



## Did U Know?

Marcus North became the eighteenth Australian player to score a century on debut on the second day of the first Test against South Africa on Friday.



**Pavel Nedved**  
(Juventus midfielder)  
"The decision is final and I don't think I will change my mind -- I don't need to. It is the right time to quit."  
On his retirement plan at the end of this season.



### TEN Sports

Pakistan v Sri Lanka  
Second Test, Day One  
Live from 11:00am  
South Africa v Australia  
First Test, Day Four  
Live from 2:30pm

### ESPN

English Premier League  
West Ham v Man City  
Live from 6:25pm  
Aston Villa v Stoke City  
Live from 8:55pm  
Primera Liga  
Atletico Madrid v Barcelona  
Live from 2:00am (Monday)

### STAR Sports

English Premier League  
Bolton v Newcastle  
Live from 6:55pm  
ZEE Sports  
West Indies v England  
Fourth Test, Day Four  
Live from 8:00pm

## Kallis joins 10,000 club

CRICINFO, Johannesburg

Jacques Kallis has become the eighth batsman to 10,000 Test runs after achieving the record on the second day of the first Test at the Wanderers Friday. Kallis, who is playing his 129th Test, started the match needing 12 to reach the milestone and brought it up with a push through cover for a single off Peter Siddle.

A roar went around the Wanderers as he and Neil McKenzie ran through for the run and Kallis removed his helmet and raised his bat to acknowledge the applause. The only other man on the field to have achieved the milestone, Ricky Ponting, jogged down the pitch from second slip to shake Kallis's hand.

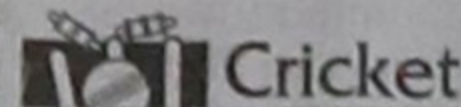
Kallis is the first South African to reach the mark and has an enormous buffer over the next of his countrymen on the list -- Gary Kirsten is second with 7289 runs. It has been a memorable couple of months for Kallis, who brought up his 10,000th ODI run during the recent tour of Australia.

"It's really important I think," Kallis said of his Test milestone. "Looking back at my career when I started if someone had said that I would have got 10,000 Test runs I would have taken that with both hands and I probably wouldn't have believed them. It does mean a lot to me."

He is nearly 2500 runs behind the world-record holder Sachin Tendulkar but is also two-and-a-half years younger. Kallis would also need to overtake current players Ponting and Rahul Dravid if he was to set the record and he said it was not a scenario that was on his mind.

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## League to resume



SPORTS REPORTER

After a three-day break, the Premier Division Cricket League will resume tomorrow.

The league was suspended after completion of three sixth round games on Thursday following tragic deaths at the BDR headquarters.

BKSP take on Cricket Coaching School (CCS) at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium and Partex meet Young Pegasus at BKSP on Monday while Victoria Sporting Club face Gazi Tank at Fatullah on the following day in the remaining sixth round matches.

Biman lead the table with maximum twelve points while defending champions Abahani and Surjo Torun follow them with ten points from six matches. Old DOHS slipped to third position after their defeat against Abahani in the sixth round.

Another giants Mohammedan are out of the race as they secured only four points from six matches. The Mohammad Ashraf-led Gazi Tank and CCS have six points from five matches.

The national cricketers are likely to be available for another round as the clubs have requested Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolis (CCDM) to ensure the Tigers availability till March 7.

"The clubs requested to allow the national

cricketers for another round and they are likely to play till March 7," said Mostafa Kabir, member secretary of CCDM.

The national team's preparation camp for the coming home series against Pakistan will be start from March 4 but chief selector Rafiqul Alam said that they will also prefer the national players play league matches as much as possible.

"The camp will start on March 4 or March 5 after selection of the national squad but we will release the players who has match until March 7. There is nothing better than playing competitive matches," said Rafiqul yesterday.

Bangladesh captain Mohammad Ashraf also wants to play the league matches as much as possible.

"It's always better to play competitive matches," said Ashraf.

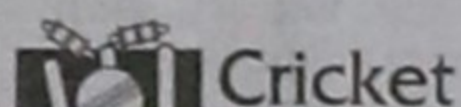
The Tigers skipper was also looking forward to the report on Abdur Razzak's bowling action.

The left-arm appeared for the reassessment tests at the Australian Institute of Sports (AIS) in Canberra on February 23 where member of the ICC panel of human movement specialists conducted the assessment.

Razzak will be considered for selection for the home series if his action is declared legal in the ICC report but it must come before March 4.

The Pakistan team will arrive in Dhaka on March 7 to play two Twenty20 and five one-day internationals in Dhaka and Chittagong.

## Bopara's maiden ton puts Eng in control



BBC ONLINE, Barbados

Ravi Bopara marked his first Test since 2007 with a maiden century as England posted 600-6 declared on Day Two of the fourth Test against West Indies on Friday.

