Sport

The Paily Star

In another substandard fielding

ere dropped. While Lee provided

If there was one bright moment

for Waugh, it came when he

claimed his 92nd Test wicket, when

wickets to fall were taken by part-

timers in Waugh and Simon Katich,

however, only served to remind us

just how short of top strength are

Australia without Glenn McGrath,

Gillespie and Shane Warne.

The fact that two of the four

Rahul Dravid was caught for 49.

that of Tendulkar.

Lara leads fightback

Cricket

AFP, Durban

Brian Lara and Ridley Jacobs hit half-centuries to save the West Indies from humiliation on the first the day of the second Test against South Africa at Kingsmead Friday. The West Indies, who were 50

for five shortly before lunch, were 205 for eight at tea after being sent in to bat.

West Indian captain Lara (72) and Jacobs (58) put on 98 for the sixth wicket to stem an onslaught by South Africa's all-pace attack.

Fast bowler Makhaya Ntini, who took nine wickets when South Africa won the first Test by 189 runs in Johannesburg, was again South Africa's most successful bowler, taking four for 52.

The first blows were struck by Shaun Pollock, who took wickets in the first and third overs of the match.

Batting conditions were diffi-cult. Rain delayed the start by 30 minutes and the skies were overcast, with the floodlights on when play did get under way, and the pitch offered bounce and sideways movement.

Pollock, playing in his home town, started the West Indian collapse when he had Wavell Hinds caught behind off the last ball of the first over.

The left-handed Hinds tried to leave a ball which seamed back at him and deflected off the shoulder of his bat.

Pollock struck again in his second over when Ramnaresh Sarwan was caught at second slip.

India bludgeon

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Chopra, more sedate than the audacious Sehwag, attempted a sweep shot off MacGill only to dolly a catch to Katich at short leg just

tled on, leading the Black Caps recovery with a 53-run partnership after drinks in the post-lunch with Styris then a 51-run combinasession. tion with Craig McMillan to give New Zealand a modicum of Chopra, who survived a run out on 44, batted for just over three hours with six boundaries off 138 respectability.

Styris went soon after tea, get-ting a touch to a flyer from Akhtar which wicketkeeper Moin Khan balls. Sehwag was whacked on the took in front of his eyes. helmet twice by tearaway Lee with McMillan was unlucky and showed his disapproval when given out leg before to Shabbir Ahmed when television replays Bracken clanging Chopra's lid in a fierce opening salvo. Chopra later sought a replacement helmet.

Dravid, who scored a record 233 showed an inside edge before the in Adelaide, offered a leading edge attempting to clip Steve Waugh ball hit the pads. But Pakistan were equally annoyed when Akhtar was denied through mid-wicket only to be caught by Damien Martyn one short of his half-century. It was Robbie Hart's wicket. Replays showed the ball come off Hart's gloves and Khan took a superb Waugh's 92nd Test wicket.

Tendulkar dismayed his legion catch down the leg side. of fans when he again failed for his second duck of the series, when he ball, his support crew were all was brilliantly caught down the leg-side by a diving Adam Gilchrist economical Mohammad Sami, who destroyed New Zealand's top order offLee.

In four innings, India's batting hero has scored 0, 1, 37 and 0.

in the second innings of the first Test, had none for 39 off 19 overs, while Shabbir had one for 31 from Ganguly, who won his second 15 and young spinner Danish Kaneria ended the day with none toss of the series, had a life on nine when he tried to avoid a lifter and for 10 from eight overs. Lee missed a sprawling return SCOREBOARD

Ntini followed up, reducing West Indies to 17 for four when Daren Ganga and Shivnarine out because of hamstring injuries. **SCOREBOARD** Scoreboard at tea on the first day of

Chanderpaul were caught at first and third slip respectively. the second Test between South Africa and the West Indies at Carlton Baugh, the touring team's reserve wicketkeeper, who was picked as a batsman in place of Kingsmead on Friday: WEST INDIES: First innings the injured Chris Gayle, helped Lara take the total to 50 with some Hinds c Boucher b Pollock bold but risky strokes before he was caught at second slip off Andre Nel Ganga c Pollock b Ntini Sarwan c Kallis b Pollock

shortly before lunch. Lara, who made a double century in a losing cause in the first Test, played a relatively circumspect innings while Jacobs hit some powerful strokes to reach a half-century off 59 balls

Jacobs, who survived a difficult chance to wicketkeeper Mark Boucher off Nel when he had 33, made 58 off 69 balls before Nel trapped him leg before wicket.

