

### Ctg Abahani's reception

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Chittagong Abahani will host a reception in honour of the visiting officials of Asian Sports Federation Limited at the Chittagong Club at 7 this evening.

Peter Wade, head of public affairs, Canary Wharf Group of England, is also accompanying the visiting team who are coming here at the invitation of Abahani.

### WHiZZ KiD-163 correct answers

1. Who became FIFA's World Player of the Year?  
Ans: Figo
2. Which team scored the lowest one-day international total?  
Ans: Zimbabwe
3. How many wickets did Chaminda Vaas take in a one-day match to set a new world record?  
Ans: Eight
4. In how many Test did Anil Kumble take 300 wickets?  
Ans: 66
5. Who won the Sri Lanka tri-series?  
Ans: Sri Lanka

### Shoaib on thin ice

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reported that there were some abnormal characteristics in his bowling arm by born and that can not be corrected.

The report was further supported by an independent assessment from an English orthopaedic surgeon.

The same department of University of Western Australia cleared Lankan off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan a few years back and gave a similar report which was later accepted by the ICC.

Observers however think that the bio-mechanical report may not be good enough to battle with ICC as PCB did not abide by its instruction to consult with Holding.

### Muralitharan

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Flower (eight) was adjudged caught behind while trying to sweep.

Muralitharan posed a major threat to the Zimbabwean batsmen after lunch, trapping skipper Stuart Carlisle (20) and Craig Wishart (26) leg-before before removing Heath Streak for his seventh wicket.

Sri Lanka retained the squad that won the opening Test by an innings and 166 runs at Colombo on Monday, including opener Marvan Atapattu in a late decision on Thursday night.

The opener was initially going to be rested for the match.

Zimbabwe made one change, replacing seamer Gary Brent with Douglas Marillier.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the second cricket Test between Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe at the Asgiriya Stadium in Kandy Friday:

**ZIMBABWE:** First innings

Masakadza b Muralitharan	10
Gripper c Jdene b Muralitharan	20
Carlisle lbw b Muralitharan	20
Rennie st S'kara b Muralitharan	0
A Flower c S'kara b Muralitharan	8
G Flower b Muralitharan	72
Wishart lbw b Muralitharan	26
Streak b Muralitharan	1
Marillier b Muralitharan	8
Friend not out	28
Olonga not out	17
Extras: (b-3, lb-7, nb-14)	24
Total: (For 9 wks in 95 overs)	234
Fall of wickets: 1-39, 2-45, 3-51, 4-67, 5-83, 6-137, 7-140, 8-166, 9-201	

**Bowler** O M R W  
Vaas 16 4 56 0  
Zoysa 15 2 44 0  
Muralitharan 39 18 51 9  
Buddika 5 2 13 0  
Samarweera 8 2 33 0  
Jayasuriya 12 3 27 0

**Umpires:** Asoka de Silva (Sri) and Srinivas Venkatrathavan (Ind)



South Africa's Boeta Dippenaar square cuts during his knock of 74 against Australia on the third day of the third and final Test in Sydney on Friday.

### Kirsten's rescue act



AFP, Sydney

Gary Kirsten led the way as the beleaguered South Africans showed some overdue batting spine to stall Australia's march to a series clean sweep in the third Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground Friday.

For so much of this lopsided series the 34-year-old left-handed opener has been the batting 'bunny' of Glenn McGrath, yet when it appeared the Proteas were destined for ignominious defeat inside three days, he came to his team's aid.

The 80-Test veteran teamed with Boeta Dippenaar to add 149 runs for the second wicket and surpass their team's previous highest stand in the series of 141 for the seventh wicket between Neil McKenzie and Mark Boucher in the opening Adelaide Test.

After being skittled out for 154 to trail by a massive 400 runs on the first innings, South Africa, forced to follow on for only the third time in 10 years, were 209 for two at stumps.

Kirsten, given a life by Mark Waugh off Brett Lee when on 12, was making Australia pay to be not out 82 and nearing his 14th Test century, while Jacques Kallis was on 32.

But it is still a monumental task for the Proteas to save this Test as they trail Australia by 191 runs with two days remaining.

It appeared to be heading in a familiar direction when Herschelle Gibbs was bowled by Lee for 10 to leave the Proteas at 17 for one as Dippenaar joined Kirsten in the middle just after lunch.

