England

Australia

Pakistan



8: New Zealand, led by an audacious 67 from Mark Greatbatch and a grandiose 81 from captain Martin Crowe.

beat West Indies by five wickets on Sunday, virtually assuring their berth in the World Cup cricket semifinals, reports Reuter. Greatbatch's 77-ball innings was followed by a

supremely confident 81 from Crowe as New Zealand overhauled West Indies' modest total of 203 for seven with 1.3 of their 50 overs to spare.

New Zealand's progress was interrupted when West Indian fast bowler Winston Benjamin complained of missiles being thrown at him from the rowdy terraces stand at Eden Park. Play was halted briefly, and

extra police and security guards ringed the boundary during the rest of the match. About 12 spectators were ejected from the ground by police following scuffles.

West Indies, who have won the World Cup twice, are now struggling to reach the last four of the competition. They have four points from five matches and three more round-robin games to play. *

New Zealand, recording their fifth victory in five matches, have never looked so confident.

West Indies started slowly against a New Zealand attack made up mainly of slowmedium seamers, but their pinpoint accuracy has frustrated opponents to throwing away wickets.

Chris Harris, with two for 32, and Gavin Larsen, with two for 41, played key roles but it was the offspin of Dipak Patel that really shackled the West Indians, his 10 overs costing only 19 runs.

Greatbatch, again beginning the batting instead of regular opener John Wright, who missed the last two games through injury, provided a repeat of the flying start that had stunned South Africa last weekend.

During his assault he had angry words with West Indian fast bowler Curtly Ambrose shortly after smashing him for a straight six.

The left-hander continued his battering until Rod Latham. quiet at the non-striking end. edged an Anderson Cummins ball to wicketkeeper David Williams with the score on 67.

Andrew Jones, looking uncomfortable against the pacemen, scored just 10 before he edged a catch to Williams, this time off the bowling of Benjamin.

Benjamin struck again three balls later to remove Greatbatch. With the score at 100 for three, West Indies were back in with a chance but they had not counted on the

Brothers captain Athar Ali

won the toss and put Moha-

mmedan in to bat. Moha-

mmedans, despite a poor start.

put up an impressive total of

233 for nine from the 43 overs

sent down by the Brothers

scored with 58. The left-han-

der hit four boundaries in his

66-ball knock. Skipper Min-

hazul Abedin Nannu scored a

chancy 57 off 63 balls with the

spinner Arup Bhattacharya.

DU cricket

Sports Reporter

istered an exciting four-run

victory over Department of

Sociology in the Dhaka

University inter-department

cricket tournament at the

Jagannath Hall ground yester-

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while Nipu and Joy took two

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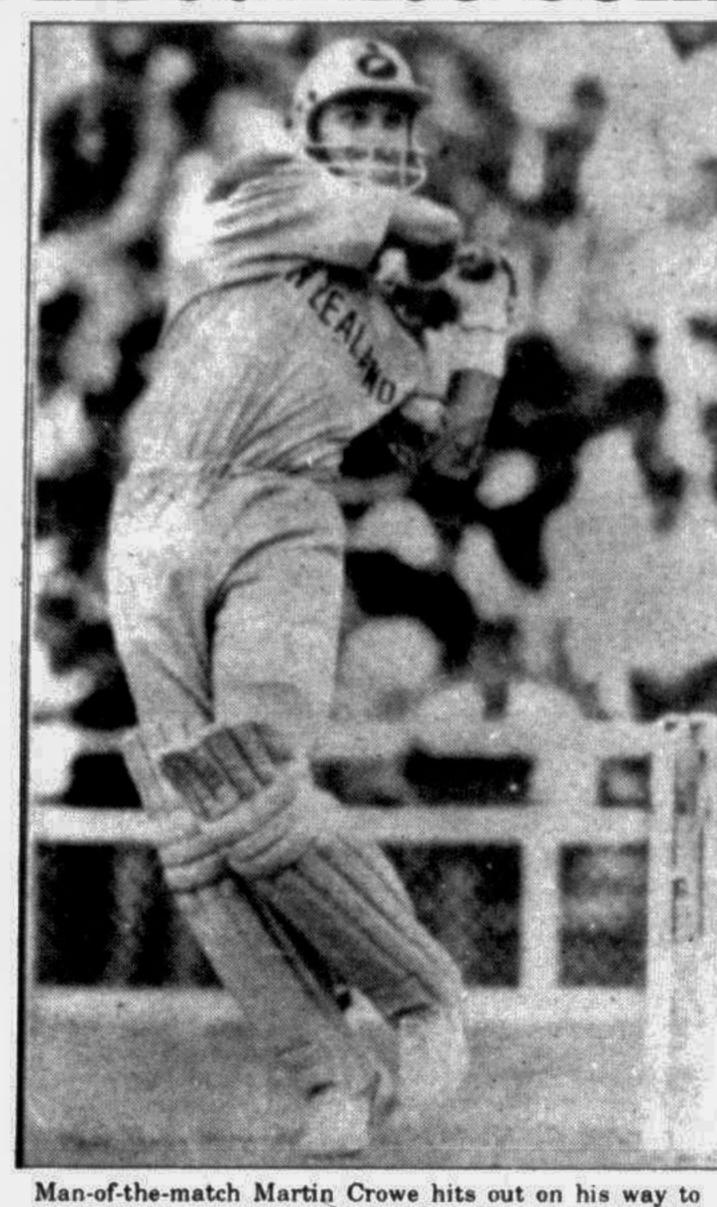
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Shri Lankan Gurugee top

