

Now Pakistan go indoors

INTERNET, Lahore
Pakistan have agreed to play Australia in a series of three one-day internationals later this year, two of them indoors.

The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) have confirmed that Pakistan will take part in the Super Challenge 2 series, with matches scheduled for 12, 15 and 19 June.

It follows the original Super Challenge series against South Africa two years ago, which attracted almost 100,000 spectators and a television audience of five million.

The first two matches will be played under the roof at Melbourne's Colonial Stadium, with the third taking place at the Gabba in Brisbane.

Before then, Pakistan will be taking part in the triangular Sharjah Cup competition and a home series against New Zealand.

Pakistan Cricket Board president Lt General Tahir Zia told that the squad for Australia might include some new faces.

"Abdur Razaq will be playing in the English county season and some other players might not be available then, so we will have to announce a different team for the competition."

He said Super Challenge II will be played on a reciprocal basis and Pakistan will have the right to invite Australia for a similar series in the future.

"Obviously, we want to invite Australians at a time when we would be able to cash in the opportunity to the maximum extent".

Barisal cricket

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Barisal
Shaheed Rahim Seba Sangha defeated Sher-e-Bangla Sabuj Sangha by five wickets while Jhautala Young Stars beat County Ekadosh by four wickets in the First Division Cricket League matches at the Barisal Stadium yesterday.

Batting first, Sher-e-Bangla Sabuj Sangha scored 161 runs losing all the wickets in 41.3 overs.

In reply, Shaheed Rahim Seba Sangha made 162 runs for five wickets in 30.2 overs.

In the second match, Jhautala Young Stars beat County Ekadosh by four wickets.

Batting first, County collected 100 runs losing all the wickets in 23.1 overs.

In reply, Jhautala scored 102 runs for six wickets in 21.4 overs.

Gilchrist too good



AFP, Durban

Adam Gilchrist thrashed a century as Australia wrapped up their limited-overs series against South Africa by winning the fifth one-day international by eight wickets at Kingsmead here on Wednesday.

Gilchrist made the hosts pay for Jacques Kallis dropping him on 11, hammering 105 off 104 balls as Australia easily overhauled South Africa's total of 267 for six, the best of the series by the host nation.

Australia took a winning 4-0 lead - the other match was tied - in the seven-game series as they became only the third team, and the first since Mark Taylor's Australians in 1996/97, to win a one-day series or tournament in South Africa.

"It was one of the best I've been involved with," said Australian captain Ricky Ponting, who replaced the axed Steve Waugh at the start of the series.

"I wasn't happy with our bowling and fielding but we batted really

well." Gilchrist and Matthew Hayden (59) put on a record 170 for the first wicket to set up Australia's victory after the hopes of a capacity crowd of 21,500 had been raised by South Africa's attacking batting.

Gilchrist paid tribute to the Waugh twins, former skipper Steve and his former opening partner Mark, who were dropped before the start of the series.

"SCOREBOARD Final scoreboard in the fifth one-day international between Australia and South Africa at Kingsmead on Wednesday:

SOUTH AFRICA	
Smith c Gilchrist b Warne	46
Gibbs c Gilchrist b Gillespie	25
Boje c and b Lee	22
Kallis c Maher b McGrath	21
Rhodes c Ponting b McGrath	76
McKenzie c Gilchrist b Warne	17
Boucher not out	41
Pollock not out	6
Extras: (lb-6, nb-6, w-7)	13
Total: (For 6 wks in 50 overs)	267
Fall of wickets: 1-40, 2-82, 3-110, 4-125, 5-158, 6-255	
Did not bat: J Kent, M Ntini, M	

AUSTRALIA	
Gilchrist c Kent b Ntini	105
Hayden b Hayward	59
Ponting not out	44
Martyn not out	47
Extras: (lb-6, nb-6, w-4)	16
Total: (for 2 wks in 47.5 overs)	271
Fall of wickets: 1-170, 2-180	
Did not bat: M Bevan, J Maher, I Harvey, S Warne, B Lee, J Gillespie, G McGrath	

Bowler	
Pollock	10 0 42 0
Ntini	9.5 0 51 1
Kallis	7 0 41 0
Hayward	8 0 58 1
Boje	7 0 32 0
Kent	6 0 41 0

Result: Australia won by eight wickets and take winning 4-0 lead.

Man-of-the-match: Adam Gilchrist.
Next match: Port Elizabeth, April 6.

Nat'l Football League draw April 7

UNB, Dhaka

The draw for the Nitol-Tata National Football League will be held at Sheraton Hotel at 4pm on April 7.

