times. I think it was seeing Matt set

a world record that inspired me," s a i d t h e 17 - y e a r - o l d

Commonwealth champion in both

the 100m and 200m breaststroke

who was runner-up in the 100m in

but close to it," she said.

tonight when I go to bed.

"Those weren't quite tears of joy

"It was a shock to see the score on the scoreboard. It still hasn't sunk in yet but I'm sure it will

Olympic champion Yana Klochkova of the Ukraine, mean-

while, won gold in the women's 200m individual medley.

take the title ahead of Alice Mills of

Australia in 2:12.75 with China's

Zhou Yafei taking bronze in

Thompson became the most bemedalled woman swimmer in

world championships history

when she took the 100m butterfly

pionship record of 57.96sec to come in ahead of Otylia

Jedrzejczak of Poland, who timed

58.22, with European champion Martina Moravcova of Slovakia

The 30-year-old Thompson, world champion over the distance

in 1998, also won the relay gold

Sunday, and now has the most

women's world championships medals ever with a total of 11 -

seven gold, three silver and a

German swimmer Kornelia Ender

and Shirley Babashoff of the

the most Olympic gold medals for any US woman with eight, ties with

Matt Biondi as the country's most

decorated world championship

after the Sydney Olympics where she won three gold medals to begin medical studies at Columbia

University, and is testing herself for

next year's Athens Olympics.

The American took two years off

United States, who won ten each.

She overtakes former East

Thompson, who already holds

taking bronze.

Thompson clocked a new cham-

Earlier US veteran Jenny

Klochkova clocked 2:10.75 to

Fukuoka.

SPÖRT

Ross to fill in for Bracewell

BBC ONLINE, undated

Ashley Ross will be New Zealand's stand-in coach for their tour of India starting in late September.

Ross, who has regularly toured with the Kiwis in his role as player development manager, is keeping the seat warm for John Bracewell, the long-term replacement for Denis Aberhart.

He was asked to take on the coaching role when Bracewell decided to fulfil his duties at Gloucestershire for the remainder of the English county season. Bracewell takes on the international role on November 1.

Ross told CricInfo website he was surprised to be given the temporary post. "It's always surprising when you don't apply for something and you get asked to do a job like this," he said.

Ross expects to be in close consultation with Bracewell before the side leaves for India, on 23 September. In seven tours to the country, New Zealand have never managed to win a series and had drawn only one series.

Ross believes New Zealand are an improving outfit. "This side has played extremely well away from home in recent years," he said.

Wanderers flying

The home side could have won by a bigger margin had Mithu's 80th minute effort not bounced off the

TEAMS

MOULVIBAZAR WANDERERS Apu, Fakhrul, Deen Mohammad Mithu, Jalal (Chanchal), Ladi Baba Lola, Bode Baba Lola and Kabir.

JHENIDAH MOHAMMEDAN: Mashiur, Prince, Shipon, Obaidur , Arman, Pintu, Taju, Amirul, Hakim, Ujjal and Anwar. Referee: Tajul Islam.

Sachin looking

country divided in three teams.

He will then play for Ranji Trophy champions Bombay against the Rest of India in the fiveday Irani Trophy match at Madras from September 18-22.

"Sachin has confirmed he will be available for both events," Shetty said. "These will be ideal warm-ups for the hectic season and all the top stars of the country will take part

Tendulkar has scored 8,811 runs in 105 Tests with 31 centuries at par with Australia's Steve Waugh and three behind compatriot Sunil Gavaskar's tally of 34.

He is also the most successful batsman in the history of limitedovers cricket with 12,219 runs from 314 games with 34 centuries.

Tigers can

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They will leave a different team. They have been blooded by the best in the world -- and have come out stronger for the experience. Yes, they will have to pay greater attention to the shortcomings in their batting that Dav Whatmore has identified. And yes, they will have to maintain the discipline they have shown in the field thus

But by facing the Australians in a Test match at the very highest level they have done something that no other Bangladesh team has thus far achieved.

As the underdogs of Test cricket, the Bangladesh side -- the youngest in the world -- has previously had no one to look up to but themselves. The players of future Tigers Test sides will have the knowledge that Bangladesh can take it to the best in the world.

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Ola Ree, managing director of GrameenPhone, addresses a press conference in the city yesterday organised in connection with BKSPU-16 team's participation in the Norway Football Festival.

SA, India A draw 3-dayer

Cricket

South Africa's final warm-up match before Thursday's first Test against England at Edgbaston ended in a draw against India A on the final day

India A were 160 for three in their second innings here Monday a lead of 16 in reply to South Africa's first innings 463 when the captains agreed a draw with half an hour's

Hemang Badani was 58 not out off 85 balls including one six and eight fours. Ambati Rayudi was four

Earlier, on a pitch whose docility always made a draw the most likely outcome, Test batsman Wasim Jaffer made 54 to add to his first innings 90 before he was caught and bowled by left-arm spinner Robin Peterson.

