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lure to Warne

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AFP, Melbourne

The chances of champion legspinner Shane Warne returning to international one-day cricket rose Thursday when Australian captain Ricky Ponting threw his support behind the idea.

"I think Shane would love to play in the (2007) World Cup, there's a lot of time and a lot of cricket to be played between now and then," Ponting said.

Warne announced he would step aside from the one-day game after the 2003 World Cup, only to then miss Australia's march to victory in the tournament when he failed a drug test.

He has since returned to Test cricket without missing a beat and played a starring role for the World XI in Monday's tsunami relief match at the Melbourne

Cricket Ground. Ponting said Warne was aware of the problems involved in returning to one-day cricket and also of Australia's efforts to nurture young spinners Nathan Hauritz and Cameron White.

"Shane has always got in the back of his mind about what sort of effect playing one-day cricket could have on his Test career," Ponting said.

"I know he wants to keep playing Test cricket for as long as he

"The other thing we've got to look at is that we want to bring younger players into our squad and Shane's all for that as well.

"So if some of our young spinners such as Hauritz and White keep improving the way they have . Cameron has had a very good Australia A campaign and even the last few games for Victoria have been excellent.

"I think Shane is very aware of that and if those guys don't come along as we would like, or he would like, I think he will consider it more.

Wicketkeeper and one-day opening batsman Adam Gilchrist is better placed than most to know whether the 35-year-old leg-spinner would still be a force in the limited-overs game and he has no doubts.

"I'm certain Warney's good enough and has still got everything possible to be very, very successful in one-day cricket," he said.

Inzamam all

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It has proven very popular in England and capacity crowds of more than 20,000 watched the inagural first-class match between state teams Western Australia and Victoria on Perth on Wednesday as well as the international at Adelaide Oval on Thursday. "Life is so busy te nave no time to see the five-day game, when there are soccer games that are one-and-ahalfhours," Inzamam said.

"People like this game and the players are also enjoying the game." But Australia A captain Brad Haddin said while 20-over cricket was entertaining and had a future, he doubted it would take over from

"I think Test cricket will always be the most popular form of the game," Haddin said.

Test or one-day cricket.

"I think this form of the game will be a form of entertainment, where people can come and watch and only be down here for three hours, but I still think Test cricket is the most popular form of the game." 0

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Hsin-Han Lee and Man Fu Ko of Chinese Taipei won their boys' doubles tie against Aidil and Agung of Indonesia.

In the girls' doubles, Ratchaya and Waratchaya of Thailand beat Sandri and Shwata of India 6-4, 6-3.

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Pak suffer Twenty20 loss Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-27, 3-39, 4-69, Cricket balls, and David Hussey, who

smacked 50 from 44 balls. But apart from those two, batsmen on both sides found it difficult to sustain an innings of any notable length while constantly slogging. Australia A's next highest contribu-Twenty20 limited-overs cricket tor was the 24 extras, which included international played in the country six penalty runs for Pakistan failing to bowl its overs in the allotted 80

The 20-over-a-side format which has taken England by storm seems For Pakistan, opener Taufeeq to be just as popular in Australia, Umar was the best batsman, scoring 31 from 20 balls. ing into Adelaide Oval to watch the SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first international Twenty20 cricket match between crammed into the Western Australia A and Pakistan at Adelaide Australian Cricket Association AUSTRALIA A: Hopes b Shoaib Haddin b Shoaib Hodge c Taufeeq b Khalil Hussey c Azhar b Iftekhar Hussey c Shoaib b Razzaq White not out North not out Extras (5b,2lb,1w,10nb,6pens) Total (For 5 wkts, 20 overs)

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Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-11, 3-15, 4-17,

Liza clinches

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Result: Australia A won by 56 runs.

Sensational Strauss

The left-handed Strauss reached his fifty off 95 balls and then took control with some finely-placed cuts and cover drives as he made his second half-century off just 60 deliveries. He century included 17 fours and a six.