bowlers



scoring 81 not out against the West Indies during yesterday's World Cup match at Eden Park. - AFP photo

confidence of Crowe.

Despite losing the wickets of Chris Harris and Ken Rutherford, Crowe treated the pace attack with contempt, striking 12 fours in his run-aball unbeaten innings. "It's a captain's job to lead

from the front and that's what I felt I had to do." Crowe said after the match. The West Indian fielding

fell apart in the last 30 minutes, with three or four runout opportunities missed as the 30,000-strong crowd roared every New Zealand run. Crowe, whose season got off

to a miserable start with crushing defeats against England, said at the start of the Cup he hoped New Zealand could reach the semifinals. "Now I'm fairly sure we are

in the semifinals. Sure I think we can reach the final," he said after New Zealand's first oneday victory over West Indies since 1980.

"We want to win eight out of eight," Crowe added, indicating New Zealand would not let up once they clinched their place in the semifinals.

West Indian captain Richie Richardson paid tribute to the New Zealanders. "They're hungry and enthusiastic," he said. Richardson said his side

had simply not scored enough runs, and victories in the remaining three round-robin matches against India, Sri Lanka and Australia were vital for their qualification chances. West Indies, who have four

points from five matches, batted in humid conditions in which Desmond Havnes and Brian Lara struggled to score off medium pacer Willie Watson and Patel, gathering 39 runs from the first 15 overs. New Zealand at a corresponding stage were 76 for one.

However, Haynes and Lara put together a valuable 65-run partnership before the former was athletically caught and bowled by Chris Harris.

Lara went on to score 52, a patient 118-Ball innings, before he was second man out with the total 95. Shortly afterwards. Carl

Hoopoer launched an enormous drive off Patel and Greatbatch held a catch on the boundary from the steepling

"I thought it was never going to come down. It's the highest catch I've ever taken," he said later.

Richardson, looking uncomfortable as the ball swung widely in the heavy conditions, scored 29 before he edged a Watson Delivery to wicketkeeper lan Smith.

Gus Logie was bowled by a Harris inswinger for three and West Indies, struggling at 142 for five, were further jolted when Malcolm Marshall was bowled by Gavin Larsen at 156.

However, wicketkeeper David Williams smashed five fours in a 24-ball innings of 32 not out as he and Arthurton (40) hammered 45 in 35 deliveries.

Pace bowler Danny Morrison suffered a strained groin, and Crowe said he would probably be out of action for a

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the World Cup cricket match between New Zealand and West Indies

WEST INDIES

Haynes c and b Harris Lara c Rutherford b Larsen 52 Richardson c Smith b Watson Hooper c Greatbatch b Patel 2 Arthurton b Morrison Logie b Harris Marshall b Larsen Benjamin not out Extras: (ib-8, w-7, nb-1) (Seven wickets - 50 Total : overs) Fall of wickets: 1-65, 2-95,