Lara also gave a chance, being dropped by a diving Andrew Hall off Ntini when he had 14. He went on to make 72 off 111 balls with 12 fours before Ntini made a ball rear at throat height, which Lara could only fend to first slip. Both teams opted for an all-

South Africa included all-rounder Hall and veteran batsman

The West Indies picked Baugh and seam bowler Adam Sanford in

At the other end, Richardson bat-

While Akhtar starred with the

Fall of wkts: 1-0, 2-4, 3-15, 4-17, 5-50, 6-148, 7-172, 8-191 Bowler Pollock Ntini Hall am attack. Nel

Gary Kirsten in their line-up ahead of left-arm spinner Paul Adams and batsman Martin van Jaarsveld.

Adams had been included in the Adams had been included in the squad ahead of fellow spinner Robin Peterson, who was dropped after the first Test in Johannesburg, which South Africa won by 189

place of Gayle and Corey Collymore, who were both ruled

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are engaged in a cerebral warfare during their third round match of the Leonine Grand Masters chess tournament at the NSC Conference room yesterday.

SMS powers Veeru

minutes

Despite the "control" his coach feels he is developing, Sehwag bludgeoned Australian attack --

sans an injured Glenn McGrath

for 89 runs in the second session

between the lunch and tea inter-

Sehwag, however, got two lives when he was dropped at 66 and 77

but, as it turned out, the reprieves

had little effect on "Najafgarh's

But his innate impulsiveness

but feels Sehwag has the calibre to

Friday's innings has helped Sehwag, who has scores of 45, 0, 47,

47 and 195 in this series, boost his

Sehwag's two-year career is that his

average has only once gone below 40, but never below 39, which was

after the first Test against New

But he scored a scintillating 130 in

Zealand at Ahmedabad in October.

Defining Sehwag

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Another interesting statistic of

"Not only in Test cricket, he has

score double centuries.

career average to 46.10.

Cricket

IANS, New Delhi

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Baugh c Kallis b Nel

Jacobs lbw b Nel

Drakes not out

Dillon b Ntini

Kallis

To bat: F Edwards

Hall, M Ntini, A Nel.

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Friday.

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Sanford not out

Extras: (lb-6, nb-6)

Chanderpaul c Hall b Ntini

Total: (For eight wkts in 55 overs)

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SOUTH AFRICA: G Smith, H Gibbs,

J Rudolph, J Kallis, G Kirsten, N McKenzie, M Boucher, S Pollock, A

Umpires: Simon Taufel and Darrell

Television umpire: Ian Howell

Match referee: Ranjan Madugalle

NEW ZEALAND: First innings

Richardson not out

FleminglbwAkhtar

Styris c Khan b Akhtar

McMillan lbw Shabbir

Extras: (lb-7, w-3, nb-7)

Total: (For five wkts in 70 overs) 151

Fall of wkts: 1-1, 2-1, 3-41, 4-94, 5-

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To bat: J. Oram, D. Vettori, D.

Umpires: Dave Orchard (South Africa), Asoka de Silva (Sri Lanka).

Match referee: Chris Broad (Eng-

Vincent b Akhtar

Jones by Razzaq

Hart not out

145.

Bowler

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Razzaq

Tuffey, I. Butler.

Toss: New Zealand

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It took an SMS from his coach for swashbuckling Virender Sehwag to change his batting stance and the result was a buccaneering 195 on Friday, the opening day of the third Test against Australia at Melbourne.

