

## England 5: Zimbabwe 0

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Viljoen, but by then the match was over as a contest.  
For Zimbabwe coach Carl Rackemann it was a disappointing way to end just over a year in charge of the team as he makes way for fellow Australian Geoff Marsh.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard in the fifth and final one-day international between England and Zimbabwe at the Queens Sports Club on Saturday.

**ZIMBABWE**

G Flower	b Flintoff	104	
Campbell	c Foster	b Silverwood	3
Carlisle	c Ramprakash	b Silverwood	0
A Flower	c Knight	b Holloake	33
Wishart	b Silverwood	26	
Ebrahim	b Snape	28	
Marillier	c Collingwood	b Flintoff	4
Ervine	run out (Hussain)	3	
Viljoen	c Trescothick	b Snape	1
Brent	not out	7	
Hondo	c Holloake	b Snape	5
Extras	(lb-11, w-1, nb-2)	14	
Total	(All out in 49.3 overs)	228	

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-7, 3-77, 4-145, 5-204, 6-208, 7-213, 8-215, 9-218

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hoggard	8	1	28	0
Silverwood	9	0	43	3
Holloake	10	0	34	1
Collingwood	6	0	36	0
Snape	8.3	0	43	3
Flintoff	8	0	33	2

**ENGLAND**  
Trescothick c G Flower b Marillier 29  
Knight not out 80  
Hussain c Ebrahim b Viljoen 47  
Ramprakash b G Flower 6  
Collingwood not out 56  
Extras: (b-5, lb-2, w-2, nb-2) 11  
Total: (For 3 wkts in 43.4 overs) 229  
Fall of wickets: 1-47, 2-134, 3-151  
Did not bat: B Holloake, A Flintoff, J Snape, J Foster, C Silverwood, M Hoggard

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Brent	8	0	35	0
Hondo	3	0	31	0
Marillier	9	1	50	1
Ervine	7	0	27	0
Viljoen	10	1	40	1
G Flower	6.4	0	39	1

**Result: England won by seven wickets and take the series 5-0.**  
**Man-of-the-match: Nick Knight.**  
**Man-of-the-series: Nick Knight.**

## Indian lesson

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googlies accounted for the next three wickets, all to lbw decisions, with the Kenyans unable to counter deliveries which hurried straight through.

Among Kumble's victims was Thomas Oduyo, who benefited from an unusual reprieve. Oduyo had made nine when he was adjudged run out by square leg umpire Dave Orchard.

But Orchard also asked television umpire Wilf Diedericks to check the decision.

Oduyo was already climbing the steps to the dressing room when he was told he was not out. He made only three more before being trapped by Kumble.  
Tony Suji and a spirited Collins Otienu put on 23 for the eighth wicket but it was not enough to prevent Kenya from being dismissed for an all-time low.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard in the Standard Bank triangular limited-overs series match between India and Kenya at Springbok Park Friday:

**KENYA:** 90 all out in 37.1 overs (A Suji 18 not out, C Otienu 16, K Otienu 14; A Agarkar 4-27, A Kumble 3-14, J Srinath 2-13)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
M Suji	3	1	19	0
Oduyo	4	0	37	0
Ochieng	3	0	16	0
A Suji	1.3	0	19	0

**Result: India won by 10 wickets.**  
**Man-of-the-match: Ajit Agarkar.**  
**Next match: Kenya v S Africa, Oct 14.**



A night-time Sharjah Stadium which so far has staged 174 one-day internationals.

## Sharjah eager to host Pak

### Cricket

Organisers of cricket at Sharjah are ready to host Pakistan home Tests if they are called off for security reasons in the wake of US-led attacks on neighbouring Afghanistan.

"We have a top class infrastructure, both at Sharjah and Morocco, and we can organise matches at a short notice," Zahid Noorani, chief executive of the Cricketers' Benefit Fund Series (CBFS), said.

Zahid's offer came after International Cricket Council (ICC) president Malcolm Gray said earlier this week it was possible Pakistan's home matches could be played at independent venues if that became necessary.

"If given the responsibility, we will go all out to help the ICC in organis-

ing both Test and one-day series at our venues in Sharjah and Morocco," Noorani said.

"It's true that no international match has been staged in Morocco so far, but we do keep organising inter-regional matches there. We have five wickets, all maintained to the international standard."

The cricket stadiums in both Sharjah and Morocco are owned by Abdul Rahman Bukhatir, who is the president of the CBFS and also heads the Emirates Cricket Board.

Noorani said: "Pakistan, in particular, have suffered huge financial losses. First, India pulled out of the tour because of political reasons and then New Zealand and Sri Lanka cancelled their tours, citing security concerns in the region."

