

## Sport

## Aussies keep coming on



CAPE TOWN, Mar 20: An inspired all-round effort by Steve Waugh and three quick wickets seized by Shane Warne on Sunday gave Australia a chance for victory in the second Test against South Africa, reports AP.

The match seemed headed for a draw when Australia's first innings ended at 435 all out after lunch to give the visitors a 74-run lead heading into South Africa's second innings.

Waugh, who hit a brilliant 86 for Australia including a record 108-run sixth-wicket partnership with Ian Healy, then grabbed two crucial wickets and Warne picked up his three to leave the home side reeling at 100 for six at stumps.

South Africa, struggling on 94 for three, lost four wickets for three runs in the space of 30 balls in 19 minutes, before Jonty Rhodes and Brian McMillan saw the last 18 minutes safely through.

Waugh triggered the South African collapse, brilliantly catching danger man Hansie Cronje off his own bowling in his second over and then beating Andrew Hudson with a straight ball.

In the 39th over of the innings, South Africa skipper Kepler Wessels was run out on an Allan Border throw from mid wicket.

Peter Kirsten then lobbed a catch to Mark Taylor when attempting to sweep Warne and three balls later, Fanie de Villiers was done by a top spinner.

Warne has picked up three for 20 in 17 overs while Waugh's two wickets cost him 16 runs.

South Africa's hopes for a draw depend on Rhodes and McMillan, who must remain alive on enough to score some runs and eat away Australia's time to bat.

South African coach Mike Proctor blamed a "lack of discipline" for the batting collapse, saying his side lost its composure after Australia took the lead in their first innings.

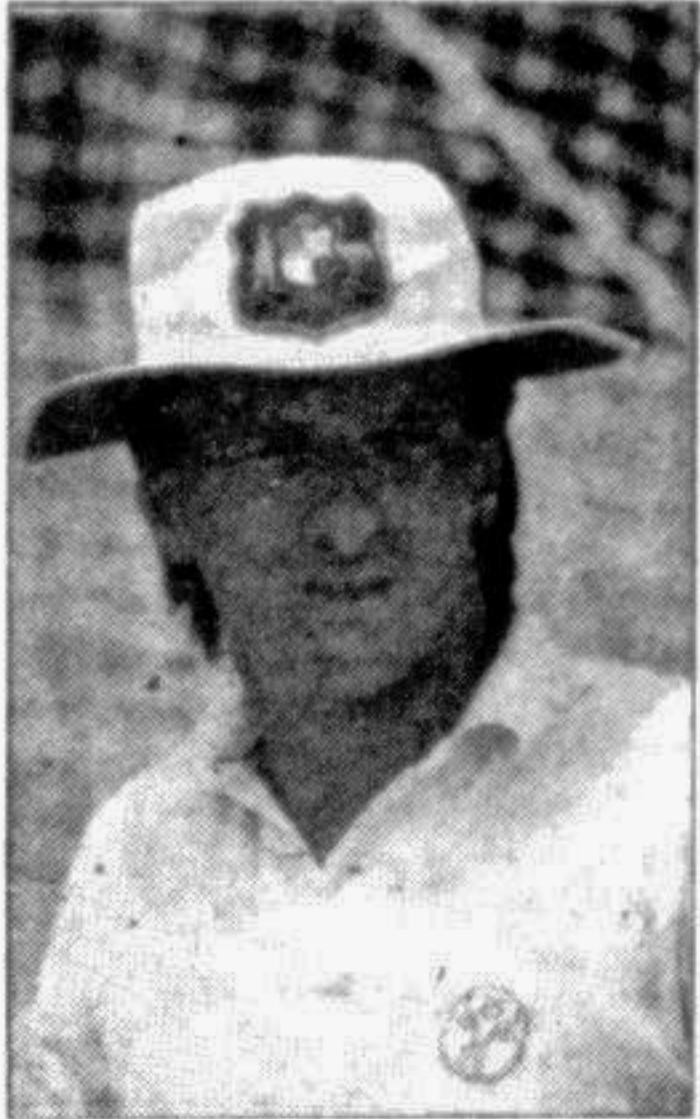
"We have lost three very good wickets to run outs in this Test, which is very sad," Proctor said.

South Africa won the first Test of Australia's two-month tour and hold a 3-1 lead in a

series of eight one-day matches, with another Test and the four remaining one-day matches to come.

Although the wicket has played a few tricks with the pace getting slow and low, Waugh believes it is still a good wicket to bat on.

"We planned out a few things and it worked. We are desperate for a win and in the given conditions, under pressure South Africa panicked."



WAUGH ... all-round show he said.

South Africa's limping second innings overshadowed an outstanding bowling effort by hometown hero Craig Matthews, who returned a career best five for 80 in the Australian innings.

