

Controversy dogs the Pakistanis

LONDON, Aug 10: Pakistan defeated England by 10 wickets Sunday in the fifth cricket Test to wrap up the series 2-1, and immediately faced rumours of foul play, reports AP.

At issue is the ability of Pakistan pace bowlers Waqar Younis and Wasim Akram — acknowledged as two of the world's best — to swing the ball into batsmen with devastating results.

English newspapers throughout the five Test series have sniped at the two bowlers, hinting they were guilty of doctoring the ball.

Pakistan players and management have consistently denied they do anything illegal, and cite the fact the umpires regularly inspect the ball during the match.

Their bowlers were too good for us in this match," England captain Graham Gooch said. "Waqar and Akram are in the top rank and our batsmen have found it hard to cope with their method of swinging the old ball."

Pakistan captain Javed Miandad said: "England lost because of pace, not because of the swing. The umpires looked at the ball all the time. One side goes rough because of the hardness of the pitch, and we keep the other side shiny."

"But Wasim and Waqar are the best bowlers in the world — there is no secret."

Pakistan team manager Intikhab Alam added: "Getting the new ball to swing is far harder. If anyone has anything to say about our bowlers they should come out and say it."

Waqar set a new Pakistan record against England of 22 wickets in the five-Test series, while Akram equalled Imran Khan's previous record of 21.

In the fifth Test at the Oval, Akram took six for 67 and three for 36, while Waqar had five for 52 — including the England top order — in the second innings to set up Sunday's victory.

Despite a fighting effort from Robin Smith, who finished 84 not out, England could only just manage to reach 174 all out — a lead of one run.

It took only two deliveries in Pakistan's second innings to



Pakistan players congratulate second innings at the Oval on Saturday, third day of the final Test, by taking the first four wickets.

legations concerning the Pakistan bowlers.

Refusing to either accuse the two, or clear them, Stewart said: "Yes, I know the method — but that's all I want to say. We have discussed it as a team and we know how they do it."

"I just want England to pro-

achieve the required two runs, for the sub-continent's fourth consecutive series victory against England. Not since 1982, when Imran Khan's Pakistan team lost a three-Test series 2-1 has England defeated Pakistan in a series.

England manager Micky Stewart, retiring after this series, was questioned about al-

England still have three one-day internationals against Pakistan. England lead the five-game one-day series 2-0 against the World Cup champions.

NZ to host Pakistan. Australia Dec-Feb

WELLINGTON, Aug 10: Pakistan cricket team will mount a one-test, three one-day international cricket tour of New Zealand at the end of the year, New Zealand Cricket (NZC) announced today, reports AFP.

The Pakistanis will be followed early next year by Australia who will play three Tests and five one-day internationals.

NZC also confirmed the New Zealanders will be led by last year's captain Martin Crowe, who will also head New Zealand on a two-Test tour of Zimbabwe and a three-test tour of Sri Lanka starting in October as a prelude to the two home series.

NZC chief executive Graham Dowling said the Pakistan visit was a bonus. "They were coming on a short tour to give their players match practice and a break from Australia where they would be engaged in the World Series Cup," he said.

"We had intended to approach them, but they asked us first, so we came to a mutual decision."

Pakistan had wanted to play Test matches before Christmas. He said, "We had to tell them that we were already committed to touring Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka at that time. But they were more than happy to accept the dates as they are now."

Gatting's gritty 89

LONDON, Aug 10: Former England captain Mike Gatting struck a characteristically pugacious 89 from 83 deliveries to thrust his Middlesex team to the brink of their first Sunday league cricket title, reports Reuters.

Middlesex skipper Gatting shared a second wicket partnership of 151 in 25 overs with Mike Roseberry to set up the league leaders for an emphatic victory by 94 runs over their nearest rivals Essex at Long.

Middlesex, now 12 points clear of second-placed Essex with each county having three games to play, are virtually assured of winning the 40 overs competition.

Gatting, who hammered a six and seven fours, and Roseberry, who hit 57, powers Middlesex to a final score of 236 for six which proved beyond an Essex side without Graham Gooch, on England Test duty, and Mark Waugh, who has joined Australia's tour of Sri Lanka.

Essex were 83 for two at the halfway stage and lost wickets in their attempt to lift the tempo, crumbling to 142 all out with 5.5 overs remaining.

New Zealand all-rounder Chris Cairns, who claimed four for 30 in last week's victory over Leicestershire, snapped up four for 26 to give Nottinghamshire a 10-run win over Glamorgan at Trent Bridge.

Cairns' controlled pace bowling enabled Notts to de-



Italy's Ferdinando Gandolfi (L) is looking out for a teammate to pass the ball to as he is attacked by Spain's Jose Pico Llado and Salvador Gomez Aguera during the Olympic water polo final Sunday. Italy won the gold by edging past Spain 9-8.

