

# Australia claim four after Hussey ton

 **Cricket**  
AFP, Hobart

Four Sri Lankan wickets rewarded a Mike Hussey-induced declaration to have Australia in a powerful position after the second day of the first Hobart Test on Saturday.

Veteran Hussey's fifth century in six Tests against Sri Lanka enabled skipper Michael Clarke to call a halt to Australia's first innings at 450 for five off 131 overs, some 30 minutes before tea on a rain-interrupted day.

Clarke's call was backed by his bowlers who captured the wickets of Dimuth Karunaratne and the prized scalps of Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardene and Thilan Samaraweera in the final session.

At the close, Sri Lanka were 87 for four with Tillakaratne Dilshan not out 50 with Samaraweera out in the day's final over.

Dilshan reached his 50 off 82 balls when he hooked Shane Watson for four in the penultimate over of the day.

Evergreen Hussey continued to flourish this southern summer with an unbeaten 115 for his 19th Test century and third in the last month to share in a 146-run stand with wicketkeeper Matthew Wade (68).

In his six Tests against Sri Lanka, Hussey has scored five centuries at 109.62.

Hussey, batting better than ever at the age of 37, audaciously raised his hundred with a pull off Shaminda Eranga. Angelo Mathews looked set to take the catch on the mid-wicket boundary ropes but fumbled the chance, allowing the ball to bounce



PHOTO: AFP

**Australia batsman Mike Hussey (R) celebrates his century against Sri Lanka during the second day of the first Test in Hobart yesterday.**

over for four to bring up Hussey's 100.

Hussey's knock came off 184 balls with eight fours and a six.

Wade, who had a life on 20 when he was dropped by fielding substitute Suraj Randiv at mid-wicket off Chanaka Welegedara nearing lunch, raised his second Test half-century.

Clarke was the only Australian wicket to fall out in the day's third over when he edged Eranga to Sangakkara low down at first slip. The Australian skipper's 74 off 145 balls took his tally to 1,432 runs this calendar year at 102.28 with a possibility of three more Test innings to come before year's end.

Clarke had been on track for his fifth century of 2012, three of them

Jayawardene, who is relinquishing the team captaincy after the Australian tour, referred the decision to the TV umpire, who upheld the umpire's verdict.

Samaraweera was out in the final over when he was surprised by spinner Nathan Lyon's extra bounce and was caught behind for seven. The signs were not looking good for Sri Lanka, who were chasing their first Test win in Australia at 11 attempts.

Play was extended after a total of 130 minutes were lost to rain in two delays during the day.

**SCOREBOARD**  
**AUSTRALIA:** First innings (overnight 299-4)  
Warner run out 57  
Cowan c Eranga b Welegedara 4  
Hughes b Welegedara 86  
Watson c M.Jayawardene b Welegedara 30  
Clarke c Sangakkara b Eranga 74  
Hussey not out 115  
Wade not out 68  
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-1, nb-11) 16  
Total: (For five wickets declared in 131 overs) 450  
Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-97, 3-183, 4-198, 5-304.  
Did not bat: Siddle, Hilfenhaus, Starc, Lyon.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Kulasekara	32	2	80	0
Welegedara	26	1	130	3
Eranga	25	5	90	1
Mathews	15	3	41	0
Dilshan	7	0	30	0
Herath	26	4	75	0

**SRI LANKA:** First innings  
Karunaratne c Wade b Hilfenhaus 14  
Dilshan not out 50  
Sangakkara c Hussey b Siddle 4  
M.Jayawardene lbw Watson 12  
Samaraweera c Wade b Lyon 7  
Extras: 0  
Total: (For 4 wickets in 29.1 overs) 87  
Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-42, 3-70, 4-87.  
To bat: Mathews, P.Jayawardene, Kulasekara, Welegedara, Eranga, Herath.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Starc	7	1	30	0
Hilfenhaus	9	3	18	1
Lyon	2.1	2	0	1

## Zoar, Fahad shine in Delhi

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Zoar Haque Prodhon became 3rd in the U-17 open group and Mohammad Fahad Rahman finished 3rd in the U-9 group of the Asian Schools Rapid Chess Championship which was held in Delhi, India last Friday.

