

Waugh handed

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nationals and was in Australia's 1987 and 1999 World Cup-winning sides. He has scored 7,569 runs at 32.90 and taken 195 wickets at 34.67.

Waugh was second only to Indian Mohammad Azharuddin (334) in the most number of ODI's played since making his debut against New Zealand in Melbourne in 1985-86.

Waugh, who led Australia to a world record 16-straight Test wins and the 1999 World Cup, had anticipated the chop.

"Everyone is under scrutiny," he said earlier this month. "You've got to perform, I don't expect any favours."

"If I'm not doing the job and someone is doing better, then they will get the opportunity."

Waugh escaped punishment for an outburst to journalists at a press conference following Australia's failure to qualify for the one-day finals.

Sutherland said he had spoken to Waugh about the incident.

The latest news follows an ACB announcement that Waugh and his deputy Adam Gilchrist would not act as selectors on overseas tours, commencing with this month's tour of South Africa.

Who's the next

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lead his country for the first time after years of being labelled the heir-apparent.

The Tasmanian captain has toned down his off-field activity in recent years since he was involved in a fight at a Sydney night-spot following a one-day match.

Ponting's position is not in doubt and he is rated as a good cricket-thinker with plenty of time left in the international arena.

Hohns said the new captain would not be named until the one-day squad for the South African tour was chosen within a week.

Meanwhile, Waugh vowed to return to Australia's international one-day cricket team.

Waugh said he saw his axing as "a setback and a challenge."

"I was disappointed and probably a little bit shocked, as anyone is when they are dropped from the side, particularly when you are captain," Waugh told the press conference.

"It is a big decision and impacts on a lot of people. I'll definitely remain available for Australia for one-day cricket -- I'd love to be part of that World Cup campaign."

"I see this as a setback and a challenge, I've never shied away from a challenge. I'm a pretty determined sort of a person and I believe I will do everything in my power to get back into that one-day side."

Zim to follow Eng's lead



AFP, Bombay

Zimbabwean cricket captain Stuart Carlisle said on Wednesday his team would try to follow England's tactics of applying pressure on India in the upcoming Test and one-day series.

"We will play positive cricket like the Englishmen did during their recent tour of India," Carlisle said after his team arrived here to play two Tests and five one-day internationals.

"We watched the series keenly and observed that the Englishmen came here as underdogs, but played positively to put the Indians under pressure."

England skipper Nasser Hussain also said before the one-day series against India last month his team would try to maintain pressure on the hosts and exploit their vulnerability in crunch situations.

His tactics paid rich dividends as England squared the six-match series 3-3 after trailing 3-1 as India choked under pressure in the last two games.

Even Indian captain Sourav Ganguly conceded after the drawn

series against England that his team's middle order was inexperienced and had to learn to handle the pressure.

"We too would like to catch India on the wrong-foot by never letting them settle down. We know the Indian middle order is a bit suspect," said Carlisle.

"We would first like to go after the top order, which has world class players like Sachin Tendulkar and Sourav Ganguly, and then work our way through the middle order."

The Zimbabwean captain said his team was confident of coping with the Indian spin challenge on slow pitches.

"We just came back from the tour of Sri Lanka where we found off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan a hard nut to crack," said Carlisle, whose team was blanked 3-0 by Sri Lanka last month.

"We know India has two quality spinners in Anil Kumble and Harbhajan Singh, but many of our batsmen have played them quite well and we would like to do the same this time as well."

Zimbabwe did reasonably well on their last Indian tour in 2000, with a prolific Andy Flower (540 runs) dominating the Indian spin in a two-Test series won 1-0 by the hosts.

Zimbabwean coach Geoff Marsh

said the Test and one-day series against India would be tough, but his team was keen to perform better.

"It is always a challenge to play in India," said Marsh, a former Australian opener.

"I have come here as a player and coach of the Australian team and now with this young side. I am looking forward to this challenge. We have some very talented guys and this tour will help them become tough cricketers."

Zimbabwe open their tour on Friday with a three-day game against a Board President's team at Vijaywada in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh.

The first Test will be held at Nagpur from February 21 and the second at Delhi starting a week later.

The one-dayers will be played at Faridabad (March 7), Mohali (March 10), Cochin (March 13), Hyderabad (March 16) and Guwahati (March 19).

