Cricket

AFP, Hobart

Steve Waugh wanted Jimmy Maher, the Australia A captain, to keep England on the ropes and that's exactly what the second-best Australian team continued to do here on Saturday.

England planned to use the three-day match to rebuild after their 384-run First Test thrashing and raise form and morale before the second match of the Ashes series in Adelaide next week.

Instead, England's batsmen produced a display as limp as their bowlers did on Friday's opening day.

They've already suffered the embarrassment of being forced to follow on and are in serious danger of losing a three day game no-one had thought was likely to produce a

England, facing a disciplined pace attack, were dismissed in their first innings just before tea for 183, 170 runs behind Australia A's 353 for three declared. At stumps on Saturday, it was

faring little better in the second innings at a precarious 96 for three and still 74 runs behind. One statistic underlines the

Australian dominance -- Martin Love scored 201 in only 19 minutes more than the entire English team needed to produce 18 fewer runs.

Another emphasises the fragility of the English batting. In two completed innings in this match, the Test top three of Marcus Trescothick, Michael Vaughan and Mark Butcher have totalled only 105 runs, most of them to Butcher. John Crawley, the one English

batsman to show resistance, acknowledged that the team was playing way below par.

"Obviously, we're not performing anywhere near as well as we can, Crawley said it was not easy to

explain the Australian dominance, but it had bowled extremely well while the English attack was inexperienced in the conditions.

"We'll have to get everything as right as we can before Adelaide," he

Brad Williams, who took 5-52 in the English first innings, said the Australians bowled to the areas

Day yet not

impressed

Sri Lanka coach Dav Whatmore

Day One of the second Test against

Africa captain Shaun Pollock, Sri

Lanka reached 263 for six at the

close, with veteran left hander

Hashan Tillakaratne nearing his

"It was a bit better, I thought,"

Whatmore said. "We were very

keen do a bit better than what we

showed in the previous Test.

There's still room for improvement.

is getting good starts and then

getting out. I'm happy with the runs

we scored but I thought we could

have scored them with perhaps a

Milan, Borussia Dortmund and

group and we will do our best to

"It is a good, evenly-matched

He also remained tight-lipped

"I am as pleased to go to the San

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

about returning to Italy to face

former arch-rivals AC Milan at his

Siro as I am to any ground," he said.

Lokomotiv Moscow in Group C.

the scoreboard."

Ronaldo

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qualify," he said.

old ground, the San Siro

"The area that I'm unhappy about

10th Test century on 82 not out.

After being put into bat by South

REUTERS, Centurion

South Africa on Friday

much better than the English, who were too short and loose.

Williams, who described his approach as "controlled aggression", said the English batsmen folded under pressure.

England resumed on Saturday at 50 for one, but were in trouble from the moment Trescothick fell in the

Williams and fellow quicks Stuart Clark and Ashley Noffke gave the But his unbeaten 43 in 175 minutes was an innings of survival.

Williams, who cleaned up the tail,

However Noffke was probably the best bowler. He sent down 16 immaculate and aggressive overs,

England started their second innings as if their players wanted to



the pace attack could not be main-

tained and Maher had to call on the

medium pace of Greg Blewett and

the off-spin of Nathan Hauritz earlier

Butcher and Robert Key handled

than he would have liked

them with few alarms.

Trescothick c Haddin b Williams	5
Vaughan b Williams	8
Butcher c Love b Clark	42
Key c Hauritz b Noffke	36
Crawley not out	43
Flintoff b Clark	1
White c Clarke b Clark	4
Foster c Love b Noffke	7
Tudor Ibw b Williams	12
Dawson Ibw b Williams	0
Harmison Ibw b Williams	3
Extras: (b-6, lb-9, w-3, nb-4)	22
Total: (All out in 70.2 overs) 18	33
Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-51, 3-85	5, 4-
108, 5-109, 6-122, 7-131, 8-173	3, 9-
179	
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Clark	24	7	60	3
Noffke	17	4	31	2
Blewett	3	0	6	0
Hauritz	8	2	19	0
ENGLAND: Second innings				
Trescothick b N	Noffke			11
Vaughan b Cla	rk			14
Butcher c Hado	din b Ble	wett		25
Key not out				38
Crawley not ou	ıt			6
Extras: (nb-2)				2

