

# Hughes destroys Indian hopes

**BRISBANE, Dec 1** : Australia were on the threshold of victory in the first Test today after a day in which 14 wickets tumbled and Indian fortunes rose at first but then dipped disastrously, reports Reuters.

When bad light brought an early close with nine overs remaining in the third day's play, India were 104 for six wickets in their second innings, just three runs ahead.

Only the patience of opener Ravi Shastri, 37, not out after two and half hours of application, ensured Australia would need to return to Brisbane's Gabba cricket ground for a fourth day.

The tourists' intention when they began the day was to prevent Australia amassing a daunting first innings lead. Their aim at the end was simply to make them bat again.

They just achieved that but,



**MERV HUGHES** .... 4 for 31 having bowled beautifully to restrict Australia to a first innings lead of 101, they collapsed at the crease.

Merv Hughes, he of the bristling moustache and unorthodox haircut, was the man who trimmed India's ambitions after their good work with the ball.

Showing little indication of his hamstring strain, Hughes

took four wickets in a devastating spell of seven overs at the beginning of India's second innings to leave them tottering at 32 for four.

Craig McDermott, bowling with real pace, then added two more to his five-wicket first innings haul.

Three of Hughes' wickets were caught at short leg by David Boon, the chunky batsman showing particularly sharp reactions when catching Sanjay Manjrekar for a duck.

Dilip Vengsarkar also went for nought, although there was more doubt about a leg before decision that went in Hughes' favour on the last ball before tea.

Event he knowledge that Hughes habitually celebrates wickets by poking his tongue in team-mates' ears did not prevent the Australians congratulating him as they headed for the pavilion.

AP adds: The Australians will go into the fourth day with a three-run deficit but needing only four further Indian wickets.

Hughes ignored the pain from a strained hamstring to rip through the Indian upper order.

"I got lucky," Hughes said. "There was a bit of bounce in the pitch and it's always easy to say how well you bowled when you've taken wickets."

Hughes was magnificently supported by David Boon, fielding at short leg.

Boon caught opener Kris Srikkanth for a duck n Hughes' first over and Sanjay Manjrekar for five soon after.

Hughes also trapped Dilip Vengsarkar lbw for nought and India went to tea at 14 for three.

After the resumption, the Hughes-Boon combination struck again, ending the stay of Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin for 12.

Craig McDermott then took up the challenge and dismissed Sachin Tendulkar for seven, caught by wicketkeeper

Ian Healy.

McDermott also grabbed the vital wicket of Kapil Dev, who was caught in the slips by Mark Waugh for 25.

Kapil Dev now shares second place in the all-time Test wicket-taking list with England allrounder Ian Botham.

Sir Richard Hadlee of New Zealand holds the record with 431 Test victims.

For India, Kapil Dev again prospered in adopting an aggressive response to the crisis, but his innings of 25 in 24 balls was not really the answer.

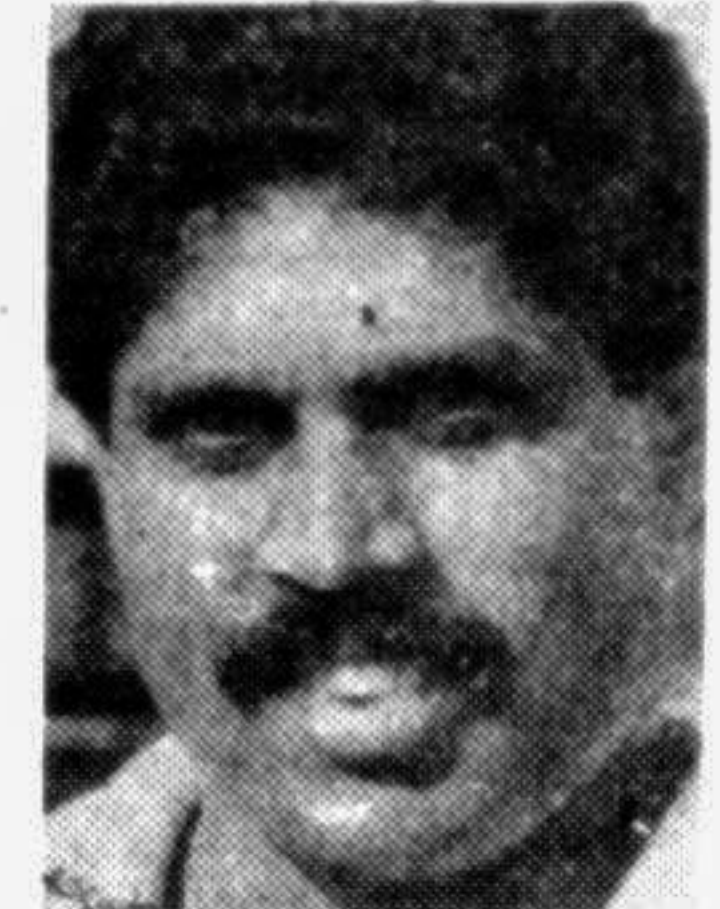
After the dreary accumulation of runs by Australia on Saturday the tumble of wickets was quite unexpected.