SQUAD

Stuart Carlisle (capt), Heath Streak, Alistair Campbell, Dion Ebrahim, Andy Flower, Grant Flower, Travis Friend, Trevor Gripper, Mupumelo Mbanga, Raymond Price, Gavin Rennie, Tatenda Taibu, Brighton Watambwa and Craig Wishart.

Coach: Geoff Marsh

ITF Jr C'ships  
Mitto, Hsieh  
move into  
final

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Alex Mitto of Great Britain and Hsieh W Cheng of Chinese Taipei moved into the boys' singles final while Ishaa Lakhani of India and Pichaya of Thailand in the girls' singles final in the Rajshahi ITF Junior Tennis Championship (Group-3) at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex yesterday.

Alex Mitto beat Jacob T Mathew of India 7-5, 3-6 and 6-1 in the first semifinal while Hsieh W Cheng beat Lee Sevgng of Korea 6-4, 6-0 in the second semifinal.

Pichaya beat Wang Ting of Chinese Taipei 6-3, 6-3 in the first semifinal while Ishaa Lakhani beat Hsu Wenshin of Chinese Taipei 6-3, 6-1 in second semifinal.

Chaoken and Livtai Wen of Chinese Taipei pair while Rishi Behl and Saurabh Kohli of India moved into the boys' doubles final.

In the first semifinal, Chaoken and Livtai Wen beat Jacob T Mathew and Somdeve VKV of India 6-3, 6-1.

In the second semifinal, Rishi Behl and Saurabh Kohli of India beat Alex Mitto (Great Britain) and Punna Vikas of India 5-7, 7-5 and 6-1.

Maya Rosa and Ishal Akhan of India while Hanna Park and Woo Riskuk of Korea moved into the girls' doubles final.

U-13 cricket

UNB, Dhaka

Cricket Coaching School (CCS) and Kalabagan Cricket Academy (Green) reached semifinal of the 4th under-13 cricket tournament eliminating their respective rivals in the quarterfinals at the Kalabagan KC ground yesterday.

In the day's first match, CCS earned an exciting one-wicket victory over Discovery.

Winning the toss, Discovery batted first to score 121 all out in 24.2 overs.

In reply, CCS made 122 runs for the loss of 9 wickets in 24.1 overs.

In the day's other match, Kalabagan Cricket Academy (Green) beat their compatriot Kalabagan CABA five wickets.

Kalabagan were all out for 151 runs in 28.3 overs.

In reply, Kalabagan Cricket Academy (Green) reached their target making 153 runs losing five wickets in 27.5 overs.



PHOTO: STAR

Two former Indian national hockey players Sandeep Singh (L) and Sanjeev Kumar (R) arrived in the capital on Wednesday to play for Mariner Youngs Club in the ongoing Jamuna Bank Club Cup.

Pepsi v'ball on

UNB, Dhaka

The Pepsi national men's and women's volleyball championship began at the Volleyball Stadium yesterday.

On the opening day, Bangladesh Army beat Patuakhali 25-11, 25-4, 25-13; Bangladesh Air Force defeated Kushtia 25-8, 25-18, 25-19 and Bangladesh Navy beat Rangpur 25-19, 25-20, 25-23 in the men's competition.

In the women's competition, BJMC defeated Tangail 25-3, 25-14, 25-21 in the morning session and they again beat Rajshahi 25-13, 25-4, 25-3 in the afternoon while Bangladesh Ansars beat Gazipur 25-5, 25-8, 25-9 in the day's other match.

A total of 13 teams, split into four groups, are taking part in the men's competition while five teams in the women's group on league basis.

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



**STAR MOVIES:** 7:30p.m. *The Beach*. Leonardo DiCaprio stars in this high-charged tale of survival, based on the popular novel by Alex Garland. He portrays Richard, a traveling American who wants nothing more than to experience life completely. Backpacking in Thailand, he gets more than he bargained for when he discovers a seemingly utopian island that is protected by a weapon-yielding gang.



**ATN BANGLA:** 7:35p.m. *Valentine's Special Debate*. With the humorous topic 'Shoi Ke Bole Pirithi Bhalo?' (Friend, who says love is good?) Valentine's Day special debate will take place. Actress Shahnoor and model Caesar will debate along with singer Akhla Almagir and S D Rubel while Ahmed Chowdhury Kiron hosts the show.



**HBO:** 10:00 pm. *Autumn in New York*. This is the story of a pair who finds love when each least expects it. Will Keane (Richard Gere) is a successful restaurant owner and bachelor playboy with more "girlfriends" than he knows what to do with but no serious relationships. He meets Charlotte (Winona Ryder), the daughter of an old flame, and is immediately interested in her.

