

## Sport

## Anybody's game in Karachi

KARACHI, Oct 1: Australia are seven wickets away from going one up in the three-match Test series as Pakistan chasing 314 runs to win, finished 155 for three at stumps on Saturday, the penultimate day in Karachi, reports AP.

Pakistan need a further 159 runs to win when play resumes Sunday.

Australia's strong position at stumps have completely overshadowed opener David Boon's brilliant century, which provided the backbone of the Australian second innings 232.

Boon dropped anchor while the rest capitulated after an innings building 122-run stand for the second wicket between him and Mark Waugh.

Australia lost their last eight wickets for 61 runs as the Pakistan fast bowlers, Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis, did short work on the middle

unbeaten at the end.

He made 144 runs in 336 minutes of batting with the help of 10 boundaries off 220 deliveries.

Left-arm fast bowler, Akram, picked up his 17th five-wicket haul to finish with five for 64, to give him a match bag of eight for 138.

His new-ball partner Younis, although not at his best, picked up four for 69.

Pakistan, needing 2.24 runs an over in a minimum of 139 overs, were given a sound start by Saeed Anwar and Aamir Sohail, who put on 45 runs for the first wicket.

With the pair cruising along, a brilliant piece of fielding by Michael Bevan ended Sohail's innings, run out for 34 runs with five boundaries.

Pakistan lost Zahid Fazal 19 runs later when leg spinner, Shane Warne, had him caught at silly point.

But Anwar, joined by skipper Salim Malik, put things right for the home side in a third-wicket stand of 84 runs.

Fast bowler, Jo Angel, returning for the finals spell in the fifth last over of the day and Malik fending a short delivery to Mark Taylor at first slip for a crucial breakthrough. Malik scored 43 runs in 130 minutes.

Anwar, who top-scored in Pakistan's first innings, was unbeaten at close on 67 hitting a six and seven boundaries in 249 minutes.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the first cricket Test between Australia and Pakistan on Saturday.

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings 337 (Michael Bevan 82, Steve Waugh 73, Ian Healy 57).

**PAKISTAN:** First innings 256 (Saeed Anwar 85, Wasim Akram 39).

**AUSTRALIA:** Second innings (overnight 181-5)

Taylor c Rashid Latif b Waqar Younis 0

Slater lbw b

Mushtaq Ahmed 23

Boon not out 114

M Waugh b Waqar

Younis 61

Bevan b Wasim Akram 0

S Waugh lbw

b Wasim Akram 0

Healy c Rashid Latif b Waqar Younis 8

S Warne lbw

WAQAR YOUNIS ... 4 for 69

Angel 12 4 34 1

S Waugh 9 2 12 0

Warne 17 5 46 1

May 10 3 36 0

M Waugh 3 1 4 0

WASIM AKRAM ... 5 for 64

order.

Boon shrugged off his poor form against Pakistan in the previous 10 Test innings with a timely century and remained

b Waqar Younis 0  
Angle c Rashid Latif 8  
b Wasim Akram 1  
May b Wasim Akram 1  
McGrath b Waqar Younis 1  
Extras: (b-7, lb-4, nb-5) 16  
Total: (all out, 78 overs) 232  
Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-49; 3-171; 4-174; 5-174; 6-213; 7-218; 8-227; 9-229.

**Bowling** O M R W  
Wasim Akram 22 3 64 5  
Waqar Younis 18 2 69 4  
Mushtaq Ahmed 21 3 51 1  
Akram Raza 10 1 19 0  
Aamer Sohail 7 0 19 0

**PAKISTAN:** Second innings

Saeed Anwar not out 67

Aamir Sohail run out 34

Zahid Fazal c Boon b Warne 3

Salim Malik c Taylor 43

Jo Angel 1

Akram Raza not out 1

Extras: (b-2, lb-3, nb-2) 7

Total: (for three wickets) 155

Fall of wickets: 1-45; 2-64; 3-148

**Bowling** O M R W

McGrath 6 2 18 0

DAVID BOON

## Dutch destroy Windies, India in int'l sixes

HONG KONG, Oct 1: The Netherlands upset India and the West Indies Saturday and advanced to the final round of the Cathay Pacific-Wharf Holdings Hong Kong international cricket sixes, reports AP.

