

## Netherlands, Spain draw

AFP, Perth

Spain scored from a penalty corner in overtime to draw 1-1 with Netherlands in the third Pool B match of the women's World Cup here Monday.

The significance of the result is reflected in the statistics. Spain has played Netherlands 37 times, won twice and drawn twice.

In the scoreless first half, Spain looked sharper and attacked with more purpose while the Dutch sat back and waited to score from penalty corners, but had only one in the half, which was not stopped.

Deep defender Maartje Scheepstra forced a penalty stroke for Netherlands, eleven minutes into the second half, pushing forward with possession from Netherlands' midfield to make a diving shot on goal.

Scheepstra occasionally doubles as a centre forward for Netherlands. Minke Smabers took the penalty stroke, saved by Maria-Jesus Rosa high, next to the right post.

Netherlands' goal came sixteen minutes from time when Janneke Schopman converted Netherlands' fourth penalty corner, hitting from the far left of the top of the circle on the variation from the battery past Rosa's right foot.

## Harmison, Key get ODI call

AFP, Sydney

Steve Harmison and Robert Key, members of England's vanquished Ashes Test team, on Monday were chosen in the national one-day cricket squad for the first time.

Paceman Harmison and batsman Key were included in a 16-man squad for the triangular one-day series against Australia and Sri Lanka, starting here on December 13.

Worcestershire fast bowler Kabir Ali was also included and is the only uncapped member of the squad.

Selectors named all-rounder Andrew Flintoff despite his inability to play in the opening three Ashes Tests against Australia because of the effects of a mid-year hernia operation.

Ali made the England Academy squad after an impressive county season.

He has been promoted from the Academy as England was forced to alter plans for its one-day squad.

Selectors originally named seven one-day specialists, leaving the other spots open for those who showed form during the Test series.

However, Craig White and Paul Collingwood both received call-ups to the Ashes squad as England were hit by a series of injuries, while James Kirtley has replaced original selection Darren Gough.

England has also lost fast bowler Simon Jones while paceman Matthew Hoggard has struggled for form.

Chris Silverwood, who sustained a torn ankle ligament in the third Test at Perth, will fly home in the next few days after being ruled out of the remaining two Test matches at Melbourne and Sydney over Christmas and New Year.

Those members of the Test squad not included in the one-day party will remain in Perth to continue work before the Ashes series resumes at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Boxing Day.

**SQUAD**  
Nasser Hussain (captain), Kabir Ali, Ian Blackwell, Andrew Caddick, Paul Collingwood, Andrew Flintoff, Steve Harmison, Ronnie Irani, Robert Key, James Kirtley, Nick Knight, Owas Shah, Jeremy Snape, Alec Stewart, Marcus Trescothick, Craig White.

## Want a hundred

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I play whether it's Tests or a one-day games what is important is that you have to adapt to a situation quickly. You must enjoy both forms otherwise I guess you won't be able to perform.

**DSS:** Briefly how did you come into cricket?

**CG:** It started from the family. All my five brothers play cricket but I'm the only one to reach highest level. They all have represented Jamaica in some form or the other. I get a lot of support from everybody in the family so it's really nice.

**DSS:** From a personal point of view what do you hope to have achieved once your playing days are over?

**CG:** Definitely I would like to be in the record books and also on occasions somebody will look up at me and say you are a great player who achieved his goals while setting a trend both on and off the field. Basically this is what I want to accomplish in my career.

**DSS:** How did you become an opening batsman?

**CG:** I've been opening ever since my school days. Although I made my debut batting at number three and later at one stage I went down in the middle order to number six, finally the selectors decided to give me a chance to open the batting, which I grabbed and have held on to.

**DSS:** Would you like to offer Bangladesh any advice?

**CG:** I can't say much since I have not seen much of them. All can I say is that they continue to work hard and try improving their game.



Bangladesh players celebrate the fall of West Indies opener Chris Galye.

PHOTO: STAR

## BCCI beyond deadline



AFP, New Delhi

India failed to name a preliminary World Cup squad on Monday, the last date set by cricket's world governing body, as the dispute over players' contracts showed no signs of being resolved.

All the 14 nations taking part in the World Cup in southern Africa in February-March next year were supposed to send in their provisional 30-man squad to the International Cricket Council (ICC) by Monday.

India are the only nation to have missed the deadline as Saurav Ganguly's national side flew into New Zealand for two Tests and seven one-day internationals.

"We will be naming our squad in a few days," said Amrit Mathur, media manager of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), but parried questions on why the deadline was not met.

BCCI secretary Karunakaran Nair said last week India were not obliged to name their provisional squad "so early" and insisted the ICC had not set any date.

