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The game of polo boasts being played on larger field than any other sports.



## What to WATCH

### ESPN

- Tottenham v Charlton  
English Premiership  
10:00 am
- India's Greatest Cricket Moments  
India v Pakistan  
Independence Cup  
Bangladesh 1998  
12:00 pm
- Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe  
Shanajh Champions' League  
Taped version at 2:30 pm  
Serie A Highlights  
7:30 pm
- Sportscenter Hindi  
Sports News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
Goals!  
Football Magazine  
9:00 pm
- Fulham v Liverpool  
English Premiership  
Live at 1:50 am (Thursday)

### STAR Sports

- Sportsline Today  
Sports News  
8:00 am and 12:30 pm
- Deportivo v Valencia  
Primera Liga  
Repeat at 8:30 am
- Chelsea v Sunderland  
English Premiership  
Taped version at 1:00 pm
- National Sports Report  
International Sports News  
3:00 pm
- Trans World Sport  
International Sports News  
4:00 pm
- Sportsline Tonight  
Sports News  
Live at 8:00 pm
- World Cup Mix  
Football Magazine  
8:00 pm
- Australian Domestic Cricket  
9:30 pm



## TALK TURKEY



**Jacques Kallis**  
(South African star cricketer)  
"For us, this is our biggest clash. We see it as one and two playing each other for the world Test crown."  
On the forthcoming Test series against Australia.

## BD pray for no rain

### Cricket

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh will be praying that the rain-gods stay clear of Auckland for the next four days when they meet the state side at the outer oval of Eden Park this morning.

Since arriving in New Zealand on December 2, the tourists have had no batting practice after their opening three-day fixture against the New Zealand District Eleven on December 7 was abandoned following two consecutive days of rain.

The Auckland State team contains a number Test players. Among them include debutant century-maker Lou Vincent.

The 23-year-old right-hander scored 104 against Australia in the third and final Test in Perth earlier this month.

Opening batsman Mark Richardson, Matt Horne, right-arm fast bowler Chris Drum and Mark Haslam are the others.

However, there is some good news for Bangladesh. Young speed merchant Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza Kowshik has recovered sufficiently from straining a groin muscle in

the game against the District Eleven so is expected to be available for in the four-day.

The sensational right-arm fast bowler has already made an impact on the tour when knocked over a New Zealand District opening batsman.

Bangladesh will name their team before the match gets underway.

The first Test will begin at the Westpac Trust Park in Hamilton on December 18. The second and final Test is scheduled starts on Boxing Day at the Basin Reserve in Wellington.

### TEAMS

**BANGLADESH** (from): Khaled Mashud (captain), Habibul Bashar, Javed Omar, Al-Shahriar, Aminul Islam, Enamul Hoque, Hasibul Hossain, Mohammad Ashraf, Tushar Imran, Khaled Mahmud, Sanwar Hossain, Mohammad Sharif, Monjurul Islam, Fahim Muntasir and Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza Kowshik

**AUCKLAND STATE:** Brooke Walker (captain), Andre Adams, Aaron Barnes, Tama Canning, Chris Drum, Mark Haslam, Matt Horne, Nick Horsley, Kyle Mills, Mark Richardson, Lou Vincent and Reece Young (12th man)

## U-15 cricket team's third in a row

### SPORTS REPORTER

Visiting Bangladesh Under-15 cricket team registered their third successive win in Kolkata on Tuesday with a four-wicket victory over Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) Under-14 team at the CCFC Club ground.

Chasing CAB Under-14s 160 in 45 overs, the tourists reached 161 in 43.2 overs with four wickets in hand.

Ashiq Rahman scored highest 31 off 66 balls with two fours while lower-order Marshal Ayub chipped in with an unbeaten 25 off 26 balls.

Earlier, batting first CAB Under-14 were restricted to 160 for eight in the stipulated 45 overs with Tamojit Ghosh hammering highest 62.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

**CAB UNDER-14:** 160 for 8 in 45 overs (Tamojit 62, Bhatt 30, Sujay 26, Raza 2/29, Rezaul 2/49)

**BCB UNDER-15:** 161 for 6 in 43.2 overs (Ashiq 31, Ayub 25 n.o., Sadat 21, Amit 1/16, Paul 1/16)

**Result:** BCB Under-15 won by four wickets.



India leg-spinner Anil Kumble (2nd from L) is the toast of his teammates after he dismissed England's Michael Vaughan on the opening day of the second Test in Ahmedabad on December 11.

## Anil in the act again

### Cricket

#### AFP, Ahmedabad

Indian leg-spinner Anil Kumble triggered a sensational England collapse with a five-wicket haul on the opening day of the second cricket Test here on Tuesday.

