Sports Reporter

International-Master Reefat bin Sattar maintained his solo lead in the eleventh QM Hossain International Masters' chess tournament when he recorded his fourth successive win defeating compatriot Kahmullah Khan in the fourth round at the conference room of the National Sports Council vesterday.

The former national champion playing with black pieces beat the lowly rated Kalimullah Khan in the 28th mové.

Rectat was followed by Lanka Ravi, an Indian IM, with three and a half points. Ravi beat Hasibul Hasan Hanif in this round.

Defending champion Mahmood Ahmed Khan Lodhi of Pakistan, who forced resignation from Nahid Miyazid of Bangladesh in the 51st move. held third spot along with Indian V Sharavanan with three points each.

Sharavanan drew with compatriot IM Shekhar Chandra Saha in this round.

in the other matches of the day IM Ravi Gopal Hedge of India beat local FIDE Master Sved Tahmidur Rahman while Abdulla ai Rakib parailed over 'avebur Rahman in an all Baugladeshi affair.

Meanwhile, last year's run-Der up IM Ziaur Rahman, who started his campaign on a avining note recorded his first antory when he beat Maruf Mirried in the 24th move.

REB football

The Rajshahi Division Palli thelynt Samity clinched the tithe of the Rural Electrification (REB) football tournabeating the Khulna Parision Palli Bidyut Samity 2-1 in the final at the Dhanmondi this ground vesterday, repots

Israil Hossain scored both goals for Rajshahi while Shudna got a goal when detender Sarwar of Rajshahi, in a but to clear a ball, sent it into his mun post

Israil was also declared the phase of the tournament.

six leams took part in the at that tournament which began on October 18.

Boskov, new Napoli coach

NAPLES, Italy. Oct 22: Experfenced Serbian coach Vii adm Boskov took over at Itaharr First Division club Napoli Friday after the club unremoniously sacked his predecessor Vincenzo Guerini comis Reuter.

(10h sources said Boskov be would earn a net 300 milhom lire (2,00,000 dollars) a

Boskov told a news conference he believed the strugalling club, fourth from bottom A with just one league would win their next game against Bari on Sunday.

He said Napoli, who lost 5to Lazio last weekend, "could make it into the UEFA Cup"

The much-travelled Boskov trad been without a club since parting company with Roma 11 mid 1993

He had previously spent six successful seasons at Sampdoria, steering them to the European Cup Winners' Cup trophy in 1990, the league little in 1991 and the European up final in 1992.

Guerini was told about his sacking by journalists following Napoli's 1-1 draw with Boavista in the UEFA Cup second round first leg in Portugal on Tuesday. The decision was apparently made shortly before the match.

Napoli, who won the league title in 1987 and 1990 with Diego Maradona, have serious financial problems and were forced to sell top foreign players Dantel Fonseca and Jonas Thern to Roma in the off-sea-

Guerini was the second Serie A coach to lose his job this season. Last month Torino sacked Rosario Rampanti, replacing him with Nedo Sonetti.

A real wrestler

SEOUL, Oct 22: A South Korean wrestler won a gold medal at the Asian Games with a cancerous tumour bigger than a baseball in his stomach. hospital officials said today. reports Reuter.

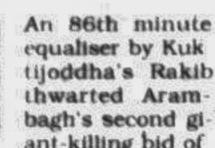
Song Sang-II, 25, took gold in the Greco-Roman midheavyweight category by beating Kazakhstan's Vitali Leikine on October 5 at the Hiroshima

But back home in Seoul, Song underwent a 5 1/2-hour operation on Wednesday to remove the tumour, the officials said.

"Song had to fight with pain in his stomach as well as strong challengers at the Games," his coach said. "He could not even take pills to kill the pain because of dope

tests." South Korea's Joongang Ilbo newspaper quoted surgeon Lee Byung-Boong as saying: "A tumour the size of your two fists put together was removed.

