

## Final ODI today Pakistan in Waqar fear

AFP, Brisbane  
Pakistan captain Waqar Younis is struggling to overcome a hamstring injury before Wednesday's third and deciding one-day international against Australia at the Gabba on Wednesday.

Waqar said on Tuesday that he had only an "80 per cent" chance of playing alongside veteran fellow paceman Wasim Akram, who will equal Indian Mohammed Azharuddin's world record of 334 one-day international appearances.

Waqar set Pakistan on the path to victory with two early wickets in Melbourne last Saturday as the tourists won to level the series.

Waqar, Wasim and Shoaib Akhtar will enjoy the extra bounce in the Brisbane wicket and Australian captain Ricky Ponting admitted the Australian batsmen will need to be on their guard.

"The strength of their side is their bowling and they can be very, very dangerous," Ponting told reporters. Australia will shelve their rotation policy and use their best 11 players in the decider.

"We're going to go in there and give it our best shot of winning so we probably will pick what we think is our best team," Ponting said.

Glenn McGrath and Shane Warne are certain to start, leaving Brett Lee, Jason Gillespie and Andrew Bichel competing for the final two specialist bowling spots.

Bichel's knowledge of the Gabba will count in his favour while Gillespie was rested from last Saturday's two-wicket loss and is in line for a recall.

Jimmy Maher could be the batting casualty with his Queensland teammate Matthew Hayden returning to the squad after missing Saturday's match to be with wife Kellie for the birth of their first child.

## Nippon

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fans applauded the team for their efforts.

"They fought well and it was a good match except for that early miss," said opposition lawmaker Chikashi Koizumi, a member of a group of football-friendly parliamentarians.

"They did well to get to the knock-out stage."

Takehito Akiyama, who works for Swedish car maker Volvo echoed the sentiment.

"I think they really fought well. I didn't expect them to make it this far. They did their best," he said after watching the game at a Tokyo coffee shop.

"They've really gotten good, really improved."

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## Abahani appear in the race

### Hockey

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Abahani Krira Chakra took a major step towards regaining their status in the domestic hockey when they edged arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club 3-2 in their Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League clash at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

The hard-fought victory not only gave Abahani a chance to end their seven-year championship drought, but also snapped Mohammedan's fantastic 16-match unbeaten run. The black and whites are gunning for a fifth consecutive title.

Teams	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Abahani KC	17	15	0	2	63	14	45
Mohammedan SC	17	14	2	1	83	12	44
Mariner Y Club	17	14	2	1	64	10	44
Usha KC	17	9	4	4	50	25	31
Bangladesh SC	17	6	1	10	34	51	19
Ajax SC	18	6	1	11	22	49	19
Dhaka Railway	17	5	3	9	30	45	18
Sonali Bank	17	3	6	8	19	23	15
Wari Club	17	3	3	11	17	56	12
Farashganj SC	18	0	0	18	4	107	0

## Will India's wait end?

### Cricket

#### AFP, New Delhi

Indian cricketers left Tuesday for an arduous tour of England with thin bowling resources and hoping to avoid yet another overseas humiliation.

The tourists will play four Tests against England after a triangular one-day series, also involving Sri Lanka, on their 83-day tour.

India's away record is so disappointing that even die-hard fans have begun to question their team's competence to succeed in foreign conditions.

They have yet to win an away Test series under Sourav Ganguly's captaincy in two years, having settled for a 1-1 draw in Zimbabwe and losing in Sri Lanka, South Africa and the West Indies.

India's last series win outside the sub-continent came in 1986 when they beat England 2-0 under Kapil Dev's captaincy.

"It's going to be a tough tour. England enjoy home advantage and our task is cut out," skipper Ganguly said recently.

India were beaten 2-1 in a five-Test series in the West Indies last month, after being undone by their age-old failing against pace on pitches having a little bit of bounce.

Ganguly's team won the second Test at Port-of-Spain in Trinidad before succumbing to the West Indies pace attack in the third match at Bridgetown in Barbados and the fifth at Kingston in Jamaica to lose the series.

The Indian captain has conceded that mind problems rather than ability is letting the team down.

