

'No rivalry with Steve'

AFP, New Delhi
India's star batsman Sachin Tendulkar on Monday saluted Steve Waugh for scoring a 32nd Test century, saying there was no rivalry with the evergreen Australian captain to score more.
Waugh's back-to-back hundreds against Bangladesh helped him surpass Tendulkar's tally of 31 centuries and left the Aussie just two short of former Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar's record of 34.
But Tendulkar, eight years younger than the 36-year-old Waugh, dismissed suggestions a race was on to see who emulated Gavaskar's feat first.
"Am I itching to get No. 32? No. There's no race between Steve and me, nor is there a rivalry over centuries," Tendulkar told the Calcutta-based Telegraph newspaper.
"Steve's a great cricketer and batsman. He deserves the success that comes his way."
"Of course, I would like to score more. But at the same time, whatever runs I get will be runs for Team India."

Bridge team goes to Jordan today

SPORTS REPORTER
A six-member Bangladesh bridge team leaves today for Amman to take part in a zonal bridge championship.
Dutch-Bangla Bank is sponsoring the trip to the Jordanian capital where around twenty-five teams will be competing. The eight-day tournament will start on August 1.
The six-member team is Shamsuzzaman Kamal, DM Hanzala, Syeed Ahmed Rabi, Mesbahur Rahman and Bani Amin.

Railway

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25th minute.
Bharat gave Railway hope with a 30th penalty stroke. But Indian Mabinur Rahman restored Usha's advantage in the 57th minute.
Railway got seven penalty-corners but failed to convert them into goals on the other hand Usha gained two out of five.

TODAY'S MATCH
Shishu Kishore SC vs Victoria SC (2:15)
Abahani KC vs Sonali Bank (4:15pm)

Zeroing

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MacGill said he could see no reason why he, leg-spinner Shane Warne and left-arm slow bowler Brad Hogg could not play in the same side.
"With Warne in the side and Hogg as well it could be a great spin battery, and I think we would have a red hot shot at winning in India," he said.
MacGill said that, with wicketkeeper-batsman Adam Gilchrist averaging more than 60 in Test cricket, it would not be far-fetched for Australia to field five bowlers -- two pacemen and three spinners -- in India and relying on six batsmen.
MacGill, previously an occasional Test player called up for duty when Warne was injured, has been given an extended run in the Australian side while Warne sits out a 12-month drug ban ending February.
MacGill said he was improving all the time.
"I'm a much better bowler now," he said. "I have much more confidence about where the ball is going to go."
"Now I'm actually working out how I want to dismiss each player, rather than saying to myself 'If it comes out right, I'm going to get him out.'"



LET'S GO HOME! Moulavibazar Wanderers' Nigerian recruits Ladi Baba Lola and Bode Baba Lola board a rickshaw for the team's hotel after taking a dip in a swimming pool in Barisal yesterday. The Bangladesh Football Federation has temporarily suspended the two players due to complications regarding the validity of their International Transfer Certificate (ITC).

First Test nicely poised

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Giles (two for 45) had a second wicket when Jacques Rudolph (eight) was stumped by Stewart, Smith then declaring.
England started the final day on 274 for seven, 21 runs short of the follow-on target of 395.
SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at tea on the fifth and final day of the first Test between England and South Africa at Edgbaston on Monday:
SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 594 for 5 declared (G Smith 277, H Gibbs 179)
ENGLAND: First innings (overnight 374-7)
Trescothick b Ntini 31
Vaughan c Boucher b Pretorius 156
Butcher lbw b Ntini 13
Hussain lbw b Pollock 1
McGrath c Rudolph b Pretorius 34
Stewart b Pretorius 38
Flintoff lbw b Pretorius 40

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pollock	27.4	10	51	2
Ntini	28	8	114	4
Willoughby	20	7	46	0
Pretorius	25	2	115	4
Peterson	22	9	57	0

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Smith b Giles	85			
Gibbs b Anderson	9			
Kirsten c McGrath b Harmison	1			
Dippenaar not out	28			
Rudolph b Stewart b Giles	8			
Extras: (lb-2, nb-1)	3			
Total: (For 4 wks decl in 26 overs)	134			
Fall of wickets:	1-30, 2-32, 3-114, 4-134			

