

Kapil's 400th scalp eclipses Tendulkar ton

PERTH, Australia, Feb 3: A living legend in world cricket and another player destined to join the game's elite held centre-stage for India on a history-making third day of the fifth Test against Australia at the WACA Ground here on Monday, reports AFP.

All-rounder Kapil Dev, 33 last month, flashed a film-star smile around the sparse crowd as he was mobbed by teammates after becoming only the second man in history to capture 400 Test scalps.

His moment of glory came shortly after brilliant batsman Sachin Tendulkar, 18, had fashioned a breathtaking 114, considered by most observers to be the finest of his three centuries in Test cricket.

The two stunning achievements overshadowed the state of the game.

Australia went to stumps with 104-2 in their second innings, holding an overall lead of 178 with two days left. David Boon, 35 and Dean Jones, 34, were at the crease.

Unless India can make early inroads into the Australian batting on Tuesday, they seem likely to face a huge last-innings target.

India had earlier recovered from a traumatic start to the day to total 272 in its first innings, 74 behind the home country's 346.

Kapil Dev reached his milestone in the first over of the final session.

The last ball of his ninth over of the innings thudded into the pads of left-hander opener Mark Taylor, and umpire Tony Creafiter, after deliberating for an agonising second or two, raised his hand.

Indian players rushed in as one to shower congratulations on their elated champion, who waved enthusiastically to the crowd.

Kapil, known affectionately as "Dada" (big fellow) to millions of adoring Indian fans, was born in Chandigarh, in the Himalayan foothills.

He made his Test debut in 1978-79 season, reached 100 wickets in his 25th Test, 200 in his 50th, 300 in the 83rd and 400 in his 115th.

He has played in 58 Tests in India for 204 wickets, and has captured the remaining 196 victims in 57 Tests abroad.

The Test list is headed by retired New Zealander Sir Richard Hadlee, who captured 431 wickets.

Sipping champagne in the Indian dressing room after the day's play, Kapil said: "I am very happy because India is not known to produce fast bowlers. It is a great moment for me and my country for an Indian to do this."

"When I took the 400th wicket I was thinking of my family and my friends. In my heart I said thanks to everybody."

Kapil said he hoped he could now achieve the 500-wicket milestone.

One of the first messages to

reach the Indian dressing room was from Sir Richard.

It said: "Congratulations on achieving 400-Test wickets. This is a magnificent achievement, attributable to your own



S TENDULKAR... 114 talents and skills. "Your determination to strive for excellence has been rewarded. Well done. Go for 432."

Tendulkar's innings was remarkable for its grace and maturity in a desperate situation.

He began the day on 31 and had reached 50 when India crashed to 8-159, having lost Venkatapathy Raju (1), Kapil (4) and Manoj Prabhakar (0) for a meagre 34 runs.

Tendulkar, producing some memorable shots, proceeded to pulverise the Australian pace attack, dominating a ninth-wicket partnership of 81 with wicketkeeper Kiran More (43) in only 91 minutes.

When he was finally removed by left-arm fast bowler Mike Whitney for 114 he had been at the crease for 228 minutes and faced only 161 deliveries.

Such was his dominance that his second 50 came from only 55 balls.

He received a standing ovation as he left the ground.

There was further joy for India as a defiant More and Jawagal Srinath cobbled together a last-wicket stand of 32.

AP adds: For Tendulkar, 18, it was his second century of the series.

His innings included 16 boundaries.

India's first objective when it resumed at 135 for five was to add 11 more runs to avoid the follow-on.

The tourists succeeded, but the middle-order soon succumbed to left-arm paceman Mike Whitney, who took four wickets for 48 in two destructive spells.

Whitney removed night-watchman Venkatapathy Raju for one with his fifth delivery of the day then despatched Kapil Dev and Manoj Prabhakar in the space of three deliveries.

Only Tendulkar exhibited the temperament and stroke-play necessary to mount an effective challenge.

He showed a maturity well beyond his years to anchor the highest ninth-wicket partnership for India against Australia.

When Whitney eventually removed him, Tendulkar had

advanced his series run tally to 363 at an average of 51.85.

Australia lost opener Wayne Phillips before tea for 14 and Taylor soon afterwards.

Experienced campaigners David Boon and Dean Jones then settled down the Australian innings and advanced the score from 31 for two to 104 without further loss.

Boon, who is fighting an injury to his right knee, was unbeaten on 35 at stumps, while Jones was 34 not out.

