

Players and officials of the visiting Zimbabwe cricket team who arrived yesterday to play against Bangladesh in the Gold Leaf one-day international series. The two exhibition matches will be played at the Dhaka Stadium on November 3 and 4. - Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Another feather | 77: in Border's cap

PERTH, Nov 1: Australian ericket captain Allan Borde reached another milestone in his illustrious career here Sunday, capturing his 100th first class wicket on the third day of the Sheffield Shield match be tween his side Queensland and Western Australia at the WACA Ground.

Bowling his tantalising lefthanded bastman Justin Langer for 96.

It was an important breakthrough for Queensland, who will start the final day today with good prospects of completing their first Shield outright victory in Perth for 18 years.

Western Australia, bundled out for 211 in their first innings, are 4-280 in their sec ond, holding a fragile overall lead of only 61 runs over Queensland's first innings 430.

Elerder is best known as the man who has scored more Test runs than any player in the history of the game. The man who led Australia

to 4-1 Ashes triumph over England during the past northern summer, has hit 10,695 runs in 147 Trests at an average of 51.17, with 26 centuries.

He has comptled 24,970 runs in first-class games, a figure exceeded only by one Australtan - - the incomparable Sir Donald Bradman, who totalled 28.067.

Scort :s: Western Australia 211 and 4-280 [Justin Langer 95. Damien | Martyn 56: Carl Rackemann 2-57) Queensland 430 at WACA Ground.

Div II hockey

Udity Club booked the last seat for the super league of the Metropoli's Green Delta Second Division hockey league after a go alless draw with Victoria SC in the last group match at the Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Farashganj SC became Group C champions to also reach the super league beating Barnak Samaj by a solitary goal in another match at the same venue in the afternoon.

Shoulb scored the match decider in the 22nd minute of the first half.

Earlier, Victoria SC. Teigaon Agragami, Cantonian SC Combined SC, Agrani Bank Club and East End Green Chib qualified for the super league from their respective groups.

Div III soccer

Sunrise Sporting Club made an auspicious start in the Progati Insurance Third Division football league beating Maghbazar Kisholay Sangha by a single goal in the opening match at the Outer Stadium

yesterday, reports UNB. Earlier in the afternoon. State Minister for Education Principal Md Eunus Khan formally inaugurated 18-team league at a simple ceremony.

Salauddin netted the only goal for Suhrise.

Iranian coach sacked

TEHRAN, Nov 1: Iran has sacked head coach Ali Parvin and his four-man back-up team after their failure to reach the World Cup finals, Keyhan newspaper said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Iran finished fifth among the six competing teams in the final round of the Asian qualifying zone in Qatar which ended on Thursday.

A spokesman for Iran's Soccer Federation told the newspaper: "The coaches of the team failed to secure and real position of our team in Qatar although maximum facilities were put at their disposal. So they are removed."

Saudi Arabia and South Korea qualified for next year's finals in the United States.

Limbabweans in town Sports Reporter

A fourteen-mem ber Zimbabwean cricket team led by Andrew Flower arrived in the city vesterday to play two exhibition one-day international matches against the

Bangladesh cricket team. The two 50 overs-a-side matches of the Gold Leaf oneday cricket series, named after one of the products of the spon sors. Bangladesh Tobacco Company (BTC), will be played at the Dhaka Stadium on

November 3 and 4 The babes of Test cricket

who celebrated their entry into the exclusive club of Test-playing nations with a creditable draw against India in Harare only last year are, however, without their star paceman Eddo Brandes, the man who played a major role in conjuring up the upset defeat of the '92

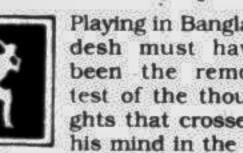
Down Under. A lively new-ball operator. Brandes could be quite de structive with the bat given the

World Cup runners-up England

in one of the league matches

share of luck needed by down the-order bashers like him. His blitzkrieg robbed Bangladesh a Touch of English

Sports.Reporter



Playing in Bangladesh must have tionals that he has played for been the remotest of the thou-England. ghts that crossed

electrifying ambience of the MCG as Wasim Akram and Mushtaq Ahmed kept on driving nails in England's coffin with the unrealised vengeance of Shakespeare's Caliban. Because Neil Fairbrother

was then delving deep into the reserves of his concentration and abilities to dead-lift England's waning hopes of winning the first ever World Cup.

