

Aussies start

FROM PAGE 13 where he was recovering from injuries.

The recalled Makhaya Ntini was dropped during the series in Australia but made a strong comeback in helping South Africa win the subsequent triangular one-day tournament.

Ntini confirmed his form by taking six for 37 in a provincial match last weekend, including a hat-trick.

The fiery Andre Nel, who bowled impressively without taking any wickets for South Africa A in Potchefstroom, is on standby for Pollock, while wicketkeeper Mark Boucher would take over as captain.

Australia's prolific opening batsmen, Justin Langer and Matthew Hayden, will look to continue the form they showed in Australia where they had first innings stands of 80, 202 and 219.

TEAMS

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Shaun Pollock (captain), Herschelle Gibbs, Gary Kirsten, Jacques Kallis, Neil McKenzie, Boeta Dippenaar, Justin Ontong, Mark Boucher, Nicky Boje, Allan Donald, Makhaya Ntini, Graeme Smith (12th an).

**AUSTRALIA** (likely team): Steve Waugh (captain), Justin Langer, Matthew Hayden, Ricky Ponting, Mark Waugh, Damien Martyn, Adam Gilchrist, Shane Warne, Brett Lee, Jason Gillespie, Glenn McGrath.

**Umpires:** Steve Bucknor (West Indies), Rudi Koertzen (South Africa).

**Match referee:** Cammie Smith (West Indies).

Nasser calls to raise game



AFP, Napier

England captain Nasser Hussain will demand another 20 per cent from his team to continue their fightback in the one-day series against New Zealand.

A 43 run victory in Napier on Wednesday evening made it 2-1 to New Zealand in the five match series with England finally showing the form that earned them a draw in India recently.

England cruised to victory with New Zealand crumbling to 201 all out chasing 244 for the victory that would have decided the series with two games to go.

Paul Collingwood took four wickets and Nick Knight made 80 as England went some way to making up for the poor performance in Wellington where they were bowled out for a lowly 89.

"We spoke openly after Saturday and put things right today," Hussain said.

"Good sides are built over weeks and years and just because we have won we are not suddenly a great side again. We are just a side who have put things right from the last game."

Hussain expects New Zealand to come back at his side even stronger now they have tasted defeat when the series resumes at Eden Park in Auckland on Saturday.

"We have been average in New

Zealand and we have got to keep performing because they will up their standards by 20 per cent, so if we stay at this level we will be beaten again.

"We are not the worst side in the world but just because we have won today doesn't mean we are the best. We are somewhere in between and



NASSER HUSSAIN

we have just got to keep working on our game and if we do then someday it will go right."

England managed to capitalise on a good start with Knight and Marcus Trescothick posting 71 for the first wicket. An innings of 52 from Graham Thorpe combined with Knight's half century enabled the tourists to set a tough target under the lights.

New Zealand lost wickets at crucial times and only Stephen Fleming responded hitting an

unbeaten 76. Collingwood, who before the match had taken three wickets at more than 100 in one-day cricket, ripped through the lower middle-order with his medium pace swing bowling.

"We dropped off a little but they upped the ante which was expected," Fleming conceded. "We didn't get partnerships going and momentum swung away from us. We got out at crucial times and instead of pushing on we succumbed."

"I would have loved to have closed the series out but we didn't play well enough. We missed the beat in this game but that is one-day cricket. It's good for the series but we were very determined to nail it in Auckland."

Man of the match Collingwood was shocked to have won the award with his bowling, but is hoping it will mark the beginning of a purple patch with the ball.

"I've never bowled in more helpful conditions with the white ball," he said. "I was surprised to see it swing so much when I came on and it is certainly good news when it swings at my pace."

"It's a big shock to get man of the match with the ball. I'm working hard on my bowling but there is still a lot of improvement to be made. If I work hard in the nets then hopefully I can get another yard of pace. I genuinely swing the ball and if I can get another yard or two then I can be helpful."

Denness still Eng's choice

AFP, London

English cricket bosses have insisted they do not want to spark a row with their Indian counterparts after nominating Mike Denness as a Test match referee.

Former England captain Denness imposed penalties on six Indian players, including national icon Sachin Tendulkar, following an India Test in South Africa last year.