Total: (For 3 wkts in 36 overs) 96 Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-28, 3-74 3 15 3 26 19 17 Williams 0 Trescothick hooked Clark for six Blewett and was then bowled by Noffke. 19 Fellow opener Michael Vaughan

Wasim announced earlier this

year that he would retire after the

Only Hashan s

fashioned slogs, slammed 27 off

His six came after he was hit a

painful blow on the left wrist by

Ntini. He stepped away towards

leg and swung the next ball cross-

batted into the crowd beyond the

midwicket boundary. In the previ-

ous over he hit three fours off

Ntini was South Africa's most

26 balls with five fours and a six.

South African tournament.

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Steve Elworthy.

Australia A's Ashley Noffke celebrates taking the wicket of Robert Key of England on the second day of the three-day tour match yesterday.

soon followed, bowled by Clark.

willing then I am ready to play Tests

more than 400 wickets in both Test

cricket and one-day internationals --

has played just four Tests in the last

He said he was looking forward

two seasons due to injury problems.

to the clash against arch-rival India

during the World Cup, which gets

Wasim -- the only bowler to take

as well," he said.

before lunch and the remaining five Only Crawley showed real fight.

batsmen little to hit and waited for

mistakes, with four wickets falling

Wasim wants to win all

Cricket

said his team could still improve after an encouraging showing on

Pakistan pacer Wasim Akram said Saturday that 10 out of 10 one-day victories in Zimbabwe and South Africa would put his team on track to win next year's World Cup.

games in the next few weeks and if we achieve a perfect 10 we would be on the right track to win the World Cup in South Africa," Wasim told this

Wasim, all-rounder Azhar Mahmood and batsman Misbahul Haq, left Pakistan for Zimbabwe Saturday to join the team for a series of five one-day internationals beginning November 23.

Batsman Hasan Raza will return after playing the second and final Test against Zimbabwe beginning couple of wickets less appearing on Saturday.

Wasim, who opted to rest following Pakistan's disappointing Test series against Australia last month, showed a return to form earlier this week by taking 5-12 and 2-22, and scoring 33 not out and 28 in preliminary selections in Lahore for the World Cup squad.

After Zimbabwe the team will head to South Africa to play five more one-day internationals and two Tests, for which Wasim has declared his availability.

"At the moment I am concentrating on one-day games but if the selectors, captain and coach are

WASIM AKRAM under way February 8.

"I am anxiously waiting for the Cup clash against India on March 1 because we have not played them

for two years." he said. India and Pakistan have not met since May 2000, when India severed cricketing ties as a protest against Islamabad's alleged support of a Muslim insurgency in the troubled Himalayan state of Kashmir, which is divided between the neigh-

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IT'S FUTILE FOR YOU TO BRING HER BREAKFAST IN BED. SHE

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. **Ganguly glad**

REUTERS, Ahmedabad

Captain Saurav Ganguly attributed India's sensational 325-run chase against West Indies on Friday to the team's newfound fighting spirit.

It was the second time in recent months that India had successfully chased a target of this magnitude after they scored 326 to beat England at Lord's in July in the final of a triangular one-day tournament also involving Sri Lanka.

"This is an indication of our new fighting spirit and of the fact that this team doesn't give up," Ganguly told

"We believe we can win whatever the situation and someone always stands up and delivers. At Lord's it was Yuvraj and Kaif and here Dravid and Bangar.'

Vice-captain Rahul Dravid slammed 109 not out for his eighth one-day century and swung the game around in an unbroken 94-run stand with Sanjay Bangar, who struck a 41-ball 57.

The partnership was reminiscent of how Mohammad Kaif and Yuvraj Singh had rescued India at Lord's against England.

"Rahul played very well, he batted till the end. There was any way we could have won the game without him," Ganguly said.

