

Pabna soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna
Ishwardi TSA outplayed Amtola Club 7-0 in the Radhuni Second Division Football League at the local stadium yesterday.
Masum netted 4 goals with a hat-trick while Aslam, Jhantu and Romesh scored one each for the winners.

Kallis' killer

FROM PAGE 13
INDIA: First innings
Das c Gibbs b Hayward 46
Williams lbw Klusener 5
Dravid lbw Ntini 5
Tendulkar c Boucher b Kallis 27
Laxman c Kirsten b Kallis 14
Dasgupta not out 16
Kumble not out 10
Extras: (b-1, lb-10, nb-3) 14
Total: (For 5 wickets in 58 overs) 137
Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-49, 3-90, 4-100, 5-107

To Bat: Harbhajan Singh, Javagal Srinath, Venkatesh Prasad, Ashish Nehra
Bowler O M R W
Pollock 11 6 11 0
Hayward 15 4 41 1
Ntini 13 3 55 1
Klusener 8 5 4 1
Kallis 10 6 13 2
Boje 1 0 2 0

SOUTH AFRICA: Shaun Pollock, Gary Kirsten, Herschelle Gibbs, Neil McKenzie, Jacques Rudolph, Lance Klusener, Mark Boucher, Makhyana Ntini, Jacques Kallis, Nicky Boje, Nantie Hayward.
Match referee: Denis Lindsay.
Umpires: Rudi Koertzen and David Orchard (both South Africans).

ICC at war

FROM PAGE 13
was betrayed by television pictures trying to pick at the ball's seam to make it spin and swerve for his bowlers -- is akin to calling someone a cheat.
His fans responded by burning effigies of Denness in the streets.
The row is already being likened to cricket's great crises of the past.
In 1932-33, the Bodyline affair -- which saw Australians accuse the English of trying to hit their batsman with dangerous short-pitched bowling -- almost caused a breach of diplomatic relations.
In 1968-69, England called off their t-ur to South Africa after their white-skinned hosts refused to play against the England-qualified Cape coloured Basil D'Oliveira.
The Kerry Packer breakaway 'circus' in 1977, meanwhile, saw the Australian broadcaster poach some of the world's top players in an attempt to challenge traditional Test cricket.
The Tendulkar-Denness furore may appear to be based on humbler beginnings -- a one-match suspended ban and a small fine for an infraction which has been levelled at several great cricketers in the past -- but there is a subtext.
That background was reflected in India in recent days, with several politicians and former cricketers linking Tendulkar's censure with racism.
Traditionally, cricket and its 10 Test-playing nations have been run from Lord's but India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka -- who cautiously sided with the ICC on Friday while keeping their options open -- can rightly claim that the heart of the game is now firmly based in Asia.
The uncompromising Dalmiya, despite having his enemies on home turf, has been seen as a champion for Asian interests ever since successfully forcing the ICC to switch the 1987 World Cup from England to India and Pakistan.
He also outmanoeuvred rivals from cricket's old powers by managing to get himself elected, against all the odds, as ICC president between 1997-2000.
If he were intent on taking the current issue to the limit -- and were able to convince Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh to support him in the power struggle -- the very shape of the world game -- and its governing body -- could be changed for ever.