He faced 93 balls including nine fours. Together with Badani he added 101 runs. That stand ended South Africa hopes of victory after they'd established a first innings lead of 144 and then reduced India A to 36

Former South Africa skipper Shaun Pollock took the first wicket to fall when he had India A captain Shiv Sunder Das (15) playing on after he tried to cut a ball that was too close to

Monde Zondeki struck next when

he had left-hander Gautam Gambhir (18) caught behind by wicketkeeper Mark Boucher.

Earlier India A pace bowler Aavishkar Salvi, who finished with four for 92, prompted a tailend slide that saw three wickets lost for no runs

Left-arm quick Irfan Pathan jnr also chipped in with three for 83, ending the innings after lunch when he caught and bowled Makhaya Ntini off a top-edged hook for five.

But South Africa, who resumed on 342 for five, put on 113 in the first session with Pollock, Boeta Dippenaar and Peterson all making

Although the match was meandering towards a draw, Dippenaar's innings had meaning for the Free State right-hander.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the third day of the three-day tour match between South Africa and India A on Monday: INDIA A: First innings 319 (W Jaffer 90, G Gambhir 64; S Pollock 4-46, D Pretorious 3-41)

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings Smith lbw b Pathan Gibbs c Patel b Kartik 79 Kirsten run out 75

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Rudolph

Result: Match drawn.

Rudolph c Patel b Salvi Dippenaar c sub b Salvi Boucher b Salvi

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r 1	Ntinic and b Pathan				5	
8	Extras: (b-1,lb-11,nb-13)			2	25	
8	Total: (Allout in 121.4 overs) 463					
r	Fall of wickets: 1-150, 2-164, 3-335, 4-341, 5-341, 6-394, 7-445, 8-445, 9-445					
, 1	Bowler	O	M	R	W	
ì	Salvi	29	7	92	4	
	Bhandari	18	3	65	1	
l	Kartik	29	5	120	1	
t 1	Pathan	28.4	3	83	3	
ĭ	Mishra	16	0	88	0	
,	Rayudu	1	0	3	0	
-	INDIA: Second innings					
3	DasbPollock				15	
,	Gambhirc Boucher b Zondeki 18					
	Jaffer c and b Peterson				54	
	Badaninotout				58	
f	Rayudu not out				4	
1	Extras: (b-4, lb-3, nb-4) 11					
r	Total: (For 3 wkts in 43 overs) 160					
)	Fall of wickets: 1-35, 2-36, 3-137					
	Did not bat: Patel, Mishra, Kartik,					
6	Pathan jnr, Bhandari, Salvi					
	Bowler	O	M	R	W	
	Pollock	6	2	14	1	
	Ntini	7	1	26	0	
	Zondeki	8	2	31	1	
	Peterson	14	4	45	1	
	Pretorious	6	2	22	0	

Peterson c Das b Pathan

Zondeki not out

 $Pretorious\,c\,Patel\,b\,Salvi$

A blessing for Nasser!

Pollock b Bhandari

Cricket

REUTERS, London

Shaun Pollock predicted, on setting foot in England, that South Africa would win the one-dayers but lose the Tests.

Having got the first part of that forecast spectacularly wrong, captain Graeme Smith and the rest of his team will be hoping Pollock oves equally inaccurate during the five-match Test series starting on Thursday. The teams look so closely matched that the contest may depend in large measure on Pollock himself and his availability as well as that of Jacques Kallis.

Both are established, worldclass performers in young teams. Both also seem set to miss at

least one match, for contrasting reasons. Kallis's father is gravely ill with cancer, while Pollock's wife is expecting a baby. The fast bowler looks set to fly

home during the fourth Test, leaving an already suspect attack short of a cutting edge.

Kallis, meanwhile, is already at his father's side. He has been ruled out of the first match at Edgbaston

and is not sure when he will return. "It might be a week, it might be a month," team media manager Gerald de Kock said. "He's not in our plans for the first Test at least.'

By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 27 mins.

Kallis is one of the world's leading all rounders as well as South Africa's in-form batsman. He hit back-to-back centuries in the oneday triangular series against England and Zimbabwe, dedicatthose innings to his father fore closing the tournament

His absence will leave the tourists struggling for balance. Much may depend on the returning Gary Kirsten near the top of the order. Lack of balance has been an English problem over recent years.

with an average of 109.66.

The gradual emergence of Andrew Flintoff, however, the man of the series during the one-dayers, as well as the return of wellwrinkled wicketkeeper Alec Stewart Test batting average 40.19, age 40.28 give England a more assured look.