Fahad earned 5 points from 6 games while Prodhan earned 4 points from 6 games.

Meanwhile, the classical games of the Asian Schools Chess Championship began on Saturday where both the players won their opening round boards.

### Rangpur 7th

**FROM PAGE 16**  
edition of the league.

Sinha in an earlier press conference had stated that while the payment of the foreign players were completed, the local players would be paid their dues by December 30.

## Kohli, Dhoni claw India back

**FROM PAGE 16**  
to bail the team out of trouble.

With two days left in the game, India will seek to take a decent first innings lead and put pressure on England who need only a draw to record their first series triumph on Indian soil in 28 years.

Spinner Graeme Swann broke the marathon partnership when he trapped Kohli leg before while debutant Ravindra Jadeja (12) and Chawla (1) fell soon after to peg India back a little bit by the end of the day.

Kohli faced 295 balls and his third Test ton in 14 games was laced with 11 fours, while Dhoni came up with a captain's rear-guard knock that was inclusive of eight fours and a six and during which he faced 246 balls.

Kohli completed his hundred with a square cut for four off Swann and then jumped up in joy to be

applauded warmly by the crowd in excess of 20,000 before he was trapped leg before by the England off-spinner in the first over after the drinks break.

The departure of Kohli was followed soon by that of debutant Jadeja who was trapped leg before by James Anderson, the wrecker-in-chief on Friday with a three-wicket haul, with a ball that jagged back sharply into the left hander when the floodlights were on. Dhoni, 98 at the fall of Jadeja's wicket, lost his wicket in his eagerness to get to his sixth Test ton. He drove Anderson to mid off but just failed to beat counterpart Alastair Cook's accurate throw to the non-striker's end.

India lost next batsman Piyush Chawla too, Swann clean bowling the batsman for his third wicket to bring down curtains to a dramatic last hour's play in which India surrendered

the initiative to the visitors to some extent.

At close, Ashwin was on 7 after a stay of 29 minutes but with only Ishant Sharma and Pragyan Ojha to come, the home side may not be able to take the lead.

**SCOREBOARD**  
**ENGLAND:** First innings 330 (Trott 44, Pietersen 73, Root 73, Prior 57, Swann 56; Sharma 3-49, Chawla 4-69)  
**INDIA:** First innings (overnight 87 for 4)  
Gambhir c Prior b Anderson 37  
Sehwag b Anderson 0  
Pujara c Bell b Swann 26  
Tendulkar b Anderson 2  
Kohli lbw b Swann 103  
Dhoni run out (Cook) 99  
Jadeja lbw b Anderson 12  
Ashwin not out 7  
Chawla b Swann 1  
Extras: (b-5, lb-5) 10  
Total: (For 8 wickets in 130.1 overs) 297  
To bat: Sharma, Ojha.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anderson	26	5	68	4
Bresnan	26	5	69	0
Panesar	46	15	67	0
Swann	30.1	9	76	3



PHOTO: COURTESY

**Underprivileged children run during a sports competition held at the Basabo Baloor Math yesterday to commemorate Victory Day. The programme was jointly organised by Population Services and Training Centre (PSTC) and Plan Bangladesh.**

## BFF ropes in Prime Bank

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has roped in Prime Bank as their latest partner in a bid for its overall development, especially to get the ball rolling at the district level, it was learnt. The deal, worth Tk 3 crores, will be used for the development of football, a big chunk of which will go to the district associations to run their leagues. Already Tk 1 lakh has been dispersed to 61 districts.

The district football leagues are expected to be finished in the first quarters of the next year, from where the district champions will move to the divisional level and finally to the final phase in Dhaka which will be held in May, according to sources inside the BFF. An agreement will be signed between BFF and Prime Bank in this regard on Monday at the BFF house.

## USTA shifts men's final

**APP, New York**

Bowing to pressure from players, the US Open will provide a rest day between next year's singles semi-finals and finals with the men's final moving to a Monday, the US Tennis Association (USTA) said on Friday.

