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Sensational Sami

AFP, London

Kent's Pakistan fast bowler Mohammad Sami destroyed Nottinghamshire on Friday with a second innings haul of seven for 50 to finish the county championship match with an incredible 15 wickets in his team's 287-run win.

The 22-year-old had already taken 8-64 in the first innings as Nottinghamshire crashed to 156 all out in reply to Kent's first innings

His performance on Friday left $him\,with\,match\,figures\,of\,15\,for\,114$ English club in his first two county

resumed on the third day of the four-day game on 29 for two.

They reached 330 for five before Sami stepped up a gear to wrap up the points for his side.

Sami is only playing with Kent until August when he will be replaced by Sri Lankan off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan.

Thorpe keen to play again

Cricket

AFP/REUTERS, London

England batsman Graham Thorpe has insisted he is ready to play international cricket again and no longer has any problems about going on tour.

"It's important the selectors know where I stand on certain things in case they decide to pick me again," Thorpe told Friday's London Evening Standard.

Surrey left-hander Thorpe, one of England's few current worldclass players, has not played for his country in nearly a year following personal problems brought about by the break-up of his marriage.

He quit England's tour of India two years ago because of marital difficulties and last season announced his retirement from international one-day cricket.

Thorpe, 33, then took a complete break from all cricket before returning towards the end of the

Having assured the selectors he was ready, he was picked for the tour of Australia, only to change his mind before the plane left England.

But Thorpe, who has cancelled his one-day international retire-

ment, insisted he was now ready to

"People can say 'yes but he said that eight months ago'. All I can say is that the guys who are closest to me, and have been around me for the last three months at Surrey,



GRAHAM THORPE

know that things are very differ-

England rebuilding their one-day side for the 2007 World Cup, his international chances in the orter game were slim.

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can keep scoring runs and doing well then I might get an opportu-

Meanwhile in a Sky TV interview Saturday, Thorpe said, "There's a massive desire to get back and play

"If the phone went and they said 'will you play', of course I would play. I'd definitely tour as well.

"Things are totally different in my life," he said. "Things off the field are totally different. "They play a major part in my decision making. I can just throw my energy and focus into my cricket again."

On Friday, July 18, England name their squad for the first Test against South Africa at Edgbaston,

which starts on July 24. Neither Robert Key or Anthony McGrath, who have both been given a chance in Thorpe's middleorder place has yet done anything to suggest they can match the Surrey man's impressive record.

In 77 Tests, Thorpe, who turns 34 next month, has scored 5,109 Test runs, including 11 hundreds, his average of 41.87 putting him amongst the best of the world's

He has been an equally valuable one-day player with an average of 37.18 from 82 matches and a strike

England dump SA

Earlier South Africa captain Graeme Smith, dropped on nought, fell first, out for seven edging a full-length Anderson delivery to Trescothick at

Herschelle Gibbs, who had made ous series matches, went for nine, edging Gough through to Chris Read five catches.

Van Wyk pulled Anderson for four but next ball the 24-year-old Free State right-hander was bowled by the Lancashire quick's full-length off-cutter which came back sharply.

Worse followed for South Africa when Jacques Kallis, who came into this match with a tournament average of 164.50 with two hundreds, one against England, went for nought when he edged Gough through to a

Rudolph, in the best stand of the innings, added 32 in 55 balls with Mark Boucher, before he was caught behind off Flintoff, having faced 40 balls including two fours.

South Africa's innings was summed up when Martin van Jaarsveld (11) got a leading edge to Giles' fifth legitimate ball and was caught and bowled, the spinner having conceded 225 runs between one-dayinternationalwickets.