Nasser Hussain and Mark Butcher are also back to bolster the middle order.

If the enthusiastic England one-day side under Michael Vaughan was all about experimentation and youth, Hussain's is a more prosaic ine-up, selected with the present firmly in mind.

Forget about building for the future, this team is built to win

While young tearaways James Anderson and Steve Harmison seem sure to set South African pulses racing, the rest of the selection is steadily conservative, with the never-say-die Darren Gough

VWYUUN

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: PEOPLE IN MY APARTMENT LIKE KETCHUP AND RELISH SO

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U 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.

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MUCH, I SAY IT'S'A CONDIMENTIUM.

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DTLWU

back for his first Test for almost two

Anthony McGrath, so obdurate in his first Test knocks against Zimbabwe, is preferred, for now at least, to the class of Graham

intriguing contest between rival captains Hussain and Smith.

Both men have much to prove.

ise into performance.

only 10 appearances.

He is also seeking to make a first mark on foreign soil. He boasts a 200 against Bangladesh and 151 against Pakistan but has not yet reached 20 outside South Africa.

The 35-year-old Hussain, meanhis career faster than he would like.

spectacular goal in the 50th minute utilising on a right-flank pass from

Indian Ajitesh Roy.

TODAY'S MATCH

Bangladesh SC vs Dhaka Railway

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For those seeking a sub-plot, Edgbaston will throw up an

Smith, refreshingly bold in deed and word he said South Africa could "really dominate" England in the one-dayers only for his team to lose three of their four meetings and be skittled for a record low 107 in the final will want to turn prom-

The 22-year-old left-hander is right at the start of his career, with

while, may be nearing the end of

Bankers freeze

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Russel Uddin Bachchu doubled the margin after eight minutes when he slammed home from another right-flank minus by

Brian is The best

AP, Port-of-Spain

West Indies captain Brian Lara, who led his country to victories against Australia and Sri Lanka, was named his country's cricketer of-the-vear.

On the strength of his bat, Lara also contributed to victories for Trinidad and Tobago in the Carib Beer regional series, making him the clear favourite for the honour given by the Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board.

Ravi Rampaul, who holds the record for the most wickets in a regional youth series, was named the Young Cricketer of the Year at the weekend. West Indies coach Gus Logie

the banquet, saying all eyes would be on the club's successful young players in the coming season. "You will have to love it. Love the battle, love the challenges, love to see the momentum shift, and

delivered the keynote address at

Lara is holder of the world record scores in Test and first-class

you must not be scared to defy the

Woolmer didn't want Smith to take captaincy

BBC ONLINE, undated

norm," he said.

Former South African coach Bob Woolmer has admitted he did try to prevent Graeme Smith from taking up the captaincy.

Woolmer believed the 22-yearold was too young to lead his country after Shaun Pollock was sacked.

However he dismissed claims he had "pleaded with Smith" to turn down the captaincy.

Woolmer, now the International Cricket Council's high performance director, told BBC: "I never actually spoke to him at any stage on the phone. I tried to phone him but didn't get through.

"I would have advised him not to take the position yet [of captain] if I had managed to get through to "All I said is it would have been

not to take the captaincy because I didn't actually speak to him. "I think he has the toughness to captain the side, but would be

my advice but I didn't badger him

better at 25 than 22. Woolmer, who played Test cricket for England before becoming a successful coach at various levels, said the main point of his attempted phone call was to offer

"I wanted to speak to Graeme to advise him on English conditions if he felt it was necessary.

technical advice.

"He's naturally right-handed but bats left-handed there are one or two things that he should know.

"He had a technical fault that would be exposed and I just wanted to talk to him that's why I was going to phone him. "I left a message on his phone

coaching in Dubai. "I have since e-mailed him to wish him luck for the whole tour and quite frankly I feel the matter is

and he left one on mine when I was

On Thursday Smith leads a South African side at Edgbaston in the first of five Tests against England.

The tourists are outsiders for the series, and will be significantly weakened by the absence of Jacques Kallis who is spending time with his terminally-ill father.

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TEAM

Zahid Hasan Emili (captain), Pavel Mahmud (vice-captain), Rahatul Kabir Nipu, Maksudur Rahman Mustak, Nahid Islam Linkon, Sarwar Hossian, Arafat Ali Rony, Firozul Islam Sabuj, Abdul Ahad, Zahid Hossian, Ranabir Chakma, Shamal Chakma, Abid Hossain, Rubel Ahmed, Tawhidul Alam Sabuj and Mohammad Momen, Shamim Miah and Mamunul

Officials: Dr Debashish Chowdhury (manager cum physio), Mamtazur Rahman (coach) and Abdur Razzak Hawladar (Gov representative).



