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poorer, ICC

AFP, Karachi

International Cricket Council (ICC) president Ehsan Mani on Saturday hailed the revival of cricket ties between India and Pakistan, saying it has given the sport a boost.

It is great they are playing again, because cricket was poorer without an India-Pakistan contest." Mani told reporters during the one-day international between the two nations at the National Stadium here.

"It was long overdue and I hope the ties remain forever, since they benefit not only India and Pakistan, but the whole of Asia, in fact the entireworld."

India are currently on their first full Test tour of Pakistan since 1989 following the Indian government's decision to lift a three-year ban on bilateral cricket ties with Pakistan.

Mani, who hails from Pakistan, said the revival of Indo-Pak cricket will make the ICC stronger.

Asia represent 40 per cent of the ICC membership and a strong Asia means a strong ICC. I have no qualms about that," he said.

Indian cricket chief Jagmohan Dalmiya, who flew with Mani from New Zealand after an ICC meeting to attend Saturday's match, said there was more India-Pakistan cricket in

"We will play the Asia Cup in Sri Lanka in July and a proposal to revive the Asian Test championship is also on the cards," Dalmiya said.

The Asian Test Championship, held in 1999 and 2000, was discontinued due to India's refusal to play against Pakistan.

Pakistan defeat India in hockey

AFP, Madrid

Pakistan avenged the five-run loss conceded by its cricketers to India Saturday by defeating India 4-2 at the men's Olympic qualifying field

hockey tournament here. Roelant Oltmans, Pakistan's coach, acknowledged his team was aware of the outcome of the cricket

Champs Trophy dilemma

AFP, Karachi

India is ready to host this year's Champions/Trophy tournament in case the England team cancels its tour of Zimbabwe and is barred from hosting the event, Indian cricket chief Jagmohan Dalmiya said on Saturday.

We have not been offered it yet, but if we are, we will be more than happy to host it," Dalmiya said on the sidelines of the one-day international against Pakistan at the National Stadium here.

"It will be an honour to host the ournament in September this year at a time when we are celebrating 75 years of Indian cricket."

The 12-nation tournament, regarded as a mini World Cup, is due to be held in England from September 10-25, but speculation is rife the ICC may shift the event elsewhere if England decline to tour Zimbabwe in October.

England have delayed confirming the tour, facing strong British government pressure to scrap the tour in protest at the policies of Zimbabwe President Robert

BBC says, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB will meet players next month before deciding whether the autumn tour will

take place. A decision has been put off as the ECB test both the legal position

and the depth of feeling at home.

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Kallis forces SA ahead

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, Hamilton

Jacob Oram hit his maiden Test century as New Zealand scored 509, a first innings lead of 50, before South Africa checked their progress on the fourth day of the first Test on

South Africa arrested the slide with a partnership of 92 between Herschelle Gibbs and Jacques Kallis and at close of play, with Gibbs out, they were 134 for three, a lead of 84. Kallis was unbeaten on 56 and Neil McKenzie on 11.

Oram finished unbeaten on 119 when New Zealand were all out early in the afternoon session in reply to South Africa's first innings total of

He reached his first Test hundred off 191 balls in 276 minutes and hit 16 fours on a pitch that had an awkward crumbling patch at one end.

"It's the toughest I've ever had to play spinners," Oram said.

That area of the pitch cuts down the number of shots you'd like to play against someone like Paul Adams, and you had to be very watchful."

Oram said he thought New Zealand could still win the Test. "If we get a couple of wickets in the morning anything can happen. If it comes down to a chase then I would back us

South Africa were quickly in trouble in their second innings when they lost captain Graeme Smith, who waved at a ball from Daryl Tuffey and got a faint edge to wicketkeeper Brendon McCullum for five.