Boon and Allan Border, so dominant on the previous evening, were priced out early and Dean Jones followed, collecting his sixth duck in 23 Test innings as Kapil Dev showed he is still a danger with an inspired burst of swing

bowling.

Kapil Dev took his Test wicket tally level to that of Ian Botham at 380 victims, and Jawagal Srinath collected a promising three for 59 on his debut.

But the Australian tail, guided by Peter Taylor (31), was allowed to score 60 for the last three wickets, with Mike Whitney passing four for the



**KAPIL DEV** .... 4 for 80

first time in 11 outings.

By the time India had knocked those 60 off they had lost five wickets.

Scores : India 239 (M Prabhakar 54 not out, C McDermott five for 54) and 104 for six (M Hughes four for 31); Australia 340 (M Taylor 94, D Boon 66).

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the third day of the first Test between Australia and India today:

**INDIA**: First innings 239 (M Prabhakar 54 not out, C McDermott five for 54).

**AUSTRALIA**: First innings (overnight 235 for two)

G Marsh b Srinath	47
M Taylor c Vengsarkar b Raju	94
D Boon c More b Prabhakar	66
A Border b Dev	28
D Jones b Dev	0
M Waugh c More b Srinath	11
I Healy lbw Prabhakar	12
P Taylor c Raju b Srinath	31
M Hughes b Dev	11
C McDermott c Azharuddin b Dev	8
M Whitney not out	7
Extras (lb-15 w-1 nb-9)	25
Total (All out)	340
Fall of wickets: 1-95; 2-178; 3-244; 4-244; 5-265; 6-278; 7-280; 8-301; 9-316	

BOWLING	O	M	R	W
Kapil Dev	34	9	80	4 (2nb)
Prabhakar	37	10	88	2 (5nb)
Srinath	24.4	4	59	3 (2nb)
Raju	31	5	90	1
Tendulkar	1	0	8	0
<b>INDIA</b> : Second innings				
R Shastri not out				37
K Srikkanth c Boon b Hughes				5
S Manjrekar c Boon b Hughes				5
D Vengsarkar lbw Hughes				0
M Azharuddin c Boon b Hughes				12
S Tendulkar c Healy b McDermott				7
Kapil Dev c Waugh b McDermott				25
M Prabhakar not out				9
Extras: (lb 4 nb 5)				9
Total (for six wickets)				104
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-14; 3-14; 4-32; 5-47; 6-87.				

**BOWLING**

McDermott 14 3 30 2 (1nb)  
Hughes 12 4 31 4  
Whitney 10 1 39 0 (4nb)

**Windies beat WA**

**NORTHAM, Australia, Dec 1**: West Indian batsmen Keith Arthurton and Brian Lara combined for 110 runs Sunday to lead the visitors to a 66-run victory over a Western Australian invitational cricket side, reports AP.

Arthurton and Lara, fighting each other for a place in the West Indians middle order for the World Series Cup starting on Friday, led the team to 241-7 in their allotted 46 overs. Western Australia was held to 175-4.

Lara, who scored two half-centuries in a recent one-day series in Pakistan, continued his strong form with 54 runs in less than an hour while Arthurton notched an unbeaten 56 from only 53 balls.

The duo compiled a 54-run partnership in 30 minutes. Lara and Arthurton's total enabled the tourists to register 150 runs after 29.3 overs.

Medium-pace bowler Gary Ireland led the Western Australian bowlers with 18-3 from five overs.

Western Australia made a fast batting start with Rob Kelly and Justin Langer scoring 83 for the first wicket.

Scores: West Indies 241-7 (Keith Arthurton 56, Brian Lara 54; Anderson Cummins 35-2); Western Australia 175-4 (Justin Langer 41; John Seeliger 37 not out, Gary Ireland 18-3)

West Indies won by 66 runs

# Six-a-side finals today

**Mohammed an Sporting Club, Bangladesh Biman, Brothers Union and Uddity Club** all moved into the Cup semifinals of the second RV six-a-side cricket tournament following the quarter-finals held yesterday simultaneously at the Dhaka Stadium and Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Bangladesh Biman beat GMCC by five wickets. Wining the toss GMCC halted first to make 54 from two from their stipulated five overs. Biman made 57 without any loss to ensure a semifinal berth.

