

MSC find gold mine in mud

Sports Reporter



Mohammedan Sporting Club, the soccer giants of Dhaka, made a mockery of an international match when they dunked New Radiant Club of Maldives eight-nil in their home tie of the second round of the 4th Asian Cup Winners' Cup at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Russians Oleg Jivotnikov scored a hat-trick and Taguive Mourat added another two in the comically one-sided match but the winners could lead the first half by two goals only mainly because of their wastrel strikers and the muddy, uneven ground.

Perhaps inspired by the global campaign of the environmentalists to retain the fast fading greenness of the earth, or by the human inclination of getting rid of the monotony of the black and white combination, Mohammedan yesterday took the field in glazing green.

Although the result of the match was a foregone conclusion to those switched on about the relative strength and standard of the old foes, many had expected the Radiant footballers to come up with a decent performance if not for their spruce blue and white outfit, at least for their association with a British coach.

But within minutes of the kick-off the stable crowd numbering nearly twenty thousand got the wrinkle of the disap-

pointingly one-sided affair.

The mighty footballers of Radiant were no match for their stronger, taller and more skilled counterparts. Taguive Mourat, one of the three Russian footballers playing for Mohammedan this year, drove home the point in the third minute of the match. Arman centred from the right, Titu relayed it for the well-built Mourat who put the ball past Ibrahim Rasheed without any fuss (1-0).

Mohammedan skipper Ruman Bin Wali Shabbir sent in a neat centre from the left and Jivotnikov nodded the ball home four minutes before the short whistle (2-0).

Arman snuffed out all hopes of a Radiant resurgence when the skillful midfielder scored from a generous Shabbir pass three minutes into the second half (3-0).

Sheikh Mohammedan Aslam scored the best goal of the day when he bulldozed his way down the right flank to finish the ball into the net with a fierce right footer in the 4th minute (4-0).

Jivotnikov added the fifth goal in the 20th minute after having latched on to a midfield through (5-0).

Mourat netted the sixth goal with a disdainful flick in the 26th minute (6-0).

Jivotnikov, who had scored a hat-trick on his debut at the Dhaka Stadium, completed another one, this time against a foreign team in the 31st minute



Action from yesterday's Asian Cup Winners' Cup second round match between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Radiant Club of Maldives at the Dhaka Stadium. Mohammedans mauled the Maldives club side 8-0. — Star photo

SA-SL one-dayer washed out



KANDY, Sri Lanka, Aug 22: The first one-day international between South Africa and Sri Lanka was called off due to intermittent rain here Sunday, reports AFP.

South Africa, chasing a revised target of 107 in 25 overs were tottering at 52 for four when the umpires called off the match after 14 overs following another deluge.

Sri Lanka, sent in to bat after South African skipper Kepler Wessels won the toss, made 179 for five in 42 overs in their rain-affected innings.

The match was first reduced from the original 50 overs to a 42-over affair before rain forced two more reductions in the number of overs.

The victory target was revised to 145 in 34 overs before it was further revised to 107 in 25 overs.

Chasing a tempting target,

the South African innings ran into chaos when they lost four wickets in 7.2 overs to be at 40 for 4 with the bulk of the damage being done by off-spinners Aravinda de Silva and Muttiah Muralidharan who took two wickets each.

Ranatunga's gamble in bringing part-timer and vice-captain De Silva to open the bowling with seamer Pramodya Wickramasinghe paid off handsomely.

opener Andrew Hudson tried to cut De Silva in the fourth over and was bowled for six. His captain Kepler Wessels followed him four overs later when he turned one from De Silva to the waiting hands of his counterpart Ranatunga at mid-wicket.

Muralidharan then took two wickets in four balls to send the 15,000-strong crowd into raptures.

Darryl Cullinan was simply mesmerised by a ball from Muralidharan as he tried to cut outside the off stump. The ball

turned sharply onto Cullinan's leg-stump.

Vice-captain Hanste Cronje departed for 22 when he tried to wrack Muralidharan but was superbly caught by Roshan Mahanama at deep mid-wicket.

Earlier, Sri Lanka got to 179 thanks to a 110-run opening wicket stand between Mahanama (49) and Chandika Hathurusinghe (51).

Sri Lanka, however, suffered a top-order collapse due to brilliant fielding by the South Africans and tight bowling from debutant off-spinner Pat Symcox.

From a prosperous 110 for no loss, Sri Lanka crashed to 127 for four with Symcox taking two wickets and having a hand in one of the two run-outs.

The other run-out was due to a marvellous piece of fielding by Jonny Rhodes who made a direct hit to dismiss opener Mahanama for 49.

