

Sport

**Bangladesh take on UAE today**

Bangladesh will take on hosts United Arab Emirates (UAE) in the Group F second-leg match of the World Cup Asia zone qualifier in Al-Ain today, reports UNB.

The match kicks off at 9.15 pm Bangladesh time.

Bangladesh lost to UAE 0-1 in the first leg in Japan last month.

In the second leg, Bangladesh suffered a 1-4 defeat against group leaders Japan in their opening encounter at Dubai on Friday.

Rumi Rizvi Karim netted the only goal for Bangladesh in the 10th minute of the first half.

Bangladesh, who finished fourth ahead of Sri Lanka in the first leg of the five-nation group, will play their remaining second leg matches against Thailand on May 5 and Sri Lanka on May 7, the closing day of the group matches.

**Rain the spoiler**

The day-night match between Gold Leaf XI and Bestmoo Group XI in the Sponsors' cricket tournament could not be held yesterday due to heavy rain.

The match will be held today if weather favours, a BCCB official said.

**Schools kabaddi**

CA Staff Welfare School dumped Ram Krishna Mission School 27-8 in the fourth BGIC schools kabaddi tournament at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

The winners, who led the first half 10-1, finished the match with two lonas against the losers' none.

The other match between Bangladesh Rifles High School and Mirpur Bangla High School fell through owing to heavy downpour.

On Saturday, Kamalapur High and Dweepshika School registered big wins in their respective matches.

Kamalapur School's win was the bigger of the two. They simply destroyed Wari School by 76-19 in a painfully one-sided affair. The victors raced to an unassailable 31-11 lead at the end of the first half. The Kamalapur School students recorded as many as seven lonas.

In the other match of the day, Dweepshika School triumphed 55-28 against Motijheel Govt High School. The winners, who had a 35-8 edge at the breather, posted four lonas.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Segun Bagicha High vs Motijheel Model High  
Maniknagar Junior High vs Ansar and VDP School

**Dulal off to Turkey**

Mahmud Hossain Khan Dulal, general secretary of the Bangladesh Sports Writers Association (BSWA) left Dhaka for Turkey yesterday to participate in the 56th Congress of the International Sports Press Association (AIPS).

The five-day congress begins tomorrow (Tuesday) in Istanbul.

Dulal Mahmud was invited to take part in the congress by AIPS.

BSWA is likely to get the membership of AIPS in the congress. The association has already become a member of the Asian Sports Press Union (APSU).

The representatives of 112 countries including Bangladesh are expected to attend the congress of world's highest organisation of sports writers and journalists.

International Olympic Council (IOC) chairman Juan Antonio Samaranch, International Amateur Athletic Federation chairman Primo Nebiolo are likely to be present at the congress.

**Ban on Munna goes**

The ban on celebrated soccer player of the country, Monem Munna, has been lifted.

The board of directors of defending Star First Division football league champions Abahani Krira Chakra, at a meeting Saturday, decided to lift the one-year ban imposed upon Munna on disciplinary grounds.

Club sources said Munna is expected to start practising soon for the ensuing league.

**Mimu goes to Jakarta**

Athletics Coach Shamima Sattar Mimu left Dhaka for the Indonesian capital of Jakarta on Saturday to take part in a seminar on high jump at the Regional Development Centre of International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF).

The seminar will be held from May 3 to May 10.

**National championships begin**

27 teams are taking part in the six-day tournament, jointly organised by the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation and Jessore District Sports Association.

In Group B, Rajshahi, Narail, Dhaka and Jessore had easy passage to the semifinals. Dhaka defeated Bagerhat, Jessore made quick work of Gaibandha, Narail nipped Sirajganj and Rajshahi took care of Sathkira in the round of eight.

Earlier in the morning, Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Tariqul Islam inaugurated the six-day competition. Syed Yousuf Hossain, president of the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation, Bhuiyan Rafiquddin Ahmed, DC of Jessore who is also the president of the tournament organising committee, was also present on the occasion.

One hundred and sixty-nine paddlers — 77 men, 23 women and 69 boys — representing

**Caddick shows why he's needed**

LONDON, May 2: Andrew Caddick gave the England selectors another nudge on Saturday by bowling Somerset to a crushing county championship victory over Hampshire by an innings and 148 runs, reports AFP.