Muktis end in a whimper



ant-killing bid of the season buf in the long run it might have served the cause of Mohammedans more than the Federation Cup winners. who escaped their fourth league defeat by the skin of their teeth in a vital Star Premier match at the Dhaka Stadium vesterday.

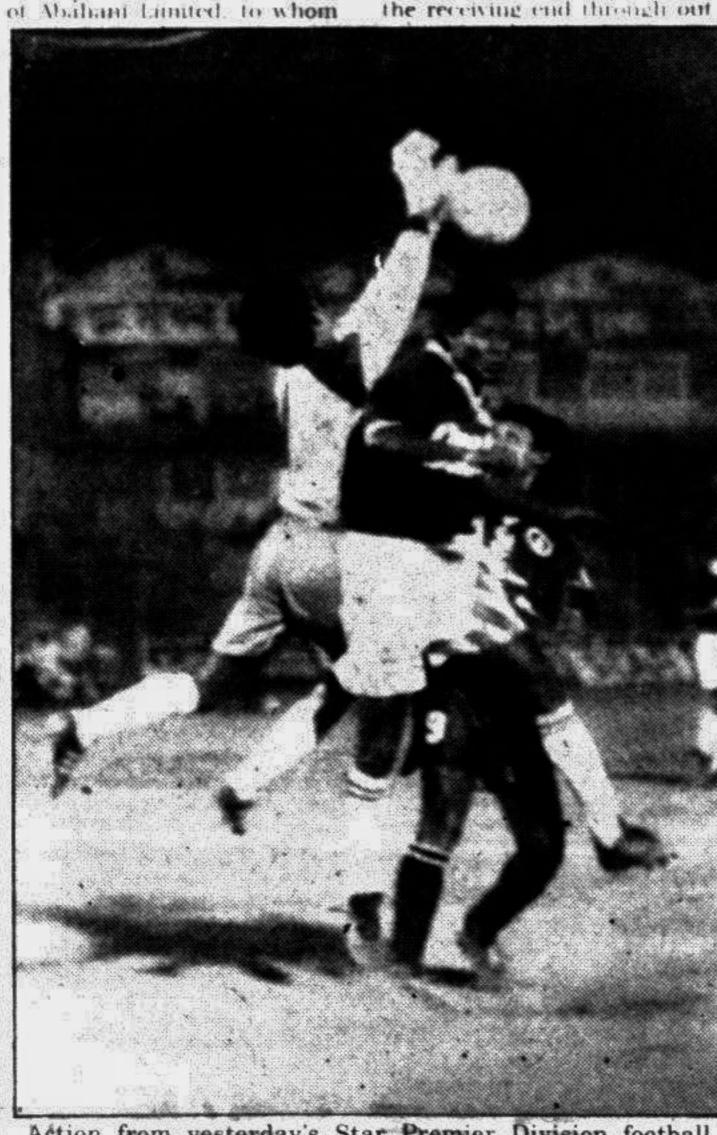
It was an ironical and unwitting manner of offering mollient by Arambagh, who having skittled their infinitely popular neighbours Mohammedans out of the title race earlier paved the launching pad for the black and whites to confirm the runners-up spot in this year's league and more importantly, by way of incentive, spoil the unbeaten record

. Sports Reporter they have only recently sur rendered the Premier utle, as they meet in the battle of prestige billed for the day of season's closer Monday.

For Muktijoddha, the conglomerate of renegade national footballers from the top teams. yesterday's result was a shak ing out of the smug expectation of finishing second in the title race as now they have to wait till the curtains to know their fate. If the clash of the titans ends in a stalemate or Mohammedans conform to the recent pattern of losing to their arch rivals. Muktis can legitimately call themselves

runners-up. Muktijoddha however have no reasons to gripe over the result on the strength of their last night's performance.

