

# SA-SL Test going nowhere

Cricket

AFP, Centurion

Sri Lankan batsman Mahela Jayawardene and South African captain Shaun Pollock were involved in an angry exchange as Sri Lanka regained the lead on the fourth day of the second and final Test at Centurion Park Monday.

The pair clashed in mid-pitch after Jayawardene hooked Pollock for a boundary which wiped out South Africa's first innings lead of 125.

Sri Lanka were 149 for two at tea, an overall lead of 24, with Kumar Sangakkara (67 not out) and Jayawardene (31 not out) sharing an unbeaten stand of 89 for the third

Makhaya Ntini hit a catch to mid-off after the pair had put on 40 for the last wicket to stretch South Africa's total to 448.

South Africa dismissed both Sri Lankan opening batsmen cheaply and threatened to take charge of the match but the left-handed Sangakkara played a superb innings, while Jayawardene offered solid support.

Pollock missed his century when Ntini played a wild shot at the end of South Africa's first innings.

Pollock had moved smoothly from an overnight 78 as he and Ntini added 40 for the last wicket. Pollock went to 99 when he took a single to deep cover off the first ball of an over from Chaminda Vaas.

Two balls later, Ntini went for a big hit and hit a simple catch to mid-off. Pollock threw his head back in dismay.

Ntini's dismissal meant Pollock missed out on his third Test hundred and his second in successive Tests at Centurion. He made his maiden Test hundred against the same opponents two seasons ago and also made a hundred against India in a match at Centurion last season which was denied Test status by the International Cricket Council because of a dispute over match referee Mike Denness.

Pollock faced 170 balls and hit nine fours and two sixes.

Left-hander Jehan Mubarak, who batted solidly for 48 in the first innings, was not nearly so convincing in the second innings and he played several loose shots before he was given out caught behind for 15 by Australian umpire Daryl Harper when he drove at Ntini.

Replays suggested he had missed the ball and that his bat had

flicked his pad.

Sri Lankan captain Marvan Atapattu was caught behind eight balls after lunch when he flashed at a rising delivery from Jacques Kallis.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the fourth day of the second and final Test between South Africa and Sri Lanka at Centurion Park on Monday:

**SRI LANKA:** First innings 323 (H Tillakaratne 104)

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings (overnight 421-9)

	O	M	R	W
Smith lbw b D Fernando	15			
Gibbs run out (Muralitharan)	92			
Kirsten c H Fernando b D Fernando	11			
Kallis b H Fernando	84			
Prince c Sangakkara b Vaas	20			
McKenzie lbw b Gamage	28			
Boucher c and b Gamage	63			
Pollock not out	99			
Hall lbw b Muralitharan	0			
Elworthy c Tillakaratne b M'tharan	5			
Ntini c Arnold b Vaas	8			
Extras: (b-4, lb-10, nb-5, w-4)	23			
Total: (All out in 166.3 overs)	448			
Fall of wickets: 1-45, 2-71, 3-211, 4-219, 5-258, 6-264, 7-396, 8-400, 9-408				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	33.3	7	81	2
Gamage	22	2	71	2
D Fernando	27	0	91	2
M'tharan	57	10	133	2
H Fernando	18	5	45	1
Mubarak	2	0	6	0
Jayawardene	2	1	2	0
Arnold	5	2	5	0

**SRI LANKA:** second innings

Atapattu c Boucher b Kallis 22

Mubarak c Boucher b Ntini 15

Sangakkara not out 67

Jayawardene not out 31

Extras: (b-9, lb-1, nb-3, w-1) 14

Total: (For 2 wks in 43 overs) 149

Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-60

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pollock	10	4	29	0
Ntini	8	2	20	0
Elworthy	9	1	40	0
Hall	8	0	20	0
Kallis	7	2	21	1
Smith	1	1	0	0

