

## German Cup Bayern in semis

AFP, Kaiserslautern  
Ailing Champions League holders Bayern Munich restored some pride here Wednesday as they edged out Kaiserslautern 5-3 on penalties after it ended 0-0 at the end of extra-time in the German Cup quarter-finals.

The German and world club champions showed six changes from the side humiliated 5-1 by Schalke 04 last Saturday in the league but they were barely better this time round and had the post to thank for even taking the match into extra-time.

## Eng prevail

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Collingwood not out	8
Thorpe b Agarkar	2
Vaughan not out	7
Extras: (lb-10, nb-2)	12
Total: (For 5 wickets in 50 overs)	271
Fall of wickets: 1-51, 2-168, 3-248, 4-254, 5-260	
Did not bat: J Foster, D Gough, A Giles, A Caddick	

Bowler	O	M	R
Srinath	10	0	47 1
Agarkar	10	0	62 2
Kumble	10	0	37 0
Sarandeep	5	0	34 0
Ganguly	3	0	19 0
Tendulkar	9	0	45 1
Sehwag	3	0	17 0

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Sehwag c Knight b Gough	42
Tendulkar c Foster b Caddick	18
Ganguly c sub (Shah) b Giles	74
Mongia c Foster b Flintoff	20
Kaif c Thorpe b Giles	46
Badani c and b Giles	2
Ratra st Foster b Giles	10
Agarkar not out	36
Kumble b Giles	2
Sarandeep not out	6
Extras: (lb-3, w-9, nb-1)	13
Total: (For 8 wickets in 50 overs)	269
Fall of wickets: 1-39, 2-68, 3-100, 4-211, 5-212, 6-219, 7-227, 8-239	
Did not bat: J Srinath	

Bowler	O	M	R
Caddick	10	1	39 1
Flintoff	7	1	41 1
Gough	10	0	53 1
Vaughan	7	0	40 0
Giles	10	0	57 5
Collingwood	6	0	36 0

Result: England won by two runs.  
Man-of-the-match: Ashley Giles.  
Next match: Bombay, Feb 3.

## It's up to Cairns



AFP, Perth

New Zealand's swashbuckling Chris Cairns, fighting a debilitating back injury, will make his own decision on whether he is fit for Friday's crucial tri-nation series one-day clash with South Africa at the WACA ground.

"It will be his call again, because he knows his body very well," Kiwi skipper Stephen Fleming said here Thursday as the two teams limbered up for a match both are desperate to win to boost their prospects of appearing in next week's finals.

"We won't put him at risk," said Fleming, inferring no pressure will be applied to the 31-year-old all rounder, who could be the difference between triumph and heart-break for the Black Caps.

Fleming said the situation with Cairns was much the same as before New Zealand's astonishing two-wicket loss to Australia Tuesday after the Kiwis appeared to have the game won.

After scoring 245 for eight wickets, New Zealand had Australia on the rack at 82 for six before left-hander Michael Bevan took over, hitting a match-winning 102 as the hosts powered to 248 for eight, with three balls to spare.

Fleming said Cairns had been determined to play in the Australia match, where he knocked up 55 runs, but he warned the chances of Cairns playing on Friday were fairly slim.

"I am very cautious about Chris's chances, because this is not just about his bowling. It's his batting and even running that is causing the pain."

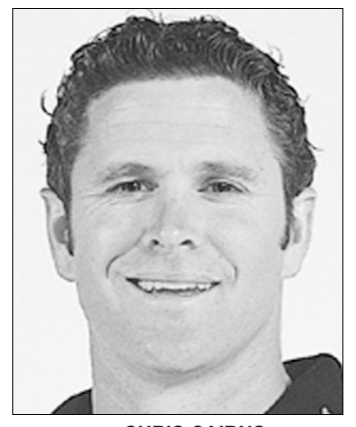
Cairns, one of the most dynamic players in the world, has blasted 102 not out, 39 not out and 55 in three of his last four innings.

A big question marks also hangs over New Zealand's star spin

bowler, Daniel Vettori, who has whiplash and mild concussion after attempting to snare an outfield catch in Tuesday's clash.