He picked up four wickets for four runs off 16 balls as Australia crashed after lunch, following the record stand by Waugh and Healy.

Their 108 runs in a sixth-wicket partnership broke a 93-year-old record in the South Africa - Australia series - 107 runs shared between Charles Kelleway and Vernon Ransford against South Africa in Melbourne.

Healy completed 2000 Test runs and therefore joined the "2000 Runs and 200 Dismissal Club" with Australian Rod Marsh (3633 runs, 355 dismissals in 95 Tests), West Indian Jeff Dujon (3222, 272 in 81) and Englishmen Allan Knott (4389, 269 in 95) and Godfrey Evans (2439, 219 in 91).

Healy has scored 2002 runs with 203 dismissals in 61

Tests.

Waugh finally fell to a grubber from Matthews which kept low to hit off stump.

His 86 runs lasted 260 minutes and included 14 boundaries off 164 balls.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the second cricket Test between Australia and South Africa.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings 361 (A. Hudson 102, B. McMillan 74, P. Kirsten 62).

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings (overnight 336-5)

Slater c P. Kirsten b De Villiers 26

Taylor c Richardson b De Villiers 70

Boon c Richardson b De Villiers 96

M Waugh c P. Kirsten b McMillan 7

Border c Richardson b Matthews 45

S. Waugh b Matthews 86

Healy c De Villiers b Matthews 0

Warne c McMillan b De Villiers 11

McDermott c P. Kirsten b Matthews 1

McGrath not out 1

Extras: (b-6, lb-17, w-1, nb-7) 31

Total: 435

Fall of wickets: 1-40, 2-145, 3-153, 4-244; 5-310; 6-418; 7-418; 8-430; 9-434; 10-435.

**Bowling:** O M R W

Donald 35 10 111 0

De Villiers 44 11 117 4

Matthews 36 12 80 5

McMillan 29 8 82 1

Kirsten 4 0 13 0

Cronje 11 4 9 0

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Second innings

Hudson lbw b S. Waugh 49

Kirsten lbw b Warne 10

Cronje c and b S. Waugh 19

Wessels run out 9

Kirsten c Taylor b Warne 3

Rhodes not out 1

De Villiers lbw b Warne 0

McMillan not out 1

Extras: (b-5, nb-3) 8

Total: (six wickets) 100

Fall: 1-33; 2-69; 3-94; 4-97; 5-97; 6-97.

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S. Waugh 9 4 16 2

Border 1 1 0 0

## Office league hockey on

## Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Navy celebrated their first ever win over Bangladesh Army by the odd goal in three in the opening match of the Sonali Bank office hockey league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

All the three goals were scored in the second session after the two service teams fought neck and neck for an elusive goal in the first half.

However, Bangladesh Army drew the first blood when Shafique Islam sounded the board with a nice drive.

Navy nullified Army's lead three minutes later when their defender Rafique drove home one of their four short corners through the Army defence.

Farhad Hossain sealed the fate of the match in the 68th minute.

Earlier, president of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation Maj Gen Abdur Rab inaugurated meet, the first of its kind.

Dhaka Ansars will take on Sonali Bank in today's match.

## IM chess meet begins today, but where?

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The second United Insurance International Masters chess competition was formally inaugurated yesterday by the State Minister for Youth and Sports, Sadeque Hossain, at the National Sports Council conference room but the venue for the meet is yet to be decided, exposing once again the loopholes in the overall management and certainly calling into question the ability of the organisers, the Bangladesh Chess Federation, to host an event such as this.

India were 104 for three in reply to New Zealand's first innings total of 187.

Captain Mohammad Azharuddin, eight, and makeshift opener Nayan Mongia, 33, were the batsman still at the crease.

Although the opening ceremony, presided over by Dr A R Khan, a vice-president of the federation, ran quite smoothly, touching up every detail of formality, the uncertainty over the venue remained ironically unresolved.

In fact, it never augured well for the tournament as the eleven-round meet, at one stage, ran the risk of being jeopardised with national champion Reesat Bin Sattar jibbing to participate on grounds of examination, which could have left the competition one short of the quorum of three IMs required for a meet of this nature. Fortunately, Reesat

eventually agreed to play, sparing the blushes for the organisers.

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NO JOY: Indian skipper Mohammad Azharuddin is about to gobble up a ball with the hopes of giving another blow to the waning Kiwi innings. But the offering had no bearing as the ball played by Dion Nash bounced off the ground. New Zealand were all out for 187 on the second day of the one-off Test against India at Auckland yesterday. — AFP photo

## Batting remains Kiwi bane



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evenly poised at the end of the second day today, reports Reuter.

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**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings (overnight 81 for three)

Hartland c Chauhan 0

Kapil Dev b Srinath 0

Young c Kumble 13

Greatbatch c Azharuddin 12

b Srinath 63

Rutherford b Kumble 16