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**Brian Lara**  
(West Indies star bat)  
"I would give away all the 688 runs to start the series again. I set out to get to my average up, the reason being that in the past I have been inconsistent and the team has suffered. But 688 runs were not enough. I was very disappointed that we weren't able to draw a Test match or even look like winning one."  
After finishing man-of-the-series against Sri Lanka.

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1. Who became FIFA's World Player of the Year?	Beckham	Figo	Raul
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3. How many wickets did Chaminda Vaas take in a one-day match to set a new world record?	Seven	Eight	Nine
4. In how many Test did Anil Kumble take 300 wickets?	88	66	76
5. Who won the Sri Lanka tri-series?	West Indies/Sri Lanka/Zimbabwe		
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## 2nd Kiwi Test for BD

### Selection headache for hosts

**Cricket**  
AFP/AP, Wellington  
New Zealand may be heading towards their most one-sided Test cricket series but that does not lessen their selection headaches ahead of Wednesday's second Test against Bangladesh at the Basin Reserve.  
Captain Stephen Fleming said it was one of the more difficult sides to finalise after he named two changes from the innings and 52 run win in Hamilton.

Wellington wind.  
Fleming said choosing the batting line-up was a tough task, with the options including dropping Vincent to No 5 or even putting Horne there so as not to disrupt the rest of the order.  
Sinclair instead made way, a clear signal he probably would have missed selection if it were not for Astle's mishap.  
"It was very difficult. There are so many different combinations but we've come up with one that can offer some consistency throughout," Fleming said.  
"Lou did a great job for us opening shot."  
Hamilton century-maker Mark Richardson will have his sixth change of opening partner in the past year with the in-form Horne who averages 30.92 from 29 Tests. His last three first-class scores have been 178, 49 and 127.  
Sinclair's demotion puts more pressure on him to perform. Since his double of 204 not out and 50 not out against Pakistan in Christchurch in March he has scored 114 runs from seven Test innings at an average of 16.3.  
"He's got an opportunity through Nathan's injury to press his claim for later on in the year," Fleming said.  
"There's a lot of cricket after this Test that will lead into the England series (in March)."  
Bangladesh, in contrast, have had their brittle confidence crushed by their defeat in Hamilton.  
Captain Khaled Mashud put a brave face on that performance, saying the tourists had come to New Zealand to learn and were improving day by day. He was overruled by his coach Trevor Chappell who said far from improving, Bangladesh were rapidly getting worse.  
Chappell said New Zealand had worked out the Bangladesh batsmen before the end of the Hamilton Test and now knew exactly where to pitch the ball to the tourists. While the Black Caps had to experiment in the first Test, they would be able to begin the second with a clear bowling blueprint.  
"It will be harder for us in Wellington, not easier," Chappell said.  
Bangladesh made just one change to their side, with bowling



KHALED MASHUD



STEPHEN FLEMING

He said Matthew Horne would open in a reshuffled batting order after the loss of Nathan Astle with a broken right hand. Lou Vincent will drop to No 3 while the out-of-forms Matthew Sinclair will drop to No 5 or 6.  
In the bowling line-up, paceman Chris Drum replaced Chris Martin for his second Test and the unenviable task of bowling into the

ing but maybe No 3 is another challenge. He is very keen and excited about it, and it's the same order as when the top three go back to play for Auckland.  
"Vincent was a revelation in his Test debut against Australia in Perth, scoring 104 and 54, opening the batting. His next innings saw him dismissed first ball against Bangladesh when attempting a rash

## SA in Donald dilemma

### Crucial MCG Test starts today

**Cricket**  
AFP, Melbourne  
Fitness doubts over Allan Donald, form concerns over Lance Klusener and negative claims about the captaincy of Shaun Pollock present South Africa with more questions than answers ahead of the second cricket Test against Australia on Wednesday.  
The Proteas must win the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) Test to keep the series alive to the third Sydney Test on January 2, but the odds do not look promising.  
South Africa clearly missed the strike-power of a fit Donald in the opening Adelaide Test lost by 246 runs last week, but the 35-year-old Test warhorse continues to be dogged by injury.  
Team physiotherapist Craig Smith has revealed that what was initially thought to be no more than a sore foot, the legacy of Donald using new boots during the first tour match, was a recurrence of the more serious left heel injury which has plagued him in recent years.  
Donald left the field against New South Wales in Sydney last week-end after bowling two overs in the second innings. He later bowled two more ineffective overs to finish with 0-27 -- and 1-191 on tour.  
The selectors had hoped Donald

would provide the inspiration and spark South Africa's struggling bowlers lacked in Adelaide.  
Donald's fitness concerns may force the tourists to stick with Makhaya Ntini, who was sparingly used by Pollock in Adelaide Test amid indications that he would stand down for the Melbourne Test. Ntini has taken 11 wickets in his last



