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The first cricketer to be knighted was Sir Pelham Warner of England. Sir Neville Cardus was the first cricket writer to be knighted.

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Live at 8 pm

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Steve Waugh
(Former Australia captain)
"The heavyweight battle turned into a lopsided contest as India's much revered batting order dissolved under Australia's stifling pressure. Quite simply, it didn't have the stomach for the battle."
Dwelling on the Nagpur Test which Australia won to clinch the series.

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- West Indies defeated England in the ICC Champions Trophy final by:

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- Who won the China Open tennis title?

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- How many times was Pavel Nedved capped before announcing his retirement?

83	84	81
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- Who became man-of-the-tournament in the ICC Champions Trophy?

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- Who clinched the AKTEL school basketball girls' crown?

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Cairns eyes 2007 WC

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Moody and dangerous, Chris Cairns is one of the rare cricketers in world cricket's genuine all-rounder's category.

In a career spanning 15-years, Cairns has had more than his fair share of nagging injuries with a delicate knee and a fragile back troubling him most. But he has fought his way back every time and at 34, has decided it's time to start concentrating on one version of the game -- one-day international cricket -- in a bid to prolong his career.

One of the hardest hitters of the game and a wily fast-medium bowler, Cairns has already targeted the 2007 World Cup in the West Indies as a perfect stage to bow out of the game.

"I want to play in the 2007 World Cup. Not too many cricketers have appeared in five consecutive World Cups so that's my target," said Cairns while talking to an enthusiastic bunch of reporters eager to hear from New Zealand cricket's biggest superstar in Chittagong yesterday.

"I have gone under the knives many times. That's why I thought that if I play in ODIs only, that would put less pressure on my body. Besides, I've had 15-years of Test cricket and I think I've achieved most things I had wanted. I don't have any regrets," elaborated Cairns who retired from Tests after the England series last summer having scored 3320 runs

and taken 218 wickets from 62 matches, making him only the sixth cricketer to achieve the all-rounder's double of 3,000 runs and 200-wickets.

With his stars still shining, Cairns believed there were only a couple of contenders who could take over the mantle in the future.

"There are only two genuine all-rounders among the present cricketers -- Andrew Flintoff and Jacob



CHRIS CAIRNS

Oram," declared Cairns before explaining. "Say a player has a bowling aggregate of 28 and averages over 30 in batting, to me he is a real all-rounder."

Cairns had surpassed West Indian great Sir Vivian Richards' mark of clubbing the most number of sixes in Test cricket and he will surely relish the prospect of closing in on the same record in ODIs with the three-match one-day series against Bangladesh starting tomorrow in the Port city.

The Canterbury player, whose explosive genes have been passed on from his all-rounder father Lance Cairns, arrived in Dhaka just after the end of the first Test and accompanied his teammates to Chittagong. Having witnessed the second Test from the dressing room, Cairns was in a perfect position to analyse his opponents.

"The performance of Bangladesh in the Tests has disappointed me. Their morale is obviously not that high because of the huge defeats,"

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ONE-DAY FACTBOX

BATTING										
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BOWLING										
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'Should play collectively'

Cricket

SHAHADAT HOSSAIN RIAD

Former Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud observed that the Tigers needed a collective effort on the field to earn some respect, if not a victory, against their mighty opponents in Test and one-day internationals.

"We might have lost badly in both Tests in Dhaka and Chittagong against New Zealand but I believe we are more competitive than what have done in the last couple of weeks. We have failed to put up a good show due to the lack of combined performances," said the 34-year-old all-rounder, one of the three cricketers drafted for the first one-day against the Kiwis.

The first of the three-match one-day series will be held at the MA Aziz Stadium tomorrow.

"It's true that there were some excellent individual performances but those didn't bring any benefit for the team as a whole. It is important for a team like us to get a unit instead of putting on one good performance with either bat or ball," remarked Mahmud, who is regarded as a real team man and responsible for bringing discipline taking over from Khaled Mahmud after a disastrous 2003 World Cup in South Africa.

Mahmud has been a regular member of the Bangladesh one-day side since being left out of the Test fold following the home series against England last winter.

After being hammered by innings defeats in both Tests, Dav Whatmore's charges will be out to restore some pride in the abridged version.

The return of skipper Habibul Bashar, who missed the Asia Cup and the ICC Champions Trophy as well as the Tests due to a nasty thumb injury, however, will boost the confidence level of the side.

Bashar led Bangladesh to their

lone one-day success this year with victory in the third one-day against Zimbabwe at Harare. That victory ended Bangladesh's 51-match losing streak.