"We've the ability to win an away Test series, but I don't think we've the mindset. That's the main reason we've never done well abroad."

India's problems are exacerbated by having to take to England unsettled openers and inexperienced wicket-keepers and seamers.

Pace spearhead Javagal Srinath's unexpected retirement after the West Indies tour means the new ball will be shared by left-arm seamers Zaheer Khan and Ashish Nehra, who have a combined experience of just 24 Tests.

Srinath served his team commendably well for nearly a decade, having grabbed 232 wickets in 64 Tests.

To ensure the League trophy returns to Dhanmondi, the sky blues will need to defeat Mariner Young's Club in their final match of the season on June 21. But any other result could still open door for the Motijheel outfit, who face Usha Krira Chakra the following day.

Abahani have 45 points from 17 matches while Mohammedan and Mariner trail a point behind.

Back to the day's match where the winners led 3-1 in the first half.

Abahani, who suffered a 3-1 defeat when the teams met in the first leg, took control after just 20 minutes.

Defender Hasan Rony opened Abahani's account in the 14th minute through a short corner while winger Ramij Ahmed made it 2-0 with a field goal after being nicely fed by Ashraful Islam.

Mohammedan defender Isa Miah pulled one back from a short corner in the 27th minute to raise hopes of a comeback, but when forward Shamim Reza scored Abahani's third goal after brilliant solo run at the stroke of the breather, it appeared the contest was over.

Still Mohammedan refused to give up and again reduced the margin thanks to Mohammad Shafiqat.

The Pakistani midfielder found the net from a short corner in the 42nd minute, however in the end Abahani stood firm to defend their one-goal advantage.

India will look to their famed middle order, comprising Sachin Tendulkar, Ganguly, Dravid and Venkatsai Laxman, to spare them the blushes in Tests.

They will have to overcome a mental barrier in order to win the triangular series, for Sri Lanka are no pushovers.

Morever, India have earned the dubious reputation of choking under big-match pressure after losing nine finals of the one-day tournaments involving three or more teams since April 1999.

SQUADS  
**ONE-DAY:** Sourav Ganguly (captain), Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Virender Sehwag, Venkatsai Laxman, Dinesh Mongia, Yuvraj Singh, Mohammad Kaif, Ajay Ratna, Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, Zaheer Khan, Ajit Agarkar, Ashish Nehra, Tinu Yohannan.

**TEST:** Sourav Ganguly (captain), Rahul Dravid, Shiv Sunder Das, Wasim Jaffer, Sachin Tendulkar, Venkatsai Laxman, Virender Sehwag, Harbhajan Singh, Anil Kumble, Zaheer Khan, Ashish Nehra, Ajit Agarkar, Tinu Yohannan, Ajay Ratna, Sanjay Bangar, Parthiv Patel.

**COACH:** John Wright.

England have a more experienced new-ball attack and there's the challenge for us to do well in both Tests and one-dayers," said India vice-captain Rahul Dravid.

Opening an innings remains a problem without a solution. India tried three different pairs in the West Indies, but failed to find the right combination.

Shiv Sunder Das was out of form as he contributed just 124 in eight Test innings without a half-century, while Sanjay Bangar made nine and 16 in his only match.

Wasim Jaffer scored two half-centuries in three Tests, but is yet to establish himself.

India have included two promis-

## Nasser happy like anything

### AFP, Manchester

England captain Nasser Hussain was full of praise for his players after they clinched a dramatic ten-wicket victory against Sri Lanka in the third Test here at Old Trafford on Monday.

"I'm very happy with what has happened Hussain replied: "Some wins are more unbelievable than others."

"The last couple of days, well I don't think I've seen an England side play better."

"To bowl them out for 253 and 308 on a wicket like that without Andrew Caddick (off the field Sunday and Monday with a side strain) is quite magnificent."

"We've played on three sub-continent wickets, apart from the first day at Edgbaston. A few years ago we wouldn't have known what to do."

"That's why I'm so proud of my team. It was like playing in Sri Lanka (where England won a Test series 2-1 on their last visit in 2000-01)."

