English confident

Cricket

AFP, *Gatwick*

Michael Vaughan insisted here Tuesday that his England side could be the first in 36 years to win a Test series in the West Indies.

England skipper Vaughan, whose side depart for the Caribbean on Wednesday, told reporters: "We can only control what happens in the next two-and-a-half months. I don't think any of our players were born 36 years ago. But we've got a fantastic chance of going out there and doing really well.

"West Indies have just lost 3-0 in South Africa but on their home soil they are hard to beat."

Vaughan, hoping to become the first England captain since Colin Cowdrey in 1968 to win a Test series in the West Indies, said home skipper Brian Lara would have a huge influence upon the four-match campaign.

"I think he averages something like 75 against England in the Caribbean. He had a fantastic series in South Africa but his team lost 3-0. We have to accept that he's a great player and on any one day may get on top of us. But we've also got to have plans for him."

England head to the Caribbean with a relatively inexperienced pace attack of James Anderson, Stephen Harmison and Simon Jones the first time Vaughan has had all three fast bowlers at his disposal.

Glamorgan quick Jones has not played for England since suffering an horrific knee injury in the first Ashes Test 15 months ago and was sidelined from all first-class cricket in England last season.

But he has proved his fitness on the ongoing England A tour of India and was called up for the Caribbean on Wednesday.

"We've got an experienced batting line-up but a relatively inexperienced bowling line-up... but it's exciting to have a couple of guys around the 90mph mark," Vaughan added.

However, he cautioned against expecting too much from Jones, whose father Jeff, a left-arm Glamorgan quick, was in the England team back in 1968.

"Simon's only played one Test. I'm delighted to have him in the squad. But let's not build him up too much," added Vaughan at the England team's hotel.

As well as Jones, Harmison and Anderson have had fitness problems. Durham paceman Harmison missed the recent 1-0 Test series defeat in Sri Lanka with a side strain while Lancashire quick Anderson missed the first half of England's pre-Christmas Test trip to the subcontinent in Bangladesh with knee trouble.

England are desperate to avoid a repeat of the injury problems that blighted their 2002-03 tour of Australia where they took Darren Gough in the hope that the fast bowler's knee problem would clear up during the trip only for him to return without bowling a ball in anger.

And Vaughan added he would be looking to the likes of his pace trio to ease the burden on all-rounder Andrew Flintoff, whose transformation from strike to stock bowler has seen the Lancashire all-rounder endure repeated groin injury problems.

"Andrew Flintoff is a huge player for England. But over the past two years he's missed far too many games. He can change a game in an hour with either bat or ball. This team can't do without him at the moment."

England have only three survivors batsmen Mark Butcher, Nasser Hussain and Graham Thorpe from their last Caribbean tour in 1997-98 when they lost the Test series 3-1.

Vaughan said he would be counting on them all.

"Their experience is going to be crucial. All the top six are very experienced and it's going to take a good player to knock one of them out," the Yorkshire opener added.

The first Test starts in Jamaica on March 11.

FIXTURES

Mar 01-03: 3-dayer, Jamaica
Mar 05-07: 3-dayer, Jamaica
Mar 11-15: 1st Test, Jamaica
Mar 19-23: 2nd Test, Trinidad
Mar 26-28: 3-dayer, Barbados
Apr 01-05: 3rd Test, Barbados
Apr 10-14: 4th Test, Antigua
Apr 16: 1-dayer, Guyana
Apr 18: 1st ODI, Guyana
Apr 19: Reserve day, Guyana
Apr 24: 2nd ODI, Trinidad
Apr 25: 3rd ODI, Trinidad
Apr 28: 4th ODI, Grenada
May 01: 5th ODI, St Lucia
May 02: 6th ODI, St Lucia
May 05: 7th ODI, Barbados

SQUADS

TEST: Michael Vaughan (captain), James Anderson, Gareth Batty, Mark Butcher, Rikki Clarke, Paul Collingwood, Andrew Flintoff, Ashley Giles, Stephen Harmison, Nasser Hussain, Matthew Hoggard, Geraint Jones (wkt), Simon Jones, Chris Read (wkt), Marcus Trescothick, Graham Thorpe.

ONE-DAY: Vaughan (captain), Anderson, Batty, Ian Blackwell, Clarke, Collingwood, Flintoff, Giles, James Kirtley, Anthony McGrath, Read, Andrew Strauss, Marcus Trescothick.

