

**WOMEN'S CRICKET**  
**Dhaka win big**

SPORTS REPORTER

Dhaka raced to a 50-run victory over Sylhet at the Shaheed Kamruzzaman Stadium in Rajshahi yesterday in the ongoing Women's National Cricket League (NCL). Batting first, Dhaka finished on 168 for 8 in 50 overs. In reply, Sylhet were restricted to 118 for 9.

Ayesha Akter scored 30 off 34 balls, whereas Farzana Akter scored a 77-ball 42 as the batters took Dhaka past the 150-mark. Yamin Rupa, who had figures of three for 36 was the pick of the bowlers for Sylhet.

Sylhet on the other hand rode on a half-century from Montaha Khatun. Her 52 off 122 balls was however not enough to take her team home. Dhaka's Shohaly Akter and Suborna Islam did most of the damage as they scalped seven of the nine wickets.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**

**DHAKA:** 168 for 8 in 50 overs (Farzana 42, Ayesha 30; Yamin 3-36)  
**SYLHET:** 118 for 9 in 50 overs (Montaha 52; Shohaly 4-18, Suborna 3-19)  
**Result:** Dhaka won by 40 runs.

**Ash hatrick**

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Central Zone stretched their lead to 62 at the end of the day's play with eight wickets in hand as they scored 59 runs for two wickets in their second innings before stumps were drawn for the day.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**

**CENTRAL ZONE:** First innings 277 and Second innings 59-2 in 16 overs (Shamsur 24, Rokibul 20 not out, Mosharraf 2 not out, extras 12; Reza-13, Sanjamul 1-9).  
**NORTH ZONE:** First innings 274 all out in 79.1 overs (Myshukur 35, Farhad 14, Jahurul 47, Naeem 35, Nasir 74, Sabbir 18, Reza 30, Sanjamul 13, Extras 8; Taskin 3-50, Mosharraf 4-65, Ashraf 3-4)

**Bangladesh**

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three more drags in the closing 16 minutes to take the game away from Fiji, who mustered one more goal in the final minute to make it 8-4.

The win kept chances of qualification alive for Bangladesh, who are currently in third position behind India and Ireland. With only two qualification spots available, Bangladesh will need to beat hosts India tonight and hope the match between Ireland and China ends in a draw. The match will start at 10pm (Bangladesh Standard Time).

However, what happens in tonight's match, Bangladesh will feel that they have than done more than a good job by upsetting a strong China and winning against a higher-ranked Oman convincingly in the tournament.

**Quiet day**

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Thailand, who grabbed the lead with four-under-par (68) for an aggregate score of 15-under-par (215). The next two positions were also occupied by two Thais -- Kiradech Aphibarnrat at 14-under-par (202) and Chapchai Nirat at 13-under-par (203).

**Pakistan follow on**



AFP, Centurion

Kyle Abbott took seven for 29 on his Test debut to send Pakistan crashing to 156 all out on the second day of the third and final Test against South Africa at SuperSport Park on Saturday.

Pakistan, forced to follow on 253 runs behind, were 14 for one at the close, with Mohammad Hafeez bowled by Dale Steyn with the first ball of the second innings.

It left Pakistan facing an almost hopeless task as they tried to avoid a series whitewash.

Abbott, 25, was called into the South African squad as cover for the fast bowlers when regular reserve Rory Kleinveldt was named to replace the injured Morne Morkel.

The Dolphins fast bowler, the leading wicket-taker in domestic first-class cricket, found himself in the team when all-rounder Jacques Kallis suffered a calf injury the day before the match.

