

MELBOURNE, Dec 30: Shane Warne spun Australia to victory by taking seven West Indies wickets in a remarkable spell on the final

day of the second cricket Test, reports Reuter. Warne's spin, biting into a crumbling wicket, gave

Australia a 139-run victory and put them 1-0 ahead in the five Test series after the drawn first Test in Brisbane. His main victim was Phil Simmons, whose maiden Test

century of 110 was the bedrock of the West Indies innings which fell apart after Wednesday's lunch break and ended a minute before tea, delighting the 15,000 Melbourne Cricket Ground crowd.

The slight blond-haired Warne, a 23-year-old whose hobby is surfing, totally beguiled the West Indies with his flight and turn, foreing the West Indies from the attack to defence.

He finished with figures of seven wickets for 52 runs off 23.2 overs.

The West Indies began on 32 for one, having lost opener Desmond Haynes (5) just before Tuesday's close, but Simmons and captain Richic Richardson set off in hot pursuit of the 357 they had been set for victory in their second

The pair put on 134 runs in their second wicket partnership. But Richardson was clean bowled by Warne for 52 just before lunch and after that wickets fell regularly.

The West Indies were all out for 219 after a first innings of 233. Australia scored 395 in

their first innings and 196 in their second. Warne, playing in only his fifth test, became the first leg-

spinner to take six wickets in a Test in Melbourne.

Test matches in his life, but

he's the new idol of Australian

Warne finished with a ca-

reer-best seven wickets for 52

Wednesday to lift Australia to a

139-run victory over the West

Indies at the Melbourne

grew up at nearby St Kilda,

wrecked the West Indies' bat-

ting lineup in just 23.2 overs of

Australian leg-spinner since

Bill O'Reilly against South

Africa in 1936-37 to claim five

wickets in an innings at the

wickets fell for 76 in just over

from his final 14.4 overs and

justified the faith invested in

him by the Australian selec-

Warne snared seven for 21

Victoria's AGM

tomorrow

ting of Victoria Sporting Club

will be held on January 1 at

6.00 p.m. at the club pavilion.

The Annual General Mee-

The last nine West Indies' *

He became the first

poise and persistence.

Warne, a 23-year-old who

cricket fans, reports AP.

Cricket Ground.

two hours.

Bill O'Reilly had held the record by taking five Test

MELBOURNE.

Dec 30: Shane

Warne bowls un-

fashionable lcg-

spinners. He's

played only five



Aussie leg-spinner Shane Warne (hatless) is being congratulated by teammates after taking the wicket of West Indian Ian Bishop on the last day of the second Test at the MCG yesterday. Warne engineered an Aussie victory with a haul of seven for 52. He is the first Aussie leggie to take five wickets in an innings at the MCG in 56 years. - AFP photo

wickets for Australia against South Africa in 1936.

Richardson had no excuses



PSIMMONS ... 110 "I think that generally we were outplayed," he told re-

Aussie fans find a new idol

match and given a standing

oyation by the Aussie fans.

He was named man-of-the-

porters, adding that the team must improve their catching to be in contention for the next Test.

chance.

named an unchanged squad to play in the third Test starting in Sydney on January 2 but the West Indies, naming their squad nearer the start, are likely to drop Hooper.

Warne later told reporters he had never bowled better but said: "I have still got doubts that I can give enough at this level but after today I'm a lot more comfortable.

Part of Warne's secret is losing 10 kg (22 lbs) in the past 12 months, down to his

best bowling trim.

Warne, who had only taken five wickets in his four previous Tests, had six wickets for 18 runs off 11 overs at one

When Arthurton fell on 110 after lunch, including two big sixes and eight fours in his total, the West Indies were pushed to tally on the defen-

Warne enticed Arthurton (13) into a stumping by keeper Ian Healy, forced Hooper (0) to smack a running catch to Mike Whitney in the covers, Simmons spooned a catch to David Boon at mid-on, and David Williams (0) was held by slip Mark Waugh.

Warne's other wickets were Ian Bishop (7), who edged to Mark Taylor in the slips, and Courtney Walsh (0).

