

## Nat'l chess squad wins one, loses one

Bangladeshi men's team registered a facile 4-0 victory over Bahrain in their first round match of the Chess Olympiad now being held in Moscow, reports UNB.

According to a message received here last night, Bangladesh team comprising Grandmaster Niaz Morshed, IM Ziaur Rahman, IM Reefat bin Sattar and Syed Tahmidur Rahman outplayed their middle-eastern opponents on Friday.

In the women's section, Bangladesh team lost 1-2 to Azerbaijan in the first round match. IWM Rani Hamid of Bangladesh earned the lone point beating Grandmaster Sofia Bagmure.

In the second round match yesterday, Bangladesh team suffered 0.5-3.5 points defeat against Yugoslavia.

## Lithuania leads chess Olympiad

MOSCOW, Dec 3: Lithuania has emerged as the surprise leader after crushing Chile 4-0 in the Chess Olympiad and scoring a maximum 8 out of 8 in the men's section, reports AP.

A late-night win Friday pushed Lithuania ahead of Croatia and Bosnia, who are playing under the banner of Yugoslavia, Croatia and Bosnia scored 7.5 out of a possible 8 after beating Bangladesh 3.5-0.5.

Russia, the event's favourite, again omitted Garri Kasparov from its team and only managed to score 3-1 against Cuba, conceding two draws.

Kasparov has promised to play Saturday and the Russians are still expected to win the event held at the Cosmos Hotel.

The biggest upset Friday was Kazakhstan's victory over England, which fielded Nigel Short and Michael Adams, both previous candidates for the World Chess Champion crown.

Both Adams and Short drew their respective games, but a surprise defeat on board 3 enabled Kazakhstan to score.

The US team, which was expected to beat Australia, was held back when the Australians drew the match 2-2.

In the women's section, the Georgian side, with former Women's World Champion Maia Chiburdanidze on board 1, is leading along with Poland and Hungary, which is fielding two of the three Polgar sisters.

Georgia defeated Bosnia 3-0; Poland bested India 3-0; and Hungary beat Cuba 3-0.

## N'ganj soccer

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Dec 3: BSTC (Dockyard) blanked Shuktara Junior Krira Chakra 3-0 in the Hanjin Shipping Senior Division football league at the Osmani here today.

Ripon put the winners into the lead in the 30th minute while Titu and Nadim added two more goals after the breather to seal the fate of the match.

Mohsin Club will take on Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) tomorrow (Sunday).

## Barisal soccer

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Dec 3: Touch Video Club clinched the title of the Emma Overseas First Division football league when they earned a 3-2 win over Abahani Krira Chakra in the last match of the super league at the local stadium here today.

Touch Video Club, the only unbeaten outfit in the four-team super league, needing one point from the match, struck twice in the span of 16 minutes after the breather to clinch the victory.

Harun, Milon and Tarique scored one each for the winners while Tuhin and Zakir made it for the losers.

Ten teams, split into two groups, took part in the league, which began on November 2.