Group C champions Brothers Union thrashed Group A runners-up Young Pegasus by 44 runs. Brothers batted first to rattle up 83 for one in five overs. Pegasus, in their turn, could manage only 39 for the loss of two wickets.

Uddity Club, the Group B champions, accepted the challenge posed by Victoria Sporting Club to move into the semifinals. Victoria batted first to collect 51 for four from five overs. Uddity overhauled that total losing two wickets in the process. Group D champions

**Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club** got a walk-over against their arch rivals Abahani Krira Chakra to move into the semifinals.

Four teams, Rupali Bank, Dhaka Wanderers Club, Surjo Tarun Club and Wari Club, have moved into the semifinals of the Plate event. Rupali Bank outplayed Ajax SC by three wickets. Ajax batted first to score 48 for three wickets. The bankers reached the target losing only two wickets.

Wanderers edged fast Kalabagan by 13 runs to confirm a place in today's semifinal.

Wanderers batted first to score 59 for 5. Kalabagan man aged 46 for the loss of one wicket from their stipulated five overs.

BKSP were little unfortunate to lose a semifinal berth when their rivals Wari Club edged them out by virtue of having lost fewer wickets.

Wari batted first to score 70 for three wickets. BKSP also scored 70, but lost one more wicket than Wari and thus bowed out.

Surjo Tarun booked a semifinal slot when they got a walk-over against Lalmitia Club.

The semifinal and final matches of both the Cup and the Plate categories, be played today.

State Minister for Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka will distribute the prizes as the chief guest. While Alhaj Rahimuddin Bharosa, the tournament sponsor, and Vice President of the BCCB Ratsuddin Ahmed will also be present as special guests. Ahmed Sajjadul Alam and Golam Faruq, joint secretaries of the BCCB, will be the adjudicators for the man-of-the-match awards for the Cup and Plate finals.

Following is the time-table for the semi-finals and finals of RV six-a-side tournament:

Brothers Union vs Uddity Club (Cup) - 11 am  
Surjo Tarun vs Wari Club (Plate) - 11.25 am  
Mohammedans vs Biman (Cup) - 12.40 pm  
Wanderers vs Rupali (Plate) - 1.05 pm

The Plate and Cup finals will begin at 2.45 pm and 3.10 pm respectively at the Dhaka Stadium.

The meet has been organised by the Dhaka Cricket Players' Association.

# Wallace guides Leeds to the top

**LONDON, Dec 1**: Winger Rod Wallace scored three minutes from time to give Leeds United a 1-0 win at home against Everton and keep them top in the English First Division on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Leeds stayed one point clear of Manchester United, whose 3-1 victory at Crystal Palace looked like putting them back in first place until Wallace's late strike at Elland Road.

Leeds played the final 21 minutes with 10 men after defender Chris Fairclough was sent for retaliation.

Veteran Scottish midfielder Gordon Strachan, the inspiration behind Leeds' surge to the top of the table, floated a cross to the far post from the right, finding Wallace unmarked.

Welsh teenager Ryan Giggs, who turned 18 on Friday, beat the Crystal Palace offside trap twice to lay on Manchester United's first two goals as he inspired them to victory at Palace.

Leeds have 39 points, Manchester United 38 with a game in hand and third-placed Manchester City 31 after being held 0-0 at home by Wimbledon.

Everton had the best chances in a tight match at Leeds — who notched up their sixth successive home victory — with Tony Cottee and England's Peter Beardsley both missing chances.

Crystal Palace took the lead against Manchester United after 17 minutes through mid-

fielder Paul Mortimer who headed home from close range.

Neil Webb Equalised nine minutes later when he slotted the ball home after Giggs had skipped through a flat defence and cracked a shot against the crossbar.

Webb, whose prompting from midfield had Palace in all sorts of trouble, played a major part in United's second goal, sending a well-timed cross-field pass out to Giggs on the left.

Scottish international Brian McClair took Giggs' centre on his chest and volleyed home in one silky movement for his 11th goal of the season.

A minute later Soviet Union international Andrei Kanchelskis took advantage of a slip in the Palace defence to make the score 3-1 with a simple tap past goalkeeper Nigel Martyn.

Liverpool, 2-0 away winners in the UEFA Cup in midweek, extended their unbeaten run to six matches with a 2-1 home victory over Norwich.

