

Wanderers win

Sports Reporter
Dhaka Wanderers, aided by responsible knockers from Lipu and Rana, registered a three-wicket victory over Shantinagar B in the Milnars First Division cricket league at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Lipu hit 27 while Rana remained unbeaten on 33 as Wanderers, chasing the Shantinagar total of 129 in 45 overs, reached the winning target in the 40th over, making 133 for the loss of seven wickets.

Shuvra sent four Wanderers batsmen back to the pavilion conceding 36 runs in his nine-over spell.

Earlier, sent in to bat first, Shantinagar B were all out for 129 with Bappi top scoring with 43. Shipar, the skipper, notched a useful 21.

Sohail Mehdi bagged three wickets for 28 in eight overs to be the best Wanderers bowler while Halim Babu and Jahangir evenly shared four among them.

Div II cricket

Sports Reporter
On the western strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Shantinagar A lost their Second Division cricket league match to Amoryjoti Club by seven wickets yesterday.

Following Shantinagar B, who also struggled in their match of the Milnars First Division at the other strip of the DCS, the Shantinagar A cricketers never really had things their way losing all of their wickets for a meagre 99 in 38.1 overs.

Babu scored 24 while Pappu made 20 to make it to the double figures with the other being Dhruvo who contributed 12.

In reply, Amoryjoti raced to 100 for three with all of their top batsmen notching up useful scores.

Pablo top-scored with 23 and Shumi was not out on 20 followed by the two openers — Ahmed and Cezanne — scoring 18 and 13 respectively.

Nannu suspended

Sports Reporter
Former captain of the national cricket team Minhazul Abedin Nannu who played for Abahani Krira Chakra in the recently concluded Navana Premier Division cricket league has been suspended for one match in domestic cricket for his reported misbehaviour in the crucial Navana Premier league tie between Abahani Krira Chakra and Mohamiedan Sporting Club.

Abahani won the keenly contested match by 17 runs to throw their arch-rivals out of reckoning and finish joint champions with Bangladesh Biman in the 12-team single league that concluded on December 9.

ROK shooting coaches for Bangladesh

Sports Reporter
A ten-member team of shooting experts from South Korea will arrive in early January to provide a week-long programme of intensive coaching to Bangladesh's young hopefuls, according to message received here last night.

The team will include four pistol coaches and four in rifle there will also be two for theory.

Tireless Martin

BOMBAY, Dec 14: Australian Brett Martin overcame jet lag after a hectic six days spanning three continents to win his opening match in the international squash challenge on Monday, reports Reuter.

The world number four played in the Super Series finals in Zurich last week, leaving for Australia on Wednesday for the wedding of his sister Michelle, the women's world champion, in Sydney on Friday.

But Martin hardly had time to join in the celebrations before flying out to India via Singapore to arrive in Bombay about 12 hours before his match.

And he also had to combat the humidity in the first major world event to be held in the open air, with a 'four-sided court erected in the grounds of the Bombay Gymkhana Club — the historic setting of India's first home cricket Test against England 60 years ago almost to the day.

Martin, however, had little time to appreciate the unusual surroundings. Opponent Sami Elopuro of Finland, the world number 10, gave him no opportunity to relax as he took the opening game 15-12. He seemed unaffected by the humidity — possibly relishing it after coming from winter in his homeland.

But Elopuro was unable to keep up the pressure as Martin finally found his bearing to win 12-15, 15-11, 15-12, 15-4 in 43 minutes.

The event, the first time top squash has come to India, is for the world's top ranked eight players. But it had to go ahead without Jansher Khan of Pakistan, ruled out by politics, and Australian Chris Dittmar and Rodney Martin, both injured.

