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#### Steve Waugh

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What was the result of the Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe Test series?

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tennis title?

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201-6 in the 44th over. Young wicketkeeper Ajay Ratra

# Missing military approach

Cricket

LENIN GANI

To say that the result was predictable would be an understatement. Bangladesh lost both the Test and one-day series against Pakistan without offering much of a fight.

Among the ruins stood out some individual performers. Tushar Imran cemented his place in the one-day squad with two consecutive topscores. The right-hander showed he is very well suited to the shorter version. Yet to be tested in Test cricket. Imran however scored a double century in a three-day match for A team that toured India recently.

And in the bowling department Tareq Aziz made a fantastic start claiming three wickets in Chittagong. Although in the subsequent games he was taken for runs, still with experience he will get better and eventually form the backbone of the bowling with a fitagain Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza and Talha Jubair, another exciting tearaway

While there will be no shortage of players eager to represent their country in the bowling department, the worrying fact remains that our Test standard is not picking up.

Since the inaugural Test match against India played here in November, 2000, Bangladesh have played 11 Tests losing ten matches and with nine never going the full distance.

The unconvincing losses have been coming so thick and fast they are now the subject of rumours that

The Pakistan cricket team left for

home at the end of their 25-day tour

Tests in Dhaka and Chittagong by huge margins and then completed a

clean sweep of the three one-day

innings 178 and the second Test at

the MA Aziz Stadium by an innings 169 runs. Both matches ended in

The tourists were seen off at the Zia International Airport by

Bangladesh Cricket Board presi-

They won the first Test by an

Waqar Younis' men won both

Pakistan fly

home

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of Bangladesh yesterday.

the International Cricket Council might even review its decision to award Test status. While the debate rages on it has to be remembered that most of the full members of ICC took their time to achieve a maiden

Test victory We still firmly believe in the conventional wisdom to appreciate the intricacies of Test cricket, a country must be allowed to play the game as often as possible and if they lose then so be it. Losing is part of the learning curve.

Unfortunately, our coaching staff is not doing enough to expedite Bangladesh's transition.

We have been noticing with alarm from Harare to Dhaka that our batsmen after negotiating any particular session collapse quite dramatically as soon as play resumes. Obviously, they are not getting the message that Test cricket is all about preserving wickets and playing each ball on its merits. Otherwise why should they fling their bats practically at every

The timing of our regression started with the arrival of head coach Trevor Chappell. The former Sri Lankan fielding coach has failed miserably to continue the good work of South African Eddie Barlow who had to depart due to poor health.

The Australian's methods seem questionable. A good example of his lack of judgement came after Dhaka Test in which leg-spinner Danish Kaneria claimed nine wickets.

Before the second and final Test in Chittagong he asked some former national spinners to teach the boys. However, all of the work went to waste as Wagar Younis and

Shoaib Akhtar shared eight wickets to rip through the hosts in the third day Test!

To complicate matters further Trevor tends to openly criticise the team's performance in no uncertain terms. How can the players ever be motivated if their coach wishes to belittle them with his verbal volley indiscreetly?

Changing coaches frequently and holding short-term camps is no solution. The truth of the matter is our players lack mental toughness.

This is nothing uncommon since most countries with the exception of Australia have begun to realise that half the battle is won in the mind. For that reason they have turned to various forms of shrink-aid to achieve the right results

But England has gone a step further by recently sending some of their promising players off to the elite Sandhurst Military Academy for a week

During that time they were put through their paces doing a variety exercises alongside every soldier.

It is all part of Rodney Marsh's revolutionary scheme to make their future players possess the 'never say die' attitude of his native Australia. The legendary wicketkeeper will be in charge of England's first-ever cricket acad-

If England can realise that the only way to beat the all-conquering Australians is to think like an Australian. Then perhaps we should put the Bangladesh team through our own BMA programme occasionally because it is useless having a healthy body if the mind is



SEE YOU: Bangladesh Cricket Board president Ali Asghar (L) and Pakistan speedster Shoaib Akhtar shake hands prior to Pakistan team's departure at the Zia International Airport yesterday.

# **Ctg thwart Dhaka**

#### Minhaz's double impact

ISPAHANI MIRZAPORE TEA **3rd National Cricket League** 

dent Ali Asghar.

The Ispahani National Cricket League match between title contenders Dhaka and Chittagong ended in a draw on the fourth and final day at the Mymensingh Stadium yesterday despite another century by former national skipper Minhazul Abedin.

