

## Cairns, Flemo pardoned

REUTERS, Melbourne

New Zealand pair Chris Cairns and captain Stephen Fleming have been cleared after a hearing with match referee Hanumant Singh after a fiery incident during the limited-overs series first final against South Africa.

Both appeared before Singh at a hearing shortly after the match at Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Cairns beat Boeta Dippenaar (79 not out) outside off-stump when the South Africa batsman was on six, but the confident appeal for caught behind was turned down.

Cairns bowled a rearing short delivery at Dippenaar's throat next ball and followed through well down the wicket where he had words with the batsman.

An Australian Cricket Board spokesman said Cairns was charged under section four of the International Cricket Council's code of conduct, which relates to verbal abuse of opponents.

Fleming was charged under section one, which states that the captains are responsible for ensuring that play is conducted within the spirit of the game.

## Proteas burst

**FROM PAGE 13**  
New Zealand final of the tri-nation one-day series at Melbourne Cricket Ground Wednesday:

<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>				
Vincent c Rhodes b Ntini	7			
Astle c Kallis b Ntini	9			
Fleming c Kallis b Klusener	50			
McMillan run out	73			
Cairns c Kirsten b Klusener	0			
Harris c Boucher b Pollock	9			
Nash c Donald b Ntini	9			
Parore c Boucher b Ntini	2			
Adams c Klusener b Ntini	13			
Vettori not out	6			
Bond run out	1			
Extras: (lb-5, w-6)	11			
Total: (All out in 47.5 overs)	190			
Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-18, 3-127, 4-128, 5-155, 6-158, 7-168, 8-168, 9-187				

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Pollock	9	0	30	1
Ntini	10	0	31	5
Donald	8	0	44	0
Kallis	6.5	0	25	0
Klusener	7	0	27	2
Boje	7	0	28	0

<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>				
Gibbs c Parore b Cairns	24			
Kirsten run out	25			
Kallis not out	59			
Dippenaar not out	79			
Extras: (lb-1, w-1, nb-2)	4			
Total: (For 2 wickets in 45.1 overs)	191			
Fall of wickets: 1-51, 2-52				

Did not bat: J Rhodes, M Boucher, L Klusener, N Boje, S Pollock, A Donald, M Ntini

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Bond	8	2	21	0
Nash	1	0	6	0
Adams	8	0	32	0
Vettori	5	0	32	0
Cairns	8	1	27	1
McMillan	3	0	14	0
Harris	9.1	0	44	0
Astle	3	0	14	0

**Result: South Africa won by eight wickets.**

**Man-of-the-match: Makhaya Ntini.**  
**Second final: February 8, (D/N).**

# Latif believes Pak clean



AFP, Sharjah

Pakistan's wicketkeeper Rashid Latif, who staked his career to expose corruption in cricket in his country and elsewhere, has begun another crusade.

Having convinced himself that Pakistan cricket is clean, he now wants his team to win next year's World Cup and ensure he is part of that winning squad.

From an outcast to a national hero who played a major role in Pakistan's resounding win in the first Test against the West Indies here on Monday, Latif's career is an extraordinary tale of courage and perseverance in the face of adversity.

The 34-year-old stunned the cricketing world in 1995 when he walked out of Pakistan's twin-tour of South Africa and Zimbabwe, accusing the then captain Salim Malik of being hand-in-glove with bookmakers.

Latif was ridiculed back home and thrown out of the national team, but decided his campaign to cleanse the game had come too far to be called off.

In an interview to Indian magazine "Outlook" in 1997, Latif accused Malik and other colleagues, including Indian stars Mohammad Azharuddin and Ajay Jadeja, of fixing matches at the behest of bookmakers.

As the scandal grew, the Pakistan Cricket Board first instituted an internal inquiry, then a judicial one, leading to life bans being imposed on Malik and another Pakistani cricketer Ataur Rehman.

Latif was suddenly elevated to

Test captain by officials wanting to project a clean image, only to be dumped from the squad a year later and replaced by Moin Khan.

Latif spent three years in the wilderness, during which time two other Test captains, Azharuddin and



RASHID LATIF

South Africa's Hansie Cronje were found guilty of malpractices and banned for life.