Kumble, who took six wickets in his previous Test innings against England at Mohali on Thursday, continued to haunt the tourists who made a mess of a rosy opening before reaching 277-6 at stumps despite 99 from Marcus Trescothick.

All-rounder Craig White, however, made a brave attempt to rally England with an unbeaten 42 in the closing session. James Foster was other not-out batsman on 15.

England were on course for a big total after a 124-run stand between Mark Butcher (51) and Trescothick before losing wickets in quick succession to squander the advantage of batting first on an easy-paced pitch.

England lost five wickets for 56 after Trescothick and Butcher had threatened to extend India's ordeal in the sun with their big partnership.

Trescothick, who missed his third Test century by one run, struck one six and 11 fours before edging Kumble to wicket-keeper Deep Dasgupta while trying to cut.

The England middle order, without a consistent Graham

Thorpe, chocked when it was time to consolidate as Kumble kept pressure with a testing line and length to bag his 18th haul of five or more wickets in a Test innings.

Thorpe, one of the best batsmen against spin, was scheduled to return home Tuesday night because of personal problems.

"He (Thorpe) has to attend to pressing matters of a personal nature," said England Media Relations Manager David Clarke.

Thorpe's absence was a big blow for England, trailing 1-0 in a three-Test series following their defeat in the opening match.

England's batting problems began after the dismissal of Butcher, edging Kumble to Dasgupta after smashing nine fours in his 130-ball knock.

Kumble struck when Butcher and Trescothick had been gathering runs comfortably against both pace and spin. They virtually demoralised the Indian attack with a wide range of attacking shots.

There was little after the Butcher-Trescothick partnership as none of the middle-order batsmen could cope with Kumble.

The Indian spinner removed Butcher, skipper Nasser Hussain and Michael Vaughan in his seven overs before tea and then accounted for Trescothick and Andrew Flintoff.

Mark Ramprakash slammed a 49-ball 37 with one six and six fours, but his flourish did not last long.

India, however, had to struggle for more than a session for their first wicket after Hussain had won the toss for the first time in 11 Tests.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the second cricket Test between England and India at the Motera Stadium on Tuesday:

**ENGLAND:** First innings

Butcher c Dasgupta b Kumble	51
Trescothick c Dasgupta b Kumble	99
Hussain lbw b Kumble	1
Vaughan c Selvaog b Kumble	11
Ramprakash b Tendulkar	37
Flintoff c Laxman b Kumble	0
White not out	42
Foster not out	15
Extras: (b-4, lb-12, nb-4, w-1)	21
Total: (For 6 wickets in 90 overs)	277
Fall of wickets: 1-124, 2-144, 3-172, 4-176, 5-180, 6-239	

To bat: Richard Dawson, Matthew Hoggard, Ashley Giles

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Senath	17	2	71	0
Yohannan	12	2	33	0
Harbhajan	23	5	54	0
Kumble	30	5	80	5
Tendulkar	7	0	23	1
Selvaog	1	1	0	0

**INDIA:** Sourav Ganguly, Deep Dasgupta, Shiv Das, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Venkatesai Laxman, Virender Swag, Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, Javagal Srinath, Tinu Yohannan.

**Umpires:** Avi Jayaprakash (Ind) and Ian Robinson (Zim)

## WI fail to keep up the tempo

### AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan captain Sanath Jayasuriya grabbed three top-order wickets to restrict the West Indies to 250-8 in the tri-series one-day international here on Tuesday.

Electing to bat in the day-night match, the West Indies were racing away at 150-2 in 27 overs, when Jayasuriya came on to slow their progress with his left-arm spin bowling.

## West Indies bounce back

### AFP, Colombo

The West Indies beat Sri Lanka by 49 runs in the tri-series one-day international here on Tuesday.

Brief scores: West Indies 250-8 in 50 overs; Sri Lanka 201 in 43.2 overs.

Jayasuriya removed Brian Lara (60), Ramnareesh Sarwan (38) and Marlon Samuels (2) after having earlier run out opener Daren Ganga.

Lara was involved in a 74-run stand for the second wicket with Ganga, which came off just 12.1 overs.

Lara's 53-ball knock was studied with six fours and two sixes before he was trapped leg-before by Jayasuriya.

It was the left-hander's 46th half-century in one-dayers, apart from 14 centuries.