Dippenaar, who has been one of the unluckiest of South Africa's

batsmen with three dismissals to screaming catches, played his best innings of the series before he fell to a Stuart MacGill full toss to be caught for 74.

His gutsy knock included 14 boundaries in his 146-minute stay and after initial edginess he played the Australian bowlers with aplomb.

The Australians have already clinched the series with comprehensive wins in Adelaide and Melbourne, but it has been 70 years since they last swept a series against South Africa.

Australia last swept a series against South Africa when Bill Woodfull's team won 5-0 in 1931-32 here.

Up until Kirsten and Dippenaar's steady partnership, South Africa looked locked in to a heavy innings defeat.

Shaun Pollock's team lost six wickets for 61 in the morning session to be all out in their first innings 22 minutes before lunch.

The deficit was South Africa's highest against Australia since their 391 in the 1949-50 series at Port Elizabeth.

It was the third time since South Africa rejoined international cricket after their apartheid isolation in 1991 that they have followed-on in Tests.

Strike bowler McGrath and leg-spinners Shane Warne and MacGill each captured three wickets, with one run out, as South Africa collapsed in a total of 241 minutes.

Warne's 3-47 off 19 overs took him to 427 Test wickets, with McGrath (3-35) advancing to 376.

Boucher top-scored for South Africa in the first innings with 35 before he became one of Warne's victims.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on the third day of the third and final Test between Australia and South Africa at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Friday:

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings 554 (J Langer 126, D Martyn 117, M Hayden 105; N Boje 4-63)

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings (overnight 93-4)

Gibbs c M Waugh b MacGill	32
Kirsten c Ponting b McGrath	18
Dippenaar b McGrath	3
Kallis c Gilchrist b MacGill	4
McKenzie b Warne	20
Ontong lbw b Warne	9
Boucher c Ponting b Warne	35
Pollock c Martyn b McGrath	6
Boje run out	7
Henderson c McGrath b MacGill	9
Donald not out	2
Extras: (lb-8, nb-1)	9
Total: (All out in 62.2 overs)	154
Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-43, 3-56, 4-77, 5-93, 6-98, 7-111, 8-121, 9-148	

**Bowler** O M R W  
McGrath 17 6 35 3  
Lee 6 2 13 0  
MacGill 20.2 6 51 3  
Warne 19 5 47 3

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Second innings

Gibbs b Lee	10
Kirsten not out	82
Dippenaar c Ponting b MacGill	74
Kallis not out	32
Extras: (b-4, lb-5, nb-2)	11
Total: (For 2 wks in 69 overs)	209
Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-166	

**Bowler** O M R W  
McGrath 11 2 35 0  
Warne 20 5 58 0  
Lee 11 3 30 1  
MacGill 20 6 52 1  
M Waugh 6 1 14 0  
Ponting 1 0 11 1

**Umpires:** David Shepherd (England) and Daryl Harper (Australia).

### Race row rages in SA



AFP, Johannesburg

A debate cutting to the heart of South African cricket is raging here following a decision by the country's cricket chief to force selectors to include an additional black player in the national team.

Percy Sonn said he intervened to force selectors to include Justin Ontong in their team for the third Sydney Test against Australia.

But a former South African player and local media on Thursday said winning top level matches and imposing a quota system to make sure black players are included in

the team is not always compatible.

"We can't have our cake and eat it," said veteran spin-bowler Pat Symcox, who retired from international cricket two years ago.

"We have to decide whether we want to be in line with the UCB's (United Cricket Board of South Africa) goal of being the best team in the world, winning World Cups," he told the Johannesburg-based The Star newspaper.

"On the other hand, we are trying to appease political aspirations, which is not very fair on the players," he added.

Senior cricket writer at The Star, Patrick Compton, puts it more plainly in an analysis on Thursday.

"The brutal truth about the Justin

Ontong selection is that the goals of transformation and the goals of maintaining a winning team are not always compatible.

"When you leave on a tour to Australia, there is only room for one thought, one overriding desire: victory.

And that means the merit principle must overrule every other consideration," said Compton.

"The team has been given the strong impression that, ultimately, transformation is more important than winning," he said.

Johannesburg daily, The Citizen, Thursday openly criticised Sonn's decision saying while transformation was needed in South African cricket, it did not warrant political interference.