Later James Anderson removed Chris Gayle lbw after a TV referral but the hosts had reached 85-1 by stumps in Barbados.

Bopara (104) shared stands of 149 with Collingwood (94) and Tim Ambrose (76no) before the tourists declared.

They had resumed the day on 301-3 and, despite Kevin Pietersen falling early for 41, put on 299 in 63.2 overs.

England captain Andrew Strauss will be happy with how the day panned out for his side, who made 600 for the first time since 2003 and only the second time ever in the Caribbean.

They scored heavily and quickly to amass a huge total and then bowled with discipline and variety to make inroads into the West Indian batting line-up.

Strauss must now hope for a steady stream of wickets on Day Three and will be buoyed by the knowledge that England, 1-0 down in the five-match series, have time and runs on their side.

West Indies batsmen Devon Smith (37 not out) and Ramnaresh Sarwan (40 not out) need to continue laying a solid foundation from which their side can build if they are to remain in contention.

The hosts made a positive start on Friday morning when Fidel Edwards (3-152) trapped Pietersen plumb in front of his stumps and, despite a frivolous referral to the third umpire, the batsman was correctly given his marching orders.

England batsman Ravi Bopara raises his bat after scoring his maiden century on the second day of the fourth Test against the West Indies at Kensington Oval in Barbados on Friday.

Pietersen, who was dropped on 20 by Jerome Taylor the previous evening, struggled for rhythm and had already edged Taylor just short of Gayle at first slip before he was ousted.

It was important for England to negotiate their way through a venomous spell from Taylor and Edwards but things could have got worse when new man Bopara mis-cued Edwards to Taylor at square leg.

Fortunately for Bopara -- keen to justify his selection in

place of the injured Andrew Flintoff -- the catch was put down and he responded by pulling Taylor for successive fours and hooking Edwards for six.

Clearly riled by the treatment dished out to him, Edwards continued to send down some devilish bouncers, one of which smashed into Bopara's helmet and left him requiring treatment from the England physiotherapist.

But West Indies failed to maintain the intensity and, aside from one extremely

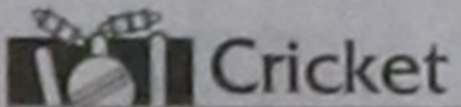
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PHOTO: AFP

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## Younis wary of SL Second Test starts today



AFP, Lahore

Pakistan captain Younis Khan fears Sri Lanka will come out fighting to give their captain Mahela Jayawardene a winning farewell in the second Test, which starts here on Sunday.

The 31-year-old touring captain steps down from captaincy after this match -- a factor Younis said would motivate the tourists to lift their game.

"We are aware of it and this being Mahela's last Test, he and his team may come down hard on us. But we will focus on our strength and our planning," said Younis on Saturday.

Jayawardene also led Sri Lanka to the final of the 2007 World Cup held in the West Indies where they lost to Australia.

Younis said his team respected the Sri Lankan captain but would not be overawed.

"He has had a good record and has earned more respect in the last couple of years. I asked him to give him a guard of honour but he politely turned it down. But the respect will not

overawe us, we will try to win this match," said Younis.

The newly appointed Pakistan captain played down the hype around the pitch after the first Test ended in draw on a batsman-friendly strip.

"The pitch looks nice and bouncy," said Younis of the Gaddafi Stadium pitch, which has grass on top.

"It is necessary that we have result-oriented pitches, especially in Pakistan where there's not much international cricket."

The Karachi Test was Pakistan's first in 14 months after foreign teams refused to tour the country over security fears.

Jayawardene dispelled the impression that the hype around his farewell would unsettle his team.

"I don't think it would be a distraction," said Jayawardene, who scored 240 and was involved in a world record stand of 437 with Thilan Samaraweera (231) in the first Test.

"The focus is there and it would be great if we cap it with a win."

"When we played here last month we got a

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PHOTO: INTERNET

South Africa's AB de Villiers plays a square drive on way to his century on the third day of the first Test against Australia in Johannesburg yesterday.

## BCB, BOA bereaved

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has expressed deep bereavement at the deaths of valiant army officers of the country and innocent victims, under the most tragic of circumstances at the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) Headquarters.

In a press release, the Media and Communications wing of the BCB has forwarded their heartfelt condolences to the family members of the deceased.

A mutiny at the BDR Headquarters on Wednesday saw numerous army officers killed brutally and the death toll has so far risen to 72.

The Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) in a separate message also condoled the tragic death of Director General of BDR Major General Shakil Ahmed, who was also the president of Bangladesh Weightlifting Federation.

"It is an irreparable loss not only for the army and the sports community but to the whole nation," said the BOA press release.

## BFF postpones Super Cup

SPORTS REPORTER

The big-spending Super Cup has been officially postponed yesterday due to the tragic incident at the BDR headquarters in the city.