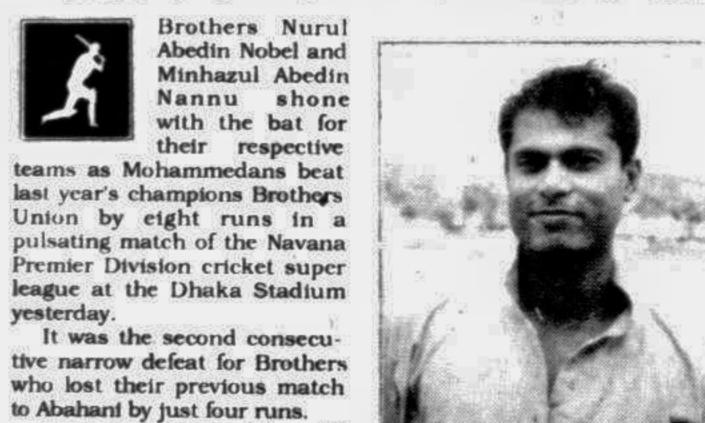
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3-100, 4-135, 5-174, Did not bat : G. Larsen . I Smith, D. Morrison, W. Watson. Bowling: O M R 10 1 41 Ambrose 35 Marshal 10 0 53 Cummins 9.3 3 34 Benjamin 36 10 0 Hooper Result: New Zealand won

Brothers shine as Brothers decline



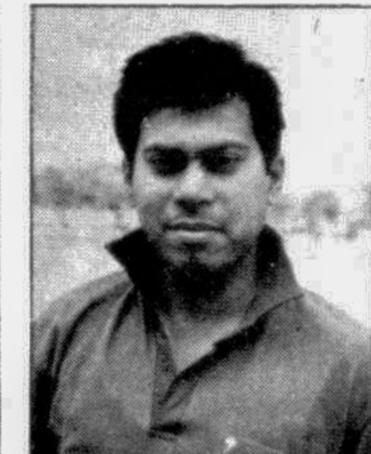
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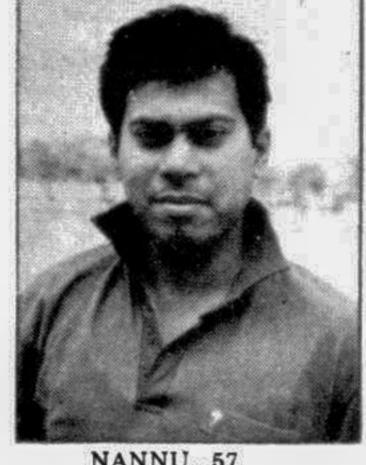
Rogibul's match



ROQIBUL...116

Division super league tie of his side Victoria against Agrani Bank. It was a glow in the twittering light of the gloamings for the former skipper and opener of the national cricket team, now captaining Victoria, who scored an unbeaten 110 off 142 balls as an opener to engineer a massive 120-run victory over Agrani Bank yesterday.

Police sports JAMALPUR, Mar 7: The annual sports meet of Jamalpur district police was held at local police ground re-



NANNU...57



Put into bat, Victoria sparked off a virtual run riot as the title-chasers piled up a mammoth 264 for the loss of

four wickets from their quota Rogibul Hassan.

of 45 overs.

Rogibul, who has been walking down memory lane for quite some time by opening the innings, put 116 runs for the second wicket along with Mukul, the promising one down batsman who made a fine 53. Roqibul, who seemed to have been fired up by the advent of the historic March. then added another 64 runs for the third wicket and 61 runs for the fourth wicket. The nationalistic feeling on March One in 1971 which prompted him to put a Joy Bangla sticker to his bat, channelled out in the form of appetite for runs as he struck six well-timed boundaries and a sixer in his knock. Happy and Wahid were the other notable scorers with 30 and 34 not out respectively.

Agrani Bank, in their reply, could muster only 144 for four from their stipulated overs. Skipper Intu topscored with 57 and Towrit made 33.

Nasim of Bank took two for 46

Niaz of Victoria took two wickets while Iqbal and Mukul picked up one apiece.

The win gave Victoria four points from three matches having suffered a setback against City Club in the super league. Agrani Bank, on the other hand, lost all their three matches. Udity top the table with three consecutive victories so far.

a bright 34.

by five wickets.

Former player of the West Bengal cricket team, Arup Bhattacharya again served his club well by claiming four Mohammedan wickets for 49 runs. Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad claimed two for 39.