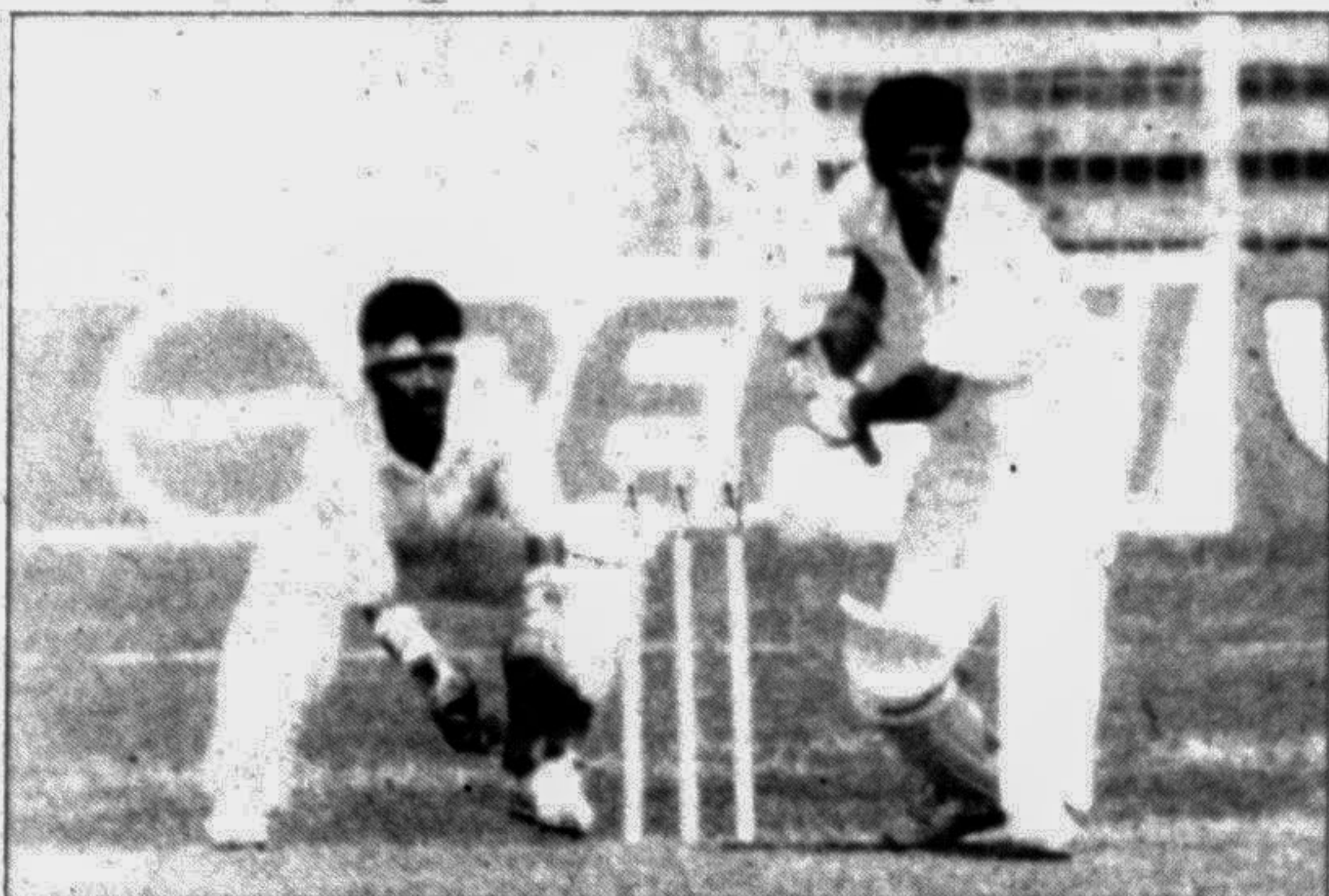
## DU football, cricket results

Physics edged past Applied Physics 2-1 in the Dhaka University inter-department football tournament at the university ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Manjoor and Babar scored for the winners while Mizan netted for the losers.

In the DU inter-department cricket tournament, International Relations won by 74 runs against Statistics Department at the Jagannath hall ground.

Batting first, International Relations rattled up a massive 196 for six in allotted 30 overs. In reply, Statistics managed to collect 122 for five in 30 overs.



Indian teenage prodigy Amal Majumder is all eyes to play a ball from Biman's left arm spinner Enamul Huq. The talented Bombayite picked up a half century on his debut in Dhaka and Mohammedans posted a vital win at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

## Another Abahani-Mohammedans Damal semifinal Biman lose way in clear sky

Sports Reporter



December is a month of nostalgia. Guess how?

Twenty-four hours after Holland and Pakistan crossed the semifinal barriers of the Cathay Pacific World Cup men's hockey championship for a repeat final of four years ago, former champions Mohammedans won a semifinal place in the fifteenth Damal Summer cricket tournament to set up a premature derby of the same sort against arch-rivals Abahani for the second successive year, courtesy a year's interregnum in the annuals of the domestic cricket season's curtain-raiser.

Pitted against heavy odds, thirteen-time finalists Mohammedans yesterday beat Bangladesh Biman by 39 runs at the Dhaka Stadium.

Although the two former champions are now at par with one win each to their credit, Mohammedans pipped theoretically the most balanced team to the post for a place in the semifinals on a better net run rate.

It was more than an existential battle for Mohammedans, needing victory at least by 19 runs, and at end of the day they prevailed over their opponents by 39 runs to emerge as Group Y champions.

Mohammedans play Abahani in the second semifinal, billed for Tuesday.