It boosted his career average to 46.10.



India, currently leading 1-0 in the four-Test series, are eyeing their first ever Test series win in Australia since the two countries first met in 1947.

India finished the day at 329 for the calibre to hit double centuries in one-dayers," he said of the shorter four wickets, with captain Sourav Ganguly batting on 20 and V V S version of cricket in which Sehwag has a highest of 130 in 77 matches a "Did you notice Veeru's 34.65

today? It was one of the main reasons for his brilliant innings," said Amar Nath Sharma, Sehwag's coach since his school days.

"I had sent him an SMS after the victory at Adelaide, saying that he which would give him more room to play strokes," Sharma told IANS.

the next innings, in the second Test against the Kiwis at Mohali, took it to 43.67.

stumps to the bowler. The two-leg stance, between the leg and middle stumps, entails a batsman to move a few inches on the off side, giving him a better idea of his off-side deliveries.

Bracken at long on 11 overs from stumps. "I was not disappointed to get out because the ball was a full toss

Nothing going to plan

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD,

Boxing Day at the Melbourne Cricket Ground was where it all began for Steve Waugh 18 years

Now, after Saurav Ganguly's superb Indian side yet again ignored the script for Waugh's farewell summer, it could well be where it all ends in a series defeat for the Australian Test captain.

This was where order was supposed to be restored for the retiring Waugh and his top-ranked Test side, after India had surprised by taking a 1-0 lead in the four-match series two weeks ago in Adelaide.

While the pitch there was flat and supposedly more like home for the Indians, the MCG would be full of bounce. And while one Australian fast bowler, Jason Gillespie, was out injured, the fastest, Brett Lee, was back and ready to rattle the tourists with bouncers.

The home side's fielding, uncharacteristically ordinary in the first two Tests, was also sup-posed to click back to its usual standard, on what is the biggest day of the year for Australian cricketers.

Instead, however, it was once again India's day against a flat Australian side, and by the end of it, Waugh's hopes of scoring a victory here to save the series were looking as shabby as the half-demolished members' stand at Australia's biggest cricket ground.

Before 62,613 fans, opener Virender Sehwag scored a superb 195, to lead India to the powerful position of 4-329 at stumps. It was the most runs scored against a Waugh-led Australian side on the opening day of a Test in all his 56 matches in charge.

With India needing only to draw this match to ensure they cannot lose the series and thus retain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, the tourists would have been delighted with their day's work.

After Ganguly had won the toss and taken on Lee and company by

PHOTO: REUTERS HARD DAY"S WORK: Steve Waugh wipes the sweat off his brow at the

Kapali impresses

FROM PAGE 13 balls that included eight boundaries. **RAJSHAHI V BARISAL**

Rajshahi were in dire straits losing five wickets for 15 runs after being sent in by home team Barisal at the Barisal Stadium. But as always, Mashud was there to see them through the crisis.

The Test wicket-keeper partnered Murad Khan in a crucial 107run sixth wicket stand as Rajshahi reached some sort of respectability at 190 all out. Mashud made 86 (187 balls/11 boundaries) while Murad added 47 off 118 balls.

Barisal also didn't find the going

v as thev sli ed to 47 for three

electing to bat, Sehwag and Akash Chopra denied the Australians selves few favours. their first wicket until midway performance, three more catches through the day.

Emphasising just how much this series has defied expectations, the expected bouncers, twice striking Sehwag in the helmet, he their 141-run partnership was managed to take only one wicket, India's first opening stand of 100 or more in Australia since January 1986 -- Waugh's second Test.

India's large total was also scored without any contribution from their trump card, Sachin Tendulkar, who made a golden duck to continue a run of outs which has also made this series a highly unusual affair.

While India's batsmen were superb, the Australians did them-

Melbourne Cricket Ground yesterday.