### SCOREBOARD

First innings scoreboard in the tri-series one-day international between Sri Lanka and the West Indies here on Tuesday:

### WEST INDIES

Gayle c G'wardene b D'sena	21
Gangarun not out	50
Lara lbw b Jayasuriya	60
Sarwan c J'wardene b Jayasuriya	38
Hooper c D'sena b M'athan	29
Samuels c Zoysa b Jayasuriya	2
Jacobs b Dharmasena	23
McGarrrel not out	9
Collins b Dharmasena	0
Collymore not out	0
Extras: (b-4, lb-4, w-7, nb-2)	17
Total: (For 8 wickets in 50 overs)	250
Fall of wickets: 1-50, 2-124, 3-151, 4-209, 5-216, 6-225, 7-247, 8-247	

Did not bat: Jermaine Lawson

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	8	0	40	0
Zoysa	6	1	34	0
D'sena	10	0	50	3
Perera	1	0	11	0
M'athan	10	1	35	1
Arnold	5	0	22	0
Jayasuriya	10	0	50	3

**SRI LANKA:** Sanath Jayasuriya, Avishka Gunawardene, Marvan Atapattu, Mahela Jayawardene, Kumar Sangakkara, Russel Arnold, Kumar Dharmasena, Chaminda Vaas, Suresh Perera, Nuwan Zoysa, Muttiah Muralitharan.

## Schmeichel awarded MBE

### AFP, London

Aston Villa and former Manchester United goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel was beaming Monday after being awarded an honorary MBE for services to football.

The Danish legend received the honorary award at a ceremony at the British Government's Culture, Media and Sport ministry. Schmeichel, 38, was almost overcome with emotion at the ceremony.

"I'm very, very proud. When I first got to know about this, I thought someone was playing a joke on me," he said.

"But I went everywhere on the Internet to look into what this means. It's very, very special and hard to grasp."

"I'm from a foreign country and came here to play for my dream team - and what I've won before has been as part of a team, sharing the honours between us."

Schmeichel won five league championships, three FA Cups and the 1999 European Cup during his eight-year reign as the Old Trafford stopper.

Former boss Sir Alex Ferguson paid tribute to Schmeichel for the award.

## Pabna football

### OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Abhijan earned full points in the Radhuni Second Division Football League with a solitary goal win over Ambagan Krira Chakra at the local stadium on Tuesday.

Munir scored the all-important match winner.

## NOTICE

Due to severe space constraint we could not publish the Crossword today. We regret any inconvenience.

## Sporting Warne

### Cricket

#### AFP, Adelaide

Shane Warne says he has no problems playing in the same Test cricket team as leg-spin rival Stuart MacGill.



SHANE WARNE

Warne said he and MacGill, who was recalled to the Australian squad for the first Test against South Africa starting here on Friday, got along well and always had.

"Certain people seem to think there's some big rift between myself and Stuey," Warne said at Adelaide Oval Tuesday.

"I don't know where that has come from, I've got no idea."

"There's never been a rift between myself and Stuey. We've always got along, we've toured together a few times and we've also been out to dinner a few times, shared a drink after a match, so I get along well with Stuey."

"We've helped each other out with a few things, there's no drama whatsoever."

Warne was confident the pair could bowl in tandem with success, despite figures from their five Tests together indicating otherwise.

MacGill took 24 wickets in those five matches while Warne took just seven, way below his normal return of 4.3 wickets per match.

"The Test matches we played together, my first few back were straight after my major shoulder operation so I probably wasn't anywhere near my best and Stuey played well in a few games," Warne said.

"So I'd like to think it could work, whether it works this Test match, the next one or whenever."

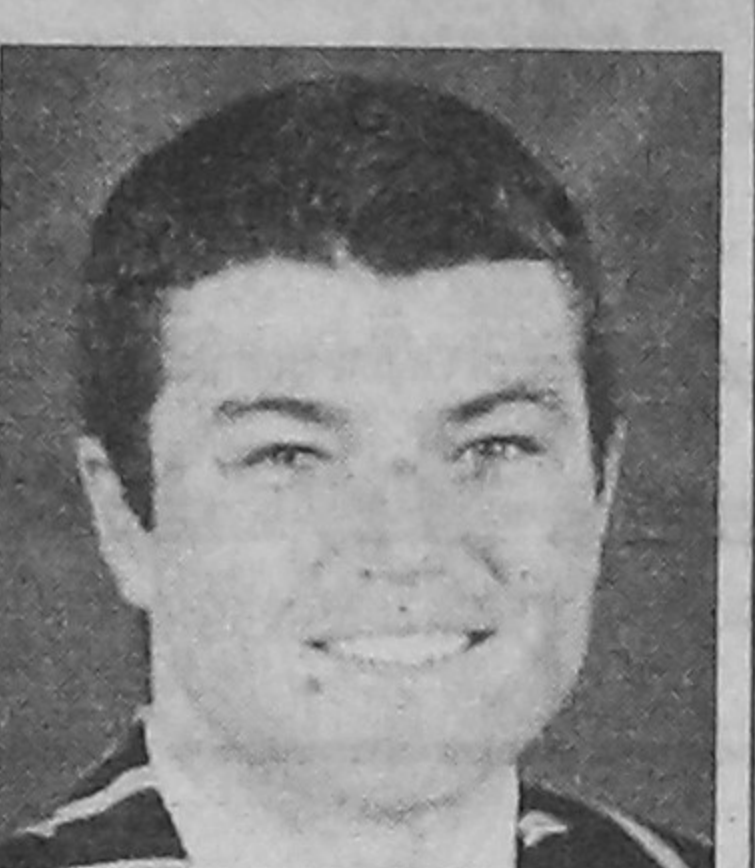
It's not yet known whether MacGill will play in the Adelaide Test as the starting team is unlikely to be named until just before the start Friday morning.

