IM meet off to a

quiet start

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expectations of the exotic and

upset at the outset as the three

Bangladeshi duo of Reefat Bin

Sattar and Ziaur Rahman and

Pakistani Mahmood Lodhi -

registered easy wins on the

opening day of the second

United Insurance International

Masters' chess tournament at

the chess room of the National

national champion Reefat Bin

Sattar wrought submission

from compatriot Abul Kashem

Bhuiyan, who opted for Park

IM. needed 22 moves to send

Abdul Khaleq packing. The

scraggy young player followed

Sicilian Taimanov system to

familiar of the five foreign

participants of the 40-player

eleven round Swiss league

system meet, launched offen-

sive on Rukhsana Gulshan Ni-

Nikkon, one of the upco-

ming women players of the

country, held the fort upto 27

moves in a game of queen's

pawn opening before surren-

dering to her much seasoned

brilliant but erratic opponent.

Survashekhar, the most

focused player of the meet

more for his tender age

(eleven years old) than any

previous record of success in

any tourney in Bangladesh.

disappointed, drawing with

His fellow-Indians - Shub-

Enayet Hossain of Bangladesh.

hrajeet Shaha, Paritosh Bha-

ttacharva and Priton Singh

however, won their respective

Shubhrajeet beat Bangla

desh's Zakia Sultana while

Paritosh deposited full points

at the cost of Manzur Alam,

Mahmood Lodhi, the most

defend his black pieces.

kkon with the white.

Reefat's coeval Zia, another

Playing with white pieces

Sports Council yesterday.

defence opening.

International Masters

Experience prevailed over

Two former champions — Bangladesh Biman and Dhaka University

won their respective matches in a canter on the opening day of the final round of the Pepsi Cup 20th national cricket championship at different city

Dhaka University outclassed Rajshahi District Sports Association (DSA) by nine wickets

In what later turned out to be a misnomer of a contest, Rajshahi won the toss and chose to make the first use of the wicket. But their luck and fancied opponents proved no less merciless than the March sun and the innings folded in 35.5 overs, nearly 15 short of the quota of 50 overs, for a

Just two batsmen - opener Mushfigur (12), and wicketkeeper Khaled Masud Pilot (11) - reached the double figures while extras contributed 18 runs.

National cricketer Selim Shahed, who is leading Dhaka University in this competition, testified the idee fixe about opening the attack with a spinner from one end by putting young slow left armer Ibne Shaheed Sharfuddowla, another member of the national team, in charge of the new ball along with Morshed

Sharfuddowla, better known as Saikat, who is originally from Rajshahi, added to the

cricketers in the opposition with figures of one for 12 from

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five overs. With the wicket showing signs of unmistakable friendliness to the finger spinners. skipper Shahed brought on off spinners Rupam and Mamun and reaped immediate divi-

The two shared six wickets between themselves with Ma mun recording the best analysis of the day. He accounted for three batsmen giving away only 13 runs from the individual quota of ten overs.

Rupam's three scalps cost him 29 runs, also from ten

Left-arm spinner Shamsul claimed one for two and so ineffectual was the challenge from the Rajshahi batsmen that DU skipper Shahed, who is fairly competent and regular off spinner at any level of the game, did not feel the neces sity to bring himself on.

Rajshahi's new ball bowler Geni, who toiled manfully, sent back opener Suman Biswas with the DU total on 22 in the 12th over but the other opener, Javed Omar Belim, enjoyed fine support from Ziauddin Ahmed Shovon and the two knocked off the required 86 runs in 32 overs to pull off a nine wicket win.

Shovon was more aggressive in his unbeaten knock of 35 while Javed grafted to an unconquered 29 from 84 balls.

Few more runs were scored but cricket was as unimpressive at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium where Bangladesh Biman made short work of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BU-ET) by 67 runs.

Here also the team batting first failed to last the allotted 50-over quota substantiating once again that cricketers here still need to go a long way

before acquitting themselves of the charge of temperamental

shortcoming. After a horrendous start with national opener Jahangir Alam and his partner, the tall Ahmed Faiyaz leaving cheaply. Biman innings was breathed into some oxygen as by Shahnawaz Shaheed Shanu, a national cricketer and Zakaria Imtiaz made it a point to cooperate with the time.

Zakaria played 72 balls to topscore with 46 featuring two hits to the fence while Shanu preceded him to the pavilion with 60-ball 31 inclusive of three fours.