The original whistle-blower, meanwhile, worked hard at the nets and in domestic cricket and was rewarded with a place in the Pakistani team touring England last summer.

Latif has not looked back since and cemented his place in the side with a magnificent 150 in the first Test here, during which he achieved the double of 1,000 runs and 100 dismissals as 'keeper in his 28th match.

A grateful Waqar Younis, the Pakistani captain, said it was "a shame" that Latif was kept out of the

team for so long.

Latif, on his part, was determined to continue till the World Cup in South Africa early next year and hoped Pakistan would win.

"I can't afford to be out of the team now," he said on Wednesday. "I want to be there at the World Cup and, God willing, we will win it."

Latif said he was proud to be the first cricketer to take on the menace of match-fixing.

"It may have cost me a few years in the game, but I do not regret what I did. Exposing corruption in the game has given me a lot of satisfaction."

Latif maintained the current Pakistani team was absolutely clean, and qualified that with statistics.

"Look at our record. We have won five out of six Tests since my return and lost only two one-dayers out of 20," he said.

Latif conceded that some players he had accused of corruption were apprehensive when he returned to the team, but stressed there was no personal animosity.

"I have been speaking to Wasim Akram (one of the accused players). We had a difference of opinion, maybe we had a different perspective to the whole issue.

"But there was nothing personal. I do not hold him responsible for removing me from the team. He is a great player.

"Some of us may clash on personal issues, but when we take the field we are Pakistanis playing for Pakistan," he said.

The second and final Test against the West Indies starts here on Thursday.

Pakistan's spy agency and two-Pakistan based groups for sponsoring the attack. Since then the nations have amassed hundreds of thousands of troops at their border, generating fears of a full-fledged conflict.

In January, Musharraf outlawed the two-groups and said Pakistan's territory won't be allowed to be used against any other country, including India.

Musharraf gave 100,000 rupees (1,670 dollars) to the 18 members of the Pakistan hockey team and urged them to bring the World Cup to Pakistan.

He also announced two million rupees for six artificial turf hockey fields across the country.

Pakistan, four time world champions, won the Six-Nation Invitational Hockey tournament in Kuala Lumpur last month. The World Cup starts in Malaysia later this month.

India and Pakistan last played their annual hockey series in 1999, but probably the biggest blow to sports lovers in the subcontinent came in 2000 when India cancelled a planned cricket tour here.

Cricket fanatics have not seen a clash between the South Asian titans since June 2000, when Pakistan beat India in the Asia Cup.

Their Under-19 teams met last month in the Under-19 World Cup in New Zealand, where Pakistan won by two wickets.

## FA Cup Spurs book fifth round place

AFP, LONDON

Tottenham crushed Premiership rivals Bolton Wanderers 4-0 to book their place in the fifth round of the English FA Cup on Tuesday.

Spurs, who have already secured a place in the League Cup final where they will meet Blackburn Rovers, swept aside Sam Allardyce's men in a one-sided contest.

In Tuesday's other tie First Division Gillingham edged Second Division Bristol Rovers 1-0 to earn a lucrative fifth round tie away to Arsenal.

A Darren Anderton penalty gave Tottenham a 21st minute lead before Steffen Versen notched the second for his third goal in four games.

Matthew Etherington scored his first goal for the north London club 10 minutes after the break and Bolton defender Anthony Barnes put through his own net to complete a miserable night for the visitors.

Spurs could have racked up an even bigger score had it not been for Bolton goalkeeper Jussi Jaaskelainen who made a series of outstanding saves.

## Kibria in thick

**FROM PAGE 13**  
**Result: Khilgaon High School won by four wickets.**

**Dhanmondi Tutorial v Model Academy**

Venue: MOS

**MODEL ACADEMY:** 104 all out in 25.3 overs (Omar 55, Amir 32, Fuad 4/22)

**DHANMONDI TUTORIAL:** 106 for 1 in 16.2 overs (Moshiur 47, Muhtasim 40)

**Result: Dhanmondi Tutorial won by nine wickets.**

## Mukesh takes lead

PRESS RELEASE

Mukesh Kumar went one-up over arch rival Feroz Ali with an opening round score of four-under 68 at the Tk 15 lakh Dutch-Bangla Bank Bangladesh Open 2002 being played at the par-72 Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday.