PICK OF THE DAY



**Come Together: A Night for John Lennon's Words & Music.**  
On Star World at 7:00 & 10:30p.m.  
Artists as diverse as Yolanda Adams, Stone Temple Pilots, and Craig David will take the stage for 'Come Together: A Night for John Lennon's Words & Music' in New York. The wide-ranging appeal and effect of the late musician's visionary work will be underlined time and time again. In front of 6,000-strong audience at Radio City Music Hall.

BTV

2:10 News Headlines  
2:15 Desher Gaan  
2:20 Open University  
2:45 Shashatathya  
3:00 Shur O' Chanda  
3:25 Cartoon: Samurai X  
3:40 Shukhi Poribar  
4:00 Khabar  
4:05 Sports Programme  
4:30 Live telecast of the 2nd parliamentary sessions from the 8th National Parliament

HBO

6:30amMr Jones  
8:45 Fools Rush In  
11:00 Always  
1:30 To Gillian On Her 37th Birthday  
3:30 So I married an Axe Murderer  
5:30 Roxanne  
7:45 That Old Feeling  
10:00 Autumn In New York  
12:15 Ghost  
2:45 Frankie And Johnny  
5:00 White Palace  
**STAR GOLD**  
7:30amMilan (Sunil Dutt, Nutan)  
10:30 Bollywood News  
11:00 Geet Bahar  
12:00 Geetanjali (Jeetendra, Rekha)  
3:00pmBollywood News  
4:00 Laila Majnu (Rishi Kapoor, Ranjeeta)  
7:00 Geet Bahar  
7:30 Lamhe Pyaar Ke : Ek Duuje Ke Liye (Kamal Hassan, Rati Agnihotri)  
11:00 Bollywood News  
11:30 Romance (Kumar Gaurav, Poonam Dhillon)

STAR MOVIES

6:30 Action : Rocky V  
8:15 Comedy: Pink Lightning  
9:45 Comedy: Cecil B Demented  
11:15 Family: The Mighty Ducks  
1:00 Action: The Hurricane  
3:30 Comedy: Chasers  
5:15 Drama: He Got Game  
7:30 Thriller : The Beach  
9:30 Comedy: Bit Momma's House  
11:15 Thriller : Killer Instinct  
**STAR PLUS**  
6:00amSanskriti  
6:30 Star Geetmala  
7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain  
8:00 Aatma  
9:00 Hit Filmcin Hit Sangeet  
9:30 Fox Kids Daily  
10:10 Hit Geet  
10:25 Kya Film Kya Geet  
10:30 Small Wonder  
11:00 Main  
11:30 Meri Saheli  
12:00 Shanti  
12:30 Hit Filmcin Hit Sangeet  
1:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain  
1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii  
2:00 Sanskriti  
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3:00 Shagun  
3:35 Film Toppers

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Kasauti Zindagi Kay

4:00 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli  
4:30 Kaahin Kissil Roz  
5:00 Meri Saheli  
5:30 Hit Filmcin Hit Sangeet  
6:00 Small Wonder  
6:30 Fox Kids  
7:20 Aaj Ki Baat  
7:25 Kya Kilim Kya Geet  
7:30 Sanskriti  
7:55 Film Toppers  
8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain  
9:30 Kundali  
9:30 Kasautii Zindagi Kay  
9:30 Jahan Pyaar Miley A Mini Series  
10:00 Kangan  
10:30 Kahani Ghar Ghar Kii  
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi  
11:30 Kaahin Kissil Roz  
12:00 Film Toppers  
12:05 Aaj Ki Baat

STAR WORLD

6:00amHappy Days  
6:30 3rd Rock From The Sun  
7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show  
8:00 MacGyver  
9:00 The Drew Carey Show  
9:30 Whose Line is it Anyway  
10:00 Ally McBeal  
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show  
12:00pmThe Practice  
1:00 Caroline In The City  
1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful  
2:00 Mork & Mindy  
2:30 Happy Days  
3:00 Baywatch  
4:00 The Simpsons  
4:30 3rd Rock From The Sun  
5:00 Star News Asia  
5:30 Friends  
6:00 Roswell  
6:55 Asianews Update  
7:00 Come Together A Night For John Lennons Words and Music

