Victory beckons New Zealand

15: New Zealand were within 33 runs of their first home test victory in three years at

close of play on the fourth day of the third and final Test match against Australia today, but with only five wickets remaining, reports Reuter. New Zcaland, chasing 201

for victory in the third and final Test, were 168 for five at close, with Ken Rutherford, the last specialist batsman, at the crease with wicketkeeper Tony Blain. Rutherford was looking confident on 31 not

The Test has been delicately poised for four days, with fortunes swinging wildly between the two teams.

Monday was no different as Australia patiently built what appeared to be a solid but modest total of 285 all out.

New Zealand began their chase as if they were playing a one-day game, flamboyant lefthander Mark Greatbatch repeatedly charging Australian pace duo Craig McDermott and Merv Hughes.

Tension crept into proceedings as Hughes and Greatbatch "eyeballed" each other, and Hughes may have landed himself in trouble by apparently spitting in Greatbatchs direction and making an obscene gesture to the crowd when he bowled the

Greatbatch and 38-year-old opener John Wright gave New Zealand a solid start, with Greatbatch hitting four fours and a six for a quickfire 29.

Wright, playing probably his last Test match, scored a patient 33 before being given run out by the third umpire watching a television replay, a harsh decision that brought a brilliant Test career to a sad end.

At 65 for two, New Zealand appeared comfortable. Andrew Jones and captain Martin Crowe took the score along to 109, Crowe looking majestic as usual, before the New Zealand

in the match in the one-off

Test with Shri Lanka on

threatened to put the game out

of England's reach when, with

all top five scoring well, they

Shri Lanka's batsmen had

Monday, reports Reuter.

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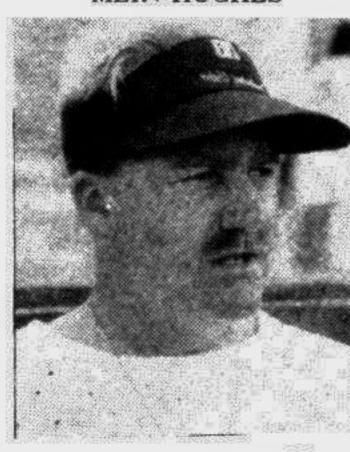
keep the tourists

captain lost an intriguing battle with legspinner Shane Warne.

Warne, the Australian revellation of recent times, beat Crowe's bat several times and then took the key wicket by persuading Crowe to pop up a



MERV HUGHES



MARK GREATBATCH

simple catch to Justin Langer after he had scored 25.

Twenty runs later Warne struck again, bowling number three Andrew Jones for 26 and New Zealand were looking shaky at 129 for four. Chris Harris, whose contribution to this Test match has been minimal, was trapped leg before by Steve Waugh for a duck.

But Rutherford and Blain swung the balance back in New Zealand's favour in the last 45 minutes, adding 34 runs and bringing New Zealand agonisingly close to squaring the three-match series after a humiliating innings and 60-run defeat in Christchurch.

A bit of fun!

AUCKLAND, Mar 15: Australian fast bowler Merv Hughes' spitting, spitting, crude finger gestures and shunting of New Zealand opening batsman Mark Greatbatch during a cricket Test here Monday were termed by Test referee Javed Burki as "a bit of fun", reports

With the Test finely balanced on the fourth day, Hughes repeatedly stood in mid-pitch and was seen uttering words at Greatbatch during New Zealand's second innings chase for victory.

On one occasion, Hughes spat in Greatbatch's direction and when he bowled the batsman out, Hughes gave Greatbatch another burst of vitriol then raised his finger to the crowd in a crude gesture.

At one point Hughes seemed to elbow Greatbatch on the wicket.

The International Cricket Council's (ICC) code of conduct has eight points under which players can be penalised by the council's match referee.

One of those is that players and team officials shall not use crude or abusive language (known as sledging) nor make offensive gestures.

However, former Pakistan Test batsman Burki had no problem with Hughes be-

"I think what was going on today was fine," he said.

"There was no violation of the code because they had a bit of fun out here on the field."

"They come back in the evening and they have a drink together and there are no hard feelings."

Greatbatch said relations between the players off the

field were good He said what happened involving Hughes wasn't a new experience for him.