Richardson said he wanted to put Warne's performance in perspective. "You have to remember there are a lot of spinners who come in and take a lot of wickets in a match and you never hear of them again," he said.

"I don't think our batsmen are afraid of him. We respect him as a Test player but he's not a worry," Richardson added

The significance of Australia's win is that the West Indies have never come back from one Test down to beat Australia in a series.

The West Indies are now also rebuilding after the retirement of star batsmen Viv Richards and Gordon Greenidge, paceman Malcolm Marshall and keeper Jeff Dujon.

The West Indies lost Desmond Haynes (5) near the close on Tuesday to Merv Hughes. Brian Lara (4) was caught by David Boon off Mike Whitney, Jimmy Adams was caught by Mike Taylor off Craig McDermott.

The West Indies have not been beaten in a Test series at home since 1973, when they lost to Australia.

In the past 18 years, the West Indies have been beaten in Test series away only three times - by Australia in 1975/76, by India in 1978/79 and by New Zealand in 1979/80.

Australia have now won 30 and the West Indies 24 of the 73 Test matches between the two sides.

SCORE BOARD

Scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the second cricket Test between Australia and the West Indies on Wednesday. AUSTRALIA: First innings

395 (M Waugh 112, C Ambrose 3-70) **WEST INDIES:** First innings 233 (B Lara 52, C McDermott

4-66)

McDermott

M Waugh

23 to 27

Feb 3.

AUSTRALIA: Second innings 196 (D Martyn 67, I Bishop 3-45)

WEST INDIES: Second innings (overnight 32 for one wicket)

Haynes c Healy b Hughes Simmons c Boon b Warne 110 Richardson b Warne Lara c Boon b Whitney Arthurton st Healy b Warne 13 Hooper c Whitney b Warne Adams c Taylor b

Bishop c Taylor b Warne Ambrose not out Walsh c Hughes b Warne Extras: (3b, 2lb, 1nb) Total: 219

Williams c M Waugh b Warne 0

Fall of wicket: 1-9; 2-144; 3-148; 4-165; 5-177; 6-198; 7-206; 8-206; 9-219.

Bowling McDermott 17 Hughes 41 Whitney 2 32 23.2 8 52 Warne

Result: Australia won by 139

Australia lead five match se-

Fifth Test: Perth Jan 30 to

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ries 1-0 First Test : Brisbane-match drawn Third Test: Sydney, Jan 2 Fourth Test: Adelaide, Jan

PORT ELIZABEtourists a lead of 152 runs and a fighting chance of victory. Kapil, who came in on

TH, South Africa,

Dec 30: South Af-

at St George's Park.

nal match from Saturday as

firm favourites to win the his-

Wessels and Andrew Hud-

son prevented any last-minute

umph by putting on 98 for the

first wicket before Hudson was

Hudson survived two confi-

dent appeals for catches at the

wicket before he had reached

nine and was missed in the

slips on 17 before falling to

part-time spinner Sachin Ten-

dulkar an hour before the

Eager to avoid a fifth day,

Wessels and Hansie Cronje (16

not out) hit out after tea and

Wessels drove the winning

shot off his Indian counterpart

Mohammad Azaharuddin just

all over on Monday with India

eight ahead with only four

life on the fourth day thanks to

helped India from an overnight

71 for six to 215 all out 40

minutes after lunch, giving the

His attacking innings

Kapil's swashbuckling 129.

wickets in hand, exploded into

The match, which appeared

hiccups in their hour of tri-

toric series.

out for a chancy 33.



KEPER WESSELS ... 95 n o reduced to 27 for five, hit 14 boundaries and a six during his four-hour stay before he was

last out.

It was the eighth century for the 33-year-old veteran of 119 Tests who batted with a swollen knuckle in his right hand after being struck by a rising ball from Brett Schultz on Monday.

Donald claimed all the four wickets to fall on the fourth day to finish with seven for 84 and match figures of 12-139.