The 27-year-old in-form batsman achieved a personal milestone when he became the fourth Sri Lankan batsman to reach 2000 runs in one-day internationals. He crossed the mark when on 23 in his 80th one-day match.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard in the first one-day international between South Africa and Sri Lanka today:

SRI LANKA:
Mahanama run out 49
Hathurusinghe c Cullinan b Symcox 51
De Silva c Rhodes b Symcox 2
Ranatunga c Snell b Donald 29
Jayasuriya run out 3
Gurusinha not out 22
Kaluwirathna not out 1
Extras: (lb-7, w-15) 22
Total: (innings closed for five wickets, 41.3 overs) 179
Fall of wickets: 1-110; 2-116; 3-121; 4-127; 5-171.

Bowling: O M R W
Donald 7 0 23 1
De Villiers 5 0 23 0
Snell 6.3 0 33 0
McMillan 5 0 33 0
Symcox 9 1 28 2
Cronje 9 0 32 0

SOUTH AFRICA:
Hudson b De Silva 6
Wessels c Ranatunga b De Silva 4
Cronje c Mahanama b Muralidharan 22
Cullinan b Muralidharan 0
Rhodes not out 8
McMillan not out 3
Extras: (lb-5, w-4) 9
Total: (For four wickets, 14 overs) 52
Fall of wickets: 1-9; 2-26; 3-39; 4-40

Bowling: O M R W
Wickramasinghe 3 1 6 0
De Silva 5 0 23 2
Kaipage 1 0 3 0
Muralidharan 3 0 6 2
Jayasuriya 2 0 9 0

Result: Match abandoned.

Al Rakib leads

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National player Abdullah Al Rakib singularly led the points table at the end of the fifth round of the eighth school chess competition.

yesterday at the chess room of the National Sports Council, Rakib of Narayanganj High School beat Mahfuzur Rahman Imon of Magura High School to take his tally to five from as many matches.

Nine players — Hossain Arif of Green Herald, Mahfuzur Rahman Imon, Saiful Kabir Sifat, Ruhul Islam Bobby of Montipur High School, Tipu Sultan of Collegiate School, Anwar Kabir of Narayanganj High School, Shabbir Ahmed of Sonakanda School and Rawzatul Aftab and Monwar Noor of Motijheel Government High School were in the second position with four points each.

Abu Sufain Shakil of Nakhlaipara School, Yanur Rahman Royal of G.K.Jhenidah, Golam Shahriar of Dhaka Cotton Mill School and Adnan Faisal of Shaheen School got three and half points each to stay at the third position at the end of the fifth day.

Fed Cup b'ball

Abahani KC of Khulna finished Group B runners-up to qualify for the semifinal of the Purabi General Insurance 6th Federation Cup basketball championship when they beat Rajshahi Reshom Patti Boys Club 57-56 at the wooden floor gymnasium yesterday, reports U.N.S.

The winners were trailing 24-26 during at the breather. Manju scored 24 and Shamim 12 for the winners while Sohan contributed the day's highest 27 and Kochi 10 for the losers.

Khulna Abahani will take on title-holders and Group A champions Angels Club in the first semi-final today at 4.30 pm. Group B champions Eagles Club will meet Group A runners-up Josephites Club in the other semi on Tuesday.

The final match will be held on August 26 (Thursday) at 5 pm.

In the day's first match, Angels Club registered a huge 100-57 win over Josephites to finish atop Group A.

The victors led the first half 46-26.

Mamun caged 26 and Dulal 18 for the Angels while Asif scored 15 and Sajed eight for the Josephites.

DU inter-deptt soccer result

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A second-half goal by Abu Zahed helped Department of Sociology to record a one-nil victory against Department of Accounting in the inter-department football championship of Dhaka University at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

Cricketers' call for peace in SA

KANDY, Sri Lanka, Aug 22: The visiting South African cricketers on Sunday launched a campaign for peace in their strife-torn nation with an appeal to South Africans to bury their differences and unite for the good of the nation, reports AFP.

The South African and Sri Lankan teams observed a minute's silence before the start of the visitors' innings in the first one-day international here, in memory of the victims of violence in South Africa.

The brief event was also to support the national peace campaign that is scheduled to get underway throughout South Africa on September 2.

"We thought it was appropriate that we lead the way for peace and unity in South Africa," said Doctar.

In expressing condolences to the families of victims of violence, the South African team said it totally supported the national movement to "bring peace and justice to our country."

