NEW DELHI, Dec 23: Indfa's erieket team was blasted Tuesday for putting up a pathetic show in the one-day se ries which they lost 2-5 to a vastly superior South Africa, reports AFP.

KK Mehra, vice-president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said the Indian team's performance needed "no comment. It was so pathetic."

They just went through the mechanical motions of playing." Mehra told the Press Trust of India (PTI) here, saying members of Mohammad Azharuddin's team did not try hard enough to win and showed no heart.

Indian fielders were leadenfooted, lethargic and very slow compared to third electrically charged rivals" on whom he showered praise.

The South Africans were "much superior to our team in all departments of the game, Mehra acknowledged.

The Indians are still to play two five-day Tests on what has been billed the Friendship Tour." Two Tests have been drawn. The South Africans swamped the former world champions 5-2 in the one-

Former skipper Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi said Azharuddin would certainly lose the captain v for the England series starting next month if the team performed as badly in the remaining Tests.

Pataudi took the squad to task for showing more interest in making money than playing for the country.

Several members of the team had gone to play "masala matches" in the Gulf, Hong Kong and Canada to earn extra money in the run-up to the South African tour while their rivals prepared seriously, he said on television.

Wadekar retained as Indian manager

NEW DELHI, Dec 23: Ajit Wadekar was retained today as India's cricket manager for an upcoming series against England despite his team's disastrous performance on the current tour of South Africa, reports AFP.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) met here and decided the former skipper should stay in his post for the home series starting next month, board secretary Chandappa Nagaraj told re-



Some look for it while others are looked for seems to be the pith of this photo where Biman skipper Enamul Huq Moni is seen receiving the champion's trophy of the fire ever Shaheed Jewel-Mustag memorial cricket tournament from Mrs Wajed, mother of Shaheed Jewel, a cricketer who was killed during the Liberation War. - Star photo

Biman lift memorial trophy

Sports Reporter

Bowlers hit back with vengeance to present Bangladesh Biman the first Shaheed Jewel-Mushtag memorial trophy as Victoria

Sporting Club succumbed to a 51-run defeat at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Needing 252 in 70 overs for a win, Victoria suffered early setbacks with Biman newball bowler Babul dealing two quick blows. Sajid Hassan, moulded by his illustrious father Rougibul Hassan, the former national captain presently leading Victoria, was bowled by Babul and promising one drop batsman Selim Shahed was adjudged leg before off the same bowler for nought.

Biman's five-man spin attack then had the Victoria batsmen under absolute control, giving very little away but getting important break throughs just in time.

Biman skipper Enamul Huq Moni, who flopped with the bat in Biman's unpromising innings of 251 on Tuesday, led the way. The left-arm spinner removed three potentially dangerous batsmen in the Victoria middle order. He ac counted for Raja Venkat, the experienced left-handed batsman who top scored with 41

off 81 balls with four hits to the fence, Rougibul also fell prey to Moni, caught by substitute Jahangir for a patient 35. Hard-hitting Imran Hamid Partho was Moni's last victim; the dark left-hander holed out to Babul for 12.

Moni got good support from veteran off-spinner Anwarul Amin Azhar. Having been with the airline team since its entry into the big league, this former national spinner claimed three wickets, one of which was of Gautam Some, the all rounder from Calcutta.

Victoria's lqbal, who has been using the new ball quite impressively for sometime, shone with the bat in the waning Victoria innings. He hit a quickish 31 off 43 balls beforc the filling of the quota of 70 overs caused indiscretion and a sad end of the batsman.

Wicketkeeper Dalim was the other notable scorer in the 66-over-old Victoria innings. Pushed up the order to open the innings, Dalim scored. 29 before Rupam bowled him with his off-spin.

None of the partnerships gelled in the Victoria innings and when national wicketkeeper Debashish Barooah stumped Saikat off Azhar the total had crawled to 199, still 51 runs short of the Biman

Azhar had the best bowling

figures, bagging three wickets for 38 runs. Moni also got three wickets

giving away 44 runs. Paceman Babul, who has ioined Biman this year from Young Pegasus, made the early inroads and his final analysis on a bland wicket was quite commendable - two for 21

from 11 overs. Ahmed Iqbal Bachchu, who held the Biman innings together with a patient 95 Tuesday, was the unsung hero in the Biman bowling attack with the excellent figures of none for 19 from nine overs.

He was quite justisiable named the man-of-the-match for his fine all round show.

Mrs A Wajed, mother of Shaheed Jewel, a martyr of the Liberation War in 1971, gave away the prizes as a special invitee. One of the finest Bangalee openers around in the then East Pakistan, Jewel was killed in an operation against the Pak Army in August

Mushtaq, the other martyr whose memory was honoured by holding this tournament, was one of the dedicated souls of local cricket in the pre-Liberation period. Mushtaq was associated with Azad Boys Club and was killed in the city by the Pakistan Army on the fateful night of March 25, 1971.