The tournament is the 19th leg of the 2001-02 season's Hero Honda Golf Tour.

Feroz Ali was not far behind tied for the second spot with Meerut's Digvijay Singh, Delhi's Jaiveer Virk and Chandigarh's Ranit Singh at three-under 69. Local hero Babu Ahmed was the star performer of the day among the Bangladeshi contingent. The 32-year old Kurmitola Golf Club pro returned a two-under 70 to tie sixth with Kolkata's Chini Ali, Mhow's Devendra Patel and Lknow's Sanjay Kumar.

### SIDDIKUR LEADS AMATEUR FIELD

Local golfer Md Siddikur played superbly to leap to a four-stoke lead in the amateur category. Siddikur, who carded a level-par 72, was followed at second place by Mohd Milon at four-over 76.

Score (after 18 holes): 68 Mukesh Kumar, 69 Feroz Ali, Digvijay Singh, Ranjit Singh, Jaiveer Virk; 70 Babu Ahmed, Chini Ali, Devendra Patel, Sanjay Kumar; 71 Ali Sher, Indrajit Bhalotia, Rafiq Ali, Shamim Khan, Yusuf Ali Amateurs; 72 Mohd Siddikur; 76 Mohd Milon.

## Hair Test

**FROM PAGE 13**  
the squad, the West Indies will be forced to play either fast bowler Corey Collimore or spinner Dinanath Ramnarine in the Test.

Even though the West Indies have lost 22 of their last 26 overseas Tests, captain Carl Hooper was confident his team can draw the two-match series.

"We are not playing poorly, it's just that we are not grasping the opportunity and pressing home the advantage," Hooper said.

In the first Test, West Indies allowed Pakistan to recover from 94-4 to post 493 and themselves lost nine wickets for 56 runs on the final day to lose.

The West Indians dropped Rashid Latif on 28 and the Pakistani wicket-keeper went on to top score with 150, sharing a 204-run stand with Yousuf Youhana.

### TEAMS

**PAKISTAN (probable):** Waqar Younis (captain), Taufiq Umer, Shahid Afridi, Younis Khan, Inzamamul Haq, Yousuf Youhana, Abdur Razzaq, Rashid Latif, Shoaib Akhtar, Saqlain Mushtaq, Danish Kaneria.

**WEST INDIES (from):** Carl Hooper (captain), Daren Ganga, Chris Gayle, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Wavell Hinds, Ryan Hinds, Ridley Jacobs, Mervyn Dillon, Cameron Cuffy, Pedro Collins, Corey Collimore, Darrel Brown, Dinanath Ramnarine.

**Umpires:** Darrel Hair (Australia) and Shakeel Khan (Pakistan).

## Natore cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Natore*

Chowkosh Cricket Club (CCC) defeated Tornado Club by four wickets in the Natore cricket league at the Shankar Govinda Chowdhury Stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss, Tornado decided to bat first and made 107 runs for all in 34.5 overs.

In reply, CCC reached the target of 108 runs for six in 15.4 overs.

### BRIEF SCORES

**CHOWKOSH CRICKET CLUB:** 108 runs for six in 15.4 over (Shamim 38, Himon-28; Tushar-4/14, Ullash-2/15)

**TORNADO CLUB:** 107 runs for all in 34.5 overs (Pathik-7, Rajib-12, Ashraful-8, Mizan-2/20, Nazmul 2/32)

**Result :** Chowkosh Cricket Club won by four wickets.

## Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Magura*

Abul Hossain Khan Smriti Club defeated Udayan Sporting Club by 125 runs in the Econo League at the Magura Stadium on Wednesday.

Winning the toss, the winners batted first and collected 227 runs for three in the stipulated 35 overs.

In reply, Udayan were all out for 102 in 30.3 overs.