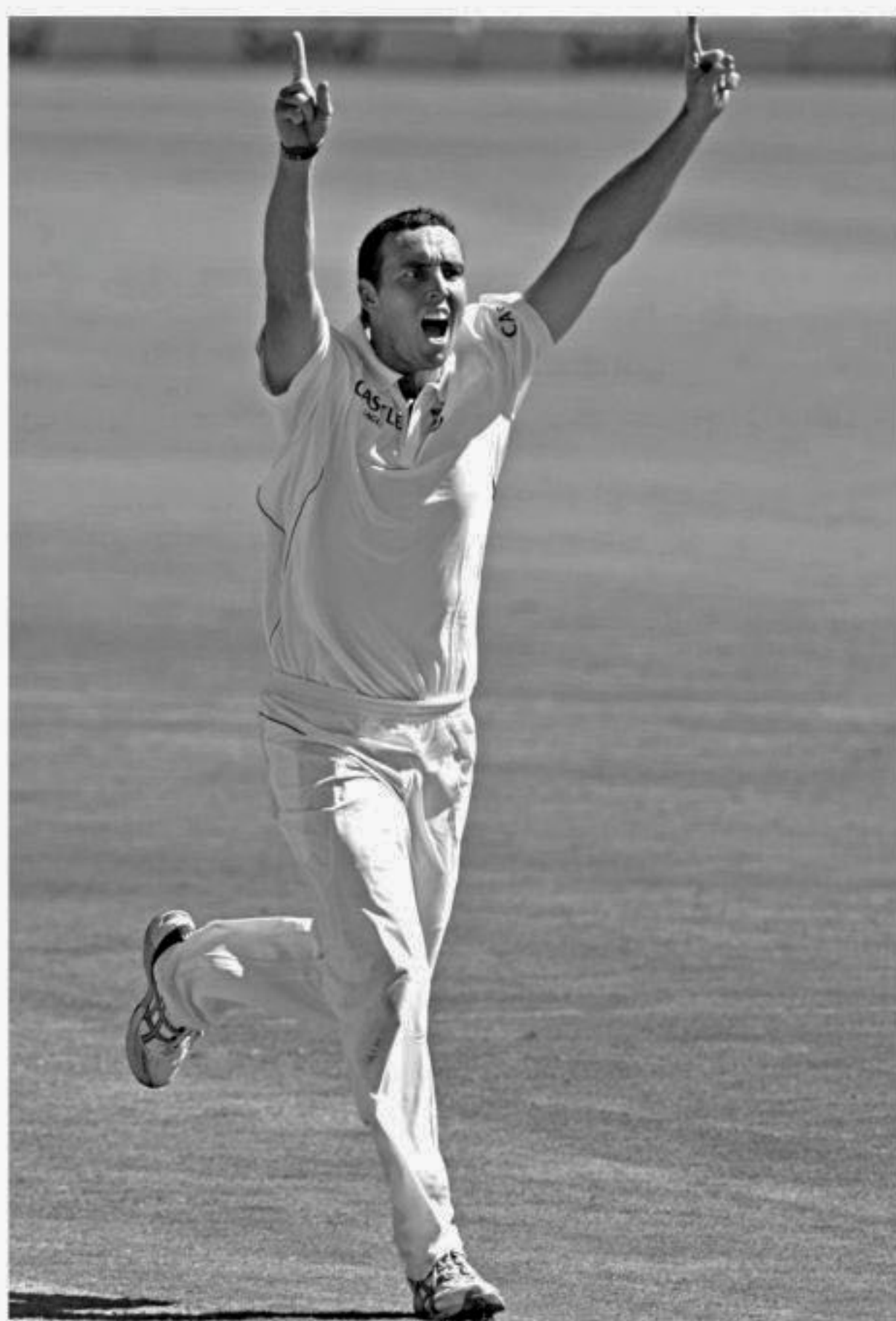
He bowled a tight line at a lively pace to take two wickets in an initial Pakistan collapse, which saw them slip from 46 for no wicket to 75 for four, then had a spell of five for five as the lower-order and tail crumbled. Six of his wickets were to catches in the slip cordon before he finished off the innings by trapping Younis Khan leg before wicket after the Pakistan veteran had battled for two-and-a-half hours and 86 balls to make 33.

Younis barely had time to take his pads off before he had to face the second ball of the follow-on innings.

Imran Farhat, who made the second top score of 30 in the first innings, did not open the batting in the second innings after being struck on the hand in the first innings.

Azhar Ali opened with Hafeez, with Younis moving up to number three.

AB de Villiers earlier reached his 16th Test century and his third against Pakistan.



**South Africa paceman Kyle Abbott took seven wickets on debut as Pakistan crashed to follow on the second day of the third Test at SuperSport Park in Centurion yesterday.**

PHOTO: INTERNET

He went on to make 121 before being caught in the deep off left-arm opening bowler Rahat Ali, who finished with six for 127 on his Test debut as South Africa were all out for 409.

Vernon Philander made a Test best score of 74 in helping De Villiers stretch their overnight partnership of 86 to 129 - a record seventh wicket stand for South Africa against Pakistan -- before he was caught low down at first slip by Mohammad Hafeez off part-time bowler Younis Khan.