While saying the new schedule is for the 2013 event only, organisers have set a new programme that meets the goal they set last year of providing a full rest day for the men, who before had Saturday semi-finals and Sunday finals.

Rain delays, however, have forced the men's final to be played on a Monday for the past five tournaments, including this year, when Britain's Andy Murray won his first major title by beating Novak Djokovic in the final.

Organisers also announced a boost of four million dollars in prize money for the 2013 event, twice the increase made for the 2012 tournament. Total prize money will be \$29.5 million, with a 34 percent jump since 2011.

"I'm pleased that the USTA has modified the US Open schedule to include a day of rest between the semi-finals and final," Murray said.

# League committee to review crowd trouble

**SPORTS REPORTER**



The professional football league committee will sit for a meeting to review the crowd trouble of Friday and forward their findings to the disciplinary committee, said the committee's chairman Abdus Salam Murshedy.

"What happened yesterday (Friday) was very unfortunate and we hope this sort of incident never happen again. There were police on the ground but they told me that a contingent of them left just before the end of the match as they had other appointments elsewhere," Murshedy told reporters at his office at the BFF House yesterday. However, he said there are certain 'technical' things involved such as having barbed wire fences around the gallery, which can be installed only after approval from world football's governing body FIFA. Murshedy

also said that the club associated with the incident might be fined if the disciplinary committee so suggests. Whether or not the associated club will be fined will be decided in the disciplinary committee meeting, said Murshedy.

A source inside the BFF informed that they had already informed the National Sports Council (NSC) authority about the need for increased security at the ground through a letter on October 22 after another such incident, but were yet to get a reply from them.

Friday's crowd trouble ensued at the end of the Grameenphone Bangladesh Premier League match between Abahani and Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club when some angry supporters of Abahani threw bricks onto the pitch, one of which injured Sheikh Jamal coach Joseph Afusi. The supporters then stormed onto the pitch and assaulted two BFF officials who were trying to get the situation under control with the help of the police.

LOCAL snippets

SPORTS REPORTER

Badda Jagoroni Sangsad earned a 1-0 win over Jatrabari Krira Chakra in the Popular Life Insurance Senior Division Football League at the Birshrestha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday. Probab Kumar scored the only goal of the match in the 88th minute. Motijheel T&T Club will face Mohakhali Ekadash in the lone fixture on Monday at the same venue.

### V-Day kabaddi begins

Bangladesh Army made a good start in the Victory Day Kabaddi League beating Fire Service and Civil Defence by 39-22 points at the Kabaddi Stadium yesterday.

In the day's other match, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) beat Bangladesh Police by 22-17 points at the same venue.

Five teams -- Bangladesh Army, BGB, Bangladesh Police, Bangladesh Jail and Bangladesh Fire Service & Civil Defence -- are taking part in the meet.

### Muktijoddha Kased Int'l Rating chess

Fifteen players shared the lead, securing the full three points at the end of the third round of the Shaheed Muktijoddha Mufti Mohammad Kased Open International Rating Chess Tournament in the city yesterday.

The leaders are: GM Ziaur Rahman, GM Abdullah Al Rakib, IM Minhazuddin Ahmed, FM Sk. Nasir Ahmed, FM Mehdi Hasan Parag, Mahtabuddin Ahmed, FM Mohammad Javed, Shafiq Ahmed, Monir Hossain, FM Rezaul Haque, Alimul Haque Kazal, Delwar Hossain, Sharif Hossain, Md. Khorshed Alam and Masum Hossain.

## 2nd 4-day

**FROM PAGE 16**  
and Khulna are the more preferable venues," added Yunus.

The national selectors would provide a pool of 80 players who will be selected for the four-franchise first-class tournament based on their performances in the NCL. The board has as yet not decided on a date regarding the auctioning of these players.

The BCB is planning to finish the tournament within 18 days, before the Tigers' proposed tour of Pakistan in January next year.

"We fixed a tentative dates of January 12 and January 13 for one ODI and one T20I in Pakistan, so we have to complete the second four-day tournament by that time and you know the BPL is also going to kick off from the January 17," said Yunus.