One run later, left-hander Jacques Rudolph was bowled by Chris Cairns

A record partnership between

Mark Butcher and Nasser Hussain

helped England reach 154 for three at

the end of a rain-hit second day of the

Indies for 311 inside the day's first

two overs, England lost both openers

to the fiery pace of Fidel Edwards, but

Butcher and Hussain added 119 in a

record third-wicket stand between

Butcher, who only passed a fit-

ness test on his injured ankle on the

eve of the match, was dropped twice

but batted well before finally becom-

ing Edwards' third victim, caught

while Graham Thorpe was not out

one. Edwards finished with figures of

blow with captain Brian Lara dislo-

cating the little inger on his right

hand when he dropped Butcher just

overnight total of 311 for nine when

Edwards was superbly caught by Andrew Flintoff at second slip to give

Matthew Hoggard his third wicket,

West Indies hit back with some

spirited fastbowling.
England captain Michael
Vaughan cracked one trademark

cover drive for four, but both openers

struggled against the pace of

Edwards and Corey Collymore, the latter having a confident leg-before

appeal against the England captain

dangerous and after ripping a

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kph and the opener, on the back foot,

got an inside edge onto his stumps to

his first ball but Edwards would not

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Hussain was on 41 at the close,

West Indies also suffered an injury

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firstTestagainstWestIndies.

the two sides at Sabina Park.

Cricket

REUTERS, Kingston

Day Two England's

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Parkon Friday:

Gayle b Harmison

Smith st Read b Giles

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Chanderpaul b Hoggard

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Jacobs cVaughan b Jones

Extras: (lb-6, w-1, nb-14)

ENGLAND: First innings

Vaughan c Lara b Edwards

Butcher c Jacobs b Edwards

Extras: (b-4, lb-16, w-3, nb-9)

Total: (For 3 wkts in 48.1 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-33, 3-152

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SCOREBOARD

with South Africa reeling at 16 for

The pair batted commendably as they attempted to wrest the initiative away from New Zealand.

Gibbs finally succumbed for 47 to the off-spin of Paul Wiseman, getting an edge through to McCullum, who juggled twice before securing the catch.

Kallis reached his second halfcentury of the match and soon after survived a caught-behind off Craig McMillan's bowling when on 52 in the penultimate over of the day.

A number of records fell during the day with New Zealand's total of 509 their biggest against South Africa, beating the 505 scored at Cape Townin 1953-54.

Shaun Pollock's two wickets in two balls to end the innings equalled Alan Donald's record for South Africa

Resuming at 361 for seven overnight, Oram and his partner Daniel Vettori completed a 113-run partnership for the seventh wicket, easily eclipsing the 74-run record for the same wicket against South Africa, posted in Johannesburg in 1994-95 by Shane Thomson and Dion Nash.

"We didn't bowl well enough, South Africa captain Smith said. "They came out and they played a few shots, but this wicket is not really

one where you bowl to try and take wickets. "It's really a wicket where you sit and sit and eventually one will

come down and keep low," he added. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at close of play on the fourth day of the first Test between

New Zealand and South Africa on

claimed the important wicket of

Vaughan for 15 with a delivery that

moved off the seam and found the

edge, with Lara taking the catch at

in the morning session when

Butcher edged to short leg but

Ramnaresh Sarwan failed to take the

Scoreboard at close of play on the

second day of the first Test between

West Indies and England at Sabina

WEST INDIES: First innings (over-

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Edwards almost got a third wicket

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 459 (G Kirsten 137, J Kallis 92; D Vettori 4-

NEW ZEALAND: First innings (overnight361-7) Richardson lbwb Pollock Pappslbwb Kallis Fleminglbwb Adams 27 74 19

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36 Tuffey c Boucher b Pollock Extras: (lb-11, b-12, nb-10) 33 Total: (Allout in 164.4 overs) 509 Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-75, 3-127, 4-172,5-223,6-225,7-309,8-422,9-509 O M 30.4 98.

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SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings Smith c McCullum b Tuffey Gibbsc McCullum bWiseman Rudolph b Cairns Kallisnotout McKenzie not out

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Tigers' last shot

FROM PAGE 13 Bangladesh are expected to make one change to the team that narrowly lost the fourth one-dayer with all-rounder Manjarul Islam being

named in the 12-member squad. "Manjarul has been included in the 12-member squad and there is a possibility of another player coming n," Bangladesh team manager MA Latif told The Daily Star Sport over telephone last night.

But he declined to elaborate whom they would likely replace. Latif said that the players had their last practice session under sunshine and they worked hard on their fielding. Bangladesh conceded 29 extras in the previous match to

help Zimbabwe score a fighting 242. When asked what was weather going to be like for the game he said forecast was for a partly cloud sky with a slight chance of rain.