The 28-year-old pace prospect, who was born in New Zealand, followed up his career-best return of six for 48 in the first innings with four for 44 in the second, finishing Hampshire off with a spell of three wickets in four balls.

Hampshire skipper Mark Nicholas, who had scored 76 in the first innings total of 156, provided the only resistance second time around with 47 out of 196.

Matthew Maynard also reminded the England selectors of his talent with a sparkling 52 as he became the youngest Glamorgan player to reach 10,000 runs.

Maynard, who last year completed his international ban for the England rebel tour of South Africa, helped the Welsh county build a lead of 384 over Sussex at Cardiff.

Glamorgan's batsman dominated the third day after Sussex had been dismissed for 309, 22 behind, with former England bowler Steve Watkin collecting five for 87.

Stephen James (61) and Adrian Dale added 124 for the second wicket, and then Robert Croft and Tony Cottee (68) added 111 in an unbro-

ken sixth-wicket partnership. England reject Mark Ramprakash also announced himself as an Ashes candidate by taking Middlesex to within sight of beating Gloucestershire at Bristol.

The 23-year-old, dubbed a bad boy after twice being reprimanded by the county for losses of temper last season, painful memories of a miserable winter tour on Saturday by completing a polished century at Leicester.

After plodding to 50 in three and a half hours, the England vice-captain accelerated to his 24th first-class century off 225 balls with a six and 10 fours.

Stewart's five-hour vigil ended when he was snapped up for 109 during Adrian Pierson's marathon 48-over spell of five for 110. Surrey finished on 299 for nine, a lead of 289.

The day's only other century-maker in the championship was ex-England opener Tim Curtis, whose 113 steered Worcestershire into a commanding position against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge.

The Worcester skipper, who grafted for 348 minutes and hit 13 boundaries, provided the backbone of his side's progress to 288 for six and a lead of 258.

Meanwhile, Warwickshire moved into a powerful position against Northamptonshire after a century partnership by Trevor Penney and new captain Dermot Reeve at Edgbaston.

The fifth-wicket pair put on 132, Penney making 65 and Reeve 67 not out to lead Warwickshire to 191 for five, 304 in front.

Norhamptonshire had started the day at 191 for five, but after Nigel Felton had gone for 93, they slid to 240 all out.



ANDREW CADDICK

hit a fighting, unbeaten 68 to steer Middlesex to 141 for five, 74 runs away from victory.

Earlier, Phil Tufnell and John Emburey, Middlesex's England spinners, put a dismal Indian and Sri Lankan tour behind them by combining to bowl Gloucestershire out for just 95.

Tufnell finished with four for 33 and Emburey an even more miserly four for 15 as Gloucester failed to capitalise on a first-innings lead of 119.

Surrey skipper Alec Stewart also began brushing away the

**T&T in Pioneer soccer semis**

Motijheel T and T Club confirmed this berth in the semifinals of Janata Bank Pioneer football league.

On Saturday they edged past KR Boys Club by solitary goal in a Group 'A' championship play-off round match at the Outer Stadium.

Saiful netted the match-winner.

It was T and T Club's third consecutive win in the play-off round.

In the other match of the day, Kawran Bazar Pragati Sangha beat Shatadal Samajik Sangskritik Sangha by the same margin.

Ahidul scored the all-important goal for the Kawran Bazar outfit.

**Gooch's 100th**

CAMBRIDGE, England, May 2: England Captain Graham Gooch became the 23rd batsman to score 100 centuries here on Saturday, reports AFP.

He reached three figures for Essex against Cambridge

**Div II basketball**

Dhaka Martner Youngs Club, boasting a string of national stars lived up to the expectations when they demolished Kurmitola Young Star Club 133-45 at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

Spearheaded by brilliant marksmanship of Zahir, who caged 65 points, Dhaka Mariners dominated from the very beginning and raced to a huge 60-23 lead in the first half.

Apart from Zahir, Junaid also found scoring easy notching up 24 points.

Shishir with 14 and Haroon 11 were the main scorers for the losers.