**SCOREBOARD**

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings (overnight 334-6)

Smith c Younis b Adil	5
Petersen lbw b Rahat	10
Amla c Sarfraz b Rahat	92
Du Plessis c Sarfraz b Adil	29
De Villiers c Shafiq b Rahat	121
Elgar lbw b Rahat	7
Peterson run out (Irfan)	28
Philander c Hafeez b Younis	74
Abbott b Rahat	13
Kleinveldt c Ajmal b Rahat	0
Steyn not out	5
Extras: (b-1, lb-6, nb-12, w-6)	25
Total: (All out in 103.2 overs)	409
Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-38, 3-107, 4-186, 5-196, 6-248, 7-377, 8-394, 9-402	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Adil	10	0	1	1
Petersen	10	0	1	1
Rahat	10	0	1	1
Sarfraz	10	0	1	1
Steyn	10	0	1	1
Younis	10	0	1	1

Irfan	21.5	3	80	0
Rahat	27.2	1	127	6
Adil	12.1	2	54	2
Ajmal	29	6	76	0
Younis	6	0	28	1
Hafeez	5	0	24	0
Azhar	2	0	13	0

**PAKISTAN:** First innings

Hafeez c Elgar b Abbott	18
Farhat lbw b Philander	30
Azhar b Philander	6
Younis lbw b Abbott	33
Misbah c Petersen b Abbott	10
Shafiq lbw b Steyn	6
Sarfraz c Smith b Abbott	17
Ajmal c Smith b Abbott	0
Ehsan c du Plessis b Abbott	9
Irfan c Elgar b Abbott	0
Rahat not out	0
Extras: (lb-17, w-8, nb-2)	27
Total: (All out in 46.4 overs)	156
Fall of wickets: 1-46, 2-56, 3-56, 4-75, 5-95, 6-132, 7-132, 8-149, 9-149	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Steyn	12	5	25	1
Philander	10	2	30	2
Kleinveldt	12	1	49	0
Abbott	11.4	4	29	7
Peterson	1	0	6	0

**PAKISTAN:** Second innings

Hafeez b Steyn	0
Azhar not out	5
Younis not out	8
Extras: (lb-1)	1
Total: (For 1 wkt in 9 overs)	14
Fall of wickets: 1-0	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Steyn	4	1	9	1

**Tendulkar in the runs**

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with figures of 7 for 103, while left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja (2 for 71) and Harbhajan Singh (1 for 87) were the other wicket-takers.

The Indian reply was disastrous to start with as openers Virender Sehwag (10) and Murali Vijay (2) departed in close succession, falling to tearaway pacer James Pattinson, who was used in short spells.

But Cheteshwar Pujara (44) and Tendulkar steadied the innings to some extent with a 93-run third-wicket partnership. Both the batsmen launched a brilliant counter-attack to unsettle the Aussie bowlers.

Tendulkar hit two glorious fours off first two balls he faced from Pattinson and clobbered another majestic boundary off the

fourth ball, making his intentions clear.

Just when the duo seemed to be cruising along comfortably, Pattinson provided the breakthrough when he came back for his second spell by accounting for Pujara.

Pujara fell to an off-cutter in the 29th over after striking six fours in his 76-ball stay at the crease. With three days left in the game, India will look to come close to the Australian total and then push to seize the initiative.

**SCOREBOARD**

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings (overnight 316-7)

Cowan st Dhoni b Ashwin	29
Warner lbw b Ashwin	59
Hughes b Ashwin	6
Watson lbw b Ashwin	28
Clarke c Kumar b Jadeja	130
Pattinson	6
Henriques lbw b Ashwin	68

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Starc	14	2	37	0
Pattinson	6	1	25	3
Siddle	8	1	31	0

Starc b Jadeja	3
Siddle c Sehwag b Harbhajan	19
Pattinson not out	15
Lyon c Kohli b Ashwin	3
Extras: (b-1, lb-7)	8
Total: (All out in 133 overs)	380
Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-12, 3-126, 4-131, 5-153, 6-304, 7-307, 8-361, 9-364	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Kumar	13	1	52	0
Sharma	17	3	59	0
Harbhajan	25	2	87	1
Ashwin	42	12	103	7
Jadeja	36	10	71	2

**INDIA:** First innings

Vijay b Pattinson	10
Sehwag b Pattinson	2
Pujara b Pattinson	44
Tendulkar not out	71
Kohli not out	50
Extras: (lb-3, w-2)	5
Total: (For 3 wkts in 52 overs)	182
Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-12, 3-105	
To bat: Jadeja, Dhoni, Ashwin, Harbhajan, Kumar, Sharma	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Starc	14	2	37	0
Pattinson	6	1	25	3
Siddle	8	1	31	0

**WOMEN'S FOOTBALL**  
**Sabina runs riot**

SPORTS REPORTER

National striker Sabina Khatun struck 11 goals as Mohammedan Sporting Club mauled Arambagh KS 16-0 in the opening match of the Walton Dhaka Metropolitan Women's Football League which kicked off at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Mirona netted four goals while Bithi added the other for the winning side.