Zim succumb

indulge that luxury

Waqar handled his bowlers well and the fielding was tight. The only problem he has is the fitness of Shoaib Akhtar, who appeared to have a sore knee but he brushed concerns aside

Pakistan's Taufeeq Umar and Saleem Elahi have opened the first innings batting. Taufeeq scored a century and 75 in the first Test at Harare while Elahi failed twice. If he does so again, there is still plenty of batting to come

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close of the Zimbabwe first innings on the first day of the second Test against Pakistan at Queens Sports Ground in Bulawayo on Saturday: ZIMBABWE: First innings

	1 11 3 1 11 11 111	iyə			
Ebrahim Ibw b	Waqar	-		5	
Vermeulen Ibw b Akhtar				2	
Campbell cAkmal b Saqlain				46	
G Flower Ibw b Saqlain				54	
A Flower c Inzamam b Akhtar				30	
Masakadza c Akmal b Saqlain				0	
Taibu c Akmal b Saqlain				15	
Blignaut c Umar b Saqlain				0	
Price b Saqlai	in			1	
Nkala not out				10	
Olonga b Saqlain				8	
Extras: (lb-3, nb-3, w-1)				7	
Total: (All out in 71.5 overs) 178					
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-8, 3-94, 4-119,					
5-119, 6-155, 7-159, 8-161, 9-170					
Bowler	0	M	R	W	
Waqar	13	6	20	1	
Akhtar	16	3	39	2	
Sami	15	3	38	0	
Saqlain	25.5	2	66	7	

Elahi, Taufeeq Umar, Younis Khan, Inzamamul Haq, Yousuf Youhana, Hasan Raza, Kamral Akmal, Saglain Mushtag, Shoaib Akhtar, Mohammad Sami.

Umpires: Srinivas Venkataraghavan (India) and David Orchard (South Africa).

Seniors

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last few overs to make sure the seniors finish the day without further damage. But Khaled Mahmud's men will have a mountain to scale when they resume the innings at

Scoreboard on the second day of the four-day Challenge Trophy final between Bangladesh national team and the A team at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday: BANGLADESH A: First innings

(overnight 280 for 6 in 90 overs) Ehsanul c K Mashud b Rafique 38 Ashraful c Rafique b Talha Mazharul Ibw b Taposh Aminul c Tushar b K Mahmud 135 Akram c K Mahmud b Kapali Minhazul c Bashar b Talha Naimur c Rafique b Talha Anwar not out Enamul c K Mahmud b Taposh Hasibul Ibw b Taposh Alamgir c K Mahmud b Taposh Extras: (b-2, lb-6, nb-4, w-1) Total: (All out in 124 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-36, 2-86, 3-149, 4 225, 5-256, 6-256, 7-335, 8-362, 9-

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Fall of wickets: 1-66, 2-76, 3-109, 4-

Bowle Alamgir 0 Hasibul 0 Naimur 17 0 Enamul 16 6 Ashraful

Hewitt, Ferrero face-off

fought off three match points in the

second and third sets before finally

succumbing to the relentless pres-

five set points, most with coura-

the set at 6-5. Finally, after exactly

one hour. Federer hit a forehand

long for Hewitt to take the set 7-5.

geous winners from the baseline.



AFP, Shanghai

Lleyton Hewitt used every ounce of his fighting spirit to hold off an equally courageous Roger Federer in a pulsating Masters Cup semifinal here on Saturday.

The Australian baseliner and world number one emerged a 7-5,



Spain's Juan Carlos Ferrero clenches his fist after beating compatriot Carlos Moya in the semifinals of the season-ending Tennis Masters Cup in Shanghai yesterday.

5-7, 7-5 victor over his Swiss opponent after nearly three hours of battle in front of 9,000 screaming fans at Shanghai's New International Expo Centre. Hewitt will meet Spanish

dynamo Juan Carlos Ferrero, who defeated countryman Carlos Moya 6-7, 6-4, 6-4 in the earlier match Saturday in a baseline slugfest that was almost as exciting. Hewitt's sheer will to win eventu-

ally proved more powerful than Federer's big serve-and-volley game, with his never-say-die attitude helping him save 17 break points, most of them at crucial stages throughout the match.

But Federer, who at 21 is six months younger than Hewitt, proved nearly as brave, as he qualities, coming back from a break down twice and saving one match point on Hewitt's serve at 4-5. Federer fought back to lead 6-5 and finally broke Hewitt's serve on

Federer's turn to prove his fighting

his fourth break point to take the set. The third set was even more more exciting, with Federer coming back from a break down twice, and

saving two more match points. But by then the young Swiss gun had fired all his ammunition and he finally surrendered with a forehand long on Hewitt's fourth match point.