The ensuing controversy almost led to the cancellation of England's subsequent tour of India.

"We have nominated Mike Denness, among others," England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) spokesman John Read was reported by the Sun newspaper Wednesday as saying.

"This is for no other reason than that we believe he is a good match referee who will do a good job," Read added.

"We are not trying to precipitate a stand-off with India or any other country."

"And we certainly won't get precious about this - we'll abide by any referee nominated by the ICC (International Cricket Council)."

"I accept some people might regard the nomination of Mike Denness as inflammatory - but that's not why we nominated him. We think he is a good match referee. I'm sure India will be nominating referees of their own."

McGrath tunes up well



AFP, Potchefstroom

Opening bowler Glenn McGrath produced an outstanding performance Tuesday as the touring Australians completed an impressive warm-up for their Test series against South Africa.

McGrath took five for 17 in 15 immaculate overs as Australia drew their rain-hit three-day match against South Africa A at the North West Stadium.

Only left-handed batsman Ashwell Prince, who made 92, shone for the South African second string, who were bowled out for 190 in reply to Australia's 366 for eight.

Australia declared in the third over of the day after skipper Steve Waugh reached his 67th first-class century. He started the day on 91.

The Australian captain was off the field for most of the afternoon with a sore back after waking up feeling stiff Tuesday morning. His absence was said to be a precaution only.

With almost a full day's play lost

because of rain and bad light, there was no realistic chance of a result but the Australians were clearly superior to their opponents, in the only warm-up match before the first Test starts at the Wanderers in Johannesburg on Friday.

Australia could have forced South Africa A to follow on but with less than two hours of play remaining they opted to bat out time, scoring 95 for three before play was called off.

McGrath dismissed the top four A team batsmen - including Graeme Smith, Jacques Rudolph and Daryll Cullinan, regarded as the three men most likely to challenge for Test places.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the third day of the three-day match between Australia and South Africa A at North West Stadium on Tuesday:

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings 366 for 8 declared (R Ponting 120, S Waugh 102 not out, M Waugh 62; A Hall 5-97, C Henderson 2-74)

**SOUTH AFRICA A:** First innings 190 not out, M Waugh 62; A Hall 5-97, C Henderson 2-74

**Result:** Match drawn.

Benkenstein c Hayden b Warne	0
Hall c M Waugh b Warne	18
Bodi c Gillespie b Lee	33
Tsolekile b Lee	0
Henderson c Langer b McGrath	7
Langeveldt c sub b Gillespie	10
Nel not out	2
Extras: (b-4, nb-6)	10
Total: (All out in 68 overs)	190
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-35, 3-40, 4-66, 5-114, 6-162, 7-162, 8-175, 9-184	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McGrath	15	9	17	5
Gillespie	17	7	44	1
Lee	15	2	55	2
Warne	16	2	59	2
M Waugh	1	0	4	0
Martyn	4	2	7	0

**AUSTRALIA:** Second innings Langer c Prince b Henderson 45  
Hayden c Smith b Henderson 39  
Martyn not out 10  
Lee c Tsolekile b Henderson 0  
Gilchrist not out 0  
Extras: (w-1) 1  
Total: (For 3 wks in 27 overs) 95  
Fall of wickets: 1-77, 2-94, 3-94

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Nel	3	0	14	0
Henderson	13	6	41	3
Benkenstein	5	0	26	0
6	1	14	0	

England back in business

FROM PAGE 13 Collingwood for two before Ashley Giles took two wickets and Darren Gough ended the match by bowling Ian Butler with 27 balls to spare.