Nurul Abedin Nobel played a typically swashbuckling knock 86 to spearhead the Brothers challenge but failed to force a probable victory because of the dismal show by his teammates. Nobel scored 86 off 102 balls with the help of two sixes and five fours. Skipper Athar. Arup Bhattacharya and Halim Shah were the other notable scorers in the Brothers innings with 35. 26 and 20 respectively.

Rafiqul Alam appeared in the role of the saviour for Mohammedan by snapping three quick wickets in the middle for 25 runs. Jahangir Talukdar Dulu was among the wickets after a long time tak-

ing three for 43. In the relegation league of the Navana Premier Division cricket league Rupali Bank rang like revenants to carve out a nerve-tingling seven-run win against fancied Surja Tarun at the Dhanmondi

Cricket Stadium. Rupali Bank, who had only one victory to their name in this year's league, batted first and were all out for 183 in 44.2 overs. Skipper Khokan was the mainstay of their batting with 57. All-rounder Billu, known for his left-arm spin, fought gallantly in the lower order Bank batting to remain not out on 53, made with the help of one sixer and five fours.

the pick of the bowlers, claiming three for 23. Billu followed his good work with the bat with a fine speil of left- arm spin bowling as Tarun were booked for 176 in 44 overs. Golla top scored with 46

Tarun bowler Majbee was

while Shoeb and Aruna Silva followed him with 34 and 36 respectively. Billu took three for 35 while Nripen picked up two

breaks. TODAY'S MATCHES Abahani vs PWD (Super

for 23 with his innocuous leg

League Dhaka Stadium) Lalmatia vs Wari (Relegation League DCS).

CUP STANDINGS

Sri Lanka 5 2 2 1 5-0.17

West Indies 5 2 3 0 4-0.1

Zimbabwe 5 0 5 0 0-126

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bowling rates. Under com-

petition rules, runs scored

in no-result matches are

Aaqib hospitalised

fast bowler Aaqtb Javed suf-

fered a head injury during

Sunday's World Cup cricket

match against South Africa and

was taken to hospital for x-

rays, officials said, reports AP.

Aagib was struck on the

He slumped to the ground

in pain and had to be helped

from the Brisbane Cricket

Ground after completing his

possible fractured skull and

would undergo precautionary

in hospital and will not play

any further part in the match

- leaving Pakistan with only

the match, taking one wicket

Aagib bowled seven overs in

Aagtb. 20, was born at She-

ikpura and plays in Pakistan

for PACO club. A right-arm.

medium-fast bowler, he made

his first-class debut at the age

There was no immediate

news on the seriousness of his

Border misses

O'Donnell

Australian cricket captain Allan

Border has pinpointed the ab-

sence of all-rounder Simon

O'Donnell as one of the reasons

behind his team's poor World

14-man Australian team after

being sidelined with a series of

injuries and then struggling to

Australia have won only two of

their first five matches in the

World Cup and are struggling

O'Donnell's only involve-

ment in the nine-nation tour-

nament has been as a televi-

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able as Australia search for a

just couldn't get it together

when the selectors were sit-

Border said he would have

"It's a real shame that he

"He's done a fantastic job

But Border said the

"His form was ordinary and

"The way the competition

Australian selectors had faced

a difficult task when deciding

we weren't exactly sure how

he was going to come up as a

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"He would have been a bit of

"I still get the feeling we

Australia kept its semifinal

They next face Pakistan in a

hopes alive by defeating Sri

Lanka by seven wickets in

day-night match in Perth on

Adelaide on Saturday.

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just lack something with our

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to reach the semifinals.

sion commentator.

balanced combination.

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Defending champions

O'Donnell was left out of the

Cup form, reports AP.

recover his touch.

ADELAIDE, Australia. Mar 8:

10 batsmen.

of 14.

injury.

Officials said Aaqib had a

Aggib will spend the night

head by a ball thrown to him by

wicket- keeper Moin Khan.

BRISBANE, Mar 8: Pakistan

not included in run- rate).

