

Author Thorpe

AFP, Sydney  
 Australian swimming superstar Ian Thorpe launched a new career Friday -- as an author -- unveiling his book "Live Your Dreams" before a crowd of giggling and ogling fans.

As a couple of hundred people, about half of them young Japanese, lined up for autographed copies of the book, Thorpe urged his fans to follow their hearts, not their idols.

"I don't think anyone should want to be Ian Thorpe, every one of us is an individual," Thorpe said at the launch of his book in a Sydney shop.

"You have to go out and live your dreams and not someone else's. Get out there and win on your own terms," said the champion, who owns a brace of world records and holds gold medals from every major world swimming competition.

His book includes Thorpe's philosophy on success and memories from his life.

Youngsters' day

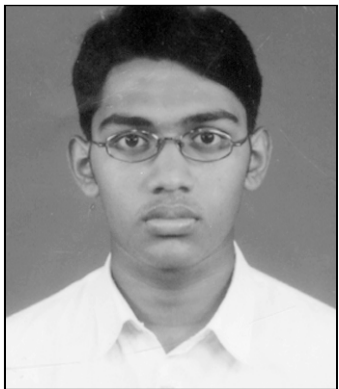
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 Mahmudullah c Anwar b Mehrab 65  
 Shamimul c Aminul b Hasibul 22  
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 Extras: (lb-11, nb-10, w-1) 22  
 Total: (For 7 wickets in 94.2 overs) 220  
 Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-86, 3-99, 4-99, 5-109, 6-194, 7-220.  
 To bat: Shafaq Al-Zabir, Golam Rabbani and Enamul Haque.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hasibul	13	3	48	1
Alamgir	14	3	25	0
Minhazul	5	3	6	0
Ehsanul	3	0	12	1
Enamul	31	13	45	3
Fahim	11	5	17	0
Naimur	14	5	41	1
Aminul	2	0	8	0
Mehrab	1.2	0	7	1

**BANGLADESH A:** Aminul Islam (captain), Ehsanul Haque, Mehrab Hossain, Naimur Rahman, Akram Khan, Minhazul Abedin, Anwar Hossain (wicketkeeper), Enamul Hoque, Alamgir Kabir, Hasibul Hossain and Fahim Muntasir.

**Toss:** Bangladesh A.  
**Umpires:** SB Chowdhury and Jahangir Alam.

WHIZZ KID-181 winner



Mahmudur Rahman (Tejgona Govt School & College, Dhaka)

WHIZZ KID-182 correct answers

- Who won the Kremlin Cup tennis title? Ans: Maleeva
- In which event did Bangladesh win silver medal in the 14th Asian Games? Ans: Kabadi
- Who is Asia's fastest woman? Ans: Jayasinghe
- How many Test matches will West Indies play against Bangladesh in November-December? Ans: Two
- How many goals did Ronaldo score on his Real Madrid debut? Ans: 2

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Marcus lengthens the list  
 England draw two-day match

Cricket

AFP, Perth  
 England's injury crisis deepened here Friday when opening batsman Marcus Trescothick became the fifth member of the 16-member squad to join the casualty list less than two weeks before the first Ashes Test.

As England completed a technical draw -- which amounted to a moral defeat -- in a two-day match against Western Australia, team management revealed Trescothick has an injured right shoulder.

The injury means both England's openers are under a fitness cloud, with Matthew Vaughan still recovering from knee surgery.

In the WACA Ground warm-up clash, Western Australia slammed 313 for six wickets after dismissing England for a paltry 221 the previous day.

Nineteen-year-old left-hander Shaun Marsh, son of former Australian opener and national coach Geoff Marsh, underscored England's problems when he hit a blazing 92 from 134 balls with 15 boundaries.

England captain Nasser Hussain admitted his team had a lot of improving to do in a short time to challenge Australia.

"We are not hiding behind anything -- you are not going to get any excuses from me," he said.

"We have just got to improve -- these are still very early days."

"There are no easy rides in Test cricket. There's been nothing easy wherever we have been, including Sri Lanka and Pakistan."

