

Epoch marking win for SA

LONDON, July 24: South Africa's pace attack swept aside England's batting today, ripping them out for a paltry 99 to win the first Test between the two countries in 29 years by a massive 356 runs, reports Reuter.

which has cast a pall over the Test, soon fell when England began their second innings. The England captain pushed uncertainly at the second ball of De Villiers' second spell to give a catch to wicket-keeper Dave Richardson.

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SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the fourth day of the first Test between England and South Africa at Lord's on Sunday.

Navy stroll, BDR scramble in nat'l b'ball semis

Defending champions Bangladesh Navy and Rifles were the first teams to move into the semifinals of the Pepsi 17th national basketball championship after winning their respective group matches at the NSC woodenfloor gymnasium yesterday.

But it was a nailbiting encounter between Bangladesh Rifles and Bangladesh Army which rifles won by the skin of their teeth 85-84 points. Bangladesh army, who were trailing 45-28 points during the first part of the match, made a late rally in the second session scoring 60 points against Rifles' 40.



Thousands of artists and dancers perform in the St Petersburg "Kirov" Stadium during the opening ceremony of the third Goodwill Games on July 23.

Deal upstages Russians

ST PETERSBURG, Russia, July 24: Lance Deal, the US record holder in the hammer throw, became the first American since 1956 to win a major international competition, beating the vaunted Russians on their turf Sunday, reports AP.

The 39-year-old Sedykh was awarded third on a better second throw. Deal, who set the American record of 82.50 (272-8) last month at Knoxville, Tennessee, uncorked his winning throw Sunday on his fourth attempt.

At the start of the season, I wanted to come to the Goodwill Games and win. This wasn't about beating the Russians, though. This was about beating the best throwers in the world.

Yeltsin opens Goodwill Games

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia, July 24: Russian President Boris Yeltsin and a capacity crowd of 70,000 people watched two fireballs crash in mid-air, igniting the Goodwill Games torch Saturday to open the event for more than 2,000 athletes from 55 countries, reports AP.

"I'm sure four years from now our hearts will be moved when we recall these sports events on the banks of the river Neva," Yeltsin said.

Atherton spawns suspicion

LONDON, July 24: England captain Mike Atherton has escaped censure over a mysterious ball-handling incident seen on television during Saturday's play in the Lord's Test against South Africa, reports Reuter.

Television pictures showed Atherton apparently rubbing his hand inside his trousers pocket, taking it out and rubbing his fingers on the ball.

By the England captain when handling the ball during the afternoon session. "Consultation with the umpires (Dickie Bird and Steve Randall) and inspection of the ball confirmed that there was nothing untoward. I also confirm that no official reports were lodged by any parties.



MIKE ATHERTON

D'Oliveira goes to Lord's

LONDON, July 24: Basil D'Oliveira, the Cape coloured former England Test all-rounder, went to the historic Lord's Test on Saturday and said: "It's great to see South Africa doing so well," reports Reuter.

South African coach Mike Procter, who was shown a recording of the incident, confirmed his team had not made a complaint. "There are certainly rumours going around but I have no comment to make," said Procter.

Pigott spurs Surrey on

LONDON, July 24: Veteran pace bowler Tony Pigott took six for 46 to spur county championship leaders Surrey to a crushing innings and 231 run victory over title rivals Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge on Saturday, reports Reuter.

School chess from today

The ninth school chess championship was formally inaugurated yesterday, however, the tournament proper comprising 272 contestants from 67 different schools begins at the chess room of National Sports Council today.

Pakistan 118 for one

MATARA, Sri Lanka, July 24: Openers Saeed Anwar and Aamer Sohail put on a sparkling century stand as Pakistan reached a comfortable 118 for one in their rain affected tour opener against Sri Lanka's Board President's XI here Sunday, reports AP.

Atlanta heat bothers IOC

ATLANTA, July 24: Scorching summer temperatures are noting new to Atlantans but Olympic athletes and spectators from more temperate parts of the world may have trouble beating the heat in 1996, reports AP.

that Sunburn, heat stroke and heat exhaustions can come easily at temperatures in the high 90s Fahrenheit (40-41 Celsius). But what may not be well known, especially to Europeans and Northerners, is that the same problems can happen at lower temperatures if there's high humidity.

ACOG is working with experts on heat disorders and doctors experienced in dealing with heat and crowds in Atlanta, such as the Peachtree Road Race.

De Villiers, back from abyss

LONDON, July 24: South African pace bowler Fanie de Villiers, who ripped into England's batting order on Friday, revealed on Saturday that he had considered giving up cricket in 1990, reports AP.

It was in his mind to give up the sport when he returned home at the end of 1990. But when his motivation returned, so did his form.

De Villiers has a constant twinkle in his eye, but English batsmen won't be laughing too much again if he continues Friday's form.



DE VILLIERS

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IAAF open to prize money

ST. PETERSBURG, July 24: The governing body of track and field is open to the possibility of awarding prize money at its World Championships, reports AP.



Briton Sally Gunnell (R) waves to the crowd after winning the 400 metres hurdles event at the Goodwill Games in St. Petersburg yesterday.