

McMillan torments Indians

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 27: A superb all-round performance by Brian McMillan almost single-handedly put South Africa in control of the second Test against India today, reports Reuter.

After being laid out for a top score of 98 in South Africa's 292, McMillan then weighed in with three for 39 with his seamers as India struggled to 128 for six at the close of the second day.

South Africa's joy was marred by an injury to pace-bowler Meyrick Pringle who was admitted to hospital after suffering a fracture of a bone close to the eye.

The South African tallender was hit by a ball from Javagal Srinath that ricocheted from his bat and through the gap between visor and helmet.

Pringle needed six minutes attention of the pitch and was carried off on a stretcher.

It meant South Africa were restricted to three front-line bowlers but they still reduced India to 44 for three before Sachin Tendulkar launched a counter-attack.

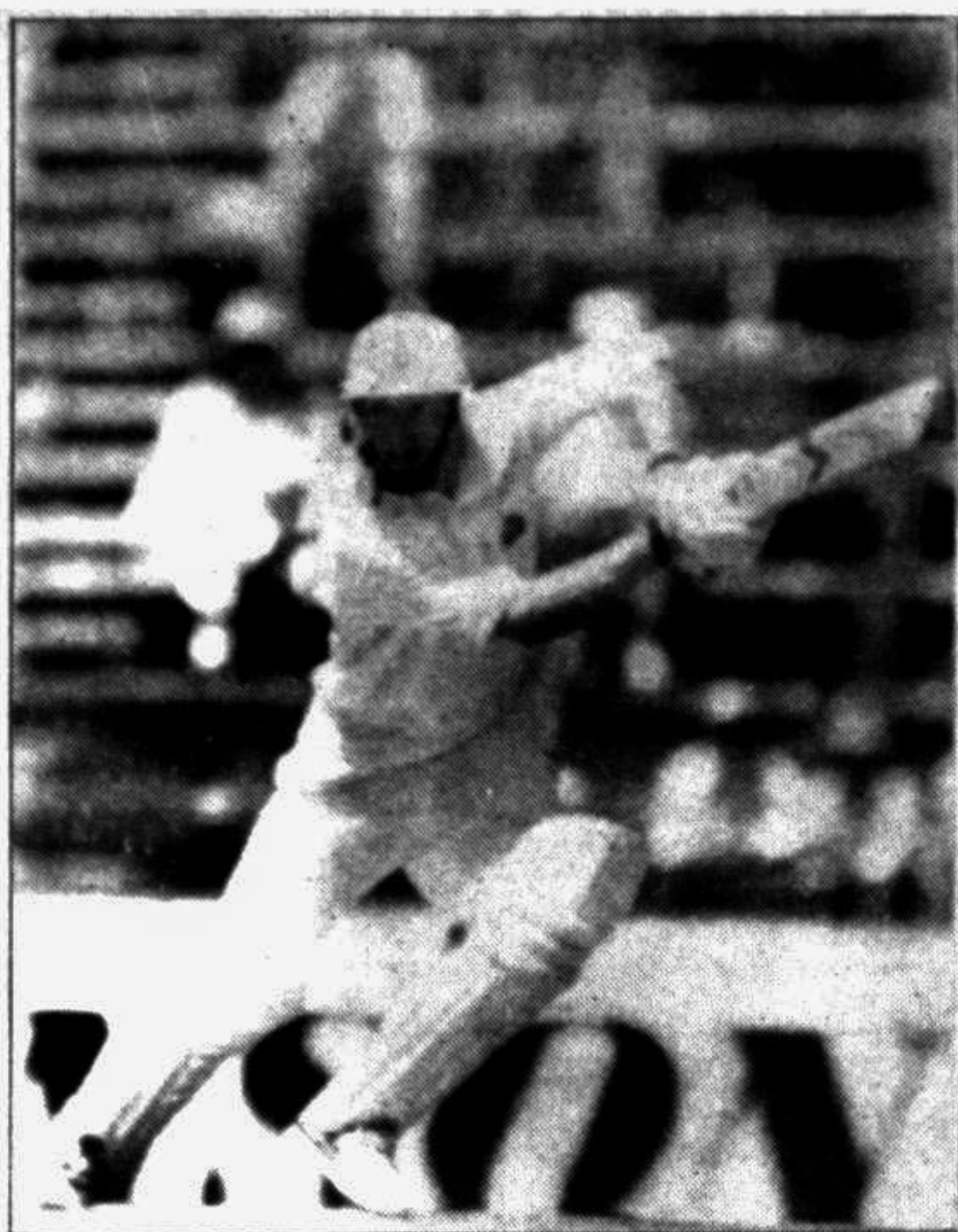
The 19-year-old passed 1,000 Test runs on his way to 75 not out.