A long day for the Englishmen

which added 32 runs as the bowlers tired. "It was a very good day. I could not have asked for more from my bowlers in the conditions. They stuck at it all day and it was great effort to come

moved within 50 runs of England's first innings 380 with seven wickets left. But pacemen Chris Lewis and Paul Jarvis took four wickets with the new ball to stem their progress and Shri Lanka

They will be disappointed that all of their top six batsmen passed 40 without going

reached the close on 408 for

on to make a century. Aravinda de Silva came closest with a fluent, if increasingly chancy 80, before he was well caught down the leg side by wicketkeeper Alec Stewart.

Stewart gave a captain's lead with four dismissals, the only blemish being a difficult missed leg-side catch offered by De Silva off Devon Malcolm six runs before his dismissal.

Shri Lankan skipper Arjuna Ranatunga, who made 54 as a schoolboy on England's previous visit to Colombo 11 years ago, hit 64 and there were also half-centuries for opener Chandika Hathurusinghe, who made 59, and Hashan Tillekaratne who marshalled the tail well to make 51 not

But Asanka Gurusinha, the other batsmen at the crease when Shri Lanka resumed in the morning on 140 for one, just missed out, being smartly

stumped by Stewart for 44. They key wicket was De Silva's who had added 127 in 34 overs with Ranatunga when he fell to Jarvis. De Silva hit

five fours and a six. Nine runs later Ranatunga went to Lewis, who came back well to finish with three for 53, and from then on it was a matter of Shri Lanka edging

their way into the lead.

They did so thanks to an unbroken ninth-wicket partnership between Tillekaratne and Muttiah Muralidharan

back at pace with the new ball after fielding for four hours," said Stewart.



ARAVINDA DE SILVA

England's spinners were largely innocuous, however, and coach Keith Fletcher admitted: "There seem to be two different pitches, a turner when they bowl and a flat one when we do. I have no idea

With two days remaining after Tuesday's rest day, the onus is on the English batsmen to copy the improvement against spin shown by Robin Smith, Graeme Hick and

In the first innings they collapsed against Muralidharan and Jayananda Warnaweera after those three key batsmen were out and any repeat could push them towards another

embarrassing defeat. "We need to get the last two wickets and then bat sen sibly. We have got to get stuck in as one or two batters did in the first innings," said Stewart. Ashley De Silva, making his Test debut, was caught by

Mike Gatting at forward short leg off John Emburey for 9, Champaka Ramanyake was taken by Jarvis with a reflex catch by Lewis at gully for one.

Before lunch, overnight not out batsmen Chandika Hathurusinghe (59) and Gurusinha added 54 runs for the second wicket. Their partnership was broken by Lewis who got Hathurusinghe to flash outside the off stump and give a low catch to Stewart.

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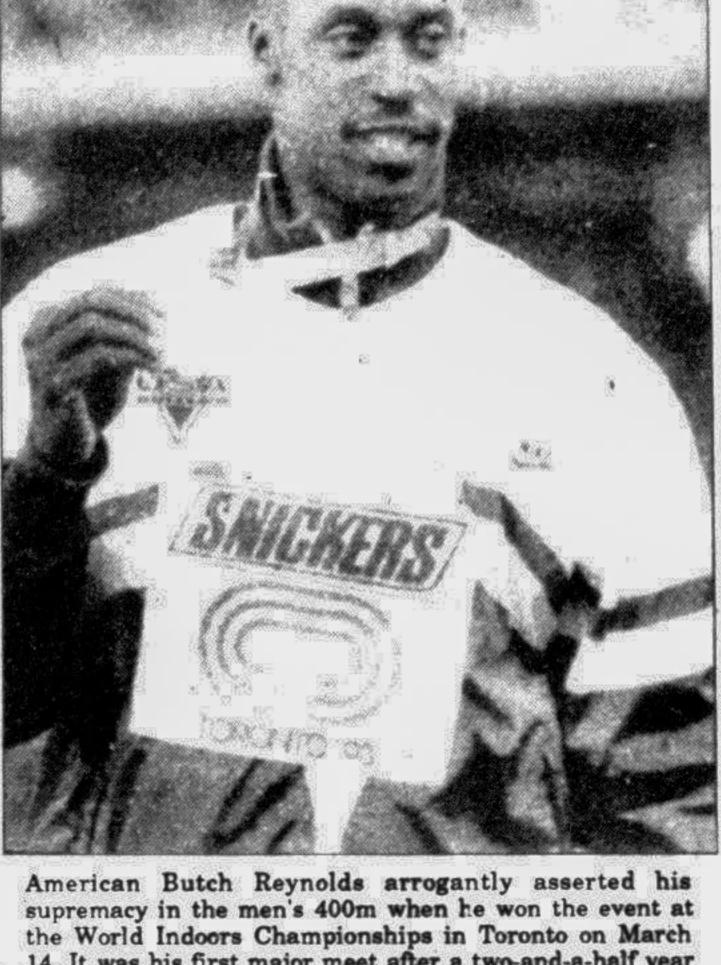
Scoreboard at close on the day of the one-off Test between England and Shri Lanka at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground here Monday.