Former captain Pollock faced 22balls before he was caught behind off Flintoff to end the innings with Ntini

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the NatWest Series one-day international final between England and South Africa at Lord's

SOUTH AFRICA

Smith c Trescothick b Anderson 7					
Gibbs c Read b Gough	9				
Van Wyk b Anderson	17				
Kallis c Read b Gough	0				
Rudolph c Read b Flintoff	19				
Boucher c Read b Johnson	11				

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beat Ashfaq, Shahin beat Reja, Sandipan beat Dhrubo, Beakon beat Anik, Obaid beat Uzzal, Shirin beat Liza, Mimi beat Pavel, Anne beat Refaiya, Moni beat Saima, Ahely beat Reshma, Indronil beat Tanveer, Sifat beat Abir, Sayed beat Sabber, Evana drew with Anu and Shiplu drew with Saif.

Seventh round starts today from 3:00 pm.

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Solution time: 28 mins.

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Van Jaarsveld c and b Giles	11
Pollock c Read b Flintoff	18
Hall c Vaughan b Anderson	0
Nel lbw b Giles	1
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Extras: (lb-1, w-10, nb-3)	14
Total: (All out in 32.1 overs)	107
Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-30, 3-	
5-75, 6-75, 7-102, 8-103, 9-	107, 10
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Bowler	0	M	R	١
Anderson	10	0	50	
Gough	7	2	9	
Flintoff	6.1	0	18	
Johnson	6	1	26	
Giles	3	2	3	
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Vaughan c Nt	3	30		
McGrath not	out			15
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0 14 Toss: England Result: England won by seven

Man-of-the-series: A Flintoff. Umpires: Simon Taufel (AUS) and NeilMallender (ENG) TVumpire: Jeremy Lloyds (ENG) Match referee: Clive Lloyd (WIS)



England's Darren Gough celebrates with skipper Michael Vaughan after taking South Africa's Jacques Kalis' wicket at Lord's yesterday.

Darwin awaits close finish

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A solid knock from Bashar was cut short at 12 by an extraordinary stumping by Treumer, the Chief Minister's keeper, who managed to flick a ball to the stumps that came off Bashar's pad after he wandered from his crease. I took a ruling from the international referee to determine the dismissal was a stumping and not a run out. At the other end, Javed Omar, who disappointing in the first innings,

proved his worth as an opener playing good clean strokes. He was unlucky to be out leg before off the last ball of the day's play, but not before the dapper right-hander scored a creditable 44. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the four-day tour match between Northern Territory Chief Minister's XI and Bangladesh in Darwin yesterday: NORTHERN TERRITORY CHIÉF

MINISTER'S (NTCM) XI: First innings 189 all out 90.1 overs (M Clarke 79, I Redpath 24, K Vowles 20, D Treumer 20; Bin-Mortuza 3-28, K Mahmud 3-

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BANGLADESH: First innings 139 all

out in 79.2 overs (H Sarker 34, A Kapali 21, Al Shahriar 16; B Hatton 2-20, N Hauritz2-37) NTCM'sXI: Second innings Redpath b Mashrafee

Berry b Monjurul	0
Williams b Baisya	24
ClarkebMonjurul	1
Vowles b Mahmud	34
Skewes c Mashud b Ashraful	13
Hauritzc Al Shahriar b Ashraful	13
Treumer lbw b Rafique	17
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M Hatton lbw b Baisya	1
B Hatton lbw b Baisya	0
Extras:	11
Total: (All out in 59.4 overs)	136
Did not bat: McAdam	
Fall of wickets: 1 0 2 0 3 5 4 63	2 5 63

Total: (All out in 59.4 overs)				136		
Did not bat: Mc/	Adam					
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Monjurul	11	3	23	2		
Mashrafee	14	3	24	1		
Mahmud	12	2	30	1		

Baisya	10.4	3	19	3			
Rafique	6	0	17	1			
Ashraful	6	1	21	2			
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Ashraful lbw b McAdam							
Mashudnotout							
Extras: (b-2, lb-5]	11					
Total: (For 4 wkts	vers)	9	0				
To bat: Al Shahriar, Kapali, Mahmi Mashrafee, Baisya, Rafique, Monju							
Fall of wickets: 1-	-28,2-6	2,3-8	9,4-9	90			
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BHatton	3	0	8				
McAdam	7	4	10				
Dent	5	1	15				
Hauritz	9	4	14				
Redpath	7	2	14				

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals A 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 close to localing vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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Carraz cruises

AFP, Newport

France's Gregory Carraz has taken the long way to his first career ATP Tour semifinal.