"It was not wise for him to do anything at practice today, but obviously we will have a close look at him before the game," Fleming said.

"I am not equipped to speculate



CHRIS CAIRNS

on the pair's chances of playing, but I am always hopeful.

"I think we will know early in the morning whether they are playing."

With only two qualifying games remaining, New Zealand lead the ladder with 17 points, four ahead of Australia and South Africa, who have 13 each.

New Zealand can guarantee their place in the final if they win on Friday, but if South Africa get home, they will move to 17 points.

Australia could also finish on 17 points by beating South Africa Sunday in the final preliminary match.

The situation is further complicated by the possibility of additional bonus points, which are awarded when a side wins by a large margin.

If all three teams finish level on points, positions will be decided firstly by country-to-country matchups or failing that by run rates.

"We just have to win this match against South Africa," Fleming said. If we do that, it's a done deal."

He conceded the Kiwis had been deflated after Tuesday's setback.

"Yesterday was not a great day, a very reflective day," he said. "But I think we realised it took something extraordinary by Bevan to beat us, so we take satisfaction from that."

"We are going to be a better side for it in our run-up to next year's one-day World Cup tournament. Some of our guys experienced a pressure situation for the first time."

"And, as captain, I am always learning," he added.

South African captain Shaun Pollock was philosophical about Friday's game.

"Our destiny is in our own hands. If we play well and win both games, there is nothing left for us to worry about."

"At the end of the day, our aim is just to make sure we secure our place in the final."

Pollock said that in Adelaide on Sunday, when the Proteas beat New Zealand by 93 runs, his team had played their potential.

"Hopefully, we can build on that and keep moving forward."

"Ideally, we would like Friday to win and to get a bonus point (which would put the Proteas one point ahead of the Kiwis), but we are just going out there to make sure we win."

"We will expect a hard fight from Australia on Sunday, and that's what we are looking forward to."

"We are in good nick at the moment, we just need to make sure we secure a finals spot, and then hopefully we can see the best part of our tour."

The first half of the Proteas' tour was a disaster, with the side crashing to a 3-0 hiding to Australia in what had been billed a world Test championship.

The New Zealand and South African teams have yet to be named.

## Pakistan fixing report ready

AFP, Karachi

A Pakistan inquiry into alleged match fixing at the 1999 cricket World Cup has been completed and the report sent to the sports ministry for further action, a court official said Thursday.

The investigation centered on Pakistan's two defeats against India and outsiders Bangladesh at the World Cup in England after South African official Dr Ali Bacher alleged the matches were rigged.

Twenty former players, officials and journalists gave evidence before the one-man commission of Lahore High Court Judge Karamat Nazir Bhandari, court registrar Kazim Ali Malik said.

Bacher said in May last year that information about match-fixing in the two matches had been passed to him by former Pakistan Cricket Board chief executive Majid Khan.

Khan repeated the allegations before the commission, but efforts to have Bacher provide evidence went unanswered.

"We even wrote to the United Cricket Board of South Africa but no one responded," Malik said.

Former Test player Sarfraz Nawaz told the commission Pakistan threw games in the World Cup.

But World Cup captain Wasim Akram, current captain Waqar Younis and other players including Mo'in Khan, Sa'eed Anwar and Inzamam-ul Haq denied the allegations.

In the World Cup, Pakistan suffered a surprise 62-run loss to cricket minnows Bangladesh and 47-run defeat against arch rivals India.

In a previous match-fixing inquiry in Pakistan between September 1998 and October 1999, former captain Salim Malik and fast bowler Aftab Ghisani were banned for life. Six other players including Akram and Younis were fined.

## ICC meeting sans India?



AFP, London

The International Cricket Council (ICC) will go ahead with the first meeting of its new referees commission next month in South Africa, despite an India boycott.

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president Jagmohan Dalmiya had earlier said India would "refrain from participating in the Commission in any form or manner."

However, ICC president Malcolm Gray said Wednesday that world cricket's governing body would carry on regardless after rejecting the BCCI's latest proposals.

These were that the commission be put on hold until after an ICC executive board meeting in March or, alternatively, to enlarge the panel from three-man panel to 10 members.

