



South African batsman Jacques Kallis flicks the ball during the opening day of the first Test against England at SuperSport Park in Centurion yesterday.

## Imran to deliver 2010 Cowdrey Lecture

AFP, London

Former Pakistan captain Imran Khan will give the tenth MCC Spirit of Cricket Cowdrey Lecture at Lord's next year, organisers announced here Tuesday.

Imran will become the first Pakistani to deliver the lecture.

Previous speakers include Geoffrey Boycott, South Africa's Archbishop Desmond Tutu and, most recently, Adam Gilchrist.

Imran's address, on July 19, is due to take place two days after the scheduled conclusion of the Pakistan-Australia Test match at Lord's - the north-west London ground owned by MCC.

MCC president John Barclay, who played alongside Imran at English county Sussex in the 1970s and 1980s, said: "Imran was an inspired cricketer."

"He was never short of opinions and rarely was he reluctant to hold back."

"We will be in for a treat on July 19 when Imran will display the depth of his knowledge and breadth of his experience."

Imran, a formidable fast bowler, is arguably Pakistan's greatest cricketer and widely regarded as one of the best all-rounders ever to play the game.

## India, Pakistan

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The match schedule will be released before December 31, the FIH said.

**Pool A:** Germany, the Netherlands, South Korea, New Zealand, Canada, Argentina.

**Pool B:** Australia, Spain, England, Pakistan, India, South Africa.

## V-Day hockey

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margin through a penalty stroke and made it 3-0 converting another penalty corner.

Rimon, who was kept out of the national squad, reduced the margin for Bangladesh Police through a field goal while Trishna sealed the fate of the game through a field goal one minute from time.

## Ziaur propels

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wickets in 43.2 overs in reply to 229.

Wicketkeeper batsman Mohammad Mithun top scored with 56 off 64 balls that saw three boundaries while Shahriar Nafees smashed seven boundaries to score 30 off 24 balls.

Shaker Ahmed captured three wickets for 34 runs.

Earlier Shaheed Jewel XI rode on Shabbir Rahman's unbeaten 70 and Quazi Nurul Hasan's fifty to score 229 in 42.2 overs.

Shabbir smashed four boundaries and as many sixes in his 65-balls 70 while Nurul Islam struck eight boundaries in his 48 balls stay.

Kamal Islam picked up three wickets for 28 runs.

## SCORES IN BRIEF

**SHAHEED JEWEL XI:** 229 all out in 42.2 overs (Anamul 10, Amit 14, Sarkar 15, Nurul Hasan 50, MH Sourav 16, Shabbir 70 not out, Saikat 20, Babu 23, extras 9; Kamrul 3-28, Farhad 2-34).

**SHAHEED MUSHTAQ XI:** 230-8 in 43.2 overs (Farique 26, Nafees 30, Mithun 56, Farhad Reza 15, Farhad Hossain 32, Zia 38, extras 13; Babu 2-27, Shaker 3-34).

**Result:** Shaheed Mushtaq XI won by two wickets.

## Swann halts SA fightback

### Cricket

AFP, Centurion

England off-spinner Graeme Swann struck four balls before tea to halt South African fightback on the first day of the first Test at SuperSport Park on Wednesday.

South Africa were 159 for four at tea with Jacques Kallis unbeaten with a polished 51.

Kallis and AB de Villiers seemed to have weathered an early onslaught by the England bowlers as they put together a fourth wicket stand of 66, but De Villiers was caught at short leg for 32 to give Swann his second wicket of the innings.

De Villiers did not add to his score after surviving a television review when Swann appealed for a catch behind.

England used up their quota of reviews for the innings, with television umpire Amish Saheba earlier confirming a not-out decision by on-field official Aleem Dar

against Kallis when James Anderson was bowling.

The series could hardly have got off to a worse start for South Africa. Strike bowler Dale Steyn was ruled out after feeling tightness in his left hamstring during the pre-match warm-up. He was replaced by new cap Friedel de Wet.

Then captain and batting mainstay Graeme Smith was caught behind off Stuart Broad without scoring in the second over after England captain Andrew Strauss won the toss and sent South Africa in. Smith's attempted glance was held by wicketkeeper Matt Prior, who lunged to his right.

Prince and Hashim Amla put on 50 for the second wicket but it was slow going against tight bowling before Amla was caught at second slip off Graham Onions.

Prince, who successfully sought a referral after umpire Steve Davis gave him out lbw to Onions when he had 19, made 45 before he was caught slip off Swann's second ball of

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the first day of the first Test between South Africa and England at SuperSport Park in Centurion on Wednesday:

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings

Smith c Prior b Broad 0

Prince c Collingwood b Swann 45

Amla c Collingwood b Onions 19

Kallis not out 51

De Villiers c Cook b Swann 32

Duminy not out 0

Extras: (b-1, lb-9, w-2) 12

Total: (For 4 wkt in 55 overs) 159

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-51, 3-93, 4-159.

To bat: Boucher, Harris, Morkel, Ntini, DeWet.

**Bowler** O M R W

Anderson 15 6 39 0

Broad 13 5 26 1

Onions 12 2 43 1

Swann 11 2 34 2

Collingwood 4 1 7 0

**ENGLAND:** Strauss (captain), Cook, Trott, Pietersen, Collingwood, Bell, Prior, Swann, Broad, Anderson, Onions.

Toss: England

## Majola hails ton-up Ntini

### Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Gerald Majola, the Cricket South Africa chief executive, has hailed Makhaya Ntini's career as the fast bowler reached 100 Test caps in the opening encounter against England in Centurion.