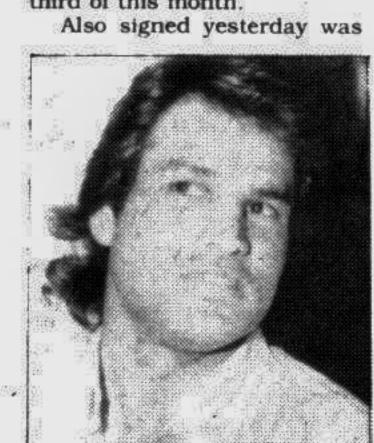
The overdue honours for the inventors of the game eluded for the fifth time in a row since the inception of the world championship of limited overs cricket but the mouseeyed Fairbrother under-lined his reputation as very competent batsman in instant cricket.

The Test record of the current Lancashire captain is nebbish to say the least. But that is no denying of his calibre. May it is a case of prolonged jinx or temperament, that has given a rather impoverished look to Fairbrother's ten-Test career-

But local cricket lovers will be more than inspired to see this cricketer in action for Navana Premier league champions Abahani in the imminent domestic cricket season at

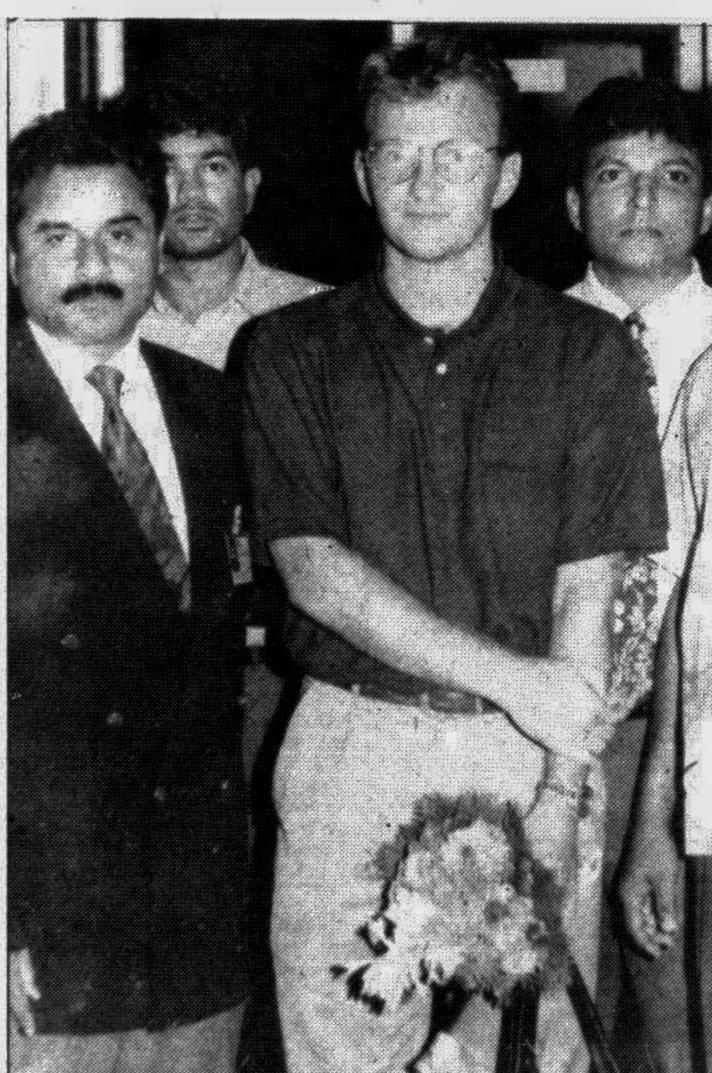
least for his excellent exploits in the 45-50 one-day interna-

Fairbrother yesterday signed for Abahani giving rise to Abahani's collection of 'confirmed' foreign players to two after G P Singh of India. He was to leave Dhaka last night only to be back by the third of this month.