The Chinese crowd, who were witnessing the biggest tennis tournament to ever be held in the country, responded to the enthralling encounter with enthusiasm almost as intense as the effort showed by

At one stage in the second set, Federer was forced to block his ears with his fingers as the crowd roared their delight.

In the first set. Hewitt staved off It was the perfect atmosphere for Hewitt, who thrives on the cauldron-He was then forced to fend off like atmospheres of Davis Cup ties and Grand Slam finals five break points while serving for

In the earlier match, Ferrero stormed into his first Masters Cup final with a typically dogged tussle

against Moya. Ferrero, who will finish in the world's top five for the second consecutive year, proved too con-

sistent from the baseline. The man nicknamed the "Mosquito" for his tenacity from the back of the court took the semi-final with a rare foray into the net on his first match point, hitting a delicate drop volley winner that brought Moya to

Ferrero could climb to a career high world ranking of number three f he win's Sunday final against Hewitt, who this week claimed his second consecutive year-ending number one ranking.

Moya, who had gone into the semi-final undefeated after three round robin victories over Hewitt, number three Marat Safin and countryman Albert Costa, took the first set with an ace at 6-7 in the tie

Ferrero had looked in control of the first set after breaking to go up 4-2, but then double-faulted on break point while trying to serve it out at 5-3. The normally unflappable Ferrero showed his disgust by bouncing his racquet. He had another chance to take

the set at 6-5 in the tie-break, but he hit an off-forehand close to the line. which was called out. With slumped shoulders, Ferrero argued with the umpire as

he changed ends, hit a forehand long to go 6-7, then watched a pumped-up Moya serve an ace to However Ferrero regrouped quickly for the second set, breaking Moya in the first game and holding

his serve throughout to take it 6-4. In the third. Ferrero saved a break point in the second game, but from then on piled the pressure on

Moya's serve, eventually breaking him at 3-3 on his fifth break point. Ferrero's win stretches his career win-loss record over Moya to 7-2. Saturday's match was a nearreplay of their most recent encoun-

won 6-3, 1-6, 7-6. More than 3.7 million dollars is on offer at the season-ending Masters Cup, which is open to only

ter at the final of the Hong Kong

Open in September, which Ferrero

the top eight players in the world. Ferrero and Hewitt get 370,000 dollars each for their semi-final victories, with another 700,000 on offer for the winner of the final

Muralitharan, with a mixture of determined defence and old- PAKISTAN: Waqar Younis, Saleem PAGE 13 Muralitharan, with a mixture of defence and old- Opakistan: Waqar Younis, Saleem PAKISTAN: Waqar Younis, Saleem PAKISTAN: Waqar Younis, Saleem PACE 13 Dravid Scripts the drama

slamming two sixes and five fours in

his 41-ball knock

Dravid survived two run-out chances and a loud caught-behind appeal early in his innings before going on to play a match-winning knock. He hit just eight fours off 124

Earlier, Gayle held centre-stage as he smashed five sixes and 12 fours off 127 balls for his third oneday century to hammer the Indian bowling in an awesome display of

The aggressive left-hander put on 80 for the opening wicket with Wavell Hinds (26) off nine overs,

and completed his half-century off just 30 balls. Gayle, who scored 103 and 72 in

the last two games, continued to relish the Indian attack, going for big shots from the start to force Ganguly to try out as many as eight bowlers. Left-arm seamer Ashish Nehra

suffered the most as Gavle hit three consecutive fours and a six to plunder 18 runs in one over. He, however was later overshadowed by Dravid under lights. **SCOREBOARD**

Complete scoreboard of the daynight fourth one-day international between India and the West Indies at the Motera Stadium on Friday: WEST INDIES: 324 for 4 in 50 overs (C Gayle 140, R Sarwan 99 not out, C Hooper 36 not out; Harbhajan Singh 1-30, V Sehwag 1-49)

INDIA

Ganguly c Jacobs b Collins Sehwag c Hooper b Dillon Laxman run out 109 Dravid not out Yuvraj c Hooper b Dillon 30 Kaif c sub (Powell) b Drakes Bangar not out Extras: (lb-2, nb-13, w-8) Total: (For 5 wkts in 47.4 overs)325 Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-45, 3-148, 4-209.5-231