SCOREBOARD

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

INDIA: First Innings (overnight 135 for five)

Srikant c Boon b McDermott	34
Sidhu c Healy b Hughes	5
Manjrekar c Jones b Hughes	31
Tendulkar c Moody b Whitney	114
Vengarkar c Taylor b Hughes	1
Azharuddin c Healy b McDermott	11
Raju c Taylor b Whitney	1
Kapil Dev c Hughes b Whitney	4
Prabhakar c Reffel b Whitney	0
More c Healy b Hughes	43
Srinath not out	5
Extras: (lb-14, nb-9)	23
Total: (all out)	272

Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-69, 3-100, 4-109, 5-130, 6-135, 7-159, 8-159, 9-240.

Bowling: O M R W

McDermott	21	6	47	2
Hughes	26.5	5	82	4
Reffel	17	5	46	0
Whitney	23	4	68	4
Moody	2	0	15	0

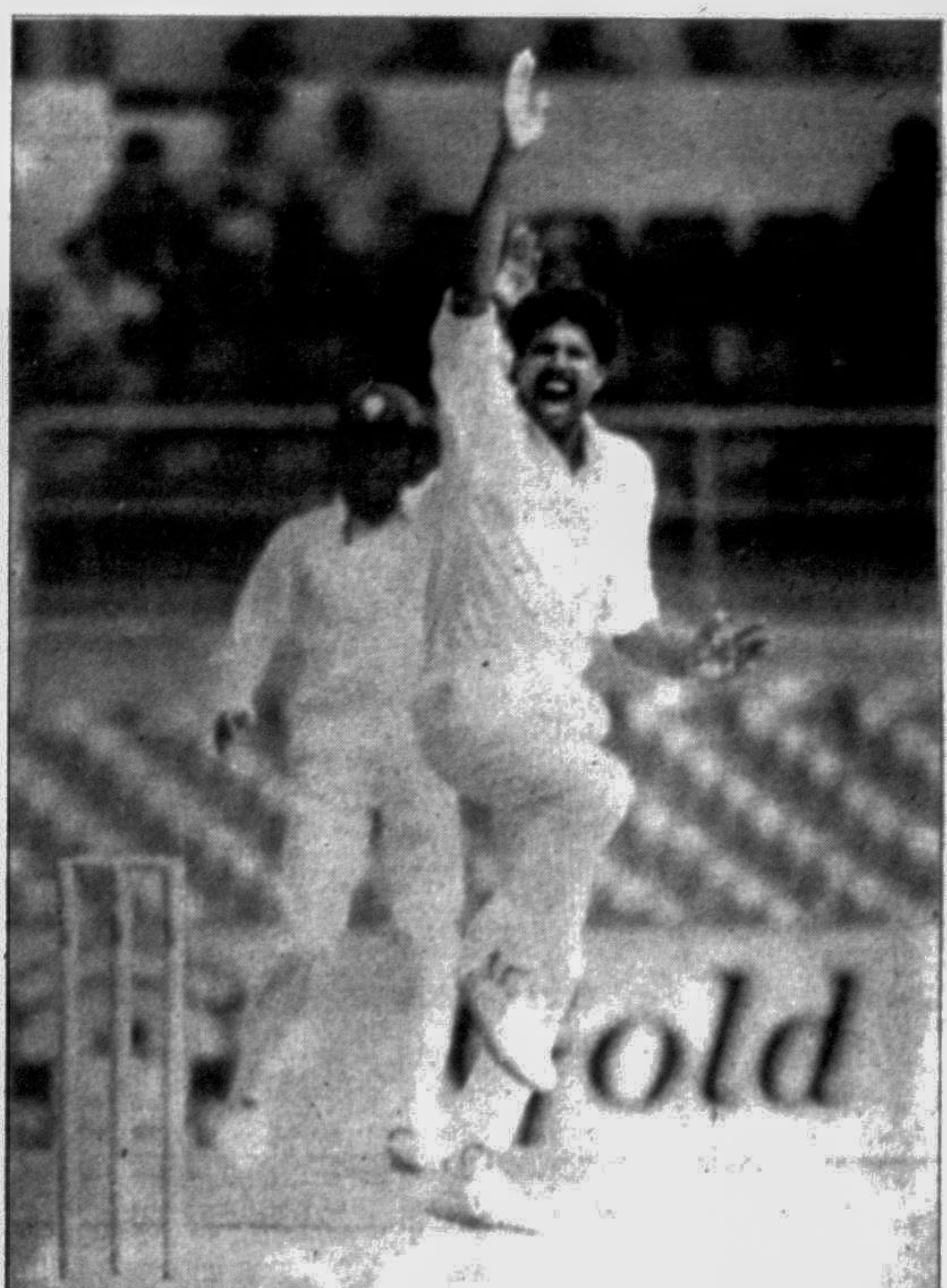
AUSTRALIA: Second Innings

Phillips c Dev b Srinath	14
Taylor lbw Dev	16
Boon not out	35
Jones not out	34
Extras: (lb-3, nb-2)	5
Total: (for two wickets)	104

Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-31.