Aussies go up again

AFP, *Colombo*

Australia defeated Sri Lanka by five wickets in the third one-day international here on Wednesday to gain a 2-1 lead in the five-match series.

AUSTRALIA

Gilchrist c Jayawardene b Vaas	0
Hayden c Muralitharan b Vaas	3
Ponting b Vaas	63
Martyn run out (Jayasuriya)	62
Symonds not out	45
Bevan run out	10
Clarke not out	31
Extras: (lb-4, w-8, nb-1)	13
Total: (For 5 wkts in 48.3 overs)	227

Did not bat: Harvey, Hogg, Kasprowicz, Gillespie

Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-4, 3-133, 4-136, 5-159

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	9	2	34	3
Zoysa	7.1	0	37	0
Dharmasena	6.5	0	31	0
Muralitharan	10	0	43	0
Chandana	7	0	36	0
Jayasuriya	8	0	40	0
Dilshan	0.3	0	2	0

Result: Australia won by 5 wickets and lead the series 2-1.
Man-of-the-match: Jason Gillespie.
Toss: Sri Lanka.
Fourth match: Feb27, Colombo.

FA CUP QTRS. DRAW

Revised FA Cup quarter-final draw after Tuesday's fifth round replay:

Millwall v Tranmere
Manchester United v Fulham
Sunderland or Birmingham v Sheffield United
Portsmouth v Arsenal

* Ties to be played on the

PHOTO: AFP

OOPS! Bayern Munich's goalkeeper Oliver Kahn somehow fails to gather the ball as it slips underneath him to cross the goalline against Real Madrid on February 24 in Munich.

Kahn makes a Real mess

UEFA CHAMPS LEAGUE

AFP, *Paris*

Eternal enemies Real Madrid and Bayern Munich shared the spoils when their fourth clash in five seasons produced a bad-tempered 1-1 draw as the Champions League moved into the last 16 stage on Tuesday.

Bayern went ahead through Dutch striker Roy Makaay at the Olympic Stadium before Oliver Kahn somehow allowed Roberto Carlos's freekick to squirm under his body, setting the stage for a dramatic second leg at the Bernabeu next month.

"Oliver Kahn was not in the best shape," admitted Bayern manager Ottmar Hitzfeld. "But he is only human and can make a mistake.

"We were the better team tonight against one of the finest teams in Europe. "But we missed too many chances and did not have our fair share of luck."

Arsenal are hot favourites to reach the quarter-finals after the English Premiership leaders beat Celta Vigo 3-2 in Spain thanks to a winner from Robert Pires which sealed the Gunners' first ever Champions League victory in Spain.

Reigning European champions AC Milan will also be happy with a goalless draw at surprise qualifiers Sparta Prague.

In Moscow, Monaco went two goals behind to Lokomotiv but Fernando Morientes threw them a lifeline with a 69th minute goal.

Either Bayern or Real have reached the final in five of the last six years, so their meeting in Munich was billed, not surprisingly, as the tie of the night.

Bayern had the upper hand heading into the half-time break but were jolted when David Beckham curled a fierce shot over Kahn's goal.

In contrast Real keeper Iker Casillas was overworked and showed great reflexes to deny Owen Hargreaves on 65 minutes after the England international had played a clever one-two.

Ten minutes later Makaay broke the deadlock, heading home Claudio Pizarro's inch-perfect cross from the right.

It looked like being the winning goal until Roberto Carlos fired a low freekick which Kahn held for a split second then let the ball sneak over the line.

"Football can be decided by mistakes sometimes," said Real coach Carlos Quieroz.

"This is a very good result for us, but the tie is only halfway through."

In Vigo, two rare goals from Brazilian midfielder Edu were rapidly equalised by Celta's Edu - full name Luis Eduardo Schmidt - and Jose Ignacio.

It was left to the Gunners' French connection of Thierry Henry and Pires to conjure up victory with 11 minutes remaining.

Henry managed to find his compatriot in space, and Pires' side-footed shot evaded the dive of Celta keeper Pablo Cavallero.

Arsenal coach Arsene Wenger was satisfied with a good night's work.

"It was a bit of a strange match. They scored twice from set pieces and we scored twice through Edu, which you don't really expect."

