, 6-71 W | that's happened on this tour, it H'rachchi Fernando

Result: England won by four | not really happening'." wickets and won the series 2-1. Man-of-the-match: Graham twice as good here," he said.

Thorpe. Man-of-the-series: Darren | ter the 1999 English season and,

Gough.

Semis start

FROM PAGE 13 nation before winning on a golden

We are looking forward to Tennis a producing something special and that might take us to the final," said a confident manager of Egypt at Hotel Sheraton on Saturday.

Pakistan but promised to live up to their reputation as the tough team

"Pakistan is very strong in attack. But this is a pressure situation where if you lose you are out." said Japanese manager Toichi.

Taichi's Pakistan counterpart Brig Khokar admitted that the Japanese are 'tough opponents' but his boys are 'capable enough to beat them.



Australia captain Steve Waugh (R) and leg-spinner Shane Warne discuss something during a practice session at Madras on Saturday. They meet India in the third and final Test here starting today.

Yes or no over Warne

AFP, Madras

Australian captain Steve Waugh and coach John Buchanan had a rare public tiff over playing spin king Shane Warne in the crucial final Test against India here from Sunday.

Buchanan said Warne was not and Jason Gillespie. in good shape to play the decider with the series locked 1-1, but is still the strategy," the coach said. Waugh argued that the coach alone could not make a decision to good quick bowling. If they get on the leg-spinner.

"There are two others on the tour selection committee (Waugh himself and vice-captain Adam Gilchrist) who will also decide," Waugh said.

"I believe Warne is good enough to pull himself through any situation. I will back him to do well at the crunch," Waugh said.

Warne, who has always found 8 the Indians a hard nut to crack, 113 was smashed for 217 runs for his three wickets during India's 171-26 | run win in the second Test at Cal-0 | cutta on Thursday.

In 10 Tests against India, 16 | Warne has just 27 wickets at an 0 average of 52.85 compared to an 14 overall record of 374 wickets at 25 | 26.28 from 86 Tests.

to play off-spinner Colin Miller follow it up?" instead of Warne on a typically spin-friendly Chepauk wicket that looks certain to produce a result.

probably not one of the fittest characters around in world cricket," Buchanan said.

the effects of that. We've tried to spin.

England captain Nasser Hussain

paid tribute to the part played by

team coach Duncan Fletcher as

they savoured victory over Sri

Lanka in the three-Test series on

fight but I think the boys see

someone in their coach who backs

them all the way," said Hussain

wicket win in the final Test with

the players, he is technically bril-

liant and we just want to play for

innings and 28 runs, and Hussain

said: "With the emotions of going

1-0 down, and with everything

shows our strength of character to

what is happening. I sat up there

"If it was good in Pakistan it is

Fletcher took over as coach af-

come back and win the series."

"Duncan speaks very simply to

England took the series after

You talk about character and

Cricket

REUTERS, Colombo

two days to spare.

Saturday.

manage the bowlers all tour but there comes a point when you've got to bowl."

Miller, who bowls both mediumpace and spin, would balance the attack that has been revolving around pacemen Glenn McGrath

"Going with the quick bowlers "The Indians are still susceptible



SAURAV GANGULY

Waugh differed. "Common sense says we should play both "It's no secret that Warney's to turn," he said.

The Indians, buoyant after the astonishing win at Calcutta, appear set to play three slow bowlers "He's bowled quite a number for the first time in the series -of overs in the last Test and he felt backed by Sachin Tendulkar's leg-

England on cloud nine

series in South Africa; he has

guided the side to four consecu-

tive test series wins over Zim-

babwe, West Indies, Pakistan and

"We played some really excellent

cricket on this trip. To go 1-0 down

and come back and win the last

two tests is an outstanding

who really want to do well for each

other and make sure we win as

many games and as many series as

it is good to see everyone partici-

pating, which is what we've been

to Pakistan (at the end of last year)

and not do very well there but we

surprised them (by winning the

series), and this was a more diffi-

cult tour than Pakistan so to win

award from Ian Botham and ad-

after that," said Thorpe, who was

unbeaten 113 in England's first Thorpe.

England hero Graham Thorpe

here is a great achievement."