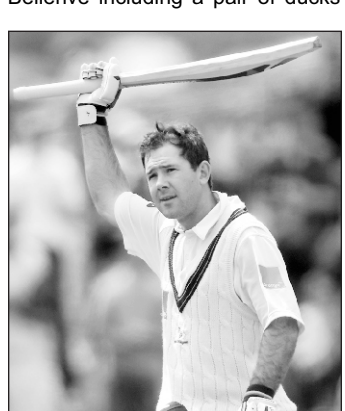
Ponting follows the suit

Cricket
AFP, Hobart

Steve Waugh's plan to declare and leave New Zealand eight overs to negotiate until the close was scuppered when bad light prevented the Kiwi openers from facing a delivery late on the second day of the second cricket Test here Friday.
Skipper Waugh declared Australia's first innings at 558 for eight at 6.09pm local time (0709 GMT) which left the Kiwis a treacherous period in murky conditions to play after four hours' cricket had been lost through rain.
But as soon as openers Mark Richardson and Matthew Bell reached the wicket umpires Steve Bucknor and Steve Davis offered them the light and a way out.
Bell and Richardson ran from the ground leaving an unhappy Waugh questioning both umpires on the state of the light.
Waugh had declared his team's innings as soon as Brett Lee was caught in the deep by Craig McMillan for 41 giving left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori his fifth wicket of the innings.
Ricky Ponting was left unbeaten on 157 off 218 balls in 309 minutes with 20 fours and a six.
New Zealand's task now will be to pass the follow-on mark and score 359 runs against Australia's strong bowling line-up.
"With (Glenn) McGrath and (Jason) Gillespie fired up and ready to go the umpires obviously thought it was a bit too dark and it would have been dangerous for the batsmen," Ponting said.
"We were keen to play. We wouldn't have declared otherwise and we wanted to get out there and put some early pressure on them, but it was too dark and we'll have to wait until tomorrow."

Rain played havoc with the second day's play and only 80 minutes' play was possible until the players reappeared for 49 minutes in the evening.
Early in the day Ponting com-

pleted his ninth Test century and an overdue first on his home Bellerive Oval. During the course he also crossed the 3,000-run mark and became the 25th Australian to achieve the landmark in Test cricket.
Just 12 minutes after the start of play, Ponting, 92 overnight, brought up his century.
Ponting came into the Hobart Test having scored 0, 0 and 4 from his three previous Test innings at Bellerive including a pair of ducks



RICKY PONTING...157 n o

two years ago against Pakistan.
"It's a pretty special moment for me," said Ponting. "I've had a couple of a disappointing games down here and it's something I've really wanted to do over the last couple of years, come to Hobart and get some runs before the home crowd."
The dashing 26-year-old right-hander, playing in his 49th Test, scored 144 against England three Tests earlier at Headingley, Leeds, last August.
The Kiwi bowlers held little fear for the Australian batsmen after Steve Waugh's men walloped them for 411 on Thursday's opening day -- the most on the first day of a Test in Australia for 70 years.
Shane Warne threw away probably his best chance of scoring a Test century when he went for a hook off part-time bowler Nathan Astle only to get an inside-edge and was bowled for 70.
Warne appeared annoyed with himself as he left the crease as he

and Ponting had little problem against the innocuous Kiwi bowlers and maintained a pacy 4.5 run-rate.
Ponting and Warne put on 145 runs for the seventh wicket in just 135 minutes.
Rain again threatens to influence the result with both captains, Waugh and Stephen Fleming, contriving a gripping final day in the first Brisbane Test after three days had been interrupted by rain.
In the first Test the Kiwis were given a reprieve by the elements after Australia made 486 for nine declared in their first innings, with the match finishing in a draw.
Saturday's forecast was for further rain, clearing over the weekend.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the second Test between Australia and New Zealand at the Bellerive Oval in Hobart Friday:
AUSTRALIA: First innings (over-night 411-6)
Langer c Vettori b Cairns 123
Hayden c Bond b Vettori 91
Ponting not out 157
M Waugh b Vettori 12
S Waugh lbw b Bond 0
Martyn lbw b Vettori 0
Gilchrist b Vettori 39
Warne b Astle 70
Lee c McMillan b Vettori 41
Extras: (b-3, lb-5, w-2, nb-15) 25
Total: (For 8 wickets in 124 overs) 558
Fall of wickets: 1-223, 2-238, 3-253, 4-266, 5-267, 6-336, 7-481, 8-558

Bowler O M R W
Cairns 28 3 122 1
Tuffey 15 1 74 0
Bond 28 0 135 1
Vettori 36 5 138 5
McMillan 8 0 51 0
Astle 9 0 30 1
NEW ZEALAND: First innings
Bell not out 0
Richardson not out 0
Total: (For no loss) 0
To bat: Stephen Fleming, Mathew Sinclair, Nathan Astle, Craig McMillan, Chris Cairns, Adam Parore, Daniel Vettori, Daryl Tuffey, Shane Bond.
Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and Steve Davis (Australia).