They got off to a flying start when Danish international midfielder Jan Molby, who was in doubt with a groin injury until shortly before kick-off, scored with a spectacular 25-metre shot in the third minute.

Ireland's Ray Houghton put Liverpool further ahead with his eighth goal of the season on the half hour, tapping home after another fine shot by Molby was parried by goalkeeper Bryan Gunn.

But Liverpool's shaky defence let Norwich back into

the match when Darren Beckford headed past Bruce Grobbelaar 11 minutes before the interval.

Sheffield Wednesday, taking advantage of defeats by Palace and Aston Villa, leapt into fourth place with a 2-1 win at West Ham. Nigel Jemson scored the winner five minutes from time after US World Cup striker John Harkes had put the visitors in front in the 24th minute.

Villa, their promising climb into the top four halted by a 4-1 hammering at home by Leeds last Sunday, twice went ahead at Oldham.

But promoted Oldham got back on level terms and stole both points with Graeme Sharp's second goal eight minutes from time giving them a 3-2 win. Sharp converted a 34th-minute penalty for Oldham's first equaliser.

Striker Kerry Dixon ended a 12-match barren run with his fourth goal of the season after 46 minutes to give Chelsea a 1-0 home victory over Nottingham Forest, only their second victory in the last nine games.

In Scotland, hearts clung to their three-point lead in the Premier Division.

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Dhaka Division defeated Rajshahi Division in the inaugural match by two goals to one with Iqbal Hossain and Shaheen scoring for the winners and Ripon for the losers.

Dhaka Division will meet Chittagong Division in today's Group A match.

In the other Group A match yesterday, Chittagong Division beat Khulna Division by a solitary goal with Haroon getting the decider in the 14th minute of the second half.

In the Group B matches yesterday afternoon, BKSP beat the National Sports Council (NSC) Eleven by a solitary goal, Chapal being the scorer.

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Michelle Akers Stahl (C) who scored two goals for the USA to win the 1st women's World Cup football title, holds the trophy together with teammates Julie Fondy and Carin Jennings (R) in Guangzhou, China on Nov 30. USA beat Norway 2-1. —AFP photo.

# SAF Games schedule revised

The schedule of events for the 5th South Asian Federation (SAF) Games beginning in Colombo from December 22 has partly been changed, reports UNB.

Athletes from all seven SAARC countries — Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and Maldives — will participate in the ten disciplines of the Games.

The disciplines are: athletics, football, swimming, volleyball, basketball, shooting, weightlifting, boxing, tennis and table tennis.

Bangladesh will participate in all ten disciplines.

A baby elephant has been chosen as the mascot for the games.

The opening and closing ceremonies will be held on December 22 and 31 respectively at the Sugathadasa Stadium.

No competitions will be held on December 25 in view of Christmas.

The football matches will be played at the Sugathadasa Stadium from December 22 to 29 with rest days on December 23 and 27.

Athletics events will also be held at the Sugathadasa Stadium from December 23 to 28 without any break.

Swimming competitions will take place at the Sugathadasa Complex Swimming pool from December 23 to 28.

Shooting contests will take place between December 24 to 27 at the Wisara Range and Panagida Range.

The volleyball matches will be played at the Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium from December 22 to 30 with a rest day on December 29.

The boxing bouts will be at the Colombo University Gymnasium from December 23 to 28 with a rest day on December 27.

Tennis will played at the SLTA courts from December 22 to 29 while table tennis will be held at the St. Thomas College from December 23 to 29.

The venue for the basketball competition will be the Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium, from December 22 to 28.

Weightlifting events will be held between December 26 to 29 at the Kelaniya University Gymnasium.

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selection by three goals to two in a high-scoring affair.

Mintu, Hero and Biplab were the scorers for the winners while Dhaka Metro's goals were netted by Shamsuddin and Tuhin.

Today, BKSP will meet the BFF trainees while the NSC XI will take on the Dhaka Metropolis Eleven.

Rajshahi Division will face Khulna Division in a Group A tie.

Eight teams, divided into two groups, are playing on a robin league basis in the tournament designed to select a pool of about 30 junior footballers who will be groomed under a long-term coaching programme.

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The previous record in the event was 55.12 mtrs.

The Chittagong area team with 5 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze were leading the medals' table while the Savar area team with 2 gold, 2 silver and 2 bronze and the Rangpur area team with 2 gold and 2 bronze medals were on second and third spot.

# Women's World Cup — a roaring success

**GUANGZHOU, China, Dec 1**: True, the Mexican wave was more of a ripple and yes, the media did favour the photographic Scandinavians, but a plethora of goals and near-capacity crowds had the final say over the cynics attending the first FIFA women's World Cup here, reports AFP.

