

**DON'T OVER-STEP:** Coach Phil Simmons keeps close watch on the delivery stride of a Zimbabwe A paceman during practice yesterday at the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS). The tourists will take on Bangladesh A in the 3rd one dayer of their five-match series at the BNS today.

## Saqlain axed

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204 runs, and his omission could spell the end of a career that has fetched him 208 wickets in 49 Tests.  
"Our bowlers need to pull up their socks if we are to draw level in the series," Bari said.  
"India played a very professional game and deserved the win, but Pakistan can stage a comeback because this is the best available talent."  
**SQUAD**  
Inzamamul Haq (captain), Yousuf Youhana, Imran Farhat, Taufeeq Umar, Yasir Hameed, Imran Nazir, Asim Kamal, Misbahul Haq, Abdul Razaq, Moin Khan, Shoaib Malik, Shoaib Akhtar, Mohammad Sami, Umar Gul, Danish Kaneria, Shabbir Ahmed.

## 50-year

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**PAKISTAN:** First innings 407 (Hameed 91, Inzamam 77; Pathan 4-100)  
**PAKISTAN:** Second innings (overnight 207-9)  
Farhat c Patel b Kumble 24  
Umar lbw b Kumble 9  
Hameed c Sehwaq b Yuvraj 23  
Inzamam run out 0  
Youhana c Dravid b Pathan 112  
Razaq c Chopra b Kumble 22  
Moin lbw b Pathan 5  
Sami lbw b Kumble 0  
Saqlain lbw b Kumble 0  
Akhtar c Laxman b Kumble 4  
Shabbir not out 0  
Extras: (b-4, lb-5, nb-2, w-1, pen5) 17  
Total: (All out in 77 overs) 216  
Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-44, 3-44, 4-75, 5-106, 6-113, 7-124, 8-136, 9-206  
**Bowler** O M R W  
Pathan 21 12 26 2  
Balaji 11 3 48 0  
Kumble 30 10 72 6  
Sehwaq 3 0 8 0  
Yuvraj 6 1 25 1  
Tendulkar 6 2 23 0  
**Result: India won by an innings and 52 runs and take 1-0 lead in the 3-Test series.**  
**Man-of-the-match: Virender Sehwaq.**  
**Second Test: April 5-9, Lahore.**

# Lara doesn't give up



AFP, Bridgetown

West Indies captain Brian Lara has predicted his battered team will stage a fightback when they take on England in the third Test which starts here on Thursday.  
The West Indies trail in the four-Test series 2-0 after losing the opening clash at Sabina Park by 10 wickets, when they fell for their lowest total in Tests of 47 in the second innings, and the second Test at the Queen's Park Oval by seven wickets.  
They are also in danger of becoming the first West Indies team to lose a Test series against England in the Caribbean for 36 years.  
"Sometimes we think that we have kick-started something and suddenly we make a step or two backwards," Lara said.  
"We were very hopeful of doing well in this series against England and show what we had learnt over the last year, playing Australia and teams like South Africa.  
"The first two Test matches have clearly not gone the way we would have wanted, but we have to take it one match at a time and look forward to the upcoming two Tests, starting with this one."  
With a reciprocal four-Test series in England later this year, Lara believes the outcome of this series will be very important.



BRIAN LARA

"The atmosphere in the team is very upbeat and I do not see anybody sulking or looking like they are in a panicked state of mind," he said.  
"I think everybody is looking forward to the Test matches because there is a chance of us levelling the series. Obviously, we cannot win it. This is going to

inspire the guys to go out there and do their best."  
But Lara recognises his side will have to play totally out of character to transform the complexion of the series.  
"We have not been able to put a game together and that has been our problem for a long time," he said.  
"We have had some brilliant individual performances with bat and ball over the last year or so, but not an entire game. That's what we are trying to repair. That's what we are trying to correct. We are trying to get the guys to play each session and to win each session. And to understand that it's a team game."  
Lara, who has over 2,000 Test runs, including the previous world record of 375, against England, has struggled with the bat, but is looking to make amends in this Test.  
"This is probably the most important series for West Indies and one of the most anticipated," he said.  
"I have never found myself in a situation like this, where I am out of form against England. But I have been able to handle being out of form in the past and I have full confidence in myself to come out of it."

