

Steve Waugh's timely ton

SYDNEY, Jan 2: Australian batsman Steve Waugh resurrected his flagging international cricket career with a stylish century in the third Test against the West Indies on Saturday, reports AP.

With his Test spot in jeopardy, Waugh scored 100 to steer Australia to 272-5 at stumps on the first day.

The Australians looked comfortable on a placid Sydney Cricket Ground pitch after captain Allan Border won his third consecutive series toss and elected to bat.

At one stage in the last session Australia were cruising at 254-2, but the visitors claimed three late wickets to get back into the contest.

Waugh's fourth Test century, off 205 balls, was his first since his 134 against Sri Lanka in Hobart in 1989 and his first against the West Indies.

It was a welcome return to form for the New South Wales state native who received a rousing reception from the 28,000-strong crowd at the SCG despite his scores of 10, 20, 38 and one in the series to date.

While on 100, Waugh tried to clip Curtly Ambrose's delivery off his hip. Waugh nudged the ball in the air to Phil Simmons at backward square leg and the Windies' allrounder made a fine catch.

Waugh had combined for a record second-wicket partnership for Australia-West Indies Sydney Tests of 118 with David Boon, who continued his good form with 76.

Boon has now scored nearly 300 runs in the series and is averaging more than 80 with the bat. Saturday's half-century was his 21st in Test. He looked set to register three figures when he was caught behind trying to sweep Jimmy Adams.

Steve Waugh also put on 94 with brother Mark, who hit a quick-fire 57 before being run out.

Mark Waugh hit six fours in his innings with the pair scoring at more than a run a minute. But his dismissal sparked a small collapse with Damien Martyn going for a duck with the score on 261.

Martyn was bowled by fiery paceman Ambrose with the first delivery with the new ball. Shortly before stumps Steve

Waugh departed and Australia were left with two fresh batsmen at the crease.

Border survived a few testing moments from Ambrose and will resume with Greg Matthews on Sunday.



Steve Waugh, the Australian allrounder, is seen in action against the West Indies on the first day of the third test at the Sydney Cricket Ground on January 2. Waugh's ton helped Australia rattle up 272 for five.

Ambrose was the best West Indian bowler, taking two wickets for 37 runs in 20 overs.

Australia won the second Test last week in Melbourne, while the first Test in Brisbane in early December ended in a draw. The fourth Test is scheduled to begin on Jan. 23 in Adelaide, with the fifth in Perth on Jan. 30.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the first day of the third Test between Australia and the West Indies

at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday:
Australia: First innings
D. Boon c Murray b Adams 76
M. Taylor c Murray b Bishop 20
S. Waugh c Simmons b Ambrose 100

Imran's new job
LAHORE, Pakistan, Jan 2: Pakistan's former cricket captain Imran Khan has been appointed an honorary advisor to the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP), a cricket official said here Friday, reports AFP.

Imran will advise the BCCP in formulating an international calendar for Pakistan's national and under-19 sides during the next 10 years, he said.

Imran's appointment Thursday comes as Pakistan faces difficulties in its tripartite bid to host the next one-day cricket World Cup.

Rain the spoiler
NEW DELHI, Jan 2: Heavy rain ruined England's chances of a practice game before their opening tour match on Sunday, reports Reuters.

The touring party had opted to play a 45-overs preparation match with some local players and the full squad on Saturday instead of traveling to Faridabad, venue of the three-day match against Indian champions Delhi.

But they managed only fielding practice on the rain-soaked pitch.

Tulu outruns Meyer again
DURHAM, England, Jan 2: Olympic 10,000 metre champion Derartu Tulu broke away from a field that included silver medalist Elana Meyer of South Africa to win the County Durham international cross country race by some 40 yards (meters) Saturday, reports AP.

It was the first time since the Olympics that the Ethiopian had raced against Meyer. And in icy, misty conditions, Tulu scored a comfortable victory in the 5.2 kilometre race.