The series moves to Auckland on Saturday where England again have to win to set up an exciting showdown in Dunedin next Tuesday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the third one-day international between England and New Zealand Wednesday:

**ENGLAND** Trescothick c Harris b Cairns 41  
Knight c Nevill b Cairns 80  
Hussain b Harris 24  
Thorpe c Astle b Cairns 52  
Flintoff c Vincent b Adams 19  
Collingwood not out 9

Shah not out 0  
Extras: (b-1, lb-5, w-5, nb-8) 19  
Total: (For 5 wks in 50 overs) 244  
Fall of wickets: 1-71, 2-127, 3-192, 4-231, 5-240

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Butler	4	0	21	0
Tuffey	10	0	39	0
Cairns	10	1	51	3
Adams	9	1	49	1
Vettori	10	0	49	0
Harris	7	0	29	1

**NEW ZEALAND** Nevill c sub b Hoggard 21  
Astle c Trescothick b Gough 2  
Fleming not out 76  
McMillan c Collingwood b Hoggard 14

Vincent c White b Collingwood	29
Cairns c Flintoff b Collingwood	7
Harris lbw b Collingwood	3

Adams c Shah b Collingwood 2  
Vettori lbw b Giles 9  
Tuffey b Giles 1  
Butler b Gough 3  
Extras: (b-1, lb-16, w-15, nb-2) 34  
Total: (All out in 46.3 overs) 201  
Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-31, 3-70, 4-128, 5-140, 6-152, 7-168, 8-180, 9-186

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Gough	8.3	0	21	2
Hoggard	10	0	44	2
Flintoff	7	0	34	0
White	3	0	15	0
Giles	10	0	32	2
Collingwood	8	0	38	4

**Result: England won by 43 runs.**  
**Man-of-the-match: Paul Collingwood.**

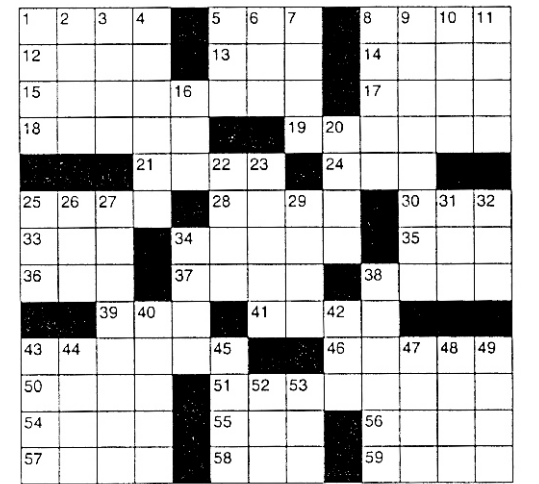


Rukhsana Amin, wife of Chief of General Staff, Bangladesh Army, Major General Ahsan Nazmul Amin, distributing prizes among the winners of the annual sports competition of the Adamjee Cantonment Public School at the Dhaka Cantonment on Tuesday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Upper-case, for short	1 Hibernian
5 The whole enchilada	2 Lotion
8 Ones' performances	3 Senate
12 Character actor Jack	4 Shoe-maker's place?
13 Imagine	5 "— was saying, ..." 27 Wand
14 Fairy tale word	6 Meadow
15 Ho has his reason	7 Concern of
17 Ollie's partner	8 Lazy woman?
18 Saw features	9 His work is a grind
19 Dry cleaner's concerns	10 Bank trans-action
21 Body parts	11 Roadside lodgings
24 Biz magazine	12 Greek letter
25 Fighting force	13 Roadside letter
28 Mortgage	14 Environments
30 Cartesian conclusion	15 Austen novel
33 Ovine remark	16 Venus de —
34 Houston's place	17 Hotel employee
35 Altar constellation	18 Stud fee?
36 Early bird	19 Spoon-bondor Geller
	20 Comical Caesar

37 Mid-month date	38 Black additive for ex. employee	39 Sanibel	40 Dance lesson	41 Evil laugh	42 Certain	43 Theorem	44 Fairy tale word	45 Ho has his reason	46 Ollie's partner	47 Saw features	48 Dry cleaner's concerns	49 Body parts	50 Biz magazine	51 Fighting force	52 Mortgage	53 Cartesian conclusion	54 Ovine remark	55 Houston's place	56 Altar constellation	57 Early bird
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CRYPTOQUIP

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V P Z V V P S G Q I G H P V X T S  
G F F S M F . G V G X Z F M T I S

H Z X . Z C V S Q Z I I  
Yesterday's Cryptogram: IF YOU GET A HAIRPIECE THAT IS FRIGHTFULLY SCARY, DO YOU HAVE THE DEVIL TOUPEE?

Today's Cryptogram: V equals T

The Cryptogram 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.