# Olympic flame in Athens



XINHUA, Athens

Katerina Thanou, Greek sprint Olympic champion and last torchbearer of the first leg of the Greek torch relay of Athens 2004, brought

the Olympic flame into the Panathinaion stadium, Athens on Wednesday.

More than 30,000 spectators had filled the stadium to watch the splendid Greek traditional ceremony at the place where the modern Olympic Games was revived 108 years ago.  
"I am convinced that despite the

difficult times facing humanity today due to "random" violence and the resurgence of religious and other types of fanaticism, the Olympic flame, which until today has managed to preserve its symbolic character intact, will succeed in renewing people's faith in ideals and renewing their love for timeless principles and values," Hellenic Olympic Committee President Lambis Nikolau said.

"It is at this sacred and symbolic moment, with the arrival of the flame to Athens, that Greece links the past, present, and future of the Olympic Games and provides and indication of the unique Olympic Games that we are organizing," Athens 2004 organising committee for the Olympic Games president Gianna Angelopoulos Daskalaki said after receiving the flame from Nikolau.

The flame, which as lit by High Priestess Thalia Prokopiou in ancient Olympia last Thursday and traveled the Peloponnese Peninsula in the past week, will remain in the historic stadium till June 4 when the international journey starts.

It will return to Greece for the second leg, which will take place from July 9 to August 13 for the opening ceremony.

For 43 days, approximately 7,700 torchbearers will travel across the country, in about 321 hours, carrying the flame by boat, helicopter and car.

It will be the first relay that will traverse the globe and return to where its journey began. The flame will pass through the country's 54 prefectures, lighting up large cities as well as small border towns.

The torch relay will be run around the world, including its first trips ever to South America and Africa and pass through all former Summer Olympic cities.



PHOTO: AFP

Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki (L), head of the Athens Olympic organising committee, and Lambis Nikolaou, chief of Greek Olympic Committee, light the Olympic flame outside the Panathinaion Stadium on March 31.

# Champs Trophy stays put



REUTERS/AFP, Johannesburg

The Champions Trophy tournament will not be moved from England, International Cricket Council (ICC) president Ehsan Mani said in Johannesburg on Wednesday.  
England's reluctance to tour Zimbabwe in November had led to speculation that other ICC members would seek to have the September one-day tournament switched.  
"There's no truth in that whatsoever, the tournament is not going to be moved," Mani told reporters.  
"If England do not tour Zimbabwe we have processes in place to deal with that situation. They are two separate issues, one has nothing to do with the other."

England forfeited their match against Zimbabwe during last year's World Cup, citing security concerns although some players mentioned moral reservations following alleged human rights abuses in the country.  
England were duly fined for not fulfilling the fixture. Under ICC rules, teams can only make a case for not touring because of genuine safety concerns or following direct demands from their government.  
ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed said: "We are going to Harare, and once we have been there and discussed the matter with the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) we will know more."  
"England has maintained that this is a safety and security issue, and that is the only aspect that we will discuss."  
"The best thing would be to play

cricket and reach out to the people. No moral issues come into it whatsoever."

England would face a minimum two-million-dollar fine and risk suspension from international cricket if they pull out of the tour for reasons that do not meet with ICC approval.

The British Government has been highly critical of President Robert Mugabe's administration in Zimbabwe, accusing him of suppressing political opposition, but has stopped short of banning the England team from touring the country.

## Satkhira cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

United Club defeated PK Union Club by 17 runs in the Satkhira First Division Cricket League at the Satkhira Government College ground yesterday.

Winning the toss, United Club batted first and made 158 all out in 43.3 overs. In reply, PK Union were dismissed for 141 in the same number of overs.

## Inter-varsity hockey

CU CORRESPONDENT

The inter-university hockey competition began at central playground of Chittagong University on Wednesday.

The hosts got off to flying start defeating Rajshahi University 3-0 in the opening match. Sumon, Arman and Chandak Barua scored one goal each for the winners.

CU Vice Chancellor Professor AJM Nuruddin Chowdhury inaugurated the competition at 3pm. Pro VC- Professor Dr. M Shamsuddin was also present. Dhaka University is also taking part in the meet.