Tulu finished ahead of Britain's Paula Radcliffe, the world junior cross country champion, with Meyer a distant third.

American runner Lynn Jennings, two world cross country champion who won the Olympic 10,000 metre bronze medal, had to pull out of the race on Thursday. Soon after arriving in Durham, she complained of stomach pains and needed an operation to remove her appendix.

Pita Bayesa, bronze medalist in the men's Olympic 5,000 metres, made it an Ethiopian double when he broke away from the field to win an 8 kilometre race by some 60 yards. Britain's John Brown was second and countryman Dave Lewis third.

Meyer and Tulu made the early running in the women's race, accompanied by Radcliffe, Kenya's Helen Kimaiyo and another British runner, Jenny Clague.

On the first of the four laps, these five broke away from the rest of the field. At one stage on lap two, Clague edged ahead and Meyer, who seemed to slip occasionally on the muddy undulating course, dropped back to fifth.

Radcliffe made her move on lap three and Kimaiyo briefly moved into second. The race appeared headed for a tight finish with all five in contention but Radcliffe and Tulu both made decisive bursts at the start of the final lap that left the other three well behind.

With some 1,000 yards to go, Tulu pulled away from the British runner who was unable to respond. By the time she reached the finish line, the Ethiopian was accelerating away from Radcliffe with Meyer some 60 yards further behind in third.

Kimaiyo finished fourth with Clague fifth.

Devoy ends career on a high
LONDON, Jan 2: World squash champion Susan Devoy of New Zealand has made her last appearance as the women's number one in the world rankings, reports AP.

Devoy, who retired in October and will be 29 on Monday, finished her magnificent career nearly 300 points clear of her nearest rival, Australia's Michelle Martin, according to the latest rankings.

With fifth-ranked Robyn Lambourne also retiring, the effective rankings for the new year have fellow Australian Michelle Martin on top, followed by a posse of five Englishwomen led by Martine le Moignan.

Rankings:
1. Susan Devoy (New Zealand) 1,364 pts
2. Michelle Martin (Australia) 1,007
3. Martine le Moignan (England) 850
4. Cassandra Jackman (England) 629
5. Robyn Lambourne (Australia) 595
6. Susan Wright (England) 451
7. Lisa Opie (England) 407
8. Suzanne Horner (England) 392
9. Liz Irving (Australia) 363
10. Heather Wallace (Canada) 360

Lindros ready to go
PHILADELPHIA, Jan 2: The Philadelphia Flyers might have rookie centre Eric Lindros on the ice Saturday when they visit the Calgary Flames, reports AP.

Lindros practised hard Friday for the first time since re-injuring his left knee Tuesday morning and said afterwards he planned to play Saturday night.

"It feels pretty good," Lindros told The Philadelphia Inquirer. "As far as conditioning goes, I could really feel it today. We'll see how it goes."

He said his knee is still less than 100 percent. Lindros sprained his knee on Nov 22 in a game against Buffalo and missed nine games over four weeks.

Perag badminton
Sports Reporter

Four matches were decided on the second day of the twelfth Paltima Perag Socks badminton championships at the Sangsad's Khilgaon auditorium on the Friday.

In three men's singles matches held on the day, Sumon beat Zakir 15-6, 15-13; Sarwar snuffed Rinku 15-13, 15-6 while Shiru edged Romel in three sets.

In the mixed doubles Juthi and Mahub outplayed Rupa and Shiru 15-4, 15-2.

Eight matches are scheduled for today.



Australia's Wally Masur makes a backhand return against Wayne Ferreira during their men's singles match of the Hopman Cup on January 2. Australia bundled South Africa out of the competition, winning the men's and women's singles as well as the mixed doubles matches.

Rhodes, Cullinan steady SA innings

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Jan 2: Jonty Rhodes and debutant Darrell Cullinan defied the Indian attack to help South Africa recover from a dismal start to their fourth and final Test here on Saturday, reports AP.

