

Windies 80/5

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West Indies were struggling at 80 for five shortly before lunch on the opening day of the first Test against Australia at the Bourda Oval in Georgetown, Guyanayesterday.

New skipper Brian Lara had no hesitation to bat first after winning the toss on a dry pitch that was expected to help the batting team.

But the home side soon fell into strife. Grenadian 21-year-old opener Devon Smith making his Test debut was out for 3 lbw off the bowling of Brett Lee and when one-down Daren Ganga was dismissed for a duck the score was 10-2.

Then Lara and Wavell Hinds set about repairing the early damage putting on 37 for the third wicket before left-handed Hinds was out trying to loft off-spinner Brad Hogg. He made 10.

Marlon Samuels did not last long as the right-hander was out first ball when tried play the ball through the slip cordon

While wickets tumbled at the other end Lara was looking confident spanking the Australian bowlers time and again to the boundary. But his innings came to an end when star batsman was trapped leg before off paceman Andy Bichel for 26. During his 30-ball knock the Trinidadian slammed six fours.

Australian skipper Steve Waugh was playing in his 157th Test to pass Allan Border's world record 156 Test matches.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul and wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs were at the crease with 24 and 8 respectively.

TEAMS

WEST INDIES: Brian Lara (captain), Wavell Hinds, Devon Smith, Daren Ganga, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Marlon Samuels, Ridley Jacobs, Vasbert Drakes, Mervyn Dillon, Pedro Collins, Jermaine Lawson.

AUSTRALIA: Steve Waugh (captain), Matthew Hayden, Justin Langer, Ricky Ponting, Darren Lehmann, Adam Gilchrist, Brad Hogg, Brett Lee, Andy Bichel, Jason Gillespie, Stuart MacGill.

Umpires: Asoka de Silva (SRI) Rudi Koertzen (RSA)

Niaz runner-up

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Grand Master Niaz Murshed secured the second place in the Professor Abdur Razzak 29th National Chess Championship winning the play-off against International Master Abdullah Al-Rakib yesterday.

Both Niaz and Rakib ended up with 10.5 points each, one short of champion IM Reefat-bin-Sattar.

In the two-match play-off, Niaz drew the first and won the second board.



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1. Who was the man-of-the-tournament in the Cricket World Cup?	Tendulkar	Ganguly	Lee
2. Who was the man-of-the-match in the World Cup final?	Ponting	Bichel	McGrath
3. What was the lowest score in the World Cup?	36	40	43
4. What was the highest score in the World Cup?	359	345	394

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PRECIOUS GOAL: Javier Saviola, The Barcelona striker, is ecstatic after equalising against Juventus at Turin on April 9.

Saviola gives Juve a headache



AFP, Paris

Italy's Champions League survivors just about got the better of their Spanish counterparts in Wednesday's quarter-final first-leg encounters - but a late Javier Saviola goal for Barcelona could yet prove fatal for Juventus' hopes.

Paolo Montero fired Juve into a 16th-minute lead in Turin but the tie ended 1-1 after Saviola levelled with 12 minutes left on the clock and the away goal makes Barca - ragged in the league but rugged in Europe - favourites to take their place in the last four.

Like Juve, Inter Milan had shot out of the blocks in their home encounter with Valencia, Christian Vieri heading in after 14 minutes.

Fortunately for Inter, Valencia had no Saviola in their ranks to conjure an equaliser as the hosts held on for a 1-0 victory.

Since Juve lifted the trophy in 1996, Italian sides have struggled to make their Champions League mark as Real Madrid, with three successes in five seasons, have imposed Spanish rule with Valencia and Barcelona also playing solid supporting roles.

But with both Milan teams and Juve all involved in the last eight

Wednesday's double-header of Italian sides welcoming their fellow southern Europeans into their lairs constituted a chance for the hosts to put one over on the Spanish.

INTER 1; VALENCIA 0

Thanks to Vieri, Inter will at least travel to Valencia for their second leg in a fortnight as favourites to progress after he pounced on Hernan Crespo's flick from a fine cross by Turkish midfielder Emre Belozoglu.

But the 22-year-old Belozoglu blotted his copybook when he was dismissed on 57 minutes along with Valencia's David Albelda after a mass skirmish followed a Marco Materazzi foul on Spanish midfield star Ruben Baraja.