1992: Queen Seles reigned on Centre Court

Monica Seles changed her look, toned down her grunting and made peace with the authorities. But her tennis remained as ruthless as ever and she ended 1992 as she began it - as undisputed world number one, writes AFP.

Seles, still only 19, swept all before her.

She won three of the four Grand Slam titles, lost only five of her 75 matches and brought the curtain down on another highly successful season by taking the Virginia Slims championships in New York.

Her only hiccup came at Wimbledon where, After being the victim of a relentless Grunting campaign by a hos tile media, she was beaten in straight-sets in the final by



MONICA SELES

Steffi Graf.

Seles, who had shorn her long, fair hair and unveiled a new closely-cropped Twentics-Style' brunette haircut on the eve of her third consecutive French Open triumph, came nervously to the All England Club

Twelve months earlier the Vojvodina-born teenager had upset organisers, WTA officials and the press by announcing her decision not to play Wimbledon at the very last moment via her agent, and then going into hiding. Seles arrived for the 1992

championships all smiles and sweetness, but she soon found herself the centre of a new storm because of the two-sylla ble grunts which accompanied her groundstrokes.

The trouble is it is part of my game. I don't do it on pur pose and it's very difficult for me to stop, she explained.

But despite her protests, a massive media campaign continued and it eventually inspired official complaints from late tournament opponents

nathalie Tauziat of France and Martina Navratilova. It also brought warnings from um-

To her credit Seles laughed off the "Gruntometres" brought courtside by tabloid newspaper reporters and eleverly defused some absurd questions which suggested, among other things, that she had a weight problem, was addicted to butter and had an oversize bot-

You have to laugh at some of these stories," she said.

They are obviously written by people who have nothing to do except write headlines to

sell newspapers." But the constant publicity

took its toll. in the final, and playing on the surface least suited to her game, Seles made a deter-



STEFFI GRAF

grunting altogether.

To all intents and purposes she succeeded, but won only three games from an opponent intent on avenging her defeat in Paris the previous month.

Graf, who had gone down 10-8 in a dramatic third set at the French open, can rarely have played better and Seles was dignified and magnant mous in defeat.

"Look, I didn't win my matches here because of grunting and I didn't lose to Steffi today because I wasn't grunting," she laughed.

"Stefft played an excellent match and didn't give me any

Apart from her fourth Wimbledon triumph, Graf also led Germany to triumph in the Federation Cup won 71 of 78 matches and collected another eight tour titles over the season to swell her career total to

But the 1988 'golden' Grand Slam winner lost her Olympic title and started and finished the year with disappointments. In January she missed the

Australian Open because of an ear infection and last month she was beaten in the first round of the Virginia Slims Championships by Lori McNetl.

Navratilova, 36 in October and the winner of 18 Grand Slam singles titles, reached an incredible 15th Wimbledon semifinal.

And although she failed to make the final after being narrowly beaten by Seles in three sets, the Czech-born American made it clear she intended to be back for another crack at an elusive tenth Wimbledon singles crown in 1993.

"I tell you when I retire. You do not tell me when I say farewell," she snapped when asked if she had played on the worlds most famous court for the last time.

"I'm fitter at 35 than most

players are at 20."



M NAVRATILOVA

Navratilova's hopes for a fifth triumph in her 20th United States Open were shortlived when she crashed out in the second round to Bulgaria's Magdelena Maleeva.

But she issued a timely reminder that she was still a force to be reckoned with by reaching the final of the Virginia Slims Championship final. Once there she was again beaten by Seles but she ended the year with an excellent overall record of 38 wins against eight defeats.

Teenage Prodigy Jennifer Capriati, who had been looking increasingly bored with life on the professional tour, was inspired at the Barcelona

Having blazed a path into the semifinals without dropping a set, the 16-year-old set about beating local favourtte Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and then defeated the defending champion Graf.

Gabriela Sabatini, armed with confidence and drilled in new aggressive all-round game by Braziltan coach Carlos

Kirmayr, started the year with high hopes but failed to win a major title. The Argentinean too often

came unstuck at penultimate She reached the semifinals at the Australian and French

Opens and again reached the last four at Wimbledon but in two of the Grand Slam events she crashed to her jinx player - elegant American baseliner Mary Joe Fernandez.

Fernandez, coached by Harold Solomon, ended the South American player's progress first in Melbourne and then in the quarter-finals at flushing Meadow.

At Wimbledon Sabatini weni down to Graf, her 22nd loss in 33 meetings with the German player, and at Paris she was beaten by Seles after letting slip a 4-2 third set lead.



