

Aravinda back for Eng tour

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka has recalled former vice captain Aravinda de Silva for the forthcoming three-Test series against England after missing the last 11 Test matches.

De Silva was included in a 15-member squad named Tuesday for the tour of England beginning later this month. The last Test match played by De Silva was in March 2001 against England here. During his absence Sri Lanka played 11 Tests and won nine of them.

SQUAD

Sanath Jayasuriya (Captain), Marvan Atapattu, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardena, Russel Arnold, Hashan Tillekeratne, Thilan Samaraweera, Aravinda de Silva, Muttiah Muralitharan, Chaminda Vaas, Charitha B. Fernando, Dilhara Fernando, Nuwan Soysa, Ruchira Perera and Prasanna Jayawardena

Hussain no

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and attitude yes, but there are other things. The New Zealand side are very resilient and hard to break down, and in a three-match series we have to be always at our best to beat sides," he said.

"We were just off maybe by two hours in this game and we got nailed, you basically get what you put in."

Hussain said he was not interested "at all" in the ICC Test Championship table.

"I'm interested in the efforts of my team, are we improving, are we learning, how we are going to get better, how we're going to win an Ashes series (against Australia)."

Inter-varsity"

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selected players to report to the coach. Sayeed Hasan Kanan, on April 4 at 4 pm at the tournament venue.

The players are: Mustafizur Rahman Munna and Masud Rana (Political Science), Khairul Hasan Titoo, Hasan Al Mamun, Kingshuk Chakma, Firoz Mahmud Hussain Titoo, Jalal Ahmed, Hasan Al Masud, Mustafa Anwar Parvez Babu and Monwar Hossain (Social Welfare), Saifur Rahman Moni and Saiful Islam (Islamic History), Jony (IER), Kar Anwar Hossain Echo (Marketing), Babul Das (Sanskrit & Pali), Mohammad Kafi, Rony and Shakil.

Dubai GP Ukrainian chess kid takes on top seeds

REUTERS, Dubai

Ukrainian 12-year-old Sergey Karyakin has qualified for the FIDE (World Chess Federation) Dubai Grand Prix international event.

He will join a 32-player field including FIDE world champion Ruslan Ponomarev of Ukraine, former world number ones Anatoly Karpov and Viswanathan Anand as well as world women's champion Zhu Chen of China.

Karyakin, who learned the game from his father, qualified via an internet tournament.

The tournament, the first of a five-event series and which is made up of timed matches allowing 25 minutes per player, begins on Wednesday.

School v'ball

UNB, Dhaka

Eight teams, four each from boys' and girls' group, moved into the semifinals of the First Security Bank School Volleyball tournament yesterday.

In the boys' group, BIT School (Gulshan), South Bridge, BAF Shahin School and BN College reached the semis beating their respective rivals.

In the girls' group, Viqarunnisa Noon School, Green Herald International School, BIT (Uttara) and BIT (Gulshan) booked seats in the semifinals.

The semifinals and finals of the competition will be held today (Thursday) at 3:30 pm at Dhaka Volleyball Stadium.

Inter-dist eves' athletics on

UNB, Dhaka

The Independence Day inter-district women athletics competition began at Sultana Kamal Women Sports Complex in the city yesterday.

Environment and Forest Minister Shahjahan Siraj inaugurated the meet organised by Bangladesh Women Sports Association (BWSA).

A total of 262 athletes from 42 districts are taking part in different events.

Boje belongs to Notts

INTERNET, London

Nottinghamshire's new signing Nicky Boje of South Africa says he is 'honoured' to be invited to realise a dream of playing county cricket as an overseas player.

The left-arm spinner put pen to paper on his contract yesterday and will join the club early next month to take over from fellow South African Lance Klusener, who is only contracted to play for the first three weeks of the season.

Boje said: "It came as quite a shock when I got the call from the team manager Clive Rice asking if I would like to play for Notts this summer."

"But it's always been an ambition of mine to play county cricket in England and I was not going to let this opportunity pass me by. "I'm honoured to be asked and now I'm going to give it my best shot and hopefully help Notts to have a very successful season."

Boje replaces New Zealand's Chris Cairns, who is unable to play this summer after suffering a serious knee injury in the recent Test series against England.