Carraz won his third straight three-set match Friday, rallying to eliminate seventh-seeded American Justin Gimelstob 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7/3), at the rain-delayed 380,000-dollar Hall of Fame Tennis Championships.

Carraz, who never had won consecutive matches before this tournament, toppled a seeded player for the second time. In the first round, he stunned No. 1 James Blake, another American.

To reach the final, Carraz will have to defeat another seeded

Fourth seed Robby Ginepr cruised into his first semi-final this year with a 7-5, 6-2 victory over Ivan Miranda of Peru.

Ginepri is the highest seeded player left in the field. He also reached the final four here last year, losing to eventual champion Taylor Dent.

Eighth-seeded Jurgen Melzer of Austria got past lucky loser Jeff Salzenstein of the United States 7second career semi-final, having also reached the penultimate round in Umag, Croatia last sum-

SPORTS REPORTER

Matuail Bahumukhi High earned an emphatic 6-0 victory against Jatrabari Ideal High in the Dhaka Metropolis inter-school football tournament at the East End Club ground yesterday.

The match between AK High School and Islamia High School ended goalless at the same venue.

Laboratory High also recorded a comfortable 5-1 victory over South Breeze School at the Dhanmondi club ground. West End School blanked Rifles Public School 3-0 in another match at the same venue.

At the Dhaka University ground, Ahamed Bawani Academy defeated Saleha High 3-2 while Nababpur Government High got walkover against Armanitola High.

Motijheel Government High School beat Post Office High School 2-1 and Dhakshin Banashri Model High School managed a solitary goal victory over Kadamtala Purba Basabo High School at the Basabo Club ground.

At the Uttara Police Lines ground, Badda Alatunnesa High School defeated BIT 2-1 and the other match at this venue between Kanchkura High School and Scolastica ended in a 1-1 draw.

Jones will be back in Aug

BBC ONLINE, London

England and Glamorgan paceman Simon Jones has set a date for a return to playing after recovering from a serious knee injury.

Jones will turn out for Glamorgan's second eleven on August 6, when they play Lancashire at

"I can't wait," he told BBC Sport. "It's been a long nine months and it'll be nice to get the whites back on and get on the field. "I've had a word with my physio

ent mind set by playing a game and getting back into the groove." If he proves his fitness during that run-out, Jones could even return to first-class action in Glamorgan's home county cham-

and he thinks it's time I get a differ-

pionship match on August 13 against Durham at Sophia It will be a remarkable return almost nine months to the day after rupturing knee ligaments playing for England on the first day of last winter's Ashes series.

Chasing down a ball while fielding in Brisbane, Jones wrenched his knee when his studs tangled in the turf. The injury could have ended the

24-year-old's fledgling career, but Jones has fought back to fitness after an operation in February to rebuild the knee. Jones has had to watch the likes of James Anderson, Richard Johnson and Steve Harmison

But it may not be long before the Glamorgan strike bowler is hammering on the door of England coach Duncan Fletcher once

handball starts

SPORTS REPORTER

Hosts Jessore, Madaripur and Faridpur won their respective opening-day matches in the Pepsi 16th National Men's Handball Cham-pionship at the Jessore Zilla Stadium yesterday.

