Sri Lankan captain Marvan

Atapattu was caught behind eight

balls after lunch when he flashed at

a rising delivery from Jacques Kallis.

Scoreboard at tea on the fourth day

of the second and final Test between

South Africa and Sri Lanka at

SRI LANKA: First innings 323 (H

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings

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Centurion Park on Monday:

SCOREBOARD

Tillakaratne 104)

(overnight 421-9)

Kallis b H Fernando

Pollock not out

Bowler

Gamage

M'tharan

Mubarak

Arnold

Pollock

Elworthy

Ntini

Kallis

Javawardene

D Fernando

Vaas

Smith Ibw b D Fernando

Gibbs run out (Muralitharan)

Kirsten c H Fernando b D Fernando

Prince c Sangakkara b Vaas

McKenzie Ibw b Gamage

Boucher c and b Gamage

Elworthy c Tillakaratne b M'tharan

Extras: (b-4, lb-10, nb-5, w-4)

Total: (All out in 166.3 overs)

SRI LANKA: second innings

Atapattu c Boucher b Kallis

Mubarak c Boucher b Ntini

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

Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-60

Total: (For 2 wkts in 43 overs) 149

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Umpires: Daryl Harper and Russell

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Sangakkara not out

Javawardene not out

Fall of wickets: 1-45, 2-71, 3-211, 4-

219, 5-258, 6-264, 7-396, 8-400, 9-

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Hall Ibw b Muralitharan

Ntini c Arnold b Vaas

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

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

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 Javawardene ran down the pitch after playing his shot to put Sri Lanka back in front, Pollock grasped him by the shoulders and made a Jayawardene appeared to be angry and pulled himself away, pointing at Pollock

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

and turning to umpire Daryl Harper.

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

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

"Currently there are no written rules,"

Procter told reporters on Sunday on

match is abandoned, who does it.

Right now the authority is with the

Committee will also discuss who

should be given the match in case of

the Raikot match and refuted some

domestic media reports which

suggested that the West Indies team

management and the match referee

Indies captain Carl Hooper was not

keen on sending his players on to the

field a second time, but on Sunday

press that the West Indies overre-

acted in Raikot, we overreacted. I

want to make clear that it is not true.

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Mahmud. Arif Khan Joy, Rokon-

uzzaman Kanchan, Parvez Babu,

Saifur Rahman Moni, Mehdi Hasan

Uzzal, Alfaz Ahmed, Muiibur

Rahman Ritu, Ariful Kabir Farhad,

Murad Ahmed Milan and Saiful

Officials: Shawkat Ali Khan

Jahangir (team leader), Sayeed

Hasan Kanan (manager) and

40 Actress

Thurmai

George Kottan (coach)

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"There have been reports in the

"West Indies did not abandon the

said it was entirely his decision.

He had said in Rajkot that West

"The ICC is also looking into it, if a

The Safety and Security

Procter defended his abandoning

ICC ponders

the eve of the fifth one-dayer.

match referee.

crowd interruptions.

had overreacted.

FROM PAGE 13

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

Lankan opening batsmen cheaply and threatened to take charge of the match but the left-handed Sangakkara played a superb innings, while Jayawardene offered

Ntini played a wild shot at the end of

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 midoff. Pollock threw his head back in

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



An unfortunate Shaun Pollock, who remained unbeaten on 99, plays defen-

sively on the fourth day of the second Test against Sri Lanka at Centurion

Cricket

Team elder Alec Stewart says

England are facing their toughest

Ashes cricket series against

Stewart, who first played an

Ashes Test in 1990-91, said Steve

Waugh's Australians were playing

better than during his previous six

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

could fight back from their humiliat-

ing 384-run first Test loss at the

Gabba eight days ago and win

Thursday's second Test at the

and I know this is going to be the

toughest series I've played in.'

one-sided series I've played in and

they seemed to have upped their

great to leave with the Ashes but it's

going to be a really tough task."

Stewart said here on Monday.

"I've played six series and lost six

"The last series was the most

"If we can play well it's going to be

Stewart said he had played in just

one "meaningful" Ashes victory --

England's nine-wicket victory at

Edgbaston in the 1997 series

But Stewart believes England

The 39-year-old Surrey

Australia in more than a decade.

losing Ashes campaigns.

AFP, Adelaide

30 Tests.

Adelaide Oval.