Arsenal's recent Spanish signing Jose Antonio Reyes said he was looking forward to the second leg.

"This wasn't a lucky victory. We came here and got what we wanted. The better side won and this should make the game at Highbury a lot more comfortable."

AC Milan seemed to keep something in reserve as they earned a valuable 0-0 draw away to Sparta Prague, whose goalkeeper Jaromir Blazec was outstanding.

Despite the Italians' domination, the Czechs almost nicked victory six minutes from time when Igor Gluscevic's rasping shot was turned around the post by Brazilian goalkeeper Dida.

"Overall, I have to be happy having kept a clean sheet. We put up a good fight against a Sparta team who are a team to be feared when they're playing at home," said Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti.

Monaco grabbed a priceless away goal through Morientes in Moscow after Marat Izmailov and Uzbek defender Vladimir Maminov were on target for the home side.

"We're lucky to still have a chance of qualifying, but if it all goes bad then we could probably say it was because of tonight," said Monaco coach Dider Deschamps.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Results from first leg matches in the first knockout round of the European Champions League on Tuesday:

At Munich, Germany
Bayern Munich (GER) 1 (Makaay 75) Real Madrid (SPA) 1 (Roberto Carlos 83)

At Vigo, Spain
Celta Vigo (SPA) 2 (Edu 27, Jose Ignacio 64) Arsenal 3 (ENG) (Edu 18, 58, Pires 79)

At Moscow
Lokomotiv Moscow (RUS) 2 (Izmailov 32, Maminov 59) Monaco (FRA) 1 (Morientes 69)

At Prague
Sparta Prague (CZE) 0 AC Milan (ITA) 0

BD crawl into semis

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into the last four when won their respective Super League matches comfortably.

Former champions England thrashed Zimbabwe by six wickets at the BKSP ground in Savar thanks to captain Alistair Cook's back-to-back century.

Cook slammed 108 and Luke Wright made 79 as England lost only four wickets while chasing Zimbabwe's modest total of 218. Cook struck ten 10 boundaries on equaling his same score he did against New Zealand in the previous game.

He is also the second batsmen to have scored two hundreds in the competition after India's Shikhar Dhawan.

Pakistan were more efficient in coasting to a eight-wicket win at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. After restricting the young Black Caps to 181-8, they cruised to the target in 34.2 overs.

Opener Khalid Latif scored a superb 90 off 86 balls that included 13 boundaries and a six.

He also shared 126 runs for the second wicket with one-down Adnan Zaheer, who scored an unbeaten 72 off 93 balls. Adnan struck a dozen fours.

Pakistan will take on England in their final group match at the Fatullah Stadium on Friday.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecards of the four ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup matches at different venues yesterday:

SUPER LEAGUE

Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

NEW ZEALAND

Carey b Amjad	33
Watling c Latif b Mahmood	38
Chrisp c Haider b Imran	25
Wilson c Ali b Mahmood	38
Flynn b Amjad	5
McKay c Mirza b Imran	12
Devcich run out	1
Findlay not out	13
Eathorne run out	0
Smith not out	1
Extras: (b-1, lb-6, w-8)	15
Total: (For 8 wkts in 50 overs)	181

Did not bat: T Davis.

Fall of wkts: 1-59, 2-90, 3-125, 4-151, 5-152, 6-153, 7-177, 8-177.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Afridi	10	1	37	0
Imran	10	0	50	2
Qadir	10	0	36	0
Amjad	10	0	22	2
Mahmood	10	2	29	2

PAKISTAN

Latif c Watling b Smith	90
Ali c Watling b Findlay	11
Zaheer not out	72
Mirza not out	5
Extras: (w-4, nb-2)	6
Total: (For 2 wkts in 34.2 overs)	184

Did not bat: Salman Qadir, Fawad Alam, Tariq Mahmood, +Zulqarnain Haider, Riaz Afridi, Mansoor Amjad, Ali Imran.