Chittagong still earned two valuable points as they took a 56-run lead in the first innings against leaders Dhaka.

Dhaka which resumed their first

innings on the fourth day on 303 featuring a superb 120 by former national batsman Jahangir Alam, finished their innings at 325 runs.

Chittagong finished the day on 286 for three in 66 overs with Minhaz and Faisal Hossain hitting hundreds.

Minhaz, who scored 210 in the first innings on Thursday, came to bat at number five and hammered 110 off 155 balls with 13 boundaries. Faisal, batting at number four, added 105 off 152 balls with 12 fours.

In the other league match at Barisal Stadium, Sylhet earned a comfortable 153-run victory over the

Sylhet, who scored 274 for eight declared in their first innings then

made 171 for four declared in the second innings. They bundled out Barisal for 136 in the second innings after dismissing them for 156 in the first innings.

At the Rangpur Cricket Garden, Rajshahi and Khulna drew their

Barisal v Sylhet Venue: Barisal Stadium.

SYLHET: First innings 274 for 8 declared (Rajin 130, Taposh 25; Ashfag 4-58)

BARISAL: First innings 156 all out in 61 overs (Shafavet 34, S Shahed 21, Asad 16; Hasibul 6-58, Kapali 2-0) **SYLHET:** Second innings 171 for 2 in 36.3 overs (Parvez 66, Tanna 66, Nasirul 19, Taposh 15; Sohel 2-52)

# India kept their cool

Cricket

AFP, Madras

India survived a Matthew Hoggard three-wicket burst to win the third one-day international against England by four wickets here on

The seamer grabbed three wickets off six deliveries in his fiery second spell to jolt India, who strugaled to surpass England's 217 with 20 balls to spare in a day-night game at the Chidambaram Stadium

Hoggard dismissed Venkatsai Laxman. Dinesh Mongia and debutant Saniav Bangar to raise visions of an England win despite a 107-run stand for the opening wicket between Sachin Tendulkar (68) and Virender Sehwag (51).

India slipped from 165-2 to 174-5 after a triple-strike from Hoggard, who finished with 3-52 off 10 overs. The match was not over yet as

naceman Darren Gough removed last specialist batsman, Hemang Badani, for 12 to reduce India to

(29 not out), however, kept his nerve under pressure to steer India home for a 2-1 lead in the six-match series.

"We should have got 250," said England skipper Nasser Hussain, returning to his birthplace and hoping for a win to mark the special "We did not use the conditions

well. We kept losing wickets regularly and could not bat the full 50 overs. The fightback was a bit late." Man-of-the-match Tendulkar and Sehwag put India in a strong posi-

tion with their big stand after seamer Ajit Agarkar had grabbed four wickets to restrict the tourists to



Indian masterbat Sachin Tendulkar is set to cut on way to scoring a magnificent 68 against England on Friday.

## **Schools**

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Agradut High School, Maple Lea International, Model Academy and Natun Jurain KM Mainuddin High School won their Dhaka Zone qualifying matches in the Standard Chartered 20th National Schools Cricket Championship at different venues on Saturday

Among the notable losers included St Joseph High School who lost by 17 runs to Natun Jurain at the Polytechnic Institute Ground.

In a high-scoring game, the winners scored 216 in the stipulated 35 overs. Sohel hammered 57.

In reply, the renowned English medium institution was dismissed for 199. Rubaiyat was top-scorer with 54 earlier he took two wickets

**BRIEF SCORES** Agradut High School vs Master-

Mastermind: 158 for nine in 35 overs (Saimum 31, Sabir 16; Saiful 3/19, Fahad 2/25) Agradut: 159 for four in 30 overs

(Arafat 46, Ataul 33, Fahad 31; Asifuddin 2/16) Result: Agradut won by six wick-

Maple Leaf Int'l School vs Janatabagh High School Venue: DCS

Maple Leaf: 202 for seven in 35 overs (Asif 31, Adnan Sarwar 28, Sheikh Adnan 27; Saiful 3/20, Anwar 2/45) Janatabagh: 191 all out in 34.5 overs (Saiful 46, Anwar 33, Lalu 19; S Adnan 2/13, Sheikh Imran 2/27, Rabaiyat 2/31)

Result: Maple Leaf won by 11 runs. Hazi Moazzem Ali Ideal High School vs Model Academy Venue: MOS