ALLAN DONALD

nine Tests.  
South Africa's other worry is the form of Klusener.  
Klusener is struggling to hold down his number six position as a batsman, and his bowling is also under scrutiny.  
"That will be a discussion point," Pollock said after the NSW game. "We're aware that Lance is in the

## Steve sings Brett song

**Cricket**  
REUTERS, Melbourne  
Australia captain Steve Waugh defended fast bowler Brett Lee on Tuesday, saying Lee was slowly returning to the amazing form of his first seven Tests following elbow surgery.  
Lee was recovering his rhythm in the same way that Australia's leg-

that required surgery.  
He missed Australia's three-Test tour of India in February and March and since surgery Lee has taken a further 25 wickets in nine matches at 38.32, including nine wickets at 55.11 in this year's Ashes series.  
Lee will be vital to Australia's chances of retaining the world number one ranking in the three-Test series against South Africa which Australia lead 1-0. The second Test starts at Melbourne Cricket Ground on Wednesday.  
Lee will have to take a more senior role in the pace attack after the withdrawal through injury of Jason Gillespie, who broke down at training on Monday with a sore right shoulder.  
Lee was clocked at 156 kph in Johannesburg during a one-day match against South Africa in April 2000 and is described in glowing terms by Waugh and coach John Buchanan as one of the most exciting players in world cricket.  
The right-arm fast bowler's honeymoon with the Australian media appears over however, as criticism continues over his short-pitched bowling to tail-enders in the first Test against South Africa.  
Waugh said he had no problems with Lee's tactics, even though Lee twice struck South African Makhaya Ntini on the helmet then followed a back-peddling number 11 Mornant Hayward with two more short balls down leg-side.  
The blond speedster took 42 wickets at 16.07 from his first seven Tests before suffering an elbow injury during the 2000-01 season



STEVE WAUGH



BRETT LEE

spinner Shane Warne eventually returned to his best after serious shoulder and finger injuries in recent years, Waugh said.  
"He hasn't got back to what he was before but he's making progress most of the time," Waugh said.  
"The same with Warne when he

came back from major surgery, it took him 12 months to get back to where he was and maybe it will be the same with Brett.  
"He's probably a little bit frustrated with his own form. I guess realistically his first seven or eight Test matches, he was never going to keep up that sort of standard throughout his career."  
"That was pretty amazing stuff," Lee, 25, made his debut two

## Pabna soccer

### OUR CORRESPONDENT

Muktomon defeated Sonarabanga 1-0 in the Randhuni Second Division Football League at the local stadium yesterday.

## Hussain hails youngsters

### INTERNET, London

England captain Nasser Hussain looked forward to the future after a disappointing end to the three-Test series against India.  
England lost the series 1-0, after an opening Test defeat in Mohali followed by two draws in Ahmedabad and Bangalore.  
"I thought we played good cricket during the last 10 days," said Hussain after the final Test was abandoned due to poor conditions.  
"They learnt more in the last four to five weeks than they had done over the past year."  
Hussain praised his inexperienced line-up -- especially the bowlers -- for showing maturity on the field.  
"The young lads, like Richard Dawson, James Foster and Matthew Hoggard deserve special credit," he added.  
A slightly more experienced bowler in the England ranks, Andrew Flintoff, collected the man-of-the-match award for figures of four for 50 during India's first innings in the Bangalore Test.  
The Lancashire all-rounder seemed surprised at the decision to award him the honour.  
"It was a bit of a shock. I certainly didn't expect it," he said.  
"I didn't get too many runs in the match, but at least I grabbed four wickets."  
Hussain added: "Losing 1-0 you don't crack open the champagne but I am very pleased with the way this young side played."  
"I was pretty chuffed how we started out in Mohali on the first day of a Test series, being 200 for three, and we have played well throughout if you take out two hours where we batted abysmally."