STAR NEWS

6:00 Star News Hindi  
6:30 Newshour  
6:30 Breakfast News English  
8:00 Breakout News Hindi  
9:30 Star News English  
10:00 [V] Jungli Jukebox  
10:00 [V] FDFS  
10:30 [V] Hit Machine  
11:00 Late Night [V]  
11:30 [V] Rewind  
12:00am[V] Men's Room  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
6:30amWild  
7:30 Out There  
8:00 Africa From The Ground Up  
8:30 Crystal Ocean  
9:30 Family Hour  
10:30 People And Places  
11:30 On Assignment  
12:00pmIndia Diaries  
12:30 The Day The Ocean Boiled  
1:30 Family Hour  
2:30 Wild  
3:30 Dogs With Jobs  
4:30 Tomorrow's World  
4:30 Ocean Worlds  
5:30 Toyota World of Wildlife  
6:00 Africa From The Ground Up  
6:30 Secrets of the Snow Geese  
7:30 Family Hour  
8:30 Valentine's Day Special  
9:30 Very [V]  
10:30 Valentine's Day Special  
11:30 Toyota World of Wildlife  
12:00 Africa From The Ground Up  
**STAR VIJAY**  
6:00amNinai Virukum Varai  
6:27 Udaya Geetham

STAR NEWS

10:00 Star News Hindi  
6:00 Star Khel  
6:30 Bollywood News  
7:00 Star Bazaar Hindi  
7:30 Saat Baje Hindi  
8:00 Hotline  
8:30 Tonight at 8  
9:00 Star Samachar  
9:30 Star News English  
10:00 Star Business News  
10:30 Star Newshour  
11:30 Star News English  
12:00 Star News Hindi  
**CHANNEL [V]**  
7:30am[V] Hit Machine  
8:00 [V] Back To Back  
8:30 [V] Jumpstart  
9:30 [V] Hit Machine  
10:00 [V] Back To Back  
10:30 [V] Hit Machine  
11:00 [V] Back To Back  
11:30 [V] Hit Machine  
12:00pm[V] Zabardast Hits  
12:30 [V] Jungli Jukebox  
1:00 [V] FDFS  
1:30 [V] Hit Machine  
2:00 [V] Zabardast Hits  
2:30 Po[V]  
3:30 [V] Back To Back  
4:00 [V] Hit Machine  
4:30 [V] Hotline  
5:30 Very [V]  
6:30 Ctrl [V]  
7:00 [V] Back To Back  
7:30 [V] Valentine Spl.  
7:58 [V] Robbie Williams  
Live At Royal Albert Hall  
8:30 [V] Hit Machine  
9:00 [V] Zabardast Hits

ZEE ENGLISH

6:00 Benny Hill Shoe  
6:30 Capitol  
7:00 Family Pride  
7:30 Heartbreak High  
8:30 Living Single  
9:00 Three's Company  
9:30 Kate & Allie  
10:00 Capitol  
10:30 ER  
11:30 Full House  
12:00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air  
12:30 Family Pride  
1:00 Royal Canadian Air Force  
1:30 Benny Hill Show  
2:00 Three's Company  
2:30 Friends  
3:00 Seinfeld  
3:30 ER  
4:30 Jesse  
5:00 Benny Hill Show  
5:30 Heartbreak High  
6:30 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air  
7:00 Full House  
7:30 Seinfeld  
8:00 Three's Company  
8:30 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air  
9:00 Suddenly Susan  
9:30 La Femme Nikita  
10:30 Seinfeld  
11:00 Friends  
11:30 Full House  
12:00 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air  
12:30 Benny Hill Show  
1:00 Friends  
1:30 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air  
2:00 Family Pride  
2:30 Royal Canadian Air Force  
3:00 Heartbreak High  
4:00 Benny Hill Show  
4:30 Kate & Allie  
5:00 Heartbreak High  
**ZEE TV**  
6:00 Yaadon Ke Pal  
6:30 Bhakti Bhav  
7:00 Yoga For Life  
7:20 Jagran  
7:50 Zee Gym & Eat Healthy  
8:20 News  
8:30 Ardhangini  
8:45 Yaaden Radio Ceylon Ki  
9:00 Nickelodeon On Zee  
10:00 Guldasta  
10:30 Hum Paanch  
11:00 Deverani Jethani  
12:00 Mehndi Tere Naam Ki  
12:30 Sarhadein  
1:00 Aan  
1:30 Kohi Apna Sa  
2:00 Choti Maa Ek Anokha  
2:30 Gharana  
3:00 Prem NagarHindi Feature Film  
6:30 Sex On Zee  
7:00 Nickelodeon  
8:00 Aan