Jahangir Talukdar Dulu was the other batsman to get some runs making a quick 23 with the help of four boundaries in the slog overs as Biman were all out for 171 in 46 overs.

Rais was BUET's most productive bowler with a haul of three for 30 followed by Noman and Nipu who took two wickets apiece. .

Rafiq, a medium pacer turned into spinner, made late inroads with the ball as BUET, saddled with the obligatory victory target of 172 in 50 overs, were all out for 104 in 37.5 overs.

Rafiq's left arm spinners were too much for the BUET batsmen and he returned flattering figures of four for 14 from seven overs.

Mahmud, a teacher, offered

some resistance among the transient BUET, batsmen with 35 made off 70 balls with the help of three fours. Hassan with 19 and skipper

Kaisar with 13 were the other BUET batsmen to make it to the double figures.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Chittagong vs Satkhira (DCS)

Sylhet vs Jessore (Dhaka Stadium)

slip a little away from us. That

type of partnership can be very

completed and outstanding

game returning career hest

figures - five for 28 to follow

his 86 in the Australian first

innings to win the man-of-the-

Waugh described his five-

"I batted so well and it was

wicket burst as a "bonus" and

said he was disappointed to

that just one good ball that

have missed a Test century.

All-rounder Steve Waugh

dangerous," he added.

match award.

another local contestant. Mahfuzur Rahman Imon. the reigning national subjunior champion, fell prey to Priton Singh to pave the way for a treble Indian success.

matches.

Day's other winners were: Talımidur Rahman (FM), Jamilur Rahman(FM), Khandaker Kayes Hassan, Syed Ruhul Kabir, Abdullah Al Rakib, Savefuddin Lavlu, Omar Khaled, Ali Amjad, Ruhul Quddus, Nazrul Islam and Kalimullah Khan, all Bangladeshis.

The champion of the tourney will be richer for Taka 20,000, while the runner-up will get 14,000.

Mixed day for Army outfits

Army outfits, the Reds recorded a facile 86-56 win over Josphite Club while the Blues suffered a 48-70 defeat at the hands of Eagles Club on the inaugural day of the Independence Day basketball competition at the wooden-floor gym-

In the first match of the day, of Bangladesh Army Reds enjoyed a slender 42-34 lead in the first half.

spiring shooting as the winners scored 44 points against 22 by Josephites in the ses-

day, Eagles came from behind to register a 70-48 victory over the Army Blues.

half 32-30. Eagles scored 40 points in

the second half to match the victory with Imon caging 26 points while Azhar slam-dunking 20.

For more goals

DALLAS, Mar 21: A worldwide soccer organisation has adopted two laws aimed at keeping play in the World Cup competition offensive, officials announced Friday, reports AP.

