

Windies win 2nd Test by an innings and 44 runs

## England get the message

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Mar 23: West Indies left England fearing a Caribbean tour whitewash as they wrapped up an innings victory on Tuesday to take a 2-0 lead in the five-Test series, reports Reuter.

England's batsmen, resuming on 119 for four after the rest day, lasted until mid-afternoon on the final day at Bourda but were eventually bowled out for 190, giving West Indies victory by an innings and 44 runs.

Curly Ambrose and Kenneth Benjamin did most of the damage with four wickets apiece, giving Ambrose a match haul of eight victims, after Alec Stewart had added only seven runs to his overnight score of 72.

England now move back to Trinidad for the third Test starting on Friday with morale at a low ebb and team manager Keith Fletcher admitting there is little light at the end of the tunnel.

Brian Lara was named man-of-the-match for his fine innings of 167 out of West Indies' massive total of 556 which made England's fate largely inevitable on a slow, low pitch.

England skipper Michael Atherton admitted his side's first innings effort of 322 had not been "a standard score for the wicket" in the conditions and is looking for considerable

improvement from both bowlers and batsmen in Port of Spain.

"If you look at the scorecard, too many batsmen are getting single figure scores. There has not been enough consistency," he said.

"Hopefully there might be English-like conditions in Trinidad for the first couple of days to give our bowlers some much-needed encouragement."

After Monday's rest day and with a blameless weather forecast, the tourists' fortunes hinged on Stewart and Graham Thorpe, the last two remaining recognised batsmen, surviving until lunch.

In the event, the Surrey pair were both back in the pavilion long before the interval and wicketkeeper Jack Thorpe, the last two remaining recognised batsmen, surviving until lunch.

Chris Lewis and Ian Salisbury gave their side some respite with a resolute stand of 45 for the eighth wicket, but once Lewis perished to a sharp catch at short-leg, the end was predictably swift.

It was England's 11th defeat in their last 13 Tests and although fast bowler Devon Malcolm rejoins his teammates this week he will not be available for the third Test. By the time he is fit enough to be considered, England may already have conceded the series.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day

of the second cricket Test between the West Indies' and England at Bourda on Tuesday.

**ENGLAND:** First innings 322 (M. Atherton 144, R. Smith 84; C Ambrose 4-58)

**WEST INDIES:** First innings 556 (B. Lara 167, J. Adams 137, D. Haynes 63, S. Chanderpaul 62, I. Salisbury 4-163)

**ENGLAND:** Second innings (overnight 119-4)

M. Atherton b Ambrose 0

A. Stewart b K. Benjamin 79

M. Ramprakash b Ambrose 5

R. Smith c Richardson b Ambrose 24

G. Hick b K. Benjamin 5

G. Thorpe b Walsh 20

J. Russell c Murray b Ambrose 6

C. Lewis c Adams b K. Benjamin 24

I. Salisbury b Walsh 19

A. Frazer b K. Benjamin 0

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Extras (b-2, lb-2, w-1, nb-2) 7

Total: 190

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-30; 3-91; 4-96; 5-129; 6-140; 7-150; 8-185; 9-186

**Bowling:** O M R W

Ambrose 23 5 37 4

Walsh 25 4 71 2

W. Benjamin 16 4 44 0

K. Benjamin 19 6 34 4

Adams 2 2 0 0

**Result:** West Indies won by an innings and 44 runs.

First Test, Kingston, Jamaica: West Indies won by eight wickets.

West Indies lead 2-0 in the five-match series

Third Test: Trinidad (March 25-30)

Fourth Test: Barbados (April 8-13)

Fifth Test: Antigua (April 16-21)

## AFC president due on Mar 31

### Sports Reporter

Datuk Haji Hamzah president of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), in a letter to the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), expressed his desire to come to Bangladesh on a one-day visit.

Haji Hamzah, who is also the president of the Olympic Council of Malaysia, will arrive in the capital on March 31, seemingly with a view to lobbying for the forthcoming AFC elections, to be held in May.

## BTC 555 golf classic begins tomorrow

### Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Tobacco Company's annual 555 golf classic tournament will be held on Friday at the Kurmitola golf course under the joint auspices of BTC and Kurmitola Golf Club, says a press release.

According to the organisers this year's tournament has received tremendous response from the country's golf enthusiasts and a large number of them are expected to participate.