Dave Richardson followed his four catches in the first innings by grabbing five in the second to become the first South African wicket-keeper to have nine victims in a The previous best was eight

by Dennis Lindsay against Australia at the Wanderers Ground in Johannesburg during the 1966-67 scason. Kapil was well-served by

useful contributions from the tailenders who helped him add

184 for the last four wickets after the first six had fallen for

The seventh-wicket pair of Kapil and Manoj Prabhakar, who put on 40 runs on Monday, stayed together for 30 minutes to add a further 17

Prabhakar, on 10 overnight, carried his score to 17 before he was caught behind off Donald in controversial fash-

Prabhakar indicated the ball went off his pads and not his bat. Television replays appeared to confirm that but South African umpire Wilf Diedericks stood by his deci-

It was the second disputed decision in the innings following Sachin Tendulkar's dismissal in similar fashion on Monday.

While new batsman Kiran More struggled to settle in, Kapil reached his half century 50 minutes after the start, driving seamer Craig Matthews through the covers for his fifth boundary.

More was lucky to see Peter Kirsten spill an easy catch at third slip when on 17, but the error did not prove costly as Donald bowled him in his next over before More had scored another run.

India were 120 for eight before lunch, a lead of only 57, but Anil Kumble (17) stayed for 82 minutes to help Kapil add 77 for the ninth-wicket.

In Kumble's company, Kapil launched a blistering counter attack, taking 10 off one Donald over and then slamming Matthews for 15 runs including a glorious straight

Kapil was last out when he edged Donald to Brian McMillan at second slip, leaving number 11 Venkatapathy Raju unbeaten on two.

Donald's display earned him the man-of-the match award and lavish praise from South Africa's cricket coach Mike

End of a long wait for South Africa Procter.

> "He is easily one of the best fast bowlers in the world, Procter said of the 25-year-old. "It takes guts and efforts to

take 12 wickets. Allan is a great physical specimen and a top quality bowler," he said. Donald, who hails from Orange Free State and plays for

Warwickshire on the English county circuit, was equally delighted at his performance. "I have taken a lot of wick-

ets in a match before, but to do it in a Test is the ultimate." said Donald. "It is definitely something to be proud of.

"When this Test began, the wicket looked on the slower side to me and I did not think I would be able to do so well

on it," he said. Donald added the Indian batsman played into his hands

by not staying at the wicket. "They tend to play their shots too early which obviously gives the bowler more

chance," said Donald. Skipper Wessels attributed the win to "a tremendous team effort."

"Allan (Donald) was superb, Hansie Cronje batted very well, but in the end it was a great

effort by the whole team," he "We lost the Test in the West Indies after being so near

to victory, it is great we did not mess it up this time. "I am delighted at the result

and look forward to playing the last Test in Cape Town from Saturday." Indian captain Mohammad

Azharuddin blamed his batsmen's "poor effort" for the team's defeat, but conceded that South Africa outplayed They were superior in all

departments and deserved to win. But I must add that a team that bats so badly cannot hope to do well. "We will have to do a lot of

thinking and planning if we are to perform better in fu-PRABHAKAR FINED

Azhar blames poor umpiring NEW DELHI, Dec one too."



before close.

30: Indian cricket captain Mohammed Azharudin said on Wednesday bad um-

piring and bad batting took the Indian tourists to defeat in the third Test against South Africa, reports Reuter. "Everybody without excep-

tion is batting badly," he said of the Indian top order in his column for the Indian Express newspaper. "We all know that it is not a

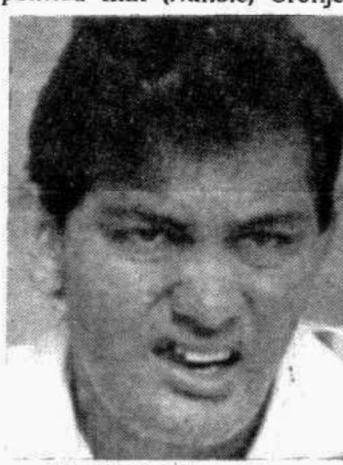
question of lack of ability or even an inability to understand the needs of a situation. Clearly the problem is much deeper and there isn't too much time left to find a solution," he Azharuddin said he was not

making excuses for the ninewicket defeat held off so long only by an imperious second innings 129 from all-rounder Kapil Dev, whose performance had Indian newspapers in raptures on Wednesday. But the Indian captain said:

"I am afraid the umpiring mistakes have concentrated around us and they have all come at key moments." Azharuddin said he was

happy with the way he was batting in the first innings, but just when it seemed there might be a big score, "I got a bad decision. So too did Manoj (Prabhakar) and on the third day Sachin (Tendulkar) got

"We were also a bit disappointed that (Hansie) Cronje



M AZHARUDDIN

survived an lbw shout from (Venkatapathy) Raju," he added. Prabhakar was fined for dis-

sent after being given out caught behind the wicket despite indicating the ball had hit his boot.