England's Test series in India may have been the subject of more than 400 million pounds worth of illegal bets.  
A Daily Telegraph report claims 140 million pounds was bet in India on the first two games, with a similar sum was expected to be laid by the end of the final game in Bangalore.  
The newspaper echoes the report published earlier this year by International Cricket Council (ICC) Anti-Corruption Unit's (ACU) chief Lord Condon by suggesting that several murders may be linked to illegal gambling on cricket.  
"It is a dangerous world. I met one bookmaker, who didn't want to be named, and he said to me that 19 murders have taken place," an Indian reporter told BBC Radio Five Live.  
Mobile phones are used for bets

## Lawson warns South Africa

### INTERNET, undated

Former Australian fast bowler Geoff Lawson says South Africa are clutching at straws for signs of encouragement as the Melbourne Test gets closer.  
So South Africa have played New South Wales at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) without solving many problems created by the significant loss in the first Test last week.  
Allan Donald is nowhere near match fit from the top of his head to the tips of his toes, and it was his big left toe that forced him from the field in the second innings and hampered his delivery stride significantly.  
He failed to take a wicket on the slow SCG pitch and was treated with scant respect by some of the Blues' lesser lights.  
He did bowl half a dozen decent overs with the second new ball in the first dig demonstrating some good pace and consistent direction, but that was the extent of the good news.  
On form shown so far on tour it would represent a huge gamble to play him on Boxing Day at Melbourne.  
The best bowler for the tourists was veteran Steve Elworthy who got the figures by using his brain to avoid the strain on his body.  
The MCG pitch will be another of the so-called 'Drop-in' pitches that are cultivated off site and literally dropped in with a massive great crane.  
These pitches tend to have a thatchy grass cover that gives tennis

FACTBOX  
**Cricket**  
REUTERS, Melbourne  
Factbox for Australia versus South Africa second Test at Melbourne Cricket Ground starting on Wednesday:  
**HEAD-TO-HEADS**  
Australia and South Africa have played each other in 16 series with Australia winning 10, South Africa two and four ending in draws.  
Australia won their most recent series, 1-0, in Australia in 1997-98. South Africa's most recent win was 4-0 at home in 1969-70. They have never won a series in Australia.  
Recent form: Australia have won seven of their last 13 Tests, including a 2-1 series defeat in India in February and March followed by a 4-1 win in England. Their most recent series, against New Zealand, ended in a draw. South Africa have won six of their 13 Tests this year with series wins over West Indies, Zimbabwe and India.  
**KEY PLAYERS**  
**AUSTRALIA:** Steve Waugh. Struggled to regain his best form during the recent series against New Zealand but remains one of the best

## Chittagong versus Dhaka

### National League starts today in lifeless style

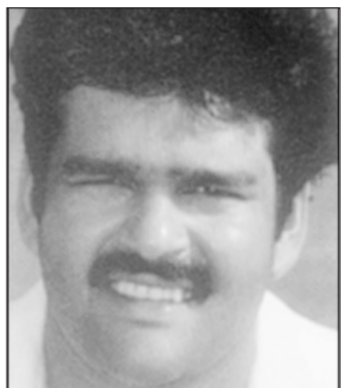
**Cricket**  
SPORTS REPORTER  
Akram Khan and Naimur Rahman will be back in action when they lead Chittagong and Dhaka respectively in the opening match of the Ispahani Tea Third National Cricket League at the MAAZ Stadium today.  
The duo, left out from the New Zealand touring Bangladesh team, will be trying hard to prove a point to their detractors in the first-class competition involving six teams.

Biman last year.  
The experienced right-hander will only miss the services of slow left-arm bowler Enamul Hoque, who is now in New Zealand with the national team. The veteran tweaker was the leading wicket-taker for the port city team last season.  
Chittagong, who won the inaugural edition, have announced the playing eleven for the four-day contest.  
Akram's charges will be a blend of youth and experience.  
Minhazul Abedin, who skipped his home team for the last two

the recent home series against Zimbabwe, has to show an improved performance both with the bat and ball against Chittagong as most of his capital players are on Test duty.  
He will be banking on Mehrab Hossain and Sajjad Ahmed Shipon, both the dashing cricketers represented Dhaka Metro last year.  
The format of the competition is a four-day match followed by a limited-overs game. Every outfit will play each other on home and away basis with the team collecting highest number of points over a single league will be declared winners.  
The competition sponsors Ispahani Limited are offering lucrative cash prizes with Taka four lakh for the champions in the four-day competition and Taka two lakh for winners in the one-day meet.  
There will also be individual awards on offer. The highest scorer, wicket-taker, man-of-the-tournament and best wicket keeper will all get ten thousand taka each.  
Moreover, the Board is also paying handsome amount for the participating teams.  
But despite the fact that the tournament has attracted a big-name sponsor for the first time, it is sadly lacking the excitement and exuberance of fans and divisional organisers this time.  
The competition lost much of its glosses when the Board preferred to have a six-team affair.  
Biman and Dhaka Metropolis have been unceremoniously dumped from the third edition for no good reason. Although organisers Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB)