**Umpires:** Daryl Harper and Russell Tiffin.

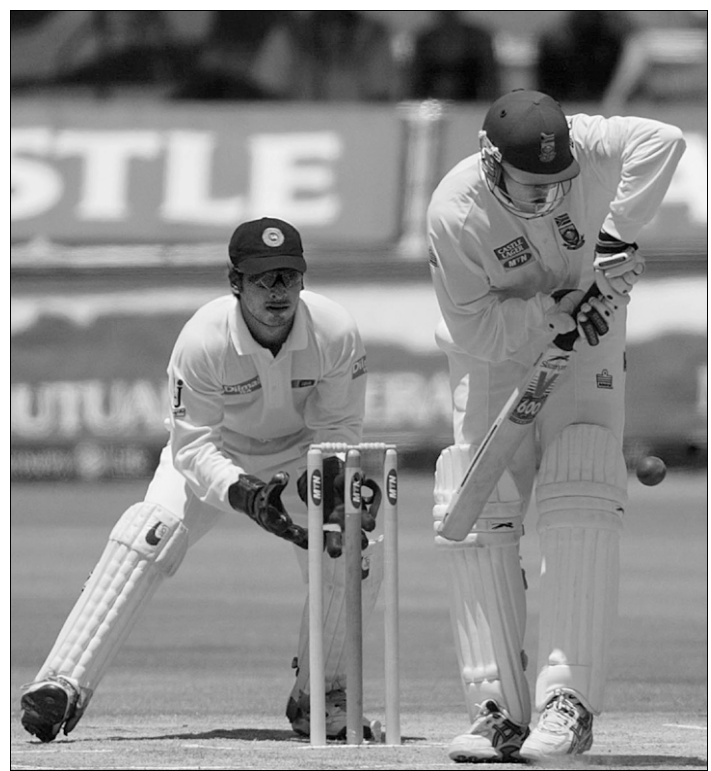


PHOTO: AFP

An unfortunate Shaun Pollock, who remained unbeaten on 99, plays defensively on the fourth day of the second Test against Sri Lanka at Centurion yesterday.

## LATEST

REUTERS, Centurion

**Sri Lanka were 180 for three in their second innings, a lead of 55, when bad light ended play early on the fourth day of the second Test against South Africa on Monday.**

**Scores: Sri Lanka 323 and 180-**

wicket.

As Jayawardene ran down the pitch after playing his shot to put Sri Lanka back in front, Pollock grasped him by the shoulders and made a comment.

Jayawardene appeared to be angry and pulled himself away, pointing at Pollock and turning to umpire Daryl Harper.

Two balls later, Jayawardene was nearly run out when he took what should have been an easy single.

He jogged down the pitch and appeared to be exchanging more words with Pollock while wicketkeeper Mark Boucher raced to square leg, picked up the ball and threw at the stumps at the bowler's end, missing narrowly with Jayawardene several metres short of his ground.

Earlier Pollock was left stranded on 99 not out when last man

## ICC ponders

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"Currently there are no written rules," Procter told reporters on Sunday on the eve of the fifth one-day.

"The ICC is also looking into it, if a match is abandoned, who does it. Right now the authority is with the match referee."

The Safety and Security Committee will also discuss who should be given the match in case of crowd interruptions.

Procter defended his abandoning the Rajkot match and refuted some domestic media reports which suggested that the West Indies team management and the match referee had overreacted.

He had said in Rajkot that West Indies captain Carl Hooper was not keen on sending his players on to the field a second time, but on Sunday said it was entirely his decision.

"There have been reports in the press that the West Indies overreacted in Rajkot, we overreacted. I want to make clear that it is not true."

"West Indies did not abandon the game, I did."

## Thai Air spoils

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Abdul Qaiyum Sentu, Monwar Hossain, Arman Miah, Faisal Mahmud, Arif Khan Joy, Rokonzaman Kanchan, Parvez Babu, Saifur Rahman Moni, Mehdi Hasan Uzzal, Alfaz Ahmed, Mujibur Rahman Ritu, Ariful Kabir Farhad, Murad Ahmed Milan and Saiful Islam.

**Officials:** Shawkat Ali Khan Jahangir (team leader), Sayeed Hasan Khan (manager) and George Kottan (coach)

# Stewart realises it!

Cricket

AFP, Adelaide

Team elder Alec Stewart says England are facing their toughest Ashes cricket series against Australia in more than a decade.

Stewart, who first played an Ashes Test in 1990-91, said Steve Waugh's Australians were playing better than during his previous six losing Ashes campaigns.

The 39-year-old Surrey wicketkeeper-batsman has typified England's struggle against Australia, averaging 39.60 during his career but just 28.04 against Australia, including one century in 30 Tests.

But Stewart believes England could fight back from their humiliating 384-run first Test loss at the Gabba eight days ago and win Thursday's second Test at the Adelaide Oval.

"I've played six series and lost six and I know this is going to be the toughest series I've played in," Stewart said here on Monday.

"The last series was the most one-sided series I've played in and they seemed to have upped their performances since then."

"If we can play well it's going to be great to leave with the Ashes but it's going to be a really tough task."

Stewart said he had played in just one "meaningful" Ashes victory - England's nine-wicket victory at Edgbaston in the 1997 series opener.

Otherwise, England's wins have come after the Ashes had been decided.

"There have been victories but, as far as the Ashes are concerned,

there has only been one that has really meant something," Stewart said.