M **Bowler** 65 0 Dillon 10 Collins 60 9 0 Drakes 60 61 Hooper 62 N'mootoo 0 15 Gayle Result: India won by five wickets

and levelled the series 2-2. Man-of-the-match: Chris Gayle. Umpires: Asoka de Silva (Sri Lanka) and K Hariharan (India). Fifth one-dayer: November 18,

New coach for Pak hockey

AFP, Karachi

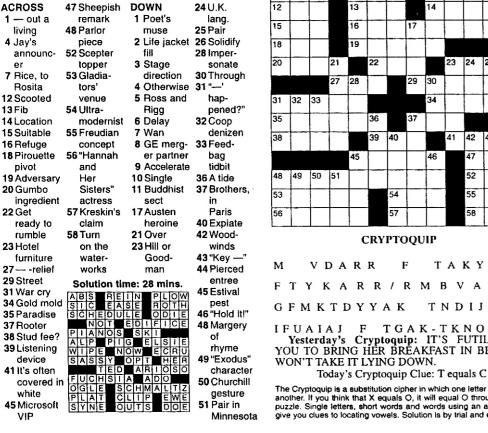
Pakistan appointed a new national hockey coach Friday in the wake of the team's recent dismal performance, the Pakistan Hockey Federation said.

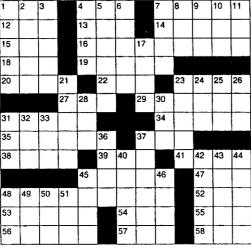
Shahnaz Sheikh, a former leftside forward, is to replace coach Tahir Zaman, who was only appointed in May, the Federation

"These changes were necessary after the recent lack of performance by the team. We had a thorough discussion and invited suggestions from former players and have done the necessary," secretary of the foundation Brigadier Musarradullah

Pakistan lost to Malavsia in the play-off for third position in last month's Asian Games in Busan, South Korea, leaving it medal-less for the first time in the Games

Olympic and four-times world champions also lost 7-1 to lowlyranked New Zealand in the Commonwealth Games in Manchester in July.





Kallis not out Elworthy, M Ntini F TGAK-TKNOOAK

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successful bowler, taking four for Jacques Kallis took three for 71 and finished off the innings when he bowled Muralitharan, who played down the wrong line when he tried a rare textbook forward defensive stroke **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard at tea on the second day of the second and final Test between South Africa and Sri Lanka at Centurion Park Saturday. SRI LANKA: First innings (overniaht 263-6) Atapattu c Kirsten b Kallis

Mubarak c Smith b Pollock Sangakkara c Pollock b Hall Jayawardene b Pollock Tillakaratne not out Arnold c Boucher b Kallis H Fernando c Kallis b Ntini Vaas c Boucher b Ntini Gamage c Kirsten b Ntini D Fernando c Boucher b Ntini Muralitharan b Kallis Extras: (lb-10, nb-2, w-1) Total: (All out in 108.5 overs) 323 Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-90, 3-108, 4-189, 5-207, 6-263, 7-277, 8-281, **Bowler** 29 11 51 Pollock 29 6 86 Ntini 71 Elworthy Kallis 2 71

15.5 Hall 14 3 34 SOUTH AFRICA: First innings Smith Ibw b D Fernando Gibbs not out Kirsten c H Fernando b D Fernando Extras: (b-4. lb-2. nb-3. w-2) Total: (For 2 wkts in 34 overs) 87 Fall of wickets: 1-45, 2-71 To bat: A Prince, N McKenzie, M Boucher, S Pollock, A Hall, S

131 17 33 D Fernando 6 0 21 Muralitharan 2 2 0 Umpires: Daryl Harper (Australia) and Russell Tiffin (Zimbabwe).

9.30am today SCOREBORAD

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/lahmud	14	3	32		
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pali	17	1	71		
nwar	3	0	15		
shar	5	0	21		
TIONAL TEAM: First innings					
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Shahriar Ibw b Naimur 43					
shar c Anwar b Ashraful 16					
nwar b Naimur 3					
shar batting 1					
pali batting 1					
tras: (lb1, nb-6, w-1)					
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in the fourth one-day international on November 15.

India's Rahul Dravid raises his arms on reaching century against West Indies

Under Zaman, the three-times