Coming together with South Africa down to 78-4 after electing to bat first, the pair added 99 for the fifth wicket to put the home team on 189 for five by stumps on the first day.

The 25-year-old Cullinan showed no signs of nerves as he stroked an impressive 46 before being caught at mid-on off Venkatapathy Raju 30 minutes before stumps.

The flamboyant Rhodes remained unbeaten on 61 with seven boundaries, his second Test half-century, keeping him company was local hero Brian McMillan on four.

The Indians, who need to win the match to level the series 1-1, marred an otherwise impressive display in the field by letting both Rhodes and Cullinan off the hook.

Cullinan was missed at silly point by Indian skipper Mohammad Azharuddin off Raju when he was on 14.

Rhodes saw an upshot on-drive against Kumble pass just beyond the reach of a diving Raju at mid-wicket shortly before tea.

Rhodes, then on seven, also escaped being run out by a fumbling Kiran More when he had moved to 35.

India, pilloried by critics back home for a dismal performance on the African tour so far, applied early pressure on a Newlands wicket that is already aiding turn.

Seamer Manoj Prabhakar uprooted Wessels' centre stump in his first over, just as he had done in the third Test in Port Elizabeth earlier this week.

It was the third time in the series that a South African wicket had fallen for naught, following Kapil Dev's first-ball dismissal of Jimmy Cook in the

first Test in Durban. The early fall of the in-form Wessels stopped the South African batsmen in their tracks.

The first run came off the 32nd delivery of the match and only 19 had been scored at the end of the first hour.

Left-arm spinner Venkatapathy Raju, who came on in the 10th over, bowled five maidens on a trot before conceding his first run off the fifth ball of his sixth over.

But it was seamer Jagavallu Srinath at the other end who struck the second blow by holding a sharp return catch to remove Hudson and make South Africa 28-2.

Peter Kirsten, 11 at lunch, added two more when he edged Kapil Dev outswinger to wicket-keeper Kiran More to make South Africa 57 for three.

It was the 33-year-old Kapil's 411th Test wicket which puts him just 20 behind Richard Hadlee's world record of 431.

Hansie Cronje, century-maker in the third Test in Port Elizabeth, batted for three hours to make 33 before offering



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Aussies to play 3 Tests in SA
CAPE TOWN, Jan 2: The first official Australian touring team to visit South Africa for two decades will play three Tests in a month, reports Reuters.

Australia and South Africa, who last met at Test level in 1970 when Bill Lawry's touring team were thrashed 4-0, will play separate back to back series in 1993-94.

After Tests in Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide in last December and January both sides will travel to South Africa for three Tests in March.

The South African leg will be preceded by a four match one-day international series and followed by four day/night clashes.

The provisional itinerary released by the United Cricket Board of South Africa revives the popular practice of playing four matches against provincial

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Indomitable spirits on wheelchair
HANOI, Jan 2: Disabled athletes from five countries with little in common but the will to compete were cheered on by tens of thousands of Hanoi residents Saturday as a 10-kilometre wheelchair race kicked off competition in the city's first marathon weekend, reports AP.

The crowd was very, very friendly, very supportive," said the sole Australian entry, Western Australia Minister for Sport and Recreation Graham Edwards, who lost his legs to a land mine blast when he was serving with the Australian army in Vietnam in 1970.

Prasopchok Klunnern of Pattaya, Thailand, was the easy winner of the contest with a time of 24 minutes and 20 seconds, besting competitors from Hong Kong, Vietnam, the Philippines and Australia.

Prasopchok, a 20-year-old electronics repairman who was born without legs, has been competing for six years. He said after the race that he hopes someday to beat the world record, which is about 21 minutes.

The wheelchair race was the first of four scheduled events, which include a 10-kilometre "Fund Run" on Saturday, and a marathon and half-marathon Sunday. The wheelchair race was the first international event of its kind held in Vietnam.