But Australia hasn't used more than one spinner in a Test for two years.

Warne, who admitted his rec-

ord in Adelaide was disappointing, said Australia would be helped by its mental dominance over the Proteas in recent years.

"The mental side, we've definitely got that over South Africa," he said. "There's been a lot of talk that South Africa can beat us this



STUART MacGILL

series but I think that if we play to the best that we have been playing, then I think there's no reason we can't win three-nil."

Warne also said South Africa would rely heavily on captain Shaun Pollock to take its wickets.

"If Shaun Pollock doesn't bowl well then I think our batters will make some big runs, if he bowls well then it could be hard," he said.

## Brazil hail 'the Phenomenon'

### Football

#### AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Brazil's press on Monday hailed the return to action of Ronaldo who scored his first goal in Serie A in two years during Inter Milan's 3-1 victory over Brescia at the weekend.

The star striker, who has struggled back from a career-threatening knee injury, struck the opening goal of the match after 19 minutes to the delight of his Inter Milan team-mates.

And his return to goal-scoring action led to fervent speculation that the two-time FIFA world player of the year would finally earn a recall from national coach Luiz Felipe Scolari.

"The goal of football," headlined the daily O Dia, which dedicated an entire page to Ronaldo, nicknamed "the Phenomenon," who had not scored since November 21, 1999.

"The most famous striker in the world in the second half of the 90s has bounced back following two years of agony," said the daily Folha of Sao Paulo.

While the Jornal do Brazil wrote: "For 748 days Ronaldo had not come in contact with a goal. On Sunday they found each other. More than laying the way to victory, the goal proved that the star returns to shine brightly."

The O Globo, quoting Roma's Argentine star Gabriel Batistuta, said that the entire footballing world shared the player's delight.

## Cafu Roma's till 2005

### Football

#### AFP, Milan

AS Roma's Brazilian defender Cafu has agreed to extend his stay with the Italian first division champions until 2005, Gazzetta dello Sport reported Tuesday.

Cafu, who played in Brazil's 1994 World Cup winning side when he replaced the injured Jorginho after 15 minutes in the final, will prolong by two years his current deal which expires in 2003 after reaching agreement with club president Franco Sensi.

The paper reports that Cafu - full-name Marcos Evangelista Cafu - has agreed to take a slight pay cut in exchange for a longer deal which will expire when he is 34 years old.

He is expected to sign the contract before he leaves Italy to spend Christmas in Brazil. Last season Cafu threatened to leave

Roma after he was targeted with racist abuse by fans who pelted his car outside the Trigoria training complex.

He arrived at Roma in 1997 after spending the early years of his career with Sao Paulo, Spain's Real Zaragoza and Palmeiras.

Meanwhile, reports from Rome said that AS Roma president Franco Sensi on Monday gave an ultimatum to Cafu's compatriot defender Antonio Zago to sign the contract on offer or leave the club.

Sensi told Discoradio station that the offer of a one-year deal with an option for a second was the final offer - Zago is holding out for a two-year contract.

"He has asked me for two years for four billion lira a year (1.8 million dollars) but I can't pay nine billion (4.4 million dollars) to a player of his age," said Sensi.

Brazilian international Zago, 32, joined Roma from Sao Paulo club Corinthians in 1997.



West Indies starbat Brian Lara sweeps fine during their triangular series match against Sri Lanka in Colombo on December 11.

### AFP, Adelaide

South Africa's Allan Donald is concerned his fast bowling has not been fine-tuned after a lengthy absence ahead of Friday's opening cricket Test with Australia at Adelaide Oval.

Donald, 35 and out of Test cricket for more than six months, does not believe his big-toe injury will keep him out of the opening round of the World Championship showdown.

He says his bowling hasn't been fine-tuned and "It's not all there."