

## Ganguly to deliver ICC lecture

PTI, Dubai

Former cricketers Sourav Ganguly, Bishan Singh Bedi along with Angus Fraser, Clive Lloyd and Bob Willis will assess how the game has changed over the years at ICC History Conference in Oxford this week. Leading administrators, academics, historians and statisticians will also gather to reflect on the past 100 years at the conference to be held on Wednesday and Thursday as part of the ICC's centenary celebrations.

"One of the key themes of the ICC's centenary year is tradition, to use 2009 as an opportunity to look back at the game's rich history. The history conference should be a fantastic occasion," ICC President David Morgan said in a statement.

Former ICC President Ehsan Mani and the organisation's

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## Did U Know?

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar played 20 seasons in the NBA and holds the record for most points in a career - 38,387.



## Dwayne Bravo

(West Indies cricketer)  
"My club, Queen's Park Cricket Club, is more organised than West Indies."



## TEN Sports

Sri Lanka v Pakistan  
Third Test, Day 2  
Live from 11:30am  
West Indies v Bangladesh  
Second Test, Day 5  
Live from 9:00pm  
ESPN  
Sportscenter India  
Sports News  
Live at 9:30pm

## KP may miss third Test

IANS, London

The persistent problem on his Achilles tendon has made England batsman Kevin Pietersen doubtful for the third Ashes Test.

The former England skipper will meet a doctor after the end of the second Test at Lord's here Monday for another injection into his problematic Achilles tendon. The Daily Telegraph reported.

Pietersen had already admitted that his achilles injury is always playing on his mind and is affecting his performance in the ongoing Ashes series. And if there is no improvement before the third Test it is hard to see him being fit enough to play.

Pietersen already had a homeopathic injection and a cortisone injection in the tendon and the next procedure will be a saline solution with a small percentage of cortisone, which is intended to cushion the movement of the tendon within its sheath.

The treatment is unpredictable and it can turn out to

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Bangladesh captain Shakib Al Hasan (3rd from R) celebrates the dismissal of West Indies wicketkeeper Chadwick Walton (L) with his teammates on the third day of the second Test at the National Stadium in Grenada on Sunday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Rain pulls Tigers back

Cricket

AFP, St George's

Rain took a sizeable chunk out of the day, but Bangladesh still held all the aces with West Indies wobbling on 192 for eight in their second innings in the second and final Test on Sunday.

The Bangladesh spinners continued to torment the West Indies' batsmen, and the home team could only extend their lead to 197 in the time available on the third day at the National Cricket Stadium in St George's.

The entire evening session was lost to the weather, after rain had earlier stopped play about half-hour before lunch, and the afternoon session started about an hour and 10 minutes later than scheduled after the interval. The Tigers' spinners applied the pressure throughout the truncated day and the West Indies' batsmen - except for birthday boy Dave Bernard Jr - cracked.

Shakib Al Hasan has been Bangladesh's most successful bowler with four wickets for 61 runs from 22 overs, and fellow left-arm spinner Enamul Haque has taken two for 42 from 15 overs.

But Bangladesh found Bernard hard to dislodge, and he reached 50 for the third time in the series, when he swung his 56th ball from Enamul over mid-wicket for his sixth four.

The Tigers spinners were never able to dominate him, and the lanky all-rounder struck six fours and one six in an unbeaten 61 from 71 balls in a little over two hours.

The weather intervened before lunch to set

Bangladesh's effort back, after their spinners, led by Shakib, bowled them back into contention, when they reduced West Indies to 124 for five at the interval.

Shakib made the breakthrough in the eighth over of the morning, after West Indies continued their overnight total of 56 for one.

The acting Bangladesh captain removed Omar Phillips, when the left-handed opener was caught at deep square leg for 29.

Four overs later, Shakib had Ryan Hinds caught at leg-slip for two, when the left-handed batsman gloved a sweep shot.

Off-spinner Mahmudullah, who has been the most successful bowler for Bangladesh in the series, then removed West Indies captain Floyd Reifer for three to a questionable lbw decision from New Zealand umpire Tony Hill.

Video replays suggested that Reifer was struck just outside the off-stump and the ball would have spun away from lanky left-hander.

Enamul Haque then added to West Indies' pain, when he scalped Travis Dowlin for 49 to an incredulous lbw verdict from Hill to leave West Indies 110 for five.

The TV replays again suggested that the batsman was struck just outside the off-stump and the ball would have spun away past the stumps.

When play resumed after lunch, the Bangladesh spinners wheeled away, and Bernard and Darren Sammy spent the first 40 minutes putting up their best defence.

But things became undone, when Enamul had Sammy caught at mid-wicket for 22 to trigger a decline which saw West Indies lose

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## Rain checks U-19s charge

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Under-19s good batting effort went in vain as their second one-day match against England Under-19s was abandoned due to rain at Grace Road on Sunday.

Bangladesh posted a challenging total of 269 for 6 in 50 overs after deciding to bat first but rain stopped the match with England Under-19s making 18 for no loss in 3.3 overs.

Anamul Haque (78), Mominul Haque (57) and Alauddin Babu (41 not out) propelled the Bangladeshis towards an impressive.