Contestants for all events were welcomed before the contests began by young Vietnamese women attired in traditional so dai dress who presented them with bouquets.

A dance troupe and a military band were also part of the colourful opening ceremony, held by the Lake of the Restored Sword, one of the Hanoi's many scenic attractions.

And as if to show that even Vietnam's Communist bureaucrats sometimes let their hair down, several dozen local and national officials, including Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Khanh and Minister of Culture and Information Tran Hoan, participated in a short "VIP Dash," no winners were announced for the events.

Unseasonably warm weather contributed to the festive atmosphere as the 26 wheelchair competitors zipped

through the streets of a city many travelers consider the most charming capital in Southeast Asia.

The streets were not level, and the wheelchairs sent water and sewage spraying up from potholes, said Hong Kong's Wong Chi-Kaung, 25, who nonetheless clocked 28:16 to take second place.

Wong, stricken with polio as an infant, is a data-entry expert for the Hong Kong Sports Institute.

Another Thai competitor, Prest Thongchuen, 29, ran a close third with a time of 28:47. Also a childhood polio victim, he works as an accountant at a foundation for the disabled in the Bangkok suburb of Nonthaburi.

Competitors from Hong Kong and Vietnam captured fourth and fifth place respectively.

Hong Kong's Chan Kam Tim, 29, the sole woman contestant, clocked a personal best of 38:03 to take 11th place.

Edwards, the Australian entry, who tied for last with a time of 1 hour, 8 minutes and 46 seconds, joked that the lesson he gained from the event

was that "I'm not fit."

It was the first time the Labour Party minister had run a 10-kilometre race.

"I thought there was only one lap — none of the bastards told me there were two, growled the barrel-chested Vietnam veteran, who usually prefers water sports.

"All the Vietnamese people, I've met, particularly the disabled blokes, have been great," he added.

Edwards reflected on attitudes towards the war which cost him his legs and took the lives of more than a million and a half Vietnamese.

"The beautiful thing about the Vietnamese people, they say it happened, you can't change it, you shouldn't forget it but they don't think about it. They look to the future, to shake hands."

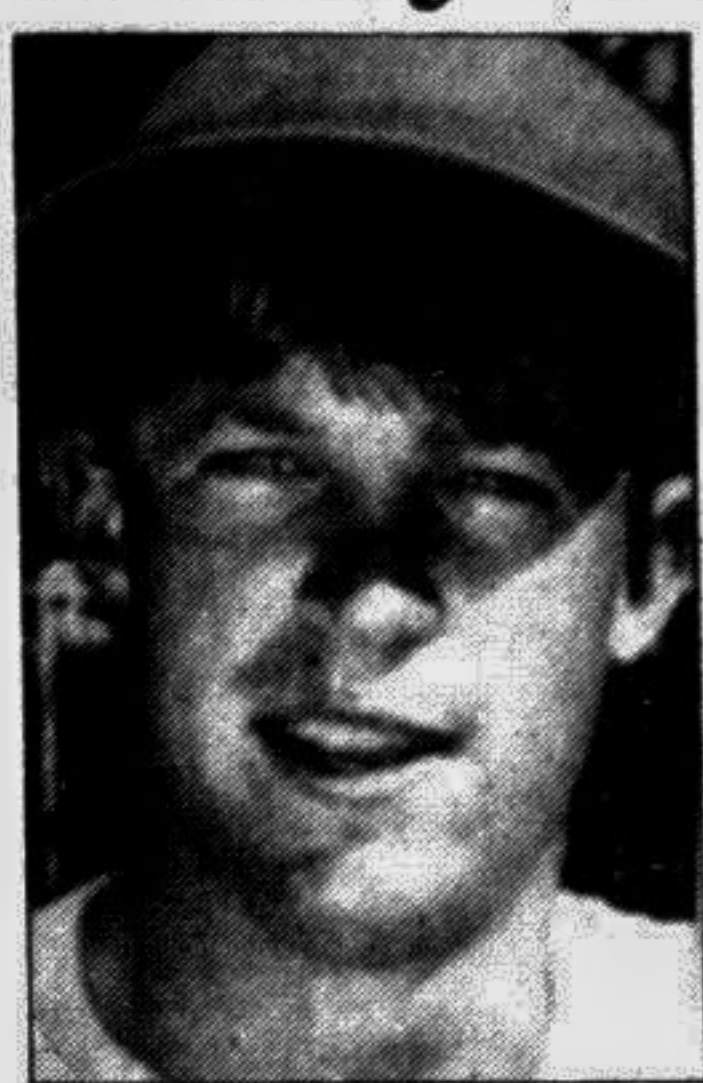
Saturday's other event, a 10-kilometre "Fund Run" to benefit the Hanoi Sports Club for the Disabled, was won by Australian John Tuckey with a time of 33:17. He topped a field of 176 runners.