"And nothing that has happened here so far has surprised me. There are no easy games over here. All these chaps we have come up against are very fine players."

"There were some positives in this match. Andy Caddick had a very good game, with bat and ball."

"Our bowlers today stuck well to their discipline on a very flat wicket. We also took all our catches."

"Obviously there are plenty of things we have got to work on."

Hussain said he was sure young bowler Steve Harmison, who has had a nightmare start to the tour, would produce once he had found his rhythm.

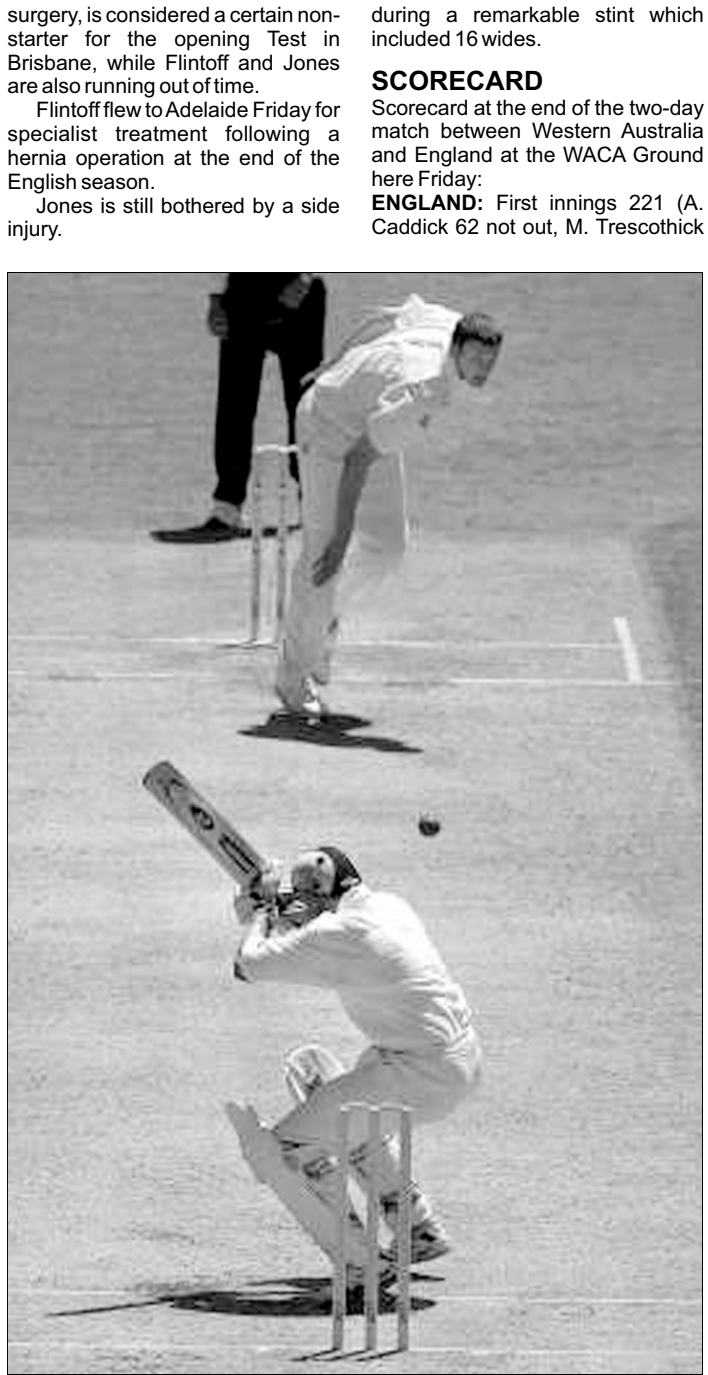
On the injury front, England spokesman Andrew Walpole said Trescothick, 26, from Somerset, was to have a pain-killing injection for his injury, which had been troubling him for some time.

"The injury does not affect his batting -- only his fielding," Walpole said.

