

Sport

Another Caribbean nightmare at Eden Gardens

Azhar's men do it again

CALCUTTA, Nov 5: Hosts India dazzled under the floodlights at the packed Eden Gardens here Saturday to trounce the West Indies by 72 runs in the final of the triangular series, reports AFP.

Donald has had an operation to remove a cyst from his right foot and will be in plaster until November 14. He is not expected to return to international duty until South Africa meet Pakistan in a one-off Test starting on January 19.

Rutherford, speaking on the New Zealanders' arrival in Johannesburg on Friday, said his side may be able to exploit changes in the South African management which have seen coach Mike Procter replaced by Bob Woolmer and captain Kepler Wessels stand down.

"They are going through some trouble at the moment with their team management structure and may be that's something that we might be able to take advantage of," he said.

"There may be some rumblings behind the scenes." The New Zealanders are making their first tour of South Africa since John Reid's 1961-62 side drew a Test series 2-2.

As well as the three Tests, New Zealand will play in the Mandela Trophy — a one-day international tournament which will also involve Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The New Zealanders have come to South Africa straight from a triangular one-day series in India where they lost three out of the four games they played. The other match was abandoned.

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Pleasant relief for Kiwi skipper

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 5: New Zealand captain Ken Rutherford admitted the absence of South African fast bowler Allan Donald from the forthcoming three-match Test series between the two countries was a "pleasant relief," reports Reuter.

"It has been a pleasure to watch Australia and Pakistan, two very competitive teams struggle for supremacy over three Test matches in the true spirit of the game of cricket," he said.

"I am delighted to win the series," said Malik. "It was a great challenge for me and the team with Pakistan tottering at 107 for five in the second in-

nings. We had to play for a draw which we did.

"Australia is a very fine team and to win a series against them is an achievement," he said.

"I hope we will continue to perform in the same esteem when we go to South Africa and Zimbabwe," Malik said.

International Cricket Council (ICC) referee John Reid congratulated both teams and the captains for handling minor problems.

"The matches were all played in right spirits and although South Africa did not win a match, they took a couple of close results well and I am sure will be a force to be considered very seriously in future," he said.

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Holdsworth, who toured England last year but had an unproductive 1993-94 season, said: "I shortened my run up to keep things more compact at the crease and I altered my action because I've had a problem where my arm falls away."



Pakistanian batsman Aamir Sohail watches helplessly as Australian wicketkeeper Phil Emery whips the bails off after the Pakistani opener, who came in to bat at number six owing to a stiff neck, was lured out of his crease by leggie Shane Warne on the fifth and final day of the third and final Test at Lahore yesterday. Sohail made 105 and together with skipper Salim Malik, who made a brilliant 143, the left-hander dragged the hosts out of trouble to ensure a draw and therefore a series win. — AFP photo

NSC budget announced

The executive committee of the National Sports Council yesterday approved its revenue budget of Tk 18,04,08,000, including a deficit of Tk 5,18,78,00, for the 1994-95 fiscal, reports UNB.

Of the total earning, Tk 6,45,30,000 or 50.21 per cent will be provided from NSC's own sources while the rest Tk 6.4 crore or 49.79 per cent will come as government grant.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Saadeque Hossain, who is also the chairman of NSC, presided over the budget session attended by the NSC executive committee members.

To meet the deficit, the NSC has decided to diversify its sources of income by extending the Mirpur Stadium and the Hockey Stadium to two-story structures for shops and offices.

The Government has proposed an allocation of Tk 25.84 crore as grant to the NSC under its annual development programme for 1994-95.

The NSC development programme includes laying of synthetic turf at the Hockey Stadium, construction of tennis complex at Chittagong, Osmany Stadium at Narayanganj, Zilla stadium at Luxmipur and women's sports complexes at Rajshahi, Chittagong and Khulna, and renovation works at different selected district stadiums and play grounds.

In the budget, the NSC has increased its grants by 15 per cent for different national sports federations and affiliated associations.

The Bangladesh Amateur Athletics Federation will receive the highest grant of Tk seven lakh while the Bangladesh Roller Skating Federation get the minimum of Tk 50,000 among the 26 national sports federations.

Spurs supremo in dilemma

LONDON, Nov 5: Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar is considering offering David Pleat, who left the club under a cloud seven years ago, the job of general manager, reports Reuter.