Fall of wkts: 1-33, 2-156.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Smith	5	1	29	1
Findlay	7	1	41	1
Davis	4	0	28	0
McKay	5	0	25	0
Eathorne	4.2	0	35	0
Devcich	7	1	15	0
Chrisp	2	0	11	0

Result: Pakistan won by 8 wickets.
Man-of-the-match: Khalid Latif.
Toss: Pakistan

England vs Zimbabwe
Venue: BKSP

ZIMBABWE

Taylor c Patel b Wright	45
Williams c New b Bresnan	22
Chigumbura b Stiff	12
Mawoyo c Patel b Stiff	20
Ervine c & b Lawson	25
Mufambisi c New b Plunkett	21
Grandhomme b Bresnan	37
Panyangara b Stiff	18
Utseya b Bresnan	5
Cremer not out	1
Rainsford not out	1
Extras: (b-1, lb-1, w-7, nb-2)	11
Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs)	218

Fall of wkts: 1-36, 2-60, 3-98, 4-111, 5-145, 6-159, 7-209, 8-215, 9-215.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Bresnan	8	1	34	3
Plunkett	10	0	48	1
Patel	10	1	45	0
Stiff	10	1	41	3
Wright	5	0	24	1
Lawson	7	0	24	1

ENGLAND

Cook not out	108
Bresnan c Taylor b Panyangara	5
Bopara c & b Cremer	1
Patel b Cremer	16
Wright c Panyangara b Williams	79
Hildreth not out	1
Extras: (lb-6, w-3)	9
Tota: (For 4 wkts in 49 overs)	219

Did not bat: A Harrison, T New, L Plunkett, M Lawson, D Stiff.

Fall of wkts: 1-37, 2-63, 3-90, 4-218.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Rainsford	6	2	17	0
Panyangara	8	1	35	1
Chigumbura	2	0	13	0
Utseya	10	0	38	0
Cremer	10	0	47	2
Ervine	6	0	31	0
Williams	7	0	32	1

Result: England won by 6 wickets.
Man-of-the-match: A Cook
Toss: England.

PLATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Stadium

UGANDA

Wambudhe b Nazmul	0
Ondeko c Nadif b Rubaiyat	9
Musali lbw b Nazmul	0
Almuzahim b Nazmul	13
Arinaitwe c Naeem b Nazmul	14
Kyobe b Nazmul	0
Okello b Enamul Jr	15
Otim c Nafis b Enamul Jr	14
Isabirye st Dhiman b Enamul Jr	0
Isaneez b Enamul Jr	2
Ochan not out	1
Extras: (b-1, lb-1, w-7, nb-1)	10
Total: (All out in 33.3 overs)	78

Fall of wkts: 1-0, 2-0, 3-20, 4-36, 5-38, 6-38, 7-61, 8-67, 9-76, 10-78.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Nazmul	10	3	30	5
Rubaiyat	8	3	16	1
Enamul Jr	8.3	1	18	4
Nadif	5	0	11	0
Mahmudullah	2	1	1	0

BANGLADESH

Nafis lbw b Isaneez	11
Naeem c Otim b Isaneez	1
Aftab c Kyobe b Isaneez	12
Mahmudullah c Kyobe b Isaneez	7
Ashiqur lbw b Isaneez	6
Nazimuddin c Isabirye b Isaneez	28
Dhiman not out	2
Nadif not out	1
Extras: (b-2, w-6, nb-3)	11
Total: (For 6 wkts in 19.5 overs)	79

Did not bat: Enamul Haque Jr, Nazmul Hossain, Rubaiyat Huq.

Fall of wkts: 1-3, 2-18,3-26, 4-34, 5-74, 6-76.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Ochan	4	0	24	0
Isaneez	9.5	2	37	6
Okello	3	0	14	0
Arinaitwe	3	1	2	0

Result: Bangladesh won by 4 wickets.
Man-of-the-match: E Isaneez.
Toss: Uganda

Canada vs Ireland
Venue: MA Aziz Stadium, Chittagong

IRELAND

Porterfield b Jethi	42
Wilson run out	8
Morgan c & b S Keshvani	44
O'Brien c Carto b Qazi	51
Riddles lbw b S Keshvani	19
Wells run out	28
Rankin not out	39
McKee run out	1
Kidd st Carto b Jethi	0
Thompson run out	3
Extras: (b-1, lb-8, w-16, nb-5)	30
Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs)	265

Did not bat: A Coulter.