Led by Steven Lubbers and Roland Clarke, the Dutch crushed India by six wickets and swept aside the West Indies by five wickets in their first appearance in Hong Kong.

West Indies-born Clarke struck an undefeated 34 out of the Netherlands' 47 for O in reply to India's 44 without loss in their first five-over match.

Clarke also proved unbeatable against the West Indies, chasing a target of 58 for three.

The Netherlands finished on 60 without loss to go into winners' round together with the West Indies, who beat India by two runs in their group.

The West Indies scored 95 without loss. In reply, Atul Wassam hit spinner Roger Harper for five sixes in one over during his whirlwind 31 not out to take India to 93 for two.

Defending champions England also advanced to the final round with wins over Hong Kong and New Zealand.

Led by Dermot Reeve, the English beat New Zealand by 39 runs and Hong Kong by three wickets.

South Africa beat both Australia and Pakistan by four runs in their group. The Australians advanced to the final round by beating Pakistan by four wickets.

Nine teams were divided into three groups of three, with the top two teams in each group advancing to the final stage in the two-day tournament.

After Saturday's play, Hong Kong, Pakistan and India were relegated to the losers' round.

## Plague won't deter Aussie eyes' tour

SYDNEY, Oct 1: The Australian women's cricket tour of India is to go ahead next month despite concerns about pneumonic plague outbreaks there, a cricket official said here today, reports AFP.

The tour plans will be maintained, but cricket officials are "in regular contact with the authorities in India and Canberra and are keeping a close eye on the situation," said Matt Ridley, executive director of the Australian Women's Cricket Council.

"Our advice so far is that our itinerary should keep us away from the main danger spots, and our medical precautions will be strict," Ridley said.

The 14 players and three officials are scheduled to leave Sydney on November 6 and play nine matches on the five-week tour.

The South Koreans, only one gold shy of China when they were the 1986 hosts, are looking for 60-plus golds, up from their 54 in Beijing. That would, they hope, be just enough to edge out Japan for second best.

We are arranging special supplies of the pneumonic plague vaccine to be available before we leave for India and these will be used if our medical adviser thinks it appropriate," Ridley said.

Captain of the tourists is 19-year-old South Australian all-rounder Karen Rolton, star of the Youth Challenge Cup series against New Zealand earlier this year.

## Surprise tests on Chinese, Japanese natants

HIROSHIMA, Japan, Oct 1: Swimming's international governing body, stung by allegations of doping at last month's World Championships, has conducted surprise tests on Chinese and Japanese swimmers here for the Asian Games, reports AP.

The tests followed the International Amateur Swimming Federation's decision after the World Championships in Rome to strengthen out-of-competition doping controls. Dr Yoshiteru Muto who helped conduct the tests, said Saturday.