"They are a good bunch of guys

"Everyone has contributed and

People thought we would go

Zimbabwe-born Fletcher said:

Sri Lanka.

achievement.

looking for.

"Sometimes you don't believe collected his man-of-the-match

(on the balcony) thinking 'this is mitted his batting heroics had left

we can for England.

following defeat in a five-Test innings.

Buchanan said including join Harbhajan Singh, who had a match-haul of 13 wickets at Calcutta including a hattrick in the first innings. Captain Saurav Ganguly, how-

Punjab off-spinner Sharandeep

Singh and Mumbai's left-armer

Nilesh Kulkarni are favoured to

ever, said pace spearhead Javagal Srinath was still unfit to play after missing the second Test with a broken finger. Wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia,

who was hit on the nose at Calcutta, will make way for Mumbai's Sameer Dighe if he fails a test on Sunday morning. "Navan has a 50-50 chance,"

Ganguly said. "We want to go in with 11 fit men for what is a very crucial Test. "The heat and humidity here will favour us. But I am not underestimating the Aussies, just as they

will not under-estimate us. It will

be quite a battle out there." TEAMS

INDIA (from): Saurav Ganguly (captain), Sadagopan Ramesh, Shiv Das, Venkatsai Laxman, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Nayan Mongia, Harbhajan Singh, Sharandeep Singh, Nilesh Kulkarni, Zaheer Khan, Sameer Dighe, Buchanan said he would prefer through that, how do you then Sairaj Bahutule, Debashish Mo-

AUSTRALIA (from): Steve Waugh (captain), Michael Slater, spinners on a wicket that is bound Matthew Hayden, Justin Langer, Mark Waugh, Ricky Ponting, Adam | feated Bandarban 4-2. Gilchrist, Shane Warne, Colin Miller, Michael Kasprowicz, Jason Gillespie, Glenn McGrath.

> Umpires: Avi Jayaprakash (India) and Rudi Koertzen (South Africa).

> > Thorpe held his nerve as Eng-

"I just had to dig in," he said,

.Thorpe said he would savour

land's second-innings wickets

after he and Giles saw England

home to a fourth successive series

his Colombo century, adding: "It's

great to get a 100 anywhere but

out here, in these conditions and

against great bowlers, it's very

"We have to enjoy this regroup

"We're building something

"To go 1-0 down in Galle and

then come back in Kandy and

finish it (a series victory) off here is

of-the-series award and suggested

some major England celebrations

were about to unfold by an-

nouncing: "It's time to go and get

"We knew it was going to be

hard but the team effort has been

Former England captain

absolutely hammered.

Darren Gough won the man-

again and take on the next chal-

lenge which is Pakistan first and

good now. We've built a team."

then the Aussies.

incredible."

triumph.

Fleming calls for special act

REUTERS, Christchurch

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming called for a something special from his side when they go into the fourth day of the second Test against Pakistan on Sunday, needing to draw level in the threematch series.

"We've got to knock them over before lunch and we need a lead to be able to push ahead and set them a target. I don't think they will declare, so we have to get them out," Fleming said.

He noted three Pakistani wickets in the last session on Saturday helped, adding: "It's a very flat wicket and we need to get more in the first session tomorrow.'

New Zealand's tough day was aggravated by injury to debutant medium fast bowler Chris Drum, who fell awkwardly in the field and dislocated his right shoulder. Fleming said Drum will not bowl again in the match and is doubtful for batting.

Div I cricket

UNB, Dhaka

Orient Club defeated Uttara Club by 30 runs in the First Division Cricket League at the City Club ground on Saturday.

Sent in to bat, Orient were all out for 190 in 50 overs with opener Jewel making 63 off 131 balls.

Topu captured three wickets conceding 38 runs while Mahfuz took two for 28.

In their turn, Uttara were shot out for 160 in 47.5 overs with number 10 batsman Moni making 41 off 57 balls.

Lucky claimed four wickets for 24 runs while Babul and Joky took two wickets each.

Nat'l U-14 football

UNB, Dhaka

Eight teams reached group semifinals winning their respective matches in the second day of the Biman Cup Under-14 National Football Championship at different zonal venues on Saturday.