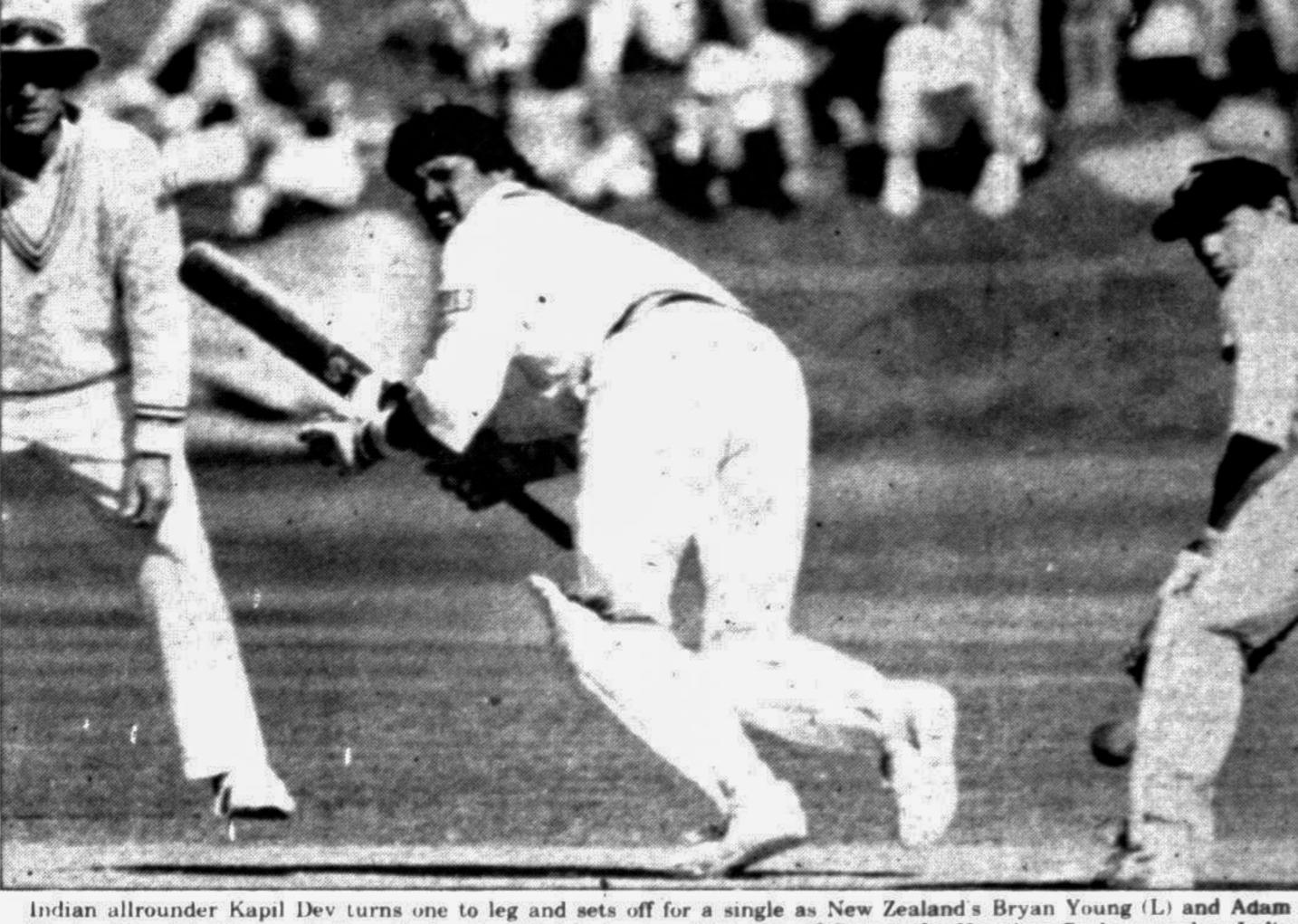
nale de Football announced the changes following a week-long seminar of instruction and physical fitness evaluation of 30 referees and 25 linesmen at the Cooper Clinic. Joseph Blatter, general sec-

retary of FIFA, said the seminar focused on changing the overall attitude and perception of referees and linesmen.

score goals." Blatter said. "We realized that there has been too much defensive play, especially in the last World Cup in Italy in 1990, so we made some changes."

Two new laws have been adopted, he said: The goalkeeper cannot use his hands to play the ball if it is passed back to him, and no longer will a player be considered offsides if he is even with the last defender. Blatter said the changes will encourage more

shall be considered serious foul play, which is already a law," Blatter said. "We also have said that a team will be awarded three points for a win instead of two. We want to bring back the idea of going for the goal."



Parore, the wicketkeeper, look on during the third day's play of the one-off Test at the Hamilton Park yesterday. India - AFP photo made 246 in reply to the Kiwi total of 187.

Honours shared on Day 3

HAMILTON, New Zealand, Mar 21 Sharp fielding helped New Zealand split honours with India on the third day of their one-off cricket Test match at Hamilton today.

reports Reuter. New Zealand, 59 runs behind after the first innings. were 39 without loss in their second innings at the close of play. They earlier dismissed India for 246 midway through

the last session. Bryan Young, on 19, and Blair Hartland, 18, were together for New Zealand at the close of play. Their opening stand was New Zealand's best of a dismal summer against Australia and Pakistan.

The pair looked comfortable against the opening attack of Javagal Srinath, the most successful bowler in New Zealand's first innings with four wickets for 60 runs, and veteran Kapil Dev

While Srinath was generally sharp and always accurate, Kapil looked a shadow of his former self. He was able to get movement away from the bat. but he bowled at barely medium pace and the batsmen played him with ease.

Captain Mohammad Azharuddin made a double bowling change in the 15th over, bringing slow left-armer Venkatapathy Raju and legspinner Anil Kumble into the attack.

Young and Hartland with the latter playing forcefully off the back foot, had few problems. But by the last over the day, the spinners were starting to extract an alarming amount

That does not bode well for the New Zealanders, who struggled against the spin of Australian Shane Warne carlier

India, starting the day at

104 for three, were eventually dismissed for 246 midway through the last session. Danny Morrison, with four wickets for 52 runs, was the

pick of the New Zealand bowling attack. Azharuddin, with 63, was

India's top-scorer. He rarely



AZHAR . . . 4000 Test runs looked troubled in his 162minute stay at the crease and

passed 4,000 Test runs during his innings. The Indians adopted a cautious approach throughout the day, rarely taking chances and scoring through singles and

twos rather than boundaries. That approach may have backfired, as the New Zealand bowlers — hardly intimidating managed to winkle out the batsmen at regular intervals.