Jute Minister Maj (ret'd) Hafiz Uddin Ahmed will attend the function as chief guest while chairman of Nitol Group of Companies Abdul Matlub Ahmed will be present as special guest.

Former star players have been invited to take part in the draw where the logo will also be revealed.

The 10-team final round of the second version of the league, organised by Bangladesh Football Federation, will begin on April 16.

The participating teams are: Abahani Krira Chakra, Mohammedan SC and Muktijoddha Sangsad KC (Dhaka), Abahani KC (Chittagong), Abahani KC (Khulna), Abahani KC (Rajshahi), Chaturanga Jubo Sangha (Sylhet), Mohsin Club (Narayanganj), T&T Club (Barisal) and Bangladesh Army.

The matches will be held at five venues in Chittagong, Sylhet, Jessore, Rajshahi and Dhaka.

Mark not finished yet



REUTERS, Melbourne

Australian batsman Mark Waugh, who admits his Test career may end sooner rather than later, said on Thursday that he had two years of top-level cricket left in him.

Waugh, 36, and twin brother Steve were dropped by Australia for the current one-day series in South Africa and both are also under pressure to hold their places in the Test side.

"I think I've got two years left in me at the top level," Mark was quoted as saying in the Herald Sun newspaper on Thursday.

"Whether I get a chance to play there, or maybe finish with New South Wales or a county team, is another matter. I think I've got two years in me."

Australia's decision on Wednesday to cancel their two-Test tour of Zimbabwe which was due to start next month eased the pressure on the twins.

Mark, who previously enjoyed a spell with Essex, said he had received a couple of offers to go

back to English county cricket.

He said if he did not take up one of the offers he would probably relax by playing some golf and watching his Sydney rugby league team the Bulldogs.

"I think I'm playing not too bad at the moment. I think I'm batting pretty well, I just haven't made a big score," Mark said.

"I would have liked to have played there (Zimbabwe), but obviously the circumstances just aren't right for cricket."

Mark's Test record is 7,949 runs at 42.28 from 125 matches with 20 centuries.

Australia are scheduled to tour Pakistan in September.



MARK WAUGH

Mark made 169 runs at 33.80 in Australia's recent three-Test series in South Africa, which captain Steve's side won 2-1 to retain their world number one ranking.

Steve made just 95 runs at 19.00 in the series.

India open WI

FROM PAGE 13
David, Sachin Tendulkar, Venkatsai Laxman, Dinesh Mongia, Ajay Ratna, Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, Javagal Srinath, Zaheer Khan, Sanjay Bangar, Tinu Yohannan, Ashish Nehra.

GUYANA BOARD PRESIDENTS' XI (from): Travis Dowlin (captain), Andrew Gonsalves, Krishna Arjune, Narsingh Deonarine, Homchan Pooran, Vishal Arjune, Damodar Dasrath, Vishal Nagamootoo, Hemnarine Harinarin, Kevin Bazi, Essau Crandon, Rayon Griffith, Rayon Thomas.

MSC bounce back

FROM PAGE 13
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

MOHAMMEDAN SC
Rashedul b Rezaul 8
Ehsanul c Rezaul b Suja 84
Bashar c Jamaluddin b Wasim 59
Minhazul run out 18
Tillekeratne run out 28
Sanwar st salim b Jamaluddin 2
Sabir c Salim b Tareq 4
Rafique run out 1
Anwar run out 8
Tareq c b Tareq 2
Shafiuddin not out 0
Extras: (b-1, lb-9, nb-2, w-15) 27
Total: (All out in 49.2 overs) 241
Fall of wickets: 1-31, 2-163, 3-175, 4-201, 5-206, 6-213, 7-220, 8-234, 9-241.

Bowler	
Tareq	9.2 2 36 2
Rezaul	10 2 30 1
Suja	10 0 47 1
Jamaluddin	10 0 54 1
Sajib	3 0 22 0
Wasim	7 0 42 1

CITY CLUB
Wasim c Anwar b Shafiuddin 18
Shahriar lbw b Tareq 11
Azam lbw b Shafiuddin 0
Tushar b Shafiuddin 4
Halim Shah c Anwar b Shafiuddin 7
Salim c Anwar b Tareq 1

Bowler	
Tareq	9.2 2 36 2
Rezaul	10 2 30 1
Suja	10 0 47 1
Jamaluddin	10 0 54 1
Sajib	3 0 22 0
Wasim	7 0 42 1

Jamaluddin c Anwar b Tareq 3
Sajib kbw b Tareq 0
Rezaul c Rashedul b Sabir 9
Suja c Tillekeratne b Shafiuddin 1
Tareq not out 3
Extras: (lb-2, nb-1, w-11) 14
Total: (All out in 21.2 overs) 71
Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-18, 3-28, 4-42, 5-49, 6-53, 7-55, 8-60, 9-61.