"He will be available for selection in the side for the three-day match against Western Australia, starting on Monday."

Trescothick's partner, Vaughan of Yorkshire, is aiming to be fit for England's final pre-Test outing -- a three-day hit-out with Queensland in Brisbane from November 2 -- after surgery at the end of the English season.

There are also major concerns about the fitness of ace fast bowler Darren Gough, all-rounder Andrew Flintoff and paceman Simon Jones. Gough, recovering from knee



Western Australia's Michael Hussey ducks a Steve Harmison bouncer on the second and final day of their tour match at the WACA ground in Perth yesterday.

England's attack Friday was as unimpressive as their batting a day earlier.

Pace trio Matthew Hoggard, Harmison and Caddick labored for two hours as Michael Hussey (48) and Chris Rogers (57) piled on 103 for the state's first wicket in almost even time.

Then Marsh, not good enough to get a single game with the state Sheffield Shield team last summer, peeled off some breathtaking shots in 173 minutes of left-handed artistry.

Caddick (2-57) and Hoggard (2-49) toiled diligently, but without venom, under a hot sun, while Harmison (1-89) was taught another painful lesson about the importance of accuracy on Australian pitches.

He is still trying to live down his embarrassing performance in the opening game of the tour three days ago, when he sent down eight wides -- seven from successive balls --

46, A. Stewart 42, M. Hoggard 33, C. Thorp 4-58, P. Wilson 3-38, M. Clark 2-42)

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA:** First innings (overnight 3-0)  
 Hussey c Stewart b Hoggard 48  
 Rogers c Foster b Caddick 57  
 Goodwin c Harmison b Caddick 14  
 North c Crawley b Giles 38  
 Marsh c Butcher b Harmison 92  
 Harvey c Butcher b Hoggard 11  
 Ronchi not out 34  
 Casson not out 6  
 Extras: (b-3, lb-4, w-1, nb-5) 13  
 Total: (For 6 wks in 90 overs) 313  
 Fall of wickets: 1-103, 2-115, 3-138, 4-226, 5-267, 6-283

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Hoggard	15	1	49	2
Harmison	19	2	89	1
Caddick	20	6	57	2
Giles	27	7	81	1
Butcher	9	3	30	0

**Result:** Match drawn.

India cricketers to be united

REUTERS, Calcutta  
 Indian cricketers are set to launch an association this month to protect the interests of players, former Test batsman Arun Lal has said.

"It will have all first-class cricketers as members... We're hoping it would be in place on October 29," Lal, who is likely to take over as its secretary, told Reuters.

Lal said former Test captain Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi was favoured to be the president of the Indian Cricket Players Association (ICPA), likely to be formed on the eve of the third and final Calcutta Test against West Indies.

"Its primary aim is to protect the interests of players. Everything hopefully would be finalised by next week," said Lal, who had been the secretary of a defunct players body formed in 1989 to raise contentious issues with the national board.

Captain Saurav Ganguly and his senior teammates Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar and Anil Kumble are expected to join the ICPA's executive committee.

Moves to form the association have come after a major row between leading players and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) over their refusal to sign a disputed ICC player participation contract for last month's Champions Trophy.

The dispute over contentious ambush-marketing and player images clauses was sorted out and participation of the top India players ensured at the 11th hour after the International Cricket Council (ICC) eased some of the conditions.

Milon eats

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 game three minutes before the final whistle.

**VICTORIA-2, WANDERERS-1**

In another match, Victoria Sporting Club posted a 2-1 victory over Dhaka Wanderers Club in a Group B clash at the Army Stadium.

Polo and Abul scored in the fifth and 19th minute to help Victoria enjoy a 2-0 lead during the lemon break.

Jahangir pulled one back for Dhaka Wanderers in the 60th minute.

Federer, Roddi ckeach qtrs

REUTERS, Basel  
 Third seed and home favourite Roger Federer survived a few nervous moments before reaching the Swiss Indoors quarterfinals on Thursday with a 6-3, 7-6 victory over German qualifier Alexander Waske.