With India's one-day series against New Zealand ending only on January 14, there was speculation

that the selectors may also name the final 15-man team by the December 31 date set by the ICC.

"We will cross the bridge when we get there," Mathur said.

World Cup rules stipulate that any changes to the team after December 31 will have to be ratified by a special committee of the ICC.

Australia, England, Sri Lanka, South Africa and Pakistan have already named their provisional squad even though they will be involved in international matches till January.

The World Cup starts on February 8 with an opening ceremony at Cape Town, followed by the first match between South Africa and the West Indies the next day.

Meanwhile, the row over players contracts for the World Cup escalated with the cricketers and the tournament's official sponsors refusing to concede an inch.

The row erupted before the ICC Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka in September when India's star players refused to sign contracts which prevented them from endorsing non-official sponsors for 30 days before and after the tournament.

The cricketers also declined to let their images be used by official sponsors for six months after the event, as specified in the contracts.

The ICC watered down the

contracts to ensure the Indians took part in the Champions Trophy, with a promise to review the controversial clauses before the World Cup.

Official World Cup sponsors like Hero Honda, LG Electronics and Pepsi, who are part of the seven-year deal with the ICC worth 550 million dollars, have declined to give any more concessions to the players.

"Agreeing to alter the contracts for the Champions Trophy was a one-off thing, we won't allow the same to happen for the World Cup," LG's Ganesh Mahalingam was quoted as saying recently.

"We have paid a lot to become official sponsors, we must get our money's worth."

Indian cricket chief Jagohan Dalmiya discussed the contracts with senior players like captain Saurav Ganguly and Sachin Tendulkar at Calcutta airport on Sunday before they boarded the flight to New Zealand.

The players refused to sign the present contracts and Dalmiya emerged from the meeting saying "a solution was still a long way off."

A high-powered committee formed by the ICC to resolve the issue, of which Dalmiya is a member, faces a ticklish balancing act in the days ahead to ensure the best players take part in the World Cup.

## Clean sweep for Pakistan

AFP, Harare

Younis Khan grabbed the limelight with an extraordinary all-round display as Pakistan beat Zimbabwe by seventy runs to clinch a clean-sweep of the five match one-day international series here on Sunday.

Pakistan piled up 300 for seven off their 50 overs with Zimbabwe being dismissed for 230.

But it was Younis who proved the man of the moment.

First, he top-scored with 90 before turning his attentions to the field where he ran out two Zimbabweans, caught four more and when temporary captain Inzamamul Haq asked him to bowl towards the end, he picked up a wicket with his first delivery.

The victory marked a successful conclusion to the tour for Pakistan.

They won the two Tests - by 119 runs and by ten wickets - and were only tested once in the series of five internationals when they edged the second match by just seven runs.

### SCOREBOARD

Full scoreboard of the fifth and final one-day international between Pakistan and Zimbabwe at the Harare Sports Club on Sunday:

**PAKISTAN:** 300 for 7 in 50 overs (Y Khan 90, Y Youhana 88, Inzamamul Haq 27, F Iqbal 25, W Akram 24 not out; T Friend 2-57)

### ZIMBABWE

Vermeulen c Younis b Akhtar 5  
Ebrahim run out (Younis) 36  
A Flower c Akram b Saqlain 72  
G Flower c Misbah b Afridi 28  
Campbell c Younis b Saqlain 3  
Evans c Younis b Afridi 8  
Taibu c Younis b Afridi 6  
Friend c sub (Umar) b Younis 6  
Murphy run out (Younis) 4  
Olunga c and b Sami 31  
Hondo not out 15  
Extras: (lb-4, nb-2, w-10) 16  
Total: (All out in 45.3 overs) 230  
Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-117, 3-134, 4-140, 5-162, 6-171, 7-171, 8-181, 9-183

**Bowler** O M R W  
Akram 7 1 14 0  
Sami 8.3 1 51 1  
Akhtar 7 0 34 1  
Afridi 10 0 45 3  
Saqlain 10 0 41 2  
Younis 2 0 24 1  
Iqbal 1 0 17 0

**Result: Pakistan won by 70 runs and take the series 5-0.**

**Man-of-the-match: Younis Khan.**  
**Man-of-the-series: Yousuf Youhana.**

## Wright is an Indian

REUTERS, Auckland

India coach John Wright conceded leading the country's cricketers on a tour of his homeland would be "different" but said his allegiance lay with India and the huge expectations the population had from its cricketers.

India have enjoyed a successful 2002 and come into the two Test, seven one-day tour full of expectation of winning an overseas series for the first time since 1986 when they beat England.

Wright played 82 Tests for New Zealand as a stylish left-hand opening batsman, scoring 5,334 runs at an average of 37.82.