Bowler	
Tareq	10 1 30 4
Shafiuddin	10 1 38 5
Rafique	1 0 1 0
Sabir	2 0 0 1

Result: Mohammedan SC won by 170 runs.
Biman v Surjo Tarun
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

SURJO TARUN
Hannan b Aminul jr 12
Salauddin c Kadir b Anis 11
S Shahed lbw b Anis 6
Ashrafu c Hasanuzzaman b Anis 4
Mazhar c K Mahmud b Razzak 31
Iqbal c Zia b K Mahmud 97
Dhiman lbw b Zia 9
Sohail c Zia b S Mahmud 9
Sharif not out 23
Ahmed b K Mahmud 0
Saikat run out 1
Extras: (b-4, lb-5, nb-1, w-7) 17
Total: (All out in 49.5 overs) 220
Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-29, 3-33,

Bowler	
Tareq	9.2 2 36 2
Rezaul	10 2 30 1
Suja	10 0 47 1
Jamaluddin	10 0 54 1
Sajib	3 0 22 0
Wasim	7 0 42 1

4-35, 5-75, 6-118, 7-186, 8-202, 9-209.

Bowler	
Aminul jr	10 1 37 1
Anis	10 1 23 3
K Mahmud	8.5 0 54 2
S Mahmud	8 0 32 1
Razzak	10 1 36 1
Zia	3 0 29 1

BIMAN
Javed Omar not out 95
Faruque c Iqbal b Sharif 21
S Mahmud b Sharif 2
Aminul sr lbw b Ahmed 8
Hasanuzzaman run out 52
K Mahmud not out 21
Extras: (b-1, lb-2, nb-2, w-17) 22
Total: (For 4 wickets in 47.1 ivers) 221
Fall of wickets: 1-50, 2-53, 3-77, 4-177.

Bowler	
Sharif	9.1 1 31 2
Ahmed	9 0 50 1
Hasnann	7 0 40 0
Saikat	7 0 30 0
Sohail	6 0 28 0
Iqbal	5 0 17 0
Ashrafu	4 0 22 0

Result: Biman won by six wickets.

Zim hasn't given up

REUTERS, Sydney

Zimbabwe will continue putting pressure on the Australian Cricket board (ACB) to reverse its decision to cancel an Australian tour of the troubled African nation, a newspaper report has said.

The Sydney Morning Herald report said Zimbabwe Cricket Union chairman Peter Chingoka would try to persuade the ACB that his country was safe enough for the Australians by pointing to other recent sporting tours which had passed without incident.

Last week, the ACB announced it had cancelled the two-Test tour due to start on April 10 due to concerns over the safety of players, officials and spectators.

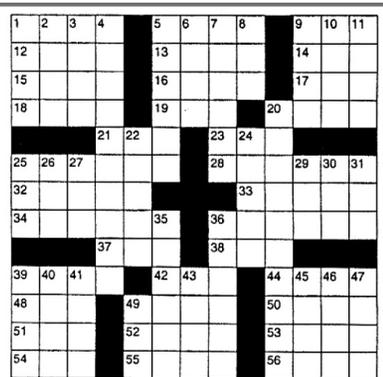
But Chingoka said he is hoping the ACB will overlook advice from Australian foreign department officials and go ahead with the tour.

"The decision was for the ACB to make, and the ACB made it on advice from their government's foreign affairs department," Chingoka was quoted as saying. "I am convinced there is a will there on the part of the ACB," he said.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Comestibles
5 Rick's place in Casa-blanca
9 Predicament
12 "Damn Yankees"
13 European capital
14 Past city
15 First victim
16 Retainers
17 Pair with an air
18 Combine your resources
19 Send quickly
20 "Monopoly" card
21 Piroouette
22 "I" strain
25 Road
34 Go
36 Alt
37 Lucy of "Charlie's Angels"
38 GI's entertainment
39 Hoosergow
42 Glutton
44 Use an old phone
48 "Town" top
49 Indiana city
50 Garfield's pal
51 Judge
52 Reaction
53 Erstwhile carmaker
54 Oui's opposite
55 Admonisher's word
56 Everything else
DOWN
1 Sound of thunder
2 Vagrant
3 Toast
4 Full-size, carpet-wise
5 Morning drink
6 On the briny
7 Showed off at the gym
8 Dawn goddess
9 Cause ennu
10 Malaria symptom
11 Disposition
20 Census taker's route
22 Cheri of "SNL"
24 Cow food
25 Hero of Spanish lit
26 "A Chorus Line" song
27 Kennel cry
29 Compete
30 Listening device
31 ID no.
35 Elvis' birthplace
36 Majestic
39 Solder
40 Jam ingredient
41 Unyielding
43 Boxer
45 Cleese contemporary
46 Lends a hand
47 For fear that
49 Launch site