After having shot into the lead as early as in the eleventh minute. Muktijoddha were at



Action from yesterday's Star Premier Division football league encounter between Muktijoddha Sangsad and Arambagh at the flood-lit Dhaka Stadium. The match ended in a 2-2 draw. - Star photo

with Arambagh forcing ahead in a fascinating spell of inspi red football.

Bangladesh international Rumi Rizvi Karim broke the evening's duck when he found the net with a neat grounder after Barun had set him up with a lovely square

set up Arambagh's birse but the unfancied resurgents had to wait until the 52nd minute for the deserved equaliser. Tushar did a captain's job as

The setback immediately

the Arambagh medio banged home a rebound running loose from an inadequate fist by Mukti custodian Arun. Arambagh nearly set the

stage for a double celebration in a minute as Anwar, despite having Arun at his mercy. feebly shot into the lap of an anxious Mukti goalie

Ten minutes after the equaliser Arambagh went ahead when Tushar freed defender Sunny who cut in from the left to beat a wretched Mohsin, the former number one national goalie who just came in the Arun, at the near post.

Arambgah dearly paid for a series of misses to undo a chance there for taking to complete a memorable night when Muktijoddha's Rakib saved the blushes for his vaunted teammates with the equaliser four minutes from time when he nodded home a flag kick by left back Masud

Muktijoddha completed their rather anticlimatic league campaign with 25 points from 18 matches while Arambagh ended a remarkable season with 17 points also from 18

BOYS FIND FEET

In the day's first match, also Premier tie, played earlier at the same venue babes Bangladesh Boys registered a vital 2-0 win against an already demoted PWD.

Boys, who upped their tally to 12 from 18 matches, will now await the outcome of Brothers-Fakirerpool match.

Should Fakirerpool lose the match which they are likely to do given Brothers' theoretical strength, babes Boys are well and truly out of the relegation danger.

In the case of a draw Boys will have to fight it out in a play-off in a yet undecided.

TODAY'S MATCHES

pool 6-30 (Dhaka Stadium)

Agrani Bank vs Wari Club 4-30 (Dhaka Stadium) Brothers Union vs Fakirer-

Lankans collapse to 96 for six at Bulawayo

Hosts hold upper hand



babwe. Oct 22: Sri Lanka, under pressure to ma-

ke 262 to avoid the follow on, collapsed to 96 for six at stumps on the third day of the second Test against Zimbabwe on Saturday, report agencies.

Left-handed opener Asanka Gurusinha provided the main batting resistance with an un-

beaten 34. The buoyant Zimbabweans earlier declared their first inmings on 462 for nine wickets after batting for a little less than an hour when play resumed at the Queens Club in

the western provincial capital of Bulawayo. Zimbabwe's Heath Streak claimed three wickets for 23 runs and fellow bowler Malcolm Jarvis also showed form, taking three Sri Lankan

wickets for 18 runs. Play was interrupted for 90 minutes in the afternoon by bad light under heavily

overcast skies. Zimbabwe, playing their ninth Test since being accorded Test status in 1992.

are seeking their first Test The first match of the three-Test series against Sri Lanka was declared a draw in Harare when rain washed out the last day of play with

trailing the visitors' first innings total of 383 all out. Dubbed "the basement battle," the series is between the two sides occupying the bottom slots of the nine-nation

Zimbabwe on 319 for eight.

Test cricket table. Sri Lanka have won only four of the 51 Tests they have

played since 1981. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the third day

Founding : ceremony held

Sports Reporter

The third founding anniversary of the Kuokushinkaikan Karate Bangladesh, a sororate of the International Karate Organisation, was observed in a festive manner at the National Sports Council conference room yesterday.