"Even at the MCG (Melbourne Cricket Ground) last time in Australia, we won when the series was still alive but the Ashes were gone."

"But we know what we can do and good sides are entitled to lose."

"You guys all expected Australia to retain the Ashes so it shouldn't



ALEC STEWART

come as a shock that we're one down.

"We've still got the belief and we know if we improve our performance we can beat Australia."

England tour selectors must decide whether to squeeze in-form batsman Robert Key into the team at the expense of all-rounder Craig White and Stewart admitted it was a tough decision.

With White in the team, England can call on five bowlers but that wasn't enough to prevent Australia piling on 492 and 296 for five declared in the first Test.

## Tourists take

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the Zimbabwe batsmen.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the third day of the second Test between Pakistan and Zimbabwe at the Queens Sports Club on Monday:

**ZIMBABWE:** First innings 178 (G Flower 54, A Campbell 46; S Mushaq 7-66)

**PAKISTAN:** First innings (overnight 295-5)

Umar c Taibu b Olunga	34
Elahi b Olunga	27
Younis lbw b Blignaut	52
Inzamam b Price	11
Yuhana b Price	159
Raza b Olunga	4
Akmal lbw b Nkala	56
Saqain c sub (Coventry) b Price	14
Sami c Campbell b Blignaut	1
Waqar c Ebrahim b Price	6
Akhtar not out	9
Extras: (lb-10, lb-5, nb-8, w-2, pen-5)	30
Total: (All out in 131.3 overs)	403
Fall of wickets: 1-63, 2-64, 3-83, 4-209, 5-225, 6-346, 7-374, 8-381, 9-387	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Blignaut	22.4	5	75	2
Olonga	20	4	69	3
Price	51.3	14	116	4
Nkala	25	5	93	1
G Flower	12	4	26	0
A Flower	0.2	0	4	0

**ZIMBABWE:** Second innings

Ebrahim lbw b Waqar 7

Vermulen lbw b Waqar 26

Campbell not out 33

G Flower not out 29

Extras: (lb-1) 1

Total: (For 2 wks in 28 overs) 96

Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-37

**Umpires:** Srinivas Venkataraghavan and David Orchard.

## Bachelors Salam Smriti hockey champs

UNB, Dhaka

Bachelors Sporting Club emerged champions in the Skyworths Salam Smriti Hockey tournament beating Shishu Kishore Sangha 2-0 in the final at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Kashef struck twice for the winners, both from penalty corners - one in each half.

President of Bangladesh Hockey Federation and Air Vice Marshal M Fakrul Azam witnessed the day's final as chief guest and later distributed prizes.

A total of six teams took part in the two-week long meet.

## FIFA names

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problems may have pegged him back behind Ronaldo despite the Brazilian's poor form.

Behind them is Zinedine Zidane, who is likely to suffer for France's dismal World Cup, when he was hardly fit enough to play. The highlight of his year was a spectacular goal in the Champions League final in May, but it is unlikely to be enough to push him above Kahn or his Real team-mate Ronaldo.

In the women's category, the three players with the most votes are USA star Mia Hamm, Birgit Prinz of Germany and 2001 runner-up Sun Wen from China. The awards will be handed out at Madrid's Congress Centre on December 17. If Ronaldo or Zidane win, it would be their third time as FIFA World Player of the Year.

## Rampant Gayle

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his bold and clean hitting.

India tried as many as nine bowlers, but none could put pressure on Gayle and Hinds who added 132 for the opening wicket in 16.2 overs.

## SCOREBOARD

Full scoreboard of the fifth one-day international between India and the West Indies on Monday:

## INDIA

Ganguly b Hooper	53
Sehwag c C'paul b Collymore	52
Laxman c Hooper b Collins	71
Dravid c Gayle b Samuels	33
Kaif c Sarwan b Collins	4
Yuvraj c Hooper b Collymore	15
Bangar run out	27
Kartik c Jacobs b Collins	11
Srinath not out	3
Harbhajan not out	1
Extras: (b-2, lb-7, w-6, nb-5)	20
Total: (For 8 wks in 48 overs)	290
Fall of wickets: 1-88, 2-134, 3-212, 4-223, 5-232, 6-252, 7-285, 8-286	
Did not bat: Lakshmiipathy Balaji	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Collins	9	0	60	3
Drakes	3	0	17	0
Collymore	10	0	56	2
Hinds	1	0	16	0
Hooper	9	1	41	1
Gayle	8	0	44	0
Samuels	8	0	47	1