The commission came into being following BCCI fury at the rulings of match referee Mike Denness during the recent tour of South Africa, where he imposed penalties against six Indian players, including national hero Sachin Tendulkar.

When Denness gave batsman Virender Sehwag a one-match ban for excessive appealing following

the second Test, the tourists persuaded their hosts to play the next match without the former England captain.

Sehwag missed that match but ICC said he had to sit out an official Test and with England threatening to withdraw if he was picked, the BCCI relented at the eleventh hour and left him out.

In a statement issued Wednesday, Gray said the commission was "a central part of the agreement between the ICC and the BCCI to save the India v England Test match in Mohali".

Gray added: "Having agreed to this detailed and costly process the ICC is extremely disappointed that the BCCI will not accept the invitation to express its strong views on these issues to the commission."

"Given BCCI's refusal to participate in the commission in any form or manner, one alternative open to ICC would be to disband the commission."

"There are, however, a number of important issues that require immediate resolution."

"ICC made a commitment to BCCI and the public to investigate these matters and we are obliged to meet that commitment," Gray explained.

"The referees commission has the full support of the ICC, but having consulted extensively and for a period of weeks with the BCCI - ultimately without agreement - the

ICC believe it is now time for progress and action."

The panel, made up of former Test batsmen Majid Khan (Pakistan) and Andrew Hilditch (Australia) plus Justice Albie Sachs of South Africa, will now meet in South Africa late next month.

They are then due to report to the executive board meeting on March 15 which will be in either Cape Town or Colombo.

India, who rejected all three names, put forward former Test captains Richie Benaud, Ian Chappell (both Australia) and Imran Khan (Pakistan) as well as Justice Ahmed Ibrahim of Zimbabwe for inclusion on the panel.

But ICC said none of India's nominees were available.

"Benaud and Imran Khan were approached with a view to joining the panel but for personal and business reasons were unable to accept the invitation," said Gray in a statement earlier this month.

On Tuesday, Denness, in Sharjah to referee the Pakistan-West Indies Test series, said he had no qualms about his decisions.

"I did what I believe was appropriate at the time ... I have no regrets," the Scotsman and former Kent and Essex batsman said.

"I believe I had the backing of the ICC (International Cricket Council) for what I did," he said.

"As far as I am concerned it is over and done with."

## Hasan lifts Khulna

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Extras: 0  
Total: (for no loss in 4 overs) 12

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Kamal	2	0	8	0
Al-Amin	2	0	4	0

Dhaka v Sylhet  
Venue: Sylhet Stadium  
SYLHET: First innings  
Parvez c Jahangir b Neeyamur 1

Tanna c Kadir b Rafique	21
Tushar lbw b Fahim	7
Nasirul b Fahim	27
Rajin c Halim b Aminul	4
Alok c Fahim b Rafique	14
Nayem c Jahangir b Fahim	16
Hasibul b Mehrab	21
Imon b Mehrab	2
Taposh lbw b Rafique	14
Mistu not out	8

Extras: b-1, lb-2, nb-9, w-5) 17  
Total: (All out in 81 overs) 152  
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-28, 3-42, 4-67, 5-76, 6-86, 7-120, 8-127, 9-130.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Saiful	4	0	11	0
Neeyamur	7	3	13	1
K Mahmud	6	3	4	0
Fahim	25	5	59	3
Rafique	28	13	33	3
Aminul	8	1	19	1
Mehrab	3	0	10	2

## Hasan lifts Khulna

CHITTAGONG vs Barisal  
Venue: Barisal Stadium  
CHITTAGONG: First innings  
Anisul st. Tinku b Mukul 52  
Rabbi c Mukul b Ashfaq 3  
Azam run out 43  
Faisal c Shahed b Mukul 39  
Minhazul c Shahed b Soheli 39  
Jasim b Soheli 0  
Sabbir c Tinku b Soheli 4  
Mortuza not out 6  
Debabrotto lbw b Soheli 12  
Suja b Ashfaq 5  
Safiuddin c Tinku b Ashfaq 5  
Extras: (lb-3) 3  
Total: (All out in 77.3 overs) 211  
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-57, 3-98, 4-170, 5-170, 6-181, 7-182, 8-198, 9-205