New Zealand's bowlers were well supported by their fielders, with all chances being snapped up and sharp ground

In other Tests this summer,

New Zealand's catching has been substandard, but today's performance enabled the home side to restrict the Indians to a 59-run lead.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the cricket Test between India and New Zealand at Hamilton today. **NEW ZEALAND** : First in-

nings 187 all out

INDIA: First innings N. Mongia run out N. Sidhu b Morrison V. Kambli c Young b Pringle S. Tendulkar c Nash b Thomson M Azharuddin b Thomson S. Manjrekar c Young b Morrison Kapil Dev c Fleming b Nash 18 A. Kumble c Flemin b Morrison -R. Chauhan not out V. Raju c Young b Morrison J. Srinath c Parore b Pringle Extras: (w-1, lb-6) Total

Fall of wickets: 1-25; 2-38; 3-89; 4-138; 5-183; 6-216; 7-226: 8-227: 9-237.

Bowling:	0	M	R	W
Morrison	30	9	52	4
Nash	20	5	57	1
Pringle	22.3	8	52	2
Hart	19	5	33	0
Thomson	1)	1	46	2
NEW Z	EALANI	:	Second	

innings B. Hartland not out B. Young not out Extras: (b-2) Total: (for no wickets)

To bat: K. Rutherford, M. Greatbatch, S. Fleming, S. Thomson, A Parore, M Hart, D Nash, D Morrison, C. Pringle. Bowling: Srinath 15 Kapil Dev 12 Kumble Chauhan

England at Bourda on Sunday:

322 (M Atherton 144, R Smith

84, C Ambrose 4-58)

(overnight 487-6)

D Haynes c Russell

b Salisbury

ENGLAND: First innings

WEST INDIES: First innings

finals on Sunday, reports Reuter. Martin was beaten 5-1, 5-1 by England's Peter Marshall whom he has convincingly

Martin doesn't

like it at all

21: Australian world number

two Brett Martin launched a

scathing attack on the experi-

mental tennis scoring being

used at the Grasshopper Cup

after crashing out in the semi-

ZURICH, Switzerland, Mar

beaten twice under normal scoring in the past month. "It just makes the game negative," Martin said. "There

is no incentive to go for your shots. "If someone wants to stay on court for two hours every time to win a match then this is the game for them. It just

makes the game an endurance Martin was clearly not happy with the format from the start and there appeared little likelihood of him repeating his wins over Marshall in the final of the Welsh Classic

Australia international four days ago. Fellow Australian Rodney Eveles had little good to say about the scoring experiment after he had been crushed 5-0, by world champion

last month and in the England-

Jansher Khan in the other semifinal "It is like night and day to us all this chopping and changing. But perhaps it is worth more experiments as I can see

how it can provide more exciting moments for spectators." But Jansher, who had returned from playing league squash in Paris on Saturday

under normal scoring, took it all in his stride. "It is all squash, I just play

and let other people take the score," he said after dismissing Eyles in half an hour.

FIFA slaps

fine on Mexico

qualifiers Mexico facé a heavy

fine after the country's refer-

ees illegally wore advertising

during league soccer matches.

FIFA general secretary Joseph

Blatter said on Friday, reports

ees equipment is absolutely

prohibited," said Blatter at a

news conference to mark the

end of a seminar for World Cup

Federation has been told to

stop immediately such actions

and the case will be dealt with

by the FIFA Disciplinary

voke a very severe sanction

from FIFA. In my opinion there

Referees Association had uni-

laterally decided to wear ad-

vertising for Sabritas snacks on

their shirts and did so at

league matches throughout the

country one weekend earlier

"Such an attitude will pro-

Blatter said the Mexican

"The Mexican Football

referees and linesmen.

Committee," he said.

will be a heavy fine.

this month.

"Wearing publicity on refer-

DALLAS, Mar 21: World Cup

England in deep waters



abilities.