Brothers Union, who beat Mohammedans by 19 runs Thursday last, will take on Group X champions Victoria Sporting Club, the only team with a clean slate so far in the meet, on Monday for the first semifinal.

On a harlot of a wicket where the ball travelled at varying attitude after pitching, Mohammedans, who were defending an unconvincing total of 164, were spared an early exile by some sensible bowling and spirited fielding.

Recovering from the morale downer of batsmen throwing away the initiative and the new ball bowlers struggling initially with their direction, Mohammedans were brought right back into the game through an inspirational spell

by Hasibul Hossain. Backed up beautifully by an accurate Naveed Bhatti, the Pakistani left arm pacer, Hasib has his little in-swingers landed on the right spot to account for the first three Biman batsmen at hardly any cost.

Opener Ziaur Rashid started the rot by inside edging an intended push to a ball that was more short than up to him and caught him between wind and water.

Jahangir Alam, Biman's most in-form batsman with three half centuries, played all over an in-swinging and Habibul Bashar after playing a sweetly-timed flick off his pads at tempted something of that ilk to hear the wooden rattle behind him.

An injured Khaled Mahmud then induced Indian Bhasker Pillai, one of Biman's four match-winners, into a rather indiscreet pull with the ball stopping and popping and a nervous skipper Aminul Islam after a hurried start focussed for the skier that landed in the waiting hands after almost an age.

Sanjeev Sharma, the other man besides Pillai who could have ensured Biman a Roman candle, could only curse his luck as a ball from left-arm pacer Enamul Huq appeared to have dropped on a sand dune and off went the bats again.

Skipper Enamul Huq alarmed Mohammedan supporters justifiably with some timed shots here and there but ran himself out as tight bowling and fielding made runs come at a premium.

Jahangir Talukder, who as a batsman can be described as a modern day Don Quixote, armed with a bat wielded the willow for a top-score of 34, thanks to some unimaginative captaincy by Aminul Islam but Rafiq, who bowled his left-arm spinners beautifully on a tricky track, fittingly drew the curtain, bowling Golam Nawsher with Biman away and stranded on 125 in 44.1 overs.

Earlier, Mohammedans winning the toss were all out for 164 after emboldened by the presence of Indian boy wonder Amal Majumder they

opted to bat first.

The teen age Bombay right-hander, who entered the record books before winning an international cap with a double century on debut, arrived late Friday night as the frantic Mohammedan officials, panicked by Praveen Amre's departure, successfully latched on to the cue left by the Indian Test discard.

Their efforts paid off as tired an unmotivated he might have been, the future Indian Test cricketer was still good enough to milk a 71-ball 50 that turned out Mohammedans' winning capital.

For the second successive match, Selim Shahed's poor concentration cost him a promising innings as the stylish batsman got stumped for 28 including the lone sixer of the match.

Enamul Huq lived up to his reputation of being always-up-to-arms against Mohammedans with a haul of five wickets for 38. Had he stayed at the wicket we bit longer his effort with the ball would have won the day for the airlines, perhaps.

### CHETAN SHARMA FOR VICTORIA

While Amal Majumdar was to part with Mohammedans after a brief and fruitful honeymoon, Victoria prepared to receive India international Chetan Sharma, the only bowler to achieve a hat-trick in the World Cup.

Majumdar was to leave Dhaka last night and Mohammedan officials are reportedly keeping their fingers crossed to have hard-hitting Atul Bedade, another Bombayite, to fill his void in the semifinal.

Meanwhile, Mohammedans yesterday completed the registration formalities of Nadim Yunus, one of the two Pakistanis, now nursing a wrist injury. They had earlier registered Naveed Bhatti for the Navana Premier league.

### SCOREBOARD

MOHAMMEDAN SC:				
Mustadir c Habibul Bashar b Sanjeev Sharma	13			
Sajjad Ahmed b Enamul Huq	25			
Selim Shahed st Debashis b Enamul Huq	28			
Amal Majumder c Ziaur Rashid b Enamul Huq	50			
Aminul Islam run out	01			
Rafiqul Alam c Ziaur Rashid b Enamul Huq	04			
Naveed Bhatti not out	14			
Hasibul Hossain st Debashis b Enamul Huq	0			
Nasir Ahmed run out	6			
Morshed Ali b Sanjeev Sharma	0			
Extras: (b-5, lb-2, w-7)	11			
Total (in 44.1 overs)	164			
Fall of wickets: 1-33; 2-62; 3-93; 4-94; 5-127; 6-133; 7-145; 8-150; 9-158.				
Bowling:				
	O	M	R	W
Golam Nawsher	6	0	23	0
Jahangir Talukder	9	4	20	0
Sanjeev Sharma	8.1	1	27	2
Shamsul Huda	4	0	18	0
Enamul Huq	9	0	38	5
Ziaur Rashid	8	0	24	1