"After all its upheavals, the last thing our cricket needs is Percy Sonn's flagrant interference," the editorial said.

Business Day newspaper followed in a similar vein, but said the quota system was not to blame for the Proteas' poor performance on tour.

In an editorial under the header "SA cricket's no balls", Business Day said: "Although much has been made of the effect of the imposition of quota systems in SA sport, the singular lack of success in Australia cannot be laid on the desire to get sporting teams into line with this country's demographics."

"The unpleasant truth is that the SA team in Australia has lacked discipline, been woefully weak on technique and has been out-thought and out-gunned by a fired-up side under master tactician Steve Waugh."

South African Sports Minister Ngconde Balfour has indicated he would not get involved in the debate.

"We have done our own inquiries and we are satisfied with the explanation that the UCB offered," Balfour's spokesman Graham Abrahams said.

### Zia's only setback

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman on Friday threw the gauntlet down when he played 52 women and girls simultaneously at the Sultana Kamal Women Sports Complex in the city.

Zia's only blemish in the unique exhibition came against defeat Sharmin Shimmi of Dhaka.

### Premier kabadi

#### BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) moved into the final of the Premier Division Kabadi League defeating Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence 91-36 in the first semi-final at the Kabadi ground yesterday.

BDR dominated the first half by 54-12 and claimed seven tonas.

The second semifinal of the league will take place today between Bangladesh Police and Bangladesh Army at the same venue.

### Kim, Lee

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**Second Best Gross:** Rahib Bashar, **Runner-up:** NEA Shibly, **Second Runner-up:** Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury, **Front Nine:** CS Kim, **Back Nine:** Kwan Sook Jang, **Nearcast to Pin:** Air Vice Marshal Rafiqul Islam, **Longest Drive:** Jun Kim, **Nine Hole (Winner):** Air Commodore Iqbal Hossain and **Nine Hole (Runner-up):** Lt Col Zainul Abedin.

### Sylhet go

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Parvez run out 5  
Hossain c Biplob b Sohel 41  
Hadi c Biplob b Jamal 40  
Aloke c Monir b Jamal 4  
Nasir c b Sohel 20  
Rajin c AKamal b Sohel 25  
Nayeem not out 23  
Taphosh c Selim b AKamal 7  
Extras: (b-7, lb-2) 9  
Total: (For 7 wks in 118.5 overs) 174  
Fall of wicket: 1/16, 2/74, 3/97, 4/106, 5/130, 6/151, 7/174

**BOWLER** O M R W  
AKamal 14.5 5 19 1  
Al-Amin 19 5 25 0  
Sohel 26 4 45 3  
Rana 22 9 29 0  
Jamaluddin 33 13 39 2  
Monir 2 0 4 0  
Nahidul 2 1 4 0

### Ahsan abases

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Friday:

**CHITTAGONG:** First innings 349 all out (Minhaz 85, Ahsanullah 83, Faisal 43; Mustadir 6-95, Ripon 2-7)

**RAJSHAH:** First innings 142 all out (Mostakim 38; Ahsanullah 4/43, Sabbir 3/33)

**RAJSHAH:** Second innings (overnight 26-0)

Rafiqul c Faisal b Sabbir	25
Mustadir b Sabbir	9
Rojel b Ahsanullah	15
Nayan c Sumon b Safiuddin	48
Anisur c Masum b Sabbir	24
Mostakim c Minhaz b Sabbir	0
Kalim b Safiuddin	20
Fari b Ahsanullah	2
Aminul Jr. c b Ahsanullah	11
Sumon c Mortuza b Ahsanullah	10
Ripon not out	14
Extras: (b-9, lb-4, nb-2)	15
Total: (All out in 72.2 overs)	193
Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-41, 3-55, 4-92, 5-98, 6-138, 7-148, 8-154, 9-170	

**Bowler** O M R W  
Debabrato 4 1 7 0  
Safiuddin 15 5 26 2  
Sabbir 24 1 77 4  
Ahsanullah 22.2 9 45 4  
Sumon 2 0 3 0  
Faisal 3 0 22 0

**Result:** Chittagong won by an innings and 14 runs.

### UCB to question Sonn



#### AFP, Johannesburg

South African cricket president Percy Sonn is to be hauled before a special meeting of the United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa next week to explain his remarks on a possible return to the game by banned former captain Hansie Cronje, it was announced here Friday.