JENNIFER CAPRIATI

The Federation Cup was dominated by the German team of Graf, Anke Huber and Sabine Hack. Playing at home in

Frankfurt and in soaring temperatures which reached 125 degrees Farenheight, 956 Celsius, the Germans beat defending champions Spain 2-1 in the final.

Graf defeated Arantxa Sanchez and Huber beat Conchita Martinez before the Spaniards won a consolation A depleted United States

lineup of Lori McNeil, Gigi Fernandez and Pam Shriver and a fun-loving Australian team of Nicole Provis, Rachel McQuillan and Rennae Stubbs were the surprise semifinalists - the strong Czechoslovak and French teams going out in the quarterfinals.

The tournament also saw the return of South Africa banned from the event since 1977 and there were excellent performances by some of the underdogs -Korea putting out Italy and China giving France plenty of headaches.

Pak batting needs to gear up, says Naushad Ali

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Dec 23: Pakistan will need to improve their batting if they hope to make a success of their short cricket tour of New Zealand, team manager Naushad Ali said Wednesday,

reports AP. World Cup holder Pakistan arrived in New Zealand fresh from a victory over Australian state team queensland but after some disappointing performances in the triangular World Series tournament against Australia and the West Indies. "The bowling is OK, the

fielding as fine, but somehow the batting is not clicking. We hope it will come right here." Ali said He said he didn't envisage

problems for the Pakistan players adapting from the generally faster, bouncier pitches in Australia to New Zealand's slower surfaces.

"Most of the players are professionals. They have been playing in the English county leagues and county championship. They have been here recently in the World Cup. They know the conditions," he

"There are one or two players who haven't been here before, but I don't expect there will be any serious problems." Ali said he expected the

series to be evenly balanced. One-day internationals wil be played at Wellington on Dec 26, Napier on Dec 28 and Auckland on Dec 30.

The only Test of the series will be at Hamilton, Jan 2-6. "Our side is a well-balanced combination of experience and young blood. They are deter-

Pakistan will have a net session at the Basin Reserve on Thursday in preparation for the opening one-day match on Saturday.

Graveney who was axed as a

referee for the upcoming tour

of the West Indies, reports

a triumph of the ICC's princi-

ples," said Shahid Raft, secre-

tary of the Board of Control of

Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP),

adding that "Pakistan would

agree to a person who is mutu-

ally acceptable to the West

The BCCP had put forward

former Indian cricket cap-

tains, Mansoor Ali Khan

Pataudi and Sunil Gavaskar to-

gether with New Zealand's

Frank Camerons as possible

replacements for Graveney Raft

The ICC is likely to appoint

Pakistan will be touring the

Gravency's replacement in

West Indies from March 18.

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mined to do well," Ali said.

SA eye Test series as well EAST LONDON.



the day/night series, seek to translate that superiority into the five-day game when the third Test begins on Saturday in Port Elizabeth, reports Reuter. After two drawn matches in

Durban and Johannesburg. South Africa believe they can gain their first win in four Tests since returning from isolation and are likely to attack. Captain Kepler Wessels, player-of-the-series in the lim-

ited-overs competition- which

South Africa won 5-2 - will

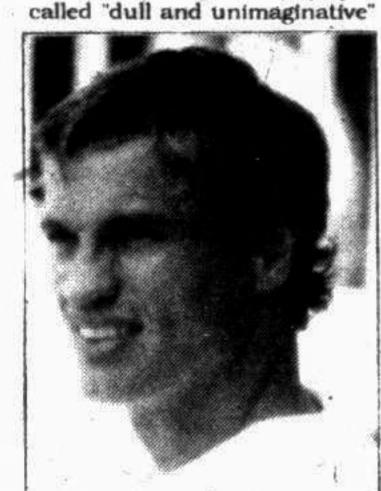
move up to opener after the dropping of Jimmy Cook. To give him a full complement of five bowlers off-spinner Omar Henry can expect a

India, relived at Sachin Tendulkar's return to form with a century against the South African students this week, and at captain Mohammad Azharuddin's heavy scoring in the day/night series, have to decide whether to stick without-of-form Sanjay Manjrekar or to recall Wookreri Raman.

While Azharuddin and Wessels agreed "Tests are very different" the South African

captain added: "The day/night series hasn't done our confidence any harm and we hope to carry that into the Tests."