But after a two-hour meeting with the Luton manager, Sugar said it would be irresponsible to rush into a decision.

This is obviously a big decision for Tottenham and an equally big decision for David and like all sensible career moves both parties need time to consider the proposition.

"The position we are considering offering him is that of general manager and is different from that to which he has been accustomed," Sugar said.

Tottenham go into their match against in-form Blackburn today under Steve Perryman. He took over as caretaker boss after Ossie Ardiles' dismissal on Monday.

Pleat, who left Tottenham in 1987 amid allegations about his private life, said he had "lots to think about and consider" following his talk with Sugar.

Gallant Salim Malik, Sohail to the rescue

Pakistan clinch series

LAHORE, Pakistan, Nov 5: A record stand of 196 runs between Pakistani captain Salim Malik and Aamir Sohail for the sixth wicket helped Pakistan salvage a draw in the final Test here Saturday and win the series 1-0 against Australia, reports AFP.

Australia's dream of leveling the series was shattered by Pakistan's last five wickets during which the home side piled on 267 runs to bolster their poor overnight score of 137-5.

Most of this was due to the superb stand by Malik and Sohail, who scored 143 and 105 runs respectively, surpassing the previous best stand of 191 by former captains Imran Khan and Wasim Akram in the 1989-90 season against Australia in Adelaide.

Malik's 13th Test century in his 80th Test included 12 fours in 248 minutes batting. By lunch the two had pushed Pakistan's slim 55-run lead up considerably with the score on 234.

Malik continued frustrating Australia's bowlers after the break until Michael Bevan finally took his scalp, bowling him with his score on 143, which included 19 fours.

Malik eclipsed another record — the highest scorer in a series between the two countries, beating Graham Yallop's 554 against Pakistan in 1983-84 by three runs.

Sohail batted on to reach his second century in 19 Test appearances, including 16 fours, in partnership with Akram Raza for the seventh wicket.

Their stand added 60 valuable runs before Sohail was stumped by Phil Emery off Shane Warne.

At tea Pakistan were 363 for seven and finished their final day's play with 404 all out. Akram Raza was leg before to Warne on 32, followed by Aaqib Javed, bowled for two by Warne.

The two wickets took Warne's tally to 18 wickets in the series, equalling Richie Benaud's score against Pakistan in 1959-60, the only away series that Australia has won in their seven visits to

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Hooligans reign in Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov 5: Hooligans are terrorising soccer stadiums with a savagery seldom seen in Brazil, from bloody brawls in the grandstands to gangland-style killings of rivals, reports AP.

As frightened fans stay away, officials are scrambling to stem the violence that threatens Brazil's national pastime.

"The public is afraid to go to the stadiums because of (hooligans)," said Jack London, the secretary of Sports and Leisure for Rio de Janeiro state.

Although soccer has always stirred passions in Brazil, mindless violence was alien. Brazilians conceded that hooliganism might be expected from the soccer "primitives" of the North, but not from a four-time world champion.

At the centre of the escalating violence are the "torcidas organizadas," Portuguese for the fanatic clubs of rooters that follow Brazil's most popular

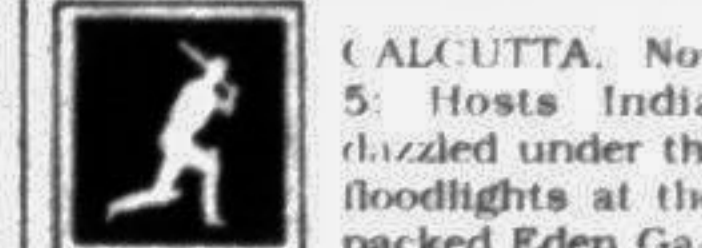
fending champion Palmeiras 2-0. Outside Maracana, Palmeiras fans of the "Green Spot" club were boarding a bus for the trip back to Sao Paulo.

Suddenly, a car with five men pulled alongside and opened fire. Wagner Soares da Silva, 22, took a bullet in the brain. After a week in a coma, he died.