Jute Minister Hannan Shah was the chief guest on the occasion.

of the second cricket Test between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka at Queens Sports Club on Saturday: ZIMBABWE: First innings

(overnight 427 for eight) G Flower c Dassanavake b Wickremasinghe M Dekker c Mahanama b Dharmasena A Campbell st Dassanayake • b Muralidharan D Houghton lbw b Vaas A Flower c Muralidharan b Dharmasena G Whittal c Tillekeratne b Wickremasinghe W James c Dassanayake b Vaas H Streak e Dharmasena b Vaas J Rennie not out S Peall b Vaas

Extras: (lb-11, b-5, nb-15, w-2) 33

Total: (for nine wickets declared)462

65: 4-186: 5-223: 6-323: 7-

Did not bat: M Jarvis

335; 8-419; 9-462

Wickremasinghe 39

Bowling:

Dharmasena

A de Silva

Muralidharan

A Gurushinha

Fall of wickets: 1-3; 2-5; 3-

44.3

55

SRI LANKA: First innings

Atlanta Host

Atlanta residents are being

asked to house relatives of ath-

letes in their spare rooms in

anticipation of a shortage of

hotel space during the 1996

représents 28 Christian de-

nominations, is working with

Games sponsor AT and T to set

up a bed-and-breakfast net-

10,500 'competitors.

work for families of up to

space during the Games will be

used to house Olympic offi-

this programme off in a large

number of cities in the coun-

try, but Atlanta has ingrained

southern hospitality," said Bill

Blair of AT and T. "It's a way or

people to get much closer to

Residents who participate

the Games and feel like they

in the programme will be

asked to provide free lodging

and breakfast and limited

transportation for up to eight

are more involved."

cials, media and spectators.

Most of Atlanta's hotel

"I don't think we could pulk

Atlanta Host, a group that

Olympic Games, reports AFP.

ATLANTA, Georgia, Oct 22:

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3-23; 4-77; 5-79; 6-91 Wickremasinghe, C Vaas Bowling(to date) Streak Jarvis Rennie Peall

A Ranatunga c James b Jarvis H Tillekeratne c Dekker b Jarvis P Dassanayake c James b Streak Extras: (lb-2, nb-7)

Fall of wickets: 1-4; 2-22; To bat: M Muralidharan, P

K Dharmasena not out Total: (six wickets)

A de Silva c James b Streak

R Mahanama c James b Streak A Gurushinha not out S Ranatunga o James b Jarvis

Sports Reporter

In the first match of the day. Victoria earned their sec ond win when they beat Mukta Bihangha 3-2

other for the winners while Abul Kalam and Shoaib struck one goal apiece of Mukta Bihangha.

In the other match of the day. Tutul scored the all-important goal to give his side a lone goal victory over Barnak

It was Raktim Sangha's first

JFA asks Kamo to replace Falcao

Saturday, reports Reuter.

"It is 99 per cent certain that Kamo will accept our of fer." Saburo Kawabuchi, a se nior association official, was quoted as saying by the daily Maintchi Shimbun.

However, it was uncertain it Kamo, 54, could take over immediately when Falcao's contract expires next month. as his contract with the Flugels

Japan's two most recent national team coaches came Ooft from the Netherlands and Falcao - and Kawabuchi indicated there may have been a communications gap between

Kawabuchi, who is also chairman of the professional J-League, said they now wanted a

Japan failed to reach the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States under Ooft's management and also lost to South Korea in the quarterfinals at the recent Hiroshima Asian Games.

Maldini sidelined

Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The club said on Friday that doctors would operate on the fracture today.

Maldini went off 14 minutes into the 0-0 draw after AEK's Harris Kopitsis accidentally elbowed him in the face.

sence means more woes for coach Fabio Capello and the struggling club. Maldini will miss Sunday's

league game against Sampdorta and is almost certain to be ruled out of the European Champions' vital return tie against AEK on November 2.

Milan are bottom of Group D in the Champions' League with only one point to their name. They were beaten 2-0 by Ajax Amsterdam in their first match and then had two points deducted because of crowd trouble during their 3-0 win over Austria Salzburg.



overs to spare.

Div II hockey

Victoria Sporting Club and Raktim Sangha won their respective Green Delta Insurance Second Division hockey super league engagements at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Mozammel notched two goals and Selim scored the

win after one loss and a draw.