Valencia reached the final in 2000 and 2001 under Hector Cuper, who now is plotting the exit of his former side as Inter's man in the hotseat.

Vieri was unhappy that Inter was unable to carve out more chances after he had given them a perfect start.

"This victory was crucial, especially as we didn't create much," he said.

"In the second-half we sat back when we should have been attacking more. To have that second goal would have been very important.

"Tonight we played we played well in the first-half, but in the second we allowed Valencia too much space to play

in front of our own penalty area. They spent plenty of time there.

"It's right to be cautious, but we have to find a happy medium between defence and attack."

JUVENTUS 1; BARCELONA 1

If Inter's narrow win and no goals conceded was par for the Italian course in contrast Barcelona's late facesaver at Juve's Delle Alpi stadium was definitely not in the zebras' script.

Saviola's heavily-deflected equaliser gave Barcelona a precious away goal.

The result stretched Barcelona's unbeaten run in the competition to 16 matches.

Juventus had looked in control of the match after Montero struck, but a lapse in concentration allowed Saviola to peg the Italian champions back with a goal against the run of play.

Late substitute Marco Di Vaio almost restored Juventus' lead in injury time, but the Italy international dragged his left foot shot wide of the post after outpacing the Barcelona defence.

The teams meet at the Nou Camp for the second leg on April 22.

Juventus coach Marcello Lippi lamented his side's inability to convert their numerous chances.

"It's difficult to stomach when you draw a game in this manner," Lippi said.

"We deserved to win because of the amount of chances we created and the

way we controlled the game.

"We are down now but there is still plenty to play for. We can go there and win."

The mood of Barcelona coach Radomir Antic's contrasted starkly with that of his opposite number.

"It's a great result and I am very satisfied, especially with our reaction in the second-half," he said.

"In the first-half we didn't play that well, but we came out attacking in the second.

"It is too early to talk about tactics for the return match, but the atmosphere at the Nou Camp will work in our favour."

Juventus received a welcome boost before kick-off when Czech midfielder Pavel Nedved was given the green light to play after shaking off an injury to his right thigh.

Striker Alessandro Del Piero played as a lone striker in the absence of Trezeguet, who damaged shoulder muscles in Juventus' 2-0 league win over Torino on Saturday.

After a cagey start, the game sprang into life in the 16th minute when Juventus took the lead.

Nedved's curling left-wing cross found Montero, who challenged for a header with Barcelona defender Michael Reiziger in the six yard box.

The ball fell for Del Piero whose acrobatic scissor-kick was beaten away by Barca goalkeeper Roberto Bonano but

only as far as Montero, and the Uruguayan hardman found the top corner with a rising drive.

Juventus almost doubled their lead nine minutes after the break after a swift counter-attack by the Italian league leaders.

Zambrotta broke quickly down the left and his intelligent cut-back was met by Edgar Davids whose goalbound shot was blocked by De Boer a yard from the goal line.

The ball rebounded for Del Piero whose overhead kick was then palmed away by Bonano's outstretched hand.

The visitors struggled to keep possession for more than a few passes and their frustration resulted in yellow cards for Patrick Kluivert and Gabri.

Alessandro Birindelli joined them in the referee's notebook for scything down Marc Overmars before Barca silenced the home crowd.

Reiziger's left-wing cross found Saviola whose toe-poke cannonned off Montero and squirmed out of Buffon's reach and over the line.

With AC Milan having drawn 0-0 at Ajax on Tuesday all three Italian sides are still in the mix - without having shown that they are in the same class as a Real Madrid side who overwhelmed Manchester United.

ACB decides

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this weekend, an ACB spokesman said on Thursday.

Warne and his manager, brother Jason, have talked about the scope of Warne's cricket involvement with ACB Operations Manager Michael Brown.

Warne's unofficial role at St Kilda could also be up for discussion.

WI's aerial detour



Cricket

REUTERS, Georgetown

The West Indies new-look team will have only one training session together before the first Test against Australia after an apparent mix-up over travel arrangements sent a group of players flying around the Caribbean on a detour.