BANGLADESH BIMAN:				
Jahangir Alam b Hasibul Hossain	06			
Ziaur Rashid b Hasibul Hossain	10			
Hasibul Bashar b Hasibul Hossain	05			
Ahmed Fatyaz b w b Khaled Masud	09			
Bhaskar Pillai c Aminul Islam b Khaled Masud	14			
Sanjeev Sharma b Morshed Ali	04			
Enamul Huq run out	17			
Jahangir Talukder run out	34			
Debashis Baroach b Rafiqul Shamsul Huda not out	01			
Golam Nawsher b Rafiqul	3			
Extras: (b-5, lb-7, w-3)	15			
Total (in 44.1 overs)	125			
Fall of wickets: 1-16; 2-21; 3-39; 4-43; 5-52; 6-58; 7-83; 8-95; 9-119.				
Bowling:				
	O	M	R	W
Naveed Bhatti	9	4	12	0
Hasibul Hossain	9	2	22	3
Khaled Masud	5	1	14	2
Morshed Ali	8	0	27	1
Rafiqul Alam	8.1	1	17	2
Aminul Islam	1	0	4	0
Mustadir	4	0	17	0
Result: Mohammedan Sporting Club won by 39 runs.				

## Injury creeps into Kiwi camp

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 3: New Zealand's preparations for their opening match in the Mandela Trophy quadrangular limited-overs tournament next week have been complicated by injuries, reports Reuter.

Their opening game is against South Africa in Cape Town on Tuesday but they continue their warm-up by taking on Transvaal in a 50-over contest at the Wanderers today.

The non-starters are fast bowler Dion Nash, who has a side strain, and their most accomplished batsman, Martin Crowe, who, according to coach Geoff Howarth, is due for a rest.

Opening batsman Darrin Murray pulled a hamstring in New Zealand's victory over South Africa in the first Test earlier this week and is also a doubtful starter.

Left-arm spinner Matthew Hart dislocated a finger during a one-day match in Soweto on Thursday and is likely to sit out the Transvaal game.

What does seem certain is that the battle for the number six spot in the Test between Shane Thomson and Chris Harris is unlikely to be an issue as both are important members of the one-day side and will play.

In a throwback to the days of Dipak Patel in the last World Cup in 1992, Thomson opened the bowling in Soweto with his off-spin, an indication that New Zealand were, in the words of Howarth, "still considering the options."

Transvaal will be without two key bowlers, seamer Richard Snell and left-arm spinner Clive Eksteen who are both in South Africa's squad for the Mandela Trophy, but the provincial team's Lancashire and England batsman Neil Fairbrother could easily spoil New Zealand's preparations.

## Malcolm, Rhodes to miss today's one-dayer

CANBERRA, Dec 3: England will be without pace bowler Devon Malcolm and wicketkeeper Steve Rhodes when they face the Australian Capital Territory in a one-day cricket game Sunday at Manuka Oval, reports AP.

The match is England's final limited-overs warm-up before they face Australia in their opening World Series game in Sydney on Tuesday.

Malcolm had hoped to play but still is recovering from chicken pox that has sidelined him for two weeks, while Alec Stewart will play behind the stumps — a possible sign of England's World Series plans.

England captain Mike Atherton said Saturday that a victory is important for team morale after the First Test defeat against Australia in Brisbane last week.

"If you come out and lose, everyone is on your back and if you come out and win, everyone says, 'So what?'," said Atherton.

"But after Brisbane, these games take on a bit of added importance."

The tourists have played just three limited-overs games since arriving in Australia five weeks ago, defeating a Chairman's XI in Perth in October and the Allan Border-captained Bradman XI in Bowral on Friday.

## BTTF picks 32

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation (BTTF), in a bid to for a national team for the next SAF Games, picked up 32 paddlers for a long-term training under the supervision of Chinese coach Leu Zhou Lee.