Day Whatmore's charges will leave Zimbabwe on March 15 and they are expected to arrive home on March 17 after a rain-hit series.

Int'l Rating chess

SPORTS REPORTER

Khandkar Aminul Islam and Mohammad Javed earned 4 points each after the end of the fifth round games of the second Parsvnath International Rating Chess tournament in New Delhi on Friday.

International Masters Abdullah Al-Rakib, Enamul Hossain Rajib and Abdul Maleq secured 3.5 points each. FM Abu Sufian Shakil, FM Sheikh Nasir Ahmed, Shawkat Hossain Pallab, Mehdi Hasan Parag, IWM Rani Hamid and

Monjur Alam earned 3 points each. In this round Amin beat International Master (IM) Rahul Shethy, Javed beat Somak Palit, Maleq drew with IM Saravanan. Rajib lost to IM Atanu Lahiri, Rakib lost to Women Grand Master Aarthie Ramaswamy, Shakil lost to Grand Master Koneru Humpy, Pallab lost to Abhijit, Monjur lost to Harika and Paraglost to Gurpit.

Cricket wins

FROM PAGE 13

'Our bowlers were off the mark and if Shoaib Akhtar had got those early breakthroughs it might have been a different story," he said, referring to Virender Sehwag's dropped catch and Sachin Tendulkar's dismissal off a no ball.

Inzamam said he would have termed his innings of 122 as the best if his side had won the match. "We have four matches to go and I am confident we will win," he

The second one-dayer will be played in Rawalpindi on Tuesday.

victims AFP, Munich

Madrid bomb

German champions Bayern Munich have offered Real Madrid a benefit match for the estimated 200 victims who were killed by bomb attacks in the Spanish capital on Thursday.

The attacks, thought to have been instigated by Basque separatists or Islamic extremists, targeted commuter trains heading into Madrid just 24 hours after Real Madrid and Bayern Munich met in the Champions League duel at the Santiago Bernabeu.

"We are horrified by this terror and our support goes out to the victims and their families," explained Bayern vice-president Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

"We did not discover how many victims and injured parties there were until we got back to Munich."

Bayern, who lost 1-0 to Real and were eliminated from the Champions League 2-1 on aggregate, are now prepared to play Madrid again in respect for the people who lost their lives and the suffering families.

DC Cup soccer · Gaibandha in final

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Gaibandha Pourashava Dal moved into the DC Gold Cup football tournament final defeating Dinajpur Zila Dal 3-1 in the first semifinal at Gaibandha Stadium on Thursday.

Nigerian recruit Alex netted two goals while Ataur scored the other for Gaibandha.

Mominul of Dinajpur Zila Dal netted a consolation goal.

Patuakhali cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Kalikapur Eleven defeated Brothers Club by 90 runs in the First Division Cricket League at the Patuakhali Stadium yesterday. Winning the toss Kalikapur batted first and collected 135 runs

in 40.5 overs after being all out: Kishore scored 28, Arif 25 while Shipon took 3/11 and Prince 3/5. In reply, Brothers were all out for

45 in 25 3 overs. Kishore was declared man-of-

319-9. SCORESUMMARY ZIMBABWE A: First innings 328 all

out in 98.1 overs (Gripper 81 Sibanda 68, Coventry 30, Maregwede 32, Gavin Ewine 57, Panyangara 24; Razzak 3-103, Arafat Sunny 6-79, Faisal 1-13) BD UNDER-23: First innings 157 all out in 47.4 overs (Imran 15. Naeem 28, Faisal 11, Arafat Sunny 23, Dhiman Gosh 35; Mwayenga 2-14, Panyangara 2-39, Ewine 2-40, Gripper 2-12).

ZIMBABWE A: Second innings 93 for 3 in 34 overs (Gripper 59 not out, Elton Chigumbura 17 not out; Syed Russell 2-6).

SCOREBOARD

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Extras: (lb-10, nb-2, w-7) Total: (For 8 wkts in 50 overs) 344 Fall of wickets: 1-32, 2-34, 3-169, 4-278, 5-305, 6-322, 7-340, 8-344 Did not bat: Akhtar, Sami

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Result: India won by five runs and take 1-0 lead in the 5-match series. Man-of-the-match: Inzamamul Haq.

