

Pepsi media cricket

UNB, Dhaka

BTV, Arthaniti, Jugantar and Sangram won their respective matches in the Pepsi Media Cricket at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Bangladesh Television (BTV) beat Dainik Inqilab by 29 runs.

Dainik Arthaniti beat Dainik

Dinkal by three wickets.

Dainik Jugantar earned a four-wicket victory over Dainik

Matribhumi.

Dainik Sangram beat the New

Nation by one wicket.

Saturday's matches: BTV vs

Dainik Jugantar (9:30 am), UNB vs

Ajker Kagoj (9:30 am), Dainik

Arthaniti vs ABAS (10:30 am),

Dainik Janakantha vs Dainik Dinkal

(10:30 am) and ATN Bangla vs

Dainik Sangram (11:30).

Cairns to come

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one-day international, for his 20th Test after a two-and-a-half year absence.

Harris was struck down with a stomach complaint on Wednesday but there were no fears he would miss the match.

Meanwhile, it was a sombre day Thursday for the England camp as they held a private memorial service for teammate Ben Hollioake, 24, who was killed in a car crash in Perth on Saturday.

For Waugh it's a blow

Cricket

REUTERS, London

Since then, however, Waugh has lost the one-day captaincy, squeezed out of the team along with brother Mark, and seen his Test performances plummet.

His deteriorating relationship with the Australian media made sure that the slump did not go unnoticed.

But then, who would have foreseen his current problems, just six months ago?

It was only in August that Waugh was being hailed as an all-Australian, gum-chewing, shoot-from-the-hip hero as he marched out at The Oval, teeth gritted and his barely recovered torn calf heavily strapped.

The injury had caused him to miss the fourth Test which Australia, so dominant in the first three games, contrived to lose. In the fifth, normal service was resumed. Batting virtually on one leg, Waugh scored 157 not out to deliver the last rites.

All hail 'Tugga', the man who

earlier in 2001 had taken Australia to a world record 16 Test wins in a row.

The Herald-Sun newspaper, in its

end-of-Ashes report, said simply:

"Steve Waugh. Inspirational leader,

a source of strength always."

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STEVE WAUGH

despite his team winning the first Test series against South Africa, ranked second in the world, 3-0 and the second 2-1.

The captain himself could only

average 35.25 in the first series,

compared to his career average of

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Senior winner: Brig Gen Jahangir

Hossain; Junior winner: Salman

Reza; Best Gross: Faisal Khan;

Ladies Best Gross: Jung Sook

Jung; 2nd Best Gross: Syed

Mohammad Ali; Runner-up: K J

Yoon; 2nd Runner-up: Pranab

Chowdhury; Front Nine Winner: Maj

Gen Mohd Abu Ishaque Ibrahim;

Back Nine Winner: K S Jang;

Nearest to Pin: Faisal Khan;

Longest Drive: Shibaab Rahman;

Winner 9 hole: W K Kim; Runner-up

9 hole: Siraj Uddin Ahmed.

Onus on Harris

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The recalled Daryl Tuffey is likely to

play his eighth Test, with Ian Butler

and Chris Drumm to fight out the 12th

manuties.

The situation is similar to New

Zealand's home Test series a year

ago, when they were 0-1 down to

Pakistan before winning the third

Test by an innings and 185 runs.

TEAMS

NEW ZEALAND (from): Mark

Richardson, Lou Vincent, Stephen

Fleming (captain), Chris Harris,

Nathan Astle, Craig McMillan, Adam

Parore, Daniel Vettori, Andre Adams,

Daryl Tuffey, Chris Drumm, Ian Butler.

ENGLAND (likely): Marcus

Trescothick, Michael Vaughan, Mark

Butcher, Nasser Hussain (captain),

Graham Thorpe, Mark Ramprakash,

Andy Flintoff, James Foster, Ashley

Giles, Andy Caddick, Matthew

Hoggard.

Umpires: Srinivas

Venkatrangan (India) and Doug

Cowie (New Zealand).

STAR GOLD

7:30am Tumse Achha

Kaun Hai (Shammi Kapoor, Babita)

8:00 ATN Bangla News

8:25 Mage serial :

Mohine

9:00 Film songs prog :

Meril Tumar Janne Gan

9:35 Film magazine :

Jony Hit Super Hit

10:10 Musical prog.

10:50 Bengali feature film

: Grehokkhe

8:00 News in Bengali

8:30 Drama of the week:

Shondha Nodi

9:00 News Headlines

10:00 News at Ten

10:25 Drama Series: School Gates

7:00 News Headlines

3:15 Desher Gaan

3:20 Shasthatathy

3:45 Kheledhula

4:00 Khabar

4:10 Unmesh

5:00 News Headlines

5:05 Computer

5:30 Shukhi Poribar

6:00 Khabar

6:10 Nibdan

6:35 Programme from Chittagong station

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