TOKYO, Oct 22: Japan s Football Association has asked Yokohama Flugels manager Shu Kamo to head the national team replacing Brazilian manager Paulo Roberto Falcao Japanese news reports said on

runs until January.

from overseas - Marius Hans them and the players

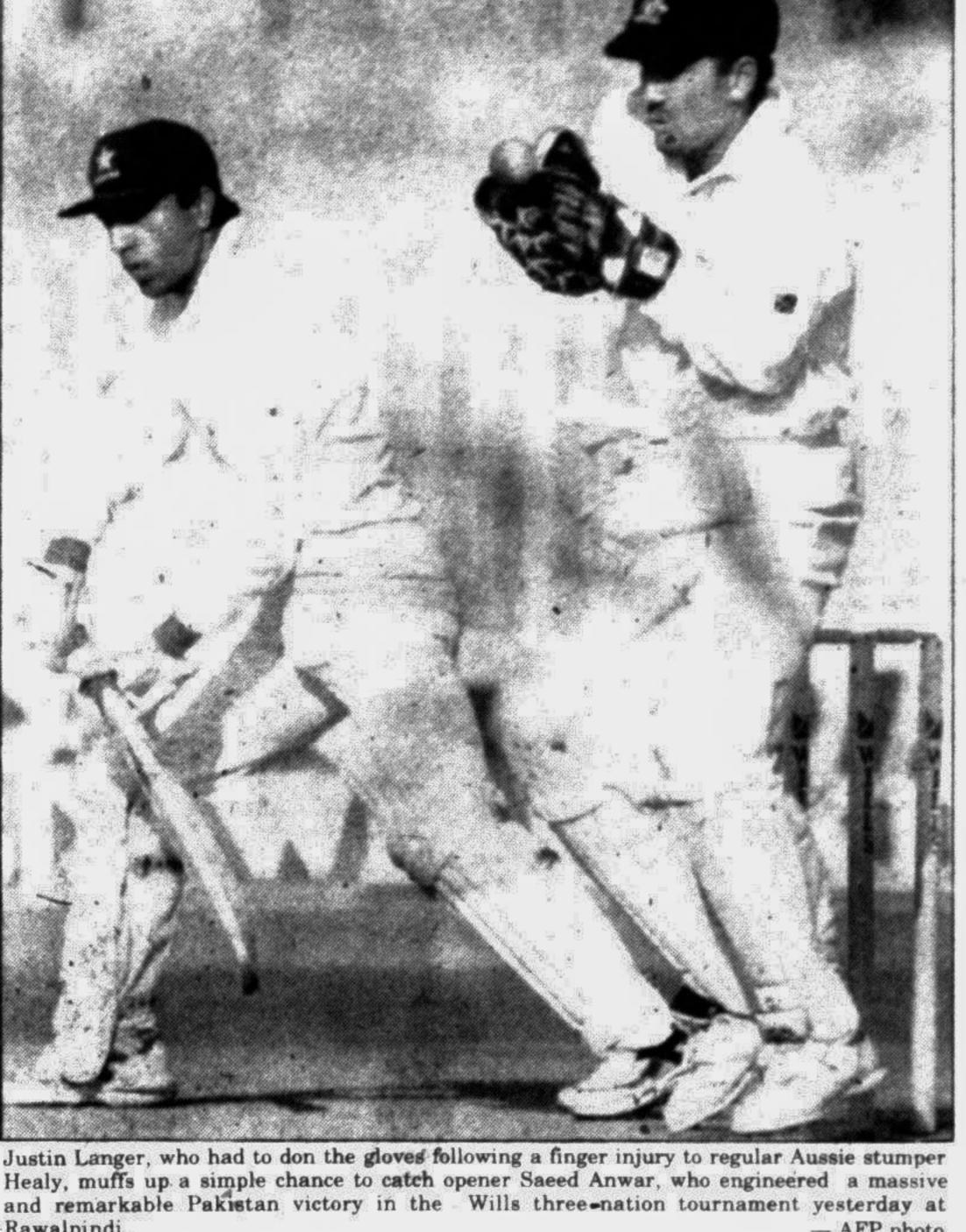
Japanese to lead the national

MILAN, Italy, Oct 22: AC Milan's Paolo Maldini will be sidelined for up to three weeks after breaking his nose during the Champions' League match against 'AEK Athens on