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anis	7	2	26	0
Ashfaq	12.3	4	33	3
Shahnewaz	3	0	10	0
Mukul	23	5	54	2
Soheli	26	5	54	4
S Shahed	5	0	21	0

BARISAL: First innings  
Imran not out 8  
Liton not out 8  
Extras: (nb-1) 1  
Total: (For no loss in 10 overs) 17

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Debabrotto	3	0	8	0
Safiuddin	5	2	6	0
Suja	2	1	3	0

DHAKA: First innings  
Mehrab batting 16  
Sajjad lbw b Hasibul 9  
Jahangir batting 5  
Extras: (b-1, lb-2, nb-6) 9  
Total: (for 1 wkt in 15 overs) 39  
Fall of wicket: 1-22

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hasibul	7	-	19	1
Taposh	4	2	9	0
Mistu	3	1	8	0
Nasirul	1	1	0	0

While Lehmann says he's happy just to be in the squad, former Australian captain Chappell said it would be a shame to select him only to make him 12th man.

"It's probably overdue in a lot of ways, his form's been very good for a long time," Chappell told reporters here Thursday.

"I would think that if they've made the change they've got in mind that they're going to play him over there."

"How they're quite going to fit him into the side I'm not sure, but I hope he gets the chance."

While Australia's top five batsman have struggled for runs during the tri-series, Lehmann said he would not be surprised to be left out.

"The make-up of the side is there are seven batters, I'd say only six will play, so I just have to wait and see what happens," Lehmann said.

"But it's a good opportunity for me to be part of the squad, obviously leading into the finals and before South Africa."

Lehmann, who was Wednesday named in a 15-man Test squad for next month's tour of South Africa, said it was an exciting time for him.

"It's been a good week but it can easily change as well, so you've just got to ride the highs, stay pretty level-headed all the way through it and keep working hard," he said.

Lehmann is the leading run-scorer in this domestic season, with 361 runs at 72.2 in the one-day competition, and 772 Sheffield Shield runs at 64.33.

Mark Waugh is the Australian batsman most under selection pressure, with the possibility Damien Martyn could replace him at the top of the order and Lehmann slot in at No.4.

## Darren's time has come

AFP, Adelaide

Darren Lehmann's return to the Australian one-day cricket squad was overdue and he should go straight into the side, South Australian coach Greg Chappell said Thursday.

Lehmann, who last played for Australia in India in April, was Thursday selected at the expense of all-rounder Andrew Symonds in the squad of 12 for Sunday's final round robin tri-series encounter against South Africa in Perth.

## Goran grounded



AFP, Milan

Two more seeds tumbled out of the Milan indoors ATP tennis tournament Wednesday evening with Wimbledon champion Goran Ivanisevic having a typically eventful exit.

A first-round match with Michal Tabara of the Czech Republic did not on the face of it seem too tough an ask of the left-hander from Split who has twice previously triumphed in the northern Italian city.

But the only wildcard ever to win a Grand Slam once again showed that the only predictable thing about

him is his unpredictability as he bowed out after looking set to win in straight sets.

Leading 7-5, 5-4 Ivanisevic was taken to a tie-break by Tabara who then managed to save two match points before levelling the match.

But the Czech then won the first three games of the decider at which point Ivanisevic quit with what was said to be a fever.

Earlier sixth-ranked Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic also exited at the hands of Armenia's Sargis Sargsian who won 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 against the Australian Open semifinalist.

Spain's top seed Juan Carlos Ferrero edged a tight battle with Julien Boutter of France to book a place in the second round.

Boutter, who was runner-up to Roger Federer of Switzerland in last year's event, looked like continuing in the same vein when he won the first set and then went into a tie-break with the Spaniard.

But Ferrero rose to the occasion and took the match into a deciding set which he won 6-4 to book a second-round meeting with Davide Sanguineti of Italy.

Earlier big-serving Briton Greg Rusedski became the first man into round three of the 356,000-dollar tournament.

Rusedski, seeded seven, dispatched Czech player and part-time film star Bohdan Ulihrach in his second round match, prevailing 7-6, 6-4.

