

100th Test is Warne's best

REUTERS, Cape Town
Shane Warne believes his 100th Test match, culminating in a four-wicket win over South Africa, was the best game of his illustrious career.

Australia reached their target of 331 shortly before tea on the final day, Warne there at the end on 15 not out.

He took eight wickets in the match, including six for 161 in the South African second innings when he completed 70 overs, 15 more than he had ever previously bowled in an innings.

He also scored 63 at a crucial stage of Australia's first innings.

Before the Newlands Test he described Australia's win over Sri Lanka in Colombo in 1992 as his favourite Test match but Warne was happy to concede that on a personal standpoint at least, the win in Cape Town had now overtaken it.

"At the moment, the way I'm feeling, this probably does pip the Sri Lanka Test match as my favourite," Warne said.

"From a team point of view the Sri Lankan Test was probably my favourite but from my own point of view I think this is probably my favourite-ever Test match."

Umps' panel unveiled



AFP, London

The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Tuesday named its new eight-man elite umpiring panel to oversee all Test matches.

South Africa were the only country to have two of their officials on the panel (Rudi Koertzen and Dave Orchard).

Australia (Daryl Harper), England (David Shepherd), India (Srinvasaraghavan Venkataraghavan), Sri Lanka (Asoka De Silva), West Indies (Steve Bucknor) and Zimbabwe (Russell Tiffin) were also represented.

Both Venkataraghavan and De Silva are former Test cricketers.

An announcement had been expected last week. But a reason for delay emerged Tuesday when ICC made it clear they had offered a place on the panel to Peter Willey, which the former England batsman had rejected after what world cricket's governing body called "considerable consideration".

"I was delighted to be offered the opportunity to be a member of ICC's elite panel," said Willey in an ICC statement issued from its Lord's headquarters.

"However, I would be required to be away from my family for a considerable amount of time if I took on the role; with this in mind I have decided that, at this stage of my career, I must put the needs of my family first."

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The composition of the new panel means that of the established Test nations neither New Zealand nor Pakistan will have one of their umpires officiating in Tests.

ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed said: "The constant, high pressure demands of international cricket means that umpiring at the highest level now has to be a full time profession, rather than a part time job."

"The eight men chosen to join the elite panel are all proven performers at Test level, who command the respect of the captains and players."

Two umpires from the panel will stand in all future Test matches, with a member of the new five-man match referees panel also making up part of the officiating team, and there will be one member standing with a home umpire for one-day internationals.

ICC said the key factors in whittling down the current 20 member Test umpiring panel to eight were the marks each individual official had achieved during the last four years on official reports captains at the end of each Test and the general views of current Test skipppers.

"Umpiring is one of the toughest tasks in international sport and this panel represents the best decision makers in the game," Australian Speed added.

"Their skills will help improve the overall standard of umpiring at international level and set an example for the next generation of top class umpires to follow."

The first series under the control of both panels will be the triangular tournament in Sharjah starting on April 10, involving Pakistan, Sri Lanka and New Zealand.

As with the referees, a final decision on the umpiring panel's make-up was made jointly by Speed and India batting great Sunil Gavaskar, chairman of ICC's cricket committee.

Umpires have signed two-year contracts and their performance will be "monitored on an ongoing basis," an ICC spokesman told AFP on Tuesday.

Each umpire will stand in 12 Test matches and 15 one-day internationals during the course of a year, an annual on-field workload of up to 75 days.

They will meet for the first time, together with the match referees, at a special training seminar near Cape Town from March 21-24.

ICC elite umpiring panel: Steve Bucknor (West Indies), Asoka De Silva (Sri Lanka), Daryl Harper (Australia), Rudi Koertzen (South Africa), Dave Orchard (South Africa), David Shepherd (England), Russell Tiffin (Zimbabwe), Srinvasaraghavan Venkataraghavan (India).

ICC match referee panel: Ranjan Madugale (Sri, chief referee), Clive Lloyd (West Indies), Mike Procter (South Africa), Wasim Raja (Pakistan), Gundappa Viswanath (India).