TV GUIDE

<b>BTV</b>
2:00 p.m. Live transmission of Holy Hajj from Mecca
3:10 News headline in Bangla
4:00 News in Bangla
5:00 News headline in Bangla
5:20 Poetry recitation
6:00 News in Bangla
6:10 Childrens' program
6:45 Cultural program on Ekushey
7:00 News headline in English
7:10 Musical program
8:00 News in Bangla
8:30 Special drama
9:00 News headline in Bangla
10:00 News at ten
10:25 Special program on Language Martyrdom
11:30 News (Bangla/English)
11:45 Close
<b>EKUSHEY TV</b>
2:00pm Ekushey Headlines
2:05 Ajker Potrikay
2:25 Classic Cartoons
2:35 E Shoptaher Bishsho
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Bangla Film: Ke Aporadhi
5:00 Circus Circus
5:30 Gillette Sports
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Deshjure
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Mukto Khobor
7:30 Ekushey Shongbad
8:00 Ekushey News
8:05 Kinchit
9:00 Shukrobarer Natok: Ghatir Manush
10:00 News : Simulcast from BTV
10:30 Digonta
11:00 Ekushey Late Night News
11:30 Ei Shoptaho
12:00 Ekushey Headlines

<b>STAR GOLD</b>
7:30am Hip Hip Hurray (Raj Kiran, Deepti Naval)
10:30 Bollywood News
11:00 Geet Bahar
12:00pm Hum Tum Aur Woh (Vnod Khanna, Bharati )
3:00 Bollywood News
4:00 Amanush (Uttam Kumar, Shamila Tagore)
7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Shaandaar Shukrawaar Ek Nari Ek Brahmachari (Jeetendra, Mumtaz)
11:00 Bollywood News
11:30 Himalaya Super Action Film: Himel Kartavya (Dharmendra, Rekha)
<b>STAR WORLD</b>
6:00am Happy Days
6:30 3rd Rock From The Sun
7:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
8:00 MacGyver
9:00 Roswell
10:00 Angel
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00 Maria Law
1:00 Caroline In The City
1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
2:00 Mark & 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 Worlds Wildest Police Videos
6:55 Asianews Update
7:00 Nash Bridges
8:00 Bugs
9:00 Friends
9:30 Worlds Wildest Police Videos
10:30 Nash Bridges
11:30 Bugs
<b>BBC WORLD</b>
6:00am BBC News
6:30 World Business Report
7:00 BBC News
7:30 Talking Movies
8:00 BBC News
8:30 Money Prog
9:00 BBC News
9:30 Asia Today
10:00 BBC News
10:30 Question Time
11:00 World Business Report
11:30 The Car's The Star ex Top Gear
12:00pm BBC News
12:30 World Business Report
1:00 BBC News

1:30 Hardtalk
2:00 BBC News
2:30 Rough Science
3:00 BBC News
3:30 World Business Report
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Correspondent
5:00 BBC News
5:30 World Business Report/Asia Today
<b>STAR PLUS</b>
6:00 Sanskruti
6:30 Geet Bahar
7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:00 Aatma
9:00 Hit Film:in 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 Saahil
12:00 Shanti
12:30 Hit Film:in Hit Sangeet
1:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
1:30 Jannat
2:30 Star Bestseller
3:00 Dil Se
3:25 Film Toppers
3:30 Kashmakash
4:00 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli
4:30 Kalash
5:00 Meri Saheli
5:30 Hit Film:in Hit Sangeet
6:00 Small Wonder
6:30 Fox Kids
7:10 Aaj Ki Baat
7:25 Kya Film Kya Geet
7:30 Gharwali Uparwali
7:55 Film Toppers
8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:30 Kya Masti Kya Khum
9:30 Khullija Sim Sim
10:30 Ssshhhh... Koi Hai
11:30 Kahani Jurm Ki
12:00 Film Toppers
12:33 Aaj Ki Baat
<b>STAR VIJAY</b>
6:27am Udaya Geetham
6:30 Samarpanam
7:00 BBC News
7:30 Mudhal Pradhi
8:00 Mudhal Vanakkam
9:30 Star Hits
10:00 NGC
11:00 Vijay Talkies
11:30 Om Namah Shivaya
12:00pm Bommalaigal
12:30 Payanam
1:00 Kavyanjali
1:30 Kudumbam Oru Kovil
2:00 Agni Sakshi
2:30 Galatta Countdown
3:30 Movie (Velli Thirai)