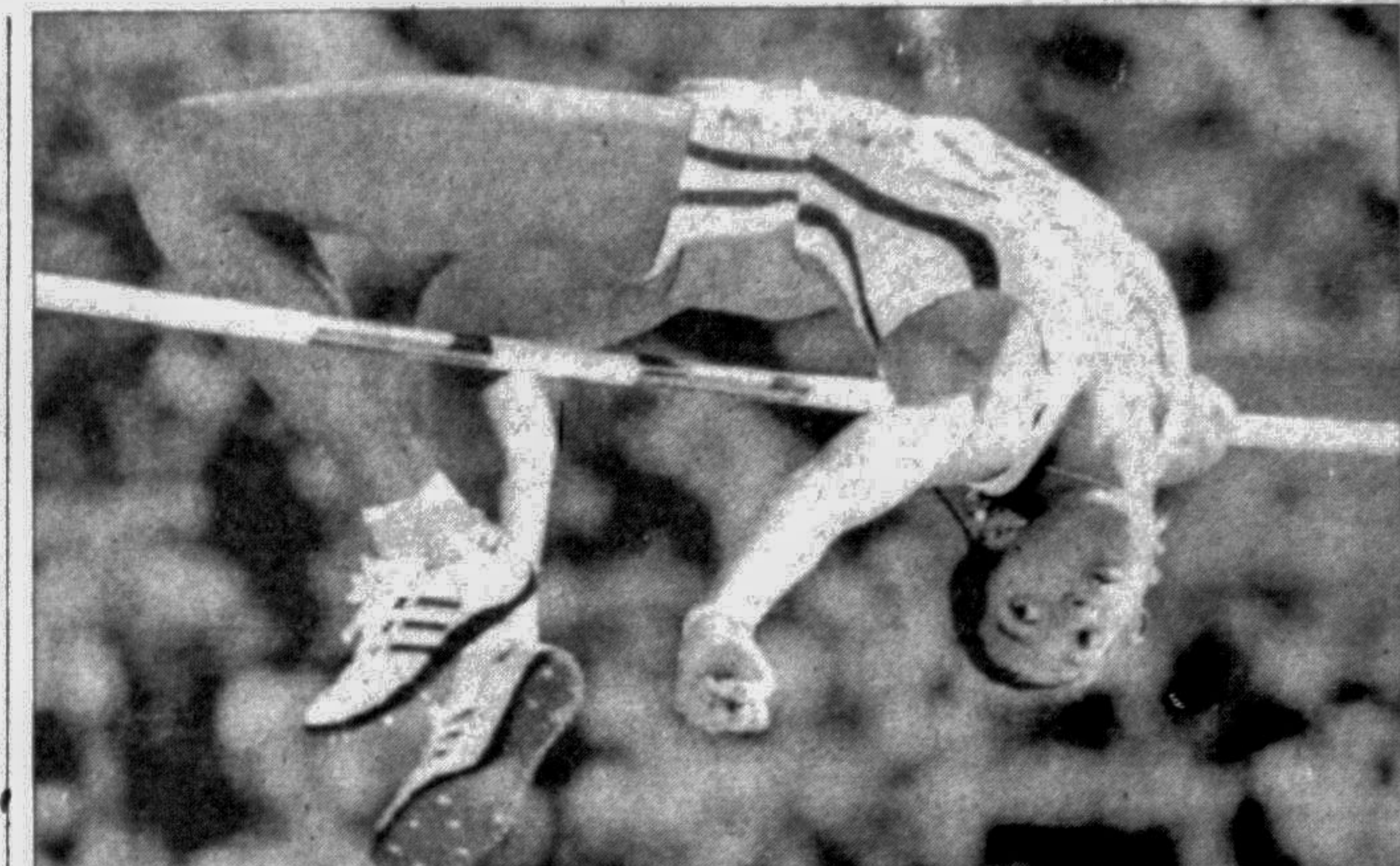
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Janinet Quintero, Cuba's Olympic bronze medalist, flies over the bar on her way to winning the women's high jump gold in the World Athletics Championships at Stuttgart on Saturday. Quintero scaled 1.99 metres. — AFP photo

Rain cuts short Day Four



LONDON, Aug 22: Rain and bad light today almost certainly ended any chance of Australia winning the sixth and final Ashes Test but also did England's chances to good effect, reports Reuter.

With Australia set a difficult victory target of 391, the match had looked poised for an intriguing final day before the players were forced from the field 100 minutes before the scheduled close which had been put back an hour because of earlier rain.

At that point Australia had scored just one without loss, leaving them the almost impossible target of scoring at 65 an hour on the last day to win.

Only once before has such a target been achieved on the final day, when Don Bradman's Australian side scored 404 at Leeds to beat England in 1948.