South Africa had begun the day on 226 for seven and McMillan and Craig Matthews extended their eighth-wicket partnership to 67 before Manoj Prabhakar bowled the latter for 31.

Prabhakar was the most successful of the Indian bowlers, finishing with four for 80 in his 29 overs.

With Pringle's departure, McMillan was joined by Allan Donald who had previously managed only one run in three Test innings.

But, much to India's chagrin, he not only kept McMillan company until he



Jonty Rhodes, who enjoyed a charmed life at the wicket during his innings of 91 in South Africa's first innings of 292, is seen guiding a ball to point on the first day of the second Test against South Africa in Johannesburg on Thursday.

Athletes off to Delhi

Sports Reporter

An eleven-member Bangladesh athletic team left Dhaka for the Indian capital New Delhi yesterday to participate in the fourth Asian Junior Championships to be held there from November 30 to December 4.

There are two officials and nine athletes in the squad.

Jahangir Fatz and Mohammad Yahya are accompanying the team as manager and assistant manager respectively. The five male athletes are Abdul Rahim Naim, Mahboob Alam, Bimal Chandra Tarafdar, Abdul Bari and Abu Bakr Siddique while the women players are Lubna Mahmud, Lovely Begum, Nilufar Yesmeen and Nasima Akhter.

Bangladeshi athletes will compete in eight different events. These are the 100, 200, 400 and 800m runs, the 4x100 and 4x400 relays, the 400m hurdles and long jump.

Naim of Bangladesh Navy, a silver medalist at the fifth SAF Games and national record holder in the 400m hurdles, will compete in the event and two relay races.

Naim's fellow seaman Abdul Bari will also participate in the same events.

Bimal Chandra of Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Pratishthan (BKSP) and Mahboob Alam of Bangladesh Ansars will contest in the 100 and 200m sprints and two relays while Abu Bakr will compete in the 400m.

Lovely Begum of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) will contest in the 100m, 200m sprints and two relay races while her teammate Nilufar Yesmeen will enter the long jump, 100m sprint and two relays.

The other two BJMC girls—Lubna Mahmud and Nasima Akhter—will run in the 400m and 800m races and two relays.

This will be Bangladesh's third participation in the Asian Junior Athletics Championships since its inception in 1986 in Singapore.

Mizar Hossain is so far the only Bangladesh athlete to earn medals for the country. He won a silver in the 400m and a bronze in the 800m in the inaugural meet.



B McMillan... SA hero

was on the verge of a maiden century but also made an unbeaten 14.

A deserved century eluded McMillan who was eventually out hooking at Srinath. He had batted for all but 74 minutes of South Africa's innings after they had been plunged deep in trouble at 26 for four.

McMillan was soon in action again with the ball but his first spell was that of a tired man. However, after lunch he appeared revitalised and in a five-over spell took the wickets of Ajay Jadhava (14) and Sanjay Manjrekar (seven) at a personal cost of just two runs.

Matthews, having dismissed Ravi Shastri for seven, then had Mohammad Azharuddin caught at slip for nine as India fell to 77 for four.

Tendulkar, missed by Matthews off a very sharp chance at third slip off Donald when 10, began to square drive handsomely as the attacked the gaps in the field.

He reached 50 in 16 scoring shots with 10 fours and made 40 of a 47-run partner-



TENDULKAR... 75 n.o

Bucknor comes under fire

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 27: Umpire Steve Bucknor on Friday defended his controversial decision not to ask for a television replay of the Jonty Rhodes' run-out incident, reports Reuter.

"It will be a sad day when the camera replaces the umpire," he said.

West Indian Bucknor came under fire from match referee Clive Lloyd and the Indian team on Thursday after giving South African Rhodes the benefit of the doubt over a run-out appeal during the second Test against India. Rhodes, 28 at the time, went on to make 91.

Television clearly showed him to be out to Javagal Srinath's direct hit but Bucknor opted not to consult the third umpire Barry Lambson, who has access to the television replay facility.

"We are only supposed to use in (television) if there is doubt and I thought he was home and dry," he said.

"Umpiring is all about opinions and that was mine."

However, Bucknor admitted it "was a pity" he was not in a better position to judge whether Rhodes was home. He was well behind the crease and still moving when Srinath hit the stumps.

He intimated he would use the replay facility next time.

An earlier report said: Umpire Steve Bucknor came under fire on Thursday for refusing to use the television replay in a run-out incident which could have a major bearing on the outcome of the second Test.



