

Rafique runs

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Mofizul c S Kadir b Saiful	0
Kiron c S Kadir b Neeyamur	16
Shahnewaz lbw b Saiful	4
Adil lbw b Rafique	14
Nayam c S Kadir b Bikash	2
Faruque c Khokon b Rafique	13
Arif c Sajjad b Rafique	14
Ashfaq not out	13
Sayem c S Kadir b Rafique	4
Extras: (b-2, lb-6, nb-1, w-1)	10
Total: (All out in 43.5 overs)	92
Fall of wickets: 1-0 2-0, 3-15, 4-23, 5-29, 6-38, 7-46, 8-69, 9-71	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Saiful	10	2	21	3
Neeyamur	7	1	17	2
Bikash	8	6	3	1
Rafique	14.5	5	27	4
Khokon	4	0	16	0

DHAKA: Second innings

Rashedul c Nayan b Faruque	4
Sohel not out	29
Jahangir not out	11
Extras: (nb-1)	1
Total: (For 1 wickets in 11.5 overs)	45

Fall of wicket: 1-4

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Faruque	6	0	25	1
Shahnewaz	3	1	14	0
Ashfaq	2.5	0	6	0

Result: Dhaka won by 9 wickets.

Chittagong vs Rajshahi

Venue: Rajshahi

RAJSHAH: First innings (overnight 268 for 4 in 95 overs)

Rafiqul c Sadik b Safiuddin	109
Mustadir c Nadim b Safiuddin	2
Nayan Nazim b Suja	17
Anisur lbw b Safiuddin	135
Tariqul c Sadik b Safiuddin	12
Hasan c Anisul b Safiuddin	3
Mahabub c Mortuza b Suja	3
Samiul not out	33
Imran b Safiuddin	0
Aminul Jr. lbw Safiuddin	0
Faisal c Mortuza b Safiuddin	34
Extras: (b-15, lb-11, nb-2, w-1)	29
Total: (All out in 136.5 overs)	377

Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-67, 3-235, 4-255, 5-277, 6-300, 7-308, 8-308, 9-312

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Debabroto	12	5	34	0
Safiuddin	41.5	13	81	8
Kamruzzaman	16	3	52	0
Suja	36	6	63	1
Sabbir	21	1	88	0
Faisal	8	0	27	0
Azam	2	1	1	0

CHITTAGONG: First innings

Anisul c Hasan b Aminu	18
Nazim lbw b Aminul Jr.	12
Sadik not out	41
Faisal b Imran	0
Azam not out	41
Extras: (b-4, lb-5, nb-1)	10
Total: (For 3 wickets in 48 overs)	112

Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-29, 3-30

Bowler	O	M	B	R
Aminul Jr.	13	4	29	2
Faisal	4	1	12	0
Imran	15	6	24	1
Mustadir	11	2	27	0
Mahabub	3	0	9	0
Tariqul	2	1	12	0

Khulna vs Sylhet

Venue: Jessore

SYLHET: First innings (overnight 221 for 4 in 92 overs)

Parvez c Jamal b Al-Amin	18
Imtiaz c Raj b Jamal	28
Hadi b Soheli	8
Nasir c Raju b Jamal	33
Rajin lbw b Razzak	70
Alok c Sajjad b Razzak	69
Rana lbw b Razzak	0
Rezaul lbw b Soheli	7
Joy lbw Razzak	0
Taposh c & Razzak	17
Imran not out	6
Extras: (b-7, lb-3, nb-2)	12
Total: (All out in 119 overs)	268

Fall of wickets: 1-32, 2-50, 3-74, 4-100, 5-228, 6-228, 7-241, 8-241, 9-247

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Al-Amin	18	5	27	1
Tariqul	10	2	26	0
Razzak	31	7	67	5
Soheli	33	5	78	2
Jamal	25	7	55	2
Monirul	1	0	8	0
Hasan	1	0	1	0