Hazi Moazzem: 121 all out in 29 overs (Babu 28, Rubel 15; Shariful 4/12, Azizul 3/11)

Model Academy: 122 for four in 21.5 overs (Shawkat 33, Bappy 17; Rubel

Result: Model Academy won by six wickets. St Joseph High School vs Natur Jurain KM Mainuddin High School

Venue: PIG Natun Jurain: 216 for four in 35 overs (Sohel 57, Shahed 38, Nazrul 35, Tutul 26; Rubaiyat 2/39, Rahim 2/34) St Joseph: 199 for nine in 35 overs (Rubaiyat 54, Iqbal 38; Sohel 3/36, Saiful 3/39)

Result: Natun Jurain won by 17

#### A team bowl WI B out for 193

AP. Bridgetown

Bangladesh A bowled out West of their Busta Cup match in St Kitts on Friday.

Mohammad Anwar Kabir did most of the damage to the local side as he claimed four wickets for 52

At close of play, the visitors were four without loss.

#### Axe falls on Laxman

Indian middle-order batsman Venkatsai Laxman was on Saturday dropped from the one-day squad for the remaining three matches of the series against England.

"Laxman has not been among runs lately and a break will help him regain form," chief selector Chandu

He has been replaced by Mohammad Kaif, who has played four Tests but is yet to play in an international one-dayer.

Laxman, who made an Indian Test record of 281 to play a key role in his team's stunning 2-1 win over Australia last year, managed just 25, three and six in his three one-dayers against England.

The remaining matches will be played at Kanpur (January 28), Delhi (January 31) and Bombay (February 3). **SQUAD** 

Sourav Ganguly (captain), Sachin Tendulkar, Dinesh Mongia, Virender Sehwag, Hemang Badani, Mohammad Kaif, Ajay Ratra, Anil Kumble, Javagal Srinath, Harbhajan Singh, Zaheer Khan, Ajit Agarkar, Sarandeep Singh, Sanjay

### Pepsi h'ball

the Dhaka Zone in the 14th Pepsi handball competition (Men's) beating Chittagong Metropolis 28-26 yesterday. The winners led the first half 14-

Bandarban emerged champions of

10. Koko netted 10 for the winners while Enamul 14 for the losers. In the final of women group, Dhaka beat Rangamati 10-4 after

leading the first half 7-1. The final round of the men's group will begin from February 3 in Dhaka while the women's group final on February 13.

### Shabana dethrones Rani

Chess

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Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa of Al-Baraka Bank became unbeaten champion in the Confidence Cement 23rd National Women Chess

Championship yesterday.

Shabana defeated International Woman Master Rani Hamid of Biman in her last game of the nine-round meet at the Bangladesh Chess Federation auditorium to collect 8.5

Both Shabana and last year's champion Rani had a neck and contest, jointly leading the race till the

Shabana adopted Philidor Defence and won her fourth national title after 33rd moves. Rani finished runner-up with 7.5 points. Afroza Khanam Bably of Asar

Playing with black pieces

finished third, securing 5.5 points after she drew with Masuda Begum of Barisal Zakia Sultana of Bangladesh Ansars beat Firoza Haq Chowdhury

in the last round to finish fourth with five points Nazrana Khan Eva and Masuda Begum of Barisal have collected 4 points each and they will face each

other in play-off match today to decide the 5th and 6th position. Samia Sharmin Shimi finished seventh while Shamima Akhter Liza

and Moli will fight for the 8th place in another play-off match. Ten players participated in the

#### championship, held on round robin league system **ROLL OF HONOUR** Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa: Rani Hamid Nazrana Khan Eva: 2000 Sveda Shabana Parveen: 1997 Rani Hamid: 1996 Syeda Shabana Parveen: 1995 Tanima Parveen: 1994 Zakia Sultana: Rani Hamid: Tanima Parveen Rani Hamid: Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa: 1989 Rani Hamid: No meet:

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Rani Hamid:

# Indo-Pak tie tops the list

ICC U19 CRICKET WORLD CUP

Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa ... national champion.

