MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec 29: Australia confirmed their overwhelming superiority over India

with a second Test victory in under four days here today, reports AFP. Having routed India by 10 wickets in the opener at

Brisbane earlier this month, the home side won by eight wickets off the final delivery of the fourth day's play. Australian skipper Allan

Border scrambled through for the winning run to prevent the match spilling over to the fifth day at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Needing 128 to win after bowling India out for 213 in their second innings, Australia coasted through comfortably to emerge clear favourites in the five-Test series.

Mark Taylor led the way with a polished 60 while David Boon remained unbeaten on

The pair added 106 for the second wicket after Geoff Marsh was sent back at the score of 16.

Marsh, who top-scored with 86 in the first innings, was leg before to Manoj, Prabhakar for Taylor was stumped off

Venkatapathy Raju when six

runs remained for victory but the Australians had no trouble getting them. With the result a mere formality, the only point of interest for the 10,957 spectators

was whether Australia would win on the fourth day. Kapil Dev began the last over to Border with Australia

needing five more runs. Border missed a swipe off the first delivery and was lucky to survive a run out when he darted for three runs from the

second ball. Television replays showed Border clearly out of his crease on his third run when Sachin Tendulkar's throw from mid-off hit the non-striker's wicket.

Umpire Len King, whom the Indians protested against on the second day, turned down a loud shout by the field-

Baig slams umpiring

MELBOURNE, Dec 29: Indian cricket team manager Abbas Ali Baig denounced the standard of Australian umpiring Sunday after his team suffered an eight-wicket defeat in the second Test against Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, reports AP.

There were a number of controversies during the match and most close decisions went in favor of the Australian team, which now leads the five-test series 2-0.

The umpiring was very poor," said Baig. "I'm not saying it was biased, but it was very poor, especially Len King."

King was the subject of an official complaint by the Indian team Friday when he ruled Australian batsman Dean Jones not out after Jones clearly had handled the ball.

Baig said the Indian team's batting also was a long way short of expectations. "Our batting still needs a lot

of application," he said. "Another 150 runs and it would have been a close thing but the return to form of Dilip

Vengsarkar was a bonus." Aussies pick Warne for 3rd Test at Sydney

MELBOURNE, Dec 29 Inexperienced leg-spinner Shane Warne was Monday named in 12-man Australian cricket squad to face India in the third Test beginning Thursday is Syc'ney, reports

Warne was picked after playing only seven first-class games for the Victorian state

He was included as a replacement for off-spinner Peter Taylor in the only

change to the Australian team. The Australians took a 2-0. lead in the series Sunday by scoring an eight-wicket victory

in the second test. Warne impressed during pre-season tour of Zimbabwe and has picked up 14 wickets

at an average of 22.68 in four games this season. The 22-year-old clinched

his place with match figures of seven for 56 for an Australian XI against the West Indies in Hobart last week.

"It's a great honour and feel very privileged to play for

Australia," Warne said. "It hasn't really sunk in and I don't think it will until I get to Sydney, I have just been worried about getting a game

for Victoria." In his seven first-class games, Warne has 26 wickets with a best of seven for 49

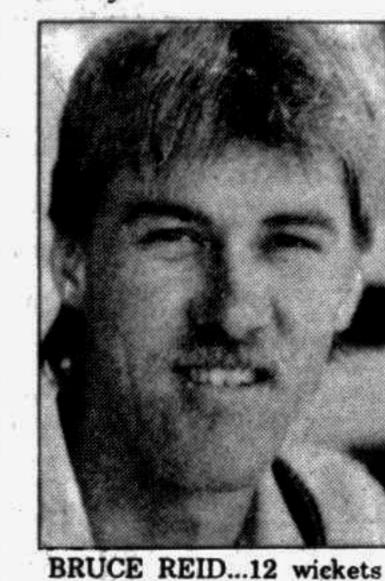
against Zimbabwe in Harare. The Australian squad is Allan Border (captain), Geoff Marsh (vice-captain), David Boon, lan Healy, Mery Hughes, Dean Jones, Craig McDermott, Bruce Reid, Mark Taylor, Shane Warne, Mark Waugh, Mike Whitney.

ers stationed nearby to take the throw.