Madaripur outplayed Satkhira 16-10 and Faridpur beat Meherpur 20-

The day's other match between Khulna and Bagerhat ended in a

last four

AFP, Gstaad

warmed up for a shot at a second trophy at the 550,000-euro Swiss Open here on Saturday, dismissing doubles partner Radek Stepanek 7 The all-Czech affair was a pre-

Federer was putting a 14-match over when Spaniard David

Sanchez withdrew with a knee injury before their match. Novak, the 2001 holder, said that he was battling a case of the jitters when he stepped onto a sunbaked court at this alpine valley

Stepanek, 39th in the world to his partner's 10th, had won their only other meeting, a first round match indoors at Milan in

this season. "It was more of a mental struggle. The nerves showed as Novak



Scene from yesterday's sixth round engagements of the Standard Chartered bank school chess tournament at the

Heath foresees I'm James FROM PAGE 13 bright future

Cricket

BBC ONLINE, undated

Zimbabwe will return home with pride intact despite winning only one international match during their tour to England.

Captain Heath Streak believes the future could be bright for the current squad, providing the selectors show consistency and the young players continue to prog-

"I have seen a lot of ability amongst the guys and I think there is a lot to work with but the way things go, who knows? "If my crystal ball had come

Zimbabwe lost both Tests in three days, but defeated England by four wickets at The Oval in the triangular NatWest Series.

back from service, I would be able

to say," he commented.

The result raised hopes of a return visit to Lord's, having reached the final on their 2000 tour at the expense of the West Indies. It was not to be however as they lost four of their five other

Africa, with one abandoned because of rain. "A lot depends on how much these guys learn from this tour and hopefully we won't lose any more players in the near future, so we can work with a bunch of guys

consistently, allowing them to grow and become better cricketers. "It was always going to be tough

work for us, we knew that, there is a long, hard road ahead but this team in three or four years time is going to be quite an exciting team to watch," said Streak.

Despite the political turmoil in their country, Zimbabwe's cricket infrastructure is sound and they are hoping their academy, now being run by former West Indies

HEATH STREAK all-rounder Phil Simmons, will help produce players of genuine international pedigree.

games against England and South "The expertise is there and there are some great facilities in Zimbabwe so we have to lock onto

some of these youngsters. "We lost so many senior players in such a short space of time; in two or three years if you look at the names we have lost it goes without saying it would be tough for any

three South African batsmen in the space of nine deliveries. "I got the ball in exactly the right place," says Anderson, who finished the

innings with figures of 4 for 38. Initially, his fellow fast bowler, Darren Gough, engaged in some good-natured bantering with Anderson after he (Gough) had begun his spell in the match with three maidens and the prized scalp of Herschelle Gibbs.

Anderson says he learns a lot from Gough. "One can't help but learn from someone with such vast experience. Everyone in the team benefits from this.

According to Anderson, he "lost

it" earlier in his career when things

did not go his way. However, he is more in control of matters nowa-He says he has set goals for himself and admits that he is sometimes aware of the pressure being

$cricketing\,public.$ **Army troubles**

brought to bear on him by the

FROM PAGE 13

Ripon of Army was adjudged man-of-the-match for his superb goal. **TEAMS**

ABAHANI KC: Titumir, Mintu, Nazrul, Amit Khan, Pradip Barua (Amirul), Iqbal, Nayan, Parvez Babu (Asadur Rahman), Liton, Khokan and Arcadia Toe.

BANGLADESH ARMY: Abdullah Al-Mamun, Masum Jamal, Didarul Haq, Kabirul Islam, Ashis Banwari, Rashidul Hasan (Abdur Razzak), Shahidul Islam, Nasiruddin and Tutul Mina (Silon Khan/Anwar

Hossain). Referee: Ibrahim Nesar.

TODAY'S MATCH Dhaka Arambagh vs Jhenidah

Capel upends Greene

team," Streak added.

Athletics

Jessore defeated Kushtia 25-20,

Novak in

Former champion Jiri Novak

liminary tune-up for the day's main event when Wimbledon winner Roger Federer faced fourth seed Gaston Gaudio of Argentina. winning streak on the line. The world number three Swiss advanced in a quarterfinals walk

village against his compatriot.