Rajshahi cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
Friends Ideal Cricket School and Lord's Cricket Coaching Centre won their respective matches of the seventh Birshrestha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir Smriti Gold Cup cricket tournament at the local stadium yesterday.
In the first match, Friends Ideal defeated Cyclone Sporting Club by six wickets.
Batting first Cyclone made 70 in 20.1 overs.
In reply, Friends reached the target conceding four wickets in 18.3 overs.
In other match of the day, Lord's Cricket Coaching beat Mahfuz Smriti Sangha by 43 runs.
The winners batted first and scored 120 runs for five in the stipulated 25 overs.
In reply, Mahfuz Smriti were all out for 77 in 22.4 overs.

Davis Cup
Santoro fit for final
AFP, Melbourne

French Davis Cup coach Thierry Tulasne played down fears Friday doubles specialist Fabrice Santoro could be out of next week's final against Australia.
Santoro was seen limping from the practice courts at Kooyong holding his back but Tulasne said he was simply sore.
"The players have been practising hard since Monday and they're stiff. Fabrice was worse than the others and he has had a bad back. But it didn't stop him playing today," Tulasne said.
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Muralitharan c Stuart b Dillon 4
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Collins 28 7 84 4
Stuart 0 1 0 2
Gayle 0 3 0 4
Hooper 21 6 44 0
Rannarane 24 6 75 3
Samuels 3 0 18 0
(Note: Dillon, Stuart and Gayle took turns to bowl the fifth over)
WEST INDIES: First innings
Gayle not out 25
Ganga c Jayawardene b Zoyisa 0
Sarwan not out 12
Extras: (nb-2) 2
Total: (For 1 wkt in 11 overs) 39
Fall of wicket: 1-8
To bat: Brian Lara, Carl Hooper, Marlon Samuels, Ridley Jacobs, Pedro Collins, Mervyn Dillon, Dinanath Rannarane, Colin Stuart.
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BCCI being 'sporting'

Cricket
REUTERS, undated

India's cricket board will try to sort out its row with the International Cricket Council (ICC) in a "sporting manner", board president Jagmohan Dalmiya said.
"We have to see how we can get back to the game. Controversies will not help cricket. We will work out the issue with the ICC, we are a family," Dalmiya, the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), told a news conference in Calcutta on Friday.
India and South Africa started an unofficial Test on Friday after the ICC refused to recognise the game when South Africa barred referee Mike Denness over a ball-tampering controversy.
Earlier, on Thursday Dalmiya said any decision on the status of the India-South Africa Test could only be made by a majority decision of the ICC's executive board.
Dalmiya was reacting to ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed's announcement in London that the Centurion game would not be recognised if Denness was banned

from officiating.
"Whether it is official or unofficial is governed by certain parameters. This can be decided only by the majority of the ICC's executive board," Dalmiya told Reuters.
In an unprecedented move earlier on Thursday, South African cricket officials, under pressure from their own government to placate India, had banned Denness from the third Test to prevent a boycott by the touring side.
regain official status.
"This is already an official Test as far as we are concerned, whatever the ICC may say," sources in the BCCI told AFP.
"We don't want a confrontation with the ICC, but if it came to that we will not be found wanting."
"What is the ICC," Dalmiya was quoted as saying. "The ICC consists of all the board members and in a democratic process, the majority decision should prevail. One or two cannot decide on such issues."
ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed immediately disagreed, warning Dalmiya: "I disagree with him. I believe I can (do it) and I have done it, with the authority of the president of the ICC."
The irrepressible Indian cricket chief debunked the notion that a match referee was a vital part of the game.
"Suppose a referee is sick or absent, will the status of a match change from official to unofficial?" Dalmiya asked.
"We only tried to tell the ICC that these are extraordinary circumstances. The decisions by Denness were extraordinarily harsh. The team was upset and so we needed a little accommodation."