Federer, 21, lying sixth in the ATP Champions Race, will meet big-serving fifth seed Andy Roddick in the last eight, the American having beaten compatriot and Davis Cup teammate James Blake 6-3, 7-5.

"It is difficult for me to relax and play here at home because I feel a lot of pressure," said Federer. "But it is a good feeling too and I am happy to have won in front of such a great crowd."

On a day of few surprises on the fast carpet at the St. Jakobshalle courts, top seed and defending champion Briton Tim Henman also took his place in the quarterfinals after recovering from a poor first set to beat Frenchman Nicolas Escude 1-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Henman, who became a father for the first time last Saturday, will meet Argentine David Nalbandian, the Wimbledon finalist and number six seed, whose compatriot Agustin Calleri retired when trailing 6-2, 3-0 in Thursday's final match.

Steve gives

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 "Australia is the best side in the world -- it would be nice to celebrate that for a change."

With the pressure on Mark to hold his Test place, Steve Waugh acknowledged there were youngsters such as NSW batsman Michael Clarke -- who hit his second Sheffield Shield century in as many matches on Friday -- up to Test standard waiting in the wings.

"Clarke is a tremendous talent and I would think if he is scoring hundreds at domestic level he's ready for the next step."

While enduring speculation over his team, Waugh said he wasn't taking notice of England's lacklustre start to the tour.

England was beaten by an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI in a one-day match and outscored by a second-string Western Australia in a two-day game ending in a draw in Perth on Friday.

"You can't look too much into the pre-Test form, I'm sure they will be ready come the first day at the first Test at Brisbane," he said.

"We've had good results in the last seven series but that doesn't mean we are going to win it."

"Back in '86 the England side came out here and they said they weren't a great side and they beat us pretty convincingly."

"(But) I think the top three for England will be the key batsmen for us -- Marcus Trescothick, Michael Vaughan and Mark Butcher -- targeting them will be the key for us."

Sizzling Shreyas

Cricket

REUTERS, Pune  
 Makeshift opener Shreyas Khanolkar has cracked a rapid 102 as Indian Railways raced to 179 for one in reply to the West Indies first innings 449 for eight declared on the second day of their three-day match.

Khanolkar, asked to open with Murti Kartik ahead of the regular combination of captain Abhay Sharma and Jai Prakash Yadav, relished the opportunity, hitting 20 fours in his 92-ball knock as Railways made all their runs in the last session.

Kartik, normally a lower-order batsman, joined in with an unbeaten 72 as they raised 167 for the first wicket on a flat track offering some assistance to the spinners.

Khanolkar was particularly harsh on leg-spinner Mahendra Nagamootoo, who conceded 34 runs from four overs, before he was out driving occasional spinner Ryan Hinds to Daren Powell at cover.

Gareth Breesee had earlier propped up West Indies with a timely 57 after off-spinner Kulamani Parida struck three times in the afternoon session.

The visiting team were reduced to 354 for eight before Breesee and

Nagamootoo (39 not out) shared an unbroken 94-run stand.  
 Parida removed West Indies stand-in captain Ridley Jacobs (9) in his first over after lunch, uprooting the left-hander's off-stump when he when for a wild heave over mid-wicket.

The off-spinner then trapped Rannaresh Sarwan for 10 with a delivery that pitched outside off but spun in viciously.

Parida's next victim was Powell, out driving straight to Kartik at mid-wicket for nought.

West Indies, 297 for two overnight, also lost three early wickets in the morning session.

The visiting team, who have lost the three-Test series 2-0 with the first match starting in Calcutta on October 30, rested captain Carl Hooper, left-hander Shivnarine Chanderpaul, and fast bowlers Mervyn Dillon and Pedro Collins.