Bowling: O M R W

Kapil Dev	14	4	18	1
Prabhakar	12	3	33	0
Srinath	11	3	33	1
Raju	10	4	17	0



India's Kapil Dev appeals for his 400th Test wicket on the third day of the fifth Test in Perth yesterday. The lbw decision against Australian opener Mark Taylor made Kapil only the second bowler to reach 400 wickets in Test cricket. New Zealand's Sir Richard Hadlee has taken 431 wickets. — AFP photo

Carry on, Kapil

Sports Reporter

Indian Kapil Dev yesterday became only the second bowler in the history of Test cricket to reach 400 wickets, after Sir Richard Hadlee of New Zealand who remains the highest wicket-taker in Tests with 431 victims.

Following is a comparative study of the number of Tests required by Hadlee and Kapil Dev to reach the 400 wickets mark:

	50	100	150	200	250	300	400
Hadlee:	14	25	34	44	53	61	80
Kapil Dev:	16	25	39	50	65	83	115

Kapil Dev, who made his debut against Pakistan in 1978-79 at Faisalabad, has taken 204 wickets in 58 Tests played in India and another 196 wickets in 57 Tests abroad, including the current fifth Test against Australia at Perth.

While Hadlee, who made his debut in 1973, was 38 years old when he claimed his 400th victim, Kapil Dev had just crossed his 33rd birthday when he reached his milestone.

In a coincidence of sorts, while Hadlee's 400th prize came in Christchurch on Feb 4, 1990 when he trapped India's Sanjay Manjrekar lbw, Kapil achieved his landmark almost two years to the day, on Feb 3, 1992 by getting Australia's Mark Taylor dismissed in similar fashion in Perth. Well done, Kapil and carry on!

Englishmen spoil Kiwi home record

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Feb 3: England beat New Zealand by 168 runs on the final day of the second test at Eden Park here today to clinch the three-Test series having won the first by an innings and four runs in Christchurch, reports AFP.

It was the first time since 1979 New Zealand had lost a home series, and the first since 1975 against England.

New Zealand had resumed their second innings on 203 for eight, with Murphy Su'a on 36 and Danny Morrison on six. They needed to make 180 to win and it was just a matter of time before England would take the two remaining wickets.

After playing two maiden overs one each from Phil DeFreitas and Chris Lewis, Su'a was the first to go on the fourth ball of the morning's third over.

Su'a expecting a bouncer from DeFreitas attempted to avoid it, but the ball kept low and hit the back of his leg as

he lost his balance. His 36 had come in 76 minutes from 68 balls.

Willy Watson joined Morrison, but the pair managed only a handful of runs before New Zealand's innings ended with Morrison run out for 12.

As he stepped out of his crease to play a shot the ball again from DeFreitas hit him on the pad. England appealed for lbw and Alec Stewart, fielding at forward short-leg, picked up the ball and hit the stumps.

It had taken England 35 minutes during which they bowled nine overs to wrap up the innings.

Afterwards Graham Gooch, the first England captain to win four-test matches in succession since Mike Briley's 1978-79 season, said, "I'm very pleased especially after being put into bat on a damp wicket."

"Putting the opposition in was the right decision. We thought the wicket would get flatter but unfortunately it got a

little more uneven," he said.

"The more pace you bowled on the wicket the better, some balls kept low, some jumped up you needed a little more luck on this wicket. I always prefer to play on a result wicket."

New Zealand captain Martin Crowe said it wasn't an easy pitch but a good cricket wicket I would like to, see a similar pitch in Wellington.

He added I think Graham Gooch's innings and Allan Lamb's was the killer blow. That was the killer session for us we go to Wellington fresh and hopefully it will be the start of a new era.

New Zealand have made one change for the third Test, bringing in wicketkeeper Ian Smith who passed a fitness test, in place of Adam Parore.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the second Test between England and New Zealand at Eden Park today.

ENGLAND: 203 and 321

NEW ZEALAND: First in-

nings 142.