Forest and Environment Minister Shahjahan Siraj inaugurates the Independence Day inter-district women's athletics competition at the Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex at Dhanmondi in the city on Wednesday.

ICC for use of lights

INTERNET, London

The International Cricket Council have backed the use of floodlights in Test cricket despite criticism from England after they were forced to field in the dark on the fourth day of the final Test in Auckland.

Under new ICC regulations allowing the use of floodlights, New Zealand took advantage of the Eden Park lights to establish a 311-run advantage after reaching 269 for nine at the close having refused the offer of bad light earlier in the innings.

Surrey left-hander Graham Thorpe claimed the lights did not help England in the field and insisted it was very difficult to see the red ball against the background of the stadium.

But Mark Harris, communications manager for the ICC, argued that although floodlights were not "perfect", they were of benefit to the game overall.

He told PA Sport: "Since the use of floodlights in Test cricket became a discretion of umpires, more games have been started and more games have been given the chance to be completed."

Exciting NZ

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Tuffey six for 54

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings 269 for nine declared (N. Astle 65, C. McMillan 50 not out)

ENGLAND: Second innings

Trescothick b Drum 14

Vaughan c Fleming b Drum 36

Butcher c sub (Walker) b Astle 35

Hussain c & b Adams 82

Thorpe c Parore b Tuffey 3

Flintoff b Tuffey 0

Ramprakash b Tuffey 2

Foster c Parore b Adams 23

Giles not out 21

Caddick c Vettori b Drum 4

Hoggard c Astle b Adams 2

Extras: (b-1, lb-8, nb-2) 11

Total: (All out in 62.5 overs) 233

Fall of wickets: 1-23; 2-73; 3-122; 4-125; 5-125; 6-155; 7-204; 8-207; 9-230

Bowler O M R W

Tuffey 16 3 62 3

Drum 10 0 52 3

Adams 15.5 3 61 3

Astle 19 6 44 1

Vettori 2 0 5 0

Pete has a plan

REUTERS, Houston

Pete Sampras is a man on a mission as he spearheads the US Davis Cup campaign against Spain this weekend.

With 63 titles and more than 42 million dollars in prize money, the seven-time Wimbledon champion knew he had little to prove when he embarked on his 14th year on the professional tour in January.

But realising that he was no longer guaranteed a slot on finals day at the Grand Slams, Sampras reassessed his options at the end of 2001.

He decided to step back into the Davis Cup fold after turning his back on the US cause for two years and this weekend will lead the team in their quarterfinal tie at the Westside Tennis Club.

Rarely during his career has Sampras dedicated himself so wholeheartedly to the Davis Cup, especially in the early stages of the competition.

Early last year Sampras and compatriot Andre Agassi completely ruled themselves out of Davis Cup duty in protest at the scheduled format of the Cup, which involves playing up to four rounds of the three-day competition in an already crammed calendar for top players.

But with no new addition to the Sampras trophy cabinet since Wimbledon 2000, the former world number one knows that his best chance of adding any new silverware to his vast collection lies in the team event.

US captain Patrick McEnroe has helped Sampras' cause on this occasion by choosing to play the tie on grass.

It is the surface on which the clay-court specialist Spaniards -- Alex Corretja, Tommy Robredo, Juan Balcells and Alberto Martin -- are likely to make the least impact.

Sampras, who is hoping to record his 100th victory on grass, has won over nine times more matches at Wimbledon alone than the entire Spanish team have won between them on grass in their careers.

"The last few years it's been more difficult to get up for certain tournaments and Davis Cup means

something," Sampras, who led the US to their last Davis Cup title in 1995, said earlier this year.

"You dig deep. You're playing for your country."

Winning seven matches in a row to win a major is an uphill task for any 30-year-old, even for Sampras, who has captured 13 Grand Slam titles.

So entering an event where losing a match might not turn out to be so critical is a shrewd move by Sampras.

"I think Davis Cup is a good thing for me at this stage of my career," said Sampras, who has a 15-7 singles record in the Cup.

"I need to feel inspired out there because in the last couple of years there have been moments where, playing certain events, I felt I had a hard time getting going."