Fresh schedule for the tournament, which was scheduled to start from March 6, is likely to be announced today after a meeting of the BFF executive committee.

The decision was taken at the tournament committee meeting at BFF Bhabanyesterday.

Tournament committee chairman Harunur Rashid told the reporters after the meeting that they were forced to postpone the tournament for the time being due to the prevailing situation.

"We hope, we'll be able to start the tournament soon as the tournament committee and the participating teams have completed all the preparations," he said.

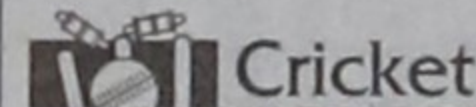
## Ishant scare for India

CRICINFO, Napier

Ishant Sharma could miss the first ODI against New Zealand in Napier on March 3 because of a shoulder problem. Ishant injured his shoulder during the second Twenty20 international and was able to bowl only two out of his quota of four overs.

"Ishant went for an MRI. The shoulder is still sore," Niranjan Shah, the India team manager, said. "We will monitor him over the next two days. But he could miss the first one-dayer. He has already had an injury on that shoulder."

## De Villiers's effort can't stop the rot



AFP, Johannesburg

Australia built a 297-run lead in their second innings when bad light stopped play on Day Three of the first Test against South Africa at Wanderers Stadium on Saturday.

The tourists reached 51 for one before the players left the field in the final session, staying off for 45 minutes until the umpires drew stumps 31 overs early.

Debutant Phillip Hughes, the youngest Australian test debutant since Craig McDermott in 1984, avoided the ignominy of making two ducks as he was on 36 not out with Australia captain Ricky Ponting unbeaten on one.

Pace bowler Morne Morkel struck early to have Simon Katich caught behind for 10 in the 12th over of the innings, breaking a 38-run opening stand with Hughes.

Ponting joined the 20-year-old left-hander in an unbroken 13-run partnership for the second wicket but the rain came before the skipper could settle at the crease.

Earlier, AB de Villiers put up a fight for South Africa but ran out of partners, finishing unbeaten on 104 for his eighth Test century as the Proteas were dismissed for 220 runs in their

first innings midway through the second session.

De Villiers spent nearly five hours at the crease in his overnight contribution.

Dale Steyn made 17 in a 52-run ninth-wicket stand with de Villiers, who was put down by wicketkeeper Brad Haddin on 64, either side of lunch but Steyn edged Andrew McDonald to Marcus North at first slip to end the partnership.

Last man in Makhaya Ntini stuck around for 10 minutes, long enough for de Villiers to reach his hundred, before he was removed by Mitchell Johnson to wrap up the innings.

Johnson - who made a stunning 96 not out in Australia's first innings - returned superb figures of 4/25 to lead the attack while fellow speedster Peter Siddle took 3/76.

Soon after the start, Siddle had opener Neil McKenzie trapped leg-before after South Africa resumed their first innings at 85 for three.

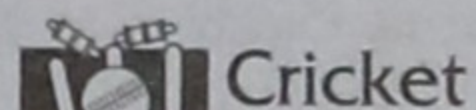
McKenzie, who made 36, referred Steve Bucknor's decision to the third umpire but was given out.

The drama heightened two overs later when the camera feed to the third umpire failed after Australia called a referral.

The tourists were confident JP Duminy clipped a Siddle delivery to Haddin, but Bucknor disagreed.

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## Mahela looks back



AFP, Lahore

Departing Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jayawardene said the pinnacle of his tenure was lifting his team to the World Cup final in the Caribbean two years ago.

The 31-year-old relinquishes captaincy after the second and final Test against Pakistan starting in Lahore from today, ending a three-year stint during which Sri Lanka finished runners-up to Australia in the 2007 World Cup.

"It is difficult to put my finger on it but playing the World Cup final was the big plus point in my career, it was a great honour," said Jayawardene of the match, in which Sri Lanka lost to defending champions Australia by 53 runs.

Jayawardene, who took over from Marvan Atapattu in 2006, has led Sri Lanka in 27 Tests, winning 15 and losing seven. The remaining five Tests ended in draw.

His team drew 1-1 against England in 2006. He led Sri Lanka to their first-ever Test win in the West Indies before squaring the two-Test series 1-1 last year.

The inspirational Jayawardene also led Sri Lanka in 94 one-day international with a win-loss record of 54-35. The remaining five matches ended in no results.

Jayawardene said a captain is as good as his team.

"When you are doing well as a team, you always enjoy the captaincy and when you are not doing well the captain goes through that difficult time, you are as good as your team."

"When the team is in good

confidence then the captain's job becomes much easier," said Jayawardene, who described a one-day series defeat against India earlier this month as one of his low points.

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PHOTO: AFP

Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jayawardene plays a shot during training at the Gaddafi Cricket Stadium in Lahore yesterday.