A mainstay of the Milan and Italy defence, Maldini's ab-Aamir Sohail. Sohail made 45



Mark Waugh, one of the best willow wielders in the game currently enjoys a slice of lady luck as a scorching delivery from Pakistani speed ster Wagar Younis cannons to the fence after grazing his unintended bat. Waugh went on to score an unbeaten 121 in an Aussie total of 250 for six in a Wills triangular one a day series match played at Rawalpindi yesterday. The hosts made a nonsense of a seemingly good total by racing to nine-wicket win with 11 - AFP photo



Healy, muffs up a simple chance to catch opener Saeed Anwar, who engineered a massive and remarkable Pakistan victory in the Wills three-nation tournament yesterday at Rawalpindi. - AFP photo

Run avalanche at Rawalpindi

Pakistan thrash Aussies hitting six boundaries and Australia and Pakistan in the



22: Pakistan crui sed to a nine wicket win over Australia on Saturday, thanks to a superb century from opener Saeed Anwar and a powerful

91 from Inzamamul Haq, reports Reuter. Chasing a respectable Australian total of 250 for six in the second round of the triger, 27, contributed 64 runs angular one-day series, the

overs. It is a new second wicket stand, eclipsing the 115 in Sharjah, UAE, in 1986. Anwar, named man-of-thematch for his unbeaten 104, had already put on 91 in less than 13 overs in a blazing opening stand with left-hander

pair made good use of the

docile pitch with an unbroken

160-run stand in just 25

off 37 balls with one six and seven boundaries. Inzamam struck out freely to maintain the run-rate with Anwar, who breezed to his half century in just 54 deliveries. flicking eight fours and belting fast bowler Glenn McGrath for

a six. His seventh one-day century - equalling the record tally of Zaheer Abbas and Javed Miandad - came off 112 balls and included 13 fours, as well as the six. It was his 65 match.

Inzamam's power-packed strokeplay took him to an undefeated 91, plundered from .80 balls his third half century in four matches of the triangular series. He hit 11 fours and three sixes, two off off-spinner Tim May and one off legspinner Shane Warne.

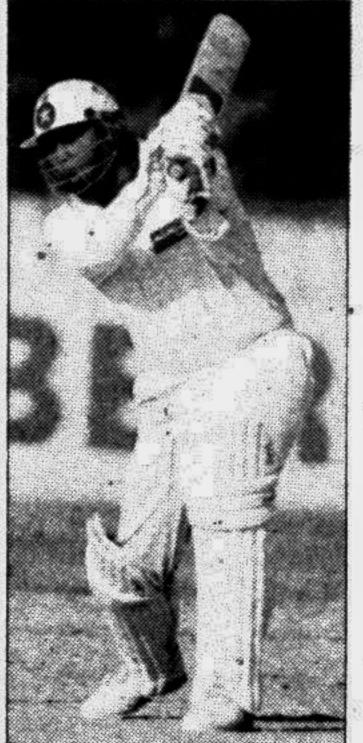
Anwar made full use of a dropped catch on 80 and at the end was unbeaten on 104. He hit the winning run.

Mark Waugh earlier rattled up his fourth one-day century in 82 games, 121 not out, the highest score of the series. He hit nine boundaries and added 64 with left-handed Justin Langer in a stabilising third wicket stand and another 66 with Michael Bevan.