The day's programme promises good golf, attractive prizes and a grand raffle draw in the evening at the golf club premises, the press release added.

## Kayes keeping up

### Sports Reporter

The number of leaders diminished to four from eight in a day but, Khandaker Kayes Hassan stayed atop with a quick and clinical destruction of India's Shubhrajeet Saha at the end of the third round of the United Insurance International Masters' chess tournament at the chess room of the National Sports Council.

The unassuming local player, who plays for Ansars in the domestic circuit, needed 20 moves to a Nazdar variation of Sicilian Open to beat his opponent from across the board.

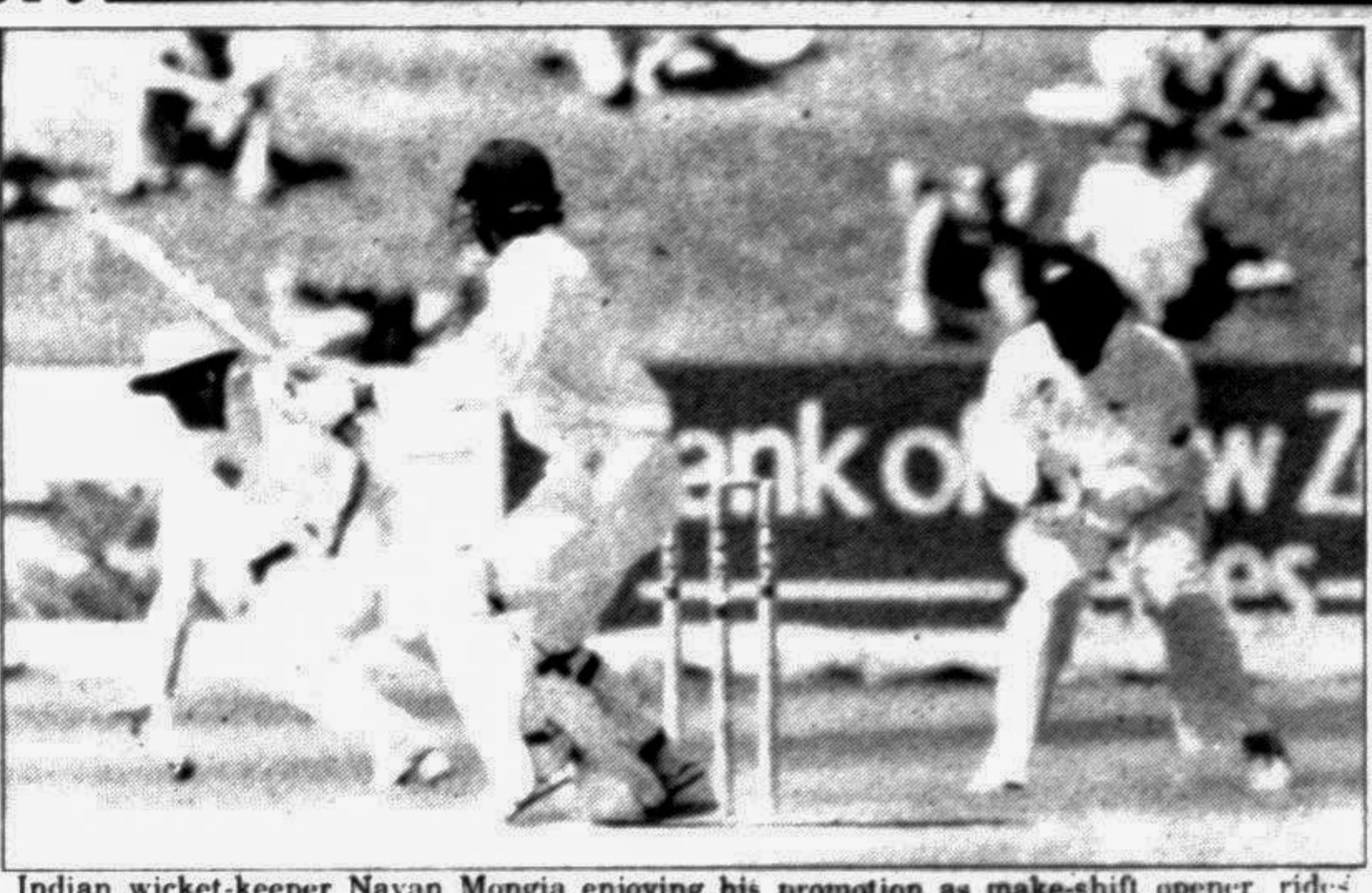
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Indian wicket-keeper Nayan Mongia enjoying his promotion as make-shift opener, riding on his luck as his edged shot falls short of Kiwi fielder Bryan Young at second slip on the last day of the one-off Test between India and New Zealand at Hamilton. The match ended a draw.