It is his first tour of New Zealand since taking up the India job two years ago.

"I know there is a lot at stake," Wright said.

"This tour will be no different from others we have undertaken. I enjoy players' success - no matter where they come from - and I have a huge respect for this team and the people at home in India, who as we all know, love their cricket."

"I'm just a simple coach and I expect a lot from these boys."

## Graveney won't go

AFP, London

England's chairman of selectors, David Graveney, insisted Monday he would not be resigning from his post despite the Ashes thrashing in Australia.

England's innings defeat at Perth on Sunday saw Australia claim an eighth successive Ashes series, Steve Waugh's men taking an unassailable 3-0 lead in the best of five Test campaign.

But Graveney, taking his cue from embattled England captain Nasser Hussain, said he was not about to quit.

"It's a tough job," Graveney told AFP on Monday. "But it pales into insignificance to the pressure the players are under. It's an honour to do this job. But I'm like Nasser. I'm not going to walk off because there's still a lot of work to do."

And he said calls for Hussain to be replaced were misguided. "The most important thing for me is the relationship between Duncan (Fletcher, the England coach) and Nasser."

"That's been a foundation for what we've achieved in recent seasons," said Graveney.

"It is paramount that they stay in their positions."



PHOTO: STAR

No place was left empty at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday for the second one-day international between Bangladesh and the West Indies.

## Waqar's eyes on WC



REUTERS/AFP, undated

Pakistan captain Waqar Younis revealed his determination to use his team's clean sweep of the Test and one-day series against Zimbabwe as a launch-pad for success in the more demanding arena of South Africa.

After watching his team round off the one-day series 5-0 with a 70-run win against Zimbabwe on Sunday, the veteran paceman said the success was the perfect way to bury the misery of the 3-0 Test drubbing his team suffered at the hands of Australia in October.

"I believe we have shown really good all-round strengths here and we will go to South Africa with confidence," said Waqar.

"We know it will be different down there, with different wickets and maybe stronger opposition. But we will be working really hard ahead of the tour and especially in building up towards the World Cup afterwards."

"It is a very busy period for us, but we're looking forward to our next campaign."

Pakistan will play five one-day internationals and two Tests against the South Africans and will start their tour with a one-day warm-up in Randjesfontein on Tuesday.

Waqar picked out Yousuf

Youhana, who scored heavily despite having very few games before the Zimbabwe tour, as one of his most improved players on tour. The batsman made 405 runs in the limited-overs matches, passing the 4,000 career run mark in the process and won the man-of-the-series award.

But Waqar was also pleased with the growing form of Saleem Elahi, the consistency of Taufeeq Umar early on and the emergence of Kamran Akmal behind the stumps after Rashid Latif was obliged to return home with a back injury.

"I thought we were a really strong outfit in the Tests here and that will give us confidence for South Africa," said Waqar.

"We played good cricket throughout the Zimbabwe tour. We are now well balanced, getting better all the time and I think we will have good results in South Africa. We are not jaded at all and are looking forward to our next campaign."

Waqar also observed that Pakistan's tour of South Africa was a perfect opportunity to assess conditions ahead of the World Cup.

"We've come here to try and win the series against South Africa," Younis told a media conference.

"But at the same time it gives us a good opportunity to try and find our best team and exploit the conditions to get used to them for the World

Cup. "We've come with a squad of 17 which is maybe a bit much but we want to get our best 15 for the World Cup and we will discover them here."

Controversial fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar, suspended for one match after inciting the crowd at Sunday's one-day international against Zimbabwe in Harare, is in the squad.

"Fast bowlers are hot-tempered and what happened was disappointing but that is the way it goes," Waqar said.

"But Shoaib is here and is bowling well and I'm looking forward to seeing him bowl on these fast wickets."

"We will have a good idea after the one-day series about the make up of our World Cup squad," said coach Richard Pybus.

"We have a full strength squad and playing here will give us a good bench mark as to where we are for the World Cup."

**SQUAD**  
Waqar Younis (captain), Inzamamul Haq (vice-captain), Taufeeq Umar, Shahid Afridi, Saleem Elahi, Yousuf Youhana, Faisal Iqbal, Younis Khan, Rashid Latif, Kamran Akmal, Shoaib Akhtar, Muhammad Sami, Muhammad Zahid, Saqlain Mushtaq, Misbahul Haq, Wasim Akram, Abdul Razzaq.

## Russia break the jinx



AFP, Paris

Two of them had already come, seen and conquered the City of Light three times between them - and on those occasions the home fans took 1996 French Open champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov and dual Paris indoor champion Marat Safin to their hearts.