In the other match of the day, Rangers Club rallied to record an exciting 52-45 points victory over Bakshibazar Club.

The Rangers trailed 21-24 during the first session.

Shibli caged 20 and Subrata 12 points for the winners while Shabbar scored 18 and Sujun 13 for the losers.

**Italy's WC hopes given a jolt**

BERNE, May 2: Switzerland took a huge step towards the World Cup finals in the United States next year with a 1-0 win over Group One favourites Italy here on Saturday, reports AFP.

A 20-yard volley from defender Marc Hottinger nine minutes into the second half gave the Swiss a victory that puts them two points clear of Italy at the top of the group.

After five wins and two draws in their opening seven games they are now in a very strong position.

Saturday's triumph wasn't all down to Hottinger. Goalkeeper Marco Pascolo turned on a heroic performance to repeatedly deny the talented Italians who looked like running amok in the first half.

But after being reduced to ten men when Dino Baggio was sent off a minute before the break, the Italians were unable to seriously threaten.

The defeat puts all the pressure on them to hold off Portugal for the second qualifying spot.

Portugal are four points behind Italy but have two games in hand and after thrashing Scotland 5-0 on Wednesday their confidence will be high.

The two sides meet each other in Italy on the final night of matches in the group in November and there is now every possibility that a place in the finals could be at stake.



Swiss Marc Hottinger jubilates after scoring the winning goal for Switzerland during the World Championship qualification soccer match against Italy on May 1 in Berne. Switzerland won 1-0. —AFP photo

**Pakistan urged to file suit against Grenadan police**

LONDON, May 2: Pakistan have been urged to take legal action against the Grenadan police for their drug allegations against four of the tour party, reports AFP.

Ash Karim, the Pakistan cricket board's London-based lawyer, believes they should seek compensation for Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Aaqib Javed and Mushtaq Ahmed for false imprisonment and malicious abuse of process.

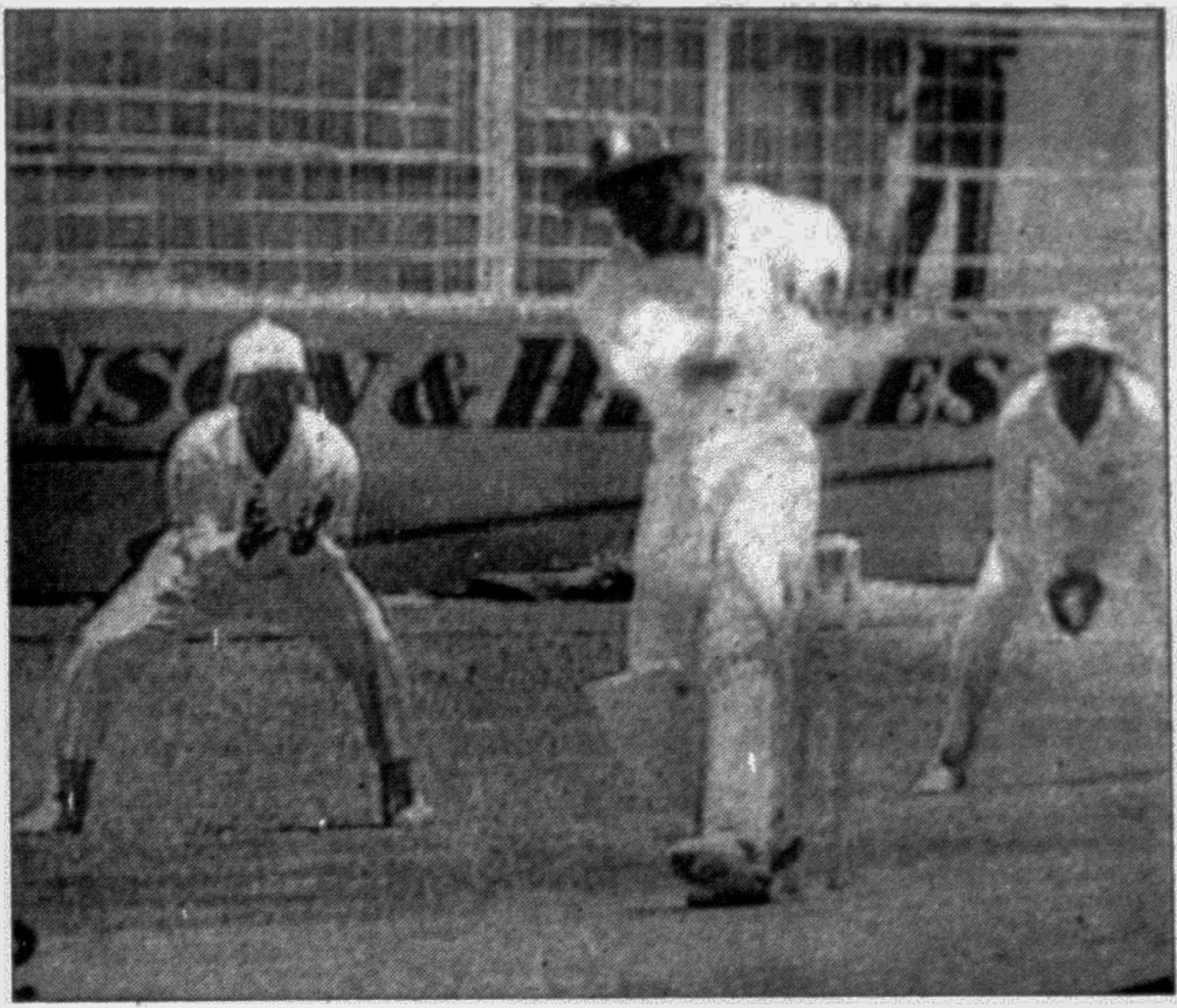
"All four have a very good case," Karim told The Mail on Sunday newspaper. "They could get substantial damages for a violation of basic human rights."