Sonn made the remarks earlier this week while on tour in Australia with South Africa's national team.

Cronje was banned for life by the UCB 18 months ago after admitting before a commission of inquiry that he accepted some 100,000 dollars from Indian bookmakers and offered other players money to underperform.

"It is a shocking statement to hear that the president says that UCB has forgiven Hansie because the ICC (International Cricket Council) has suspended Hansie for life," UCB managing director

Gerald Majola told SABC radio.

"So whatever we do we have to consult the ICC as well, but there will be a special meeting called to let him explain whether he was talking on behalf of the South African Board or whether it's his own personal opinion," Majola added.

Sonn reportedly said that South African cricket was prepared to forgive Cronje for the match-fixing and find role for him.

Last October, the Pretoria High Court turned down Cronje's appeal against the ban after he had argued it was unconstitutional.

The ICC welcomed the decision and its president Malcolm Gray said at the time: "Eradication of corruption remains the ICC's single highest priority and the penalties imposed on those proven to have been involved must serve as a warning and a deterrent to others who might be tempted".

In interviews in Australia, on the sidelines of the third Test match in Sydney, Sonn suggested it was likely Cronje would eventually be

allowed to play district cricket and coach registered clubs again.

"Our board is not God in terms of determining what rehabilitation is sufficient. He is showing signs of remorse by doing some good work for an under-privileged sporting club," Sonn told the Daily Telegraph newspaper.

Cronje works with the Carpe Diem Sports Club for the Disabled in the Southern Cape.

Sonn was not the first to suggest such a move.

Early last month, the new South African skipper Shaun Pollock said that "a man who has played that much cricket has something to offer".

"From our perspective, we think Hansie has a lot to offer, and maybe at some stage in years to come he could use that experience, whether it be at a kids' level or a provincial level.

"To waste all that experience he has would be a waste, and maybe they (various levels in the game) can use it in some aspect," he added.



Pakistan team doctor Riaz checking champion batsman Inzamamul Haq's blood pressure during the team's practice session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Friday.

### Seles, Gambill pull USA thru'



#### AFP, Perth

Former world No 1 Monica Seles and compatriot Jan-Michael Gambill won their singles clashes against Belgium here Friday to thrust the United States into Saturday's final of the million dollar (500,000 US) Hopman Cup tournament.

The Americans will meet Spain's Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, also a former No 1, and Tommy Robredo in the 360,000 (180,000 US) show-down of the eight-nation mixed teams' contest at Burswood Dome.

Italy's Francesca Schiavone and Davide Sanguinetti -- vying with the United States and Belgium for a place in the final -- lost their chance

when they beat France 2-1, failing to secure the 3-0 scoreline that could have pushed them over the line.

In Friday's centre court shootout, a fired-up Seles, now ranked 10, staged a stirring fightback to beat Belgium's Kim Clijsters.

In a thrilling contest, Seles, 28, recovered from a set down to win 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 in 110 minutes against her dogged 18-year-old opponent.

Gambill, 24, snatched the men's singles 7-6, 7-6 in almost two hours from Xavier Malisse, 21, giving the United States an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the tie.

The Belgians gained some small consolation when they won the mixed doubles 7-6, 6-2, leaving the United States 2-1 winners.

Play was held up several times in the men's singles while Malisse received treatment courtside for a back injury.

"This is absolutely very exciting," Gambill said.

"This was our toughest match. We just went out here to win -- and we did. I think I played great. Xavier played good tennis despite his injury."

### Dhaka closing

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**BARISAL:** Second innings

Mofizul c Naimur b Bikash	8
AKamal lbw b Bikash	10
Monir c & b Mosaddek	28
Kiron not out	18
Shahnewaz not out	0
Extras: (lb-2, nb-2)	4
Total: (For 3 wickets in 19 overs)	68
Fall of wickets: 1/15, 2/22, 3/67	

**BOWLER** O M R W  
Bikash 8 2 21 2  
Neeyamur 6 2 16 0  
Mosaddek 5 1 28 1

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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**Solution time: 23 mins.**

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### CRYPTOQUIP

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VBAABJ, "HWC U ALJ TR LC!"

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MY HUBBY'S DEEP SNORING DRIVES ME INSANE AT NIGHT. HE SLEEPS VERY SOUND-LY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals T

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.