Toss: Pakistan. Next match: March 16, Rawalpindi.

Thai PM in Pool talks Bayern feel for

Football

REUTERS, Bangkok

Billionaire Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra is talking to Liverpool about taking a stake in the Premier League club after Fulham turned down his advances last year, an adviser says,

"We are still in talks and the prime minister is serious about this," Thawatchai Satchakul, manager of the Thai national soccer team who advised Thaksin during his pursuit of Fulham, told Reuters on Saturday.

"But there is no decision yet. Everything will depend on negotia-

Last month, Thaksin, who made his money in telecommunications, revealed his interest in Liverpool after his bid for fellow Premier League club Fulham failed last

"His intention is similar to that five or six months ago when Fulham was the picture but his

focus is on Liverpool now,"

Liverpool Chairman David Moores has a 51 per cent share in the club, estimated to be worth around 40 million pounds. His family built up the successful



THAKSIN SHINAWATRA

Littlewoods football pools and store chain and have had a controlling interest in the English club for

Thawatchai said if there was an

agreement with Liverpool, Thaksin may not carry it out alone "I'm sure we would ask others to join and it's reasonable for

Charoen to take part as he already

supports sport activities here," he

said in reference to Thai tycoon Charoen Sirivadhanabhakdi. Thaksin, estimated to be worth one billion dollars (550 million pounds) by Forbes magazine in 2002, watched the value of his

family's holdings soar along with a surging Thai stock market last year. The family controls Thailand's largest telecommunications group, Shin Corp, with interests in wireless

ranging from satellite to the Internet and media. It also indirectly controls ITV,

the country's third most popular television channel.

Charoen is a major shareholder in top Thai beer maker Thai Beverages, which produces top selling Chang Beer and several brands of whisky such as Mekong and Saeng Som and makes a profit of more than 250 million dollars a

James missed out on United's

FA Cup win at Old Trafford last

month because he had played

earlier in the tournament for West

But having played in derbies in London, Liverpool and

Birmingham, the England keeper is

confident he knows what to expect

stadium and I feel instinctively it can be ours," he said, while

acknowledging that City could feel

the force of the backlash from

United's bitterly disappointing

prior to this game, they are still

capable of being the best team in

Europe on any given day," James

Good, bad or indifferent form

the outcome.

and insists he has a hunch about

"It is the first derby at our new

Premiership preview

MU change gears

Football

AFP, Manchester

Sir Alex Ferguson has told his players to take a leaf out of his own book, put their worries to one side and concentrate on finishing the season on a high note -- starting with Sunday's local derby with Manchester City.

Just as the United boss was unwilling to dwell on his own health problems, he is determined that his players will not wallow in self-pity over the recent run of both bad luck and poor form which has left them out of the Champions League and with little chance of catching Arsenal in the league.

ing sorry for themselves," Ferguson said shortly after United had revealed that their 62-year-old manager has been fitted with a heart pacemaker. Injuries, suspensions and -- in the case of the Champions League

"I have to stop the players feel-

their part in United's fall from But Ferguson was clearly irritated to hear Gary Neville bemoan-

ing the club's recent setbacks as

exit at the hands of FC Porto -- poor

decisions by officials have played

something that would take years to fire in his first Manchester derby.

'We have to look to the things we can control -- our character, attitude and performance. All that was there on Tuesday night and I couldn't have asked any more of the players.

We will play a lot worse and win so we should not be feeling sorry for ourselves."

The temptation to do just that can be explained by a quick glance at the United injury list ahead of Sunday's first derby at the City of Manchester stadium. With only three first team

defenders available to him, Ferguson is expected to hand the 21-year-old Danny Pugh his first Premiership start in one of the fullback slots. A hamstring injury means captain Roy Keane is also absent while Eric Djemba Djemba is away on international duty with Camerooon.

Cristiano Ronaldo also set to miss out with a thigh injury, Ferguson has little option but to give Ruud van Nistelrooy and Louis Saha another opportunity to forge an effective striking partnership.