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Extras: (b-2, lb-13, nb-3, w-3)				21	Anisur lbw Bikas				0	
Total: (For 7 wkts in 97 overs)			257		Rafiqul b Bikas				0	
Fall of wkts: 1-25, 2-63, 3-67, 4-79,				5-80,	Murad c Imran b Tariqul				47	
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Sabbir batting			20 JoylbwShahjada				0			
Extras: (b-1, lb-6, nb3, w-3)				13	Litu batting			0		
Total: (For 5 wkts in 91 overs)			2	272	Extras: (lb-5, w-2) Total: (For 3 wkts in 13 overs)			7		
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Razzak	15	2	35	0	Murad	1	1	0	0	
Shahriar	18	1	61	2	Sohel	1	0	1	0	
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Rajshahi vs Baris	al				FROM PAGE	13				
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Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the second and final cricket Test between New Zealand and Pakistan at the Basin Reserve on

Laxman on six. 53 0

(Sehwag's nickname) stance 16

should take a two-leg stance (be-tween the leg and middle stumps)

Sharma said he had sent the SMS after he saw Sehwag taking the leg-stump stance in earlier matches, which exposes all three

"I watched the live telecast when he reached his 80s, and 1 noticed the changed stance helped

him play his strokes better," he and that was a loose ball, and I went for it. It didn't matter if I got out,'

"It also gave him more control

yet again brought Sehwag's downfall when he tried to score a second successive six off part-timer leftarm spinner Simon Katich and opening wicket to give India a flying start at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG). failed to connect properly, Nathan Bracken accepting the offering. Sharma, who was keeping his "fingers crossed" in anticipation of a double century, was disappointed

Scoreboard

catch.

Scoreboard on the first day of the third cricket Test between Australia and India at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Friday INDIA: First innings

Chopra c Katich b MacGill 48						
Sehwag c Bracken b Katich 195						
Dravid c Martyn b Waugh 49						
Tendulkar c Gilchrist b Lee 0						
Ganguly not out				20		
Laxman not out				6		
Extras: (lb-3, w-1,	nb-7)			11		
Total: (For four wkts in 90 overs) 329						
Fall of wkts: 1-141, 2-278, 3-286, 4-311						
Bowler	0	М	R	W		
Lee	21	5	80	1		
Bracken	23	6	58	0		
Williams	19	6	65	0		
MacGill	14	2	70	1		
Katich	4	0	18	1		
Waugh	35	1				
To bat: P. Patel, Z. Khan, A. Agarkar, A. Kumble, A. Nehra.						
Toss: India						
Umpires : David Shepherd (ENG), Brent Bowden (NZL)						

Match referee: Mike Procter (RSA)

By Eugene Sheffer CROSSWORD ACROSS 2 Wahine's 26 Actor 39 Simba 1 Feminine eventually choreog McGregor 41 On top of 27 Spill the pronoun raphy 4 Housethe world? 3 Satan's beans 43 Seeger or hold forte 28 Grate Sampras staffer 4 Paving 29 Domin 8 Incite 44 Journey materia precede 5 Melody 30 Stake-12 Valentine seamen 46 Great 6 Boise's st. drivina mis spelling 7 Big hamme spender's 31 Black-13 Right-50 Constructhorn hand tion-site woe persor machine 8 Empty fruit 14 In the 55 Court the over 35 Scorpio's brightest neighbor 56 Tom nighter Joad 9 Agt. star 10 Cowboy's 38 "Swan 15 Will Smith 57 Theater biopic Lake, sweetie 16 Tart jelly section 11 Earlier e.g. 58 Tackle's 40 Frat fruit than 18 Model teammate 17 Altar con party builder's 59 Sobbed stellation item 42 Roulette 19 Potential wood 60 Canines 20 La-la 61 Vast bet syrup 45 Prospec 22 Exam lead-in expanse 21 Comformat tor's DOWN 23 Mobius dream motions 47 Uses 24 Massage 1 Thick 25 Stereo targets chunk hookup plastic 28 Some 48 Zilch Solution time: 21 mins of our 49 Luke's EMI ancestors mentor 50 Fiddler' watched over ther need 32 New 51 Music-Zealander maker fo 33 Literary 2-Down collection 52 Back 34 — Maples talk Trump 53 Menag-36 Enthusias erie 54 Early 37 Coldshoulder bird



Participants of the BTI Cup Golf tournament are seen with the Chief of Army Staff and president of Kurmitola Golf Club Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury (fifth from left) in the inaugural ceremony of the meet yesterday.