Promise of the first gold

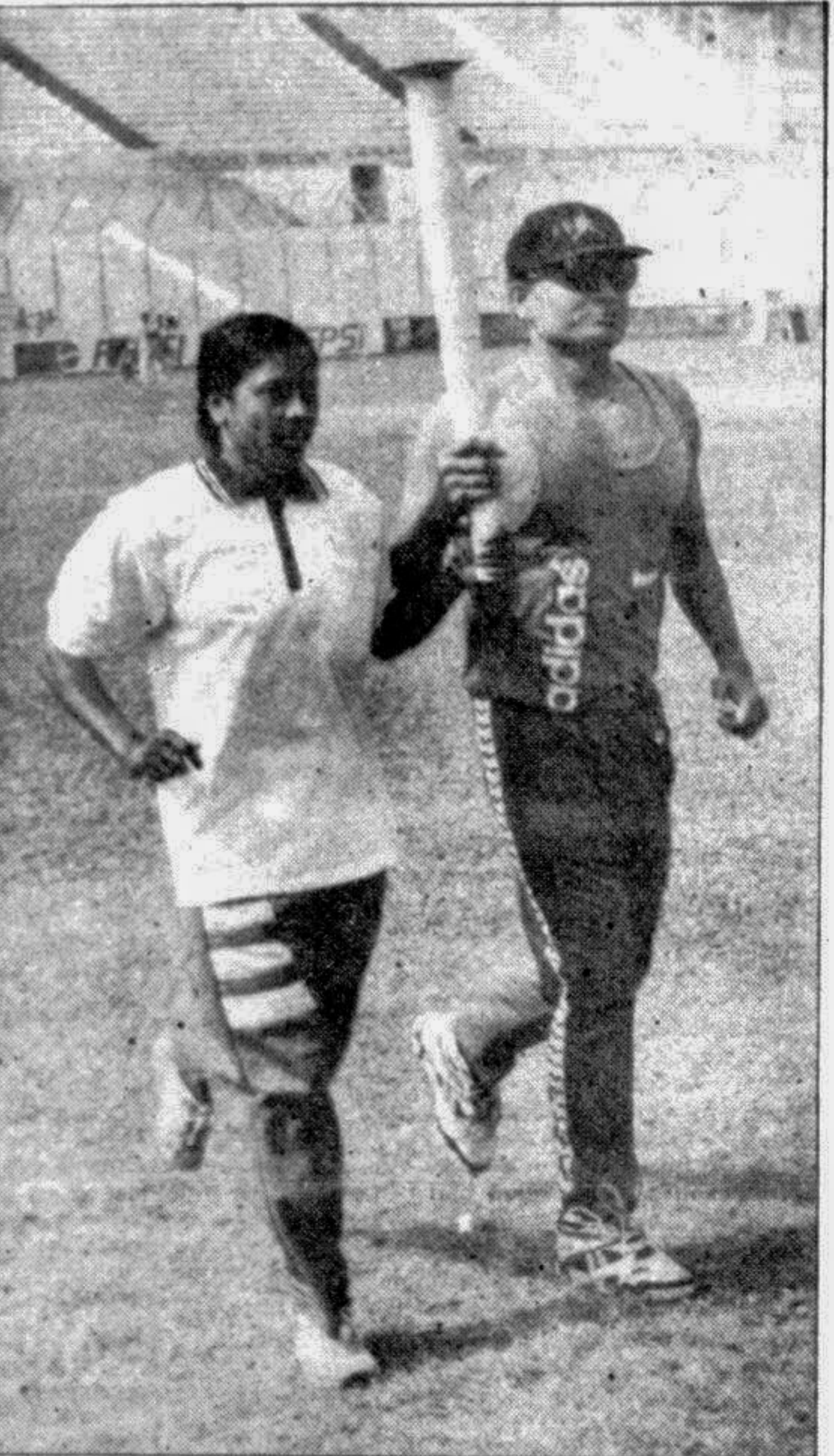
Sports Reporter
Bangladesh kabaddi team will go all out to win the gold in the forthcoming sixth SAF Games, scheduled to be held in the city from December 20 to 27.

Azizul Haque, president of the federation and Gunoraddi Manohar, who is presently in charge of the squad, both sounded strongly optimistic over our chances while talking to the newsmen at a routine press briefing at the National Sports Council conference.

Later last night, the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation officials came up with interestingly similar statements regarding our chances although theirs were guarded ones.

The male spikers, who had useful exposure at the Asian Championships following a prolonged prep sojourn in China, will in all probability go about in retaining what they achieved in the previous meet in Colombo.

CHEF DE MISSIONS
Harun Ur Rashid Khan MP will be the chef de mission of



Suha, the former national athlete and ace swimmer Mosharrif Hossain are rehearsing their role of carrying the torch for the opening and closing ceremonies of the SAF Games. — Star photo

IOA firm on its stance

NEW DELHI, Dec 14: The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) today decided to participate in the SAF Games to be held in Dhaka later this month, but stuck to its stand on the issue of managers, reports PTI.

At a meeting of the officer-bearers of IOA and national federations based here, it was decided that the apex sports body would pay for the managers whom the government refused to clear at its cost.

"We hope better sense will prevail and the government will reimburse the money spent in sending the managers," IOA's senior vice-president Vijay Kumar Malhotra told PTI after the meeting.

"If the government does not (reimburse the money), IOA will foot it," he said.