PAKISTAN-ENGLAND TEST AVERAGES

LONDON, Aug 10: Following are the final averages in the five-Test cricket series between England and Pakistan which ended at the Oval on Sunday:

ENGLAND BATTING: (Tabulate under Tests, innings, not out, runs, highest score, average, 100s, 50s)

	T	I	N.O.	R	HS	Ave	100	50
A. Stewart	5	8	1	377	190	56.71	1	2
D. Gower	3	5	2	150	73	50.00	0	1
G. Gooch	5	8	0	384	135	48.00	1	2
R. Smith	5	8	1	314	127	44.85	1	1
M. Atherton	3	5	0	145	76	29.00	0	2
J. R. Russell	3	4	2	56	29n.o.	28.00	0	0
T. Munton	2	2	1	25	25n.o.	25.00	0	0
I. Salisbury	2	3	0	66	50	22.00	0	1
O. Hick	4	5	0	98	51	19.80	0	1
A. Lamb	2	3	0	54	30	18.00	0	0
C. Lewis	5	7	0	114	55	16.28	0	1
M. Ramprakash	3	5	1	31	17	7.75	0	0
N. Botham	2	2	0	8	6	4.00	0	0
I. Ballender	2	3	0	8	4	2.66	0	0
P. DeFreitas	2	2	0	3	3	1.50	0	0
M. Malcolm	3	5	0	6	4	1.20	0	0
D. Pringle	3	4	1	2	1	0.66	0	0

Also batted: P. Tufnell (one Test) On. o.

ENGLAND BOWLING: (Tabulate under overs, maidens, runs, wickets, average, 5wks inn, 10 wks/mch, best bowling)

	O	M	R	W	Ave	SW	10W	B/B
Gooch	51	15	94	5	18.80	0	0	3-39
Mallender	74.5	20	215	10	21.50	1	0	5-50
DeFreitas	59	14	179	7	25.57	0	0	4-121
Malcolm	102.5	14	380	13	29.23	1	0	5-94
Lewis	188	40	544	12	45.33	0	0	3-43
Pringle	70	10	227	5	45.40	0	0	3-66
Munton	67.3	15	200	4	50.00	0	0	2-22
Salisbury	70.1	3	306	5	61.20	0	0	3-49
Tufnell	34	9	87	1	87.00	0	0	1-87

Also bowled: Botham 24-8-61-0, Hick 18-3-63-0, Ramprakash 1-1-0-8-0.

PAKISTAN BATTING: (Tabulate under Tests, innings, not out, runs, highest score, average, 100s, 50s)

	I	N.O.	R	HS	Ave	100	50	
Salim Malik	5	8	2	488	165	81.33	1	3
Javed Miandad	5	8	2	364	153n.o.	60.66	1	2
Aamir Sohail	5	9	1	413	205	51.62	1	1
Rameez Raja	5	9	1	312	88	39.00	0	3
Asif Mujtaba	5	8	0	253	59	31.62	0	3
Wasim Akram	4	7	1	118	45n.o.	19.66	0	0
Inzamam ul-Haq	4	6	1	66	26	13.20	0	0
Waqar Younis	5	6	2	51	20n.o.	12.75	0	0
Moin Khan	4	6	1	46	15 n.o.	9.20	0	0
Mushtaq Ahmed	5	6	0	35	11	5.83	0	0
Aaqib Javed	5	4	2	5	5 n.o.	2.50	0	0

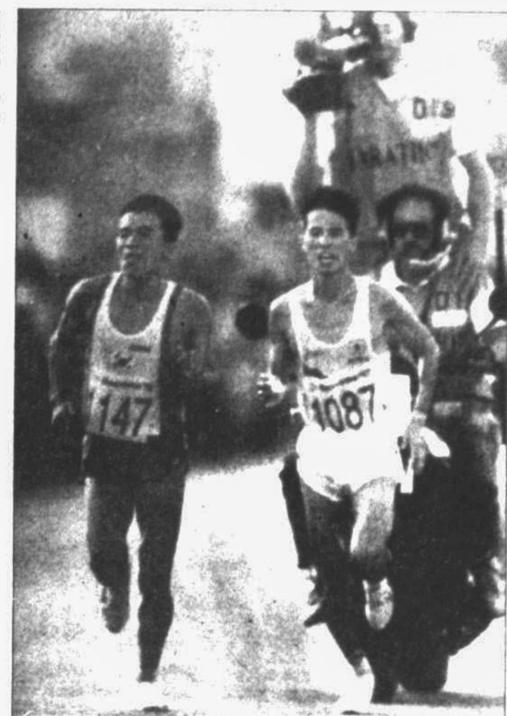
Also batted: Shoaib Mohammed (one Test) .55, Rashid Latif (one Test) 50.

(Ata-ur-Rehman (one Test) did not bat.