Second Innings (overnight 203 for eight)

Hartland c Russell b DeFreitas	0
Jones lbw b DeFreitas	5
Crowe c Lamb b DeFreitas	56
Rutherford c Stewart b Pringle	32
Patel c and b Tufnell	17
Patel c Russell b Tufnell	24
Parore lbw b Lewis	15
Su'a lbw DeFreitas	36
Morrison run out	12
Watson not out	5
Extras: (nb-11, lb-1)	12
Total:	214

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-0, 2-7, 4-77, 5-109, 6-118, 7-153, 8-173, 9-203.

Bowling: O M R W

DeFreitas	27	11	62	4
Lewis	27	4	83	2
Pringle	7	2	23	0
Tufnell	17	5	45	2
Hick	1	1	0	0

Result: England won by 168 runs.

Man-of-the-match Graham Gooch

First Test England won by an innings and four runs.

Third Test Wellington Feb 6.

Smith back in Kiwi squad

WELLINGTON, Feb 3: New Zealand made Monday only one change to their cricket team to meet England in the third Test starting here Thursday, reports AFP.

Veteran wicketkeeper Ian Smith, who missed the second Test due to a finger injury, has been cleared to play.

Adam Parore, who filled in for him in the second Test, has been omitted from the latest team.

Smith's recall is the only change to the New Zealand 12 which lost the second Test in Auckland to give England an unbeatable 2-0 series lead.

Team: Martin Crowe (captain), Blair Hartland, John Wright, Andrew Jones, Ken Rutherford, Ian Smith, Dipak Patel, Rod Latham, Chris Cairns, Danny Morrison, Murphy Su'a, Willie Watson.

Handball results

Sports Reporter

Surjodoy Boys Club posted their third successive win in the Cute First Division hand ball league when they outplayed more fancied Bangladesh Ansars by 22 goals to 18 in the keenly contested encounter yesterday at the Outer Stadium handball court.

Surjodoy now have six points while Ansars have four from three outings each.

Ansars led 12-8 at the breather.

Rallying from behind, Surjodoy scored 14 goals in the second session to seal the fate of the match in their favour.

Kamal and Topu netted nine and six goals respectively for Surjodoy while Jewel and Akram also scored nine and six goals respectively for Ansars.

In the other match of the day, defending champions Banianagar Sporting Club 75-9 in a one-sided mis-match.

The winners led the first session 36-3.

Shah Alam scored as many as 26 goals while Rokon got 18 for Rifles. Pipul and Khokan netted three and two goals respectively for Banianagar.

JU sports

Sports Reporter

The central annual sports organized by the JUCSU was held at the JU playground yesterday.

Fazilatunnessa Hall emerged champions among the ladies' halls while Al-Beruni topped the boys' halls.

Rokhsana Begum Rita, who scored 20 points, won the girls' individual championship.

While Asma Akhter secured 11 points to take the runner-up trophy.

Among the boys, Md Mustafizur Rahman became the individual champion collecting 20 points and Md Laisuzzaman, Bjoy Kanti Bhoumik, and Md Walullah, who scored 18 points each, were declared the joint runners-up.

S Africans bank on surprise

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 3: South Africa go to their first cricket World Cup next month lacking vital international experience but armed with the advantage of surprise, reports Reuter.

The Springboks, considered by many the world's best at the time of their expulsion from world cricket in 1970, will be the unknown in Australia and New Zealand in February and March.

"We'll study videos of the teams, and the fact we don't know much about the opposition works both ways they don't know much about us," coach Mike Procter said.

Former Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar said on a recent visit: "South Africa's big advantage is they are an unknown quantity and there isn't much video footage of them. But the South Africans have videos of the other teams, and can plan their tactics accordingly."

Vincent Van Der Bijl, former pace bowler for South Africa, Natal, Transvaal and Middlesex, commented: "It's a tough initiation."

"We have two tasks, to cross the chasm from provincial to international cricket and to mould immediately as a squad."

South Africa, readmitted to international competition last year, have picked a youthful 14-man squad aiming to build for the future. But omitting their most experienced cricketer, all-rounder and former captain Clive Rice, 42, and outstanding opening batsman Jimmy Cook, 38, could cost them dear.

"Cook's absence could be a big disaster. I'm not so sure about the strength of our top order," said Colin Bryden, senior cricket writer at the

Johannesburg Sunday Times.

Chris Day, spokesman of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), said the first cup match against favourites Australia "could either be a confidence booster or a confidence shatterer" for the young side.

It promises to be an emotional occasion the last tour of South Africa by a foreign team was the Australian visit of 1970 when the Springboks defeated

attention is to get the right combination.