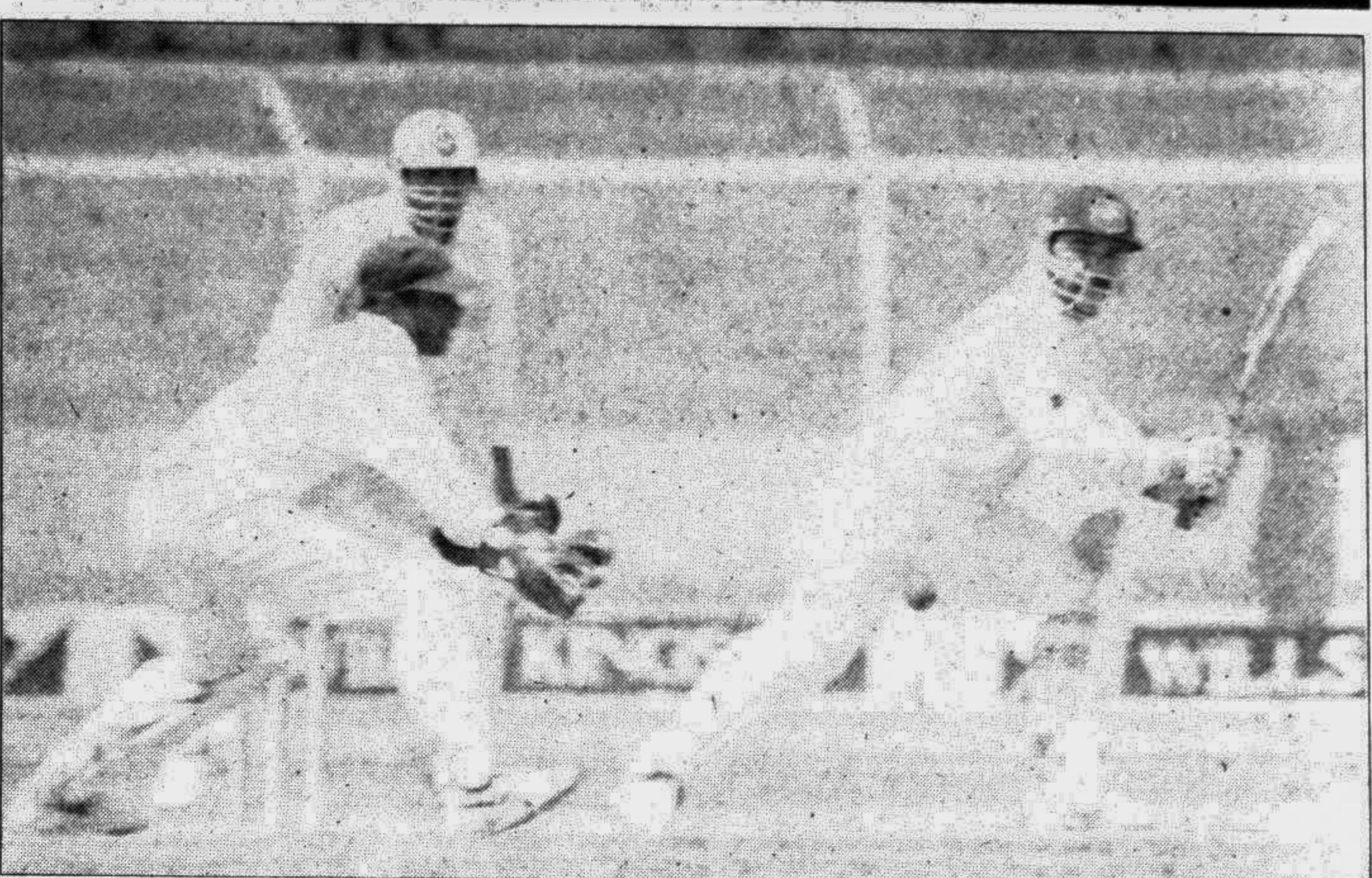
That decision followed widespread rumours of doping among the Chinese women's team, which shocked the swimming world by winning 12 of 16 golds at the championships. The Chinese women also broke five world records.

Muto said the tests, conducted Friday, involved 16 Chinese, 12 Japanese and one Hong Kong swimmer.

He refused to name any of the tested swimmers, but said the results would be passed on to the federation's headquarters and any positive findings would be announced.

Tests at the World Championships did not back up the doping rumours, but 18 coaches signed a statement afterward urging the swimming federation to take immediate action against doping and punish any country that tries to block short-notice testing of its athletes.

China's coaches have attributed the rumours to jealousy.



DAVID BOON, one of the mainstays of Aussie batting, who got an invaluable undefeated 114 in the second innings of the visitors from the antipodes, watches after playing against the spin of an Akram Raza delivery on September 30, the third day of the first Test between Pakistan and Australia in Karachi.

— AFP photo

## Richardson returns in Jan



HONG KONG, Oct 1: West Indies captain Richie Richardson has said he will return to international cricket early in the new year, while his star batsman Brian Lara has voiced fears about an upcoming tour of plague-torn India, reports AFP.