Australia A cruised to a 56-run vic-

tory over Pakistan in the first

with more than 21,000 people pack-

On Thursday, a similar size crowd

ground in Perth to watch state teams

Western Australia and Victoria

contest the country's inaugural

elected to bat, making 185 for five

from their 20 overs, with Pakistan

falling well short in their reply with

The Australian innings was built

on a 79-run fifth-wicket stand from

55 balls between Cameron White,

Australia A won the toss and

first-classTwenty20 match.

here Thursday.

Strauss seldom looked in trouble after an edge off Shaun Pollock went dangerously close to AB de Villiers at gully when he was on 13.

Key kept his normal attacking instincts in check as he reached 50 for only the fourth time in 14 Tests off 110 balls. He gave a hard caught and bowl chance to left-arm spinner Nicky Boje when he had 39.

Boje needed to leave the field briefly for treatment to a cut ring finger on his left hand, although he was able to return and resume

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the first day of the fourth Test between South Africa

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Pollock	13	4	28	0
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Steyn	10	4	36	1
Kallis	12	1	43	0
Boje	10	2	31	0
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Rudolph, Kallis, Dippenaar, A de Villiers, Boucher, Pollock, Boje,

SOUTH AFRICA: Smith, Gibbs, Umpires: Aleem Dar (PAK) and Steve Bucknor (WIS). Television umpire: K Hurter (RSA). Match referee: CLloyd (WIS).



Andrew Strauss raises his bat after hitting a century during the first day of the fourth Test against South Africa in Johannesburg yesterday.

New Test, new target

Just a weight. I am the one who gives meaning to that weight. Most of my teammates are pretty young and they don't understand the consequences of what will happen if we ose this match. I just hope that all the guys don't feel any pressure because of what has been happening in the past few months," he said referring to Zimbabwe's recent crisis after senior players led by former captain Heath Streak led a revolt over selection policy.

Zimbabwe's bowling looked pretty ordinary in Chittagong but he said it did not worry him.

"Our spinners did not come to the party but to be honest, I am really not worried. Our seamers really bowled tightly in spells and they provided us chances. And that is what we are asking for."

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Zimbabwe lost to a more experienced Bangladesh side but he

refused to make it as an excuse. "We have to adjust and play up to our ability. I don't think experience made the difference in Chittagong. We played good cricket and bad cricket in parts. We just need to gel together," said the tiny but animated character.

While Bangladesh retained the same eleven from the Chittagong Test, Zimbabwe dropped batsman Vusi Sibanda. They named a 12member squad including Dion Ebrahim and Tinashe Panyangara who did not play in Chittagong. They also have doubts over their senior pacer Mluleki Nkala who did not bowl in Bangladesh's second innings in Chittagong. Nursing a heel injury, Nkala will have to pass a fitness test this

morning to be available for final selection.

TEAMS Bangladesh: Habibul Bashar (captain), Nafees Iqbal, Javed Omar, Rajin Saleh, Mohammad Ashraful, Aftab Ahmed, Khaled Mashud, Mohammad Rafique, Mashrafee-Bin-Mortuza, Tapash Baisya and Enamul Haque.

Zimbabwe (from): Tatenda Taibu (captain), Stuart Matsikenyeri, Barney Rogers, Dion Ebrahim, Hamilton Masakadza, Brendan Taylor, Elton Chigumbura, Graeme Cremer, Tinashe Panyangara, Christopher Mpofu, Douglas Hondo and

Umpires: Nadim Ghauri (Pakistan) and Gamini Silva (Sri Lanka)

MSC to organise school cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan Sporting Club will organise the Mohammedan-Dhaka Metropolis inter-school cricket tournament this year.

Interested schools have been requested to send their entries to the popular club by January 28. There will be no entry fees.