The winning teams are Bogra, Panchagarh, Tangail, Satkhira, Munshiganj, Patuakhali, Noakhali and Sunamganj. Earlier, Dhaka, Khulna, Chittagong, Jessore, Chandpur, Sirajganj, Gaibandha and Mymensingh reached the group semis winning their opening match on Friday.

At Narayangani, Munshigani beat Narsingdi 3-2.

At Pirojpur, Patuakhali also recorded an identical victory over Gopalganj. At Laxmipur, Noakhali de-

At Narail, Satkhira blanked Chuadanga 3-0. At Natore, Bogra edged Chapainawabganj 4-3.

At Rangpur, Panchagarh thrashed Kurigram 4-0. At Moulvibazar, Sunamganj got

walkover against Brahmanbaria. And at BKSP, Tangail overcame Rajbari 2-1.

Mymensingh cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT. Mymensingh

The Beg Still Premier Division Cricket League starts at the local stadium today.

A total of 11 teams are to take part in the meet which will be inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner M Rafiqul Islam.

Hail Hussain FROM PAGE 13

Young England, scoring 170 in the second Test in Sri Lanka in the 1986-87 series. He followed that by being top scorer for England in the Youth World Cup in Australia the following year. His Essex debut followed in

1987, followed by his county cap in 1989. Hussain went on to lead the Combined Universities to the quarter-final of the Benson and Hedges Cup in the same year.

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Hussain made his England debut in the same year in the West Indies and set records for the third, fourth and fifth-wicket partnerships for his county through 1991 and 92. After mixed form against Aus-

tralia in 1993 Hussain knuckled down to the county game and was made Essex vice-captain in 1996, having captained England A in Pakistan over the previous winter. Hussain made his Test return

in 1996 with a century against India at Edgbaston and a double century against Australia on the same ground a year later, cementing his place in the side.

Sirajganj cricket

Academy clinched the Hazrat Sha-Mukhdum-ud-Doula (R) Cricket title with an exciting 10-run win over Pabna KSP Cricket Club in the final at Shahajadpur Pilot Government High School playground on Saturday.

out for 140 in 40 overs.

Inzamam lifts Pakistan

Cricket

AGENCIES, Christchurch

Inzamamul Haq made New Zealand pay for a fumble in the slips with a century as Pakistan dominated the third day of the second Test against New Zealand here Saturday.

Pakistan ended the day at 341 for six, 135 runs behind New Zealand's first innings total of 476 with four wickets remaining.

Yousuf Youhana, 73, and Saqlain Mushtaq, 20, were the not out batsmen. Chris Martin was the best of the bowlers with two for

was then on ten, sent a ball to slipfielder Nathan Astle who dropped A similar stroke off Martin's bowling and a catch by New Zea-

land captain Stephen Fleming

finally brought Inzaman's innings

to a close on Saturday.

Late Friday, Inzamam, who

looked on as the main batsman in

good for run-making and he was disappointed he could not carry on to beat his highest Test score of 200 not out.

with the portable pitch showing an almost unnatural perfection without variation and offering little for any bowler.

Pakistan put on 276 runs during a day dominated by In-

zamam's 13th Test century. New Zealand finally got the breakthrough with the new ball. Inzaman was first to go and 15 balls later Younis Khan nicked a Daryl Tuffey ball which flew to a diving catch by wicketkeeper

Adam Parore. It offered some brief hope to



PHOTO. INTERNET

Pakistan's Inzamamul Haq in full flow during his knock of 130 against New Zealand in the second Test in Christchurch on Saturday.

But by that time he had batted the home side as Pakistan were 318 minutes, faced 241 balls and still 17 runs behind the follow on hit 22 fours and one six in his mark.