NAIMUR RAHMAN



AKRAM KHAN

The clash of two most powerful outfits will be held on the same wicket that hosted the second Test between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe last month.  
Mirza Salman Ispahani, managing director of the sponsors, will inaugurate the meet at 9am.  
Akram will have at his disposal virtually the same squad that finished runners-up to Bangladesh

seasons, will offer his world of experience this time. While Nafis Iqbal will provide the fireworks with Ehsanul Huq at the top of the order.  
Nafis will also lead the Bangladesh Youth team in the ICC World Youth Cup in New Zealand next month.  
Naimur Rahman, who captained Bangladesh to six Test defeats before being axed in the middle of

## Anglo-Indian betting

**Cricket**  
INTERNET, London  
on cricket as on-course race betting is the only legal way to place wagers in India.  
But the Indian reporter has not uncovered any evidence of attempts to involve players in match-fixing during the series.  
"What you do is buy or rent a line for a certain sum of money and one line will give you the odds as they change, another line might actually tell you what the big punters are betting."  
"These are bets changing every minute," he said.  
The amount wagered illegally in India contrasts sharply with the sums bet on the series in England.  
The Telegraph says the entire bookmaking industry in England, where fixed-odds bets cannot be laid while play is going on, is unlikely to take more than 100,000 pounds on the series.  
Only last month, the United Cricket Board of South Africa voiced concern about reports of illegal gambling on their home series

against India.  
It followed the arrest of three men in Delhi when various items, including computers, mobile phones and a calculator were seized during a raid.  
Anything related to bookmakers and cricket is a sensitive issue in the Republic of South Africa following the life ban on former captain Hansie Cronje for taking money in return for match information.  
An ongoing inquiry into illegal betting is being conducted by India's Central Bureau of Investigation.  
Such are the rewards for bookmakers that, according to that reporter, attempts to "noble" players are still going on.  
That is bad news for the ICC, who are determined to stamp out corruption within the game.  
So far five players -- Cronje, Indians Mohammad Azharuddin and Ajay Sharma, and Salim Malik and Ataur Rehman from Pakistan -- have been given life bans as a result of various match-fixing inquiries.

## Self-Fostering

**Cricket**  
INTERNET, London  
England's new wicket-keeping find Jamie Foster has revealed that he had to "chill out" mentally for the second and third Tests in India to do himself justice in the series.  
Foster scored 0 and 4 on his Test debut in the Mohali match which England lost. His wicket-keeping also left a lot to be desired.  
But in Ahmedabad, where his renaissance mirrored that of the

England team, he hit 40 in a memorable stand with Craig White for the seventh wicket.  
And he topped that with a gutsy 48 at Bangalore, where his keeping was almost immaculate, and included a stumping to deny Sachin Tendulkar a century.  
"I was very disappointed with the way I played in the first Test," the Essex student told a BBC radio.  
"I felt like I let the lads down but I was delighted with the way I came back in the second and third matches."  
"In the first Test, I got more nervous than I ever had been for any other cricket game. So I tried to chill out a lot more."  
Reflecting on the stumping to remove Tendulkar, Foster admitted: "It was nice."  
He added: "Obviously he's a

much of the tour to India had been hard work for the 21-year-old.  
"It's just cricket, cricket, cricket," he said. "There's not much to do in the evenings so it's quite hard to switch off mentally as well as physically."  
Foster is part of the one-day squad who return to India for a one-day series in January.

**FACTBOX**  
**Cricket**  
REUTERS, Berlin  
Serena Williams, Jelena Dokic and Anna Kournikova have been added to the lineup for next year's German Open in Berlin, tournament organisers have announced.  
With the confirmation of Williams and Dokic, sixth and eighth respectively in the world rankings, the WTA event will now feature five of the world's current top 10.  
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world class player and never seems to want to get out. But Ashley Giles lured him down the wicket and it was very exciting times when I stumped him.  
"We can really hold out heads up high after the way we played in the second and especially the third Tests.

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