More than 65,000 people watched the United States edge Norway 2-1 for the title with a goal in the dying minutes of Saturday's final, while thousands more flocked through the metal detectors for 25 games that produced 96 goals.

"When we started the competition, there were many sceptics," admitted FIFA president Joao Havelange. "But the statistics in front of us show how right we were with our own predictions."

While FIFA might feel vindicated, it owes much of the tournament's success to the choice of Guangzhou as the host city.

"The Chinese have been incredible," said Norway's assistant coach, Per Brogeland.

"At home we would be lucky if several hundred turned up to watch a match. The players never have had such an experience before."

Nor, it seemed, had the residents of Guangzhou.

While its proximity to Hong Kong has made this southern city open of the most modern and open in China, the arrival of footballing delegations from 12 countries provided a distracting departure from the normal influx of businessmen and budget travellers.

The hype, albeit with Chinese characteristics, was well under way weeks before the competition began.

"Hail the first World Cup for women" and "Long live the

unity and friendship between the peoples of China and the world" were two of the many banner slogans adorning the city's main roads and intersections.

At the forefront of the promotional drive were six-foot versions of the World Cup mascot Ling Ling — "A smiling, personificative thrush," according to the official literature — which confronted unsuspecting diners in the city's larger restaurants, to mixed reactions.

But even Ling Ling was pushed into the background when Pele, soccer's most famous ambassador, came to town the delight of the local media, which record his every move in the minutest detail.

Meanwhile, back in the stadiums, the players were reminding enthusiastic crowds why they had bought their tickets, as the engrossing two-week tournament approached its climax.

It was during the final in the monolithic Tianhe Stadium that the now-obligatory "wave" finally made it round the terraces, despite the break — always greeted with howls of derision — that occurred every time the movement passed over the VIP box.

While in the end it was the Americans who lifted the cup, the tournament will also carry strong memories for two of the women.

For 28-year-old Brazilian

referee Claudia De Vasconcelos Guedes, the third place playoff between Sweden and Germany saw her become the first woman to officiate at a match within the framework of a FIFA competition.

A more ignominious place in the record books was taken by Chinese Taipei goalkeeper Lin Hui-Fang, who carded the first, and only, red card of the competition after unwisely flooring a Nigerian striker with a powerful body check outside her penalty area.

Ling Ling, despite "being progressing and valiant," would probably not have approved.

# PWD closer to hockey title

**Sports Reporter**

League leaders PWD SC further brightened their chances of earning promotion to the First Division hockey league when they trounced Shishu Kishore Sangha by four goals to nil at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

PWD led the one-sided super league contest of the Green Delta Second Division league 2-0 at the breather.

Shoaib scored twice — in the 15th and 52nd minutes — while Dina Lusal sounded the board in the 18th and Shovon in the 42nd minutes respectively.

PWD now have ten points from six games and need only to beat lowly-placed Young Stars Club in their last super league encounter scheduled for Dec 5.

In the other match of the day, Cantonian Sporting Club outplayed Young Stars Club 3-1.

Masud Rana scored twice and Enamul once for the winners while Bashir banged Young Stars consolation.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Mukta Bihanga vs Uddity Club  
Barnak Samaj vs Farashganj SC

# Biman still lead

**Sports Reporter**

Defending champions Bangladesh Biman continued their winning spree with another convincing performance when they crushed Protiva Chess Goshai by 3-1 points in their twelfth round encounter of the First Division chess league yesterday at the National Sports Council chess room.

The reigning league champions now lead the table with 37.5 points.

Biman's Ziaur Rahman and Rezaul Haq won their rounds but Zilur Rahman Champak and Tanima Parveen drew with Protiva's Hafiz and Showkat respectively.

Last year's runners-up Bangladesh Ansars won their encounter yesterday against Poni Electronics by 3.5-5 points.

Ansars are lying in second position with 34 points.

BTMC are in the third position with 28 points after twelve rounds.

In yesterday's encounter BTMC drew with Free Birds International 2-2 points. Free Birds International have 27.5 points in fourth place.

In the other matches of the day, Chalandika Krira Chakra defeated Kanika Sangskritik Sangha 2.5-1.5 while Tilak Chess Club won their match against Anushilan Chess Club by 2.5-1.5 points. Farashganj Sporting Club drew with Genius Chess Club 2-2.

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Action from the under-16 BFF talent hunt soccer tournament which began yesterday at the Mirpur Stadium. —Star photo

Today, Sirajuddowla Club will face Sonakanda White Club.