Malhotra said the decision to go to Dhaka, for the Games to be held from December 20 to 27, had been taken in view of the commitment made to the SAF Games federation and hosts Bangladesh and in the interests of the sports persons who had put in hardwork preparing for the event.

"And, it would not have been a wise decision to pull out virtually at the eleventh hour," he said.

The meeting, presided over by Malhotra, was attended by R K Khanna, Air Vice-Marshal Kumar Surendra Singh, Dr R L Anand (all vice-presidents), Randhir Singh (Secretary-General), Air Vice-Marshal C L Mehta (advisor), Lalit Bhanot (Secretary of the Amateur Athletic Federation of India) and V Dutta (Secretary of the Wrestling Federation of India).

Malhotra said the concept of permanent managers did not find favour with the national sports federations as it would lead to the development of "vested interests and a whole lot of understandable problems."

He said the officials present at the meeting, were of the opinion that the government, instead of usurping the authority and autonomy of the federations, should devote its attention towards preparation of the Indian sports persons for the Commonwealth Games and the Asian Games next year.

"There is very little time left now. Still, the import of required equipment has not been done," he added.



Members of the Bangladesh national cricket team who left Dhaka for Hong Kong yesterday to play a number of matches as part of Bangladesh's preparation for the ICC trophy to be held in Kenya in February. — Photo NAK

the Bangladesh contingent in the sixth SAF Games to be held in Dhaka from December 20 to 27.

D V Bhatia will be the head of the Indian team comprising about 250 sportsmen and women.

Fernando Manial will be the

MOTLEY MELANGE

Colour lies at the core of every competition, particularly if it is a sporting contest.

It adds to the visual appeal of the pageant and the sixth SAF Games will be no exception.

Colour is not being restricted to the paints on the wall of different federations and Olympic associations. The men who will be directly or indirectly associated with the spectacle to be held in the city from December 20 to 27 will make a real motley coloured melange.

The whole contingent of Bangladeshi sportsmen will be donned in navy blue blazers. Members of the organising committee will have blazers of deep blue hue. So will be the colour of different working committee members. Maroon will be the distinguishing colour of the liaison committee.

Technical judges will be given yellow blazers. Neutral technical judges will be in orange jackets. Federation officials will be in ash coloured coats while the district secretaries will be attired in more conventional black blazers.

Pakistan and Maldives will be first to arrive in the city for the sixth SAF Games beginning within a week's time.

While the full Pakistani squad is due on December 16 a fragment of the Maldives contingent, the shooting team to be precise, is expected on the same date.

The remainder of the party will be arriving on December 18, the same day India, Bhutan are supposed to land here.

The first instalment of the Nepalese team is due on December 17 while the remnants of the competitors from the Himalayan kingdom will be here on December 19 a day before the Games begin.

LAW & ORDER

UNB adds: More than 3,500 police personnel, including 116 officers, will be deployed for special security in addition to the normal security measures during the Games.

This was stated by the Games Law and Order Sub-Committee Secretary and Deputy Commissioner (South) of DMP Farrukh Ahmed Chowdhury at a press briefing.

Some 1,000 police personnel, including 25-30 officials, will be brought from outside the capital to strengthen the security measures during the SAF Games.

The sub-committee will set up 11 police control rooms, each to be headed by an Asstt Deputy Commissioner or Asstt Commissioner, at different Games venues and village, NSC premises and important points, including the airport, for smooth running of their jobs, starting from December 16 till December 30.

MEDICAL

Another UNB report said: Fifty physicians, including a 12-member medical commission, who are specialists in different fields, will be available for medical attention during the Games.

Prof Rashiduddin Ahmed, chairman of the Games Medical Committee, disclosed this during yesterday's press briefing at the NSC conference room. Secretary of the committee Dr Mahabubur Rahman Liton also spoke on the occasion.

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter
Maghbazar Kisholaya and Kadamatala Sangsad won their respective matches in the Pragoti Insurance Third Division football league at different venues in the city yesterday.

Maghbazar Kisholaya beat Matuall Jubo Sangha 1-0, with Didar scoring the winner, at the Outer Stadium.

In another encounter, held at the Mahabkali T & T Ground, Kadamatala Sangsad edged past Dilukha 1-0.

Salm scored the lone goal.

Morceli, Wang in the fray

NEW YORK, Dec 14: World record holders Noureddine Morceli of Algeria and Wang Junxia of China are among six finalists for the 1994 Jesse Owens international trophy award, reports AFP.

Morceli holds the mile record of 3 minutes, 44.39 seconds and also boasts the second fastest runs ever at 1,500 and 3,000 metres. While Wang, heading China's astonishing women's squad, broke the 10,000 metres record and won a World Championship in the event.