If those two are firing on all

cylinders City goalkeeper David

James could be in for a baptism of

"We have to anticipate a tremendous performance from them With Portuguese teenager but we gave Chelsea a really hard time when they played here a fortnight ago and they are equal to

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as part of their squad following the Costa Rican international's return from injury in a reserve match

Indian batsman Sachin

Tendulkar dominated Warne so

much in the 'duel of superstars' that

the Australian later admitted that the

memories of the twin tours had often

haunted him in dreams for a long

pitches as the main reason for

legend that even taking into account

his travails in India, his place as one

of the most influential bowlers the

sport has ever seen remains unchal-

TOP WKT-TAKERS

eading wicket-takers in Test

cricket after Warne passed the

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Warne's failures in India.

REUTERS, London

Experts cite the low bounce in

But it is a testimony to Warne's

FROM PAGE 13 Earlier the tourists added nine more runs to the overnight score of 219.9 All of it makes Warne

Cricket

AFP, Galle

When Shane Warne finished bowling in his maiden Test against India at home in 1992, there were few clues that he would become the first spinner to bag 500 wickets. His Test debut

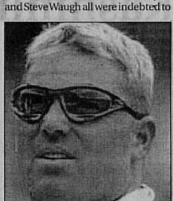
One year later, he bowled the socalled 'Ball of the Century' in England to bamboozle Mike Gatting and a legend was born.

uncanny skill of making the ball 'talk' even on unresponsive pitches. Life has never been the same for batsmen Nor has it been for Warne, who

included scandals involving betting, He was fined along with teammate Mark Waugh for his alleged involvement with a bookmaker before being suspended for taking a banned diuretic just before the 2003

WorldCup. Warne finished the 1993 Ashes series in England with 34 wickets, proving that Australia had found a nugget of a wrist-spinner since Bill O'Reilly and Clarrie Grimmett who bowled between the wars.

He soon became his captain's first choice because of his extraordinary talent to win matches from hopeless situations. Allan Border, Mark Taylor



SHANE WARNE

One of his most memorable moments came in 1994-95 when he claimed his only Test hattrick against England.

Warne buried many myths during his illustrious career, the prominent being that spinners are redun-

The West Indies were strongly placed at 165-2 chasing a modest Australian total of 207 in the 1996 World Cup semifinal at Mohali in India when Warne turned the match upside-down with three quick wick-

prize for guessing the man-of-the-Warne was again the match-

qualify for the final. against Pakistan, with Warne grab-

bing four wickets to claim the second

where the Warne magic has failed.

The leg-spinner has visited the country twice, only to return as a shattered man with plenty of doubts reason to be scared." City will have Paulo Wanchope

United just now, so there is no

was a disaster. Finishing with figures of one for 150, it appeared to many that Warne had strayed into the wrong profession, looking neither sharp nor threatening.

The dying art of leg-spin began to breathe again, all thanks to Warne's

also has developed an unfortunate knack of grabbing the headlines for the wrong reasons, which have

sexand drugs.

him for many of their successes. Leg-break, flipper, top-spinner and googly returned in vogue with Warne's each Test series, giving the batsmen many a sleepless night. The more they tried to solve the Warne puzzle, they more they failed.

dant in one-dayers.

Australia eventually won the match by five runs, and there is no

winner with four crucial wickets in the famous tied World Cup semifinal against South Africa in England in 1999. The result helped his team to Australia went on to win the final

successive man-of-the-match award. India remains the only place

Magura soccer **OUR CORRESPONDENT** Dariapur Jubo Sangha defeated

goal each for the winners while Monwar reduced the margin scorng the lone goal for the losers.

Kartik and Tushar netted one

on Satyapur Jubo Sangha today at the same venue.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN CHUBBY CHECKER WENT TO BARS, DO YOU THINK HE ORDERED HIS DRINKS WITH A TWIST? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals S 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. American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) Vice Chancellor Dr Carmen Z Lamagna is speaking at a press conference at the NACB auditorium yesterday on the occasion of the third inter-private university AIUB Cup cricket tournament which will be held on March 15.

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RO HXAVF

The month long annual sports competition of Chittagong Press Club (CPC) began at the club pre-

CPC sports

CU CORRESPONDENT

mises on Friday.

President of CPC Abu Sufian inaugurated the meet.

Mayer Doa Sporting Club 2-1 in the Econo First Division Football League at the Magura Stadium yesterday.

Shafik Smriti Sangsad will take