Ahead of the first match, coach Whatmore has been seriously

working on the batting aspects, which has been consistently inconsistent.

"We are now working hard on our

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PHOTO: ZOBAER HOSSAIN SIKDER

BAT STRAIGHT: Returning captain Habibul Bashar bats in the nets during Bangladesh team's practice session at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday. The Tigers take on New Zealand in the first of three one-day internationals here tomorrow.

Ganguly missing 4th Test

Gavaskar blames too many ODIs for poor show

Cricket

REUTERS/BBC, Mumbai

Indian captain Sourav Ganguly will miss this week's fourth and final Test against Australia after failing to recover from a groin injury.

"I am out of the match," Ganguly told Reuters on Sunday. "I'm not able to run at all, so I can't play."

The 32-year-old trained with the rest of the Indian squad on Sunday but looked shaky while batting in the nets.

In his absence, Rahul Dravid will continue to lead the team. The match starts in Mumbai on Wednesday.

Ganguly had missed the third Test in Nagpur, where Australia won by 342 runs to take a 2-0 lead and clinch their first series in India since Bill Lawry's team triumphed in 1969.

He hurt himself while fielding in the first Test in Bangalore earlier this month but the injury deteriorated

during practice in Nagpur. Ganguly is India's most successful Test captain with 15 wins in 38 matches.

India, who dropped Akash Chopra, Yuvraj Singh, Ajit Agarkar and Parthiv Patel for the Mumbai Test, have brought in four uncapped players -- openers Gautam Gambhir and Dheeraj Jadhav, paceman Shib Shankar Paul and wicketkeeper Dinesh Karthik.

Meanwhile, Indian legend Sunil Gavaskar has said an excessive one-day calendar is partly to blame for India's poor Test series.

India slumped to a heavy defeat in the third Test as Australia sealed their first series win in India since 1969.

India have played 28 one-day matches in 2004, including series in Australia, Pakistan and Europe, but have turned out for just six Tests.

Gavaskar said: "The Indians are still in one-day mode, they've not been able to get out of it."

The former opening batsman also

criticised the scheduling of the first Test for Bangalore instead of Madras.

He continued: "The India cricket board played into the Aussies' hands by giving them one of their favourite venues, Bangalore, for the first Test as Australia have won there before."

He was also surprised the Nagpur pitch was a green top, which played into the hands of Australia's fast bowlers. Former all-rounder Kirti Azad said India had continued picking out-of-form players for too long.

A national selector until last month, he said wicketkeeper Parthiv Patel had been a liability.

"Unfortunately, we did not make changes when required," said Azad. "Patel seems to be scared of going for difficult catches, fearing that he will be seen as having dropped a catch."

"He would rather not move and play safe."



PHOTO: AFP

SUPER SANGAKKARA: Sri Lanka batsman Kumar Sangakkara drives the ball through covers for a four on way to scoring a stonky 138 in his side's second innings on the fourth day of the second and final Test against Pakistan at Karachi yesterday.

Club Cup hockey MSC-Usha clash today

SPORTS REPORTER

The season's first big match will take place today when Mohammedan Sporting Club face Usha Kiria Chakra in the last group encounter of the Club Cup hockey tournament.

The giants' clash kicks off at 3 pm at the Maulana Bhashani National Hockey Stadium.

Both teams have already confirmed their semifinal berths winning their previous three matches and the result will determine the Group A champions.

Defending champions Mohammedan will be aided by two Pakistani recruits, forward Mohammed Asim and defender Aleem Raza, against an all-local Usha, who are trying to bring two Indians before the semifinals.

Meanwhile, Sonali Bank earned a solitary goal victory against Wari Club yesterday at the same venue.

Sohel netted the all-important field goal in the 9th minute.

Back problem lays Inzy low

REUTERS, Karachi

Pakistan captain Inzamamul Haq has been advised to rest for a week after a back injury prevented him fielding on the fourth day of the second Test against Sri Lanka on Sunday.

"I didn't take to the field because my back has been hurting since last evening," he told reporters. "It is a back strain and doctors have advised me to rest for four to six days." If required, I will have to come out to bat on the final day. But I hope I am not needed."

Yousuf Youhana led Pakistan in Inzamam's absence.

Inzamam said he felt the injury after scoring his 20th Test hundred on Saturday when Pakistan com

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BCB to help late sports reporter

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board will donate Tk 2 from each ticket that will be sold for the second and third one-day internationals between Bangladesh and New Zealand to help late sports journalist Monowar Ahmed's family.

Monowar, a staff reporter of Manavzamin, died of heart attack last month.

The two day-night matches will be held in Dhaka on November 5 and 7.

