

## Windies-India final today

Sports Reporter

The West Indies will have to wait for some time before the two-time one-day world champions get another chance to try at a most proper revenge if they fail to beat hosts India in the final of the Pepsi triangular one-day series at the Eden Gardens, Calcutta today.

The 50-overs-a-side finale, a day-night affair, will serve as a ready reminiscence of India's stunning victory over the Caribbeans in the Hero Cup final not long ago.

Though not at the peak of their strength, particularly in the absence of skipper Richie Richardson and key bowler Curtly Ambrose, the West Indian, with the record-breaking Brian Lara around in the company of in-form Carl Hooper and Keith Arthurton, can conjure nightmare for the relatively inexperienced Indian bowling, further weakened by the axing of Manoj Prabhakar and recently-retired Kapil Dev.

The Indian batting juggernaut, quite on the roll in this meet with all their major batsmen in prime form, will be greatly relieved if the newly-appointed West Indies skipper and then most experienced bowler Courtney Walsh fall.

### Div II b'ball

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Evans and Suman played prominent roles as Suhrid Sangha scraped past OFA by the skin of their teeth in an exciting encounter of the Mohsin Cup Second Division basketball league at the wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

Evans and Suman had hauls of 27 and 24 respectively as Suhrid who led the first half 43-35 finally prevailed 79-78 in a fascinating contest.

Baker and Atiq were the major scorers for the losers with 22 and 12 points respectively.

In day's other match, another fairly even affair, Rising Force came back from behind to inflict a 54-51 defeat on Bokshibazar.

Maqsood played the leading role in Rising Force's second half resurgence with a personal tally of 16, well supported by Pinto who chipped in with 11.

Pappu and Ruhi with ten and nine respectively did their best for Bokshibazar who led the first half 28-26.

### N'ganj soccer

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Nov 4: Khanpur Mohsin Club and Sonakanda White Club shared points in a one-all draw in the Hanjin Shipping First Division football league at the local stadium today.

Delwar Hossain of White Club put his side into the lead with a 22nd minute strike in the first half which Nijhum neutralised 24 minutes into the second half.

Sirkstra Juniors take on Sirajuddoula Club tomorrow.

### Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Nov 4: Land Customs earned two valuable points in the CJKP First Division football league beating Agrabad Nowjoan Club 2-1 at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

The first half was scoreless. Towfiq and Manju scored once each for Land Customs while Anup netted the lone goal for Nowjoan.

Land Customs and Agrabad Nowjoan both collected 20 points from 16 matches.

### Alpha Tobacco soccer

Sports Reporter

Cannon and Regal clubs were locked in a two-all draw in the lone match billed for the eighth day of the Alpha Tobacco football tourney at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Saiful and Taiyab scored for Cannon while Khaled and Javed netted one each for Regal.

New Kalabagan president

Sports Reporter

JK Chowdhury has been nominated as the president of Kalabagan Krira Chakra to succeed Marshall Shah Alam, who stepped down for personal reasons.

Meanwhile, Shah Alam has been unanimously appointed the chief adviser of the club.

### Keegan keen to buy Gazza

ROME, Nov 4: Newcastle manager Kevin Keegan is bidding to sign Paul Gascoigne, Italian press reports said here Wednesday, reports AFP.

But Lazio president Dino Zoff said he planned to keep hold of the England mid-fielder, despite Keegan's offer, reported to be around 4.3 million pounds (6.5 million dollars).

Keegan, who scored the first-leg winner, equalised in



Australian Justin Langer sweeps Pakistani leggie Mushtaq Ahmed during the fourth day's play of the third and final Test at Lahore yesterday. Justin made a determined 69 in the Aussie first inning score of 455. — AFP photo

### McGrath rocks Pakistan once again

## Aussies get upper hand



LAHORE, Pakistan, Nov 4: Fast bowlers Glenn McGrath and Craig McDermott fired Australia's bid for a series-leveling victory by reducing Pakistan's second innings to 137 for five in the third and final Test on Friday, reports Reuter.

Pakistan, 82 behind on first innings, ended the fourth day leading by a meagre 55 and with their hopes of saving the game resting on captain Salim Malik, unbeaten on 59, and Aamir Sohal on four.

McGrath, who jolted Pakistan in a fiery opening spell, ended the day with three for 38 from 12 overs and was supported by McDermott and off-spinner Tim May with a wicket each.

Australia, trailing 1-0 in the series, added 111 to their overnight 344 for five before they were bowled out 35 minutes after lunch.

Justin Langer, who resumed on 38, went on to his highest Test score of 69 and shared a sixth-wicket stand of 84 with Shane Warne, who contributed a useful 38.

Paceman Mohsin Kamal (4-116) and a leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed (4-121) were the most successful bowlers.

Pakistan's slump started immediately when McGrath had Basit Ali, promoted to open with Sohal was nursing a stiff neck, caught behind by Phil Emery for two in this second over.

Eight runs later, with the total 28, McDermott combined with Emery to remove Inzamamul Haq for three.

Salim, who made 75 in the first innings, and Saeed Anwar put on 32 for the third wicket before McGrath struck again.

Saeed, who was shaping well, edged an outswinger to give Emery his third catch. The left-hander hit six fours in his 32 from 41 balls.

The new South Wales paceman, playing his seventh Test, dealt another crucial blow to Pakistan by trapping Ijaz Ahmed (5) leg before with a wicket at 74.

Australia continued to press home their advantage by re-



GLEN MCGRATH ... 3 for 38

four. By the close he had hit eight fours, faced 109 balls and batted 143 minutes.

In the morning, Australia lost Warne first when he lobbed back a gentle catch to Kamal, and Langer fell four runs later to a spectacular one-handed catch at the second attempt by Ijaz Ahmed at backward point.

Langer batted for 251 minutes, hit three fours and received 142 deliveries.

McDermott helped to stretch the lead by hammering a breezy 29 in 32 balls, with six fours, before he was caught and bowled by Mushtaq.

May went for 10 to off-spinner Akram Raza and the

innings ended when McGrath was bowled round his legs by Mushtaq.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on Friday, the fourth day of the third and final cricket Test between Pakistan and Australia.

#### PAKISTAN: First innings

373

#### AUSTRALIA: First innings

(overnight 344 for five)

Slater c Moin Khan

74

b Mohsin Kamal

29

Taylor c Saeed Anwar

32

Boon c Moin Khan b Akram Raza

5

Emery not out

8

Waugh c Moin Khan

71

b Mohsin Kamal

91

Bevan c sub b Mushtaq Ahmad

30

Langer c Ijaz Ahmad

69

b Mohsin Kamal

33

McDermott c and

29

b Mushtaq Ahmad

29

May c Moin Khan b Akram Raza

0

McGrath c Mushtaq Ahmad

3

Extras: (b-3, lb-17, nb-8, w-2)

30

Total

455

Fall of wickets: 1-97; 2-106;

3-126; 4-248; 5-318; 6-402;

7-406; 8-443; 9-450; 10-455.

Bowling: O M R W

McDermott 10 1 41 1

McGrath 12 0 38 3

Waugh 10 1 31 0

May 7 3 12 1

Bevan 1 0 5 0

Overs: 40; Minutes: 176.

Umpires: Riaz Uddin (Pakistan) and Cyril Mithieley (South Africa)

TV umpire: Mian Aslam

Match Referee: John Reid (New Zealand).

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