Earlier, Bangladesh Football Federation president Kazi Salahuddin inaugurated the meet as chief guest where Eva Rezwana, director of sponsors RB Group, was present as special guest. Eight club sides, split into two groups, are taking part in the tournament.

**Baridhara thrash Wari**

SPORTS REPORTER

Uttar Baridhara earned a comfortable 3-0 victory over Wari Club in the Premier Bank Bangladesh Championship League at the Birshreshtha Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday. Sumon, Shamim and Dalim scored for the winners, who dominated the first half by a solitary goal.

**Shakib out**

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Movements, goes through excessive pressure. If this operation is successful, the compartmental pressure syndrome problem will decrease but for the other two problems (Tenoperitostitis and Stress Reaction) he'll have to go through measures such as physiotherapy, rehabilitation and bio-mechanical correction," said Chowdhury.

It was also learned that the BCB president Nazmul Hasan Papon and Shakib himself were in favour of the operation.

The Bangladesh team will leave for Colombo on February 28 to play two Tests, three ODIs and a T20I besides a tour opening three-dayer during the month-long tour.

Shakib had earlier missed the one-day series against West Indies in November-December last year after being diagnosed with a shin injury but played the recently concluded Bangladesh Premier League (BPL) where he was adjudged the player of the tournament.

**Eng take series in style**



AFP, Auckland

Devastating bowling from Steven Finn and a solid top-order batting display gave England a five-wicket win over New Zealand in the deciding one-day international at Eden Park on Saturday to claim the series 2-1.

After New Zealand were dismissed for an unchallenging 185 in an innings that ended 37 balls short of their 50 overs, England overhauled the target in a rapid 37.3 overs.

The victory gives England a psychological boost going into the first Test on March 6 after earlier winning the Twenty20 series 2-1.

Following the early dismissal of Ian Bell for 24, Alastair Cook (46) and Jonathan Trott (38) made the most of the flat track and short boundaries at Eden Park to effortlessly carve out a 67-run second-wicket partnership.

After they fell in quick succession, Joe Root (not out 28) and Eoin Morgan (39 off 24) put on 56 for the fourth wicket before Morgan departed, caught by a leaping Kyle Mills on the boundary.

Jos Buttler came and went for three leaving Chris Woakes (not out three) to bat out the innings with Root whose undefeated stand lifted his average to an impressive 81.50 after eight ODI innings.

The match had belonged to England from the time Cook won the toss, elected to bowl and watched the New Zealand

batting line up crumble. They struggled against the pace and accuracy of Finn and James Anderson and were 67 for five after 25 overs while England at the same stage were untroubled at 120 for three.

Bell set the early pace reaching 24 off 22 balls before he top-edged Andrew Ellis to Hamish Rutherford at deep square-leg.

Tim Southee claimed Trott and Cook in the space of six balls in his second spell both caught behind by BJ Watling who stood in as gloveman after Brendon McCullum suffered a sidetrain during his innings.

McCullum was again the standout performer with the bat for New Zealand, cracking 79 from 68 balls after his side had been firmly on the backfoot.

Finn at one stage had the remarkable figures of three for 10 off eight overs before McCullum distorted the statistics with two fours and a six in an over that cost England a quick 17 runs.

It was McCullum's third half-century in as many matches, following innings of 69 not out and 74 in the first two matches, but he received little support.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**

**NEW ZEALAND:** 185 all out in 43.5 overs (B McCullum 79, Taylor 28, Elliott 24; Finn 3-27, Broad 2-38, Swann 2-49)  
**ENGLAND:** 186 for 5 in 37.3 overs (Cook 46, Morgan 39, Trott 38, Root 28 not out, Bell 24; Southee 3-48, Ellis 2-35)  
**Result:** England won by five wickets and clinched the 3-ODI series 2-1.