Sampras has been welcomed back into the US Davis Cup team -- which also includes Andy Roddick, James Blake and Todd Martin -- and McEnroe has made sure that the stage is perfectly set for his principal player to weave his grass-court magic.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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ACROSS 40 Lobster, on a mixed platter

1 Snapshot center

8 One of the Three Bears

12 Actress Hagen

13 Florentine farewell

14 Upon Thorpe c Parore b Tuffey

15 Elsa's story

17 Staff member?

18 Hard to catch

19 Los Angeles newspaper

20 High 22 Implement

24 Galleys supply

25 Trouble 29 The lady

30 Neighbor of Nigeria

31 Praise in verse

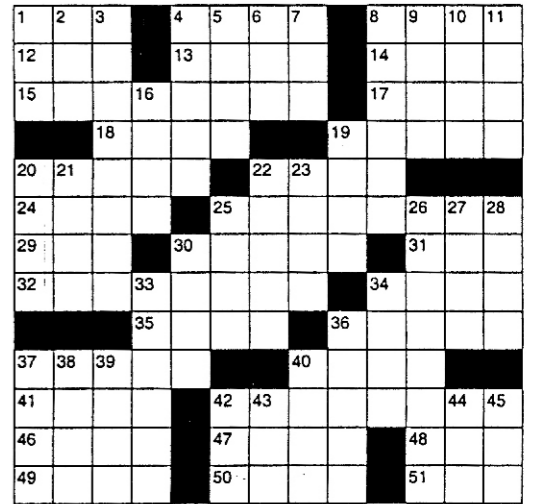
32 "With Morrie"

34 Film fragment

35 Crafts' mates

36 Graf rival

37 Honey? bunched?



CRYPTOQUIP

H N X I S D L E P L E P J X

T H Y Q G S Y Q , Y I S M G V D P

K P T V - R S L M H N H P G

E P V P J H Z L J H L Z K P L R S L Y Q ?

Yesterday's Cryptquip: THE PRECINCT NOW PRINTS ITS OWN NEWSPAPER. IT'S CALLED "THE POLICE DISPATCH."

Today's Cryptquip Clue: Y equals C

The Cryptquip 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

BTV

2:10 News Headlines
2:15 Desher Gaan
2:20 Open University
2:45 Shasthatathyia
3:00 Ta Ta Thoi Thoi
3:25 Cartoon: Samurai X
3:40 Shukhi Poribar
4:00 Sports Programme
4:05 Live telecast of the 2nd parliamentary sessions from the 8th National Parliament
5:00 News Headlines
6:00 Khabar
6:30 Dharma O' Jibon
7:00 News Headlines
7:05 Ei Prithibi
7:30 Shondha Maloti
8:00 News in Bengali
8:30 Ocean Girl
9:00 News Headlines
9:05 Drama Serial
9:30 Shurer Aakashe
10:00 News at Ten
10:25 Orthonotik Porikroma
11:00 Shur Lahori
11:30 Khabar / The News

EKUSHEY

12:00pm Ekushey Midday
12:30 Desjure Shonglap
1:00 Ekushey Headlines
1:05 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
1:30 Documentary
Programme : Japan Video Tropic
1:50 Classic Cartoons
2:10 Surer Prodeep
2:40 Drishti
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
3:05 Drama Serial
3:30 Chips & Bytes
4:00 Surer Prodeep
4:30 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom
5:00 Circus Circus
5:30 Drishti
5:50 Akjer Potrikay
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Classic Cartoons
6:30 Charidike
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Deshjure
7:30 Ekushey Shongbad
8:00 Ekushey News
8:05 Drama : Bokrogoti
9:00 Serial : Alif Laila
10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV
10:30 Surma Parer Gaan
11:00 Ekushey Late Night News
12:00 E Shoptaher Bishsho
12:30 Ekushey News Headlines