**SCOREBOARD**  
 Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of a three-day cricket match between the West Indies and the Indian Railways at the Nehru Stadium on Friday:  
**WEST INDIES:** First innings (overnight 297-2)  
 Gayle b Harvinder 154  
 W Hinds c Martin b Parida 50  
 Ganga c Kartik b Harvinder 71  
 Samuels c Sharma b Hussain 4  
 R Hinds c Kartik b Yadav 19

Sarwan lbw b Parida 10  
 Jacobs b Parida 9  
 Breesee not out 57  
 Powell c Kartik b Parida 0  
 Nagamootoo not out 39  
 Extras: (b-9, lb-7, nb-20) 36  
 Total: (For 8 wks decl in 152 overs) 449  
 Fall of wickets: 1-71, 2-296, 3-302, 4-308, 5-330, 6-347, 7-350, 8-354  
**Bowler** O M R W  
 Harvinder 21 4 62 2  
 Hussain 17 2 65 1  
 Yadav 20 6 38 1  
 Kartik 44 10 117 0  
 Parida 35 12 107 4  
 Tejinder 13 3 35 0  
 Khanolkar 2 0 9 0  
**INDIAN RAILWAYS:** First innings  
 Khanolkar c Powell b R Hinds 102  
 Kartik not out 72  
 Tejinder not out 2  
 Extras: (b-2, nb-1) 3  
 Total: (For 1 wkt in 32 overs) 179  
 Fall of wicket: 1-167  
 To bat: A Sharma, Harvinder Singh, J Martin, JP Yadav, Y Goud, R Ali, K Parida, Z Hussain  
**Bowler** O M R W  
 Cuffy 9 1 51 0  
 Powell 5 0 37 0  
 N/mootoo 4 0 34 0  
 Breesee 7 1 37 0  
 Gayle 4 1 15 0  
 R Hinds 3 0 3 1

Kucera stuns Agassi

Tennis

AFP, Moscow  
 Andre Agassi suffered a setback in his campaign to unseat Lleyton Hewitt as world number one when he slumped to a 6-4, 6-4 defeat at the hands of Slovak Karol Kucera in the million-dollar Saint Petersburg Open here on Thursday.

Agassi, who is currently second in the ATP race, started the match with confidence, breaking Kucera's serve early to take a 3-0 advantage.

However, the 28-year-old Slovak picked up the pace and won five consecutive games to take the opening set in 40 minutes.

In the second set, Kucera, ranked 80 in the ATP race, broke in the ninth game to set up the victory and record his fourth win over the 32-year-old American in their seven meetings.

Agassi, playing in his first tournament in Russia, had started the week just 43 points behind Hewitt, following his Madrid title triumph last weekend.

With Hewitt losing to Raemon Sluiter at the Stockholm Open on Wednesday, Agassi could have moved to within just eight points of the Australian if he had gone on to win the championship here.

Marat Safin of Russia, second seed and two-time champion here, failed to defend his title crashing out of the tournament after a straight-set defeat at the hands of the wild-card Vladimir Voltchkov of Belarus in 6-4, 6-4.

After Voltchkov took the opening set in 32 minutes, the 2000 US Open champion failed to tighten up his play, allowing the Belarusian to earn the lead again early in the second with another break.

The rivals then continued trading breaks but Voltchkov, who is currently ranked 113 in the ATP race, managed to keep his advantage through to win the set and the match after one hour 17 minutes on court.

"I didn't play well today. I didn't do anything to beat him," said Safin.

"Something's going wrong with me. It's just terrible," added Safin, who put his appearance at the season-ending Tennis Masters Cup in doubt after his early exit.

In the quarter-final, Voltchkov will now face Germany's Nicolas Kiefer, who upset Belarus' Max Mirnyi, the eighth seed, 6-3, 7-5.

Fifth-seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov also crashed out losing to Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia 7-6, 7-5.

The 24-year-old Hrbaty, who is currently in the 65th position in the ATP race, recorded his ninth win over the former French and Australian Open champion in their 13th meeting and now faces Frenchman Sebastien Grosjean for a place in the last four.

Third seed Grosjean, the only seeded player who managed to survive on Thursday, barely broke sweat, ousting Argentina's Mariano Zabala in straight sets 6-3, 6-1 on the way to the quarter-finals.