JFA Cup climaxes today

SPORTS REPORTER

The first-ever under-16 football competition at national level will conclude today when Feni face Barguna in the final of the JFA Cup at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium. The final will kick off at 2.30 pm at the Kamalapur venue.

This is the first time a foreign football authority has sponsored a domestic competition. The Japan Football Association (JFA) came to the aid of Bangladesh in a bid to boost the game at the grassroots and gave 20,000 dollars for organising the meet.

Ichiro Fujita, a member of the JFA who looked after the whole affair from the beginning, has been impressed by the efforts of the federation.

BFF general secretary Anwarul Haque Helal said yesterday that he was optimistic that the JFA will continue to sponsor such events.

"Fujita was impressed by our efforts and has told us that he will try to increase funds for future tournaments."

Fujita has watched some of the matches and will leave for Japan after the final.

Helal admitted that there have been some flaws in the tournament but thought that they were minor.

"Yes, there may have been a few over-aged players for some teams but we've tried hard to reduce the numbers. Also many players have been scrutinised and rejected since the start of the meet. This is the first tournament of its kind and we hope we can get it right next year," he added.

It was learnt that at one stage,

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Kaneria pegs SL back

Cricket

AFP, Karachi

Leg-spinner Danish Kaneria extinguished a fine Sri Lankan fight back with three late wickets off 26 deliveries on Day Four of the second Test here Sunday to set Pakistan up for a likely series saving victory.

Kaneria returned with figures of 6-102 from 45 overs to restrict Sri Lanka to 361-7 at stumps, a lead of 91 runs, after the tourists had reached 333 for the loss of just three wickets.

Sri Lanka resumed on Sunday on 134-1 after beginning their second innings 270 runs behind Pakistan.

Kumar Sangakkara was both the hero and villain for Sri Lanka after batting superbly all day to make 138, then starting the collapse when he edged a delivery off debutant Navedul Hasan to wicketkeeper Kamran Akmal.

It was Hasan's first wicket in Test cricket, although the 23-year-old Kaneria quickly stepped in to steal the glory with the next three wickets to record his sixth five-wicket haul of his 20-Test career.

Kaneria dismissed Thilan Samaraweera for 22, Jehan Mubarak for two and Romesh Kaluwitharana for seven to revive

Pakistan's hopes of levelling the two-match series after they lost the first Test at Faisalabad by 201 runs.

"In the absence of Shoaib Akhtar and Mohammad Sami the onus was on me to perform and I am happy that I have put the team on the road to victory," said the leg-spinner.

Akhtar and Sami, Pakistan's regular new ball pair, missed the second Test with injury.

Kaneria's efforts overshadowed the hard work of Sangakkara and veteran Sri Lankan opener Sanath Jayasuriya, who also scored a century on Sunday.

Sangakkara, who celebrated his 27th birthday last week, hooked and drove to perfection during his 357-minute stay at the crease that was made up of 251 deliveries and included 20 boundaries and a six.

He was involved in three solid stands -- of 53 for the second wicket with Jayasuriya, 83 for the third wicket with Mahela Jayawardene and 80 for the fourth wicket with Samaraweera.

Sangakkara also brought up his 1,000th Test run of the calendar year on Sunday when on 24, becoming the fifth batsman after Jayasuriya and the West Indies' Brian Lara, Chris Gayle and Ramnaresh Sarwan to achieve the feat.

His century, off 204 balls, was the seventh in his 44-Test career.

"A century is a century but I

would have been happier had I scored three runs and saved the team," a disappointed Sangakkara said.

Resuming on 96, Jayasuriya, quickly posted three figures but then became Kaneria's first victim of the day, sweeping straight to Shoaib Malik at deep square leg.

Jayasuriya brought up his 14th career century off 110 balls in 122 minutes, including 14 boundaries and a six.

It was Jayasuriya's fourth century against Pakistan and followed his match-winning 253 in the first Test at Faisalabad.

Sri Lanka's slim hopes of extending their lead enough to draw or win the Test rest on their tail with Chaminda Vaas, on one, and Farveez Maharoof, yet to get off the mark, still at the crease.

Pakistan had set up the match by dismissing Sri Lanka for 208 in the first innings, then making 478 with recalled top-order batsman Younis Khan and skipper Inzamamul Haq making centuries.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the second and final Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka at the National Stadium in Karachi on Sunday:

SRI LANKA: First innings 208 (Kaluwitharana 54, Atapattu 44; SEE PAGE 14 COL 4



PHOTO: STAR

BETTER PLAY FOOTBALL: New Zealand cricketers, who have won the Test series emphatically, enjoy a game of football during their practice session at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.