

Kenya move into Intercon Cup semifinals

Kenya advanced into semifinals of the Intercontinental Cup after the three-day match against Namibia was declared a draw at the Nairobi Aga Sports club on Sunday.



Pakistan's Sohail Abbas (L) tries to get in the way of Tushar Khanekar of India during the first hockey match of the four-game India-leg in New Delhi yesterday.

Abbas' feat in Pak win

Hockey AFP, New Delhi

Penalty-corner specialist Sohail Abbas equalled the field hockey world record for international goals as he starred in Pakistan's 3-1 win over India in the fifth match of an eight-match series here on Monday.

Tirkey was hit on the face while defending a penalty-corner and had to be stretchered off the ground. Abbas was happy to equal the record but said he still had a long way to go.

India struggled to create moves even as Pakistan increased the lead in the 28th minute when Abbas converted his team's third penalty-corner in the 28th minute.

Hog-g headlines

AFP, Harare

Vincent Hogg, former chief executive of the Zimbabwe Cricket Union, is to drop a bombshell into the International Cricket Council's investigation of racism within the sport here.

SL ready sans Murali

Cricket AFP, Karachi

Sri Lankan cricket captain Marvan Atapattu said Monday he is learning to live without world record-holder Muttiah Muralitharan and his side would do its best in both the tri-series and the Tests in Pakistan.

in 1999-2000. Sri Lanka have shown they can win without Muralitharan, coach John Dyson said, adding that South African captain Graeme Smith knows this well.

Zimbabwe have managed just one point. After the tri-series, Sri Lanka play Pakistan in two Tests, at Faisalabad from October 20 and in Karachi from October 28.

BCB's new online partner

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) signed a deal yesterday with the Global Online Services Limited to get free Internet service.

Clijsters' future in jeopardy

AFP, Hasselt

The future of former world number one Kim Clijsters looked in the balance Monday after she was ruled out of action until 2005 after aggravating a wrist injury in the Belgian Open here at the weekend.

Decisive rivalries!

AFP, Bangalore



Key battles that could decide the Test series between India and Australia starting here on Wednesday:

tremendous form over the last two years that he is feared more by rivals than even Sachin Tendulkar. With Tendulkar recovering from a tennis elbow injury, Dravid will be the mainstay of the Indian middle order.

in three matches. Harbhajan is back again to torment the Aussies after being out of action for six months due to finger surgery.

India will rely on Pathan to get Hayden early. The 19-year-old has made rapid strides in international cricket since his Test debut in Australia last season.

Martyn V Harbhajan Martyn will be the lynchpin of Australia's middle-order in the first two Tests in the absence of the injured Ricky Ponting.

WARNE V ALL THE INDIAN BATSMEN

The nimble-footed Indian batsmen have proved a nemesis for the champion leg-spinner, who has managed just 20 wickets in six Tests on Indian soil.

McGrath V Dravid Rahul Dravid has been in such

series with a staggering 32 wickets



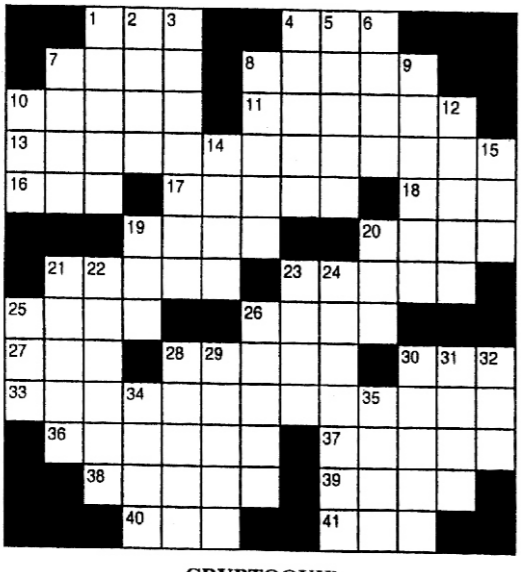
Oman's Bait Shamiah (No 15) is under pressure from Bangladesh's Moshir Rahman (L) during their Challenge Cup under-21 hockey invitational tournament match at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Chief selector's

FROM PAGE 13 informed that they would announce the team for the first Test on the second day of the three-day match to be held in BKSPP from October 14.

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WICB reveals

FROM PAGE 13 ending September 30. Ticket sales "surpassed expectations" said the WICB, and television rights fees from the England tour added a healthy injection of funds.

What if Waugh not here?

FROM PAGE 13 another 376 runs. Laxman made an extraordinary 281, 176 of them in boundaries, to Dravid's 180, Harbhajan Singh added six wickets to the seven he took in the first innings and India had won by a mind-boggling 171 runs to become only the third side to win a Test after following on.

Hosts labour

FROM PAGE 13 while the same forward hit the sidebar just before the break. The home fans were finally relieved in the 61st minute when man-of-the-match Moksed sealed the victory with another lucky goal.

Hosts labour

Ponting, one of the world's premier batsmen and who may recover from his injury for the second half of the series, also has something to prove on India's slow, dusty tracks.