

Oldies face the music

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AFP, New Delhi

Pressure is mounting on India's ageing Test batsmen to make way for fresh talent after the team sunk to the "lowest of lows" in Australia where they suffered a humiliating 4-0 series whitewash.

woefully out of touch as he jabbed and plodded to 155 runs at 19.37. Tendulkar will get another chance to make amends in the upcoming one-day tri-series against Australia and Sri Lanka, but Dravid and Laxman are not part of the limited-overs team.

"Please show some respect to the players who have served the country for so long," Bedi told the Press Trust of India. "They don't need our suggestions as to when they should retire."

Pakistan spin duo moves up

AFP, Abu Dhabi

The Pakistani spin duo of Saeed Ajmal and Abdul Rehman were rewarded for their match-winning efforts against the world's number one-ranked Test outfit England by moving up in the world bowling rankings released on Sunday.

Andy praises Pakistan

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AFP, Abu Dhabi

England coach Andy Flower said Sunday Pakistan's series-clinching Test win would be a huge boost to the country, but called on his team to show their mettle on subsequent matches in the subcontinent.



ANDY FLOWER

formed very badly with the bat to lose it. "We didn't put any pressure on their bowlers in the second innings. We allowed them to bowl and create pressure. In saying that, the conditions to play against quality spinners were difficult and we weren't good enough."

Solace for

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Through the arrival of the BPL, the scope has opened up further. Here every franchise have required an elongated support staff with the Chittagong, Dhaka, Barisal, Rajshahi and Sylhet franchises hiring early.

LOCAL snippets SPORTS REPORTER Bangladesh Police AC and Friends Social Welfare Association won their respective matches of the Destiny Dhaka Metropolis 2nd Division Football League at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Mohammedan

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also come to the pre-transfer scene with an inflated budget compared to the last season. "Mohammedan's huge budget has forced us to spend more because the players are demanding higher pay and we have to spend Tk 10 to 15 lakh more than our original budget," said Abahani coach Mahbub Harun adding that they were trying to regain the services of their old guns as well as trying to confirm a few national players.

Brutality

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during the match on Friday morning. Nazrul was rushed to Kishoreganj Adhunik Sadar hospital from where he was shifted to Bazitpur Zahirul Islam medical college hospital in critical condition where he succumbed at around 12:00pm the following day.

Misbah wants respect

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AFP, Abu Dhabi

Pakistan captain Misbahul Haq on Sunday said he hoped his team's series win over Test cricket's number one side England will earn them respect from the cricketing world after a turbulent period which tarnished their image.

should earn them respect. "I think the whole world should acknowledge and accept that Pakistan cricket is coming up, the way our players are performing and they should accept it. Such (negative) things can happen anywhere and we must forget them," said Misbah.

Chief selector Akram Khan is helping out the Barisal Burners who have hired Sarwar Imran as their main man.

'New generation is here'

AFP, Melbourne



Newly crowned Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka believes women's tennis is in for a fascinating 12 months as a new generation challenges the supremacy of the established stars.

tennis, and personally, I hope I do, too," said the Russian. While the changes are positive for the up-and-coming players, the Australian Open may have seen the beginning of the end for a number of Grand Slam winners.

Security team

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The advice of the security team will be crucial to decide whether the BCB sends the national cricket team to Pakistan in April for a proposed tour.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS 1 Cambridge sch. 4 Tweak the Constitution network 9 Letterman's network 12 Fuss 13 Alamo hero with a knife named for him 14 Feedbag morsel 15 Part 17 Biz deg. 18 Commercials 19 Quartz variety 21 Baked potato's skin 24 Liniment target 25 Swelled head 26 Stitch 28 Esteem 31 Simple arithmetic 33 Snibad's bird 35 - St. Vincent Milly

Cryptogram grid with letters: G Z O F E Z H D Y K Z E L S O B D K H D K V D X S C H H N Z B Z H N S E J S L B D V Y A I X Z G Z O D I Z J X C X X K F : D A D Z O D H Y S A S O D H Y S A .

Saturday's Cryptogram: I WAS THINKING THAT A WELL-KNOWN MOBSTER'S FAVORITE VARIETY OF PASTA WAS PROBABLY MANI-GOTTI. Today's Cryptogram Clue: H equals T