GEORGETOWN. Guyana, Mar 21: Curtly Ambrose celebrated his 200th Test wicket by tightening the noose around England's

neck in the second Test on Sunday, reports Reuter. His 200th victim was England captain Mike Atherton and he followed up with the wickets of Mark Ramprakash and Robin Smith to leave the touring team in a perilous position when rain and bad

light brought a premature end to the fourth day's play. England were 119-4 at the close still needing a further

115 to avoid an innings defeat. Their only hope of avoiding going-2-0 down in the series appears to rest more on the fickle Georgetown weather rather than their own batting

Only opener Alec Stewart withstood the Ambrose bar-After seeing his skipper

bowled by the second ball of the innings and Mark Ramprakash suffer a similar late soon afterwards, Stewart decided to fight fire with fire. He struck nine fours in a

belligerent half century to lift the gloom over the England camp. Stewart and Robin Smith

threatened a recovery with a third wicket stand of 61 but then Ambrose struck again, having Smith caught at second slip for 24. Five runs later England's

innings was in disarray when Graeme Hick was bowled by Kenny Benjamin for five to leave them 96-4. between the West Indies and

the chips are down, refused to buckle under the onslaught and was 72 not out at the But well though Stewart

played, the day belonged to the menacing Ambrose. He finished with 3-25 from 12 overs. Earlier, West Indies had stretched their first innings advantage to 234 by moving

from their overnight 487-6 to

AMBROSE . . 200 Test wickets 556 - their highest score against England at the Bourda.

Left-hander Jimmy Adams. 137 before being last man out. He batted for almost seven hours, a feat one of England's

equalling if the touring team are to have any hope of salvaging a draw on Tuesday. Today is a badly needed rest day for the beleaguered Eng-

land side. SCOREBOARD

R Richardson c Lewis B Fraser B Lara c Atherton b Lewis 167 K Arthurton c Thorpe b Salisbury J Adams Ibw b Igglesden 137 S Chanderpaul b Salisbury

J. Murray lbw b Salisbury W Benjamin b Fraser C Ambrose c Russell b Lewis 10 K Benjamin c Russel b Lewis C Walsh not out Extras: (b-2, lb-6, w-1, nb-13) Total:

Fall of wickets: 1-63; 2-177; 3-203; 4-315; 5-441; 6-441 7-505; 8-520; 9-532.

Bowling: R W Lewis 110 lgglesden 94 85 Salisbury Ramprakash 15 1

G Thorpe not out Extras: (lb-2, nb-1) Total: (for four wickets)

Ellsworth Vines dead

Elisworth Vines, who won three Grand Slam tennis tournament titles in the early 1930s, has died of complications of kidney disease. He was 82. reports AP. Vines, who died Thursday

in this desert resort, had a

heart attack in 1988 and subsequently had kidney failure that required dialysis three He won the US Nationals.

now the US Open, in 1931 and again in 1932, the year he also won Wimbledon

venues vesterday.

at the Dhaka Stadium.

paltry collection of 85.

Morshed, who recently attended a pace-bowlers' training camp in India along with Sajal Chowdhury and Raimur Rashid Rahul - pinned down the Rajshahi openers with some brisk bowling. The dark, lanky left-arm medium pacer finished with two wickets for 21 runs from eight overs.

miseries of his fellow district

CAPE TOWN, Mar 21: Australia beat South Africa by nine wickets in

the second cri-

cket Test Monday, leveling the three-match series 1-1, reports AP. Australia needed 91 runs to win after bowling out South

Africa for 164 in their second

innings and scored what was

required for the loss of vicecaptain Mark Taylor. Michael Slater, with an unbeaten 43, and David Boon (32) not out) shared an undefeated 62-run stand to complete the

nine-wicket victory. Taylor played on to fast bowler Allan Donald after scoring just 14 runs with Australia on 30.

South Africa won the first

Test at the Wanderers by 197 runs and the teams go into the deciding third and final Test in Durban on Friday. Skipper Allan Border said he believed Australia's defeat in the first Test came as a sur-

victory couldn't have been better timed. "The result at Wanderers was a good kick up the backside. We desperately needed to

prise to many and Monday's

DU hockey trials

win here," Border said.

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The players of Dhaka University have been asked to join a preliminary trials for the upcoming 16th national hockey championship and the interuniversity hockey champion ship, says a DU press release.