"The drugs allegedly found were not in their possession and there was no constructive possession in a public place."

"The conduct of the police in Grenada was appalling. It's not enough for them to simply drop the charges. We want an apology."

Karim has also pressed the Pakistan board to ask for greater protection for their squads in the West Indies on future tours.

"Unless proper security and protection can be provided, Pakistan will not make future tours to the West Indies," he told the British tabloid.



West Indian skipper Richie Richardson pulls during the first day's proceedings of the third and final Test against Pakistan at St John's, Antigua on Saturday. West Indies piled up an imposing 437 in the first innings. —Star TV photo

**Windies again in control**

The only other batsman to pass the 50 mark was skipper Richie Richardson, who made 52 in 135 minutes, off 106 balls, with eight fours.

Pakistan, smarting from two successive defeats, were again in trouble, making 56 for the loss of two wickets in reply to the West Indies' first innings score of 437 all out, on the second day of the third and final Test at St. John's, Antigua, according to Star TV monitored in Dhaka late last night.

Pakistan lost their opening batsmen in the space of two runs. Rameez Raja went for a duck, clean bowled by pacesman Curtly Ambrose and debutant Shakeel Ahmed followed him two runs later after being trapped leg before by Courtney Walsh, also for no score.

At tea, Asif Mujtaba and veteran Javed Miandad were batting on 38 and 14 respectively.

Earlier, Carl Hooper led yet another significant stand of 105 runs with last man Courtney Walsh to push the West Indian score to 437. When Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram sent Walsh back for 30, Hooper was on a magnificent 178.

Earlier on Saturday, a dazzling 116 not out by Carl Hooper saved West Indies from embarrassment on the opening day of the third Test against Pakistan.

At one stage, West Indies, who hold a winning 2-0 lead in the series, were 159 for four. At 252 for seven, West Indies were still short of respectability but, thanks to Hooper, they finished the day at 344 for nine.

Hooper, who had totalled no more than 24 runs in his three previous innings in the series, came in at number six and at the end, had batted 206 minutes and faced 154 balls.

Playing a wide range of shots, Hooper hit one six and 15 fours. And he was only on 45 when he lost his last serious batsman Junior Murray.

And Lara was stumped, al-

**HOOPER ... 178 not out**

Pakistan's most successful bowler was Waqar Younis, with five for 86. It was the 12th time in a career of only 23 Tests that Younis had claimed five wickets or more in an innings.