AIUB Cup cricket begins today

UNB, Dhaka

The AIUB Cup private university cricket tournament begins at Old DOHS ground today.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman will inaugurate the tournament jointly organised by American International University Bangladesh (AIUB) and Manarat International University.

In the opening match North South University will take on BRAC University at 9:00 am.

The participating teams are: Independent University, University of Asia and Pacific, BRAC University, Stamford University, North South University, Queens University, Darul Ihsan University, Asian University, Gonobishwabidyalaya, East West University, Peoples University, International Islamic University Chittagong, City Dental College, University Dental College, Manarat International University and AIUB.

Captain's rescue

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picked it up late, it was a key moment in the day, I had enough time to catch it."

Hussain said Ricky Ponting's winning century for Australia in the second Cape Town Test against South Africa was an omen.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the first Test between England and New Zealand at Jade Stadium in Christchurch on Wednesday:

ENGLAND: First innings	Trescothick c Parore b Cairns	0
Vaughan c Parore b Cairns	27	
Butcher c Butler b Cairns	0	
Hussain lbw b Drum	106	
Thorpe c Fleming b Drum	17	
Ramprakash c Parore b Astle	31	
Flintoff lbw b Astle	0	
Foster lbw b Drum	19	
Giles c Drum b Butler	8	
Caddick lbw b Butler	0	
Hoggard not out	0	
Extras: (b-1, lb-10, nb-9)	20	
Total: (All out in 81.2 overs)	228	
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-0, 3-46, 4-83, 5-139, 6-151, 7-196, 8-214, 9-226		
NEW ZEALAND: First innings		
Richardson lbw b Hoggard	2	
Horne not out	0	
Vettori not out	4	
Extras: (lb-1, nb-2)	3	
Total: (For 1 wkt in 6 overs)	9	
Fall of wicket: 1-4		

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Cairns	15	4	58	3
Drum	20	2	36	3
Butler	16	2	59	2
Astle	18	10	32	2
Vettori	9	1	26	0
McMillan	3	1	6	0

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Zaheer	9	1	41	1
Agarkar	10	3	28	2
Agarkar	5	0	18	0
Harbhajan	10	1	29	0
Sarandeep	8	1	49	1
Mongia	2.2	0	27	0

Result: Zimbabwe won by six wickets.
Man-of-the-match: Douglas Hondo.
Next match: March 16, Hyderabad (D/N).



Action from the Bangladesh Games hockey competition match between Bangladesh Navy and Rajshahi at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium on Wednesday.

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Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

In the men's section, BDR won against Chittagong Metropolis (40-13), Dhaka against Rajshahi (36-14), Police against Faridpur (42-25) and Bandarban against Natore (28-16).

In the women's division, BJMC handed Jessore an 11-32 defeat while Dhaka beat Narail 28-14.

GOLD GRABBERS
Swimming
Men: 50m butterfly-Jewel Ahmed (Navy) 26.06 secs*, 100m breaststroke-Karar Samedul (Navy) 1 min 7.78 secs*, 200m backstroke-Rubel Rana (Navy) 2 min 18.58 secs*, 200m freestyle-Jewel Ahmed (Navy) 2 min 5.13 secs.

Women: 50 m butterfly-Doly Akhter (BJMC) 35.95 secs*, 100m breaststroke-Doly Akhter (BJMC) 1 min 27.11 secs*, 100 m backstroke-Kamala Akhter (ansars) 2 min 59.4 secs*, 200m freestyle-Lovely Khatun (Ansars) 2 min 46.59 secs.

Athletics
Men: 20 km walk-Shafiqul Islam (Navy) 1 hr 37 min, 400m hurdles-Masudul Karim (Army) 53.57 secs, 800 m race-Samiul Bari (Navy) 1 min 58.32 secs, 3000m steeple chase-Anisur Rahman (Army) 9 min 30.07 secs, Pole vault: Humayun Kabir (Navy) 4.31 metres*, Javelin: Sayeed Khan (Army) 59.52 metres.