Fall of wkt: 1-23, 2-86, 3-130, 4-172, 5-194, 6-231, 7-239, 8-240, 9-265.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Bhatti	7	1	47	0
Soraine	2	0	20	0
Baksh	1	0	6	0
Qazi	10	0	56	1
Jethi	10	2	40	2
S Keshvani	10	0	53	2
Anjaria	10	1	34	0

CANADA

G Bastiampillai c Morgan b Riddles	4
T Bastiampillai c Porterfield b Morgan	0
Keshvani run out	29
Jethi st Wilson b Morgan	1
Qazi lbw b Riddles	1
Baksh lbw b Thompson	17
Anjaria c Coulter b Rankin	7
Carto lbw b Kidd	0
Keshvani c Morgan b Coulter	10
Soraine not out	17
Bhatti c Morgan b Rankin	1
Extras: (lb 2, w 21)	23
Total: (All out in 34.3 overs)	110

Fall of wkts: 1-5, 2-5, 3-14, 4-17, 5-57, 6-76, 7-77, 8-92, 9-92, 10-110.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Riddles	9	1	29	2
Morgan	10	3	26	2
Kidd	4	0	14	1
Thompson	2	0	6	1
Coulter	5	1	19	1
Rankin	4.3	1	14	2

Result: Ireland won by 155 runs.
Man-of-the-match: E Morgan.
Toss: Ireland

CROSSWORD *By Eugene Sheffer*

ACROSS
1 Confound
6 Gregory Hines specialty
9 "Great Expectations" lad
12 Fable tag
13 Milwaukee product
14 Nest egg acronym
15 Bog materials
16 Comic strip
18 Makes meringue
20 Quest
21 Actor McBride
23 Moray
24 Impertinent
25 Graham Greene's "Travels With My —"
27 Irascible
29 Be sorry for
31 Three-hankie movie
35 Leilani's "Later!"
37 Latvia's capital
38 Hardly snug
41 Ms. Thurman
43 Intimidate
44 Tangelo
45 Pawn capturer, often
47 Copied sketch
49 Lummoxes
52 Longing
53 Evergreen
54 Big name in talk
55 Blazed a trail
56 Pigpen
57 Unkempt, as a garden

DOWN
1 Pump up the volume
2 The buck stops here
3 Caricature, e.g.
4 Plasterer's backing
5 Borden mascot
6 Thwart the ball-carrier
7 "Sad to say, ..."
8 Apiece
9 Reverent
10 "Reversal of Fortune" star
11 — raid
17 "Casey at the Bat" poet
19 Vigorous debate
21 Train component
22 Shade
24 Sault-Marie link
26 Dire
28 Pundit
30 TV Tarzan portrayer
32 Illustration
33 Diva's problem
34 Uncivilized
36 Famished
38 Kind of alcohol or nitrite
39 Match
40 Parotid, for one
42 Radiant
45 Contract into wrinkles
46 Clinton's hometown
48 Conditions
50 Young Mr. Lincoln
51 Reticent

Solution time: 25 mins.

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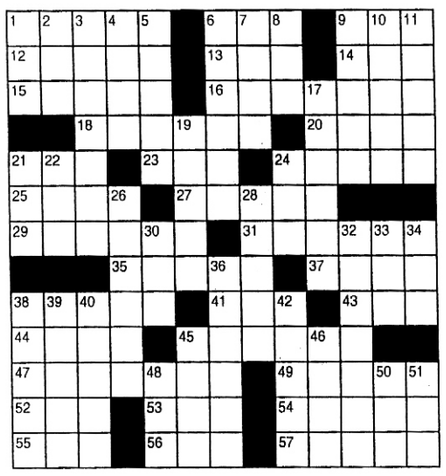

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A PERSON GOES TO A VOTING BOOTH, I SUPPOSE HE WILL BE USING LEVER-AGE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals E

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.

Dhaka, Sylhet

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KHULNA V RAJSHAHI

Away in Rangpur, holders Khulna bowled Rajshahi out for 185 to enforce a follow-on with a huge 235-run first lead.

One-down Anisur Rahman (53 off 94 balls) and captain Nuruzzaman (48 off 139 balls) showed some resistance in the Rajshahi innings. Young left-arm pacer Syed Russell claimed three wickets for 57 runs in 23 overs.

And when the stumps were drawn for the day, the home team were stuttering at 70 for 2 in 42 overs, still 165 runs short of making the defending champions bat again.