But it also left England only six hours to bowl Australia into in order to register their first win of the series.

Mark Ramprakash had earlier scored a resolute 64, his maiden Test half-century, which guided England to 313 to add to their first innings lead of 77.

Shane Warne took two more wickets to end with three for 78 from 40 overs and total 34 for the series — easily the highest by an Australian leg-spinner in a series.

Pacemen Merv Hughes and Paul Reiffel also took three wickets apiece, Hughes ending with 31 victims in the series.

After an early lunch was taken when rain wiped out the morning session, England laboured against the Australian bowling as they attempted to build an invincible lead.

Resuming at 210 for five, Ramprakash and Alec Stewart survived a testing time against the all-spin attack of Warne and Tim May. Warne appealed loudly for lbw against Ramprakash and both batsmen made liberal use of their pads.

Ramprakash swept the leg

spinner for four and then off-drove his next ball for three to bring up the 50 partnership which came from 150 balls.

With captain Mike Atherton obviously looking for an overall lead of around 400, the England batsmen continued to play doggedly but the new ball proved Stewart's undoing.

He pulled Reiffel to the boundary to bring up the 250 but shortly afterwards thick-edged an intended drive off the same bowler to Mark Waugh at third slip.

New batsman Angus Fraser was fortunate not to go the same way off his second delivery but the ball pitched just in front of Waugh.

The same fielder narrowly failed to cling on to a difficult diving chance in the following over when Hughes found the edge of Ramprakash's bat.

The pair added 22 valuable runs in just under an hour before Fraser looked unfortunate to be given out caught behind when a short ball from Reiffel appeared to glance off his forearm.

The dismissal was Healy's 26th of the series, a record for any wicketkeeper in England and second only to the 28 taken by Rodney Marsh in the 1982-83 series against England.

Despite their large lead, England looked more the side playing to avoid defeat with the first 50 runs of the day taking 95 minutes.

But their no-risk policy was understandable in the light of being 4-0 down in the series and having lost nine out of their last 10 Tests.

Steve Watkin lasted only four deliveries before inexplicably deciding to pad up to a straight full toss from Warne to be lbw.

But number 10 Peter Such then frustrated the Australian bowlers for a further 54 minutes to help Ramprakash add 30 more runs.

After he was leg before for 10 to become Warne's 34th victim of the series, Ramprakash went on the attack but succeeded

only in lofting a drive straight to Michael Slater at deep mid-off.

Ramprakash's resolute innings lasted three minutes over four hours and he hit five boundaries from the 184 balls he faced.

When Australia began their second innings, fast bowler Devon Malcolm gave Michael Slater a torrid time but after only four overs and two balls rain drove the players from the pitch.

Although the rain ceased soon afterwards, bad light prevented any more play.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the sixth and final cricket Test between England and Australia at the Oval today:

ENGLAND: First Innings 380 (G Hick 80, A Stewart 76, G Cooch 56, M Atherton 50)

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 303 (I Healy 83 not out, M Taylor 70; A Fraser 5-87)

ENGLAND: Second Innings (overnight 210-5)
Cooch c Healy b Warne 79
Atherton c Warne b Reiffel 42
Hick c Boun b May 36
Maynard c Reiffel b Hughes 9
Hussain c M Waugh b Hughes 0
Stewart c M Waugh b Reiffel 35
Ramprakash c Salter b Hughes 64
Fraser c Healy b Reiffel 13
Watkin lbw b Warne 4
Such lbw b Warne 10
Malcolm not out 0
Extras: (b-5, lb-12, w-1, nb-3) 21
Total: 313

Fall of wickets: 1-77; 2-157; 3-180; 4-180; 5-186; 6-254; 7-276; 8-283; 9-313

Bowling: O M R W
Hughes 31.2 9 110 3
Reiffel 24 8 55 3
Warne 40 15 78 3
May 24 6 53 1

AUSTRALIA: Second Innings
Slater not out 1
Taylor not out 0
Extras: 0
Total: (for no wicket) 1

Bowling: O M R W
Malcolm 2.2 2 1 0
Watkin 2 2 0 0

Middlesex nip Northants

LONDON, Aug 22: County Championships leaders Middlesex beat challengers Northamptonshire by 10 wickets with more than a day to spare at Lord's on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The victory on the third day of the four-day match gave Middlesex a commanding 56-point lead at the top of the table.

Middlesex took 13 wickets during the day as Northamptonshire offered only occasional resistance.

Discarded England spinners John Embury and Phil Tufnell took most of the wickets.

Middlesex captain Mike Gatting was delighted with the result but warned his players against complacency.