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The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals S

he said. playing his strokes on the off side.

Sharma also felt Sehwag's overall approach to batting is changing with the right-hander becoming more and more patient before unleashing his rich repertoire of strokes.

"He controlled himself and it is another main reason why he is getting better as a batsman," he added

Sehwag reached his 50 off 78 balls in 114 minutes and his fifth Test century with a boundary off 144 halls in 201 minutes, but significantly off just 38 scoring strokes, or the balls off which he scored runs.

Sehwag, whose previous highest Test score was 147, reached his career's first 150 off 200 balls in 263

Joy for M

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With that win, Muktijoddhas raised their tally to four points from three matches. On the other hand, it was Badda's second defeat against a win that kept them glued to three points.

Yellow cards: Hasan Al-Mamun and Tushar (Muktijoddha).

TEAMS

MUKTIJODDHA SANGSAD: Aminul, Hasan Al-Mamun (Belal), Prodeep (Din Mohammad), Ghansha, Harry, papel, Lajuk, Bidyut, Tushar (Tipu), Moni and Kanchan.

BADDA JAGARANI: Al-Amin, Hafiz, Sumon, Daniel, Belal, Chandan, Zahid, Arup, Mintu,

in three matches that raised their tally to six points and placed them second in the ten-team league table behind Abahani who have seven points from three matches.

third defeat in as many matches.



Shaheed mother Begum Rizia Ahmed (L) opens the Shaheed Freedom Fighter Captain Bashar Memorial Cricket League at the Boro Math in Nilphamari yesterday. Local Member of Parliament (MP) Asaduzzaman Noor (3rd from L) was present as the chief guest

Sehwag said he had no concerns playing in the shadow of the Indian batting greats Rahul Dravid and Sachin Tendulkar.

"I am not worried about any publicity because I'm here to play cricket, not for publicity ... I'm trying to stay (at the crease) for as SCORECARDS long as possible."

Sehwag said the first hour of Saturday's second day would be important to India's chances in the Boxing Day Test.

Venue: Sylhet Stadium "The first hour is important for SYLHET: First innings us, if (V.V.S.) Laxman and (Saurav) Shishir b Sajjad Ganguly play well enough, maybe Imtiaz lbw Rafique we are on the top for the second Parvez b Naimur innings," he said. Kapali b Sunny

by close with Rajshahi paceman Shahjada grabbing two wickets. Earlier, Tariqul Islam Tariq claimed four wickets for 67 runs in 25 overs while Bikas Ranjan Das captured three for 22 in 13 overs to skittle out Rajshahi.

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Dhaka vs Sylhet

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3	Venue: Barisal Cricket Stadiun					
0	RAJSHAHI: First innings					

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Zunayet c Anisur b Bikas

Nuruzzaman c Shahin b Jamal

Hwang, 2nd Best Gross: M Saber Afzal, Runner-up: Maiaz Rahman, 2nd Runner-up: Big Gen Rafiqul Islam, Nearest to Pin: Flt lt Rahman Ali, Longest Drive: Maiaz Rahman.

Earlier, Arambagh Krira Sangha Club.

It was Arambagh's second win

For Dhanmondi it was their

uktis	Nasirul c Kadir b Rafique Taqrimul c Sajjad b Naimur Tushar lbw Sunny Tapash batting		
Anwar (Sabur) and Johnny (Milan). <i>Referee:</i> Abdur Rakib.	Nayeem batting		
ARAMBAGHWIN			

posted a 2-0 win over Dhanmondi After a barren first half, Ugandan midfielder Mustafa Kaba put Arambagh ahead in the 52nd minute while Sohel doubled the margin four minutes later.