SCORES IN BRIEF

DHAKA V BARISAL

Venue: Barisal Stadium

Dhaka 1st innings: 352/7 in 87 overs Dec (Sajjad Ahmed 32, Moniruzzaman 22, Sanwar 53, Jahangir 95, Sakib 29, Neeyamur 15, Sajjad Kadir 52 n.o, Sunny 43 n.o, Sonnet 3-55, Salahuddin 1-39, Tariqul 1-97, Sajib 1-13)

Barisal 1st innings: 161 all out in 57.1 overs (overnight 25/3 in 9 overs) Towhid 59, Shahin 40, Imran Ahmed 2; Shahriar 3-22, Sanwar 3-17, Elias Sunny 2-56, Arafat 2-39)

Barisal 2nd innings: 166 all out in 64.2 overs (Imran 25, Nahidul 47, Ali Arman 37; Neeyamur 1-27, Elias Sunny 1-26, Sanwar 1-35, Arafat Sunny 2-13, Mehrab Hossain 1-8)

Result: Dhaka won by innings and 25 runs.

SYLHET V CHITTAGONG

Venue: Comilla Stadium

Chittagong 1st innings: 170/10 in 63.1 overs (Masum 56, Azam Iqbal 12, Sabbir 24, Nayeem 2-30, Nabil 3-35, Tarin 2-3, Zakwan 1-42, Tanna 1-46)

Sylhet 1st innings: 271 all out in 79 overs (overnight 53/2 in 17 overs) Nayeem 52, Nahid 46, Parvez 40, Rana 36, Tanna 23; Debrobata 1-46, Alamgir 2-31, Arafat 3-63, Faisal 2-28)

Chittagong 2nd innings: 163 all out in 46.4 overs (Faisal 43, Ahsanullah 51, Nayeem 2-32, Nabil 4-21, Tazin 2-31)

Sylhet 2nd innings: 64/0 in 15.3 overs (Imtiaz 26 n.o, Parvez 33 n.o)

Result: Sylhet won by ten wickets.

KHULNA V RAJSHAHI

Venue: Rangpur Cricket Garden

Khulna 1st innings: 420 all out in 152.3 overs (overnight 277/5 in 90 overs) (Shafiul 77, Sanjoy 38, Salauddin 50, Jamaluddin 53, Asadullah 34, Tahmim Bashir 85, Al-Amin 33; Saifullah 3-140, Rezawanul 4-93)

Rajshahi 1st innings: 185 all out in 76.3 overs (Murad 30, Nuruzzaman 48, Anisur 53, Russell 3-57, Al-Amin 2-19, Jamaluddin 2-45, Tamim Bashir 2-4)

Rajshahi 2nd innings: 70/2 in 42 overs (Murad 24, Rafiqul 29 batting, Nuruzzaman 9 batting, Abdur Razzak 1-15, Jamaluddin 1-26)

Kiwis can't

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defended it."

But where South Africa's top order failed to bed in, and they were four for 100 in the 28th over, Marshall and Styris came together at 102 for two in the 23rd.

There was one anxious moment when Lance Klusener dropped a return catch from Marshall on nine, but the partnership ran smoothly after that.

SCOREBOARD

Completed scoreboard in the one-day cricket match between New Zealand and South Africa here Wednesday:

SOUTH AFRICA

Smith c McCullum b Oram	37
Gibbs lbw b Mason	16
Kallis c Cairns b Oram	13
Dippenaar b Cairns	18
Boje b Styris	50
Rudolph not out	70
Boucher c McMillan b Oram	35
Pollock c Vettori b Mills	5
Klusener not out	3
Extras: (lb-6, w-3, nb-3)	12
Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs)	259

Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-53, 3-78, 4-100, 5-184, 6-248, 7-255

Did not bat: Ntini, Nel

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mason	10	1	46	1
Mills	10	1	53	1
Oram	10	1	51	3
Cairns	10	1	42	1
Vettori	5	0	28	0
Styris	5	0	33	1

NEW ZEALAND

Papps c Boje b Ntini	29
Fleming c Pollock b Boje	51
Marshall c Kallis b Ntini	74
Styris c Klusener b Nel	69
McMillan not out	6
Cairns not out	29
Extras: (lb-2, w-2, nb-2)	6
Total: (For 4 wkts in 49 overs)	264

Fall of wickets: 1-71, 2-102, 3-228, 4-230

Did not bat: Oram, McCullum, Vettori, Mills, Mason

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pollock	10	2	33	0
Nel	10	0	60	1
Ntini	10	1	63	2
Klusener	8	0	39	0
Kallis	5	0	32	0
Boje	6	0	35	1

Result: New Zealand won by 6 wickets and lead series 3-1.
Man-of-the-match: Hamish Marshall.
Toss: New Zealand.
Umpires: Russell Tiffin (Zimbabwe) and Tony Hill (New Zealand).