Boon took a single off the fifth delivery, leaving Border to score a single off the last ball.

Backed by the experience of a record 127 Tests, the Australian captain Cooly chopped the ball to the vacant gully area and ran to the other end with his bat raised overhead in eelebration.

The third Test begins at the Sydney Cricket Ground on January 2.



Starting the day at 92 for five, a lead of just six runs, India carried their second in-

nings to 213 when they were all out 50 minutes before tea. Dilip Vengsarkar, fighting to retain his Test place after scores of five, zero and 23 in the three previous innings,

made a defiant 54 in 286 minutes. The 35-year-old veteran of 113 Tests, who came to bat on Saturday at the score of 48 for two, steered India to a reasonable score before being the last

man out. India's chief destroyer was once again lest-arm paceman Bruce Reid who followed his first innings tally of six for 66 with another fine spell of six

Reid, 28, returned with match figures of 12 for 126 to cap a successful Test in which he also claimed his 100th wicket.

McDermott had three for

11-run victory in a limited-

overs cricket match against a

the West Indies to 225 for

nine in its scheduled 50 overs

stricted the state team to 214

play attacking cricket in its

upcoming three test series

against New Zealand, reports

victory," Gooch said Sunday

after the England team arrived

we will go out and try and win

everygame. I don't go out to

draw. I am not interested in

enced England squad had the

right attitude to the New

Zealand tour, which also in-

cludes three one-day interna-

off-scason training and I am

very pleased at the attitude of

my players. This could be a big

tour for a lot of them," he said.

faces, and they have the chan-

"We have one or two new

"We have had some valuable

in Auckland.

drawing.

"We will be hell-bent on

"I play my cricket to win, so

Gooch said the inexperi-

and the tourists then re-

for eight in reply.

Havnes innings helped lift

Queensland XI, reports AP.

BUNDABERG

Australia, Dec 29:

Opener Desmond

Haynes scored a

sizzling '94 Sun-

day to spark the

West Indies to an

AUCKLAND, New

Zealand, Dec 29:

England cricket

captain Graham

Gooch has pledg-

ed his team will

Gooch is optimistic

Aussies coast with day to spare 63 while Peter Taylor was the

> one for 40 from 11 overs. Vengsarkar defended stoutly through the two-hour morning session adding just 13 runs to his overnight score of

other successful bowler with

But his resolute effort went in vain as India suffered two quick blows at the other end to be 166 for seven at lunch.

Sachin Tendulkar scored 32 of the 49 runs added by the sixth wicket pair in the morning before falling to a brilliant catch by Australian skipper Allan Border.

Tendulkar hit off-spinner Peter Taylor high in the air towards mid-on where Border ran back 15 yards and dived full-length to take the catch.

The 18-year-old Indian batsman made 40 with five fours in a 64-runs stand with Vengsarkar. Kapil Dev drove Taylor for

two sixes, his only scoring strokes, before he was seventh out at the score of 155. Wicket-keeper Ian Healy

took Kapil's edge off Bruce Reid giving him a tally of 100 Test victims. Prabhakar also took two

fours off Taylor who ended the

morning session with figures of one for 24 in five overs. India went to lunch at 166 for seven, but lost Prabhakar for the addition of only seven

Prabhakar, who scored six of those runs, hung his bat out to Reid and was snapped up eastly by Healy. He made 17.

Kiran More, batting with a runner due to a groin strain, helped Vengsarkar add 40 for the ninth wicket to take the lead beyond the 100-run mark. The dapper Indian wicketkeeper, who top scored with

12 before becoming Reid's sixth victim. Vengsarkar, who hit first boundary after batting for 263 minutes, ran out of patience once last man Javagal Srinath

arrived at the crease.