She also twice established global marks at 3,000 metres and ran the year's fastest marathon.

Other finalists for the award, to be presented on February 8, include US runner Gail Devers, the 100m world champion, Spanish cyclist Miguel Indurain, who won his third tour De France.

The others on the shortlist are US gymnast Shannon Miller, the all around winner at the World Championships and German swimmer Franziska van Almsick, a three-time individual winner and a member of three winning relays at the European Swimming Championships.

Christie won't quit so soon

LONDON, Dec 14: Britain's Linford Christie said on Monday he had no plans to retire — and predicted he could even be around to defend his Olympic 100 metres title in Atlanta in 1996, reports Reuter.

Christie, 33, was voted the BBC sports personality-of-the-year on Sunday, and discounted all talk of retirement by looking forward to the next Olympics, still nearly three years away.

"Keep your pens ready — I'm not counting out the Atlanta Games at all, smiled the Briton who already holds a place in Olympic history as the oldest 100m winner of all time.

"I'd be 36 by then, but every year I seem to get better and I don't think I'm anywhere near the pinnacle of my career yet. Whatever I do, I'll make sure I go out at the top."

Asked if he was still most likely to call it a day after shooting for a golden double at the European championships and Commonwealth Games, Christie responded: "Don't count on it — retirement isn't on my mind at the moment."

"The only thing that will be on my mind next year is winning those two titles."

Jt Korean bid for 2002 WC

SEOUL, Dec 14: South Korea will bid to stage the 2002 World Cup soccer finals and will invite rival North Korea to be co-host, soccer officials said Tuesday, reports AP.

"We hope that the joint sponsorship of the World Cup would promote closer ties with North Korea," said Lee Hong-ku, newly appointed chairman of the committee to promote South Korea's bid.

The Communist North and capitalist South, which fought a bloody war in 1950-53, reached a reconciliation accord last year, but relations now are strained because of suspicions about North Korea's nuclear programme.

"At least in sports, numerous possibilities for cooperation exist," said Lee, who also is vice chairman of a government association to promote peaceful reunification of the two Korean states, divided since 1945.

Japan also has announced plans to bid for the 2002 World Cup. No Asian nation ever has been host to world soccer's major event.

The 1998 World Cup will be held in France. The site for the 2002 World Cup will not be decided until 1996 but FIFA, the sport's world governing body, has said the 2002 finals will be held in Asia.

FIFA officials have expressed satisfaction with Japanese preparations for the 2002 World Cup, but also have said a unified Korean bid would be a strong contender.

South Korea and Saudi Arabia have qualified for the two Asian berths in the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States.

Win some, lose some

AUCKLAND, Dec 14: An amateur boxer who lost his sense of smell after being head-butted in the nose during a amateur fight was awarded US \$5,520 Tuesday by a government-funded accident compensation tribunal, reports AP.

Matthew Johnston, now 31, suffered the injuries in a 1990 bout.

Johnston, a spray painter, originally was awarded only \$1,550 — the set payment for a minor disability.

He appealed, saying he now was unable to detect dangerous fumes from spray paints and that he has partially lost his sense of taste.



Zimbabwean batsman Dave Brain can't stop a Waqar Younis ball crashing through the gate on the final day of the second Test between Pakistan and Zimbabwe at Rawalpindi yesterday. — AFP photo

Pakistan clinch Test series as

Ws wipe Zimbabweans off

RAWALPINDI, Dec 14: Pakistani bowlers Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis tore apart a spirited Zimbabwean defence to snatch a 52-run win in the second Test at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium on Tuesday, reports AFP.

"The victory also gave Pakistan an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three Test series as the World Cup holders had earlier beaten the tourists by 131 runs at Karachi.

Skipper Wasim Akram and his deputy Waqar Younis thwarted Zimbabwe's ambition, mopping up the last five batsmen in 16 overs at the expense of 40 runs.

Akram took five for 65 while vice captain Younis captured four for 50.

Younis, the architect of Pakistan's victory, won the man-of-the-match award for his tally of nine wickets in both innings.

Opener Dekkar continued to hold one end but he could not get a dependable partner in the face of torrid spells from the two Pakistan pacemen.

Four tourists batsmen were out on a duck, including captain Andy Flower and his brother Grant Flower.

Dekkar, who carried the bat through the innings, compiled 68 runs with the help of 10 boundaries.