Scene from the schools football match between Enayet Hossain Model High School and South Banashree Model High School at the outer stadium yester-

Aussie duo dazzles

Swimming

AFP, Barcelona

Australian duo Matthew Welsh and Liesel Jones set the first world records of the World Swimming Championships within minutes of each other here on Monday.

And they were soon joined by Kosuke Kitajima who set a new world mark at the Palau Sant Jordi pool on his way to becoming Japan's first world swimming champion in the men's 100 metres

The 20-year-old Kitajima clocked 59.78sec to claim gold and better the previous record of 59.94 set by Russia's Roman Sloudnov at the last World Championships in Japan two years ago.

Brendan Hansen of the United States took silver in 1min 00.21sec. with Britain's James Gibson winning the bronze in 1:00.37, ahead of Olympic and world champion Domenico Fioravanti of Italy who

Earlier Welsh timed 23.43sec on his way to victory in the men's 50m butterfly final as Jones clocked a new world best of 1:06.37 in the semi-finals of the women's 100m breaststroke.

The 26-year-old Welsh broke the previous mark of 23.44sec set by compatriot and defending champion Geoff Heugill at the last world championships.

"Being a backstroker probably helped me," said Welsh, who is better known for his prowess in the backstroke, winning the 100m back at the last world championships, and he holds the world record in the 200m backstroke short course. "The first thing that went through my mind is 'Oh my God I've won, oh my God it's a world record!" added the man from

Melbourne who only took up competitive swimming at the age Ian Crocker of the United States took silver in 23.62 with the bronze

going to Yevgeny Korotychkine of Russia in 23.73. Heugill finished fourth in 23.76. Inspired by her fellow Australian, Olympic silver medallist Jones shaved fractions off the previous best of 1:06.52 set by

Penelope Heyns of South Africa in Sydney in August 1999. "It was one of my most perfect



PHOTO: AFP

Australia's Matthew Welsh dives on way to win 50m butterfly gold at the 10th FINA Swimming World Championships on Monday.

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subsequently moved down the order when he resumed the wicket-

keeping duties. Passed over initially in favour of Atherton for the England captaincy, he took over from the Lancashire opener for the 1998

series against South Africa. England won a hard-fought series but Stewart was deposed the following year when his side failed to advance to the second round of

the World Cup. He continued to give loyal service to his replacement Nasser Hussain with the one blot in his career coming in November, 2000, when an Indian bookmaker said he had paid Stewart to supplying him with information. Stewart was subsequently cleared by the

International Cricket Council. Stewart was also never on the winning side in seven Ashes series against Australia.

Son of former Surrey captain and England opener Micky, Stewart was always immaculately dressed and a devotee of physical

"I leave nothing to chance in my preparation whether it be in the way I train in the nets, the fielding and wicket-keeping session I do or

the fitness levels I try and maintain," he said.

AT A GLANCE

Factbox on England wicketkeeperbatsman Alec Stewart who announced on Tuesday that he would retire from Test cricket after the five-match series against South Africa starting on Thursday:

Born: April 8, 1963. Test debut: v West Indies, Jamaica, 1990, right-hand bat, wicketkeeper, 128 Tests, average

40 19, 15 centuries, 249 catches, 13

stumpings. 170 one-day interna-

Teams: Surrey, England. Son of Micky, former England player and manager.

Turns into wicketkeeping allrounder to fill gap left by Ian Botham. An accomplished batsman and fine timer of the ball. Greatest moment comes when scoring century in each innings against West Indies in Barbados in

1993-4 Named England captain in 1998, taking over from Michael Atherton and leading England to series win over South Africa before losing the job after England's 1999

World Cup failure.

Alec to go after SA series Scores century in his 100th Test against West Indies at Old Trafford in 2000. Later in year Indian

Central Bureau of Investigation

report quotes Indian bookmaker

MK Gupta claiming he gave him

5000 pounds for pitch information.

He denies claims and is subse-

quently cleared by the International Cricket Council. After 2001 Ashes asks not to tour India and is overlooked for the trip to New Zealand, losing his place to

James Foster, 17 years his junior. Not awarded a central contract for 2002 but recalled after Foster breaks his arm in the nets. Scores a century against Sri Lanka in the third Test and averages 54.33 for the May-June series. Averages 52.33 in the ensuing one-day tournament involving Sri Lanka and

Scores 71 in England's first innings of the fifth Test against Australia in January 2003 and takes five catches as England avoid an

Ashes whitewash. Retires from one-day international cricket after the World Cup in South Africa where England were eliminated at the group stage.

Announces intention to retire from Test cricket after the Test series against South Africa.