**Charles, Bravo power WI**



AFP, St. George's

Johnson Charles blazed a second consecutive century and Darren Bravo made a maiden limited-overs ton as the West Indies routed Zimbabwe by 156 runs to win the first one-day international on Friday.

Player-of-the-match Charles hammered 130 and Bravo finished on an even, unbeaten 100 to lead the home side to an imposing 337 for four after being put in by Zimbabwe skipper Brendan Taylor.

While there was nothing like the capacity crowd that would have been hoped for on a day declared a national holiday by the newly-elected government of the island, the fans who turned up on a sunny Caribbean day stayed in a celebratory mood throughout.

The visitors were limited to just 181 for nine in reply, home spinner Sunil Narine leading the bowling effort with three for 28.

Just the sixth West Indian to compile consecutive one-day centuries, Charles, who closed off the series in Australia less than two weeks ago with a maiden hundred, picked up from where he left off, his innings occupying 113 deliveries and decorated with 12 fours and four sixes.

He gave the home side the ideal start in an opening partnership of 168 with Kieran Powell, who contributed 79 before falling to medium-fast bowler Chris Mpofu in the 29th over.

After a comparatively slow start, Bravo got into his stride by the time he reached the 40s, accelerating following the dismissal of the opening batsman in the 39th over -- near the end of the batting

power-play -- to completely dominate the rest of the batting effort.

Andre Russell, promoted up the order, and skipper Dwayne Bravo, leading the team instead of the rested Darren Sammy, fell cheaply.

But Ramnaresh Sarwan did what was required at the end, feeding the younger Bravo most of the strike to allow the classy left-hander to reach a maiden ODI hundred.

Faced with such a formidable target, Zimbabwe went off-course from the outset in slipping to 34 for four by the 11th over, although their first casualty could have been avoided had the lbw verdict against Vusi Sibanda been referred to the television umpire as replays showed Kemar Roach's delivery to be missing leg-stump.

If the fast bowler was fortunate to claim that early scalp, there was no questioning his brilliance in the field when a diving effort at long-on accounted for Zimbabwe's other experienced top-order batsman, Hamilton Masakadza, off Narine.

Malcolm Waller (51) and Craig Ervine (41) gave the tourists a modicum of respectability, although the West Indian intensity had noticeably slackened with the match firmly in their grasp after the bowlers' opening burst.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**

**WEST INDIES:** 337 for 4 in 50 overs (Charles 130, Darren Bravo 100 not out, Powell 79, Mpofu 2-83)  
**ZIMBABWE:** 181 for 9 in 50 overs (Waller 51, Ervine 41, Utseya 18 not out, extras 22; Narine 3-28, Russell 2-24, Dwayne Bravo 2-30)  
**Result:** West Indies won by 156 runs.

**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

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<b>13</b> Under the weather	<b>48</b> Indiana university	<b>7</b> Vortex	<b>32</b> Frequently
<b>14</b> Started eating	<b>52</b> Literary collection	<b>8</b> Carpet	<b>9</b> Khan title
<b>15</b> Take a whack at	<b>53</b> "Drops of Jupiter" band	<b>10</b> — card (cellphone chip)	<b>36</b> Oklahoma city
<b>16</b> Scrabble or Parcheesi	<b>54</b> "Golly!"	<b>11</b> Away from WSW	<b>37</b> Pistil counterpart
<b>18</b> "Monty Python" opener	<b>55</b> Owns	<b>17</b> Hindu royal	<b>40</b> Grammarian's concern
<b>19</b> Wander off	<b>56</b> Villain in a Christmas tale	<b>21</b> On top of the world?	<b>42</b> Coeur d'Alene's home
<b>20</b> Hack	<b>57</b> Halves of 25-Down	<b>23</b> Memorable mission	<b>43</b> Moon-related
<b>22</b> Pilgrimage to Mecca	<b>58</b> Scrap	<b>24</b> More, to Manuel	<b>44</b> You'll get a rise out of it
<b>23</b> Prayer ending			<b>45</b> Fax
<b>27</b> Rhyming tribute			<b>46</b> Dregs
<b>29</b> Burning			<b>48</b> To the — degree
<b>31</b> Magician's cry			<b>49</b> Raw rock
<b>34</b> Cow catcher			<b>50</b> Pitch
<b>35</b> Triangular home			<b>51</b> "Flying Down to —"
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Friday's answer 1-4

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