The home side lead the five-match one-day series 1-0 after winning the first game by 84 runs and the third one-day match will be played at Northampton today.

## Tour over for Mash

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Injured Bangladesh captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza will return home on Friday as he has been ruled out of the three-match one-day international series against West Indies.

The 'Narail Express' led Bangladesh to their first-ever away Test victory although he missed the last two days action in the first Test at St. Vincent due to a knee injury.

Returning home early is nothing new for the pace spearhead but this time it will definitely depress him most as the Tigers are all set to make history in the Caribbean against the makeshift West Indies.

The touring team management has also decided to send back paceman Shahadat Hossain, left-arm spinner Enamul Haq and wicketkeeper Sahagir Hossain along with Mashrafe after the end of the second and final Test in Grenada.

Left-arm pacer Syed Rasel, left-arm spinner Abdur Razzak and all-rounder Nayeem Islam already left Dhaka to join the team in Grenada to play the three-match one-day series.

Pacer Nazmul Hossain had already reached

the Caribbean as a back up for leading paceman Mashrafe before the start of the second and final Test.

Mashrafe, who had injured his right knee while fielding on the third day of the first Test at St. Vincent, is still nursing the injured knee and is looking forward for expert opinion from Australian surgeon David Young, who is now in Sri Lanka.

The 25-year old pacer underwent an MRI exam on July 14 in Grenada and the initial report suggested he had a muscle stress in the knee and the report was sent to the orthopedic Australian surgeon for his expert opinion.

After Young's opinion it can be only confirmed whether the leading paceman can join the team in Zimbabwe for the five-match one-day series which will start from August 9.

Bangladesh will take on Zimbabwe in the first ODI on July 26 and second ODI on 28 at the Windsor Park in Dominica while the second and final ODI will take place at Warner Park, St. Kitts on July 31.

Before the ODI series, the Tigers are scheduled to play a limited-over warm-up game against UWI Vice Chancellor's XI on July 24 at Portsmouth in Dominica.

The tour will be ended with a T20 International at the Warner Park, St Kitts.

## Flintoff ends England's 75-year Lord's drought

Cricket

AFP, London

Andrew Flintoff took five wickets as England finally ended their 75-year wait for an Ashes victory at Lord's with a 115-run win over Australia on the final day of the second Test here on Monday.

Victory saw England take a 1-0 lead in the five-Test series having clung on for a draw in Cardiff.

Australia set a mammoth 522 to win -- a target that had they achieved it would have surpassed the fourth innings Test world record victory total of 418 for seven made by the West Indies against Australia in Antigua in 2002/03 -- were bowled out for 406 shortly before lunch on the fifth day.

Fast bowler Flintoff, who before this match announced he would retire from Test cricket at the end of this series, took five wickets for 92 runs in 27 overs, including three for 43 in 10 overs Monday.



PHOTO: INTERNET

LORD OF LORD'S: England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff is on his knees as he celebrates his five-wicket haul in his last appearance in a Test at Lord's on the final day of the second Test yesterday.

## Crowe tries to calm dispute

AFP, London

Match referee Jeff Crowe sought to extinguish Monday the smouldering Ashes catching row which became one of the major talking points during England's second Test victory over Australia here at Lord's.

During Saturday's third day Rudi Koertzen, standing in his 100th Test, and Billy Doctrove referred a catch claimed by Australia's Nathan Hauritz off England's Ravi Bopara to third umpire Nigel Llong.

The replays were inconclusive and Bopara was allowed to continue his innings.

Then on Sunday, England captain Andrew Strauss claimed a low slip catch to

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## Freddie very happy

Cricket

AFP, London

England fast bowler Andrew Flintoff said there was no way captain Andrew Strauss was going to get the ball off him after he led England to a 115-run second Test victory over Australia here at Lord's.

Man-of-the-match Flintoff took five wickets for 92 runs in 27 overs, including three in an unbroken 10-over spell Monday for 43 runs as Australia, set a world record 522 to win, were bowled out for 406.

Victory meant England had won a Test against Australia at Lord's for the first time in 75 years and saw them go 1-0 up in the series with three to play after they clung on for a draw with just one wicket standing in Cardiff.

Before this match the 31-year-old Flintoff, whose career has been blighted by injuries, announced he would retire from Test cricket at

the end of this Ashes series.

But he began the process of bowing out in style, with only the third five-wicket haul of his 77-match Test career and first at Lord's.

"It's been a good Test match and a real team performance, there were some very special performances in this Test," the all-rounder told Sky Sports.

"It's nice to get five wickets this morning and take the plaudits but it has been a real team effort."

Flintoff sent England on their way Monday when, with only his fourth ball, he had Brad Haddin (80) taken in the slips by Paul Collingwood. And once that happened there was no way Strauss was going to stop him before the job was.

"There was no chance," Flintoff said. "He would have been on a losing battle there."

Strauss, whose first innings 161 helped give England a solid base on which to build, said: "I just want to give a special mention to Andrew

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PHOTO: AFP

Pakistan opener Khurram Manzoor plays a cut shot during the first day of the third and final Test against Sri Lanka at The Sinhalese Sports Club grounds in Colombo yesterday.

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