Former Indian captain Sunti Gavaskar agreed Azharuddin was the victim of a debatable decision, but used his column in the Times of India to lambast the top Indian batsmen and suggest wholesale changes for the series against England, whose team arrived in India on Tuesday.

"None of them showed that they were in fact Test batsmen," he wrote of men who played shots as if they were at a gunfight in the old days of the wild West "If this is what is to be ex-

pected, then one may as well go into the England series with a fresh team, for at least they will have the incentive to do well and also the excuse of inexperience if they do fail," Gavaskar said. The exception to the criti-

cism of the Indian team was Kapil Dev, widely suspected to be past his best before his stunning century in the Port Elizabeth Test.

"With one truly memorable century, the Indian all-rounder has put all obit writers out of business," said the Times of India. His place in the gallery of Indian greats is assured.

Ayaz Memon, writing in the Pioneer, compared Kapil's innings to that of Stan McCabe which prompted Sir Donald Bradman to urge Australian teammates to the balcony at Trent Bridge during the 1938 Ashes series against England saying - "You may never see the like of it again."

"It was an innings marked by discipline and finesse, of cultured defence and robust, scintillating shots. It was an innings that was a tremendous riposte to the growing criticism about his inability to apply himself. It was, verily, the innings of a lifetime," wrote

Manoj Prabhakar was later fined 10 per cent of his match

fee for showing dissent at the controversial umpiring deci-Match referee Mike Smith, acting on a complaint from

South African umpire Wilf

Diedericks, fined Prabhakar 1,000 Indian rupees (35 dolin a written statement, Smith said: "The umpire's

complaint against Prabhakar was upheld because he showed dissent against the decision."

Shastri ruled out of fourth Test

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Dec 30: India's injured vice-captain Ravi Shastri has been ruled out of Saturday's fourth Test against South Africa in Cape Town and may also miss the early part of the home series against England, reports AFP.

Tour manager Amrit Mathur told AFP on Wednesday the 29year-old allrounder needed extensive treatment for a swollen left knee.

"We consulted a specialist here and Ravi may even need to undergo an operation," Mathur said.

"It could take up to two weeks for him to get back into shape, so it is unlikely he will play in Cape Town or the early part of the England tour."

SYDNEY, Dec 30:

reports BSS.



after the 1994 Commonwealth Games, reports AFP. The 32-year-old Jamaican born British sprinter became the oldest man ever to win a 100 metre Olympic gold in

Barcelona earlier this year. Tve given myself two more years, to include next year's

Not so happy New Year for Van Basten

GENEVA, Dec 30: European footballer-of-the-year Marco van Basten's ankle has not recovered sufficiently from surgery for him to return home for the New Year, his surgeon said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Surgeon Rene Marty, who operated on the AC Milan striker's right ankle on December 21, said the scar was not healing as quickly as expected and Van Basten would have to remain in his St Mortte clinic, the Swiss news agency reported.

Van Basten, who had hoped to see in the new year at home in the Netherlands, is expected to be out of action for three months. He was out for five months after an operation on the same ankle for ligament damage in 1987.

World Championships and the defence of my title at the Commonwealth Games," Chris-

SWARNE ... 7 for 52

for me after all the pressure of

people saying I had to get

wickets, but I never really

thought I could get seven,"

contribute to a win and hope-

fully we can go to Sydney now

"I feel pretty relieved to

Warne said.

and go 2-0 up.

There's a lot of satisfaction

"I think the Games will be my last competition, regardless of how well or badly I'm



LINFORD CHRISTIE

ced his retirement in August last year, two days after running fourth in the 100 metres at the Tokyo World Championships.