RPSINGH

Rudra Pratap Singh, the tall medium pacer from Uttar Pradesh, India. But Singh who played four one-day internationals for India joined Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC). Singh is GMCC's second foreigner after Raman Lamba, the Indian Test discard.



England Test player Neil Harvey Fairbrother being received by the Abahani officials at the Zia International Airport (ZIA) yesterday. Fairbrother will play for Abahani in this year's Navana Premier Division cricket league. - Star photo

place in the semifinals in one of the ICC Trophy meets, a fouryearly qualifying championship for the associate members of International Cricket Conference (ICC) in England.

Coincidentally, it is before another ICC Trophy champi onship that Bangladesh are meeting Zimbabwe, this time on home soil and with no existen tial proposition at stake.

However, Brandes' absence should be amply compensated by names like Dave Houghton. the brilliant stroke-maker whose vast repertoire of shots and improvisation was one of the lasting memories of the 1987 World Cup in the subcon tinent.

Ali Shah is another veteran in the contingent of the second Test-playing country from Africa. Born in India Shah, a stolid left-handed opening batsman who bowls tidy mediumpace, has been a steadying influence on Zimbabwe's cricketing ascent.

Although this is the first trip to Bangladesh for all the Zimbabwean cricketers, one man, now travelling with the Zimbabwean team should not deem it so. He is John Hampshire, Zimbabwe's English coach; a man whose unfortunate inability to win the nod of England selectors as a batsman prompted former Pakistan captain Imran Khan to pen a line or two in his autobiography 'Imran'. He is here once again.

Hampshire, who officiated in a few Test matches as an umpire, first came to Dhaka several years ago with an MCC Eleven, and also later as a

coach. The full Zimbabwe squad is: A Flower (Capt), A Waller (V Capt), D Houghton, A Shah, G Flower, D Brain, H Streak, S Peall, G Whittal, J Rennie, M Dekker, A Campbell; J Hampshire (Coach), M Meman (Manager).

A fatter Maradona fitter?

SYDNEY, Nov 1: "Diego Maradona must have shed all his strength along with the reported 12 kilograms (26 pounds) he lost in a bid to get ready for Sunday night's World Cup football qualifier here with Australia," Hungarian match referee Sandor Puhl said Monday, reports AFP.

for a match of this calibre," said Puhl, who referred the 1-1 firstleg draw. "He never broke out of a

"He looked completely unfit

mere jog, and when he did, he took a long time to recover.

"I think he was fitter when he was fatter. Puhl said he booked the 33-

year-old Argentine superstar towards the end of the match for dissent after he queried whether Australia should have been awarded a corner. Asked whether he (Puhl)

spoke Spanish, Puhl responded :"I didn't need to . . he kept on, and when I waved him away, he just kept gesticulating and arguing in a pleading tone, so I had no choice."

Puhl said he was surprised and delighted by Australia's performance.

"I was truly impressed," he

said through an interpreter. 'Technically they are as good as many European national teams, and certainly when it comes to fitness and commitment they leave a good many behind.

"It pains me to say it, but Australia would easily beat Hungary at the moment they are much more competitive than our players.

"I was very taken with the speed and control of the Australians - someone like (Robbie) Slater, well, he's classy by anyone's definition. "I wish we had one player

like him in Hungary".

Blain steers NZ to victory over NSW

NEWCASTLE, Australia, Nov Wicketkeeper Tony Blain steered New Zealand to the first victory of their Australia tour today with an unbeaten second innings 45 against New South Wales (NSW), reports Reuter.

The win over the Sheffleld Shield champions restored some morale to the Kiwis after the loss of their first three career-best 131 as Pakistan matches by large margins.

The tourists resumed at 167 for six, needing 79 to record their first win. They reached the target with three wickets to spare.

