

Ian Botham and Ian Chappell resumed their 30-year feud in spectacular fashion during the second Test in Adelaide, when they had to be pulled apart by their respective Sky and Channel Nine colleagues following a dust-up in the car park at the close of the fourth day's play. Despite their regular stunts in adjacent commentary boxes, neither man has spoken to the other in three decades, with the root of their feud lying in an incident at the Hilton Hotel during the Centenary Test in Melbourne in 1977. On Monday, the two came close to blows once again when Chappell muttered something provocative in Botham's direction, before both men dropped their bags and went for each other's throats.



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## Siddons to join Tigers in time

Teams arrive in Ctg

Jamie Siddons is set to join the Tigers on the morning of the fourth one-day match against Zimbabwe in Chittagong on Friday.

The head coach rushed off to Brisbane to join his wife and newborn baby on December 4, the eve of the third one-day of the five-match series. He will return to Dhaka tomorrow night and link up with the team on the morning of the match, informed manager Tanjeb Ahsan Saad.

Our Chittagong correspondent adds: the Zimbabwe team arrived yesterday (Tuesday) at 10:00am in the port city. They participated in an optional practice session at the Jahur

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ON THE RED CARPET: Bangladesh spinner Abdur Razzak enters a hotel in Chittagong yesterday.

## London expats to visit Bangladesh

SPORTS REPORTER

Western United will visit Bangladesh to play six matches in the next month as the London-based Bangladeshi expatriates football club expressed their wishes to the Bangladesh Football Federation.

Western United want to play six matches in Cox's Bazar, Sylhet, Molvibazar, Habiganj, Srimongol and Dhaka as they are scheduled to arrive here on December 30.

# Enormous English win

Cricket

AFP, Adelaide

England crushed Australia by an innings and 71 runs after a spectacular collapse of wickets early on the final day in the second Ashes Test at the Adelaide Oval on Tuesday.

The tourists ran through the Australians after snaring the important wicket of Mike Hussey with spinner Graeme Swann finishing with five wickets for 91.

It was England's first Test victory in Adelaide since 1995 and their first Test triumph in Australia since Mike Gatting's team won in Melbourne on the way to winning the Ashes almost 24 years ago.

Australia now must win two of the remaining three Tests to overhaul England and win back the Ashes they lost last year, while England are in line to win an Ashes series in Australia for the first time since 1986-87.

"We never gave them a look in the game, and we're very pleased about what we've done, especially on the back of the last couple of days at Brisbane [drawn first Test]," captain Andrew Strauss said.

"We've got some great momentum in the series and we've got to keep it going." England thoroughly deserved their comprehensive victory after skittling Australia for 245 on Friday's first day and replying with a massive 620 for five declared, to hold a 375-run innings lead.

It also helped save the bitter memories of England's collapse to lose the corresponding Adelaide Test by six wickets four years after amassing 551 for six declared batting first.

"We need to enjoy this and savour it, because it was a special victory for us, in some ways it exorcised some of the demons from four years ago here," Strauss said.

Australia completed a wretched performance losing their remaining six

wickets an hour before lunch in the extended morning session.

"No doubt it's a bad loss for us, there's no hiding that fact, an innings and 70-odd runs having won the toss on a good Adelaide wicket. It probably says it all," skipper Ricky Ponting said.

"I think they out-batted us, out-bowled us and out-fielded us during the entire game."

Australia are contemplating changes for the third Perth Test starting on December 16 and will definitely be without opener Simon Katich, who is likely to be out for the rest of the series with a torn Achilles tendon.

There was only one likely outcome once the tourists broke through with the crucial wicket of Hussey and they went on to claim three wickets in four balls with James Anderson removing Brad Haddin and Ryan Harris with successive balls and Marcus North following two balls later to Swann.

Hussey, who has been Australia's best-performing batsman in the series with 195 in first Brisbane Test and 93 in the first innings in Adelaide, was out for 52 in the third over of the second new ball by Steven Finn.

Hussey attempted a pull shot but top-edged to mid-on where Anderson pocketed the catch to the delight of the Barmy Army fans on the scoreboard hill behind him.

Wicketkeeper Haddin, who scored 136 in the first Brisbane Test, fell on first drinks caught behind off Anderson for 12 and the ball after the break Harris was out lbw for his second first-ball duck of the match.

North, fighting to keep his Test place, was out lbw to Swann for 22 after an England referral and England mopped up the last wickets of Xavier Doherty (5) and Peter Siddle (6) to claim a rousing victory.

England's win came with news that paceman Stuart Broad had been ruled out for the rest of the Ashes series with torn abdominal muscles.

Broad is expected to leave for home this week to begin his recovery process ahead of next February's ICC World Cup in India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Kevin Pietersen was named man-of-the-match after his majestic Test best 227 and his significant dismissal of Michael Clarke for 80 with the last ball of Monday's play.