But with some persuasion from coach Ron Roddan, Christie changed his mind last February and came back for a magnificent win in Barcelona.

Christie attributed his successful comeback to attitude and many sacrifices, but said his next decision would stand for good

"I don't drink, I don't go out

Christie to quit after C'wealth Games

should be doing," he said. I believe I can go on until I'm 36 but I don't really want

along with training partner Colin Jackson and coach

coming distillusioned from only hearing talk about the Manchester bid, and never seeing concrete results, Christie said.

2002 Games bid

Russian city of Sochi is to be a candidate to host the Winter Olympics in 2002 and is being backed by the national Olympic committee, the Itar- Tass news agency reported Tuesday, reports AFP.

400,000 people situated at the foot of the Bolshoy Kavkaz mountain range, had an application for the 1998 Games rejected because of a lack of financial guarantees from the government of the former Soviet Union.

Sochi, a Black Sea Port of

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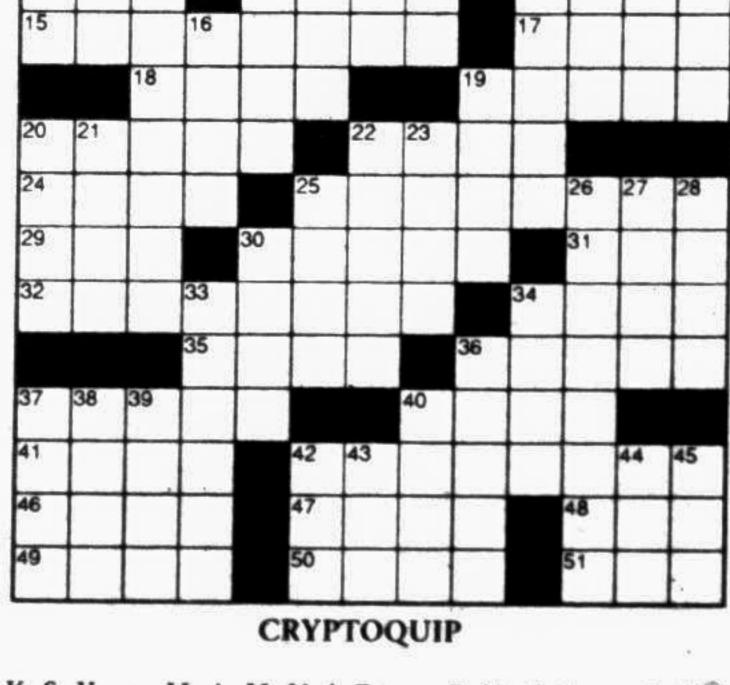
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JAVZAVZ AD Yesterday's Cryptoquip: VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE BABYSITTER HANDLES HER CHARGES WITH KID GLOVES.

specialty 45 Pigs' digs locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



"Maybe if we had taken a few catches early on it would have been a different thing," he said. The usually reliable Carl Hooper was guilty of putting down one very easy

Not surprisingly, Australia

The whole team supported me so much and it would have to be close to the best I've ever "I've still had doubts that I

could play at this level but I've

had great support from every-

Warne had taken only five Test wickets in his four previous appearances, but took advantage of a crumbling pitch and some surprisingly fragile batting. "The whole game plan worked beautifully and it was

very important for the side's

psyche to win," said captain

Allan Border.

"Shane has come up trumps and he deserves it because he's put a lot of work into his West Indies captain Richie Richardson said he did not be-

lieve Warne would be an on-

going threat throughout the series. "He got seven wickets and he bowled well today but you have to remember there are a lot of spinners who have come in and taken wickets and then after a while you don't hear

about then anymore," Richardson said. "You've got to give credit to him because he got the result but he's not a threat really. I don't think any of our batsmen

are afraid of him. The third Test between the teams begins Saturday in Sydney.

to discos, I don't do some of the things people my age

to - I'm going to get out on Christie recently resolved a visa dispute to travel to Australia and train in preparation for the 1993 World Indoor Championships in Canada,

Roddan. He said most Britons would favour Sydney's bid for the 2000 Olympics ahead of their own Manchester challenge because of the weather.

The British public was be-

MOSCOW, Dec 30: The