"We would be more than willing to help Pakistan and I understand the Pakistan Cricket Board has already agreed in principle to staging home Test and one-day matches

in independent venues. We have over 20 years of experience of organising international matches."

The CBFS chief executive sees no threat to their forthcoming three-nation limited-overs tournament in Sharjah from October 26 to November 4.

"All the three teams -- Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe -- have confirmed their participation and we are going ahead with the necessary arrangements," he said.

Sharjah schedule (matches start at 1030 GMT):  
**Oct 26:** Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe  
**Oct 27:** Pakistan v Sri Lanka  
**Oct 28:** Pakistan v Zimbabwe  
**Oct 30:** Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe  
**Oct 31:** Pakistan v Zimbabwe  
**Nov 2:** Pakistan v Sri Lanka  
**Nov 4:** Final

## Akhtar back in Pakistan side

REUTERS, Karachi

Fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar has been recalled by Pakistan in a 15-man squad selected for a triangular series against Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe in Sharjah from October 26 to November 4.

Akhtar, who has had a successful time with his domestic team KRL in the Patrons Trophy competition with bat and ball, was ignored by the selectors for the Asian Test Championship match against Bangladesh in August.

He was also not included in the one-day squad for the series against New Zealand, which were cancelled because of the ongoing crisis in neighbouring Afghanistan.

"Akhtar has been bowling well in the Patrons Trophy. He has proved his match fitness. We just wanted to be sure about that," chief selector Wasim Bari told this news agency.

"His return will strengthen the pace attack. We have directly announced the team on the basis of the performances in the ongoing domestic season since there was little time left before the tournament."

The squad contains no real surprises except for one new face in the middle-order, batsman Naveed Latif.

Besides Akhtar, young leg-spinner Danish Kaneria is also rewarded with a place in the touring side.

The Pakistan players will be attending a national training camp at Lahore from October 15 under the supervision of new coach Mudassar Nazar before flying to Sharjah.

**SQUAD**  
Saeed Anwar, Shahid Afridi, Taufiq Umar, Younis Khan, Inzamam Haq (vice-captain), Yousuf Youhana, Naveed Latif, Abdur Razzak, Azhar Mehmood, Rashid Latif, Waqar Younis (captain), Wasim Akram, Shoaib Akhtar, Shoaib Malik and Danish Kaneria.

## Gulshan Club Billiards, snooker

SPORTS REPORTER

The President's Gold Cup Billiards and Snooker Tournament got underway at the Gulshan Club on Saturday.

Zakir Hossain Montu of the Officers' Club won the inaugural match against Saydur Rahman of Uttara Club 4-0.

Twelve teams including the hosts are taking part in the 11-day meet, sponsored by Techno-Foki (Bangladesh) Ltd.

## Pak inquiry

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"Even in the final, Pakistan batted first after winning the toss which was dubious because there was rain overnight and pitch was covered," he said.

In a commission hearing last month, former Pakistan fast bowler Sarfraz Nawaz also backed allegations that Pakistan's defeats were due to rigging.

After another match fixing inquiry headed by Justice Malik Mohammad Qayyum between September 1998 and October 1999, former captain Salim Malik and pacer Ataur Rehman were banned for life. Akram, Younis, Anwar, Haq, Mushtaq Ahmed and Akram Raza were fined.

The third round play and a second round game will be held today.

## JPC spade trump

BSS, Dhaka

A three-day spade trump competition marking the 47th founding anniversary of the Jatiya Press Club began at the club yesterday.

Badiul Alam, Shafigue Chowdhury, Sukumar Sarkar, Nurul Amin Rokan, Nurul Hasan Khan, Pir Habibur Rahman, Enamul Haque Chowdhury and Subhash Chandra Badal moved to the third round of the meet.

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## Monica-Nicole finale

AFP, Shanghai

Monica Seles of the United States breezed into the final of the 140,000-dollar WTA women's tournament in a two-set match here on Saturday.

The 27-year-old American top seed will encounter unseeded player Nicole Pratt from Australia in Sunday's final.

It took Seles 46 minutes to wipe unseeded Australian Alicia Molik off the court in Saturday's semifinal, with a score of 6-1, 6-0.

In the day's other semifinal, Pratt, who is Seles' senior by just nine months, defeated Italy's seventh seed Rita Grande 6-3, 6-4 in a match lasting 80 minutes.

In the women's doubles semifinals, Liezel Huber from South Africa and Lenka Nemeckova of the Czech Republic beat Japanese Rika Fujiwara and Miho Saeki 6-4, 6-4.

In the other doubles semifinal, Australian Evie Dominikovic and Thai Tamarine Tanasugarn defeated Chinese Shen Liuli and Sun Tiantian 4-6, 6-0, 6-1.