## Anna wins Russian duel Dokic sent tumbling



AFP, Tokyo

Anna Kournikova edged past Sydney Olympic silver medalist Elena Dementieva in a battle of the Russian glamour queens in the Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament second round Thursday.

The 20-year-old Moscovites played similar games, unleashing a lot of hard-hit shots from the baseline, and both broke back right after losing their serves before Kournikova prevailed to win 7-6, 7-6.

It was the first clash between Dementieva and Kournikova on the WTA Tour, both of whom are also chasing their first career title.

Kournikova had reigned as Russia's top player since December 1997, but Dementieva snatched her place after reaching the semi-finals in Miami in March last year.

Seventh seed Dementieva, who enjoyed her best season last year reaching a career high ranking of nine in April, is currently ranked 16.

Kournikova reached number eight in the world in November 2000, but her ranking has plummeted to 99 following a stress fracture in her left foot last year,

which needed surgery in April.

Thursday saw world number nine Jelena Dokic become the biggest casualty of the week joining sixth seed Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria and eighth seed Amanda Coetzer of South Africa.

The second seed from Yugoslavia, playing her first match of the season, fell victim to Anne Kremer of Luxembourg 5-7, 2-6.

Maleeva bowed to Thai ace Tamarine Tanasugarn 3-6, 6-2, 2-6,

qualifier Els Callens 6-2, 6-3, while fifth seed Silvia Farina Elia beat her compatriot Rita Farina 7-5, 6-4.

It was the first tournament of the season for 18-year-old Dokic, who skipped a series of events in Australia, including the Australian Open, after reportedly being worried about the media reception to her controversial father and coach Damir.

After trading service breaks in the eight and ninth games of the first set, Dokic had a disastrous game in the 12th starting it with a double fault -- her fifth in the match, and ending with another at 15-40 to lose the set.

Overall, Dokic committed 11 double faults and was never able to recover her form after going 1-3 down early in the second set.

"I think I had a lot of chances in the first set and I felt like I should have won the first set, at least get back to 6-all," said Dokic.

"Even if an opponent is not good right now, it would have been tougher for me than usual, because I haven't played in months and it's always tough to come back and play indoors."

"And this is a quick surface. The timing is not always great, so it is not ideal to come back on such a quick surface. I can only learn from it and go to the next tournament," added Dokic.



JELENA DOKIC

while Coetzer went down to American qualifier Alexandra Stevenson 6-4, 0-6, 6-7.

Third seed Monica Seles sailed safely through beating Belgian

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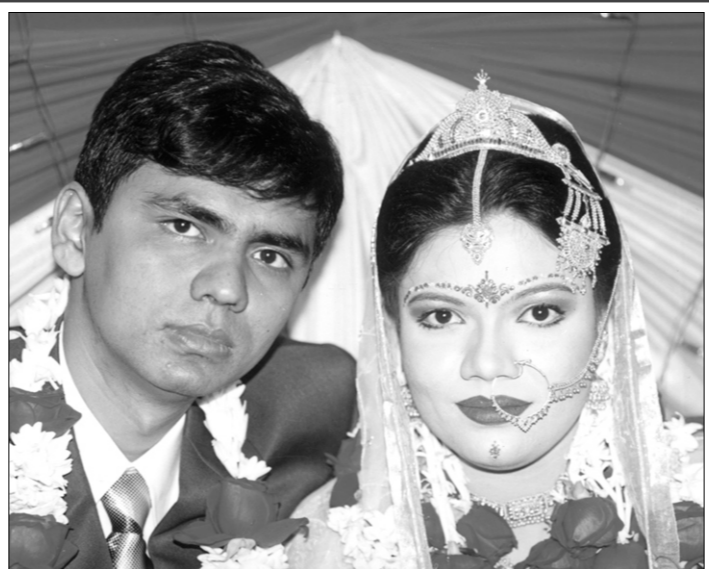
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## CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE WEARY BULLFROG COULDN'T GO ANY FURTHER SINCE IT WAS OUT OF BOUNDS.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals E  
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.



CONGRATULATIONS: The wedding ceremony of Grand Master Ziur Rahman and Tasmin Sultana was held at the Sobhanbagh Community Centre in the city on Wednesday.