The players are to contact Abdur Razzage at his office at 3:30 pm today. Meanwhile, in another press release issued yesterday, the

Department of Physical Education invited applications from interested athletes for the forthcoming inter-university athletics competition. The students from the affiliated colleges under the

University can also take part in

the trials to be held at the

central playground from eight

a.m. today. Ansars shock Sonali Bank

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Ansars edged past Sonali Bank by a solitary goal in the Sonali Bank office hockey league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Dhaka Ansars, who produced a spirited display against the star-studded Sonali Bank, scored the match-decider is the 12th minute when their fleet-footed striker Mamun executed a nice field goal. The stubborn Ansar defence

fought all the way in the 70minute showdown to keep the Sonali Bank forwards at bay. Spearheaded by national

colours Barkatullah Chapal and Arifuzzaman Nannu, Sonali Bank got as many as five short corners but failed to capitalise on any of them.

Sadharan Bima KS take on PWD SC in today's match at 3.30 pm.

Aussies draw level in style "When everyone thought a draw was inevitable after the first two days, we had- our minds focused on a different

> angle and it worked well for us," he said. "It was a game of hard grind and I am pleased with the outcome of it. The attitude of the boys had changed a great deal since the first Test defeat," Border said

Slater lofted off spinner Gary Kirsten one bounce for his fifth boundary to complete

S WAUGH ... 5 for 28

and hit five boundaries off 84

balls while Boon's innings

lasted 72 minutes and in-

cluded three boundaries off 46

resistance by Jonty Rhodes

and Dave Richardson, the

South African innings folded to

eight wicket stand frustrated

the morning, letting the game

Biman inter

club rifle

shooting on

From Our Correspondent

two-day second Biman inter-

club rifle shooting competition

was inaugurated here today at

the Kushtia Rifle Club Shooting

country are taking part in the

event organised by the Kushtia

Shooting Club under auspicious

of the Bangladesh Shooting

Haq inaugurated the tourna-

Minister Hannan Shah is ex-

pected give away prizes among

BSF vice-president Sirajul

On the concluding day Jute

Federation (BSF).

ment as chief guest.

the winners.

Fifty teams from all over the

KUSHTIA, Mar 21: The

Border said South Africa's

We were a bit sluggish in

the second new ball.

the Aussies.

After some stubborn batting

He batted for 108 minutes

Australia's remarkable win.

made the difference," he said. South African skipper Kepler Wessels said his side's three run outs were bad mis-"You can't to do that in Test cricket and expect the game to go your way. We really lost the game in just half an hour during the fourth evening. although we were mindful of the fact the lead we had conceded was going to go against

us," Wessels said.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the second cricket Test between South Africa and Australia at Newlands to

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

435 (D Boon 96, S Waugh 86, M Taylor 70, I Healy 61, C

Matthews 5-80, F De Villiers 4-117) **SOUTH AFRICA:** Second innings (overnight 100-6) A Hudson lbw b S Waugh G Kirsten lbw b Warne H Cronje c and b S Waugh K Wessels run out P Kirsten c Taylor b Warne J Rhodes c Border b S Waugh F De Villiers lbw b Warne B McMillan lbw b S Waugh

D Richardson c Healy

b McGrath

Border

Matthews

De Villiers

McMillan

Donald

Cronje

C Matthews not out A Donald b S Waugh Extras: (b-4, lb-6, nb-3) Total: Fall of wickets: 1-33; 2-69; 3-94; 4-97; 5-97; 6-97; 7-103; 8-164; 9-164; 10-164. OMR Bowling : McDermott 39 12 Hughes 30 38 Warne 6 26 McGrath 16 S Waugh 22.3 28 9

M Waugh 1 11 AUSTRALIA : Second in-M Taylor b Donald M Slater not out D Boon not out Extras : (b-1, nb-2) Total: (for one wicket, 25.1 overs) Fall of wicket: 1-30. Bowling R

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10 1.1 0 G Kirsten Result: Australia won by nine wickets. First Test : South Africa won by 169 runs. Third Test: March 25-29 in Durban

Sports Reporter Among the two Bangladesh

nasium yesterday.

Shafi, who caged 20 points. led the charge for his side in the second half with some in-

In the other match of the

The Army outfit led the first

The Federation Internatio-

"The objective of (soccer) is

attacking offensive play. "Also, tackling from behind

Stewart, at his best when

who scored a maiden Test century on Saturday, reached

batsmen must come close to

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the second cricket Test

ENGLAND: Second innings M Atherton b Ambrose A Stewart not out M Ramprakash b Ambrose R Smith c Richardson b Ambrose G Hick b K Benjamin

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-30; 3-91, 4-96 OMRW Bowling: 12 2 25 3 Ambrose 12.2 2 24 Walsh W Benjamin 6 0 32 10 5 18 K Benjamin

LA QUINTA, Calif, Mar 21;

times a week as outpatient.