

Hussain to see specialist

England captain Nasser Hussain, who had his thumb fractured by Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar in the First Test at Lord's, will see a specialist Friday as he bids to recover from the injury in time for the forthcoming home Test series against Australia.

Shoaib in hospital

Pakistan pace bowler Shoaib Akhtar was taken to hospital on Thursday and will stay in overnight after falling ill during the second and final Test against England.

Shoaib was not selected for the match at Old Trafford which started on Thursday although he had been available for selection before he began feeling increasingly unwell in the morning.

Mutendera back Zimbabwe fold

Zimbabwe have recalled medium pacer David Mutendera for the first Test against India. Mutendera has been included in a squad of 14 for the first of two Tests against the tourists.

SQUAD

Table listing cricket players and their statistics, including names like Youhana c Knight b Caddick, Younis lbw b Hoggard, Mahmood c Knight b Hoggard, Latif run out, Akram c Stewart b Gough, Saqlain not out, Waqar lbw b Gough, Extras (lb-9, nb-15), Total (All out in 96.4 overs), Fall of wickets, and Bowling statistics for Gough, Caddick, Hoggard, Cork, Trescottick, and Vaughan.

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Youhana c Knight b Caddick 4; Younis lbw b Hoggard 65; Mahmood c Knight b Hoggard 37; Latif run out 71; Akram c Stewart b Gough 16; Saqlain not out 21; Waqar lbw b Gough 5; Extras (lb-9, nb-15) 24; Total (All out in 96.4 overs) 403; Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-39, 3-86, 4-92, 5-233, 6-255, 7-308, 8-357, 9-380; Bowling: O M R W Gough 23.4 2 94 3; Caddick 28 2 111 3; Hoggard 19 4 79 3; Cork 21 2 75 0; Trescottick 3 0 14 0; Vaughan 2 0 21 0; ENGLAND: First innings; Atherton c Rashid b Waqar 5; Trescottick b Akram 10; Vaughan not out 77; Thorpe not out 75; Extras (lb-3, w-1, nb-2) 6; Total (For 2 wks in 48 overs) 173; Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-15; To bat: A Stewart, I Ward, N Knight, D Cork, M Hoggard, A Caddick, D Gough.

Zane's life-saver



AFP, Taegu

Two months ago Clayton Zane was nearly out of work, but on Friday he was the toast of Australia after scoring the goal that defeated world champions France.

clubs back in Australia. Now I have got to try and stay in the national setup to improve my chances of a bigger move. Zane broke the deadlock an hour into the match which Australia won 1-0 to go top of Group A.



Australia's Clayton Zane celebrates his strike against France yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Martyn goes to the rescue

Cricket

A half-century from Damien Martyn spared Australia some early embarrassment as they launched their tour of England against Worcestershire at New Road Friday.

the crease. He fell for 13, caught by Anurag Singh off Alamgir Sheryar to leave Australia 55 for two. Four runs later Ricky Ponting's cameo came to an end when he was lbw to Chris Liptrot. He hit five fours in his 24. Steve Waugh and Michael Bevan maintained the tempo. The pair put 50 for the fourth wicket until Waugh was bowled by Liptrot for 30.

Shah smashes double ton

Cricket

Owais Shah consolidated his standing as English cricket's leading first-class scorer this season with a career-best 203 on Thursday as Middlesex headed for a crushing victory over Derbyshire.

Nutrillac open chess on

The first Nutrillac open Fide rating chess tournament got underway at the National Sports Council (NSC) chess room on Friday under the auspices of Bangladesh Chess Federation.



Group Captain (retd) Shamsul Alam BU inaugurating the Nutrillac Open Fide Rating Chess tournament on Friday.

CJKS Div I cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong: Abahani Kira Chakra (jr), Kallol Sangha and Bakolia Ekadosh won their respective matches of the CJKS-Ispahani First Division Cricket League at different city venues yesterday.

AGBAD: 215 for 6 in 45 overs (Masud 59*, Raju 40) ABDAHANI: 217 for eight in 42.5 overs (Arman 67*, Tutul 54, Rajib 25, Syed 24, extras 24; Masud 4/35) BAKOLIA: 201 all out in 42.1 overs (Arshad 41, Daud 40, Arif 30, extras 5); aiser 4/33) REGENSEA: 187 all out in 44.4 overs (Manik 49, Kaiser 27, Imtiaz 22, extras 20; Rafiq 4/24) SEBA NIKETON: 101 all out in 39.2 overs (Nayan 24, Jitu 15 extras 14; Shuhbshis 3/2, Arshadul 3/15) KALLOL: 105 for six in 19 overs (Arshad 26, Gautam 20, Prothom 19, extras 19; Shumit 4/32)

Sahara sponsors India cricket team

Cricket

One of India's leading business conglomerates will pay a record 21 million dollars over three years to sponsor the national cricket team, newspapers reported Friday.

Sahara's bid was 49 per cent more than ITC Limited, the previous sponsor of Indian cricket, and the highest ever to be paid a sporting team in the sub-continent.

S'pore's cause for concern

Cricket

An Indian ban on the national cricket team competing at non-traditional venues like Singapore has the island state's cricket association battling for survival, sports officials said on Friday.

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Belgian teens stay on course

Tennis

Two Belgian teens stayed on course for a women's singles semifinal showdown at the French Open on Friday while joint title favourite Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain and former champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia led the way into the last 16 in the men's.



Briton Tim Henman seemingly is disappointed after losing a point against Guillermo Canas of Argentina on way to losing the match on Thursday. PHOTO: AFP

Henin, celebrating her 19th birthday, qualified for the last 16 with a hard-fought 6-3, 6-4 win over up-and-coming French woman Virginie Razzano. And Clijsters, one week shy of her 18th birthday, went through 6-2, 6-2 against Spain's Marta Marrero.

Asked how a small country like Belgium had suddenly emerged as a tennis power, Henin said that credit was due to the Belgian Tennis Federation 'who help us 100 percent.'

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Nagyova of Slovakia winner in three sets over Nathalie Dechy of France. 'I am very happy with the way I played out there,' said Clijsters. 'There were a lot of Belgians in the crowd and I really enjoyed myself.'

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