KHULNA: First innings

Sajjad b Taposh	7
Selim c Rajin b Parvez	23
Raju b Taposh	1
Uzzal lbw b Taposh	0
Monirul b Rezaul	10
Razzak c Joy b Parvez	0
Hasan run out	5
Jamal not out	11
Soheli b Parvez	0
Tushar lbw b Taposh	0
Al-Amin lbw b Taposh	0
Extras: (b-2, lb-3)	5
Total: (All out in 32.5 overs)	62

Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-11, 3-15, 4-34, 5-35, 6-42, 7-61, 8-61, 9-62

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Nayem	14	6	20	1
Taposh	13	3	30	5
Imtiaz	4	0	4	0
Parvez	5	3	6	3

KHULNA: Second innings

Sajjad c Joy b Rezaul	0
Raju not out	6
Uzzal not out	16
Extras: (b-1, lb-1, nb-6)	8
Total: (For 1 wickets in 21 overs)	30

Fall of wicket: 1-0

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Rezaul	6	3	12	1
Taposh	4	1	4	0
Parvez	3	1	6	0
Rana	4	3	1	0
Imran	3	1	4	0
Aloke	1	1	0	0



Mohammad Sharif jumps for joy after clean bowling Abdur Razaq on Thursday.

PHOTO: STAR

Kiwis do it again



AFP, Sydney

New Zealand handed out a second hiding inside a week to one-day World Cup champions Australia here Thursday night as the home country skidded to a third successive defeat in the tri-nation contest.

New Zealand recovered to make a competitive 235 for nine wickets before dismissing Australia for 212 to win by 23 runs -- coincidentally the same margin as when the countries met last Friday in Melbourne in the opening match of the tournament.

The New Zealanders have joined South Africa at the top of the table, each side having won two matches. Australia languish at the bottom, without a point, and face the real possibility of missing out on a place in the best-of-three finals.

It is the first time Australia have lost their first three matches in the annual triangular series.

"It's not the end of the world and we'll come back from here," Australian captain Steve Waugh said.

"We are not playing well, but we will get out of it," However Waugh conceded he was not certain why the Aussies lost.

"I am not sure where it slipped today -- maybe in the last 15 overs in the field when we got behind the rate with our bowling," he said.

Elated New Zealand captain Chris Cairns warned that Australia could be expected to spring back.

"We may have the wood on them at the moment, but you write off Australia at your peril," he said. "They proved in the World Cup that they can bounce back."

A feature of the game was the ineffectiveness of Australia's champion leg-spin bowler Shane Warne, who was clobbered for 65 runs off his nine overs -- the most he has conceded in 170 one-day internationals.

Although he took two wickets, his expensive spell was about the difference between the teams, allowing New Zealand to climb out of a hole and post a competitive score.

Warne's uncharacteristically poor display came as he regained the Australian vice-captaincy for the first time in 18 months after being stripped of it for his off-field behaviour.

In contrast to Warne, Cairns enjoyed a dramatic night in his first game as captain of New Zealand. He was elevated to the job when regular skipper Stephen Fleming

was ruled out 30 minutes before the start after being struck on the forearm in the warm-up.

Fleming had precautionary X-rays which revealed no break and he should be fit for New Zealand's match against South Africa in Brisbane on Saturday.

Cairns relished the chance to lead his country, and his attacking captaincy paid dividends.

For Australia, wicketkeeper-batsman Ryan Campbell, on debut and standing in for regular vice captain Adam Gilchrist, made a promising 38 off 52 balls.