Organisers said there are 131 men and 17 women signed up to take part in Sunday's marathon.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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8 Inside view?
12 Salon service
14 First-rate
15 Fire and water
16 Zola
17 Wild heroine
18 Merchant
20 Deep-blue glass
23 Jeremy's singing partner
24 Chest sound
25 Obtain
28 Spanish gold
29 Noted clergyman/author
30 Shril bark
32 Surgical instrument
34 Work as a model
35 Feed the kitty
36 Woodland
37 Scanty swimsuit
40 Former chess champ
41 Wading bird
42 Refined grace
47 Brazilian marmoset
48 Church office
49 Barbara or Anthony
50 Asian festival
51 Moslem ruler
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1 Dutch uncle
2 Youth org.
3 Shot or step lead-in
4 Like Simon of rhyme
5 Small and weak
6 Carney of comedy
7 Unhealthful place
8 Col-eridge's poetic city
9 "Tobacco"
10 British princess
11 "My Favorite"
13 Primitive chisel
19 Kind of contest
20 Sign of a smash hit
21 Playwright
22 Name of baseball brothers
23 Jalopy
25 Most trivial
26 Peasant, in India
27 Like a certain chair or street
29 Actor
31 Sean
33 Former grape
34 Buckingham, for one
36 Cooking herb
37 Dentist's concern
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39 Ben Franklin's prop
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JONTY RHODES... 61 n.o. in an easy bat-pad of leg-spinner Anil Kumble.

Earlier, India left out left-handed opener Woorkeri Raman due to an eye injury to give the off-form Sanjay Manjrekar another chance to strike form.

South Africa omitted scammers Meyrick Pringle and Brett Schultz to go in the Test with just four specialist bowlers.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the first day of the fourth and final cricket Test between South Africa and India today:

SOUTH AFRICA: first innings
A Hudson c and b Srinath 19
K Wessels b Prabhakar 0
H Cronje c Manjrekar 33
P Kirsten c More 13
b Kapil Dev
D Cullinan c Prabhakar 46
J Rhodes not out 61
B McMillan not out 4
Extras: (lb-13) 13
Total: (for five wickets) 189
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-28; 3-57; 4-78; 5-177

To bat: D Richardson, O Henry, C Matthews, A Donald

Bowling: O M R W
Kapil Dev 17 6 26 1
Prabhakar 11 2 36 1
Raju 30 9 58 1
Srinath 12 4 25 1
Kumble 33 6 44 1

INDIA: Manoj Prabhakar, Ajay Jadhav, Sanjay Manjrekar, Sachin Tendulkar, Mohammad Azharuddin (captain), Praveen Amre, Kapil Dev, Kiran More, Venkat Raju, Anil Kumble, Jagavallu Srinath.

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: I KNOW THAT PHOTOGRAPHIC MODELS FOR WOMEN'S GLOVES ARE ALL HAND-PICKED.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: K equals T

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.