### BRIEF SCORES

**ABUL HOSSAIN KHAN SMRITI CLUB:** 227 for three in 35 overs (Pankaj 101, Sumon 42, Shajib 34; Shahid 1/35, Joy 1/31, Tanmoy 1/33).

**UDAYAN SPORTING CLUB :** 102 all out in 30.3 overs (Tanmoy 28, Sanjib 10, Rubon 10; Firoz 3/7, Gora 2/2-Kaziabid 2/7).

# Unbecoming of Waugh



REUTERS, Melbourne

Australia captain Steve Waugh, who reportedly muttered obscenities to journalists while leaving a news conference on Sunday night, had behaved in a less than ideal manner, Australia's cricket chief has said.

Waugh became irritated as journalists asked him if changes should be made to the one-day team that had failed to qualify for the finals of the triangular series tournament against South Africa and New Zealand.

"You lose a couple of games and everybody wants to be an expert, everyone wants to change the team. You have got to have faith in your players," Waugh told the after-match news conference in Perth.

Australia beat the Proteas in Perth by 33 runs on Sunday night in the final pool match, but failed to gain the bonus point required to win a place in this week's best-of-three finals.

It is only the third time in 23 years Australia have not qualified for the finals of the annual triangular one-day series.

As he left the room, Waugh said journalists had not shown him enough respect and that they were walking on "thin ice", according to an Australian Associated Press

report.

Waugh's parting shot came after repeated questioning from journalists about the need for team changes.

"A couple of ACB representa-



STEVE WAUGH

tives were there, I have spoken to them, it would appear it was a pretty difficult press conference at the end of a difficult match and a long summer," Australian Cricket Board (ACB) chief executive James Sutherland said on Monday.

"He (Waugh) made an off-the-cuff remark to an ACB person on the way out.

"I understand the context of that, I have spoken to Steve Waugh and I won't be taking the matter any

# Anna advances



AFP, Paris

Anna Kournikova mounted an astonishing fightback to keep her dream of a long-awaited, first ever professional title firmly on track here on Tuesday at the \$85,000-dollar Paris WTA Indoor event.

Down by a set and trailing 3-0 in the second to Swiss qualifier Emmanuelle Gagliardi, the Russian glamour girl eventually turned the match on its head to win 6-7, 6-4, 6-4 and book a second round clash with defending champion and number three seed Amelie Mauresmo of France - the girl to whom she lost in the quarterfinals here last year.

"I am starting to play well again as I am getting back into tournaments," said Kournikova who is now ranked 99 in the world after missing a large part of the 2001 season through injury.

"It was tough out there today. I played well in Tokyo last week, but the courts there are a lot faster. I wasn't in a great rhythm, but it shows that I can still win without playing my best tennis."

The 20-year-old, who has gone 95 tournaments on the tour without a title, was handed a wild-card to play here. She missed most of the 2001 season suffering from a stress fracture of the left foot, but had nevertheless gone into the event in a confident frame of mind having reached the semi-finals in Tokyo last week where she lost in three sets to

Monica Seles.

She had also reached the last four in Auckland at the start of the year where she had, ironically, beaten Gagliardi in the quarterfinals.



ANNA KOURNIKOVA

Her defeat at the hands of Mauresmo here in 2001 was her last match of the year until she made her comeback in San Diego in August.

"Even though I was behind today I was never really worried about losing. It was just a case of connecting the dots to get it right. I was playing two points well, two bad - I needed to string it all together," said Kournikova who said she was looking ahead to the rest of the season especially since her absence from the tour for large parts of last year now means she now has

# BCB be cricket-wise

**FROM PAGE 13**  
School Championship every year, but it is hard to fathom why the organisers prefer to confine their attention to educational institutions situated in the capital.

Quite honestly, these schools are not interested in contributing to the future of the game at large. Lifting the winner's trophy is all that matters.

The only way to broaden the scope is to incorporate schools from elsewhere. Later a few prospective students can be selected to join the various coaching programmes.

Likewise the colleges and universities of the country could be turned into ideal playgrounds to reach out for new faces.

It goes without saying that many national players of yesteryears emerged at some stage from the highest seats of learning.