STEVE BUCKNOR

At 61 for four, television clearly showed him to be out to Javagal Srinath's direct hit but umpire Bucknor refused to use the television replay facility.

The Indian team, having been told about the replay by their teammates in the dressing room, made prolonged and animated appeals to Bucknor to consult the third umpire Barry Lambson, but the Jamaican refused.

Match referee Clive Lloyd criticised Bucknor's actions. "No-one is infallible. He has made a mistake which could have been avoided."

"The monitor is there as an aid to help umpires and I think he should use it. He might be a little overconfident."

Indian manager Amrit Mathur said: "Without the monitor you would give the batsman the benefit of the doubt. But where there is a monitor there should be a method by which he should consult."

"The boys are disappointed, the television showed he was out."

He just wanted excitement

COLUMBUS, Nov 27: An Ohio State University student convicted of public indecency after running onto a football field naked at halftime said he wanted to make the nationally televised game more exciting, reports AP.

"I guess I did it to make the OSU-Michigan weekend better," said Samuel Gedert, a 21-year-old journalism student from Maumee in northwestern Ohio. "I didn't think it would get all of the attention it got."

Gedert pleaded guilty Tuesday in Franklin County Municipal Court to public indecency and trespassing. Judge Richard Ferrell fined him \$500 and suspended a 30-day jail sentence on the condition that Gedert performs 40 hours of community service.

Akram, Younis see a potent quickie in Rehman

PERTH, Nov 27: The two Pakistan fast bowlers who form the world's most lethal opening bowling combination expressed enthusiasm Friday over the potential of international cricket's youngest player, Ata-ur Rehman, reports AFP.

Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis said Rehman, just 17 years and eight months old, can go "all the way" as a pace bowler at the top level.

The two top cricketers, widely regarded as the finest pace pair in cricket today, spoke after another energetic Pakistani workout here ahead of their World Series one-day games against Australia and West Indies, starting Sunday.

Rehman had a brief baptism at the top in June when, in the absence of the injured Wasim, he was called on to play against England at Edgbaston in the first Test of a five-match series won 2-1 by Pakistan.

He enjoyed instant success, capturing the wickets of star players Alec Stewart, Mark Ramprakash and Allan Lamb during an 18-over stint in the England first innings which earned him 3-69—the best figures in his side in the long-



ATAUR REHMAN

BFF picks 5 more for soccer camp

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) called five more footballers to camp for the forthcoming seventh President Cup football tournament due to be held in Dhaka from January 8 to 20 next year.

The five players are Badal of Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society, Ruhul Amin of Eskaton Sabuj Sangha, Paritosh Dewan of Mukti Jodha Sangsad, Jahangir and Shamim of Arambagh Krira Sangstha.

BFF had earlier picked 60 footballers for the two local sections to feature in this international club tourney as the 'Reds' and the 'Greens.'

In a meeting held at the BFF office yesterday the committee shifted the date of the first assembly of the selected players from November 30 to December 1. All the 65 players have been asked to report at the Mirpur Stadium at 7 am on the rescheduled date.

Meanwhile, Sajjad Hossain Siddiky Lablu, the assistant coach appointed for the Green team, has apprised the BFF of his inability to shoulder the responsibilities bestowed on him as a deputy to coach Abdul Ghaffar. Lablu was the coach of the Green team two years ago.

This prompted BFF to appoint former national footballer Swapna Kumar Das as the assistant coach of the Green team.

Gritty Border defies Windies

BRISBANE, Nov 27: Australian captain Allan Border held his side together on the opening day of the five-Test series against West Indies, only to be run out for 73 shortly before the close today, reports Reuter.

Border, who started the match needing 348 runs to overhaul India's Sunil Gavaskar as the highest runscorer in Tests history, helped the home side recover to 259 for six after a shaky start.

But having shared a 72 run partnership with Greg Matthews for the sixth wicket, Border was beaten by a Carl Hooper throw to wicket-keeper David Williams five minutes before the end of the day's play.

Matthews was left unbeaten on 28, having earlier seen Australia's top order batsmen undermined by both pace and spin.

Pace-man Curtly Ambrose took two wickets, off-spinner Hooper two and Ian Bishop one. It was Bishop's first Test wicket for two years largely spent recovering from a stress fracture in his back.

The trio combined to thwart Australia's hopes of running up a huge total after they won the toss and elected to bat on a perfect batting pitch at the Gabba.

Hooper might not have expected to play such a prominent part so early in the match, but was forced into action when Courtney Walsh limped off with a strained left leg hamstringing after just five balls of his first over.