The same may apply to Wessels' leadership. He has been criticised for what one Johannesburg newspaper



KEPLER WESSELS

captaincy but began to show more adventure in the short game with Mike Procter, South Africa's manager calling his field placing "magnificent." Clive Lloyd, who as West Indies captain had unparalleled success, watched South Africa lose to West Indies in April and as match referee, saw the first two Tests against India. He believes their biggest

weakness is lack of experi-

They are a strong side but a young one. While some of the players have been in country

cricket (notably Wessels, Peter Kirsten and Allan Donald), and there is a wealth of talent, they need consistency. "People expect to much to

quickly. In Test cricket it

takes time to get into the

groove. Transvaal coach Eddie Barlow, a member of the great South African side that thrashed Bill Lawry's 1969/70 Australians 4-0 in the last series before isolation, pointed out that team took several years to mature into the formidable force it became:

Barlow's team beat Australia by 323 runs in the last Test at Port Elizabeth- also the last before isolation- with Barry Richards making a spectacular century.

St George's Park, which also staged South Africa's first Test in 1889, has since been transformed by another of South Africa's impressive new

If the fans are to see South Africa go ahead in the four-Test series they will have to score quicker- and bowl out and India side that, although not batting to potential, has proved very obdurate.

Aussies may opt for pace trio

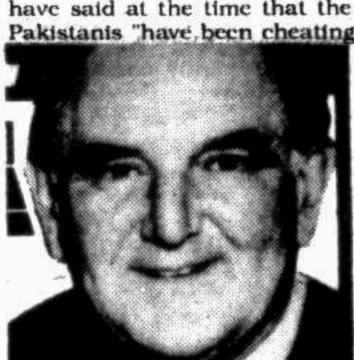
MELBOURNE. Dec 23: Aus-tralia is likely to opt again for three pacemen in the second Test in an

effort to skittle out the West Indies, whose fragile batting left tailenders stru-ggling to

carn a draw in the first Test, reports Reuter. Pacemen Craig McDermott BCCP names 3 to replace Graveney

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Graveney was reported to have said at the time that the



TOM GRAVENEY

us for 37 years and it is just getting worse and worse. "He also got involved in the alleged ball tampering controversy during Pakistan's tour of

England last summer." Rafi said that if the experiment with match referees was to be a success "It is essential that the ICC consult the host and the touring country before Pakistan had objected to making appointments."

"It is necessary to avoid controversies during the tour," he said.

and Merv Hughes have again been included in the 12-man squad for the match beginning on Saturday. Third paceman Mike

Whitney comes into the side in

place of Bruce Reid, out of the second and third Tests after surgery on an injured shoul-McDermott, Hughes and Whitney are likely to play if the heavily sanded wicket in

crowd is expected on the first day, continues to produce uneven bounce. "I'm a bit loath to go in with only two quicks but we'll have to have a look at the track," said Australian skipper Allan Border, a middle order bat who scored 116 not out for Queensland in a one-day match

Melbourne, where a 50,000

this week. Pakistan are here for the one-day series with Australia and West Indies.

against Pakistan in Brisbane

"The pitch has been a bit uneven in bounce so I would say the three quickies probably will play ." Border told re-

The absence of paceman, Reid, who took seven wickets for 151 off 53 overs in the first Test, is a blow for Australia.

But in their effort, to blow out the injury-plagued West Indies twice, top order batsman Dean Jones, 12th man for the first Test, has been dropped for the second in favour of leg-spinner Shane

Richardson, the most inform player in his side will not be naming his squad until the last moment.

"Obviously, we are concerned about our batting. It's a little inconsistent, " he said. The West Indies player

most in jeopardy is fast bowler Patrick Patterson, who took only one for 127 in Brisbane. He is likely to be replaced by left-arm spinner Jimmy Adams, who is also a a useful batsman if the West Indies are again in trouble. But veteran opener Desmo-

from a strained left-knee, is just beginning to show a return to form, hitting 96 in a oneday match against Pakistan last Richardson has back strain, while pacemen lan Bishop sore

nd Haynes, although suffering

toe, and Anderson Cummines, lest-side muscle strain, are also in discomfort. Third paceman Keneth Benjamin has a groin strain.

Australian squad: Allan Border (Captain), Mark Taylor, David Boon, lan Healy, Merv llughes, Craig McDermott, Damien Martyn, Greg Matthews. Shane Warne, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh, Mike

Whitney Div II cricket from Dec 28 Sports Reporter

The 1992-93 Second Division cricket league will begin from December 28, Monday with Three Star Boys Club taking on Shantinagar 'A' at the

to play in the Milnars First Division league from next year. Meanwhile, a meeting of

the Second Division league committee has been called on December 26, at 6 pm at the BCCB office. Members and club representatives have been requested to attend the meeting.

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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.

Warne, a 23 year-old who has played in only four Tests. Warne and Whitney are the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. two changes to the Australian Thirty-one teams split into side which in Brisbane just four groups will vie for the top failed to secure a win when two places in the points table West Indies held on for 133 for eight in their second in-Spinner Greg Matthew, who took two for 59 from 40 overs in Brisbane, is likely to be carrying the drinks in Melbourne, the second of five Tests. West Indies skipper Richie