West Indian officials were at a loss on Wednesday to explain why four players were sent backtracking to Jamaica after playing the final of the Carib Beer International Challenge final in Barbados on Sunday instead of making the short hop direct to Guyana.

Jamaica is roughly three hours' flying time west of Barbados while Guyana is just over one hour directly to the south.

The result was that late on Tuesday night only seven of the players arrived in Georgetown where the first Test gets underway at Bourda on Thursday.

The incident was the latest blow to the West Indies' preparations following the decision of former captain Carl Hooper to pull out of the team and the confusion over whether Jamaican opener Chris Gayle was eligible to play.

"Seven players arrived last night, four Jamaicans, two Barbadians and one

Antigua," said team manager Ricky Skerritt, adding that travel arrangements had been made in conjunction with the Jamaica and Barbados cricket boards.

But he added: "We are happy to have the squad here today and they are out there now working very hard and getting ready for the game."

West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) chief executive Roger Brathwaite said he would look into the incident.

The problem came a day after Hooper, who was sacked as captain following first round elimination at the World Cup in South Africa, pulled out of the squad, saying he did not want to stand in the way of younger talent.

DU cricket

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Department of Marketing moved into the Dhaka University inter-department cricket final with an exciting 3-run win over Department of Finance and Banking at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

Batting first, Marketing scored 169 for eight in the allotted 30 overs. Ishiaque scored highest 50 and Mehdi added 39.

In reply, Finance and Banking were shot out for 166.

The winners will face Department of International Relations in the final.

World Cup was clean

AFP, London

Doping controls at a cricket World Cup produced no positive tests, the International Cricket Council announced on Wednesday.

Australian spin bowler Shane Warne was banned for a year after testing positive for a banned diuretic before this year's tournament in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Kenya.

But the ICC said 100 random samples obtained during the competition by the South African Institute for Drug Free Sport (SAIDFS) had all returned negative results after being tested in an International Olympic Committee-accredited laboratory.

It was the first time there had been an anti-doping programme at the World Cup. There were tests at every second phase, or Super Six, match as well as the semi-finals and the final.

Mahmud hopes

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pacer Aavishkar Salvi were set to make their debut on Friday.

Ganguly also disclosed that Gambhir and Sehraw would open and he would bat at number three.

About the wicket, Saurav thought that it was a typical Dhaka wicket that would produce a lot of runs.

Though the dashing left-hander agreed that Bangladesh were weaker opponents but he assured that his team would not take them lightly.

Both teams had their final practice yesterday. The Indian team had more than two-hour nets in the morning while Bangladesh trained in the evening under lights.

PROBABLE SQUADS

BANGLADESH: Mohammad Ashraful, Mehrab Hossain, Tushar Imran, Alok Kapali, Akram Khan, Sanwar Hossain, Khaled Mahmud (captain), Khaled Mashud, Mohammad Rafique, Tapas Baishya and Monjurul Islam.

INDIA: Virender Sehwag, Gautam Gambhir, Saurav Ganguly (captain), Mohammad Kaif, Yuvraj Singh, Dinesh Mongia, Parthiv Patel, Zaheer Khan,

Harbhajan Singh, Ajit Agarkar and Aavishkar Salvi.

Umpires: Mahbubur Rahman (Bangladesh) and Aleem Darr (Pakistan)

TV umpire: Shawkatul Rahman (Bangladesh)

Talha out

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team physio John Gloster was unaware about the extent of damage on Talha's ankle and was slow to react.

The injury of Jubair is just another example of mistreatment of promising fast bowlers by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB). The country's quickest bowler Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza has also suffered recurrent injury nightmares due to the BCB's indifference.

Mashrafe was sidelined for nearly a year after breaking down in New Zealand in December 2001. He managed to make a comeback in the World Cup. But again he had the misfortune of getting injured in the middle of the mega event.