<b>TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS</b>
<b>EKUSHEY:</b> 9:00 p.m. <i>Special Drama: Ajana Falgun.</i> Plot of the drama is based on the life of Noori who comes from a middle class typical Bengali family. The girl gets married with a person whose family members speak in Urdu and Persian language. The poor girl has to experience all kinds of odds. Noori starts protesting against the foreign cultures and practices.
<b>EKUSHEY:</b> 7:00 p.m. <i>Desh Jurey.</i> The episode features on the villages of Language Martyrs Jabbar and Salam. Jabbar hailed from the district of Netrokona while Salam hailed from Feni. The family of Barkat is too, focussed upon who stay at Gazipur.
<b>EKUSHEY:</b> 10:30 p.m. <i>Bishwa mela-e-aymaar</i> <i>bhasha</i> All the participants are of foreign origin but in some way or the other have attachment with the Bengali language and culture. The program highlights on several Bengali performances of foreign guests. Kerendi from the United States and Mavluda from Uzbekistan sing two Bangla songs. A total of 19 foreign guests express their love and interest towards the Bengali language.
6:30 Vijay Talkies
7:00 Cinema, Kaaram, Coffee
7:30 Payanam
8:00 Vijay Sethigal
8:30 Kavyanjali
9:00 Nadi Enge Pogiradhu
9:30 Marumagal
10:00 Kudumbam Oru Kovil
10:30 Agni Sakshi
11:00 Om Namah Shivaya
11:30 Vijay Sethigal
12:00am Star Hits
<b>STAR NEWS</b>
6:30am News Hour
7:30 Breakfast News
8:00 English
8:30 Breakfast News Hindi
9:00 English
9:30 Breakfast News Hindi
10:00 Star News English
10:30 Star News Hindi
11:00 Star News Hindi
11:30 Star News English
12:00am Star Hits
6:30 Dinner on the Diner
1:00 Family Hour
2:30 Wild
3:30 Violent Earth
4:30 Friday Frontiers
5:30 Wild
6:30 Dinner on the Diner
7:30 Family Hour
8:00 Wild
9:30 Violent Earth
10:30 Friday Fortmiers
11:30 Wild
<b>HBO</b>
7:00 Killers in the House
8:45 Bugsy
11:30 ED
1:30 Glory
4:00 Bloodsport
6:00 Idle Hands
7:45 The Art of War
10:00 House On Haunted Hill
12:00 Desperado
2:00 Bugsy
4:45 Idle Hands

<b>PICK OF THE DAY</b>
<b>Demolition Man</b> On HBO at 10:00 p.m. San Angeles, a megalopolis stretching from Santa Barbara to San Diego, is the futuristic utopia of the politically correct. Red meat, salt, sugar, smoking and sex have all been outlawed. This spells h-e-l-l for John Spartan, a 20th century cop revived to chase down a 20th century terrorist on the loose in this sterile paradise.
<b>STAR MOVIES</b>
7:00 Comedy: License to Drive
8:45 Family: Vraty Babies
10:30 Comedy: Getting It Right
12:15 Thriller: The Insider
2:45 Comedy: L.A Story
4:15 Action: Baja
7:45 Drama: Light It Up
9:30 Comedy: The Parent Trap
11:45 Actoin: Gone in 60 Seconds
<b>ZEE TV</b>
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 Arhangini
8:45 Yaadein Radio Ceylon Ki
9:00 Nickelodeon on Zee
10:00 Guldsta
10:30 Hum Paanch
11:00 Apun To Bus Vaise Hi
12:00 Amanat
12:30 Sansaar
1:30 Koi Apna Sa
2:00 Choti Maa Ek Anokha Bandhan
2:30 Gharana
3:00 Mausam -Hindi Feature Film
6:30 Nickeldeon On Zee
8:00 Hip Hip Hurray
8:30 Jai Santoshi Maa
9:00 Saanjhi