AFP. Christchurch

The next phase of the ICC Under-19s World Cup in New Zealand begins on Sunday with the Super League throwing up several fascinating encounters including

Pakistan's clash with India The teams have not met on the cricket field since June 2000 and the Indian 7mv'rnment have recently banned their players from competing against Pakistan at a senior level due to the tension between the two

However, the ban will jn4"effect the Under-19s World Cup a' úche two countries will play in Christchurch on Thursday at Lincoln Green with defending champions India looking to preserve their hold

"We have not played together as a team and we deserved not to top

on the trophy. The government knows that we are participating in the under-19 World Cup in New Zealand and the

team was given permission with the

knowledge that India might have to play Pakistan," Indian cricket board secretary Niranjan Shah said last

Pakistan qualified for the Super League on Friday by beating England by six wickets, but their form going into the next phase of the competition has been far from convincing, while India have their problems after suffering a shock

defeat to Bangladesh. Both Pakistan and India begin their Super League campaign on Sunday against Sri Lanka and the

West Indies respectively. In Group Two England face the prospect of playing tournament favourites Australia on Wednesday after being drawn with South Africa and hosts New Zealand

the group after the first round. We need to get the guys playing as a England's bowling has lacked penetration, apart from off-spinner Paul McMahon, and against Australia, who racked up 480

against Kenya last week, Farbrace's

Captain and Durham batsman Nicky Peng is a vital player while Lancashire all-rounder Kyle Hogg must continue to add balance to the

team will have to improve.

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1979, 1980, 1981,

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team if England are to compete with Australia The Australians arrived in Christchurch on Saturday after winning all three of their first round group matches in Dunedin, with

captain Cameron White and spinner Xavier Doherty in fine form. The top two teams from each group will qualify to the semifinals and to progress the management will be setting their players a target

of at least two wins from their three Super League matches. Zimbabwe's failure to qualify for the Super League has made them favourites to win the Plate Championship but Nepal, who beat

Pakistan last week, will expect to reach the semifinals. The Plate Championship in Auckland begins on Sunday with Bangladesh playing Papua New Guinea and Zimbabwe taking on

# **Just Jennifer**

## Australian 3 Open

Jennifer Capriati refused to wilt, pulling off her greatest comeback on the court where she rejuvenated

Capriati fought off four match points in the second set and beat Martina Hingis 4-6, 7-6, 6-2 Saturday to win her second consec-

utive Australian Open title.

today," Capriati said. "I was struggling on the court today." "I kept fighting on those match points I was down. I went for it. I

don't know why I didn't play like that

"I really don't know how I won

Playing in 35-degree Celsius (95 Fahrenheit) heat, the top-seeded Capriati fell behind 0-4 in the second set and cursed at the chair umpire. But Capriati then staved off three match points -- at 3-5 and 5-6 to force a tiebreaker.

set when Hingis hit a backhand wide. Hingis threw her racket after letting Capriati back into the match. Capriati breezed in the final set. When it was over, she dropped her racket, ran over to touch hands with her father. Stefano. blew kisses.

and walked back on court, shaking her head in apparent disbelief. "I couldn't believe finally that I won," she said. "Maybe I thought

the third set would be a lot more difficult. I was cruising -- it was because Martina didn't feel well.

first (title) or to come back from match point and win this," she said. Capriati's victory in Melbourne last year capped a comeback from

teenage prodigy into a tennis wash-This 2-hour, 10-minute win

This time, Hingis took big leads in the first two sets before weakening in the third. It was her third consecutive loss in an Australian Open final, and her fifth in a major final since her last Grand Slam

me," she said at the trophy cere-"I think I exceeded my expecta-

finals like this. I hope to have revenge sometime soon.' Capriati at one point took refuge in a tunnel entry and Hingis put an ice pack on her neck between points in the second-set tiebreaker.

in the training room covered with ice packs -- "it was a perfect sight," Hingis said. She said was thinking, "There is no way I've got to go out there

Capriati said she "didn't have the Capriati came back from 1-5 to

4-5 in the first set but then lost her **SEE PAGE 14** 

"I don't know what's better -- the She survived one more at 6-7 in personal problems that turned a the tiebreaker and finally took the

She was struggling."

contrasted with last year's final, when Capriati beat Hingis 6-4, 6-3.

event triumph, at the 1999 Australian Open. At the end, Hingis sat with he "Jennifer was just too good for

tions. I don't know whether to be happy or cry about it," she said. "Hopefully we'll have many more

The players were allowed a 10minute break after the second set. During the break, the players lay

again, but I still have to do it. It was just too much for me this time." energy to change clothes."

ON WAY HOME: The Youhanas leave the Sheraton Hotel.