Perhaps sponsors could be persuaded into funding a separate National League for colleges and universities. As an extra incentive the would-be champions and runners-up of the meet are guaranteed places at the nearest cricket academy.

The Board also needs to examine how to derive the best out of the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan in the development of talent.

Presently, the Bangladesh team has exclusive use of facilities at the Savar-based sports institute. So

when the BCB's Development Committee announces its strategy we hope it makes the BKSP the mother of all academies.

In simple terms Bangladesh cricket today is very much like a new-born that needs tender-loving before it is strong enough to stand on its own feet.

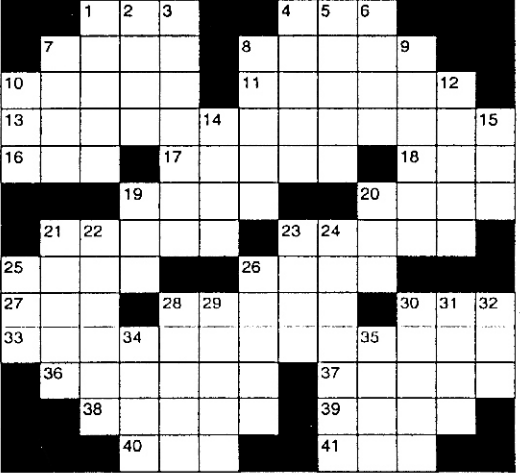
The organisers should not be alarmed with results on the pitch. Since it will be definitely later rather than sooner when Bangladesh achieve their maiden Test victory.

What they should concentrate on is taking appropriate steps to build the game's foundation instead of just thinking where to send teams and bask in the glory afterwards. Every success comes at a price.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>27</b> Early bird?	<b>2</b> Cashmere	<b>19</b> "Encore!"
<b>1</b> Pair	<b>28</b> Dieter's need	<b>3</b> Adversary	<b>20</b> Non-clerical
<b>4</b> Third degree?	<b>30</b> — Beta	<b>4</b> Got nosy	<b>21</b> On
<b>7</b> Cartoon Betty	<b>31</b> — Kappa	<b>5</b> Unlike flatlands	<b>22</b> The level
<b>8</b> Ram	<b>33</b> Glib	<b>6</b> Computer company	<b>23</b> Sought salmon
<b>10</b> Sag	<b>36</b> Conical home	<b>7</b> Raised light	<b>24</b> Head-light?
<b>11</b> "King of the Road" singer	<b>37</b> Standards fixture	<b>8</b> Caution light	<b>25</b> 1978
<b>13</b> Cowardly	<b>38</b> Laundry group?	<b>9</b> Apprehended	<b>26</b> Manilow song
<b>16</b> Mc-Mahon and Sullivan	<b>39</b> Rock group?	<b>10</b> Turn blue?	<b>27</b> Absolutely
<b>17</b> Run-down	<b>40</b> Evil	<b>12</b> Rifle with tall grass	<b>28</b> Earth's most prevalent compound
<b>18</b> Buddhist sect	<b>41</b> Infinitesimal	<b>14</b> Garden intruder	<b>29</b> Old photo shade
<b>19</b> Oktoberfest need	<b>1</b> Work-shop array	<b>15</b> Modern-day evidence	<b>30</b> Statement of belief
<b>20</b> Castor and Pollux's mom	<b>Solution time: 26 mins.</b>		

HALL AMT THOR  
ETRE SITHERO  
LESI PLACEMAT  
MATLOCK HALLS  
IDA FIR  
TAMED LOCKJAW  
ADO AYE ORE  
JAWBONE WAGED  
RVS ZIT  
APNEA BONEDRY  
DRYCLEAN ARIA  
DASH ABE SILL  
NYET RED EPIE



CRYPTOQUIP

L O I K R V V C B G V B R T

T I F D S R T L U G U F

P E M U I V K R D S E A O I P F T

V I F D D C E M L O I A F D D .  
Yesterday's Cryptiquip: BARTENDER TO THIRSTY VAMPIRE: "I'M SORRY, BUT YOUR TYPE ISN'T SERVED HERE."

Today's Cryptiquip Clue: D equals L.

The Cryptiquip 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.