Zim shot

SCOREBOARD

First innings scoreboard in the Sharjah Cup final between Pakistan and Zimbabwe on Thursday:

ZIMBABWE					
Wishart c Latif b Sami	0				
Marillier b Sami	14				
Rennie c Latif b Sami	6				
Flower c Younis b Malik	7				
Taibu not out	74				
Ervine c Latif b Malik	25				
Ebrahim c Malik b Kaneria	13				
Streak lbw b Hafeez	0				
Blignaut c and b Hafeez	3				
Price lbw b Kaneria	1				
Hondo c Youhanan b Malik	1				
Extras: (lb-4, w-8, nb-4)	16				
Total: (All out in 49.1 overs)	168				
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-19, 3-22, 4-36, 5-82, 6-122, 7-123, 8-127, 9-133					

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Sami	10	0	44	3
Gul	8	0	24	0
Malik	9.1	1	29	3
Razaq	6	0	21	0
Kaneria	10	1	32	2
Hafeez	6	0	14	2
PAKISTAN: Rashid Latif, Yousuf Youhana, Tauseef Umer, Mohammad Hafeez, Younis Khan, Faisal Iqbal, Abdul Razaq, Shoaib Malik, Mohammad Sami, Umar Gul, Danish Kaneria.				
Toss: Zimbabwe.				

Aussies always

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Australia," Hohns said.

"It's very difficult to ask the players to give someone else a game in their place and there's statistics and money to think about as well.

"What we'll be doing as selectors is picking the best Australian side."

Australian players get 11,000 dollars (6,600 USD) per Test and statistically, there's a lot on offer against the world's weakest cricket side such as massive scores and record wicket hauls.

Captain Steve Waugh can add to his record of having scored a century against every Test-playing nation.

He's done it against the eight other Test sides but not against Bangladesh. Australian Cricket Board operations manager Michael Brown said the ACB also had to consider the development of Cairns and Darwin as Test venues.

"We're making a very significant financial contribution in terms of money and resources to both Darwin and Cairns and to promote the series with a second-string team would make us unpopular to say the least," Brown said.

India keep Wright

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guide the team at a one-day tri-nations series starting in Dhaka on Friday.

The board will also decide on Thursday whether to appoint Australia's Dav Whatmore to head its Bangalore-based National Cricket Academy (NCA), he added.

The ex-Australia Test batsman was removed as Sri Lanka's coach after the World Cup and ended his last assignment with the team at the one-day series in Sharjah where they failed to reach Thursday's final.

for debacle.

"The average age of the team was 28 and half and ageing players were unable to perform," it said.

However, Pakistan's ageing stars Wasim, 36, and opener Saeed Anwar 34, topped bowling and batting charts.

The report also criticised special treatment to express pacer Shoaib Akhtar.

"One of the factors was the special treatment accorded to Shoaib Akhtar by appointing Doctor Tauseef Razaq

PCB finds seniors at fault

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Despite documenting discord between Waqar and senior players, the report insisted rumours of cliques and infighting were wide of the mark.

"The differences within the team were rumoured. Five senior players and the team manager had met the Chairman PCB Lieutenant General Tauqir Zia and assured him that the differences, if any, would be left behind before departure," it said.

The report also blamed reliance on over age players as one of the causes

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	37 Monopoly" payment	55 Pack down	11 In a bad way
1 1984 horror movie	41 Gets ready (for)	56 Bit of strategy	16 Sprite
5 Spill the beans	40 "Behold!"	DOWN	22 Nourishes
9 Inventor	41 Take five	1 Treble or bass	23 Pencil fill
12 Enticement	43 Navy construction worker	2 Immense	24 Beatles description
13 Latvia's capital	47 — king	3 Desire	25 Wish undone
14 Solidify	48 They run for a few minutes	4 Carrie's mom	5 Talk like an ass
15 Cook's tool	51 One of the Brady Bunch	5 Talk like an ass	26 Aubergine
17 Guy's sweetie	52 Profligate	6 Illuminated	27 Fail
18 Without strength	53 Dumbo's "wings"	7 Time of your life?	29 Paint holder
19 Ungainly	54 Picnic pest	8 Cleopatra's transport	30 Assembly of parts
21 Provided		9 Albumen	35 Sp. title
22 Muscle tissue		10 Plumbing problem	37 Gadabout
24 Gratis			39 Put forth
27 Retainer			40 Muumuu accessory
28 Rockettes' maneuver			41 Eastern prince
31 Summer mo.			42 Verve
32 Actress Thompson			43 Dance lesson
33 Skater			44 Swain
34 Pleads			45 Drops the ball
36 Peculiar			46 Being (Lat.)
			49 Tibetan gazelle
			50 Bubble maker

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