ZEE CINEMA

7:30 Yauwan  
10:30 Lover Boy (Rajeev Kapoor, Meenakshi S.)-Feature Film  
1:30 Love Love Love (Aamir Khan, Juhi Chawla)-Feature Film  
5:30 Do Dilon Ki Dastan (Sanjay Dutt, Padmini Kolhapure)-Feature Film  
10:00 Hum Ho Gaye Aap Ke (Fardeen Khan, Reema Sen)-Feature Film  
1:30 Do Bachche Dus Haath Besafa Se Wafa  
**ZEE MGM**  
6:30 Stanley & Iris  
9:00 Circle of Friends  
11:30 Moonlight and Valentino  
2:00 Sex, Lies and Video Tape  
4:30 Alice  
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Sarhadein

9:00 Amanat  
9:30 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan  
10:00 Kohi Apna Sa  
10:30 Aaj Bhi ... Aateet  
11:00 Dilli Bahu  
11:30 Agn ichakra  
12:00 Gharana  
12:30 Balwan Thursday Hits  
3:00 BadshahFeature Film  
5:30 News In Hindi

ZEE MUSIC

6:00 Music Plus  
7:00 Aalaap  
7:30 Tara Rum  
8:30 Hit Pe Hit  
9:30 Hit Pe Hit  
10:30 Hit Mix  
11:00 Just Jammin  
11:30 Music Box  
12:00 Music Plus  
1:00 Hit Pe Hit  
2:30 Cool Age  
3:05 Tara Rum  
4:00 Hit Pe Hit  
5:00 Music Box  
5:30 Hit Mix  
6:00 Blue  
6:30 Music Plus  
7:30 Hit Pe Hit  
8:30 Pyaar Mohabbat Etc  
9:00 Artist Of The Fortnight  
9:30 Music Box  
10:00 Sizzlers  
10:30 Jharokha  
11:05 Dil Se  
11:35 Phoren Maal  
12:35 Shahab  
1:00 Music Box  
1:30 Jharokha  
3:00 Hit Pe Hit  
3:30 Next Generation  
3:30 Tara Rum  
4:30 Phone Maal  
5:30 Sizzlers  
**ALPHA TV BANGLA**  
6:00 Kancher Dewal  
6:30 Bideshini Bodhu  
7:00 Jemon Bolben Sir  
7:30 Surer Ei Jhamadhara  
8:00 Kicu Smriti Kichu Gaan  
8:30 Gaan Unkta  
9:00 Bhagya Chandra  
9:05 Bharat Bhraman  
9:30 Tritiyo Purush/Half Chocolate  
10:00 Chena Mukher Shari Achena Manush  
10:30 Nijei Nayak  
11:30 Kacher Dewal  
12:00 Andolan  
12:30 Swapno Niye  
12:30 Akasher Niche  
1:00 Iska Baner Bibi  
1:30 Ek Akasher Niche  
2:00 Pratibimba

BCB's age-group  
programme to  
continue

SPORTS REPORTER

The development committee of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) will continue with its three annual age-group tournaments that began last season.

The decision was taken in a meeting of the committee headed by Ararat Zia at BCB's management office in Gulshan on Wednesday.

The under-13, 15 and 17 competitions will be held at district level initially in March when which six divisional teams will be formed for the final round.

A three member talent-scouts committee was also formed in the meeting comprising of three BCB directors Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad, Mahmud Ul Haq and Alam Chowdhury.

Secretary of the development committee Mahbub Anam, chief selector Mainul Haq, national team coach Carlton Barnardus, chief age group selector Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad, BCB directors Mahmud Ul Haq, Alam Chowdhury and tournament committee chairman Nurul Kabir Shahin MP were also present in the meeting.

ATC final from  
March 6 in  
Lahore

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan and Sri Lanka have agreed to play the final of the Asian Test Championship (ATC) from March 6 to 10 in Lahore, the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) announced Tuesday.

"The dates of the second Asian Championship final were decided after we got the consent of both the boards involved," ACC Secretary Zakir Hussain Syed told this news agency.

Betar badminton

PRESS RELEASE

Bangladesh Betar inter-house badminton competition final and prize giving ceremony will be held at its headquarter today.

Information Minister Abdul Moyeen Khan will distribute the prizes as chief guest.