Two very vital wickets, those of Desmond Haynes, who had scored a century in each of his two previous innings in the series, and Brian Lara, who was threatening to take the attack apart, fell to left-arm spinner Nadim Khan, playing in his first Test.

Brought on for only the 12th over of the innings, when there seemed little in the pitch for fast bowlers, Nadim claimed Haynes in his fifth over and then continued to work hard.

The pitch was perfect and at least the first four batsmen dismissed fell playing extravagant strokes. Simmons lofted a drive to mid-on. Haynes had begun cautiously, but was caught square-cutting Nadim.

Richardson, missed at long leg just before from a hook, miscued a pull at Younis.

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though he was lured into a trap by Nadim with a ball which he made go away from the little left-hander.

Keith Arthurton and Hooper stended the rocking boat with a partnership of 59, before Younis claimed Arthurton lbw with an in-swinging. Hooper was only 27 at the time and with only Murray and the tail to come, he cut loose with a dazzling array of shots.

Only Andy Cummins, coming in at number nine, stayed in for any length of time, during which 60 runs were added for the eighth wicket. Cummins was in the side in place of Ian Bishop.

Nadim Khan who replaced fast bowler Aamer Nazir, was not the only new cap. Another debutant was opening batsman Shakeel Ahmed.

Scoreboard on the first day of the third Test between West Indies and Pakistan here on Saturday:

**WEST INDIES: First innings**

Haynes c Latif b Nadim	123
Khan	23
Simmons c Akram	28
b Ataur Rehman	28
Richardson c Akram	52
b Younis	40
Lara s Latif b Nadim Khan	44
Arthurton lbw b Younis	30
Hooper not out	116
Murray lbw b Younis	4
Ambrose lbw b Akram	1
Cummins lbw b Younis	14
Benjamin c Akram b Younis	12
Walsh not out	0
Extras: (lb 6, nb 14)	344
Total: (for nine wkts)	3-153; 4-159; 5-219; 6-241; 7-252; 8-312; 9-332

**Bowling:**

Akram 21-5-72-1
Younis 22-4-86-5
Ataur Rehman 14-1-58-1
Nadim Khan 33-5-122-2

**Tougher rules for dopers**

LONDON, May 2: Any English athlete found guilty of using performance-enhancing drugs will be banned for life from the Commonwealth Games, officials said Friday, reports AP.

The decision, announced by the Commonwealth Games Council for England, follows the example set by the British Olympic Association 18 months ago.

Under BOA rules, any British athlete found guilty of a doping offence receives a life ban from the Olympic Games.

Norman Sarsfield, chairman of the English Commonwealth body, said, "This ban will come into effect when an athlete has been proved a cheat by his or her national governing body and international federation."

**BFRA elections**

A 22-member committee was elected at the triennial general meeting of the Bangladesh Football Referees' Association (BFRA) at its Outer Stadium office on Friday. The meeting was presided over by Syed Alamgir Faruq Chowdhury.

The elected members are:

- 1) Munir Hossain, 2) Shaikh Badruddin, 3) Z Alam, 4) R Alam, 5) Mozaffar Hossain, 6) Ataul Haque Mallick, 7) Monirul Islam, 8) Mohiuddin Ahmed Chowdhury, 9) Atiqur Rahman Masud, 10) Salauddin Bhuiyan, 11) Kazi Ansur Rahman, 12) Golam Hafiz, 13) M R Mukul, 14) Abdul Khaleque, 15) Abdul Hamid Mia, 16) S M Mansur, 17) Nazrul Islam, 18) Daliluddin Khan, 19) Mukhlesur Rahman Mukul, 20) Faizul Islam Aniz, 21) M A Mannan, 22) Abdus Sattar.



Veteran West Indian opening batsman Desmond Haynes, who hit two brilliant tons, in the previous two Tests, could not make it this time as he was caught behind the stumps by Rashid Latif off debutant Pak spinner Nadim Khan while attempting a square cut on the opening day of the third and final Test at St John's, Antigua on Saturday. He was Nadim's first Test victim. —Star TV photo