The 31-year-old Blain, five not out overnight, hit out for quick runs before the second new ball.

He lost Murphy Su'a for 12 with the total at 200 when the left-hander tried to hit allrounder Brad McNamara over mid-off and Phil Alley took a nice running catch.

Fast blower Danny Morrison had put the match within New Zealand's reach by taking six for 54 on Sunday, after the tourists trailed by 136 runs on the first innings

Morrison, 27, who ended on 26 not out, drove giant leftarm paceman Phil Alley for four to tie the scores. Blain hit the winning run in the next

NSW captain Mark Taylor said his players had been more interested in having a good time in Newcastle than in playing cricket. He said they should have won easily after leading by 136 on the first innings but probably had too many beers at night.

New Zealand now head to Launceston to play Tasmania in a four-day match, their last outing before the fist Test against Australian in Perth starting on November 12.

CAB tourney venue switched

NEW DELHI, Nov 1: The six nation limited-over tournament to mark the diamond jubilee of Calcutta's Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) was caught up in a financial dispute on Sunday after organisers announced a late switch of venues, reports Reuter.

India's day-night match

against South Africa on November 12 has been moved from Delhi to the northern Punjab State following a dispute over advertising rights at the original stadium which normally stages athletics. Disgruntled Delhi officials

have threatened legal action and said CAB chief Jagmohan Dalmiva, also secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), was not entitled to change the venue. "It's an arbitrary and illegal

action," said Delhi president Kewal Mehra. "Dalmiya has no authority to shift the match allotted to Delhi by the BCCI working committee."

Bad day for 'locals'

Sports Reporter

Pakistani International Master (IM) Mahmud Lodhi scored another important victory, this time over Bangladeshi IM Ziaur Rahman, in the 10th Q M Hossain memorial International Masters' chess tournament at Hotel Purbani yesterday.

After the ninth round Lodhi remains at the top of the points table with seven points from eight matches, along with V Sharvanan of India who has the same collection from nine games.

In a queen pawn opening game, Lodhi finished Zia off in thirty nine moves.

It was another bad day for National Champion Reefat bin Sattar. Reefat faced his third defeat when he lost to V Sharvanan of India in 34

Another IM of India Shekhar Chandra Sahu, beat local Ziaul Qader Tuhin in a Sicilian defence opening match after thirty seven

moves. Matches between International Women's Master (IMW) Rani Hamid and FM Tahmidur Rahman; Rahul Shetty of India and Niamul Haq, Kalimullah Khan and Rafiqul Islam were in progress when reports last came in.

Following is the points table after the 9th round: IM Lodhi (8 7 points

matches) IM V Sharvanan 6 points IM Zia IM Reefat 5.5 points Sahu (8 matc-4 points hes) Niru (8 matches) 3.5 points Shetty (8 matches) 3 points Tahmid (8 matches) Kalam (6 mate-2.5 points hes) Rani (8 matc-

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Tuhin

2 points

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Rafiq (8 matc-

Spunky Anwar sparkles again as

Pakistan halt Windies march



reports AFP.

November 5.

The 25-year-old left-hander,

who made 107 against Shri

Lanka on Saturday, struck a

beat West Indies by five wickets

only avenged their loss to West

Indies in their first meeting last

Friday, but also improved their

chances of playing the final on

have two wins from three

matches and will contest the fi-

nal unless they lose both their

remaining matches to Shri

Pakistan on Tuesday, are win-

less in the three nation tour-

aries and three sixes in a bril-

liant 142-ball knock that

helped him surpass his previ-

individual score at the Sharjah

cricket ground where Pakistan

have won seven of the 14 previ-

found able support at the other

to keep Pakistan in the run for

Opening partner Asif Muj-

taba (15) helped him put on 42

for the first wicket by the 12th

Haq was run out for 20, in a

third-wicket stand of 57 be-

tween Anwar and Javed

Miandad took Pakistan to 143

off Kenneth Benjamin for 20.