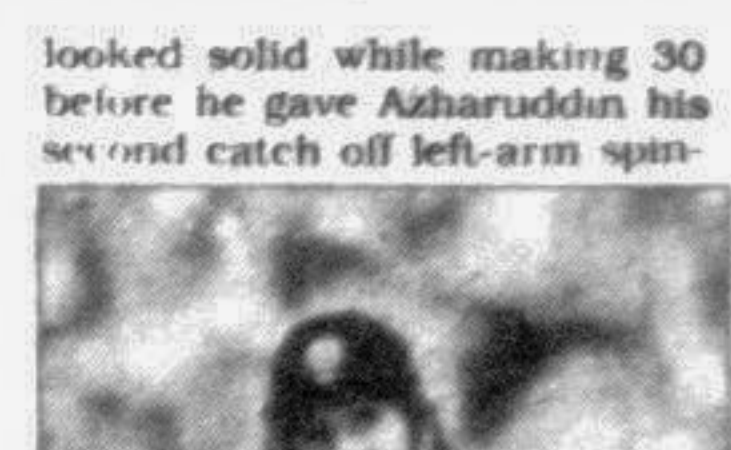
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TENDULKAR... 66



Result: India won by 72 runs.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Walsh	10	1	46	1
Cuffy	10	1	53	1
Cummins	10	0	50	1
Hooper	10	0	55	1
Dhanraj	10	0	55	2
Overs: 50				

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Simmons run out				21
Williams c Azharuddin b Srinath				29
Lara b Prasad				1
Hooper c Azharuddin b Raju				30
Arthurton b Raju				42
Holder c Jadeja b Tendulkar				5
Adams c Kumble b Jadeja				1
Cummins b Kumble				21
Walsh c Tendulkar b Raju				30
Dhanraj not out				0
Cuffy c Kumble b Raju				0
Extras: (b-2, lb-14, nb-1, w-5)				22
Total:				202

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Srinath	7	0	25	1
Prasad	7	3	23	1
Kumble	7	0	27	1
Raju	10	0	58	4
Tendulkar	8	2	35	1
Jadeja	5	0	18	1
Overs: 44				

Result: India won by 72 runs.

Hick hammers another ton

ADELAIDE, Nov 5: Graeme Hick powered to his second hundred in consecutive innings for England but South Australia loosened the touring team's grip on their match with a spirited fightback on Saturday, reports Reuter.

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England, 114 for two overnight, had been in total command during the early part of the day as Hick moved to the 79th century of his first class career.

The Worcestershire batsman reached his hundred in 116 balls with 15 fours, and a six off left-arm wrist sinner Matthew Minagall, but soon after reaching the landmark, he trod on his wicket trying to play seamer Dennis Hickey to leg.

Mike Gatting (45), leading the side while Mike Atherton is rested, then helped Thorpe add 85 for the fourth wicket, but Gatting's dismissal, caught behind cutting at seamer Shane George, was the signal for England to slump.

Thorpe made a welcome return to form with a 210-minute innings, but the rest of the batting was swept away as George captured three wickets

in 12 balls to finished with four for 114, having bowled throughout the afternoon session.

A rapid finish still seemed likely when South Australia lost opener Greg Blewett without a run on the board, but Nobes reached 50 in 78 deliveries in an innings full of risky shots and he found a willing ally in Darren Faul (41 not out).

Gatting tried five bowlers but the second-wicket pair frustrated England for the last two hours of the day, although John Crawley dropped Faul on 32.

Scoreboard at stumps on Saturday, second day of the four-day cricket match between England and the South Australia state team at Adelaide Oval.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Gough	29	5	114	4
Denish Hickey	21	2	83	1
Greg Blewett	6	0	31	1
Martin Minagall	11	3	39	0
Peter McIntyre	18	4	48	4
Batting time: 325 minutes.				
Overs: 85.4				

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South Australia: 2nd innings

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Blewett c Rhodes b Gough				0
Faul not out				0
Nobes not out				68
Extras:				7
Total: (for one wicket)				116

Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-97; 3-186; 4-271; 5-281; 6-281; 7-292; 8-299; 9-315; 10-323.

England: 2nd innings

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Darren Gough	11	1	39	1
Martin McCague	6	0	34	0
Joey Benjamin	7	0	16	0
Phil Tufnell	6	3	14	0
Craig White	3	0	12	0
Batting time: 133 minutes.				
Overs: 33.				

English batsman Graham Thorpe in action during his elegant 80 against South Australia on the second day of the four-day match at the Adelaide Oval yesterday. England were all out for 323. — AFP photo