## Pepsi-Dilmah conflict ends

### AFP, Colombo

Pepsi Cola has allowed a local tea company to sponsor the Sri Lankan cricket team at the forthcoming World Cup and avoided a heated battle of beverages, the cricket board here said Tuesday.

Trouble had been brewing over Sri Lanka's Dilmah Tea sponsoring the national cricket team because Pepsi, a co-sponsor of two key International Cricket Council (ICC) tournaments, had allegedly raised objections.

The ICC had earlier told the cricket board that Sri Lankan players could not sport outfits advertising Dilmah tea at matches sponsored by Pepsi as there would be a conflict of interests between the two drinks companies.

But on Tuesday the board said in a statement: "The Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) is pleased to announce that the ICC has informed the BCCSL that Pepsi has permitted Dilmah tea to be the team sponsor for the Sri Lankan cricket team for the ICC Champions Trophy 2002 and the ICC world cup 2003."

Dilmah had already paid 15 per cent out of a 3.3-million-dollar sponsorship contract when the ICC dropped the bombshell in February.

The key sponsors of the 2003 world cup are South African Airways, Pepsi, LG and Hero Honda.

## NZ move upwards

### PRESS RELEASE, London

New Zealand have moved into the third place on the ICC Test Championship table thanks to Monday's series victory for England against Sri Lanka.

The 2-0 English win has reduced Sri Lanka's points average to 1.07, allowing the Kiwis to climb. That position can be consolidated -- or weakened -- depending on the outcome of New Zealand's imminent two-Test series in the Caribbean.

England's series win, the team's first since beating the same opponents in Sri Lanka in 2000-01, means an improved points average of 1.06 which keeps them in fifth position, marginally behind Sri Lanka.

Hitchcock going home  
REUTERS, Kingstown

New Zealand medium pacer Paul Hitchcock will fly home following the fifth and final one-day international against the West Indies after aggravating a shin injury, manager Jeff Crowe has said.

Although Hitchcock played in Sunday's game, he has been diagnosed with a stress fracture of his left fibia and will require a four-week rest.

Hitchcock has enjoyed an encouraging start to his international career, taking five wickets for 93 runs in 27 overs spanning three one-day games against the West Indies.

New Zealand had intended to retain Hitchcock for the two-Test series in the West Indies mainly for net practice.

## Hierro's

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"I hope to take make it to 91 games before my time is up," Hierro said. "I think Spain deserve that."

"I'm satisfied with my role in international football. I've given it everything for my country, for the national team and for my team mates."

Hierro was flanked throughout his news conference by a representative of the Spanish football federation and Spain coach Jose Antonio Camacho, who paid tribute to his captain.

"A great person is quitting the national team," Camacho said. "It's going to be very difficult to find a substitute."



ROARS FOR JOY: England captain Nasser Hussain (C) holds the Test series trophy as Marcus Trescothick (L) shows champagne on teammates after their victory over Sri Lanka at Old Trafford on June 17.

## Dramatically England win

### Cricket

#### REUTERS, Manchester

Opens Marcus Trescothick and Michael Vaughan smashed 50 runs off five overs as England beat Sri Lanka by 10 wickets in a compelling climax to the third and final Test at Old Trafford on Monday.

England won with six balls to spare on the fifth and last day, clinching the series 2-0, after Sri Lanka had followed on 259 behind and been dismissed for 308.

The final dramatic act unfolded in gloomy conditions, with Trescothick and Vaughan putting their side firmly on course for success by taking 16 off the second over and 10 off the third despite Sri Lanka having most of their fielders on the boundary.

Trescothick, who hit Muttiah Muralitharan for six in his unbeaten 23, was matched stroke for stroke by Vaughan, who ended 24 not out in their whirlwind performance.

Sri Lanka, 63 for one overnight, had looked like saving the Test after a battling 109 from opener Russel Arnold but left-arm spinner Ashley Giles provided a significant turning point when he snapped up the last two wickets in consecutive deliveries.

Opener Arnold turned the match into a personal triumph with the third century of his Test career to follow his first innings of 62. Promoted from the middle order because skipper Sanath Jayasuriya was out of form, Arnold batted 367 minutes, faced 236 balls and hit 13 fours.