but Basit Ali.came in to strike

16 off as many balls with the

nth's six-nation tournament,

dent of the Board of Control for

Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) said

the scheduled Test series be-

tween the two countries after

the one-day tournament was

also doubtful. But he denied the

breaking off of cricket relations

between the two countries

would affect the joint hosting of

"There is no word yet from

our government, but I don't

think we will be going to India."

said Shah, who is here for the

He told AFP that Indian

board president Inderiit Singh

Bindra had asked Pakistan's

new Prime Minister Benazir

Bhutto to let the team tour

India, but permission was un-

"Threats from Shiv Sena

chief Bal Thackeray and the

the World Cup in 1996.

*Champions Trophy.

likely to be granted.

Wasim Hasan Shah, presi-

reports AFP.

SHARJAH, Nov 1:

Pakistan's cricket

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his team was

unlikely to go to

India for this mo-

Miandad was caught behind

two by the 33rd over.

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a 5.2 per over victory target.

Anwar's super stroke play

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It was also the highest ever

Anwar slammed 12 bound

Shri Lanka, who play

Lanka by big margins.

Lanka in 1991.

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West Indies and Pakistan

The World Cup winners not

with six balls to spare.

help of one six and a boundary. SHARJAH, Nov 1: Basit ran himself out by Saeed Anwar's sebacking too far down at the cond successive non-striker's end to enable century lifted Pa-Anwar (99) to complete his cenkistan to a crucial five-wicket win over West Indies in the Champions Trophy here Monday,

Anwar reached three-figures in the same over and celebrated by swinging two boundaries off successive balls in Anderson Cummins' next

Anwar fell in the 48th over victory. Veteran batsman Saltm Malik (34 not out) and skipper Wasim Akram (five) saw

Pakistan through. West Indies began on the wrong foot after electing to bat first when openers Desmond Haynes and Brian Lara were removed by the 15th over with the score at 57.

Haynes, playing his first match in the tournament after recovering from a throat infection, made six before being caught at point in Akram's fifth over. Lara was caught behind off Mushtag for 14.

Simmons and Keith Arthur ton (63) retrieved the situation by adding 132 for the third wicket that took the West Indies to a healthy 189 for two by the 38th over. Simmons, who hit seamer

Ataur Rehman for a huge six

Tour to India unlikely,

over long-off, was yorked by the same bowler when he was 19 runs short of a century. Mushtaq set West Indies

back by removing both Arthurton and skipper Richie Richardson (seven) in the 41st over to make it 204 for five.

West Indies added 59 runs in the final 10 overs, but not before losing four more wickets. three of them to Akram.

The Pakistani skipper had Carl Hooper caught at mid-off for 18 and bowled both roger Harper and Kenneth Benjamin with swinging Yorkers.

Leg-spinner Abdul Qadir playing his first international for two years. Had Anderson Cummins stumped by Rashid Latif to finish with one for 43 from 10 overs.

West Indies went into the match without a specialist wicketkeeper dropping junior Murray to accommodate Haynes Courtney Walshand Har

jamin and Curtley Ambrose. Qadir, replaced Pakistan seamer Agguib Javed, who sustained a back injury in Saturday's match against Shri Lanka.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Champions Trophy 50 overs cricket match between Pakistan and

Lara c Rashid Latif b Mushtag Ahmed Haynes c Mushtag Ahmed b Wasim Akram Simmons b Ataur Rehman Arthurton c Anwar b Mushtaq Ahmed Richardson c Malik b Mushtaq Ahmed Hooper c Multaba b Wasim Akram Adams not out Cummins st Latif b Qadir Benjamin b Wasim Akram Walsh not out

Extras: (b-3, lb-10, w-20. Total: (for nine wickets. 50 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-26; 2-57;

234: 8-251: 9-256. Bowling: Wasim Akram 10 40 Ataur Rehman 10 59 Mushtaq Ahmed 10 1 46 Abdul Qadir 0 43 Salim Malik 0 35 0 24 Asif Multaba 3 PAKISTAN: Saeed Anwar c Lara b Hooper

Inzamam ul Haq run out Javed Miandad c Adams b Benjamin Basit Ali run out Salim Malik not out Wasim Akram not out Extras: (b-1, lb-9, w-9, nb-1) 20 Total: (five wickets-49

3-143; 4-186; 5-251

hints BCCP chief tour very difficult," he said. Shah, who is Chief Justice of Pakistan's Supreme Court, said his team would fly back home after the Champions Trophy ends here on November 5.