The four-day tournament, which will be a new addition to the domestic calendar, will see the national players back in action following their impressive performance against the West Indies where they won the five-match ODI-series 3-2.

## Dutch coach for national team?

**FROM PAGE 16**  
Challenge Cup Group D encounters which will be held in the first week of March 2013. But the national team has friendly fixtures at home earlier against India, Nepal, Thailand and the UAE U23 team, the schedules of which are yet to be finalised.

The national team has been without a permanent coach for a year, with interim

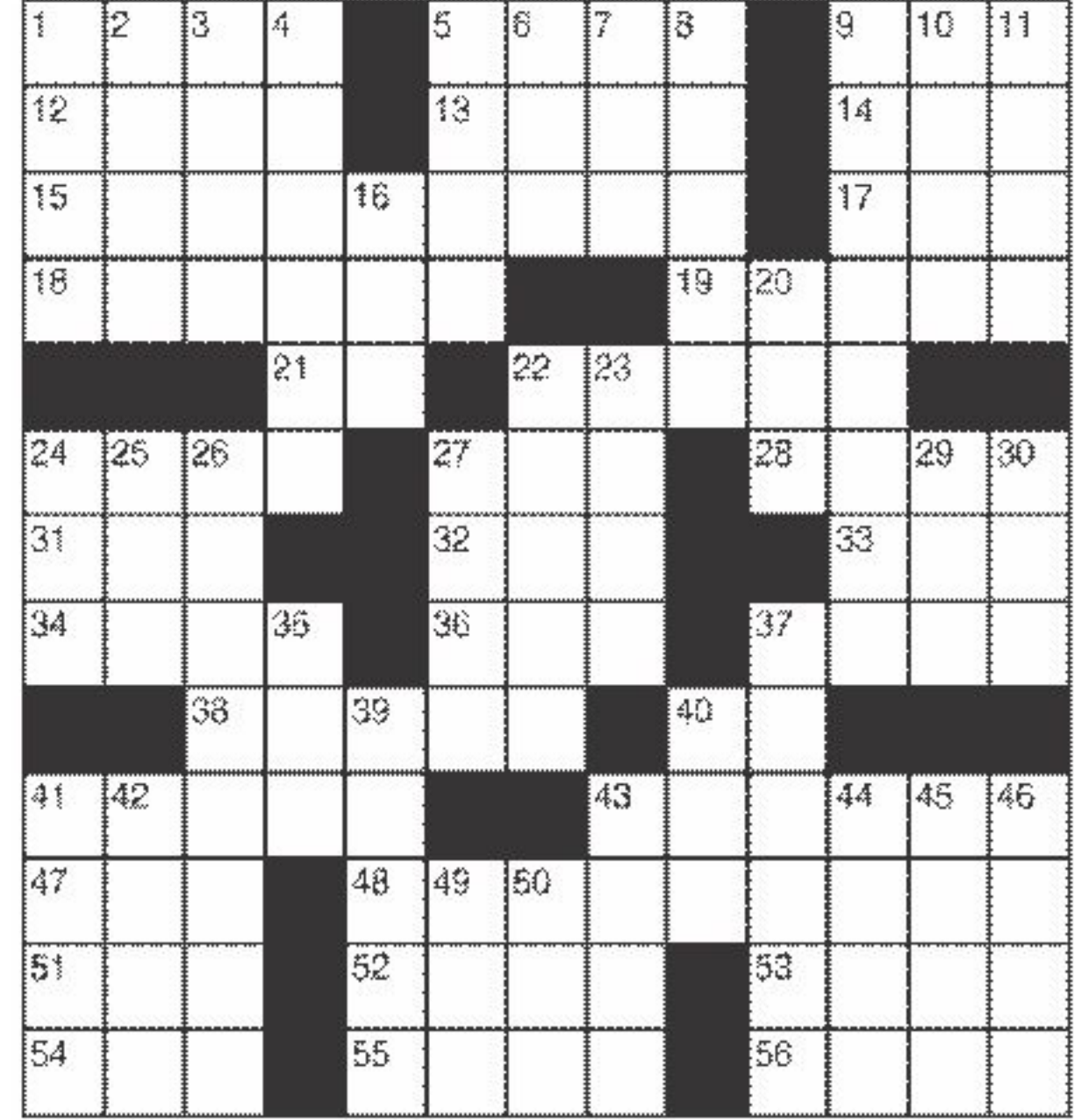
coach Saiful Bari Titu guiding them in recent friendly fixtures against Nepal, Malaysia and Thailand and also in an invitational tournament in Sri Lanka where the U-23 team participated. The last foreign coach of the national team, Nikola Ilijevski, departed in December 2011 after the SAFF Championship debacle where the team bowed out in the group stages.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>36</b> Pismire	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>22</b> Jockey's
<b>1</b> Wagon	<b>37</b> Dish	<b>1</b> Long-	handful
<b>5</b> Part of	damage	running	<b>23</b> Help a
<b>MYOB</b>	<b>38</b> Cabbies	Broadway	hood
<b>9</b> Young	<b>40</b> Other-	musical	<b>24</b> Hee
fellow	wise	<b>2</b> Greatly	follower
<b>12</b> Lotion	<b>41</b> Bizet	<b>3</b> Lariat	<b>25</b> Time
additive	work	<b>4</b> Magnetic	of your
<b>13</b> Small	<b>43</b> Online	flux	life?
plateau	image	measures	<b>26</b> Lacking
<b>14</b> Bobby of	<b>47</b> Mauna —	Village	balance
hockey	<b>48</b> Leading	People hit	<b>27</b> Criticism