Double blow for Chambers

AFP, *London*

European 100 metres champion Dwain Chambers was on Tuesday found guilty of using performance enhancing drugs and banned for two years.

The ruling, which includes a life ban from the Olympic Games, follows his appearance at an independent UK Athletics hearing last Thursday.

The 25-year-old twice tested positive for the drug tetrahydrogestrinone (THG), the anabolic steroid banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) last August.

The athlete, who has not been allowed compete since November, has 60 days in which to lodge an appeal.

Mukti stoop

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looked too defensive," he added.

The second half was a different story as Nejmah, the Lebanon league runners-up, launched waves of attacks from the first minute but the country's number one custodian Aminul Haq was equal to the task.

He pulled off a string of brilliant saves especially to deny Kassas a second goal.

The Muktijoddha keeper dived smartly to his left to keep out the danger. But there was nothing he could after the well-built Lebanese striker settled the issue meeting a cross by Trinidad striker McFarlane from the right-flank.

Yellow cards: Saiful, Rukunuzzaman (Muktijoddha), Yehya Mohammad Hchem (Nijmeh).

TEAMS

NIJMEH CLUB: Abdo Mohammad Tafeh, Mario Ivankovic, Hussein Ali Dokman, Bilal Cheikh Najjarine, Khaled Ali Hamieh, Mohammad Nabih Halawi, Abass Ahmad Atwi, Moussa Ali Mohammad Hje, Yehya Mohammad Hachem, Mohammad Ali Kassas and Ali Hassan Nassereddine (Enol Edderson McFarlane) (Sarkis Hagop Abajian).

MUKTIJODDHA SANGSAD KC: Aminul, Hasan Al Mamun, Prodip (Lajuk), Papel, Motiur Munna, Biddyut, Saiful (Belal), Kanchan (Tipu), Moni, Lulenti and Ghansa.

Referee: Rizwan Ul Haq (India).

Alamgir

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our concern and sought more consistency from the officials," said Latif.

TEAMS

BANGLADESH: Habibul Bashar, Hannan Sarker, Shahriar Hossain, Rajin Saleh, Mohammad Ashraful, Mushfiqur Rahman, Manjarul Islam Rana, Khaled Mashud, Mohammad Rafique, Tapash Baisya, Alamgir Kabir.

ZIMBABWE (from): Heath Streak (captain), Stuart Carlisle, Dion Ebrahim, Sean Ervine, Gavin Ewing, Grant Flower, Travis Friend, Trevor Gripper, Douglas Hondo, Blessing Mahwire, Stuart Matsikenyeri, Raymond Price, Tatenda Taibu.

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"Billions of people will be watching us on television and I think it is a great opportunity for us to prove to the world that we are a sporting nation and play the game in its true spirit," said Inzamam, who was also part of the team on Pakistan's last tour to India five years ago.

Pakistan Cricket Board and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) agreed to a final tour programme Saturday.

India open the tour with a one-dayer in Karachi on March 13, three days after they are scheduled to arrive in Lahore.

Pakistan hoped the ties are revived for continuity and would not be interrupted.

"I firmly believe the more we play against each other, the better we will get and these ties will continue," said Inzamam.

"India have got great batters and we respect them. But at the same time, we know that they have great respect for our bowlers. So, it is going to be a keenly contested series."

"Anyone performing better on that particular day, will help his team dominate the match," the Pakistan captain said.

And he believed if his side keeps the winning momentum of last year and that of last month in New Zealand, they will have an edge.

"If we manage to keep our season's momentum going, I think we can extend our sequence of victories. But then again, its just a game of cricket in which there will be a winner and a loser."

Inzamam hoped pep talks from bowling legends Imran Khan, Wasim Akram and Fazal Mahmood would help his side ahead of the explosive series.

"There is no greater motivator than Imran who can pass on his invaluable experience of playing and performing against India," he said.

Imran agreed to spend one-day with Pakistan team while Wasim and Mahmood said they would pass useful tips whenever they have time.