> According to the origina schedule, Pakistan was to go straight to India where the oneday series organised by the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) starts on November 7.

West Indies, Shri Lanka South Africa, Zimbabwe and India are the other teams taking part in the 21-day tournament in various venues across India.

Zimbabwe would tour Pakistan soon after the one day tournament, casting further doubt on the proposed Test series in

only temporary and would not affect the 1996 World Cup to be jointly hosted by India, Pakistan

way off. Things will improve by then. There is no threat to the organisation of that tourna-

Shah also confirmed that

India. The Pakistani board president said the suspension of cricket relations with India was

And Shri Lanka. "The World Cup is still a long

Did not bat: Rashid Latif. Mushtaq Ahmed, Abdul Qadir, Ataur Rehman

0 10 0 Result: Pakistan won by

Karpov officially champion!

JAKARTA, Nov 1: Russia's Anatoly Karpov drew with Jan Timman of the Netherlands to win the official

Reuter. Karpov, 42, beat 41-yearold Timman by 12.5 points to 8.5 points in the 24-game series to take the winner's 5/8ths share of the one million

Karpov thus recaptures the

In Monday's game, Timman, playing with the advantage of the white pieces, tried desperately to generate pressure against Karpov's Nimzo-Indian defence. But the Russian restrained

Timman's pair of bishops and managed to exchange so many pawns that a draw soon seemed to be the only possible result. After thinking for almost half an hour over his 19th

A rare Karpov smile greeted

move, Timman offered a draw

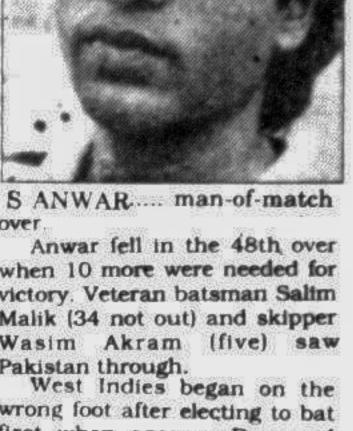
"I am happy," said Karpov theory.

> Timman seemed pleased shock victory.

The match between Karpov, ranked second in the world. and Timman, ranked only 31st, has been beset by difficulties over prize money and often overshadowed by a rival,



- Star photo



when 10 more were needed for

West Indies on Monday: WEST INDIES:

Harper b Wasim Akram

3-189; 4-201; 5-204; 6-222; 7

131 Asif Mujtaba c Arthurton b Cummins 20

Fall of wickets: 1-42; 2-86;

Bowling: Walsh Benjamin Cummins Simmons Harper Hooper five wickets

Man-of-the-match: Saeed Hazratbal Mosque siege in Kashmir have made the circuit ment," he said.

since 1961 to regain the title.

World Chess Championship in Jakarta on Monday, reports

Swiss francs (700,000 US dollars) prize money. and 1985 but lost to Azeri-

title he held between 1975 born Russian Garri Kasparov. He becomes the first player

and conceded the title to Kar-Timman's proposal of a draw and the two shook hands to after the game. "It was a very interesting match. I think we played many interesting games, particularly for opening

end their eight-week battle.

the match was finally over. "My situation in the match was desperate but I was glad to win at least one game in Jakarta," he said, referring to Saturday's

unofficial contest in London.



Bangladeshi Ziaul Qader Tuhin (L) lost his ninth round match against Indian International Master (IM) Shekhar Chandra Shahu (R) in the Dr QM Hussain memorial International Masters' chess tournament at the Hotel Purbani yesterday.