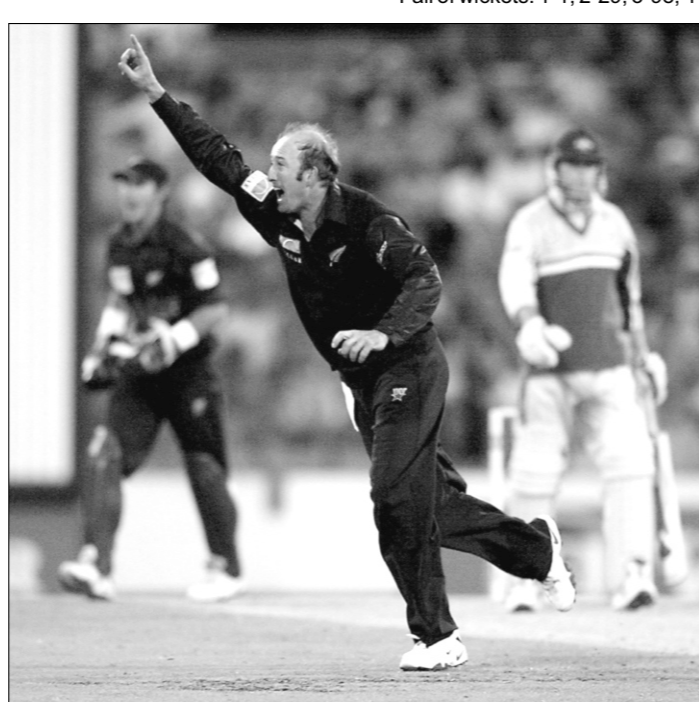
SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the tri-nation cricket tournament match between Australia and New Zealand at the Sydney Cricket Ground Thursday:

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McGrath	10	2	22	0
Gillespie	10	0	28	1
Harvey	10	0	40	2
Lee	8	1	40	1
Warne	9	0	65	2
Martyln	3	0	20	1

AUSTRALIA	O	M	R	W
M Waugh run out	0			
Campbell c Harris b Vettori	38			
Ponting c Parore b Bond	11			
Bevan c Styris b Cairns	66			
S Waugh c Harris b Bond	9			
Martin run out	24			
Harvey c Vincent b Harris	6			
Warne c Richardson b Harris	14			
Lee lbw b Franklin	1			
Gillespie not out	13			
McGrath c Vincent b Harris	1			
Extras: (lb-7, w-18, nb-4)	29			
Total: (All out in 47.2 overs)	212			

NEW ZEALAND	O	M	R	W
Richardson st Campbell b Warne	26			
McCullum run out	5			
Vincent c Ponting b Harvey	24			
McMillan c Campbell b Martyn	39			
Cairns c S Waugh b Gillespie	31			
Styris c Bevan b Harvey	20			
Harris not out	42			
Parore c M Waugh b Warne	18			
Vettori c Campbell b Lee	2			
Franklin run out	5			
Extras: (b-2, lb-18, w-3)	23			
Total: (For 9 wks in 50 overs)	235			



MAN-OF-THE-MATCH: New Zealander Chris Harris celebrates taking the wicket of Ian Harvey of Australia during their triangular one-day international series match at Sydney on Thursday.

PHOTO: AFP

118, 5-174, 6-178, 7-181, 8-188, 9-203, 10-212

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Bond	8	1	28	2
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Vettori	10	0	45	1
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Jennifer, Venus cheerleaders



AFP, Melbourne

Jennifer Capriati and Venus Williams, the world's top two players who share the four Grand Slam titles, gave Australian Open organisers something to shout about Thursday.

Williams declared she was fit to play after an injury scare and Capriati showed the devastating form that gave her the title last year.

While the seeds have dropped like flies in the men's draw, the top eight women's seeds are intact, with the exception of Serena Williams who cried off with an injury before the tournament started.

Venus, the No. 2 seed who gave tournament organisers a fright when she suffered a knee injury on Wednesday, has decided to press on after intensive treatment.

The Wimbledon and US Open

champion was struck by tendinitis in her left knee during her second round match against American compatriot Kristina Brandi, whom she defeated 6-3 6-4.

After being treated with ice, set in 21 minutes then took her foot off the throttle for a comfortable 55 minute win.

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CAPRIATI V WILLIAMS

Collision ahead?

AFP, New Delhi

The stand-off between the International Cricket Council (ICC) and India deepened further Thursday when the sport's governing body rejected the Indian demand to change the panel appointed to probe the Mike Denness affair.