The 30-year-old Walsh, captain of Jamaica, was having intensive treatment and a decision will be made on Saturday about his future in the match.

Undeterred by the international experimental law limiting fast bowlers to one bouncer at any one batsman per over, Bishop began the rot when



ALLAN BORDER... 73

opener Mark Taylor (7) aimed a slashing shot and edged to keeper Williams with the total on eight.

Ambrose struck next, trapping Steve Waugh, twin brother of Mark, for 10 when he gloved a catch to Williams which left Australia on 21 for two.

Opener David Boon, hitting aggressively, was joined by Mark Waugh and the pair looking capable of performing a useful salvage job.

But Hooper with his fifth ball of the first over after lunch, held on to a fierce return catch to send back Waugh for 39 with the total 88.

Hooper then induced Boon (48) to pop up a catch off bat and pad to Phil Simmons at forward short leg, leaving much on the shoulders of Border and the raw 21-year-old Damien Martyn, making his Test debut after some scintillating innings for Western Australia at state level.

But Martyn (36), having looked solid, swung at a wide and loose delivery from Ambrose and was caught in the slips by Brian Lara. It was Ambrose's 150th wicket in 35 Tests.

Border was lucky to survive when Keith Arthurton missed an easy run out and later when Williams lost sight of a strike which Lara just failed to take at first slip.

In his 134th Test, Australia's captain stayed put, making the most of his good fortune to continue his fine record against West Indian pace bowling.

A slightly wayward Patrick Patterson was a particular disappointment, conceding 73 runs off 14 overs, including five no balls.

Kiwis struggle at Moratuwa

MORATUWA, Sri Lanka, Nov 27: New Zealand progressed painstakingly to 139 for 4 at stumps on the first day of the first cricket Test against Sri Lanka Friday, reports AP.

Bad light stopped play 15 minutes before stumps. Earlier in the pre-lunch session only 45 minutes of play was possible due to wet outfield at the Moratuwa Stadium outside Colombo.

Ken Rutherford and debutant all-rounder Chris Harris shared a face saving 5th wicket stand — 52 runs in 84 minutes — as the New Zealanders recovered from a precarious 87 for 4 soon after tea.

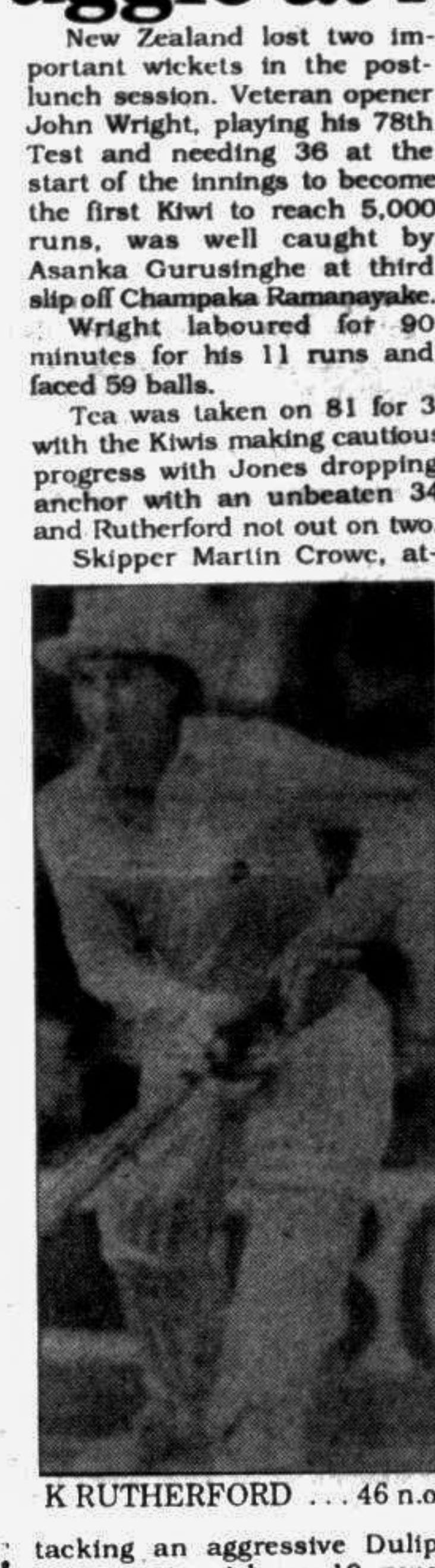
Rutherford, who carried his bat through the day, struck left arm spinner Don Anurasiri down the park for a towering six in addition to five boundaries.