## Sotomayor calls it a day

### Athletics

AFP, Havana

Javier Sotomayor, Cuba's indoor and outdoor world record holder, has announced his retirement according to Cuban television on Friday.

Sotomayor, who celebrates his

34th birthday on Saturday, had repeatedly said during the season he would not be retiring although his performances have been disappointing. He only took fourth spot at the World Outdoor Championships in Edmonton, Canada in August.

The high jump legend, who has won six world titles - two outdoor and four indoor - and the 1992 Olympics, has both the indoor world mark of 2.43m set in 1989 in

Budapest, plus the outdoor record of 2.45m, achieved in 1993 in Salamanca, Spain.

Sotomayor was suspended for two years after testing positive for cocaine in 1999 at the Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Canada. Athletics' world governing body IAAF reduced the suspension to 12 months however for what they described as exceptional circumstances.

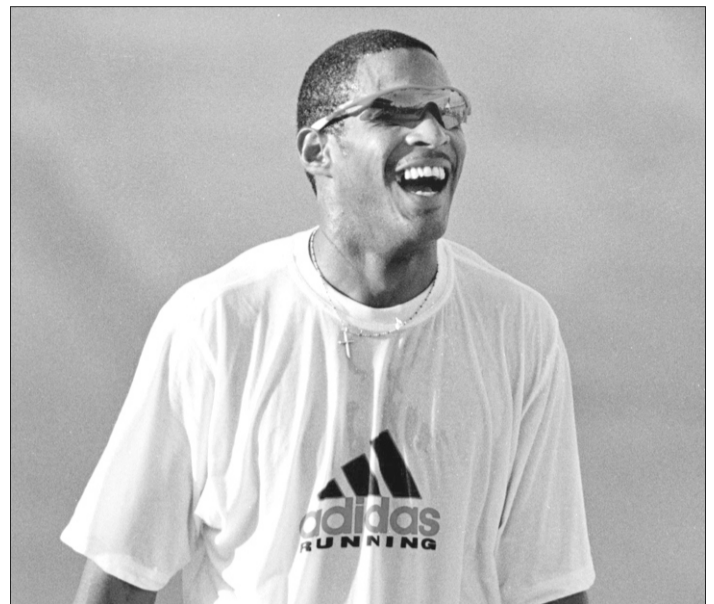
He returned to competitive in action in time to compete at the Sydney Olympics last year and claimed the silver medal with a jump of 2.32m.

Several months ago, he had said he had no clear idea of what he wanted to do once he had retired from competition though he wanted to remain in the sporting world.

His German friend and coach Carlo Trnardt said Sotomayor would be the ideal person to promote a hotel complex which he intended to establish in Cuba.

"To be a coach does not really interest me," Sotomayor had said: "But I will put myself at the IAF's (Cuban sports institute) disposal to fulfill a role they will give me, still in the area of sports because I cannot imagine completely giving up sport."

Sotomayor is married to Maria del Carmen Garcia, the 1991 Pan American high jump champion, and they have two sons.



JAVIER SOTOMAYOR

## Stefan stuns Roger

### Tennis

AFP, Vienna

Stefan Koubek, who does not even figure in the top 100 in the ATP Champions Race and only gained a place in this week's CA Trophy through a wild card, created another shock in an extraordinary sequence of upsets here Friday.

Koubek won 7-6, 7-5 against the fourth-seeded Roger Federer, many people's tip to take the title, producing before his home crowd one of the finest performances of his career to reach the semifinals.

It brought the downfall of the

seventh of the eight seeds, ending Federer's chances of moving closer this week to the select band of eight players who will qualify for next month's tour-end finals in Sydney.

Koubek, who saved a couple of match points against former world number two Michael Chang in the previous round, this time saved two crucial break points in the penultimate game when Federer was making a push to level the match.

In the following game, the Austrian was helped in making the only service break of the match - and the decisive one - with the help of a controversial umpiring decision.

It happened at 15-30 when Federer appeared to have delivered

a deep and forcing second serve, only for the umpire to intervene, claiming the delivery had touched the net and calling a let.

Federer objected and the Swiss player's second attempt at a second serve was not so good, with Koubek's return pressurising Federer into driving the ball into the net. That put him match point down.

It ended immediately when Federer drove an edgy forehand

long.  
But even though Koubek also had a lucky net cord to get the second of his two mini-breaks in the first set tie-breaker, his triumph could hardly be described as fortunate.



PHOTO: AFP

Australian Nicole Pratt plays a forehand return against Italian Rita Grande at the Shanghai Open yesterday.

## Flemo full

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Australians in the Tests in Brisbane, Hobart and Perth.