Ir chess title

SPORTS REPORTER

Shamima Akhter Liza clinched the 25th National Junior (under-20) Chess Championship title when she beat Rezaul Islam in the eighth round at the BCF auditorium yester-

Liza has maximum eight points with one round go, making sure her nearest contender Reza Bakhtiar -who is on 6.5 points would not be able to catch her in the table.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Federer, Lindsay top guns

REUTERS, Melbourne

Roger Federer and Lindsay Davenport have been named as the top seeds for the men's and women's singles at the Australian Open which starts on Monday.

On-form Tim Henman, who faces Federer on Friday in the semifinals of the Kooyong classic, is the number seven seed.

Swiss world number one Federer, who won last year's title as well as the Wimbledon and U.S. Open crowns, topped the men's list ahead of American Andy Roddick and Australia's Lleyton Hewitt.

Last year's runner-up, Russia's Marat Safin, was seeded number four ahead of Spanish Davis Cup hero Carlos Moya and Argentina's French Open finalist Guillermo Four-times Australian Open

champion Andre Agassi was listed at number eight. The 34-year-old American is the oldest man in a singles draw that features the world's top 20 players.

American Davenport has not won a grand slam title since her victory at Melbourne Park five years ago but was installed at the head of the women's seeds after finishing last year top of the world rankings.

Frenchwoman Amelie Mauresmo, the 1999 Australian Open runner-up, is seeded number two ahead of four Russians, French Open champion Anastasia Myskina, Wimbledon winner Maria Sharapova, U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova and Elena Dementieva, runner-up at Paris and New York.

There were seven Russians among the women's 32 seeds.

Football's best

FROM PAGE 13 UEFA said.

"Just like the rest of the international community, the worldwide football family is determined to do everything possibnle to help the individuals and football associations that have been so severely affected by the terrible tsunami tragedy," FIFA president Sepp Blatter said. UEFA president and FIFA vice-

president Lennart Johansson said

that the tsunami tragedy had "provoked an unprecedented outpouring of solidarity around the globe. "The football community has a duty to be a party to this overwhelming demonstration of human togeth-

erness," Johansson said. The death toll from the earth

quake and tsunamis that devastated Indian Ocean coastlines last month stoodThursday at almost 160,000.

THE WINNING PARTNER: Formula One world champion Michael Schumacher poses with his wife Corinna, in the

winter resort of Madonna di Campiglio, in the Dolomites area of northern Italy

Family means his success

REUTERS, Madonna Di Campiglio (Italy)

Ferrari's seven-time world champion Michael Schumacher believes his family deserve a share of the credit for his success in Formula

"I think my family are a very underestimated support for me," Schumacher told a news conference at the team's winter retreat in the Dolomites.

"Ferrari helps us to have time for a private life but obviously you need to have an environment where you enjoy your private life, where you can fill up and recharge your batteries, get your strength from," said the 36-year-old German, who is married to Corinna and with two young children Mick and Gina Marie.

The man who has won the past five world championship titles is often portrayed as a ruthless professional and has been dubbed the 'Ice Man' for his supposed lack of emo-However, he showed no reluc-

tance to credit his family with helping him get through the difficult spells in his career. When you have tough moments

you need to have someone to lean

they feel like they need to slow me down they pull the handbrake," he

"They are there, we are together and we deal with any problems together and take strength out of

"It is like any successful person in life that needs a very strong and good partner and a happy life around him -- that's pretty much

Some have expressed surprise that Schumacher is happy to risk injury by playing in so many charity football matches and spending his winter free-time on the ski slopes but he says such 'off time' keeps him fresh for battle. "Its not really about skiing it is

about any sport you do. I have to prepare myself and be fit. Skiing is not particularly about being fit, it is something you can have fun with," "When you do what I have been

doing for so long, it is impossible to suffer and sacrifice your personal life completely, that doesn't work because then you lose your motiva-

tion very quickly. "Ferrari is very supportive in people."

on like Corinna and my kids. When every direction because they know us, our abilities our character and they trust us and I think that is the best way of having happy people. And happy people simply perform

better. Schumacher's recent decision to donate \$10 million to relief aid for the victims of the tsunami was another sign that he has concerns other than being the fastest man on

He says that his initial thought when he picked up his first prize money in his early days in Formula Three was to help out members of his family and so his donation to tsunami projects is nothing unusual.