## WI 71-2 at lunch

STAR SPORT MONITOR

West Indies were 71-2 at lunch against England on the opening day of the third Test at Bridgetown, Barbados yesterday.

Skipper Brian Lara (29) and vice-captain Ramnaresh Sarwan, who was batting on 22, had put on unbroken

50 runs for the third wicket after both openers fell cheaply.

Michael Vaughan's decision to field first paid off with Chris Gayle and Darren Ganga falling victim to lbw decisions.

## Heavy fine on Moin

AFP, Multan

Pakistan wicketkeeper Moin Khan has been fined 75 per cent of his match fees for dissent during the first Test against India, it was announced on Thursday.

Moin stood his ground after being given out leg-before to Irfan Pathan on the fourth day of the match which India won by an innings and 52 runs on Thursday.

"Moin Khan was charged by umpires Simon Taufel and David Shepherd and third umpire Asad Rauf by breaching Section 2.2 of the International Cricket Council's Code of Conduct for showing serious dissent at an umpire's decision," a statement from the Pakistan Cricket Board said.

"A video tape of the incident was viewed and evidence heard from the umpires who laid the charge.  
"After due consideration of the evidence and the circumstances, match referee Ranjan Madugalle imposed a penalty of 75 per cent of the player's match fee," the statement said.

The disciplinary hearing, conducted by Madugalle, was attended by Pakistan captain Inzamamul Haq, manager Haroon Rashid, Moin and the three umpires.

This is the first time in the series, part of India's first full tour of Pakistan since 1989, that a player has been charged with dissent.

Rival captains Sourav Ganguly of India and Inzamam were earlier fined for slow over-rates during the preceding one-day series.

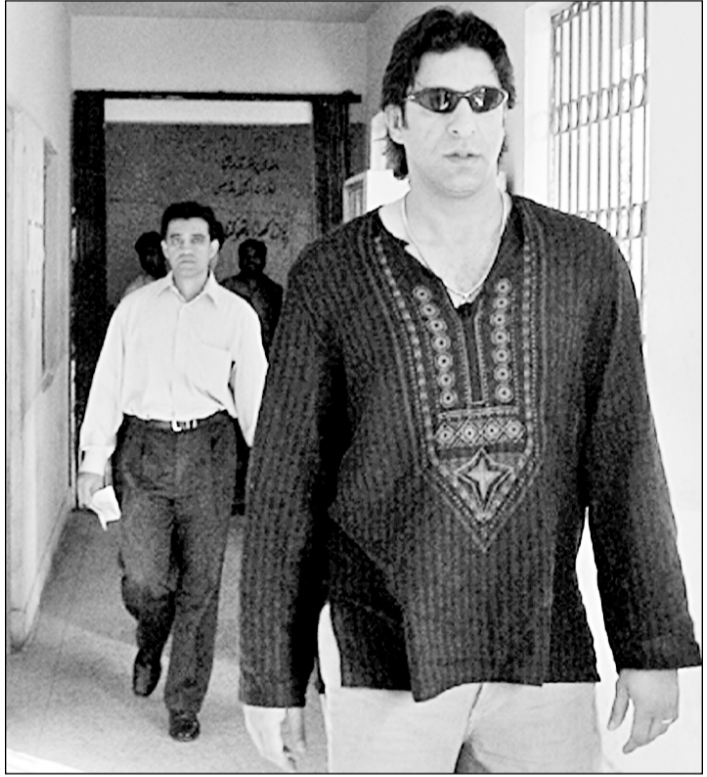


PHOTO: AFP

**NOT WHERE HE WANTS TO BE:** Former Pakistani cricket superstar Wasim Akram (R) arrives for a court hearing in Karachi yesterday. Akram was charged over usurping a vehicle of a family friend and the court rejected the ex-Pakistan captain's bail-before-arrest plea.

## Navy sports

BSS, Chittagong

The annual tennis and squash championship of the Bangladesh navy concluded at the area sports complex at BNS Issa Khan on Wednesday.

About 50 participants belonging to eight teams drawn from different areas and commands of the Bangladesh Navy took part in the five-day meet.