This time it was different as the duo donned the colours of their native Russia to help break those hearts and land their country's first ever Davis Cup triumph.

Yet despite the two Grand Slam champions' efforts - which were nothing if not contrasting - it was a man hardly anybody in the 15,000 crowd at the Bercy stadium had even heard of who landed the winning point to secure the "salad bowl" trophy.

Nobody had tipped Mikhail Youzhny, an unheralded 20-year-old Muscovite, to step out of the giant shadows of Safin and Kafelnikov, respectively recent US Open and French and Australian Open champions.

But after defeating Paul-Henri Mathieu in a thrilling five-set finale to complete a come-from-behind 3-2 victory Youzhny filled that frame and more to write his name large on the history of a tournament which goes back to 1900.

At the same time he entered the annals of Russian sporting folklore as his country became only the 11th to win the event.

Youzhny, with just one career tournament to his name, reacted to the spotlight being thrust upon him in typical deadpan Russian fashion after his 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4 win over Mathieu in 4hr 26min.

"I was very glad after the match. I tried to play my best tennis. First two sets it was not so good - but after I played like I can play," said Youzhny, who had played five - and won only one - of five singles encounters in the competition before Sunday.

That was still four more matches than fellow 20-year-old Mathieu, who had made his debut in losing to Safin in Friday's opening singles rubber.

Mathieu had come in after French skipper Guy Forget told him ahead of Thursday's draw that he was replacing Arnaud Clement,

who said his wrist tendinitis made his own participation too great a risk.

Although the records will show that Mathieu picked up losses in both his matches, his dogged showing helped turn the tie into a thrilling combat to fray the nerves of those present.

The youngster from Strasbourg said he could offer no explanation as to where things went wrong at the last.

"I succeeded in getting into the match early. But afterwards it changed - and I don't know why."

Forget suggested that Mathieu had nothing to reproach himself for.

"He was a little lacking on the technical side and needs to work on that to have a more complete game. It's not in the mind or physically - just a matter of being able to pull out a few cards he wasn't able to use today."

In short, the 20-year-old, who lost on clay to Youzhny in July at Spout, Poland, cannot

in a weekend rise to the level of experience of Safin, Russia's rock against both Mathieu and Sebastian Grosjean, beating the latter in straight sets to bring the outcome down to the fifth match.

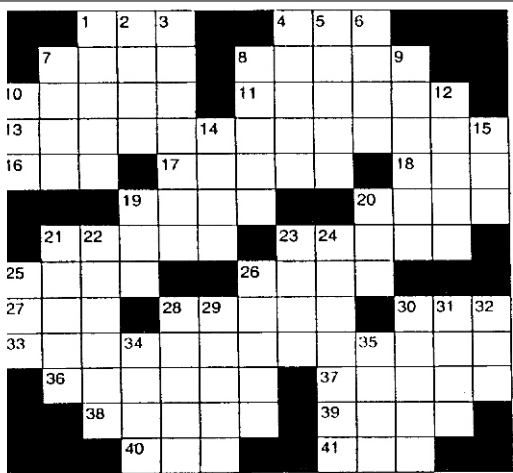
## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 Swabbie's tool  
4 Chart  
7 Caffeine-rich nut  
8 "Monopoly" buy  
10 — Marie  
11 Beat to the finish line  
13 Lizard's ancestor  
16 Longing  
17 Duck down  
18 Judge  
19 Vipers  
20 Picnic crashers  
21 Lip enhancer  
23 Hardly snug  
25 Arduous journey  
26 Driver's license datum  
27 Born  
28 Tex-Mex entree

**DOWN**  
1 Grieve  
2 Earthen-ware  
3 Glib  
4 Cursor control  
5 Oil of roses  
6 Lima's land  
7 Actor  
8 Gang-ster's cohorts  
9 Temptress  
10 Pigs' digs  
12 Eccentric  
14 Pinches  
15 "Mayday"  
19 "Houston, we have no problem"  
20 Census statistic  
21 Joel and Jennifer  
22 Eyed suggestively  
23 Island near Borneo  
24 Friendly  
25 Stick with a kick  
26 Fool  
28 Emotion  
29 Chef's additives  
30 Honshu seaport  
31 Roll call response  
32 Frenzied  
34 Actress  
35 In the neighborhood

**Solution time: 26 mins.**

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### CRYPTOQUIP

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M U K J A M V V Q O D F K S V M J S

M J C U M V Z W G D M Q D M

B D Q G C H C D S H K G D Z O ?  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MY CAUSE IS SAVING WOUNDED RAVENS. YOU MIGHT SAY TM MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals L

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.



PHOTO: AFP

Master India batsman Sachin Tendulkar passes through the arrival lounge of the Auckland International Airport yesterday.