## WEST INDIES

Gayle c Dravid b Harbhajan	101
Hinds c Ganguly b Sehwag	80
Samuels c Ganguly b Harbhajan	1
Sarwan c Ganguly b Kartik	34
Chanderpaul run out	8
Powell not out	30
Hooper not out	21
Extras: (lb-3, w-9, nb-4)	16
Total: (For 5 wks in 46.5 overs) 291	
Fall of wickets: 1-132, 2-135, 3-218, 4-239, 5-239	
Did not bat: Ridley Jacobs, Vasbert Drakes, Pedro Collins, Corey Collymore	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Srinath	6	0	42	0
Balaji	4	0	44	0
Bangar	1	0	6	0
Harbhajan	10	1	53	2
Sehwag	9.5	0	55	1
Kartik	10	0	38	1
Yuvraj	3	0	18	0
Laxman	1	0	8	0
Ganguly	2	0	24	0

**Result: West Indies won by five wickets and lead 3-2 in seven-match series.**

**Man-of-the-match: Wavell Hinds.**

**Sixth match: November 21, Jodhpur.**

**Umpires: Asoka de Silva and Avi Jayaprakash.**



PHOTO: AFP

Prince Albert de Monaco (L) and IAAF president Lamine Diack (R) pose with world cross-country champion and European 10,000m record holder Briton Paula Radcliffe (2nd from left) and triple world 1500m champion Moroccan Hicham El Guerrouj at the IAAF world sports gala after they were named best athletes-of-the-year on November 17.

# Hicham, Paula IAAF's best

Athletics

AFP/REUTERS, Monte Carlo

Hicham El Guerrouj and Paula Radcliffe have been named Athletes-of-the-Year by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).

Radcliffe capped a brilliant season with a world best time of 2:17.18 to win the Chicago Marathon last month. It was the first time a woman had run the distance in under two hours and 18 minutes.

Radcliffe, 28, ended all doubts about her quality as a long distance runner in a year in which she won gold medals at the European championships and Commonwealth Games.

Hicham El Guerrouj, a Moroccan middle distance runner became the first male athlete to win the award in consecutive seasons at a ceremony presided over by Prince Albert of Monaco and IAAF president Lamine Diack.

El Guerrouj, also 28, was unbeaten in 11 races at 1,500

metres or one mile in 2002, including all IAAF Golden League races and the Grand Prix Final, where he just lost out in the overall standings when American Tim Montgomery ran 9.78 to set a new 100 metres world record.

The other men's finalists were Montgomery and the Dominican Republic's Felix Sanchez, who won a share of the IAAF Golden League jackpot.

In the women's contest, the other

finalists were American Marion Jones and Ana Guevara of Mexico, who were both jackpot winners and grand prix champions.

The first Primo Nebiolo Lifetime Achievement Award, named after the late former IAAF president, was awarded to Kenyan Kip Keino, the Olympic 1,500 metres champion in 1968 and 3,000 metres steeplechase winner in 1972 who also held world records at 3,000 and 5,000 metres.

## PREVIOUS WINNERS

- 1988: Carl Lewis (USA) - Florence Griffith-Joyner (USA)
- 1989: Roger Kingdom (USA) - Ana Quirot (Cub)
- 1990: Steve Backley (Gbr) - Merlene Ottey (Jam)
- 1991: Carl Lewis (USA) - Katrin Krabbe (Ger)
- 1992: Kevin Young (USA) - Heike Henkel (Ger)
- 1993: Colin Jackson (Gbr) - Sally Gunnell (Gbr)
- 1994: Noureddine Morceli (Alg) - Jackie Joyner-Kersey (USA)
- 1995: Jonathan Edwards (Gbr) - Gwen Torrence (USA)
- 1996: Michael Johnson (USA) - Svetlana Masterkova (Rus)
- 1997: Wilson Kipketer (Den) - Marion Jones (USA)
- 1998: Haile Gebrselassie (Eth) - Marion Jones (USA)
- 1999: Michael Johnson (USA) - Gabriela Szabo (Rom)
- 2000: Jan Zelezny (Cze) - Marion Jones (USA)
- 2001: Hicham El-Guerrouj (Mar) - Stacy Dragila (USA)

# Thorpe every gay's hero!

Swimming

AFP, Sydney

Olympic swimming superstar Ian Thorpe is set to become a gay hero after rebutting rumours he is homosexual but saying he was flattered by the tag, a leading gay activist said here Monday. Thorpe, 20, told ABC radio late Sunday he believed people had labelled him homosexual because he was articulate, had an interest in fashion and did not resemble the stereotype of the macho Aussie bloke.

"You know I'm a little bit different to what most people would consider being an Australian male," said the Olympic gold medalist and multi-world record holder. "That doesn't make me gay."

But he added: "It's the most flattering thing that anyone can ever say because