(Note: Ran-rate in differ-

World Cup cricket standings after Sunday's matches (Tabulate under played. won, lost, no result, points. net run-rate): New Zealands 5 0 0 100 8 South Africa 5 3 2 0 60.13

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bowler Gladstone Small, who has managed one game, have some match practice between now and the semifinals. England have seven points

from their four matches

Pakistan rue rain, rules

BRISBANE, Mar 8: Rain handed South Africa a World Cup cri cket victory they perhaps did not

fully deserve after a brave effort by Pakistan today. reports Reuter. A heavy downpour drove the players from the field when Pakistan had scored 74 for two

from 21.3 overs in reply to South Africa's 211 from the full 50. When they returned, Pa-

kistan faced a revised target of 194 from a total of 36 overs. but in spite of a thrilling effort

Donald sent down seven wides in his five-over spell.

When the players went off. there were 17 extras on the board, 15 of them from wides. It detracted from some otherwise fine bowling, with the batsmen frequently playing and missing.

Openers Aamir Sohail and Zahid Fazal survived to put 50 on the board but then both fell at that total," Aamir for 23 and Zahid for 11. South Africa had earlier re-

covered from a middle order collapse, thanks to a 71-run sixth wicket partnership in 78 balls between Hanste Cronje

pain killers because of a shoul-

der injury. South Africa lost four wickets while adding only 29 runs in the space of 10 overs before Cronje, with an unbeaten 47 from 53 balls, and McMillan (33) took them to their high-

est total in the tournament so Both sides were hit by injury. South Africa lost star batsman Peter Kirsten through a pulled calf muscle and Pakistan were without Javed Miandad. Rameez Raja and Wasim Haider.

Scoreboard in the World Cup cricket match between



Jonty Rhodes (R) dives for the wickets to run out Inzamamul Haq as wicket-keeper David Richardson (L) looks on during yesterday's World Cup match in Brisbane.

they lost by 20 runs after finishing on 173 for eight.

After an hour's delay, Imran Khan (34) and Inzamamul Hug (48) flung their bats at almost every ball and put on 85 at breakneck speed but both perished in the run chase.

Their whirling partnership was ended in spectacular style when Inzamamul was run out by Jonty Rhodes, who raced in from gully with the ball and launched himself with a dive to smash down all three stumps.

The win was South Africa's third from five matches and puts them strongly in contention for a semifinal berth. Pakistan, with only three

certain to miss out. After Inzamamul and Imran had gone, the following batsmen attempted to keep the

too demanding and wickets fell rapidly. In the excitement, and having to cope with a wet ball, the

one of them by racing back wards for 30 metres and tumbling over as he took the ball with outstretched hands to

When the last over started. short and it was an impossible

Allan Donald was the main

second over, was little better. sending down two wides.

had 10 runs on the board. eight from wides and one from a leg bye.

Wednesday. Illingworth on stand-by

BALLARAT, Australia, Mar 8: England have put spin bowler Richard Illingworth on standby for Monday's World Cup cricket match against Shri Lanka at Eastern Oval, reports

Unbeaten England have only used 12 players during their first four matches of the ninenation tournament, but are likely to call on Illingworth as itceeks to cement as semifinal Spinner Phil Tufnel has a

stomach ailment and paceman Chris Lewis has a strained side. Batsman Allan Lamb still is sidelined by a hamstring in-Illingworth was given an

extended session in the nets

on Sunday by coach Micky

Stewart. "We'll see how things are in the morning once the pitch is finished, and then decide whether the ball will turn on this surface," Stewart said. "There are one or two play-

ers we have to make sure are Saturday. fit and available - and that will dictate our side." England want to make sure Illingworth, Lamb and pace

His team also came off

and Brian McMillan They rescued the innings after South Africa appeared to

have thrown away an early advantage earned by opener Andrew Hudson, who stroked eight boundaries in a stylish South Africa lost an early

wicket after they had been put in to bat when captain Kepler Wessels, who scored a century for Australia in his debut Test here in the 1982-83 ashes series, edged a catch to wick

points from five games, look runs flowing but the target was

normally superb South African fielders dropped two steepling catches in the deep. But Rhodes, arguably the most exciting fielder in the tournament, made amends for

dismiss liaz Ahmed. Pakistan were still 25 runs

South Africa's fast bowlers had earlier appeared intent on handing the match to Pakistan on a plate.

transgressor. The first ball of his opening over was a wide outside the off-stump, his third was wide down the leg and went for four, and the next was another wide down the leg