"I'm very lucky to earn a lot of money from my job... it has always been the case that I have tried to balance out the unevenness we have around the world.

"Seeing what we have seen, we have all been affected in a way and this is my way of contributing to this

"It's a little bit personal as well in way, it was tough to see, to deal with and to explain to your children and this is a way to try and help

Aus-WIVB Series opener

"(But) Clarke has probably got his nose in front for the opening role. "It's good to have Martyn and (Darren) Lehmann and those guys

in the middle order. "If we get into early trouble they can shore things up and bat for long

periodsoftime

Katich will undergo a fitness test on Friday. But Ponting said he could be rested anyway, as Australia only has

Pakistan, the third team in the competition, in Hobart on Sunday. "With the sort of illness he's got it might just knock the wind out of his

sails for game two if he happens to play the first game," Ponting said.

"If we think he's fit enough to

a one-day break before taking on

by winning the last three matches

play he'll be given a chance." The selectors have decided against adding an extra batsman to

sufficient depth. "If Katich does (allrounders Shane) Watson and (Brad) Hogg can both play in the same side," said Ponting.

"Watto's (Watson's) batting has improved for him almost to play as a specialist batsman in the one-

day game anyway." One of the four Australian pacemen is set to carry the drinks. Australia are short-priced favourite to win the series, but Ponting said the West Indies showed their one-day credentials

series between the sides two years ago in the Caribbean.

TEAMS the squad, believing they have

AUSTRALIA (from): Ricky Ponting (c). Adam Gilchrist. Clarke, Jason Gillespie, Brad Hogg, Michael Kasprowicz, Simon Katich, Shane Watson, Brett Lee, Darren Lehmann, Damien Martyn, Glenn McGrath, Andrew Symonds.

WEST INDIES (from): Brian Lara (c), Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Marlon Samuels, Dwayne Bravo, Courtney Browne, Ian Bradshaw, Pedro Collins, Mervyn Dillon, Reon King, Ricardo Powell, Xavier Marshall.

Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral Corporation

of the most recent seven-game

(Petrobangla)

Petrocentre, 3, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka

Public Notice

Revision of Gas Tariff Pursuant to Memo No-Jalani (OPA-1)/6/2003(Part)/15, dated 11-01-2005 of Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, following revised rates will be applicable for end use of natural gas by different categories of customers of Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Ltd. Bakhrabad Gas Systems Ltd, Jalalabad Gas Transmission and Distribution Systems Ltd & Pashchimanchal Gas Company Ltd under the control of Bangladesh Oil, Gas & Mineral

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1.	Power	73.91	2.61
2.	Fertilizer	63.41	2.24
3.	Captive Power	105.59	3.73
4.	Industrial	148.13	5.23
5.	Tea-Estate	148.13	5.23
6.	Commercial	233.12	8.23
7.	Seasonal	233.00	8.23
8.	CNG:		
	a) Feed Gas	70.00	2.47
	b) Consumer Price (Per Cubic Meter)		8.50
NO.	Domestic/Residential:		
	a) Metered	130.00	4.59
	b) Un-metered:		
	1. Single Burner (Per Month)	350.00	
	2. Double Burner (Per Month)	400.00	
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2. The abovementioned revised rates will be effective from 1st January 2005 and will remain in force until further order.

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TMZNNWH UZJH Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF MY DINNER PLATE IS FOUR-CORNERED, I SUPPOSE YOU COULD

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals F

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.



Children attired in various costumes in the 'Dress As You Like' event of the annual sports competition of Radiant International School at the Dhanmondi Women's Complex yesterday.

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