ENGLAND: First innings 380 (Smith 128, Hick 69, Stewart 63, Warnaweera 4-90, Mualidaran 4-118)

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349; 7-371; 8-376 Bowling: 45 Malcolm 53 ewis 106 30 Tulnell 27 0 Emburey Umptres: K.T Francis and T.M Samarasinghe.



14. It was his first major meet after a two-and-a-half year IAAF-imposed suspension on drug charges. - AFP photo

The wrangle continues



15: Butch Revnolds scored gold on the track yesterday in a triumphant return

to international athletics, but the legal wrangling in his 27.3 million dollars judgment by a US, court against the International Amateur Athletic Federation continues to fester. reports Reuter.

Reynolds, who had been suspended for 2 1/2 years for an alleged doping violation, won the 400 metres at the World Indoor Championships in the fifth fastest time ever, bit afterwards an attorney for the American star said the IAAF had also gone to the US courts to continue their fight.

They have entered an appearance to contest jurisdiction of the federal court," said Reynolds' attorney David Young.

The move in US district court in Columbus, Ohio, is a new tactic by the IAAF, which has steadfastly refused to recognise the uncontested judgment Reynolds won in December. "It may be time to start

kicking back," Enrico Jacomini chief of staff for IAAF president Primo Nebiolo, told Reuters. Reynolds had hoped

Nebtolo would present him with his 400 metre gold, but Nebiolo made no presentations on Sunday. "According to protocol, he

wasn't supposed to," Jacomini said of the Reynolds ceremony. "If he did, the gesture could have been misinterpreted.

Jones, Dodemaide

to join Aussies

Batsman Dean Jones and all-

rounder Tony Dodemaide will

return to the Australian

cricket team for a series of

limited-overs internationals in

New Zealand, the selectors

announced Monday, reports

teammate will join the

Australian Test team for the

series, which begins on Friday

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Craig McDermott and batsman

Justin Langer would return to

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Jones and his Victorian

MELBOURNE, Mar 15

Reynolds frequently has been outspoken in his criticism of the IAAF saying it botched the handling of his doping test in 1990 that led to his suspension.

But on Sunday, he appeared subdued, showing little of the emotion that one might have suspected would have accompanied his triumphant return to the international stage. "It is time for the IAAF and

my team to come to a mutual understanding," Reynolds said. Asked for an explanation, young said: "Now that Butch has won a gold medal, you're going to see a tonight down of

the rhetoric." Mimi Dane, another of Reynolds' attorneys, declined to comment when asked whether a settlement with the IAAF was in the works.

Jacomini said the IAAF would never agree to a monetary settlement with the world outdoor 400-metre record holder.

"The IAAF offered him an opportunity to apologies and retract his legal action," Jacomini said of a letter sent to Reynclds earlier this year.

But Reynolds has said he would never apologies, and Dane said Reynolds would never reach an agreement with the IAAF without a financial

She said court papers had been filed in Ohio seeking to garnish money that Coca-Cola, Reebook and other corporate sponsors owe the IAAF in contractual obligation.