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	O	M	R	W	Ave	5/W	10w	B/B
Wasim Akram	169	52	382	21	18.19	2	0	6-67
Ata-ur-Rehman	18	5	69	3	23.00	0	0	3-69
Waqar Younis	166	29	557	22	25.31	3	0	5-52
Asif Mujtaba	13	5	30	1	30.00	0	0	1-0
Mushtaq Ahmed	178.4	37	475	15	31.66	0	0	3-102
Aaqib Javed	104.4	21	366	9	40.66	0	0	4-300

Also bowled: Aamir Sohail 5-2-14-0, Salim Malik 1-0-5-0.



Hwang Young-Cho of South Korea and Japan's Koichi Morishita are followed by a cameraman during the marathon race — the last event of the Barcelona Games. Hwang became the second Korean runner to win the event in Olympic history.

Russians dominate Unified Team medals

BARCELONA, Aug 10: Athletes from the former Soviet republics may have heard their own anthems and saluted their own flags in Barcelona, but the web of

Schools chess prizes today

The prize-giving ceremony of the recently concluded Bata schools chess tournament will be held today at 4 pm at the National Sports Council conference room, says a Bangladesh Chess Federation press release.

Michael Oldroyd, Managing Director of Bata, will give away prizes among the winners.

Meanwhile, the three month-long Holiday chess competition, organised by Anirban Chess School, saw the completion of its first phase on August 7.

Rifat bin-Sattar, the reigning national champion, emerged the winner with five points.

FIDE Master Ziaur Rahman shared the runner-up position with Kayes Hossain of Bangladesh Ansars.

De Silva dazzles

COLOMBO, Aug 10: Sri Lankan Aravinda de Silva warmed up for the forthcoming Tests and one-day matches against the touring Australians with a match-winning 61 not out off 64 balls in a day-night cricket benefit match on Sunday, reports Reuters.

De Silva's innings, containing seven fours, spurred a Sri Lanka Board President's team to a six-wicket victory over a visiting International XI, who lost by the same margin in a similar match on Saturday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Atlanta unveils mascot "Whatizit"

BARCELONA, Aug 10: Introducing Whatizit. So what is it? Hard to say. Meet the mascot of the Atlanta Olympics, the 1996 Cobi model, unveiled Sunday night at the closing ceremonies of the XXV Olympiad, reports AP.

A cutesy, cuddly ... er ... thing.

A computer-generated character wearing oversized sneakers, with stars for eyes, Olympic rings for eyebrows, and four-digit hands.

It can be anything you want. It can change itself into a basketball player, a swimmer, a runner. With the touch of a computer key it can take on any shape or size of an Olympian.

What Hodoori the tiger was to Seoul, Sam the eagle to Los Angeles, Misha the bear to Moscow, and Cobi the canine to Barcelona, Whatizit is to Atlanta. But unlike the others, this mascot is no animal.

Well, maybe a party animal. It was selected from among 1,000 entries, including possums, squirrels, peanuts and even Willie B, the famous TV-watching gorilla at the Atlanta Zoo.

But organisers wanted something different, something reflecting Atlanta's pride in its high-tech industries and futuristic design. The winning entry was produced by DESIGNEX, an Atlanta-based subsidiary of Crawford Communications Inc.

Initial reactions to the unveiling were puzzled. "What is it?" was most commonly heard about Whatizit.

"That's why we chose the name. That's what everyone kept asking us before. And because it's hard to describe, we thought it was perfect," said Billy Payne, president of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games.

Approval was not unanimous. "It doesn't move my heart," said Peter Moshus, vice president in charge of design for

Atlanta. "We may not have the Sagrada Familia," said Jackson, referring to the landmark spires of an unfinished cathedral conceived by modernist Catalan designer Antoni Gaudí. "But we do have the Big Chicken" a tongue-in-cheek reference to a landmark chicken-shaped billboard in suburban Atlanta.

Maradona-Napoli row likely to linger

ROME, Aug 10: A quick solution to Diego Maradona's contractual dispute with Italian club Napoli looks unlikely, FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter said in an interview published on Monday, reports Reuters.

Napoli officials are due to meet Argentine Football Association president Julio Grondona at the International Football Federation's Zurich headquarters on Tuesday to discuss the deadlock.

The former Argentine captain recently completed a 15-month drugs ban from world soccer but is refusing to return to Napoli, where he is under contract until June 30, 1993.

"The situation will not be resolved at the meeting because (Napoli president Corrado) Ferlaino will not be attending," Blatter said in an interview with Naples-based daily, Il Mattino.

"But there will at least be the first contacts and we appreciate the fair-play of Ferlaino in agreeing to the meeting. I believe the negotiations will last at least three weeks," he added in the interview at the Olympic Games in Barcelona.

Napoli, who twice won the Italian title with Maradona, want financial compensation in return for tearing up the Argentine's contract.

Maradona is now living in Buenos Aires and Blatter said, he felt it would be in the player's interest to remain there.

"I believe the ideal would be for Maradona to play in Argentina. But there they don't have the money while in Europe there are three clubs who want Maradona straight away and are able to afford him," he said.

"He is like a prisoner who was served his time and now needs to be reintegrated into society, namely the soccer family, and so we have to help him."

CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: I equals C

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.