England's 620 for five was their fifth highest innings in Ashes Tests and their second best in Australia, only surpassed by a 636 scored in Sydney in 1928.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

AUSTRALIA: First innings 245 (Hussey 93, Haddin 56, Watson 51; Anderson 4-51, Swann 2-70, Broad 1-39)

ENGLAND: First innings 620 for 5 declared (Cook 148, Pietersen 227, Trott 78, Collingwood 42, Bell 68 not out, Prior 27 not out; Harris 2-84, Watson 1-44, BOLLINGER 1-130)

AUSTRALIA: Second innings 304 (Watson 57, Katich 43, Ponting 9, Clarke 80, Hussey 52, North 22, Haddin 12; Swann 5-91, Anderson 2-92, Finn 2-60)

Result: England won by an innings and 71 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Kevin Pietersen.

### INTERESTING FACTS

- Last time England won by an innings in Australia was in the Boxing Day Test in 1986.
- For Australia, it was their fourth innings defeat since 1990, and their third in a live series.
- Incredibly, the last time they lost by an innings at the Adelaide Oval was 118 years ago.
- Of the five batsmen Graeme Swann has dismissed most often, four are left-handers. His overall average against left-handers is 21.86.
- Swann's second-innings figures of 5-91 are only the second time an England spinner has taken a five-for at this ground since 1930.

## ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP HISTORY

### Cup facts

The 1992 World Cup, the fifth cricket World Cup, was jointly hosted by Australia and New Zealand. It began with a match between the hosts in Auckland on 22 February and continued till 25 March.

A total of 39 matches were played over 33 days.

The teams taking part were Pakistan, England, New Zealand, South Africa, Australia, West Indies, India, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe.

Unlike the previous editions, there were no groups. Instead all the nine teams played each other once in a league phase, with the top four going through to the semifinals.

This was the first time the day-night matches were played under lights. Consequently, it was the first Cup to feature players in coloured uniforms, and the first to be played with white balls. There were two white balls per innings, one for each end.

Sri Lanka played Zimbabwe in the match of the minnows. Zimbabwe recorded the highest total of the tournament, making 312 in the first innings. It was soon to be the second highest as

Sri Lanka chased the total down with 4 balls to spare, scoring 313.

The highest individual innings of the Cup belonged to Rameez Raja, who scored an unbeaten 119 against New Zealand in Christchurch on March 18.

Martin Crowe was the highest run-scorer of the tournament with 456 runs (one 100, four 50s). Javed Miandad was in second place with 437 runs (five 50s).

Wasim Akram took the 18 wickets, the highest for the 1992 World Cup, and joint highest with Roger Binny (1983) and Craig McDermott (1987). Ian Botham was second on the list with 16.

South African fast-medium bowler Meyrick Pringle had figures of four wickets for eleven runs with four maidens from eight overs, the best bowling analysis of the 1992 World Cup.

Pakistan beat England in the final by 22 runs at Melbourne on 25 March. Wasim Akram was Man-of-the-Match for his 18-ball 33 and 3-49.

87,182 people watched the final in Melbourne, paying two million dollars.



England players (L-R) James Anderson, Kevin Pietersen, Ian Bell and Graeme Swann celebrate the fall of Australia's last wicket to record an innings victory in the second Test at Adelaide yesterday.

## Sehwag to leave for SA today

PTI, Mumbai

Dashing opener Virender Sehwag changed his original plan to leave for South Africa with four other Indian cricketers due to viral infection and he will depart on Wednesday, sources in the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said on Tuesday.

"Sehwag pulled out late as he was not well, down with viral infection, and will be leaving tomorrow [Wednesday] morning with eight other cricketers and manager Ranjib Biswal," a BCCI source told PTI yesterday.

"Those who are to leave tomorrow apart from Sehwag are captain [Mahendra Singh] Dhoni, Sachin [Tendulkar], Harbhajan Singh, [Pragyan] Ojha, [Shanthakumaran] Sreesanth, Wriddhiman Saha, Suresh Raina, Ishant Sharma and manager Ranjib Biswal," the source said.

"Today Rahul [David] departed for South Africa from Mumbai while VVS Laxman left from Hyderabad," the source added.



Zimbabwe wicketkeeper Tatenda Taibu (R) jogs with teammates during training at the Zohur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong yesterday, ahead of the fourth ODI against Bangladesh on Friday.

## IPL AUCTION No decision yet on Pak cricketers

PTI, Mumbai

The Indian Premier League (IPL) governing council has not taken any decision on whether to include or exclude players from Pakistan for the league's players' auction scheduled for January 8-9 next year, a member of the Twenty20 league's ruling body said.

"Anyone can write anything sitting in their room, but no such decision was taken at the meeting," a member of the governing council, who did not wish to be named, told PTI on Tuesday reacting to news reports that Pakistani players would be sidelined for the second year running.

Reports quoting a top but unnamed official of the cricket board, that owns the cash-rich tournament, indicated that the governing council, which met here on December 5, decided to leave out Pakistan players from the auction in the wake of the International Cricket Council's probe into the match-fixing allegations against some Pakistani cricketers.