Alex Tudor finally prised him out shortly after tea when the batsman edged a delivery that swung away and was caught behind by Alec Stewart.

Arnold led his side's resistance in three successive stands that pro-

duced 66 with fellow left-hander Kumar Sangakkara, 60 with Mahela Jayawardene and 63 with Aravinda de Silva.

Sangakkara made 32 before he was lbw to Tudor and Jayawardene had contributed 28 when he edged Giles to first slip, having escaped being caught for 18 because of a fielding infingement.

Jayawardene was caught by Hoggard at deep square leg off Andrew Flintoff but South African umpire David Orchard called no-ball because England had three fielders -- instead of the permitted two -- behind square on the leg side.

De Silva stroked 40 from 57 deliveries, a lovely cameo to mark his last Test innings in England at the age of 36. He departed to warm applause after falling to a fine, diving catch by Michael Vaughan running in from long leg.

With paceman Andy Caddick missing the last two days of the Test because of a strained left side and Giles hampered by a back problem, England captain Nasser Hussain used his four specialist bowlers in short spells on a pitch still playing well.

However, once the second new ball was taken immediately after tea at 253 for four, the innings began to decline.

Hasan Tillekeratne and opener Marvan Atapattu, batting at number 10 because of a finger injury, held out for 50 minutes but Giles came back to wrap up the innings abruptly.

He finished with four for 62 while man-of-the-match Tudor ended with four for 44 and a seven-wicket haul in the game.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Final scoreboard on the fifth day of the third Test between England and Sri Lanka at Old Trafford on Monday:

**ENGLAND:** First innings 512 (M

Butcher 123, A Stewart 123, M Trescothick 81; M Muralitharan 3-137, D Fernando 3-154)

**SRI LANKA:** First innings 253 (R Arnold 62; A Tudor 4-65, M Hoggard 3-38)

**SRI LANKA:** Second innings (overnight 63-1)  
Arnold c Stewart b Tudor 109  
Jayasuriya b Hoggard 26  
Sangakkara lbw b Tudor 32  
Jayawardene c Hussain b Giles 28  
De Silva c Vaughan b Tudor 40  
Tillekeratne not out 32  
Vaas lbw b Hoggard 1  
Upashantha c Stewart b Flintoff 3  
Fernando lbw b Giles 4  
Atapattu lbw b Giles 6  
Muralitharan c sub b Giles 0  
Extras: (b-9, lb-9, w-2, nb-7) 27  
Total: (All out in 113.2 overs) 308  
Fall of wickets: 1-44, 2-110, 3-170, 4-233, 5-263, 6-264, 7-270, 8-285, 9-308

**Bowler** O M R W  
Hoggard 37 8 97 2  
Flintoff 29 7 78 1  
Giles 24.2 4 62 4  
Tudor 21 6 44 3  
Vaughan 2 0 9 0

**ENGLAND:** Second innings  
Trescothick not out 23  
Vaughan not out 24  
Extras: (lb-2, nb-1) 3  
Total: (For no wkt in 5 overs) 50

**Bowler** O M R W  
Vaas 1 0 8 0  
Fernando 2 0 23 0  
M'tharan 2 0 17 0

**Result: England win by 10 wickets and the series 2-0.**  
**Man-of-the-match: Alex Tudor.**  
**Men-of-the-series: Mark Butcher and Mahela Jayawardene.**  
**Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and David Orchard (South Africa).**

## Venus, Lleyton top guns

### Tennis

#### AFP, London

Lleyton Hewitt and Venus Williams have been named as the top seeds for next week's Wimbledon, the All England Club revealed Monday.

Former Wimbledon champion Pete Sampras was meanwhile given his lowest Wimbledon seeding in 11 years for this year's tournament which will not feature champion Goran Ivanisevic -- who has withdrawn with a shoulder injury.

Sampras, who won seven of his 13 Grand Slam titles on the slick grass courts, was seeded seventh for the tournament which starts on June 24, despite a lowly world ranking of 13.