Meyrick Pringle, taking the

After two overs. Pakistan

The bowlers' accuracy improved, but only marginally as

etkeeper Moin Khan. Hudson and Mark Rushmer then proceeded to put South Africa in a strong position and had taken the score to 98 in

match

HUDSON . . . man-of-the-

the 26th over when Hudson

played his first false shot and

gave an easy catch to ljaz at mid-wicket. He was the first of two victims for Imran, who had taken

Pakistan and South Africa to-

SOUTH AFRICA

Hudson c ljaz b Imran Wessels c Moin Khan b Aagib 7 Rusheme c Soail b Mushtaq 35 Kuiper c Moin Khan b Imran 5 Rhodes 1bw b Stkander Cronje on out McMillan b Akram Richardson b Akram Snell not out Extras: (1b-8, w-9, nb-2) overs)

Total: (seven wickets Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-98, 3-110, 4-111, 5-127, 6-198, 7-207

Did not bat: M Pringle, A Donald. Bowling: 10 0 42 Wasim Akram Aaqtb Javed Imran Khan 10 0 34 lqbal Sikander 8 0 30 7 0 26 ljaz Ahmed Mushtag Ahmed 8 1 35 PAKISTAN Aamir Sohail b Snell Zahid Fazal c Richardson b McMillan

Inzamamul Haq run out Imran Khan c Richardson b McMillan Salim Malik c Donald b Kuiper Wasim Akram c Snell b Kuiper ljaz Ahmed e Rhodes b Kuiper Moin Khan not out Mushtaq Ahmed run out Igbal Sikander not out

Extras: (lb-2, w-17, nb-1) 20

Total (eight wickets- 36

overs Fall of wickets: 1-50, 2-50, 3-133. 4-134, 5-156, 6-157, 7-163. 8-170. Did not bat: Aagiv Javed.

Bowling Donald Pringle 31 0 Snell 26 McMillan Kuiper Cronje

Result: South Africa won by 20 runs (South Africa total revised after rain to 193, based on highest -scoring 36 overs, the maximum possible in time

Man-of-the -match: Andrew

Opening bat Andy Flower,

23. has stood out, making 200

runs at 56.67 in the Cup so far

Pride at stake for neighbours



CANBERRA, Mar 8: The future of South Africa has exercised the of the mind politicians of Canberra more than anyone in

Australia in the last 20 year. reports Reuter. So it is perhaps appropriate that the first official meeting with African neighbours Zimbabwe is in the federal capital, but there will be more

than local pride at stake at the homely Manuka Oval on Tuesday. South Africa are seeking to step up their bid for a semifinal place and Zimbabwe aim to achieve their first points of the

competition. While South Africa were aided by the rain in their 20run victory over Pakistan on Sunday, Zimbabwe felt the weather wrecked their chances of an upset across the Tasman in Hamilton on

Chasing 204 to defeat India, they were well placed at 104 for one with 13 overs left when rain intervened. "It has been following us about," lamented captain David Houghton.

worse in inclement conditions in losing to New Zealand. "We

have been a bit unlucky. We came to beat one or two teams and compete as well as we could." Houghton said.



DAVID HOUGHTON "We have batted pretty well

and the bowling has come on game by game," he added.

Handball to resume

Sports Reporter The Cute First Division

handball league which was earlier suspended following the referees' boycott, will now resume from March 14, says a Bangladesh Handball Federation press release.

Concerned teams have been asked to take note.

and Houghton said: "He is a class bat, he has played well, scoring quickly when he has to, or building an innings." Before independence in 1980, Zimbabwe, as Rhodesia, regularly competed in the South African domestic Currie Cup competition and their

Africa in Test cricket. One who did so in South Africa's last series the 4-0 win over Bill Lawry's Australian in 1970 -- was spinner John

best players represented South

Now 44. Traicos, born in Egypt of Greek parents, will play for Zimbabwe against South Africa in the odd position of being the only player in the tournament to have ap-

us," admitted Houghton, "We are looking forward to it."

Zimbabwe hope to have batsmen Wayne James and Kevin Arnott available, both having made good progress after suffering finger injuries during the tournament.

South Africa, whose win over Pakistan lifted them to third in the table, wait on

peared in Test cricket for Tuesday's opponents. This is a special match for

Peter Kirsten ealf injury.