The ICC had named two former cricketers, Majid Khan of Pakistan and Andrew Hilditch of Australia, and Justice Albie Sachs of South Africa on the newly-constituted Referees Commission.

The Commission is to probe the penalties imposed by Denness on six Indian cricketers, including superstar Sachin Tendulkar, during the Port Elizabeth Test against South Africa in November.

India, furious about the penalties, forced hosts South Africa to dump Denness as match referee for the final Test, leading the ICC to declare the match unofficial.

The ICC picked Majid, Hilditch and Sachs even though India had rejected all three and instead nominated former Test captains Richie Benaud, Ian Chappell (both Australia) and Imran Khan (Pakistan) besides Justice Ahmed Ibrahim of Zimbabwe.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) also said it was even ready to accept Gary Sobers and Clive Lloyd of West Indies as well as England's David Gower, Geoffrey Boycott and former Test umpire Dicky Bird on the panel.

BCCI president Jagmohan Dalmiya was not immediately available for comment on Thursday but a spokesman for him told reporters: "We haven't received anything official. The board will react only once we get it."

Windies need to become modern

REUTERS, St. John's

West Indies cricket coaching techniques have become "outdated" and in need of help from overseas, a leading cricket official has said.

"It became apparent during the first intake of the Shell Cricket Academy of the St. George's University that our coaching techniques have become outdated," West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) chief development officer Michael Seepersaud said.

Seepersaud said the board had hired two Australian coaches, Ashleigh Byron and Tim Coyle, to conduct a six-day workshop in March to change the West Indies coaching structure.

South Africa in Donald doubt

AFP, Brisbane

Unbeaten South Africa remain worried about a finger injury to Allan Donald which could keep the veteran paceman out of the Proteas' double-header one-day assignment here this weekend.

Donald, 35, was unable to train Thursday as the Proteas completed a long session at the Gabba Ground ahead of the day-night clashes with New Zealand Saturday and World Cup champions Australia Sunday in the 190,000 dollar (95,000 US) tri-nations contest.

Team officials said he will attempt to bowl in the nets Friday but they rated him a doubtful starter for Saturday.

Upside down

AFP, Melbourne

Teen sensation Andy Roddick said he felt crushed and confused after being forced out of his second round match at the Australian Open Thursday with an ankle injury.

The 19-year-old from Omaha, Nebraska, twisted his right ankle during a first-set tiebreaker against Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic and after several treatments by a trainer outside he decided to quit.

Ljubicic was leading 7-6 (13/11), 3-2 at the time of Roddick's withdrawal after 71 minutes. He will now play Wayne Ferriera of South Africa in the next round.

The American, regarded as one of the sport's brightest hopefuls, has been troubled by ankle injuries for the past six months.

"It is pretty crushing for me. It's been happening a little too much



ANDY RODDICK

and it's really disheartening," he said.

Roddick, who rose from 160 to 16 in the rankings in 2001, winning three tournaments in his first full year on tour, had sprained the ankle in his opening match here on Monday.

Sampras flies the flag



AFP, Melbourne

Pete Sampras stayed on course for a 14th Grand Slam title Thursday as seeds tumbled around him and the injury list grew at the Australian Open.

"It's been a pretty bizarre tournament but you have to just move on," said the eighth-seeded American after beating Juan-Ignacio Chela of Argentina 6-3, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 in the second round.

He now plays Nicolas Escude who won the Davis Cup for France here last year when the Australians laid a grass court on the Rod Laver Arena.

Escude came back from two sets down and then saved two match points to beat Alex Calatrava of Spain in five sets.

"That was tough," the Frenchman said after his baseline battle. "At least against Pete it will be more straightforward. I've just got to make sure I get my own serve in and do my best to return his."

Escude, who reached the semi-finals here four years ago, has never played Sampras.

"I'm excited about it. To play Sampras in a Grand Slam is really something."

Sampras admitted he had not served well against Chela.