"We were both very nervous, it was not a great match," admitted the winner, who now stands 27-17

dropped his serve to open, but he immediately broke back. He earned a 5-3 lead, then rushed to 3-0 in the second as Stepanek needed

John Capel was a surprise winner of the men's 100 metres in an American 1-2-3 at the third Golden League meeting here at the

Capel, who is returning to athletics this season after failing to make the grade as an NFL wide receiver, won in 10.04sec to upstage both last week's winner in Paris, Bernard Williams, and Olympic title-holder and threetime world champion Maurice

medalist, clocked 10.06sec with his former training partner Greene finishing third in 10.09sec. Kenya's Abraham Chebii charged past Haile Gebrselassie to

secure his second victory over the

Williams, the 2001 bronze world

double Olympic champion in the space of eight days in a dramatic 5.000 metres. Chebii, 23, also pushed the man tipped to succeed Gebrselassie, Ethiopia's Kenenisa Bekele, into second place with a dramatic late surge to record a time of 12min

57.14sec. Bekele was second in 12:57.34 and Gebrselassie, running in only his second race over the distance in three years after stepping up to marathons, came in third in

Tim Montgomery, who set the world record of 9.78sec last year,

was absent after pulling out earlier this week to spend time his new-Hicham El Guerrouj ran 3:29.76 to easily win the 1,500m in a rare outing at the distance this year as he attempts to double up with the

5,000m at next month's World Championships in Paris. American 110m hurdler Allen Johnson failed to achieve his goal

of a sub-13 second run, but still outclassed his rivals. The 1996 Olympic champion and three-time world title holder clocked 13:08s to win his ninth race

in a row ahead of China's Xiang Liu

world, but I managed to recover

and compatriot Duane Ross Johnson admitted his performance was a little flat. "It was not the best race in the

from some technical mistakes, said the 32-year-old. The 400m hurdles world chamoion Felix Sanchez strolled to his 1st consecutive victory in 48.15sec ahead of South African

Llewellyn Herbert. Bahamian sprinter Chandra Sturrup and Maria Mutola of Mozambique kept alive their chances of collecting the one million dollar Golden League

jackpot. Sturrup impressively won the



100m in a 2003 best of 10.89sec, while Mutola overhauled Jolanda Ceplak in the final metres of the "I've been training hard and by

the end of the season, I hope to run

Tyree Washington looked a sure

10.7, 10.6," said Sturrup.

bet for gold at the world championships as he cruised to victory in the 400m in 44.42sec, finishing comfortably ahead of fellow American Jerome Young and Brandon Simpson of the Bahamas. There was a South African one-

two in the men's 800m with Mbulaeni Mulaudzi coming in ahead of Hezekiel Sepeng. Russian Olga Yegorova suddenly found the form that has deserted here recently to win the 1,500m in 4:01:00, the best time in

the world this year.

Golden League meeting in Paris to win the 400m hurdles in 53.62sec, another world-leading time.

Australia's Jana Pittman sorted out the hurdling technique which had let her down at last week's

The field events saw a string of best-of-the-year performances. British-based Cuban triple jumper Yamile Aldama produced a jump of 15.29 metres, the fourthlongest distance in the history of

the women's event. Aldama is divorcing her British husband who is currently serving a 15-year prison sentence for drug smuggling.

South African high jumper Jacques Freitag cleared 2.35m to win his event, while Romain Mesnil could continue France's medalwinning tradition in the pole vault after a clearance of 5.92m.

Razzaq skips

FROM PAGE 13 senior players and try out the fringe players," he added.

Bangladesh come to Pakistan immediately after their tour of Australia. Sohail said Pakistan would be putting up their strongest squad

against South Africa in the home

"That is the series we are target-

series from September.

total of 362 at Maidstone. and marked a stunning turnaround in his fortunes with the games, he had taken just three wickets at an average of 81. The visitors had been set a massive 625 for victory and had

Thorpe, a father of two young children, admitted that with

"But with Test cricket I think if I

Man-of-the-match: D Gough.



move ahead of him in the England pecking order during his rehabilitation.

National men's