Commander MA Haque and Lt Commander SM Salahuddin of the Commodore Commanding Khulna (COMKHUL) team became champions in tennis doubles defeating Lt Commander MS Rafique and Lt Commander M L Hussain of the commodore commanding Chittagong (COMCHIT) team 7-5, 6-0. Lt Commander SM Salahuddin of the COMKHUL team clinched the singles title defeating Lt SM Mesbahuddin of the naval administrative authority, Dhaka (ADMIN DHAKA) team 6-2, 6-7, 4-7, 6-4.

Meanwhile, Lt Commander MA Gani of the COMKHUL team won the trophy defeating Lt Commander MNI Mina of the COMCHIT team 9-3, 0-9, 9-4, 9-4 sets in the squash final.

## Booters end

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The volleyball team tasted their first defeat when fancied India won 3-0 at Liaquat Gymnasium. The 25-13, 25-14, 25-9 victory confirmed India's place at the top of the group.

Bangladesh, who defeated the Maldives and Afghanistan in their previous group matches, finished second and play in the semifinal against the winners of the other group today.

It was the same story in table tennis when the paddles lost 3-0 to Pakistan in the men's team event at the Hamidi Hall of the Pakistan Sports Complex where a veteran Mosaddequl Haq could only stretch his match

against Asim Qureshi into a fourth set.

There was also no luck for the kabadi team, who were crashed by favourites India 45-25. India led at the halfway mark by 32-6.

Meanwhile, India overtook Pakistan on the fourth day in the overall standings with 25 gold medals. Pakistan ranked second with 13 golds.

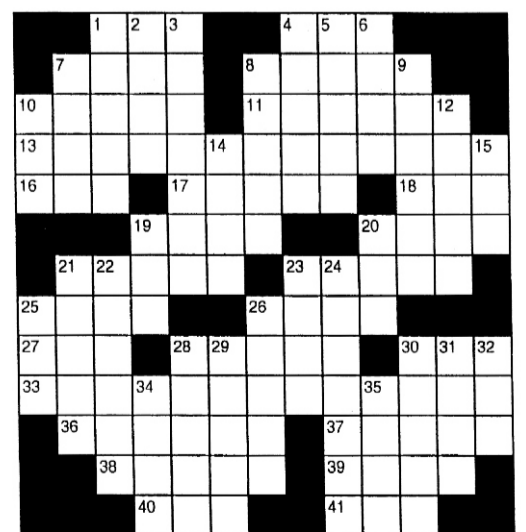
Bangladesh remained a distant third with two gold medals while Sri Lanka and Nepal won one gold medal each. Afghanistan has won one silver and 10 bronze medals while Bhutan and the Maldives have also yet to strike gold.

Athletics, the Games centre of attraction, will start from today.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
25 Dull and monotonous  
1 Treasure seeker's aid  
4 Rather's employer  
7 Key — pie  
8 Run the meeting  
10 Message nouncer  
11 Variety of finch  
13 Bon Homme Richard skipper  
16 Concorde, e.g.  
17 "Cielito —"  
18 Modern-day evidence  
19 Stupid person  
20 Catcall?  
21 Substitute  
23 Oak, once

**DOWN**  
41 JFK info  
12 Morise's mate  
14 Ethereal  
2 Witnessed  
19 Occupational  
20 Horde  
21 Evidence  
22 Hit hard  
23 Sheltered  
24 Produce magically  
25 Insecticide letters  
26 Wheel-less vehicles  
28 Pita sandwiches  
29 Hebrew letter  
30 Liveli-ness, in music  
31 Meadows  
32 Request  
34 "Mrs. Doubtfire" actress  
Wilson  
35 Leave out



CRYPTOQUIP

BU TEP KEC CQL PVKL  
CE KE FQESSBZK BZ  
HNSNZ . B KPLFF TEP'X  
HPFC ZLLX N TLZ UEV BC .

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** WOULD SOMEONE WHO ROVES ABOUT WHILE PEDDLING TANGLED ROPES BE A RAVELING SALESMAN?  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L 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.

**Solution time: 21 mins.**  
THAR COG BALL  
WIDE ODE OLAN  
ORAL HOMEWOR  
SEMIMAR SLEDS  
SUN MAE  
MIGHT STUDENT  
ORO LIV OBI  
PROCTOR FENCE  
HEX DOC  
BASIS DIPLOMA  
ACADEMIA ABEL  
TRUE INN IOTA  
HELD TEA READ