Slovak Karol Kucera plays a backhand against American Andre Agassi at the Saint Petersburg Open tennis tournament on October 24.

Becker says it's a success

Tennis

REUTERS, Berlin  
 Boris Becker has said escaping jail for tax evasion was the most significant win of his life, surpassing his three Wimbledon triumphs.

"Had I not won Wimbledon at 17, then I would not have had to fight this battle at 34," said Becker, who was handed a two-year suspended jail term and a heavy fine by a Munich court on Thursday.

"If I had not become so famous and rich, the tax authorities would not have been so interested in me," the fallen German tennis hero was quoted as saying in the Bild daily on Friday.

"Therefore those two fights (Wimbledon and the tax trial) can be compared. The most important win was the one in court. Had I lost there, I would have faced a couple of very bitter years."

Becker stood accused of having claimed residence in the tax haven of Monaco while actually staying in Munich between 1991 and 1993.

The six-times grand slam winner admitted in court that he had made a mistake by dodging tax but then survived the threat of being handed a 3-1/2 years jail sentence, which was demanded by the state prosecutor.

The court eventually gave him a suspended term after taking into account his confession and the fact that he had paid the 3 million dollars he owed in back taxes last week.

"It was the toughest moment of my life," Becker told Bild when asked how he had felt about the prospect of being sent to jail. "I prayed for a positive verdict."

Becker, whose heroics on the tennis court made him one of Germany's biggest post-war celebrities, retired after playing Wimbledon in 1999.

The former world number one, who shot to fame with his first triumph at the All England Club as a teenager in 1985, has endured a string of misfortunes since leaving the professional tennis circuit.

The man once known as "Boom-Boom" for his trademark heavy artillery and never-say-die attitude on a tennis court had to go through a costly divorce, an admission he fathered a child with a Russian model and a string of failed business ventures.

Davidson finished the day with 72.

Clarke, Slater tons lift NSW

AFP, Adelaide  
 Rising batting star Michael Clarke and former Test opener Michael Slater hit centuries to get New South Wales away to a strong start in their Sheffield Shield cricket match with South Australia here on Friday.

NSW were 326 for five at the close on day one with Clarke slamming 129 and Slater an unbeaten 111 to share in a 214-run fifth-wicket stand.

The partnership was broken on the last ball of the day when off-spinner John Davison had Clarke stumped by wicketkeeper Shane Deitz.

Openers Matthew Phelps (22), and Corey Richards (16), as well as Michael Bevan (15), were all dismissed in the opening session to leave NSW at 85 for three at lunch.

NSW skipper Simon Katich (27) was caught at backward point early in the second session from a top-edged cut shot from Davison's bowling, to leave NSW at 112 for four.

But 21-year-old Clarke, who has now scored centuries in his last two Shield innings, and a determined Slater, batting at No.6 in his first state match for the year, pounded the bowling at a fast clip to put NSW in command.

Davidson finished the day with 72.

Tennis

AFP, Stockholm  
 Chile's pair of sixth seed Marcelo Rios and Nicolas Massu advanced to the quarterfinals of the 650,000-dollar Stockholm Open Thursday as more seeds were shunted out.

Rios, who says he feels at home in the Swedish capital due to a vocal minority of his countrymen who always come watch his matches, took a comfortable 6-2 result when

American Jan-Michael Gambill returned with a strained knee.

Rios, who stood world Number one for a brief period in 1998, duplicated his showing here a year ago by reaching the last eight at the Kungliga Hallen.

"It always nice to play in front of Chileans here," he said. "I hope I can win another match for them."

Massu stopped eighth-seeded German Rainer Schuettler 4-6, 7-6, 6-3 and next faces Morocco's Hicham Arazi, a winner over American Taylor Dent 6-4, 6-2.

One more American, 1998

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Saturday's Cryptquip: IT MAKES SENSE THAT A BELL CHOR'S DIRECTOR MIGHT BE KNOWN AS A RING LEADER.  
 Today's Cryptquip Clue: G equals S

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.