Women: 100m hurdles-Kaniz Fatema (BJMC) 14.28 secs*, Javelin-Hazera Akhter (BKSP) 41.12 metres, 1500 m race-Rahim Khanum (BJMC) 5 min 0.43 secs, Long jump-Nilufar Yasmeen (BJMC) 5.80 metres, 4x100m relay BJMC 49.93 secs.

Cycling
Men: 100 km team time trial-Ansar and VDP 3 hr 5 min 15.92

secs, Elimination race Jainul Abedin (Ansar and VDP)

Women: 15 km time trial-Maleka Parveen (Ansar and VDP) 30 min 40.30 secs, 1000m time trial-Munira Khatun (BJMC) 1 min 47.88 secs.

Karate
Women: Singles kata -Munni Khanum (Titas Gas), Team kata - Ansar and VDP + 60 kg Ania Islam (Ansar and VDP) - 60 kg Bibi Marium (Ansar and VDP)

Men: Singles kata-Syed Nuruzzaman (Bogra), Team kata-Titas Gas +85 kg Shariful Anam (Ansar and VDP)

Athletics
Men: 110 m hurdles final (9:30 am), triple jump final (10 am), 400m sprint final (10:45 am), 100m sprint final (3:15 pm), 4x100m relay final (3:45 pm), 10000m race final (4 pm), 400m sprint final (11 am), 800m race final (3 pm), 100m sprint final (3:45 pm), high jump final (3:45 pm), 4x 100m relay (4:30 pm).

Swimming
Men: 50 backstroke final, 100m freestyle final, 200m breaststroke final, 400m individual midley final and 4x200m freestyle relay final.

Women: 50 m backstroke final, 100m freestyle final, 200m breaststroke final, 400m individual midley final and 4x200m freestyle relay final.

Venue: National Swimming Complex (2-5 pm)

Hockey
Bangladesh air force v Dhaka (2 pm)
Dhaka University v BKSP (3:30 pm)
Venue: Moulana Bhasani Stadium.
Basketball
Chandpur v Rajshahi (9 am)

Khulna v BDR (10:30 am)

Munshiganj v Chittagong (4:30 pm)
Navy v BAF (6 pm)
Venue: Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium.

Shooting
Women's air pistol (2-3:15 pm)
Men's air pistol (11:15 am- 1 pm)
Venue: National Shooting Range

Kabadi
Pirojpur v Khulna (8 am)
Jessore v Dhaka (8:15 am)
Sathkira v Sylhet (9 am)
Barhmanbaria v Tangail (9:15z am)
Venue: Kabadi court.

Rowing
7 paddlers boat race (2:30 pm)
25 paddlers boat race (3:30 pm)
Venue: Biruganga Rivar at Postagola.

Handball
Men: Natore v Chittagong (2 pm), Faridpur v rajshahi (4 pm)
Women: Panchagarh v Jessore Education Board (8 am).
Venue: Handball court.

Agassi exits

AFP, Indian Wells

Andre Agassi, fresh from his 50th career title, couldn't keep up the momentum Tuesday, falling in two tiebreak sets to Michel Kratochvil in the first round of the Tennis Masters Series here.

Switzerland's Kratochvil ousted the fourth-seeded American 7-6, 6-6, ending Agassi's defence of the Indian Wells title almost as soon as it began.

Agassi, 31, saved one match point at 6-5 in the second-set tie-breaker with a service winner. But on the next point Kratochvil fired back a blistering service return that Agassi could only backhand wide. Kratochvil then sealed the victory after an hour and 57 minutes with a backhand down the line.