67 in the first innings made

McDermott but succeeded in only top-edging to mid-wicket where substitute fielder Mike Whitney made a diving catch to

Haynes sparks Windies win

DESMOND HAYNES

ce to make a name for them-

wart nominated all-rounder

Dermot Reeve and batsman

Mark Ramprakash as players

likely to make an impact in

was expecting big things from

Zimbabwe-born batsman

cerned that Hick had per-

formed below expectations in

the recent series against the

against West Indics as he

would have liked, but there is

not doubt in our minds that his

exceptionally heavy scoring

will continue sooner of later -

England begins its tour

and we think it will be sooner

Thursday with a one-day match

against the Auckland provincial

team. It then faces a New

Zealand Emerging players XI at

Hamilton from Friday through

"He was not as successful

Stewart also said England

He said he was not con-

New Zealand.

Grames Hick.

West Indies.

rather than later.'

England coach Micky Ste-

end India's innings.

lt was Vengsarkar's 34th half-century and will help him retain his place for the Sydney Test.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the second Test between Australia and India to-

INDIA: first innings 263 AUSTRALIA: first innings

INDIA: second innings (overnight 92 for five) Shastri c Healy b Reid Srikkanth Ibw Reid Manjrekar c M. Taylor b McDermott Vengsarkar c sub (Whitney) b McDermott Azharuddin c M Taylor b Reid Raju c and b McDermott Tendulkar c Border b P. Taylor Kapil Dev c Healy b Reid 12 Prabhakar c Healy b Reid More 1bw Reid Srinath not out Extras (b-1 1b-6 NB-10) Total

Fall of wickets: 1-13; 2-48; 3-75; 4-75; 5-79; 6-141; 7-155; 8-173; 9-213.

Bowling:	О	M	R	
McDermott	29	8	63	
Reid	29	9	60	
Hughes	19	6	43	
P. Taylor	11	3	40	
AUSTRALIA:		sccon		

M Taylor st More b Raju

Marsh Ibw Prabhakar Boon not out Border not out Extras (lb-3 nb-6) Total (two wickets)

Fall of wickets: 1-18; 2-122 Bowling: Kapil Dev 11 0 38 Prabhakar 8 0 28 0 Srinath

Australia won by ten wickets

The win gave the West

Indies a winning 2-0 lead in

the three-macth series be-

tween the two teams. The

third match will be played

Wednesday at Carrara on the

the start. His half -century

came from only 34 balls and

his total from 106 balls. His

innings included 12 bound

Carliste Best put on 91 runs

for the first wicket, but the

rest of the West Indies top-

spent half an hour at the

crease for just four runs off 26

balls before falling victim to

rookie paceman Scott Willi-

ams, who took six wickets for

a valiant effort to reach the vic-

tory target, including scoring

captain Dirk Wellham, coupled

with 49 from Matthew Hayden,

almost rescued the Queensland

West Indies bowlers with fig-

ing the series against

Queensland to prepare for the

resumption of the triangular

competition, which also fea-

tures Australia and the India.

The West Indies in winless

after four matches in the

8 (Dirk Wellham 74 not out;

Patrick Patterson 4-35). West

Indies won by 11 runs.

West Indies 225-9 (Des-

limited-overs World Series Cup

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World Series Cup.

Scores:

14 runs off the final over.

The Queensland team made

A gritty unbeaten 74 from

Patrick Patterson led the

The West Indies team is us-

Captain Richie Richardson

order batted disappointingly.

Haynes and fellow opener

aries and one massive six.

Haynes was aggressive from

Gold Coast.

Shastri Result: Australia won by eight wickets. First test (Brisbane);

He attempted to hook Third Test (Sydney); Jan 2-Fourth Test (Adelaide): Jan Fifth Test (Perth): Feb 1-5

Salim Jaffar restricts Lankans in Lahore

in the second Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Dec 27.

LAHORE, Dec 29: Pakistan Test pace bowler Salim Jaffer cut short Sri Lanka's ambitions of a first innings lead in their three-day cricket match against a Punjab province governor's XI on Saturday, reports

Lest-arm paceman Jasser captured four for 71, three of them in the final session, as Sri Lanka crumbled from 182 for four to 216 for nine on the second day.