Peal	8	4	13	0
Whittall	4	1	10	0
G Flower	4	0	13	0
ZIMBABWE: Second innings				
G Flower b Akram				0
Dekker not out				68
Campbell c Sohail b				75
Ataur Rehman				4
Houghton lbw b Younis				0
A Flower c Latif b Younis				0
Whittall lbw b Akram				4
Bruk-Jackson c Latif b Akram				0
Akram				4
Streak b Younis				0
Brain b Younis				2
Brandes lbw b Akram				1



WAQAR... man-of-the-match

Pakistan were all out for 248 in the first session, setting a target of 240 for the Test babes Zimbabwe to win the match.

But Zimbabwe at one stage threatened to turn the tables on their experienced rivals when Mark Dekkar, 68 not out, and Alistair Campbell in flashes of his first innings, hit 75. They featured in a bustling 135-run second-wicket partnership.

But the dismissal of scintillating Campbell by Ataur Rehman, 25 minutes before tea interval, heralded the tourists' collapse. In the first knock also Campbell, who hit 63, was trapped lbw by Rehman.

SCOREBOARD				
Scoreboard on the fifth day of the second cricket Test between Pakistan and Zimbabwe today:				
PAKISTAN: First Innings	245	(Asif Mujtaba 54, D Brain 4-41)		
ZIMBABWE: First Innings	254	(M Dekker 68, A Campbell 63, Waqar Younis 5-88)		
PAKISTAN: Second Innings	9	(Aamir Sohail lbw b Streak, Shoab Mohammad c A Flower b Streak)		
A Flower b Streak	13			
Inzamamul Haq b Brandes	14			
Ataur Rehman lbw b Brain	0			
Javed Miandad b Streak	10			
Basit Ali lbw b Brandes	40			
Asif Mujtaba c				
A Flower b Brain	51			
Rashid Latif c				
Houghton b Streak	61			
Wasim Akram lbw b Brandes	15			
Waqar Younis c				
Campbell b Streak	17			
Ashfaq Ahmed not out	1			
Extras: (b-1, lb-11, w-3, nb-2)	17			
Total:	248			
Fall of wickets: 1-25; 2-38; 3-39; 4-54; 5-58; 6-132; 7-209; 8-219; 9-240.				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
Brandes	31	9	71	3
Brain	34	6	73	2
Streak	20.3	3	56	5

AKRAM ... 5 for 65				
Peal c Inzamam b Akram	10			
Extras: (b-1, lb-11, nb-10, w-1)	23			
Total:	187			
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-135; 3-140; 4-144; 5-147; 6-152; 7-153; 8-164; 9-168.				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
Akram	23.2	3	65	5
Younis	21	4	50	4
Ataur Rehman	8	1	22	1
Ashfaq Ahmed	6	1	22	0
Shoab Mohammad	4	1	16	0
Result: Pakistan won by 52 runs.				
First Test: Pakistan won by 131.				
Third Test: December 16-21 at Lahore				

Fernando can't be blamed

COLOMBO, Dec 14: The historic Test between the West Indies and Sri Lanka was played at the Moratuwa Stadium at the home team's request and not for political reasons, the Sri Lankan Cricket Board president said here Tuesday, reports AFP.

Tyronne Fernando, who has been criticised for the decision to play the one-off Test in his home town Moratuwa, defended the ground which has been labelled a "mudhole" by the local media and the public.

"The Sri Lankan cricketers wanted to play there. They said they would be more comfortable playing on a slow wicket," said Fernando, who is also the government Minister for Information and Broadcasting.

The Test was abandoned on the fifth day Monday after almost three days of play had

been lost due to a soggy outfield caused by rain. The outfield remained muddy due to a poor drainage system.

Fernando brushed aside claims that politics and self-interest had played a part in Moratuwa — being picked over three other Colombo grounds, as the venue for the first-ever Test against the West Indies.

"There were two practical reasons for choosing Moratuwa. One is that it is a very lucky ground for Sri Lanka. We have won almost every match we have played there," said Fernando.

"The other reason is that if we were to give the Test to one of the grounds in Colombo, we would have had to stage a one-day in Moratuwa. We would have never been able to handle the crowds on this small ground and it might have sparked off problems," Fernando added.

Moratuwa is Fernando's electorate and the cricket stadium is also named after the board president.

The cricket board had declined a request from the Sinhalese Sports Club (SSC) to host the Test on its picturesque grounds which is widely regarded as the island's premier Test venue.

The SSC, which also houses the board headquarters, had made the request to host the match through former Sri Lankan President J R Jayewardene who is also SSC president.

Fernando, however, admitted that the Moratuwa ground — the 67th Test venue in the world — had many shortcomings, including a poor drainage system which was mainly instrumental in the Test being abandoned.