The New Zealanders arrived ahead of schedule in Australia because they have arranged extra games after their planned tour of Pakistan was cancelled for safety reasons due to the US-led strikes against neighbouring Afghanistan.

New Zealand are further strengthened by left-arm swing bowler Shayne O'Connor's recovery from knee surgery, but even though they can now choose from a full-strength squad their task remains formidable.

Steve Waugh's Australians have won 20 and lost just three of their last 23 Tests, a sequence culminating in the recent 4-1 Ashes series triumph in England.

The 36-year-old captain and his twin brother Mark were two of the influential batsmen against England, averaging 107 and 86 respectively, with Steve scoring a courageous 157 not out in the fifth and final Test despite a calf muscle injury.

Waugh has since battled a deep vein thrombosis complaint and been prescribed blood-thinning medication but has been cleared to resume training in the nets next week.

New Zealand's first tour match is a four-day game against a Queensland second XI in Brisbane starting next Tuesday.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Hostilities before-hand  
4 He'll give you a winking  
7 Imperfection  
11 Since  
13 Disen-cumber  
14 Peregrinate  
15 Mad king of literature  
16 Every last crumb  
17 Off the payroll  
18 Gold standard?  
20 Placard  
22 Siesta  
24 They're rolling in dough

**DOWN**

23 Worker's compensation  
2 On the briny  
3 Bellow  
4 Car-front protector  
5 Rembrandt's  
6 Extern-porize  
7 Christmas gift?  
8 Bagel topper  
9 Rd.  
10 Become one  
12 Mary Shelley's creation  
19 Mahal

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

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LEMONS CLOSET  
EBB STATE TIDE  
ALLS EMO ILLSA  
THEFT PROCEDED  
THE OUT FIGHT  
SPINNER SOFAR  
LINE MAG RITE  
AVIA APPLE LOP  
MORALE AXILLIA  
STORES STRICTLY  
SWEET STEPS

28 Teltarus  
32 Tony Soprano's mom  
33 Between assignments  
34 Chatter away  
36 Pinches  
37 Pitcher's place  
39 Realms

21 Woman, slangily  
25 Beelzebub's  
26 Mature  
27 Back talk  
28 Flaccid  
29 Stench  
30 Item on this list  
31 WWII service-woman  
35 Tease  
38 Morning moisture  
40 Predetermine  
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48 One of the help  
49 Rams' ma'am's  
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54 Ham-mock, essentially

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### CRYPTOQUIP

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HAMFFQR NMPXECV  
AGQ BOLEYD NOH  
UORYD MJA MBHECX

**Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A BENEFICIARY WENT OUT IN THE COLD, WOULD THERE BE A CHILL IN THE HEIR?**

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals P

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

## Not blind in mind

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ends on October 15, the White Cane Safety Day.

The three-day open event has attracted seventy players from across the country. After seven rounds the player collecting the highest points will be adjudged the winner.

For the past two years, Shamsul Islam has walked away with the trophy. The 14-year-old genius from Jamalpur is the son of Mubarak Ali, a farmer.

Shamsul who was blind at birth, is Mubarak's only son to suffer such a horrible torture. His four brothers are all perfectly normal.

"I have nothing to regret. May be it was meant to happen, I don't really know," said Shamsul, who began playing chess very recently.

A student of class six, the reigning champion said that he received coaching from his own school in the district.

"At first I found it a little strange but slowly I began to understand the shape of each piece. Nowadays I practise at home about 3-4 hours daily."

Talking to Haroonur Rashid, a FIDE judge and the tournament's arbitrator, he said that all the normal rules except the 'touch rule' would apply.

In special chess the white pieces are shaped a little different from the blacks. Although there was supposed to be no time limit for each match but organisers had to employ clocks to speed up the process.

According to Haroon they allotted two hours for each of the three

rounds on the opening day.

After the inaugural speeches by BCF general secretary Sujauddin Ahmed and Barbro Henriksson, project director of InterLife-Bangladesh Disability Programme, and the moving of pawns by the guests, the room was filled with excitement as competitors ranging from ages 14 to 50 heard their names being called during the draw ceremony.

From humble beginnings the competition now includes four women players in the fray.

The tournament is not a new one. It began its journey in 1993 under the auspices of the Baptist Sangha School.

Prodipt Kumar Singha was running the show while serving as a trainer. He is now Henriksson's assistant project director.

The Baptist Sangha conducted the tournament for another two years.

However, not until 1999 was it finally recognised at the national level.

As the boards began to move this correspondent appreciated what all the players were striving to accomplish.

Though eventually there will be one clear winner yet one cannot feel overwhelmed by the joy of watching everybody in the room having a great deal of fun.

Stating the goal of InterLife's endeavour Prodipt summed it up: "We want to make blind chess players realise they are no lesser than their normal counterparts."