ATN BANGLA

5:30 Islamic prog:
7:00 Health care prog: "Sustha Thakun"
7:35 Film song's prog: Surchobi
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Musical Prog
9:00 Film Magazine :Dhallywood Bichitra
9:35 Drama serial : Bekak
10:10 Musical prog: Surer Choya
10:50 Film magazine : Filmy Bazar
11:20 Bengali feature film: Barhama
12:00 ATN Bangla News
6:07 Islamic prog: Sundor
Jeebaner Jannee
6:45 Rabindro song's prog: Sara Bela
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:15 Film based prog: Subho Mukhte
8:10 Drama serial: Bhalubasa
8:45 Talk Show: Samokalin Prosongo
9:20 Reporting prog: Prekha Pot
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:45 Bengali feature film : Bhojongkar Satdin
11:30 ATN Bangla News

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News
6:30 World Business Report
7:00 BBC News
7:30 Asia Today /Asia Business Report
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12:30 World Business Report/Sport Today
1:00 BBC News
1:30 Holiday
2:00 BBC News
2:30 Hardtalk
3:00 BBC News
3:30 Simp Son
4:00 BBC News
4:30 Asia Today /World Business Report
5:00 BBC News
5:30 Hardtalk

HBO

6:30 Twilight
8:30 Meet Joe Black
12:00 Fools Rush In
2:15 Fierce Creatures
4:15 The Seventh Sign
6:15 Inferno
8:15 Hell Swarm
10:00 Congo
12:15 Heart and Souls
2:15 Fools Rush in
4:30 The Seventh Sign

STAR GOLD

7:00am Aame Saame (Shashi Kapoor, Sharmila Tagore)
10:30 Bollywood News
11:00 Geet Bahar
11:30 Paigham (Dilip Kumar Vjayantimala)
3:00pm Bollywood News
3:30 Balka Badhu (Sachin)
7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Lamhe Pyaar Ke : Khuddaar (Amitabh Bachchan, Parveen Babi, Vinod Mehra)
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STAR PLUS

7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
8:00 Aatma
9:00 Kasauti Zindagi Kay

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

EKUSHEY: 8:05p.m. Bakragati. Mr. Asgar is the head of a upper-middle class family. He wishes that the circumcision of his youngest son Dillon would be done in the old way. But his wife and daughter do not agree with him. But nothing can change his decision. He brings Hajam Awal from the village. The day for the circumcision arrives.

STAR WORLD: 6:00 & 9:30p.m. Roswell. July 3, 1947: The crash of a spaceship, an event officially but never effectively denied by the United States government, the story of Roswell. In tonight's episode, a freak December heat wave hits the town and sparks romance as Michael's relationship with Maria heats up and Liz's infatuation with Max intensifies.

AXN: 10:00p.m. The Craft. A new girl moves to a new city with her family to start a new life. She meets up with the girls who are very interested in the occult and together, the four of them have a seemingly unstoppable power. They can do anything, from getting their dream guys to like them to... the possibilities are limitless.

9:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
9:30 Fox Kids Daily
10:30 Small Wonder
11:00 Main
11:30 Meri Saheli
12:00 Shanti
12:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
1:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
1:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
2:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
3:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
3:30 Kasauti Zindagi Kay
4:00 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli
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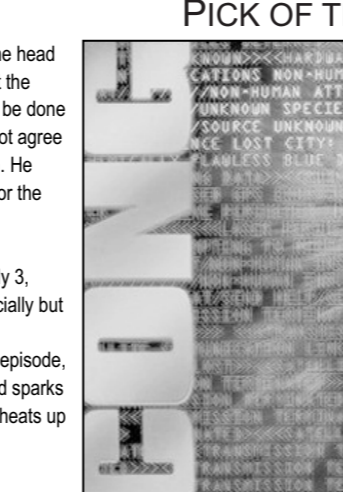
ZEE MUSIC

6:30 Gurbani
7:30 Gujarati News
8:00 Daily News
8:30 Babul Ki Dawayan Leti Ja
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ZEE WORLD

6:00am Happy 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 Lines is it Anyway
10:00 Ally McBeal
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00pm The Practice
1:00 Caroline In The City
1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
2:00 Hollywood Squares
2:30 Happy Days
3:00 Baywatch
4:00 The Simpsons

PICK OF THE DAY



Congo
On HBO at 10:00p.m.
An expedition to the African Congo ends in disaster, and a new team is assembled to find out what went wrong. Based on the novel by Michael Crichton.

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8:30 Space Truckers
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