Waugh's Warne-ing

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Shane is, but things may change. If you keep taking five or six wickets a Test, you've got to have a good case for inclusion."
Warne's suspension ends next February.
MacGill has six more Tests - two against Zimbabwe and four against India - before Warne can play again.
MacGill said he had relished the opportunity to be part of the Australian side for a full year rather than being called up occasionally when Warne was injured.
"This is a good 12 months' cricket that I've been given an



Scene from the Dhaka Metropolis inter-school football competition match between Emarat Hossain Adarsha High and Nabakumar Institute at the outer stadium yesterday.

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Binny urges ex-players to help

REUTERS, Karachi
Roger Binny believes that former Indian and Pakistani players can play an influential role in the resumption of bilateral cricket ties between the two countries.
"Ex-players can increase pressure on the governments by giving out statements and interacting at every level," the former Indian Test player told this news agency late on Sunday.

Moni double

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perfection before glancing the ball into the net.
Riding on a two-goal cushion, Mukhtjoddha were content with their first half effort. But it only allowed the shell-shocked Abahani to regroup after the break.
The popular Dhanmondi outfit however managed to score once in the 71st minute from a penalty. Abahani's Brazilian midfielder Sandro stepped up to convert the 22-yarder after referee AKM Mansur Azad ruled that Mukhtjoddha and national custodian Aminul's tackle against a menacingly poised Liberian forward Arcadia Toe was illegal inside the box.
Desperately looking for a late equaliser, Abahani came close to scoring twice with Sandro, who showed some touches of Latin flair, sending two superb crosses to an unmarked Khokon. But the headed attempts of the Abahani forward narrowly missed the target.



Action from yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter between Railway and Usha at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Phelps puts US on top

Swimming
AFP, Barcelona
American teenager Michael Phelps cemented his starring role at the World Swimming Championships here on Sunday by claiming his third gold and clinching his fifth world record.
The 18-year-old Phelps clocked 4:09.09 in the 400m individual

Alexander Popov led Russia to silver with Japanese star Kosuke Kitajima achieving the fastest split ever over the breaststroke leg to set his team on their way to a first world relay medal.
Australia, the defending champions, were disqualified in the heats.
In the last worlds, the US trailed Australia 9-13 on gold medals, but this time around it was 11-6 in the Americans' favour with more nations than ever before striking

"We wanted to break the world record this morning and we didn't. I'm definitely disappointed but Ian deserved to be on that relay. It's pretty much decided on times," said Phelps.
"I hate to lose but this is going to help me leading up to next year."
He also won gold in the 200m fly and 200m individual medley and took silver in the 4x200m freestyle relay, to bring his medal count to five.
And he said that he was gunning to rival the achievements of legend Spitz, who holds the record for Olympic medals.



American Michael Phelps jubilates after winning the 400m individual medley gold at the 10th FINA Swimming World Championships on Sunday.

Bangladesh better

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Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-87, 3-90, 4-90, 5-123, 6-136, 7-156, 8-156, 9-156
Bowler O M R W
McGrath 15 9 22 0
Gillespie 12.4 3 38 4
MacGill 20 3 56 5
Lee 11 2 45 1
Result: Australia won by an innings and 98 runs and win the series 2-0.
Man-of-the-match and -series: Stuart MacGill.
Toss: Australia.
Umpires: Rudi Koertzen (South Africa) and David Shepherd (England)

Roddick prevails

AFP, Indianapolis
Top seed Andy Roddick played clever tennis in tough, windy conditions Sunday to beat second seed Paradorn Srichaphan 7-6 (7/2), 6-4 in the final of the 600,000-dollar ATP hardcourt tournament here.
The sixth-ranked Roddick claimed his third title of the year after starting the week off in trouble against France's Cyril Saulnier, who led their second-round match by a set and a service break.
By Sunday, however, Roddick was playing top quality tennis.
"I never like saying I'm playing my best because, hopefully, two days from now I'll be playing better," said Roddick, who has now won six of his eight career titles in the United States. "I think at Queen's and Wimbledon, I was playing close to my best. It's definitely exciting these past couple of months."