JAGMOHAN DALMIYA

However, India took another swipe at the authority of the ICC on Friday, saying the controversial third Test against South Africa would

Nothing if it wasn't him

Cricket
REUTERS, New Delhi

Only Sachin Tendulkar has the status in India to unwittingly spark an international cricket crisis, former players and fans said on Friday.
"Tendulkar is like a god in India. No one can imagine he could ever need to cheat," former India Test medium-pace Atul Wassan told this news agency.
"If they had named anyone other than Tendulkar it may have become an issue, but certainly not one of this magnitude."
"Denness had raised a finger to anyone other than Tendulkar, the situation may have just blown over," said Chetan Chauhan, a former Test opener.
"It's not just that Tendulkar is a great player, he is also a gentleman who has never been known to do wrong. He respects the traditions of the game and the fact that his integrity was being questioned angered fans, players, media and politicians

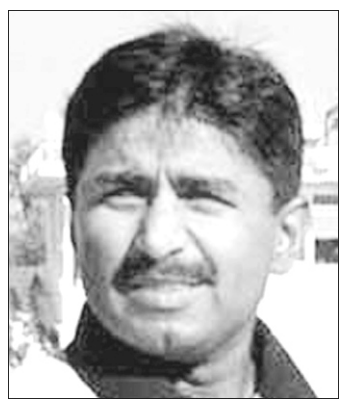
alike."
Tendulkar was seen in television replays running his fingernail over the seam, which Denness said was an attempt to doctor its condition. The batsman said he was only cleaning grass and mud from the ball because of the damp conditions.
"I cannot believe Tendulkar would ever do such a thing. He's above all this, and anyway he's just a slow bowler. Only a pacesman could get any real benefit from a doctored ball," said New Delhi cricket fan Dheeraj Rai.
The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) had asked for Denness to be replaced or his decision reviewed by the International Cricket Council (ICC), but the sport's governing body turned down the request.
The United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa then dumped Denness following Indian threats to boycott the third Test, which started in Centurion on Friday. In turn, the ICC refused to recognise it as an official Test match.

lated that the ICC could take the 2003 World Cup away from South Africa as a result of the controversy.
"The UCB was in contact with Mr Speed and Mr Gray repeatedly on Thursday," Wilkinson said.
"We were assured by them that the series against India would be regarded as having been won by South Africa, and that South Africa would get the points on the World Test Championship log."
South Africa won the first Test of the series in Bloemfontein by nine wickets.
Wilkinson said the South African players had been informed on Thursday night that the match was not an official Test and that they had accepted the decision.
UCB chief executive officer Gerald Majola said Thursday however, that they would argue their case for the match to be recognised as a Test at the next ICC meeting.
Denness infuriated India with a series of decisions arising from the second Test when he punished icon Sachin Tendulkar for ball doctoring and five other players, including captain Sourav Ganguly, for excessive appealing.