Waugh, who came in after Michael Slater's early dismissal with only 14 on the board, quickly added 50 off 58 balls. keeping the run-rate at nearly five an over. Waugh batted responsibly even in the last nine overs

against Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis after all top five batsmen were out. After medium-paceman Aaquib Javed removed the two openers in his first spell, Waugh, joined by Justin Lan-

between them. Left-handed Langer, play-'ing his first game of the tour.



INZAMAM ... 91 n.o

replaced David Boon. He was batting confidently until fast bowler Wasim Akram struck in his second spell.

With Australia somewhat uneasily placed on 140 for four in the 32nd over, Waugh, joined by Michael Bevan (22) added 66 runs for the fifth wicket in 12 overs. Australia play South Africa

at Peshawar on Monday in the next match of the series. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the one-day

cricket international between

triangular one-day series today. AUSTRALIA M Slater b Aaguib Javed

M Taylor c Akram Raza b Aaquib Javed M Waugh not out J Langer c Saeed Anwar b Wasim Akram S Waugh Ibw b Salim Malik M Bevan b Wagar Younis I Healy run out S Warne not out

Extras: (b-1, lb-13, nb-2, w-5) 2: Total: (for six wickets, 50 overs)250 Fall of wickets: 1-14; 2-50; 3-114; 4-140; 5-206; 6-234.

Did not bat: Craig Mc-Dermott, Glenn McGrath, Tim Wasim Akram 10

Aaguib Javed Wagar Younis Aamir Sohail Akram Raza 10 Salim Malik PAKISTAN

Saced Anwar not out

Aamir Sohail c Bevan b Tim May Inzamamul Haq not out Extras: (b-3, lb-4, nb-2, w-2) Total: (for one wicket, in 39 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-91 Did not bat: Salim Malik,

Akram, Waqar Younis, Aaquib Javed, Akram Raza, Rashid Latif. Bowling: McDermott 54 37 McGrath May Warne Steve Waugh 0 26

ljaz Ahmad, Basit Ali, Wasim

0 15 **0**. Mark Waugh Result: Pakistan won by nine wickets. Man-of-the-match: Saeed

Umpires: Siddique Khan and Salim Badr

STANDINGS

South Africa

ground.

after Saturday's second round match between Australia and Pakistan (tabulate under played, won, lost, points): Pakistan Australia

Standings in the triangular

limited-overs cricket series

"War of words" toned down



PERTH, Australia, Oct 22: England cricket manager Keith Fletcher has played down the significance of the "war of words" which has developed since the team

arrived in Australia, repots Reuter. And he even feels it could help to keep England focused on their goal of regaining the Ashes.

When the team touched down in Perth on Wednesday, captain Michael Atherton was confronted with questions about remarks he was alleged to have made last December when he was apparently critical of sledging by Australian all-rounder Steve Waugh during the 1993 series.

Fast bowler Devon Malcolm

was quoted by Australian journalists as suggesting the home side's batsmen were scared of quick bowling. The net result of the stories

sides when the series starts in Brisbane on November 25. But Fletcher played down those suggestions after practice today when he said: I don't think there's much heat in the situation and what's been said

isn't that much of a problem, to

which followed could be to

create enmity between the two

"A few things have been written, but you will always get that, and I'm not worried. I think it's a bit petty really."

"I don't think it's putting Mike Atherton under any more pressure, because as captain of England you are always under pressure," he said. And Fletcher preferred to

flying around could serve a purpose because it should focus our minds on the job in hand even more. If it does that then that's good. Darren Gough and Devon Malcolm worked up impressive pace during England's morning work out at the WACA

look on the positive side when

he said: "We're keen to stay

single-minded, and the stuff

The players have been given the day-off on Sunday and will then play a practice match at the nearby Melvista oval on Monday before the tour opener against the Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI at Lilac

Hill on Tuesday. All the squad are fit, althorigh seamer Joey Benjamin has been hampered by a slight

groin strain.