By Eugene Sheffer

glasses

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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 vesterday

Kashef struck twice for the winners, both from penalty corners - one

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

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

FIFA names

FROM PAGE 13 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

Rampant Gayle

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

SCOREBOARD Full scoreboard of the fifth one-day

international between India and the West Indies on Monday:

INDIA Ganguly b Hooper Sehwag c C'paul b Collymore Laxman c Hooper b Collins Dravid c Gavle b Samuels 33 Kaif c Sarwan b Collins Yuvraj c Hooper b Collymore 15 Bangar run out Kartik c Jacobs b Collins 11 Srinath not out Harbhaian not out Extras: (b-2, lb-7, w-6, nb-5) Total: (For 8 wkts 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: Lakshmipathy Balaji **Bowler** 0 60 Collins 17 0 Drakes 56 Collymore 10 0 Hinds 0 16 Hooper Gayle Samuels 47

WEST INDIES Gavle c Dravid b Harbhajan 101 Hinds c Ganguly b Sehwag Samuels c Ganguly b Harbhajan 1 Sarwan c Ganguly b Kartik Chanderpaul run out Powell not out Hooper not out 21 Extras: (lb-3, w-9, nb-4) Total: (For 5 wkts 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

M R W **Bowler** 0 42 Srinath Balaii 0 44 0 6 Bangai Harbhajan 10 53 Sehwag 55 Kartik 10 0 38 0 18 Yuvrai 8 Laxman 0 Ganguly 0 24 Result: West Indies won by five

wickets and lead 3-2 in seven-Man-of-the-match: Wavell Hinds. Sixth match: November 21,

Jodhpur. Umpires: Asoka de Silva and Avi

for Pakistan.

Latif's place was taken by Kamran Akmal in the on-going Test

Latif denied he hid his injury



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

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

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.

Republic's Felix Sanchez, who won a share of the IAAF Golden League

Montgomery and the Dominican

The other men's finalists were

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

In the women's contest, the other

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 (Gér)

1993: Colin Jackson (Gbr) - Sally Gunnell (Gbr) 1994: Noureddine Morceli (Alg) - Jackie Joyner-Kersee (USA)

1995: Jonathan Edwards (Gbr) - Gwen Torrence (USA) 1996: Michael Johnson (USA) - Svetlana Masterkova (Rus)

1997: Wilson Kipketer (Den) - Marion Jones (USA) 1998: Haile Gebreselassie (Eth) - Marion Jones (ÚSA)

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!



AFP, Sydney

Olympic swimming superstar Ian Thorpe is set to become a gay hero after rebutting rumours he is homosexual but saving 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 multiworld record holder. "That doesn't make me gay." But he added: "It's the most

flattering thing that anyone can ever say because if someone wants to label you or claim you as part of a minority group, it means you must have some strength in your character or in what you do.'

Marcus O'Donnell, editor of the gay newspaper Sydney Star Observer, said Thorpe's straightforward response to the rumours would win him even more gay fans than he has already. "There have been a lot of

rumours and a lot of speculation about Thorpe and really he has hit the nail on the head -- it's because he doesn't measure up to the typical macho Aussie sporting hero," O'Donnell said.

He said speculation about sporting personalities' sexuality



IAN THORPE

was common because there was a lack of gay sporting role models, apart from a prominent Sydney rugby league player, Ian Roberts.

"So when someone new comes along and he has some of what we read as the tell-tale signs -- and he doesn't have a girlfriend -- then it's natural to start speculating.

But he believed the "lan Thorpe

phenomenon" was a telling sign that old stereotypes were breaking

"It's perfectly cool now to be straight and have an interest in Armani fashion or pearl jewellery or be?" he said. "It's great that Thorpe is now

confident enough to address these rumours head on, and to do it in such a straightforward way. It could make him even more of a gay icon than he already is.'

Thorpe said in the ABC interview that he believed people were too quick to make such judgements. resulting in a huge number of male celebrities and athletes having the same sexuality "question mark" hanging over their heads

He believed the rumours began because he was in the limelight and perceived as different.

"I think it's because when speak at engagements I try to speak as well as what I possibly

can." he said. "I try to be articulate... I don't try and sound macho (with an) Australian accent just for the sake of having it. I have an interest in fashion, I have interests in things most people don't classify as being

the macho male thing.'