The other not out batsman, Harris, is on 11.

Shri Lankan medium-pace Dulip Liyanage with an aggressive spell of bowling broke the backbone of the Kiwi batting. After having removed Blair Hartland in the morning, Liyanage brought a quick end to vice-captain Andrew Jones' stubborn innings.

In the third over after tea, Jones drove injudiciously at Liyanage and presented Roshan Mahanama with a waist-high catch at second slip. Jones batted for 161 minutes and faced 97 balls hitting two boundaries.

Liyanage finished with the best bowling effort among the Sri Lankans with two for 43 from 16 overs.



K RUTHERFORD... 46 n.o

skipper Arjuna Ranatunga.

Ranatunga, one of the five fielders in a leg side trap to Crowe, hung on to a breathtaking one-handed catch at short mid wicket, moving swiftly as he flung himself to his right. Crowe batted for 61 minutes for his 19 runs.

The two new ball bowlers, Liyanage and Ramanayake, bowled menacingly under helpful conditions fully vindicating skipper Ranatunga's decision to put New Zealand in after winning the toss.

Robin Singh's appeal rejected

COLONE (England), Nov 27: An appeal by Indian cricketer Robin Singh against a 750 pound fine imposed by the Lancashire league was turned down by the league committee on Thursday, reports AFP.

Singh, who was fined towards the end of last season when, in his first season as professional at Colone, he returned to India under instructions to join the preparations for India's tour of South Africa.

He informed the club and the league executive, but the league has a rule that professionals can be released only if they are selected to play for their countries. Singh was not selected for the tour.

A league spokesman said the Indian authorities had placed Singh in a very difficult position by calling him home. The executive understood his feelings, but the league was determined to send the message back to India that contracts were legal agreements which had to be honoured.



SCOREBOARD

WEST ZEALAND: First innings

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|--------------------------|---------------|--|--|-----|
| B Hartland | c de Silva | | | |
| b Liyanage | ... | | | 3 |
| J Wright | c Gurusinghe | | | 11 |
| b Ramanayake | | | | 11 |
| A Jones | c Mahanama | | | 35 |
| b Liyanage | | | | 19 |
| m Crowe | c Ranatunga | | | 46 |
| b Warnawera | | | | 11 |
| K Rutherford | not out | | | 14 |
| C Harris | not out | | | 14 |
| Extras (nb 11, lb 2) | | | | 139 |
| Total (for four wickets) | | | | 139 |
| Fall: | 6, 44, 77, 87 | | | |

Bowling:

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|-----------------|------|---|----|---|
| C Ramanayake | 14 | 0 | 33 | 1 |
| D Liyanage | 16 | 3 | 43 | 2 |
| C Hathurasinghe | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| D Anurasiri | 75 | 4 | 32 | 0 |
| J Warnawera | 13.1 | 4 | 19 | 1 |
| A de Silva | 4 | 2 | 8 | 0 |

Eubank puts his WBO title on the line

MANCHESTER, Nov 27: Chris Eubank puts his unbeaten record and WBO super-middleweight title on the line Saturday night against Juan Carlos Gimenez of Paraguay, reports AP.

It will be the 10th title defence for Eubank, who captured the WBO crown in November 1990 with a ninth-round victory over fellow-Briton Nigel Benn.

Eubank has already defended the title four times this year, most recently in September when he outpointed American Tony Thornton in Glasgow, Scotland, to extend his record to 33-0.

Eubank goes in as a modest favourite against Gimenez, who has a record of 37 wins, five losses and three draws. It will be the Paraguayan's second title fight of the year, having lost a decision to Italy's Mauro Galvano in June for the WBC super-middleweight crown.

"I'm going to bank on two-handed punching power and direct assault," said Gimenez, who will concede at least three inches (7.6 cm) in height to Eubank. "I'll try to shake him with my right hand. And all the time I'll be out to wear him down with my strength."

Gimenez, 30, has lived in Paris for three years. But he is eager to achieve something special for his homeland — becoming Paraguay's first ever world boxing champion.

"Can you imagine what it would mean to me and my country if I could become the first?" he said.

JU soccer

Department of Geography trounced Department of Physics by five goals to one in the Jahangirnagar University inter-department football tournament at the university playground yesterday.

Ratan and Mamun scored two goals each and Mahfuz one for the winners while Sham pulled one back for the losers.

"Woodies" shocked

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 27: Defending champions Anders Jarryd and John Fitzgerald scored a straight set victory Thursday over top seeds Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge at the ATP Tour World Doubles Championships, reports AP.