"The winners (of the Lord's match) were obviously going to become well-placed to win the title," said Gatting.

"But nothing is ever certain and we must keep going as efficiently as in the last few months, which have brought us 10 wins in 14 games."

Gatting said he always knew Middlesex would thrive with the introduction of four-day championship matches this season.

"Spinners count in the longer game and our two, Tufnell and Embury, have bowled tremendously," he said.

Surrey's championships hopes were snuffed out at Ickleton despite a superb 123 from 21-year-old Adam Holloake on his championship debut.

The Australian-born English qualified batsman saved Surrey from the embarrassment of an innings defeat but could not stop Derbyshire from cruising to an easy six-wicket victory.

Primorac's prime showdown

GUANGZHOU, China, Aug 22: Croatia's Zoran Primorac won his first major tournament when he defeated China's Wang Tao by three sets to two, to grab the World Cup table tennis championships here Sunday, reports AFP.

A tired Primorac battled through two five-set matches and overcame a "blockade in my head" to claim the 30,000 US dollars winner's purse.

The temperamental Primorac, for so long an also-ran in the international table tennis arena savoured sweet victory by defeating Wang 21-19, 16-21, 21-18, 18-21, 21-18 in a final littered with superb rallies.

"I know that I can win now and I hope from now on it is a straight line to the top," said Primorac, who is ranked 15th in the world.

In the semifinal, earlier, Primorac defeated Swede Peter Karlsson in another marathon five-setter, 10-21, 21-19, 21-19, 21-23, 21-17.

"I have never been tired like this before in my life," said a relieved Primorac, who was in action for two-and-a-half hours, Sunday.

"I thought I would throw up and die," said the Belgium-based Primorac. "I was stretched to the limit of my physical endurance."

"It feels great to come out as a winner. In the past I have been close to the top, but never managed to win. I have always allowed my opponent to come back after I had been in a winning position."

A bronze medalist at this year's World Championships, Primorac seemed to keep true to past form, when he failed to wrap up both his matches earlier.

In the semifinals, Primorac was unable to convert four match points in the fourth set as the cool Karlsson fought back from 16-20 to win 23-21.

Pakistan, India to tour New Zealand next year



WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Aug 22: New Zealand will play Test matches against Pakistan at Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch early in 1994, New Zealand Cricket announced Sunday, reports AP.

Pakistan are scheduled to begin their tour with a match against a Northern Districts Festival XI at Hamilton on Jan 30 and will play two further warmup matches before the first Test starts in Auckland on Feb 10.

Pakistan will also play five one-day internationals against New Zealand: two in Auckland and the others in Dunedin, Wellington and Christchurch.

India will play two warmup matches and four one-day internationals against the Kiwis after arriving in New Zealand in mid-March.

The internationals are slated for Christchurch, Napier, Auckland and Hamilton.

The New Zealand international cricket schedule for the first part of 1994 is:

Pakistan Tour:
Jan 30: v Northern Districts Festival XI at Hamilton.
Jan 31: Feb 2: v New Zealand Second XI at Hamilton.
Feb 4-7: v New Zealand Emerging Players XI at Napier.
Feb 10-14: v New Zealand (1st Test) at Auckland.
Feb 17-21: v New Zealand (2nd Test) at Wellington.
Feb 24-28: v New Zealand (3rd Test) at Christchurch.

**March 3: v New Zealand (one day international) at Dunedin.
March 6: v New Zealand (one day international) at Auckland.
March 9: v New Zealand (one day international) at Wellington.**

**March 13: v New Zealand (one day international) at Auckland.
March 16: v New Zealand (one day international) at Christchurch.**

Indian Tour:
March 13: v New Zealand Emerging Players XI at New Plymouth.
March 15-17: v Lifespan Academy XI at Dunedin.
March 20: v New Zealand (one day international) at Christchurch.
March 23: v New Zealand (one day international) at Napier.
March 27: v New Zealand (one day international) at Auckland.
March 29: v New Zealand (one day international) at Hamilton.

Capriati faces Graf in final



TORONTO, Aug 22: Sixth seeded Jennifer Capriati of the United States endured a 76-minute first set with an 18-point tiebreak to defeat second-seeded Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain, 7-6 (10-8), 6-2 in the semifinals of the 750,000 US dollar Canadian Open on Saturday, reports Reuter.

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Marty Nothstein of the United States, Australian Gary Neiwand and Japanese Toshimasa Yoshioka (from L to R) show their medals after winning the Kenin final at the World Cycling Championships in Hamar, Norway on August 21. Neiwand won the gold, Nothstein silver and Yoshioka the bronze. — AFP photo