Miandad spurs England on

Cricket
AFP, London

Pakistan great Javed Miandad said Thursday that England could beat India in their forthcoming three-match Test series despite the Indians' near impregnable home form.
The master batsman, former captain and coach of his country, said: "It is hard to beat India in India but England can do it. I think it will be a fascinating series because the teams are more closely matched than is being suggested."
"In 1999, I coached Pakistan to victory in India (if you count the Asian Test Championship game), and the approach is vital," he told the Wisden website (www.wisden.com).
Javed listed 10 key points which ranged from the conventional -- "think positive", "be flexible", "forget Australia" (England lost the Ashes series 4-1 here earlier this year) to the intriguing.
He told England to "up the heat on India".
"They saved the second Test in South Africa but bad form and controversies are unsettling the Indians (this was said before news that India had succeeded in removing match referee Mike Denness from the third Test had been confirmed)."
"They (India) have gone backwards since beating Australia. The weight of expectation is a big burden for the Indian players. If you put them on the back foot, the pressure on their players can become suffocating," said Javed.
He also advised England not to fret too much about the threat from Sachin Tendulkar and the other Indian strokeplayers.
"Don't panic about Tendulkar and company. England should choose a



JAVED MIANDAD

particular line to bowl and stick to it.
"Their bowlers showed they had the discipline to do that last winter.
Yes, England's bowling attack is weak and this is where England could lose the series.
"But if England can keep India's batsmen quiet, frustration and pressure will produce wickets from nowhere. Let the Indian batsmen make the mistakes."
Javed was full of praise for the batting technique of Surrey left-hander and England middle order keystone Graham Thorpe, saying the rest of the side should follow his lead.
"He is watchful in defence, uses his feet, and plays close to his body.

He also plays late, which is something you can do on slow turners. That's why he was so successful last winter (in Pakistan and Sri Lanka)."
His parting shot echoed the approach England's Madras-born captain Nasser Hussain tried to instill in his players on their last visit to the sub-continent.
"Make friends," Javed advised. "England players should forget the horror stories that they will have been told."
"India is an enjoyable place and the hotels, food, and culture are great. Off-field contentment will breed on field success."

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Eng bowlers take a pounding

Cricket
AFP, Hyderabad

Indian Test hopefuls Sridharam Sriram and Jacob Martin staked their claims before the selectors by sending England's bowlers on a leather hunt here on Friday.
Sriram hit an unbeaten 120 and Martin contributed 83 in an unbroken stand of 190 as the Indian Board President's Eleven reached 256-2 by stumps on the second day of the three-day match here.
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Martin is a contender for the middle order, although Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, skipper Sourav Ganguly and Venkatsal Laxman will be hard to displace.
The first Test of the three-match series starts in the northern town of Mohali on December 3.
SCOREBOARD
Second day's scorecard on the three-day tour match between England and the Indian Board President's XI at the Lal Bahadur Stadium on Friday:
ENGLAND: First innings (over-night 297-9)
Butcher c Surendra b Sarandeep 41
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Hussain c Gavaskar b Kartik 46
Thorpe lbw b Kartik 13
Ramprakash b Kartik 105
White b Sarandeep 0
Foster c Martin b Sarandeep 9
Ball c Gavaskar b Sarandeep 28
Ormond lbw b Sarandeep 5
Dawson c Mongia b Bangar 24
Hoggard not out 5
Extras: (b-4, lb-1, w-1, nb-16) 22
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BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI: First innings
Sriram not out 120
Jaffer c Foster b Hoggard 0
Mongia c Thorpe b Ball 44
Martin not out 83
Extras: (b-2, lb-3, w-1, nb-3) 9
Total: (For 2 wickets in 82 overs) 256
Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-66

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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8 Recording
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13 Mysterious character
14 Actor
15 Military weaponry
17 Exploding star
18 Clargod bit
19 Realms
21 Witty exchange
24 Succumb to gravity
25 In imitation of
26 Short swim
28 Mall units
32 Whom Bush whacked
34 Martini ingredient
36 Shoe stretcher
37 Fashion
39 Piecemeal
41 Army rank (Abbr.)

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2 Listening device
3 Unexceptional burden
4 Rubber-necked
5 Attila, notably
6 Never again?
7 "Heart-aches" band-leader
8 Jay's show
9 Cupid's
10 Apply
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16 "Wayne's World"
1 Old card game
Solution time: 27 mins.

CRYPTOQUIP
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