Bank of the West Classic Clijsters'

AFP, Stanford
Kim Clijsters is used to playing long matches against Jennifer Capriati, but now she is winning them.
The second-seeded Clijsters overcame No. 3 Capriati, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, in 1 hour, 55 minutes to win her fifth title of the year Sunday at the 565,000-dollar Bank of the West Classic.
Capriati had won the first three encounters with Clijsters, including their thrilling 2001 French Open final, which featured a 12-10 third set. But the last four meetings have gone three sets, with Clijsters winning the last two.
medley to break the previous best of 4:10.73 he achieved earlier this year, and overtake the former record of four world records in the one met achieved by fellow American Mark Spitz at the 1972 Munich Olympics.
As the curtain came down on the championships, the United States had the last word smashing the world record on their way to victory in the men's 4x100m medley relay.
The US team of Aaron Peirsol, Brendan Hansen, Ian Crocker and Jason Lezak timed 3:31.54 to break their own previous mark of 3:33.48 set in Yokohama in September 2002.
"My big disappointment here was losing the fly and not competing in the relay," said Phelps.



American Lance Armstrong holds up the Tour de France trophy on Sunday.

Armstrong wins Tour de France

AFP, Paris
Lance Armstrong assured his fifth consecutive yellow jersey here on Sunday after the 20th and final stage of the centenary Tour de France where the hosts were given an unexpected victory.
Armstrong, the 31-year-old team leader of US Postal, became the fifth rider to have won the race five times, equalling the record of Spain's Miguel Indurain who won the race five times consecutively between 1991-95.
"I'm tired but happy," smiled the Texan on the Champs-Elysees.
"This was the most difficult of all my five wins, but I'll definitely be back next year to try for my sixth."
Germany's 1997 Tour winner Jan Ullrich came second overall on the race, the 29-year-old Bianchi team leader finishing at a promising 1min 01sec behind Armstrong after giving his American rival a scare halfway through the race.
"I am very emotional about it," said the German who has now finished second on five occasions.
"It is the sixth time that I have had this feeling. It was really a superb Tour this year and after so many dark years for me, this has been a great comeback."
Telekom rider Alexandre Vinokourov became the first Kazakh rider to finish on the Tour de France podium, the 29-year-old finishing third at 4:14.
"I'm happy to get on the podium, although I didn't expect to do it this year," said Vinokourov, the winner of the race's ninth stage to Gap on the day that Armstrong narrowly avoided the fatal crash of Spanish rival Joseba Beloki.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	36 Squad	DOWN	20 Pub
1 Pull an all-nighter	37 Powers	1 Greek letter	21 A util.
5 Freeway access	38 "First Lady of the American Theater"	3 Frazier the foe	22 Discostyle
9 "Caught ya!"	4 It's attractive	4 Ruth's husband	23 Bingo number
12 Luau dance	40 Ruth's husband	42 Em halves	24 Mr. Kristofferson
13 Lotion additive	42 Em halves	43 Bingo number	26 Appear
14 Wield a needle	43 Bingo number	48 Blackbird	27 Our-selves (Ger.)
15 Bingo number	48 Blackbird	49 Norway's patron saint	28 Stench
17 Anger	49 Norway's patron saint	50 Target	29 CSA
18 Winning margin, maybe	50 Target	51 Bagel topper	8 Wistfully
19 Anglo-21 Urged	51 Bagel topper	52 Weakling	31 University city
24 Highland garb	52 Weakling	53 "___"	9 Bingo number on the Clyde
25 Hay there?	53 "___"		34 Third consonant
26 George Washington was one			35 Celestial alignment
30 Swelled head			37 Become entangled
31 Bottled spirit?			38 Get better
32 Praise in verse			39 Part of A.D.
33 Portable, in a way			40 Prejudice
35 Uppity one			41 Switch settings

Solution time: 25 mins.

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CRYPTOQUIP
G A U S C T S N D F K U G N M
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Yesterday's Cryptquip: WHEN A FILIPINO WOMAN PUTS CLOTHES IN THE BUREAU, COULD SHE BE A MANILA FOLDER?
Today's Cryptquip Clue: M equals S
The Cryptquip 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. Solutions is by trial and error.

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