Solution time: 28 mins.
PITC MARI MAMA
UTIA CITIAO ATOIP
BORNFRE LUOTIE
EELYE LUTIES
LOFFTY TIOLO
OARS HOTWATER
SHE BENTIN ODE
TUESDAYS CLIP
SWEARISTS SILELS
HARTI THOMFARE
ADAR HROME ELK
MIME SAGE EYE



CRYPTOQUIP
K M G P M Q R ' P T O G Y
Y B D K G C K H R F B E
R H J G O Z D X H O K Z D B K G F E
K M G T B R K B Q D P K H H C
H D K M G C G T J
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU HAVE A VERY SICK DUCK, COULD THE BEST-QUALIFIED VETERINARIAN BE A QUACK?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals T

The Cryptoquip 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	
Morning session	
9:10	News Headlines
9:15	Aalor Pothey
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	Twined in
10:00	The News
10:05	Krira Jagat
10:30	Natun Kuri Children
	prize giving
11:00	Protidin
12:00	Closing
Evening session	
3:10	News Hedlines
3:15	Deshar Gaan
3:20	Bangla feature film
4:00	Khabar
5:00	News headlines
6:00	Khabar
6:10	Cartoon
6:35	Programme from Chittagong station
7:00	English News Headlines
7:05	Malancha
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8:00	Bangla Bulletin
8:30	Drama serial
9:00	News Headlines
9:05	Saptadanga: Magazine programme
10:00	English Bulletin
10:30	Believe It Or Not
11:20	World Music Album
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EKUSHEY	
2:00pm	Ekushey Headlines
2:05	Potrikay Weekend
2:15	E Shoptaher Bishsho
2:35	Classic Cartoons
3:00	Ekushey Headlines
3:05	Bangla Film: Bihongo
5:30	Gillette Sports
6:00	Ekushey Headlines
6:05	WWF Smackdown
6:55	Ekushey Headlines
7:00	Mukto Khobor
7:30	Ekushey Shongbad
8:00	Ekushey News
8:05	Char Chakay Chepe
8:30	Murchona
9:00	Shukrobarer Natak: Alo Ondhokae Jai
10:00	Surma Parer Gaan
11:00	Ekushey Late Night News
11:30	Ei Shoptaho
12:00	Ekushey Headlines

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7:40 a.m. foreign	
	prorgamme
8:10	Joto Poth Toto Mot
8:50	Music Plus
9:30	House full
10:00	Joar Bhata
10:30	Marine Location
11:00	foreign programme
11:20	Joto Poth Toto Mot
11:50	Music Plus
12:30 p.m.	House full
1:00	Joar Bhata
1:30	Marine Location
2:00	Double Moja
5:10	foreign programme
5:40	Magazine programme
6:10	Music Plus
6:50	Kothay Kothay
7:15	Cghannel i
8:00	Joar Bhata
8:30	Ispahani i Tele-quiz
8:35	Magazine programme
9:00	Channel i
9:30	Sangbad
9:30	Ispahani i Tele-quiz
9:35	Bangladesh in newspaper
10:00	Raven
10:30	Channel i
11:30	Bangla feature film
ATN BANGLA	
5:30	Islamic Prog
7:00	Islamic prog: Sundor Jeebaner Jannee
7:35	Rabindro song's prog : Sara Bela
8:00	ATN Bangla News
8:25	Film based prog: Subho Mukte
9:00	Drama serial : Bhalubasa
9:35	Talk show : Samokalin Prosongo
10:10	Reporting prog : Prekha Pot
11:30	Islamic Prog
12:00	ATN Bangla News
3:30	Bengali feature film : Bhyongkar Satdin
6:07	Children prog :

6:45	Cholo Gan Gai
	Viewers opinion prog : Motamot
7:00	ATN Bangla Evening News
7:35	Mage serial : Mohine
8:10	Musical prog.
8:45	Magazine prog: Kechokhon
9:20	Drama : Abashese
10:00	ATN Bangla News
10:45	Bengali Feature film: Suk Sante
11:30	ATN Bangla News
BBC WORLD	
6:00am	BBC News
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