— AFP photo

## Quiet, predictable draw



HAMILTON, New Zealand, Mar 23: Navjot Sidhu failed in his quest for a sixth Test century and India settled for a draw. Wednesday, final day of the one-off cricket Test against New Zealand at Trustbank Park, reports AP.

Opener Sidhu was dismissed, caught behind, off the bowling of left-arm spinner Matthew Hart for 98 as India made 177 for three in their second innings, falling well short of the 310 required for victory.

New Zealand earlier declared their second innings at 306 for five, after 20-year-old Test debutant Stephen Fleming made 92.

He was given a life on the first ball he faced, the fourth of the day from Jagaval Srinath, when wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia, diving to his left, spilt the chance.

At 317, Adam Parore departed for 17 as Kapil Dev's 434th and possibly last Test century.

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In a similar game, national champion Reefat Bin Sattar dismissed the cerebral challenge of FM Jamilur Rahman.

In another Queen's Pawn game of irregular pattern, IM Reefat wrought submission from his older opponent in 42 moves.

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"The temptation to pull out earlier had crossed my mind,

but I shrugged it off as soon as I looked at the Indian batting lineup," Rutherford said.

The way Sidhu played

some of his shots confirmed that it would have been foolish to have done so."

At tea, the tourists were

124 for one, needing to score

at 6.6 runs per over in the last

session if they were to win.

"We had to get 310 from 66

overs," Indian captain

Mohammad Azharuddin said in excusing his side.

"The wicket was not con-

ducive to strokeplay because

the ball wasn't coming on and

there was a little bit of slow

turn.

"I'd have been much hap-

ier if we were chasing 260 or

270. We tried, but once Vinod

Kambli got out we decided

against it."

In the final session, Kambli

was bowled by Chris Pringle's

slow off-spin ball for 19 with the second wicket falling at

140.

Sidhu, who had played

magnificently through the day,

fell at 167, getting a faint edge

to a ball from Hart, but it was

not enough for the Kiwis.

The first of four limited-

overs matches between the

teams will be played in Napier

on Friday.

The New Zealand selectors,

meanwhile, included Gavin

Larsen in their squad in their

team for the limited-overs

tournament in Sharjah next

month.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the fifth day

of the one-off cricket Test

Results: Match drawn

## Kiwi squad for England tour named

HAMILTON, New Zealand, Mar 23: The New Zealand selectors today announced the 16 players who will tour England in April, reports Reuter.

The only new inclusion was Wellington fast bowler Heath Davis.

Ken Rutherford retained the captaincy and Gavin Larsen, a veteran of 45 one-day internationals but only one Test as 12th man, was appointed vice-captain.

**Team:** Martin Crowe, Heath Davis, Simon Doull, Stephen Fleming, Mark Greatbatch, Matthew Hart, Blair Hartland, Gavin Larsen, Danny Morrison, Dion Nash, Adam Parore, Blair Flocke, Chris Pringle, Ken Rutherford (captain), Shane Thomson, Bryan Young.

## BAF off to a resounding start

### Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Air Force made an auspicious start in the Sonali Bank office hockey league with a thumping 6-0 victory over Police AC at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half, Omar Ali led the Air Force on-slaught, netting three of the six goals scored in the second session.

However, Kibria was first to score when he sounded the board in the 40th minute.

Omar and Masud then shared four goals in quick succession, leaving lowly Police hitting and putting for the final buzzer.

## Army Reds in Independence Day b'ball final

### Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Army Reds moved into the final of the Independence Day basketball championship when they out-classed the other Army outfit, Bangladesh Army Blues, 101-50 for their third consecutive victory at the wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

In the second match of the day, the victors led the first half 52-24.

In the first match of the day, another service team, Bangladesh Air Force, earned a crucial 70-57 victory over Eagles Club.

Sattar and Hafiz caged 23 and 20 respectively for the winners.