I am extremely happy with retire hurt after he dived awkthat innings because I realise I am the team," he said. "I realised my responsibility and I wanted to stay

out there and carve an innings." home side. Inzamam said the pitch was in the shoulder, is unlikely to be back in this Test. likely to go to part timer Craig

It was a long day in the field McMillan.

the Test and, with a lead of 135, but favours a draw after the fifth Having won the first match in the three-Test series, Pakistan have the lead as this one moves towards a likely draw. New Zealand will require quick wickets, followed by quick runs to get a result to maintain their hopes of winning the series. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at the end of third day's play of the second Test between New Zealand and Pakistan in Christchurch on Saturday: NEW ZEALAND: First innings 476 (M Sinclair 204 not out, M Bell 75, M Richardson 46, A Parore 46; F Akbar 3/87, W Younis 3/114, S Mushtag 3/134) PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 65/2) Farhat c Drum b Martin Ijaz hit wkt b Drum Igbal c Fleming b McMillan Inzamam c Fleming b Martin 130

> Extras: (b-4, lb-5, nb-3) Total: (For 6 wkts in 112 overs) 341 To Bat: Waqar Younis, Fazle

Youhana not out

Saglain not out

Astle

Younis c Parore b Tuffey

Moin c Martin b Bradburn

Shortly after Chris Drum had to

wardly to stop a fast ball. He suc-

ceeded, but in the process pain-

fully put his shoulder out, adding

to the lengthy injury woes of the

Drum, with a dislocated joint

If he is out his bowling load is

Pakistan captain Moin Khan,

on 28, swung at a flighted ball and

sent it straight out to Martin at the

boundary. Moin cried out in dis-

gust at himself while bowler Grant

Bradburn celebrated his sixth Test

Although New Zealand had the

Inzamam believes New Zea-

last session advantage, they

seemed to ease up and Pakistan

looked untroubled during the last

land still have the upper hand in

wicket, eight years after his fifth.

Akbar, Mohammad Sami, Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-25, 3-157, 4-259, 5-260, 6-304. Bowler Tuffey Martin Bradburn 29 1 McMillan

12 0

Former Australia captain Allan Border (L) and former India opening batsman Krishnamachary Srikkant sharing a light moment at Madras on Saturday. Veterans of the second Tied Test between India and Australia were to play In a friendly limited-overs cricket match at Madras on the day to commemorate 15th anniversary of the event.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ONE SKILLFUL HUNTER IN SEARCH OF CELERY SAYS, "I STALK 42 Trireme

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals H measure. The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for 44 "Wheel of another, if you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe

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Fortune" give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Andre last in last four Agassi joined Pete Sampras, semis here is playing well. Every-

him exhausted.

REUTERS, Indian Wells

While the ATP Tour works to pro-

Grand Slam champions' claimed three of the four men's semifinal spots of the Tennis Masters Series in Indian Wells' tournament Fri-Fourth seed Andre Agassi, who captured his seventh major title at

the Australian Open in January,

whipped Nicolas Lapentti of Ec-

uador 6-2, 6-1 Friday night to

capture the last semifinal berth on

Russian seventh seed Yevgeny body in the semis here has the Kafelnikov and sixth-seeded Aus- possibility of winning this tour-

Japan had also never defeated | mote its young rising stars, veteran only one of the quartet to be featured in a recent ATP Tour campaign promoting the game's young up-and-comers, crushed Nicolas Escude of France 6-1, 6-3 to earn a shot at Agassi.

Lapentti is another of the play-

The 20-year-old Hewitt, the tralian Patrick Rafter 4-6, 7-6, 6-4.

ers being touted as a future star. but the 30-year-old Agassi had very little trouble putting the upstart in his place. Every week's a new week," Gambill, who was on a roll coming

tralian Lleyton Hewitt in the final nament, whether you're 30 or 20."

Agassi said. "Everybody in the into Friday's quarterfinal.

"I'm pretty bushed - very tired absolutely brilliant.

unbeaten on 32 after hitting an Botham paid particular tribute to

champion. spot with an outstanding 6-4, 6-3

In a repeat match-up of last year's breathtaking Wimbledon final, the third-seeded Sampras rallied to beat 11th-seeded Aus-

Sampras will take on Olympic gold medalist Kafelnikov, a former French and Australian Open Kafelnikov earned his semifinal

victory over American Jan-Michael

OUR CORESPONDENT, Strafgani Rajshahi Cricket Training Centre

Rajshahi Cricket Training

Centre made 150 all out in the stipulated 40 overs winning the toss. In reply, Pabna KSP were all