"We are pursuing the collection process," Dane said "Butch won't cave in."

in the 70th minute to lift Norway to a 2-1 victory over Sweden on Sunday and win the six nation Cyprus Cup women's soccer tournament, reports

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TORONTO, Mar war of words with the IAAF 15: Butch Reynoever since his suspension, dislds made a golden return to the international



stage on Sunday by winning the 400 metres title at the World Indoor Athletics Championships, reports Reuter. Reynolds, in his first major meeting since serving a disputed two-and-a-half year dop-

triumph with a time of 45.26 seconds - the fifth fastest indoor time ever. "This victory is a vindication for me," said Reynolds, who has claimed his innocence of any wrongdoing and won in December an as yet uncollected 27.3 million dollars award against the international

a US court. "This was vindication, it's not any normal goldmedal for

Canadian Olympic champion Mark McKoy, a self-admitted former dabbler in steroids who has also made it back from a suspension, was another World Championships winner, claiming gold in a thrilling 60metre hurdles duel at the Skydome.

McKoy committed one false start but that did not keep him from getting an explosive start as he won in 7.41 seconds to beat friend and rival Colin Jackson of Britain and American Tony Dees, who were both timed in 7.43. Jackson twice the world

indoor champion, took the silver and Dees received the

O'BRIEN'S RECORD Two world records also

highlighted the final day of the three-day championships. American Dan Obrien, the

world decathlon record holder, set a world record in the men's indoor heptathlon, and Inessa Kravets of Ukraine set a world indoor record of 14.47 metres in the women's triple jump, the first time that event has been held at the World Championships.

Several spills and other scintillating performances marked the final session, which offered 15 gold medals, but it was Reynolds' return that drew most of the atten-Reynolds, who has waged a

played cuiet satisfaction after his victory. He raised his right fist in the air and then his left but there was no public rejoic-

Brilliant return for Butch Reynolds



"I want to move on with the positive of the sport and not keep harping on what people already know about," Reynolds said afterwards, refusing to be drawn into another attack on the sport's governing body. Reynolds, uncomfortable

running in the fifth lane of the high-banked track, waited until he came out of the final curve to turn it on as he caught Nigerian Sunday Bada and won going away.

Bada was second in 45.75, followed by Australian Darren Clark in 46.45.

"Once again, my performance has spoken for itself," the 28-year-old Reynolds said.

PRIVALOVA WINS 200M Russian Irina Privalova, the

Olympic 100 metres bronze medalist, made up for her narrow miss in Friday's 60 metres with an emphatic victory in-

the women's 200 metres, running the second-fastest time ever to win in 22.15.

Cuban world high jump record holder Javier Sotomayor, bronze medalist in the 1991 championships claimed the gold with a year's best jump of 2.41 metres to beat Sweden's Patrik Sjoberg. who cleared 2.39.

O'Brien used a world best heptathlon long jump on Saturday to boost him to a world record total of 6,476 points. The old record in the seven-event test was 6,418 set by Christian Plaziat of France

in Geneva in February 1992. That was my goal coming in here. I wanted to hold the would record in all three multi-events," said O'Brien. who also holds the record in the decathlon and pentathlon.

The day's other world record setter, Kravets, was denied one measure of satisfaction when organisers played the IAAF anthem because they could not locate the Ukrainian anthem. A mid-race collision

knocked Jose Luiz Barbosa of Brazil, the 1987 World Indoor champion, out of the men's 800 metres.

Barbosa bumped with Germany's Motchebon, who went on to take the bronze behind Britain's Tom McKean.

Two other athletes survived mishaps to win medals. Switzerland's Sandra Gasser, leading the women's

1,500 metres with about 20 metres to go, gave out after she was passed by Russian Ekaterina Podkopaeva and tumbled to the track just a few metres from the finish She was passed by Violeta

Beclea of Romania for the silver but Gasser managed to stretch her hand over the line to claim bronze. A fall in the 60-metre

women's hurdles forced a rerun but the victim turned into the champion as longshot Julie Baumann of Switzerland came back to win gold. Baumann was bumped from

the lead in the original race when Michelle Freeman of Jamaica went sprawling after the final hurdle and knocked into her. A re-run was ordered and this time Baumann tri umphed over American Olympic silver medalist Lavonna Martin to win the ti-

"Justice was served," said Baumann.

McKoy may have false started



15: World indoor hurdles gold medalist Mark Mc-Koy was the first to admit he may have jumped the gun, reports

Reuter. paid off the starter". joked McKoy, who had been charged with one false start and risked disqualification for

a second. "But I got a flyer. And I'm not the starter so there you go... After my false start I was so jumpy. I wanted to win this."