## Franklin lifts Kiwis

Cricket

IANS, Bangalore

New Zealand demonstrated fighting spirit by setting up a challenging target of 316 for India in the fourth one-day international (ODI) at the M Chinnaswamy Cricket Stadium here Tuesday.

Put in to bat after Indian skipper Gautam Gambhir won the toss on a cloudy afternoon, middle-order batsman James Franklin steered the innings till the last, scoring 98 in just 69 balls with a dozen fours and three sixes.

Franklin, who scored 70 in the third ODI at Vadodara Saturday, was backed by solid knocks from Ross Taylor (44) and Scott Styris (46) as the visitors put up 315 for seven in their stipulated 50 overs.

Undeterred by the loss of the series with three consecutive defeats, Franklin tormented the Indian attack and the team posted 86 runs in the last 10 overs, 64 of them coming in the last five.

Openers Martin Guptill (30) and Brendon McCullum cut loose after a cautious start to post a breezy 62 runs for the opening wicket.

Guptill was the first to be dismissed when he was caught by Yuvraj Singh at cover off Ashish Nehra (2-70). Jamie How fell cheaply for four before Styris and McCullum put on 21 runs.

Big-hitting McCullum was looking menacing as he struck hit eight fours and one six, but

fell to a brilliant catch by Rohit Sharma at mid-on off spinner Ravichandran Ashwin.

The fifth and final match will be played in Chennai on Friday.

New Zealand enjoyed a brisk start to their innings before left-arm paceman Ashish Nehra picked up two wickets in successive overs to peg back the Black Caps.

Nehra had Martin Guptill caught by a diving Yuvraj Singh in the covers while Jamie How offered a regulation catch to Yusuf Pathan (3-49) at first slip.

India struck again two overs later when off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin (2-66) dismissed McCullum for a run-a-ball 42 that included eight fours and a six.

Taylor (44) then joined forces with Styris and added 79 runs for the fourth wicket to lift the visitors from a shaky 91-3.

Franklin then staged the late charge to shore up the total.

With 20 extras, including a dozen wides and eight leg byes, India let New Zealand cross the 300 mark for the first time in the series.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

NEW ZEALAND: 315 for 7 (Guptill 30, McCullum 42, Taylor 44, Styris 46, Franklin 98 not out, Vettori 17; Ashwin 2-66, Nehra 2-70-2, Pathan 3-49)

INDIA: Gautam Gambhir (captain), Murali Vijay, Virat Kohli, Yuvraj Singh, Saurabh Tiwari, Yusuf Pathan, Parthiv Patel, Ravichandran Ashwin, Ashish Nehra, Zaheer Khan, Praveen Kumar.

## Pioneer League returns

SPORTS REPORTER

The league that has produced numerous stars like Monem Munna, Rummon Bin Wali Sabbir, Samrat Hossain Emily, Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib, and Jakir Hossain is all set to return to business after a three-year hiatus as the Pioneer Football League gets re-inaugurated today at the Bishreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium.

The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC), which had earlier sponsored the league three times in 2003-04, 2006 and 2007 seasons following the crisis of sponsors, once again has come forward to sponsor the U-16 league and promised to continue it for the next 10 years providing Tk 25 lakh for each of the edition. DCC mayor Sadek Hossain Khoka, one of founders of the Dhaka Metropolitan Football League Committee, has a key role in reviving the Pioneer League this time through Dhaka City Corporation.

Some 80 teams, split into five zones, will play the matches at 10 different venues and the top three finishers will be promoted to the third division league. The matches of the group-phase will be played after December 16, Victory Day, said a league committee official.

The Pioneer League has a lot of history in this country. It got underway with 160 teams taking part in qualification in 1980 and FIFA president Joao Havelange was overwhelmed to see so many clubs taking part in the league when he came to Bangladesh to inaugurate the 1983 edition of the tournament.

But, the BFF failed to keep the tempo and virtually overlooked a league that had last produced star likes Alfaz Ahmed, Jewel Rana, Gaus, Masud Rana and Roxy.

Not only the players; club likes Sheikh Russel KC, Jatrabari KC, Badda Jagarani, Mohakhali Ekadosh, Sun Rise SC, Dipali Jubo Sangho, Basabo Tarun Sangha, T&T Club also flourished in the country's top-level competitions after enrolling their names to the Pioneer League.

With the reluctance or lack of sponsors, the federation failed to hold the league regularly and missed a total of nine seasons in 30 years.

## Perth Test sold out

AFP, Adelaide

The first two days of next week's third Ashes Test between Australia and England in Perth are sell-outs, organisers said on Tuesday.

Officials said a capacity crowd of up to 24,000 is expected at the WACA Ground on December 16 and 17 for the third Test.

WACA chief executive Graeme Wood said he expects the third day to also be sold out.

England lead the series 1-0 after crushing Australia by an innings and 71 runs in the second Adelaide Test on Tuesday.

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