Richardson withdrew from first-class cricket in July suffering from "acute fatigue syndrome" after an increasingly hectic international schedule in recent years.

The West Indian was expected from his English county commitments with Yorkshire and said at the time he would need up to a year off cricket because of poor health.

A rejuvenated Richardson has now said he hopes to be back for the West Indies' tour of New Zealand in January, next year and then when they host Australia in March and

April.

"I feel a bit better but I'm still not 100 per cent," Richardson said.

"Hopefully by the end of the year I'll be ready and willing again and will be back for the series against New Zealand and Australia."

Record-breaking batsman Lara has voiced concern about taking part in the West Indies' scheduled tour of India because of the plague outbreak there.

Lara was due to have joined his West Indies teammates in London next Tuesday before flying on to India.

A spokesman for the Board of Control for Cricket in India said on Friday that the tour, due to start October 12, had now been postponed for a week.

The West Indies Board of Control was also expected to make an announcement about the tour this weekend.

"I've definitely had second thoughts about going to place where you are open to serious or possibly fatal illness, something that could destroy you," Lara said.

"I'm sure the board of control would not put any player in any situation where they could have problems with sickness or plague."

The Indian tour will mark Lara's first return to Test cricket since his record-breaking 375 against England in April.

The left-handed Trinidadian also scored a world-record first-class innings of 501 earlier this year.

A new itinerary for the Indian tour is due to be announced soon. The West Indies were to have opened the tour with a one-day match on October 12 in Baroda, near the centre of the plague outbreak in Surat a week ago.

## Bird honoured

KARACHI, Oct 1: Dickie Bird MBE, one of the most seasoned and respected umpires on the international panel, was Friday presented with a plaque for standing in his 60th Test match and 150th international, reports AFP.

The plaque, flown in from England by sponsors National Grid, was presented to Bird by senior members of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan, during the Pakistani v Australia Test.

Bird, who holds records for both Test and international umpiring, was visibly moved when he received the plaque which read: Dickie Bird, MBE on the occasion of his 60th diamond Test match as umpire.

## Pierce, Novotna in Leipzig final

LEIPZIG, Germany, Oct 1: Mary Pierce of France defeated Judith Wiesner of Austria and Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic won over Anke Huber of Germany Saturday to reach the finals of the dls 400,000 Volkswagen Grand Prix women's tennis tournament reports AP.

Pierce, the first seed, breezed to an easy 6-2 win in the first set and was ahead 5-2 in the second set when Wiesner broke her serve for the first time.

The sixth-seeded Wiesner then held her own serve and extended the set to 5-5 before Pierce settled down to wrap up the match 7-5.

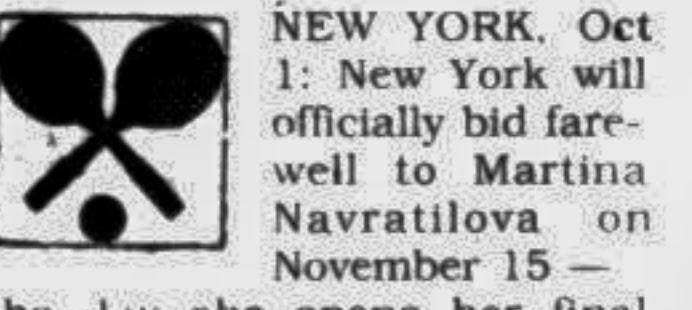
Novotna, seeded second, started off with an erratic first set against third-seeded Huber who won 6-1.

## Eltingh breezes

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 1: Second-seed Jacco Eltingh took only 59 minutes to beat Malaysian Adam Malik 6-3, 6-2 and reach the semifinals of the 400,000 dollars Malaysian Open men's tournament on Friday, reports Reuter.

The Dutchman served and volleyed with confidence against the Malaysian champion with Australia's Todd Woodbridge, who won his quarter-final against India's Leander Paes 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

## NY to bid Navratilova 'bye'



NEW YORK, Oct 1: New York will officially bid farewell to Martina Navratilova on November 15 — the day she opens her final campaign at the Virginia Slims championships, the last singles tournament of her career.

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