The touring team declared shortly afterwards at 219 for nine in replay to the Governor's XI 251 for nine declared. Bad Light prevented the remaining 14 overs of the day's quota of 82 from being bowled.

Fine innings from opener Roshan Mahanama (44), Athula Samarasekera (45) and Arjuna Ranatunga (50) lifted Sri Lanka after they resumed at the overnight five for no wicket.

But Jaffer, supported by fellow pacemen Naveed Anjum and Wasim Hyder, caused a slump in which five wickets tumbled for 34.

Botham spared charges

LONDON, Dec 29 : England cricketer Ian Botham will not be prosecuted over cannabis found at his rented seaside villa, police said on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Botham himself has said he thinks someone may have been trying to frame him.

Police found cannabis in the house at Polle in southern England when they investigated what looked like a burglary on Wednesday. Botham was spending Christmas in the Channel islands when a neighbour saw a broken window and called police.

Asked by reporters if he thought he had been set up, Botham replied that, although there had been a break-in, none of his personal possessions were missing.

'You can draw your own conclusions from that but you don't have to be Einstein to work this one out, do you?" he

A police spokesman said: There will be no charges in relation to possession of cannabis with regard to lan Botham or any other persons at the time using that house."

mond Haynes 94: Scott Willi-Botham was banned from first-class cricket for eight ams 6-54). Queensland XI 214weeks in 1986 after saying that he had once smoked

Anand again beats Garry Kasparov REGGIO EMILIA,

A. Halifman

V. Ivanchuk

A. Karpov

M. Gurevic

L. Popugajeveski

V. Anand

Indian players look at a video replay screen to see the dismissal of Australian Mark Waugh during the second day's play



history, reports Reuter. Anand's win came after he was pawn up and in a good position against Kasparov playing a French defence in the annual Reggio Emilia tour-

"I don't know how he managed to lose," said Anand. "I beat him last October in the Netherlands but this time I was playing black and did not expect to win." Kasparov plays his old rival Anatoly Karpov today in the

next round, the 160th time the two have met. The tournament, at international category 18, is the highest level ever played. In contrast to previous years, the contestants did not

play with flags at their tables, reflecting the break-up of the former Soviet Union, birthplace of nine of the 10 players. Second round results (draw

G. Kasparov B. Gelfand A. Beljavski

VISWANATHAN ANAND Standings after two rounds: 2 points Anand 1-1/2 Karpov Gelfand

Kasparov Ivanchuk Halifman Salov Gurevic Polugajevski Beljavski

Becker is ready PERTH, Australia, Dec 29:

Borts Becker realized one of his major ambitions when he won this year's Australian Open tennis title, reports AP. The German hopes next

-AFP photo

month's open to be played Jan 13-26, will see him revitalize his career. Becker dropped from No 1

in the world to No 3 last year after being plagued by knee and back injuries. Fully recovered from a recent bout of influenza, Becker

is competing this week in the Hopman Cup exhibition tournament, where he is partner to compatriot Steffi Graf on the German team. "I had a dread come true here last year when I became No 1 for the first time by win-

Becker said Sunday. "But for the rest of the year, I had many weeks off because of knee and back injuries." "Now I hope to keep healthy for a longer period of

ning my first Australian Open,

time and play five tournaments in a row to have a good chance to return to being No 1." Becker said a short break from tennts had helped lift his

morale. "I'm enjoying my tennis and I'm in good form now -which is something I'd like to keep

as long as possible," he said. Becker and Graf will face the French team of Henri Leconte and Julie Halard in the quarterfinals of the Hopman Cup on Monday.

Big guns take different routes to Australian Open



UNDATED : Archrivals Stefan **Edberg and Boris** Becker are taking different approa-

ches as they prepare for next month's Australian Open tennis champion-US Open champion Edberg

has decided to play doubles in a minor tournament to sharpen his volleying skills, while three-time Wombledon champion Becker is playing as Steffi Graf's partner in an exhibition event.