South Africa play a friendly across the Limpopo River in Zimbabwe on February 5 before going on to Australia for warm-ups against western Australia, Pakistan and Tasmania.

"For our younger players the experience aspect will be enormous."

"They'll gain from playing in front of the big crowds, feeling the pressures," Procter said.

Some commentators say the side's strength lies in the strike bowlers Allan Donald, Richard Snell, Tertius Bosch and Meyrick Pringle and captain Kepler Wessels, who has a "very focussed, disciplined approach", according to Bryden.

"We've got a very all-round side. The fielding will be good and we've got some good strike bowlers," Procter said.

But Rice said none of the selected bowlers had a consistent line and length at present. "That is of paramount importance in this type of cricket as the wides and no-balls mount up to all those unnecessary runs."

Rice, who captained the South African team which lost a series of one-day internationals 2-1 on a visit to India in November, said: "The Australian pitches are more like the ones we bowled on in India, where the movement is all in the air, so the bowlers will have to learn to swing the ball."

Bryden told Reuter: "I would be quite optimistic, but there are so many unknown. The biggest problem we've got is that we haven't played against any of them."

"We all expect them (South Africa) to win. That is the nature of South Africans," Rice said.

Rupu's ton powers Shantinagar

Sports Reporter

A brilliant unbeaten 125 by skipper Rupu and steady, sensible batting by Morshead helped Shantinagar Club-B outplay Spreadeagles by an impressive margin of 100 runs in the Rank-Xerox Second Division cricket league at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday.

Shantinagar now have six points from four games while Spreadeagles have two points from three encounters.

Electing to bat, Shantinagar reached a huge 268 runs for the loss of only two wickets in their stipulated 35 overs.

Opener Rupu remained not out with 125 hitting an incredible nine sixes and as many fours.

The second wicket partnership between Rupu and Morshead added 174 runs to the total, virtually putting the game beyond their opponents' reach.

Morshead, sadly enough, left the crease after well-made-91

competed with the help of two sixes and eleven fours.

Saiful and Masud took a wicket apiece for Spreadeagles.

Facing an impossible target at a strike rate of about eight runs per over, Spreadeagles could muster only 168 for nine wickets in their allotted overs.

Shantu and Straj scored 39 and 32 runs respectively.

Asfaq bagged three wickets for 30 while Sujon got two for 31 for Shantinagar B.

RAYER BAZAR WIN

In the other match of the day, Rayer Bazar SC beat Eastern SC by an incredible 238 run at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (West).

Batting first, the Rayer Bazar batsmen made hay piling up a massive 288 runs for eight wickets, scoring at a rate of over eight runs per over from their 35 overs, thanks mainly to Ashique, Mozzamel and Sayeed, who went great guns with the wil-

low, scoring 88, 68 and 41 runs respectively.

Dulu and Shahid took two wickets each for Eastern despite the savagery meted out by the Rayer Bazar batsmen.

Eastern were shot out for a palty 50 runs in only 14.1 overs.

M Ali was the only among the demoralised Eastern batsmen to reach double figures while Mr Sundries with 16 were the highest contributor to the total.

Seven Eastern batsmen ran themselves out, a reflection on the alert Rayer Bazar fielding. Simon, Zakir and Sayeed bagged a wicket apiece for the winners.

Rayer Bazar now have four points from three outings while Eastern SC, who have also played three games, are yet to open their account.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Nabin Sangha vs Gandaria Cricketers (DCS)
Amar Jyoti vs Wari KC (DCC)

Mariners, Ajax win

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club recorded their fifth consecutive win by beating Wari Club 2-0 in the Green Delta First Division hockey league yesterday at the Hockey Stadium.

Mariner Youngs now have ten points while Wari have seven from five outings each.

The Arambagh side led 1-0 at the lemon-break.

Jamil Parvez Lulu put Mariners ahead in the tenth minute while Abu Tarek Selim doubled the margin in the 56th minute by converting a penalty corner.

Jasimuddin Kanchan and Arshadul Haque Munna of Mariners Young were shown the green and yellow cards respectively.

Earlier in the afternoon, Ajax Sports Club edged past Dhaka Wanderers Club 1-0 to record their fourth win in the league.

Title aspirants Ajax now have nine points from five outings while Wanderers have six points from a similar number of encounters.

Veteran Syed Byazid Hyder scored the all-important goal for the winners in the 24th minute from a penalty stroke.

Ajax earned a seven penalty corners as against four forced by Wanderers.