Running in his first competition before a hometown crowd since January 1988, the 31-year-old Olympic 100-metre hurdles champion said if he had not had such a quick start, Briton Colin Jackson, his friend and training partner, likely would have won.

McKoy clocked 7.41. Jackson, who co-owns a home in Toronto with McKoy, was second in 7.43, the same time as bronze medalist Tony Dees of the United States.

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Jackson said. "Mark got out to a very quick start but it's not his job to call it back."

Dees said McKoy conceded he had probably false started in the process of winning the race, but "If the officials didn't catch it, that means it's offi-

Asked if he would have admitted he had jumped the gun if it had been him, Dees

"That's how the world record was set (by American Greg Foster)," Dees said. "You saw Greg, then you saw the smoke from the gun, and then you heard the gun and Gerg was already over the first hur-

"They're (false starts) not detected in California (where Foster is from) or in Canada."

McKoy has been a controversial figure in Canada since the 1988 Olympics. He was suspended for two years for leaving the Seoul Games without permission on the day it was announced Ben Johnson had tested positive for banned steroid.

McKov had finished seventh in the hurdles event and team officials said he had been expected to compete on Canada's relay team. McKoy insisted he had not been named to the relay team

In 1989 at the Canadian inquiry into drug use in amateur sport, McKoy admitted he had used banned steroids briefly in 1987 and 1988.

He quit athletics in 1989 but a chance encounter with Jackson's sister, an actress who was working in Toronto, led to his joining Jackson in Wales to train along with coach Malcolm Arnold.

"Malcolm and Colin have definitely helped me a lot." said McKoy, whose parents sat with Jackson's parents in the Skydome stands.

"If it weren't for Colin and Malcolm I wouldn't be here today."

McKoy plans on moving closer to his Welsh friends and to the rich European athletics circuit. He and his wife and two children are moving to Linz, Austria, this week.

Mixed fortunes for European giants



The big guns of European football had mixed fortunes this weekend, but Barcelona, AC Milan, and Bayern

weekend, reports AFP. Barcelona beat Spanish title rivals Deportivo La Coruna 3-0. Bayern Munich could only play out a goalless draw against 10man Dyna mo Dresden, while AC Milan's 2-2 draw at Lazio maintained their incredible

Munich still top the tables this

unbeaten league run. A freak sending off and a disputed penalty helped Barcelona dispose of Deportivo with a flattering scoreline.

11-point lead, and 58 match

The result enabled Johan Cruyff's side to stake a late challenge to reclaim their title, made easter by Real Madrid's 2-2 draw. Barcelona are now one point clear at the top of the table, but Deportivo,

football made them early lead ers, were left wondering where their luck had gone. Real Madrid fought out a 2-2 draw at home to Logrones. but Real looked set to claim victory before Augustin Abadio equalised in injury time with

whose refreshing attacking

seven this season. It was Abadio who broke the deadlock in the 63rd minute, but Emilio Butragueno and then Juan-Eduardo put Real back on course before Abadio's final flurry.

his first non-penalty goal of his

Bayrn Munich can have no complaints about the point they scraped from 10-man Dynamo Dresden to stay top of the Bundesliga. Bayern were unable to find the net despite their relegation threatened rivals losing Andreas Wagenhaus, sent off in the 26th minute. The former East German champions defended stoutly and goalkeeper Rene Muller was outstanding.

Second placed Eintracht Frankfurt narrowed the gap to two points by putting four past Wattenscheid 09- with Norwegian striker Jorn Andersen and Edgar Schmitt each secring twice.

Werder Bremen dropped from second to third after their 2-0 defeat at VFL Bochum, whose now move off the bottom place. Borussia Dortund, who lead the chasing pack, are now only a point behind Bremen after their 0-0 draw with Kaiserslautern.

take the Italian title, but Lazio's Paul Gascoigne lived up to his 5.5 million pound price tag and was a continual thorn in the side of Milan. Second placed Inter Milan were held 1-1 at home by AS

AC Milan look destined to

the Italian Cup in midweek. Roma's Claudio Caniggia got a second half equalizer Sampdoria were the only side in the top half of the Italian league to win. Two goals from striker Roberto Maneini

were enough to down Cagliari.

Roma, who beat AC Milan in

Gasten Huard set a new French record for stopping goals as Bordeaux frustrated demoralised Olympique Marseille's attempts to go back top of the French championship.

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