"Makhaya Ntini's 100th Test match for South Africa marks a major milestone in one of the most incredible journeys yet undertaken in world cricket," he said. "Makhaya rose from being a herd boy in the tiny village of Mdindi in the Eastern Cape to being rated as one of the world's best fast bowlers and becoming the most popular sports person South Africa has known."

"He has stridden the world cricket stage like a colossus since making his Test debut at the age of 20," he added. "His 10 wickets against England at Lord's in 2003 also stands alone in the South African record books at the home of cricket."

Majola praised the impact that Ntini has had within the sport and the way he has played the game over an 11-year career. "For more than a decade, Makhaya has been the face of South African cricket wherever the game is played," he said. "His has been the face of friendship, enjoyment and a fierce will to win for his country."

Ntini himself has spoken of the pride of reaching his hundred milestone and admitted he never thought he would get the chance to represent his country. "For me, playing 100

times for my country - from a time when you thought, as a black cricketer, it wouldn't be possible to penetrate and be successful among a white-dominated sport, it gives a lot of inspiration to younger people. If I can do it, so can they."

Ntini will have an even more important role to play in his 100th Test after South Africa lost the services of Dale Steyn shortly before the toss. Steyn pulled up during the warm-ups with a recurrence of the hamstring injury that has troubled him since the third ODI in Cape Town.

He had appeared on course to make the Test after coming through South Africa's training camp in Potchefstroom and his absence leaves Graeme Smith short of his main strike bowler. It also meant a last-minute debut for 29-year-old Friedel de Wet who had been kept with the squad on standby.

Graeme Smith, the South African captain, said it had been a privilege to have had a part in Ntini's career. "He's a great success story, and he has worked very hard for this honour. He has always been an important part of the team - his work ethic, his commitment, his energy and his vibrant personality. I wish him every success in his 100th match."

"He'll tell you that his success is down to a lot of hard work. He's had his ups and downs, but he's always met them with 100 percent commitment," he added. "Makhaya has become the spearhead of our attack and I've been very grateful for his energy and commitment as a leader. He's a vibrant person and he's played a prominent role, not just in this team, but in South Africa."

## Aus wallop WI

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Australia's record of not owning a century in the three-match series.

At least Watson didn't briefly lose his mind, with Roach's sharp ball going away and brushing his edge on 89, but it didn't ease the pain of missing a maiden hundred, just as he did after reaching 96 in Adelaide last week. The day began with a 132-run stand between Watson and Katich, a partnership which was so comfortable it seemed like they would be unhappy if they didn't reach 600. By stumps, on a pitch missing the traditional steeping bounce, Hussey had taken them to comfort with a bright 81.

Ponting headed for hospital shortly before tea after being shaken by the spell of Roach, who had picked up the captain twice in the series. Life was immediately uncomfortable for Ponting, who ducked and turned his head in response to a 146kph short ball that arrived as his second delivery.

On his home ground, Hussey produced his most authoritative innings of the series, pulling powerfully on occasions and working the ball cleverly. His innings peaked with three fours in Roach's opening over with the second new ball and he will be desperate to reach three figures when he resumes with Marcus Toss: Australia.

His arm remained high to

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close on the first day of the third Test between Australia and West Indies at Western Australia Cricket Association Ground in Perth on Wednesday:

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings

Watson c Ramdin b Roach 89

Katich c Roach b Benn 99

Ponting retired hurt 23

Hussey not out 81

Clarke c Gayle b Deonarine 11

North not out 23

Extras: (w-1, nb-12) 13

Total: (For 3 wkt in 90 overs) 339

To bat: Haddin, Johnson, Hauritz, Bollinger, McKay.

Fall of wickets: 1-132, 1-175\*, 2-260, 3-277.

**Bowler** O M R W

Roach 13 0 67 1

Rampaul 14 4 38 0

Tonge 13 0 65 0

Bravo 13 0 56 0

Benn 19 3 61 1

Deonarine 18 3 52 1

**WEST INDIES:** Gayle, Dowlin, Sarwan, Deonarine, Nash, Bravo, Ramdin, Benn, Rampaul, Tonge, Roach.

Toss: Australia.

## Muralidaran, Fernando out of India ODIs

AFP, New Delhi

Sri Lanka suffered a double blow when Muttiah Muralidaran and Dilhara Fernando were ruled out of the one-day series in India with finger injuries, a team official said on Wednesday.

Off-spinner Muralidaran, the world bowling record holder, sat out Tuesday's first one-dayer in Rajkot in which the tourists almost chased down India's 414-7 before being restricted to 411-8 in the high-scoring thriller.

Fast bowler Fernando injured his finger during that game while trying to take a return catch off Indian captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni, team manager Brendon Kuruppusaid.

Fernando hurt his finger during that match. His replacement will be announced shortly, Kuruppu told reporters.

Murali injured his ring and middle fingers in his right hand during the Mumbai Test earlier this month and is going back home.

"We have decided to rest Murali to allow him to recover fully and be available for future tournaments," he said.

Muralitharan, whose 792 Test and 512 one-day wickets are world records, will be replaced by two off-spinners, Muthumudalinge Pushpakumara and Suraj Randiv, for the rest of the series.

The duo will join the squad ahead of Friday's second match in Nagpur, Kuruppu said.

Sri Lanka lost the Test series against India 2-0 and both teams won a Twenty20 international each ahead of the one-dayers.

Sri Lanka are due to play a tri-series with India and Bangladesh in Dhaka from January 4-13.

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Tarequzzaman 29, Butt 61, Nazmul 23, extras 7; Saju 2-33, Monir 3-52

**VIKTOURIA:** 225-5 in 48 overs (Kamrul 86, Bashir 54, Salahuddin 31 not out, extras 13; Aslam 2-34)

Result: Victoria won by five wickets.

## Victory Day

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finish second and third.