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Kapali lbw b Moin 23
Rana lbw b Ashfaq 7
Nayeem b Ashfaq 0
Joy c sub b Sanwar 13
Kabir c sub b Sanwar 1
Enamul not out 3
Extras: (lb-7, nb-5, w-1) 13
Total: (All out in 93 overs) 200

Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-61, 3-70, 4-77, 5-125, 6-166, 7-174, 8-182, 9-185

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anis	15	4	32	0
Ashfaq	17	4	27	3
Moin	13	2	32	1
Sohel	30	8	60	3
Sanwar	18	3	38	3

Dhaka vs Rajshahi
Venue: Rajshahi Stadium

DHAKA: First innings
Rashedul c & b Al-Mamun 1
Ashraf c & b Aminul jr 7
Jahangir c Kalim b Rana 33
Halim c Nuruzzaman b Aminul jr 1
Mosarrar b Rana 18
Shipon c Samimul b Rana 25
K Mahmud st. Samimul b Imran 66
Kadir lbw b Imran 34
Fahim c & b Mahabub 52
Sharif not out 33
Arafat not out 0

Extras: (lb-17, lb-4, nb-5) 26
Total: (For 9 wickets in 92 overs) 296

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-17, 3-23, 4-55, 5-93, 6-104, 7-184, 8-215, 9-296

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Aminul jr	12.5	2	15	2
Al-Mamun	14	7	34	1
Nuruzzaman	0.1	0	2	0
Sohel Rana	19	3	83	3
Imran	22	2	76	2
Mahabub	6	2	12	1
Mustadir	18	1	53	0

JU cricket

UNB, Dhaka

History reached the semifinal of the Jahangirnagar University inter-department cricket competition beating Philosophy by nine wickets at the JU central playground yesterday.

Batting first, Philosophy were all out for 93 runs in 27.2 overs with Rana making highest 30 runs. Chayan and Sabir picked up three wickets each.

In reply, History reached the target scoring 97 runs in 24.4 overs losing one wicket. Chayan made 50 runs and Sabir 28.

WI's week-long training camp
REUTERS, Port of Spain

A West Indies training squad will be chosen in Barbados on Wednesday for a one-week training camp in Trinidad from March 21-28 ahead of their five-Test series against India.

West Indies will play five Tests and five one-day internationals against India followed by a two-Test series against New Zealand.

Zim go ahead again

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India were in deep trouble two runs later as Mbanga had Rahul Dravid caught by Wishart in the slips for six.

Kaif and Bangar steadied the innings, but could not step up the run-rate against Marillier and Grant Flower.

SCOREBOARD
Complete scoreboard of the third one-day international between India and Zimbabwe at the Nehru Stadium on Wednesday:

INDIA	Mongia lbw b Hondo	4
Ganguly b Hondo	11	
Laxman c Taibu b Hondo	20	
Dravid c Wishart b Mbanga	6	
Kaif c Wishart b Streak	56	
Bangar c Hondo b Marillier	36	
Ratra c Marillier b G Flower	3	
Agarkar c Streak b G Flower	3	
Harbhajan not out	24	
Sarandeep c Carlisle b Marillier	3	
Zaheer c Marillier b Hondo	23	
Extras: (lb-7, w-14, nb-2)	2	
Total: (All out in 48.3 overs)	191	
Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-38, 3-49, 4-51, 5-137, 6-147, 7-155, 8-157, 9-169		

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Streak	8	0	27	1
Hondo	8.3	0	37	4

Mbanga	10	2	31	1
Friend	2	0	10	0
Marillier	10	0	44	2
G Flower	10	0	35	2

ZIMBABWE
Campbell st Ratra b Sarandeep 71
Ebrahim b Agarkar 3
Friend b Zaheer 15
G Flower c Ratra b Agarkar 49
Carlisle not out 21
Wishart not out 17
Extras: (lb-5, w-5, nb-11) 21
Total: (For 4 wks in 44.2 overs) 197

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-39, 3-144, 4-173

Did not bat: Heath Streak, Tatenda Taibu, Mpumelelo Mbanga, Douglas Marillier, Douglas Hondo.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Zaheer	9	1	41	1
Agarkar	10	3	28	2
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