<b>15</b> Very	comedian	<b>6</b> — the	<b>29</b> Midafter-
hush-	<b>51</b> Gun the	ramparts	noon, in
hush	engine	..."	a way
<b>17</b> Shell-	<b>52</b> Manitoba	<b>7</b> Work with	<b>30</b> Fool
game	native	<b>8</b> Assessed	<b>35</b> Pitch
item	<b>53</b> Black, in	<b>9</b> A-one	<b>37</b> Construc-
<b>18</b> "A	verse	<b>10</b> Belliger-	tion site
Streetcar	<b>54</b> Whatever	ent god	machin-
Named	number	<b>11</b> "Phooey!"	ery
Desire"	<b>55</b> Stam-	<b>16</b> Shade	<b>39</b> Hidden
role	peding	provider	complica-
<b>19</b> German	group	<b>20</b> 2016	tion
artist Max	<b>56</b> Went	Olympics	<b>40</b> Eggs
<b>21</b> Form of	under	city	<b>41</b> Callaloo
22-			ingredient
<b>22</b> One of			<b>42</b> Hammer-
the media			head
<b>24</b> Millinery			part
<b>27</b> Winter			<b>43</b> Sleeping
mo.			<b>44</b> Forbid-
<b>28</b> Elevator			den (Var.)
name			
<b>31</b> Past			
<b>32</b> Whopper			
<b>33</b> Spy org.			
<b>34</b> Cried			

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

S	L	O	W	E	T	H	A	S	P	S				
O	A	T	H	M	O	A	R	H	E	A				
A	L	T	A	R	B	O	Y	G	O	R	Y			
P	O	O	R	E	R	E	L	O	P	E	S			
		F	L	Y		S	I	N	G					
H	A	S		Y	O	N		S	N	I	F			
E	C	H	O		S	O	L	E	R	I	E			
S	T	O	R	E		M	I	S		L	E	W		
		W	I	L	L		N	O	S					
B	O	G	G	L	E		E	N	C	O	D	E		
A	R	I	A		D	O	U	G	H	O	W	I	R	E
G	E	R	M		G	A	P		W	I	R	E		
S	O	L	I		E	R	S		A	T	M	S		



### CRYPTOQUIP

ENI WNEG WEVL OEVOAYVMVL

X JENOXVE YAWAXYOUAY\*W

RVQEYHRVXHA XOOMIAVH:

"GUAV M QXNN MV NXJX."

**Yesterday's Cryptquip:** THE TYKE GOT UPSET AFTER WE ALL PRODDED HIM WITH MUSHROOMS. WE WERE ONLY POKING FUNGI AT HIM.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: M equals I