Russia's Marat Safin is second seed and Andre Agassi third, with Britain's Tim Henman fourth.

Henman is hoping to improve on last year when he crashed out in Ivanisevic in the semifinals after a lengthy rain-delay contributed to his eventual defeat.

Fellow Briton Greg Rusedski has meanwhile been favoured by the Wimbledon seeding panel, as he is

seeded 24th despite having a world ranking of 38.

The organisers take the world's top 32 ranked players for their seeds, but then reserve the right to make changes within those 32 based on grass court results.

And the big-serving British number two benefited from the withdrawal of France's Sebastien Grosjean and Ivanisevic with injury, and Spaniards Carlos Moya and French Open champion Albert Costa who have decided not to play at the All England Club.

"I don't deserve to be seeded based on my ranking," Rusedski admitted. "Thank God for the players who pulled out. It makes life a little bit easier because you know for your first two matches you face players who are beatable on the surface, but there are still one or two players you would like to avoid."

Rusedski and Henman will hope to copy Virginia Wade -- the last British player to win a Wimbledon single's title in 1977 -- and win the title in a Jubilee year.

However, last year's finalist Pat Rafter believes Hewitt can run Britain's Jubilee dream and continue his impressive grass-court form at the All England Club.

Rafter, a former teammate of Hewitt's in the Australian Davis Cup team, believes the top seed has a great chance of succeeding Goran Ivanisevic as champion.

"The sight of Lleyton doing well at Queen's is very encouraging," said Rafter, whose final place last year was his second in a row. "He struggled a bit at the French Open but I've always thought Wimbledon would be his tournament."

In the women's draw, defending champion Venus Williams is named top seed, and she will be pleased that her sister Serena was seeded second -- keeping them in different halves of the draw and raising the possibility of an all Williams' final for the third time in 10 months.

Venus beat Serena in the US Open last year while Serena topped her older sibling on the clay courts of the French Open last month.

Americans Jennifer Capriati is the third seed with Monica Seles fourth and Belgian duo Kim Clijsters and Justine Henin -- last year's beaten finalist -- fifth and sixth respectively.

## Rs save star blushes

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Muller's record of 14 World Cup goals.

Ronaldo is the closest current player within distance of Muller, whose goals came for Germany in 1970 and 1974.

"Batigolo" only managed one at the World Cup, bringing his all-time tally to ten.

## Azzurri

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A top Italian soccer official suggested that behind-the-scenes powers had worked to hand South Korea victory.

"Korea is a powerful country. It's clear that they would have done something. I've never in my life seen refereeing that bad," Raffaele Ranucci, the head of the Italian soccer delegation to the World Cup, told Italy's RAI state television.

"The referee was a disgrace. It was like something out of a comedy film."

## Rs save star blushes

He seems to have benefited from a spell out injured just before the tournament and has appeared tireless in the heat.

Rivaldo's 67th minute goal against Belgium was a superb example of his skill, controlling a pass on his chest with back to goal, bringing the ball instantly under control with his next touch and scoring on the turn with a deflected left-foot shot.

Like Ronaldo, Rivaldo feels he has something to prove as Brazilian fans have often doubted his commitment to the team's cause. They both agree victory in the final on June 30 would prove their points nicely.

"The duet is working," said Rivaldo. "Ronaldo's got five, I've got four and let's hope we keep it up until the end of the Cup."

## USA earns Voeller's respect

### REUTERS/AP, Sogwipo

Germany coach Rudi Voeller said on Monday he knew pretty much what to expect when his team face the United States in the quarterfinals of the World Cup on Friday.

"We know them quite well because we played them not long ago," said Voeller, referring to a 4-2 victory by his men in a friendly international last March in Rostock.

Friday in Ulsan, South Korea.

"The Americans have shown great morale here. No one believed that they would make the quarters. But we want to go into the semifinal, no matter who the rival is."

"There will be pressure on us, because we'll be considered the favourites."

"We have to take them very seriously," said Miroslav Klose, the tournament's leading scorer with five goals, tied with Brazil's Ronaldo.

"They are very good in defence," reserve striker Oliver Bierhoff said.