Latif's sigh

Rashid Latif Monday said experts have given him the all-clear to resume playing after an injury scare which threatened his career.

that doctors in South Africa have given me an all-clear to play as my neck injury is not as severe as diagnosed earlier in Zimbabwe. Latif told AFP. The 34-year-old Latif's career

seemed in jeopardy after reports last week from Zimbabwe that doctors had diagnosed severe problem and warned that he risked paralysing his left side if he continued to play. "I was very worried. But on the

instructions of the Pakistan Cricket Board I went for a complete checkup in Johannesburg after pulling out of Test matches in Zimbabwe." said the star wicketkeeper, who has played 34 Tests and 140 one-dayers

series in Zimbabwe.

Anwar makes

match itself was an interesting contest with the bat dominating the

Over four days 1091 runs was scored. Aminul produced a confident knock of 135 while Alok Kapali scored 106 under pressure. His maiden century in any form of

cricket earned him the man-of-thematch award. Tushar Imran also played excellent knock of 89.

Although Ashraful did not flourish with the bat, the young lea-spinner made a statement with the ball. He turned the ball more than

anybody else did on the field and as well as extracting bounce to trouble all the opposing batsmen.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the four-day Challenge Trophy final between Bangladesh national team and the A team at the Dhanmondi Cricket

BANGLADESH A: First innings 366 all out in 124 overs (Aminul 135, Mazharul 56, Anwar 49 not out; Taposh 4-85, Talha 3-72)

BANGLADESH: First innings 441 all out in 132.2 overs (Kapali 106. Tushar 89, K Mashud 59, Al-

Shahriar 43; Naimur 4-116, Alamgir 2-44, Ashraful 2-82) **BANGLADESH A:** Second innings (overnight 17 for 2 in 3.4 overs)

Ehsanul c K Mashud b Talha Ashraful c Bashar b Taposh Anwar not out 126 Mehrab c Talha b K Mahmud 37 Aminul b Rafique Akram c Bashar b Rafique Minhazul Ibw b Rafique 15 Naimur run out Extras: (b-13, lb-2, nb-5) Total: (For 7 wickets in 86 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-17, 3-79, 4-

110. 5-228. 6-254. 7-284 Taposh 16 3 64 8 0

35 Rafigue 36 14 65 K Mahmud 1 31 Kapali 3 0 18 0 Sanwar 13 Result: Match drawn. Man-of-the-final: Alok Kapali

(Bangladesh) Man-of-the-tournament: Anwar Hossain (Bangladesh A)

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South Africa dismissed both Sri

solid support. Pollock missed his century when South Africa's first innings.

Stewart realises it! the Zimbabwe batsmen there has only been one that has

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

"But we know what we can do and good sides are entitled to lose. 'You guys all expected Australia



ALEC STEWART

come as a shock that we're one "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

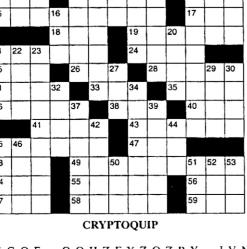
come after the Ashes had been "There have been victories but. as far as the Ashes are concerned.

Otherwise, England's wins have

declared in the first Test. 21 |22 |23

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GY'X OYPYJN WYZEHZI Saturday's Cryptoquip: THE OTHER DAY THOUGHT MAYBE I HAD FOUND A SILKWORM BUT IT WAS ONLY A FLUKE



XYYOX JHWHL. H XVUUBXY

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E 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 apostroph give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error. international matches in 2002-03, at a ceremony yesterday.

Tourists take FROM PAGE 13

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

Mushtag 7-66)

PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 295-5) Umar c Taibu b Olonga Elahi b Olonga Younis Ibw b Blignaut 52 Inzamam b Price 159 Youhana b Price Akmal Ibw b Nkala Saglain c sub (Coventry) b Price14 Sami c Campbell b Blignaut Wagar c Ebrahim b Price Akhtar not out Extras: (b-10, lb-5, nb-8, w-2, pen-5) 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-

Bowler 5 Blignaut 22.4 75 69 Olonga 20 Price 51.3 14 116 25 93 Nkala 5 12 G Flower 26 **A Flower** 0.2 0 **ZIMBABWE:** Second innings Ebrahim Ibw b Wagar Vermeulen Ibw b Wagai Campbell not out G Flower not out Extras: (1lb-1) Total: (For 2 wkts in 28 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-37 Wagar 0 19 0 9 Saglain Akhtar 0 53

0 29

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Jayaprakash.

Shah Md Nurul Alam (L), managing director of the Prime Bank, and Bangladesh Cricket Board president Ali Asghar exchange a memorandum of understanding, that gave the bank the right to sell tickets in Dhaka for all

of relief AFP, Karachi

Pakistan's first choice wicketkeeper "I am thankful to Almighty Allah

before going on tour.