Edberg will have as a partner Australian John Fitzgerald in the doubles at the Australian hardcourt championships starting Monday at Adelaide's Memorial Drive Arena. He decided to bypass the singles.

Defending Australian Open champion Becker, meanwhile, is set to play both singles and mixed doubles as he combines with Graf on the German team at the Hopman Cup exhibition, which continues in Peth through Friday. Some players feel the

Hopman Cup format of men's

singles, women's singles and

mixed doubles is a far from

ideal preparation for a Grand

Slam tournament, but French Davis Cup star Henri Leconte is not among them. "I want to get back into the top 30 as soon as possible and this tournament enabled me to be ready for the Australian Open— where I want to prove

can play well again," Leconte

The Hopman Cup and the Australian Hardcourt championships are among four events scheduled in the region this week as warm-ups for the first Grand Slam tournament of the

The Australian hardcourt, the Queensland Open for women in Brisbane and the BP Nationals in Wellington, New Zealand, all run from Monday through next Sunday.

The following week, both men and women will compete in the New South Wales Open in Sydney, while men also have the choice of playing in a tournament in Auckland, New Zealand.

Most of the big guns of men's tennis will play in the Rio Challenge exhibition in Adelaide Jan. 8-11. The entry for the Rio Chal-

lenge includes Swede Edberg and Americans Jim Courier, Pete Sampreas, Michael Chang and John McEnroe, along with Goran Ivanisevic of Yugoslavia. Ivan Lendl and Leconte will be among those playing the

New South Wales Open after

having not been invited to play in the Rio Challenge. Becker plans to practice in Melbourne for the 10 days be-

fore the Australian Open. Czechoslovak player Jana Novotna and American Pam Shriver are among the few bigname women competing in the Queensland Open.

Graf will play only the Hopman Cup before going to Melbourne to practice, while World No. 1 Monica Seles of

Yugoslavia has decided against playing any warm-up tourna-

Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, Spaniards Aranta Sanchez Vicario and Conchita Martinez and American Mary Joe Fernandez all will play in the women's singles at the New South Wales Open, along with Novotna. Whatever their build-up

will find competition tougher than ever at the Australians Only Americans Andre Agassi and Jimmy Connors

plans, the sport's top players

among the leading men have decided against playing the open this year. American Martina Navratilova is the only notable absentee from the women's entries.

The Australian Open begins Jan. 13 at the National Tennis. Center in Melbourne and continues through Jan 26.

Winning debut for CIS

The Commonwealth of Independent States heralded its arrival on the world sporting scene on Saturday with a hardfought first-round victory over Britain in the Hopman Cup team tennis tournament, reports Reuter.

Sounding to some Western earns more like an insurance company than a new nation, the CIS, in the shape of Andrei Cherkasov and Natalia Zvereva took the match 2-1 to set up a quarter- final with Switzerland. Zvereva, a native of Byelorussia, admitted it was a

peculiar feeling to be tagged with the new name. "It sounded very strange, and new," she said. "But the issue has been there for a long time now, so I wasn't sur-

prised by what has happened." The experienced British pair of Jeremy Bates and Jo Durte did not yield easily to history, however, Durie taking the first set off Zvereva and Bates, ranked 140 places lower than the Russian

PERTH, Australia, Dec 29: Cherkasov, also lifting a set, Zvereva beat Durie 4-6, 6-0, 6-4, while Cherkasov disposed of Bates 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. Bates and Durie had the consolation. of winning the mixed doubles

> pro-set 8-6. Earlier, the Dutch pairing of Richard Kraficek and Brenda. Schultz showed impressive form as they overwhelmed Australia 3-0 to earn a quarterfinal match against number two seeds Spain.

> > It was the first time in the

four-year history of the Hopman Cup that Australia have failed to progress beyond the first round.

Schultz, 21 on Saturday, said: "The last two years, I've lost matches on my birthday, so it was nice to win this

The last first- round match today is between Sweden and seventh- seeded France. The winner meets German Favourites Boris Becker and Steffi Graf in Monday's quarter- final.