The paddlers are: Shaon (Madaripur), Mona (Ansars), Mahboob (Dhaka), Mamun (Gaibandha), Tuhin (Dhaka), Gautam and Pappu (Narail), Rakin (Rajshahi), Jayanta (Gaibandha), Zia (Rajshahi), Islam (Rangpur), Ripik (Khulna), Shahed (Madaripur), Abid (Dhaka), Abed (Manikganj), Ibrahim (Kushtia), Mahboob and Rubel (Ansar), Sagar (Dhaka), Selim (Jessore), Hamlet (Biman), Biplob (Dhaka), Babon (Dhaka), Tuhin-2 (Dhaka), Shamim (Rangpur), Edison (Narail), Imran (Patuakhali), Manas (Chittagong), Mahid (Dhaka), Ferdous (Habiganj), Saiful and Nabi (Dhaka).

The players have been requested to report at the Federation office by 5 pm on December 10 with necessary kits.

## B'ball coaches leave for Malaysia

Two national basketball coaches — Mahtabur Rahman Bulbul and A K Sarkar — left Dhaka for Malaysia on Friday to participate in the IOC advanced basketball coaching course in Kuala Lumpur, reports UNB.

The ten-day coaching programme begins today in the Malaysian capital and will conclude on December 13, said a federation press release.

## World champs on the roll



DURBAN, Dec 3: Pakistan struck first in the four-nation one-day tournament for the Mandela Trophy when, inspired by a masterly 100 from opener Aamir Sohail, they beat Sri Lanka by six wickets in the opening fixture on Friday, reports Reuter.

Needing 239 to win, Sohail gave Pakistan the perfect start as he raced to his 50 off just 55 balls.

After the early dismissal of Saeed Anwar for five, Sohail shared in partnerships of 88 with Inzamam-ul Haq (32) and 67 with Salim Malik (65 not out).

He reached his third century in his 63rd one-day international from 118 balls before bottom-edging a pull off

Ruwan Kalpage to Aravinda de Silva at wide mid-on.

Salim, who had to have six stitches in his left shin after a collision with Ijaz Ahmed while Pakistan were fielding, played with considerable ease as he saw his side home with 14 balls left.

Earlier the Sri Lankan innings of 238 for five had been dominated by their captain Arjuna Ranatunga who was made man-of-the-match for his first century in 152 one day internationals.

Ranatunga's 101 came off 108 balls and included eight boundaries.

After a good start which saw Jayasuriya (26) and Roshan Mahanama (24) put on 44 in nine overs for the first wicket, the Sri Lankans lost wickets regularly in the middle of the innings before Ranatunga and Kalpage steadied it.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the one-day Mandela Trophy match between Sri Lanka and Pakistan at Kingsmead on Friday:

SRI LANKA				
R. Mahanama b Younis	24			
S. Jayasuriya c Raza b Javed	26			
A. Guruntha lbw Raza	11			
A. De Silva b Javed	10			
A. Ranatunga not out	101			
H. Tilakaratne retired hurt	1			
R. Kalpage st Latif b Malik	29			
K. Dharmasena not out	23			
Extras: (b-1, lb-2, w-7, nb-3)	13			
Total: (five wickets, innings closed)	238			
Did not bat: Eric Vaas, Promodya Wickramasinghe, Ravindra Puspakumara.				
Bowling				
	O	M	R	W
Younis	10	0	50	1
Javed	10	0	44	2
Rehman	8	1	38	0
Raza	10	1	26	1
Sohail	6	0	30	0
Malik	6	0	47	1

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## Windies fight back well



NAGPUR, Dec 3: Carl Hooper, following his five-wicket haul by hitting 81, and Jimmy Adams led West Indies' battle to save the follow-on in the second Test against India today, reports Reuter.

Hooper and Adams (68 not out) added 133 for the fifth wicket to lift West Indies to 302 for five — 45 short of the follow-on mark — at the close on the third day.

India, who lead 1-0 in the three-Test series, piled up 546 for nine declared in their first innings.

Hooper, who captured five for 116 with his off-spin, carried the attack to the Trio of Indian slow bowlers after opener Phil Simmons and Brian Lara had both been dismissed for exactly 50 when threatening a major innings.

West Indies, who resumed on 15 for one, lost night-watchman Anderson Cummins for 17 but Lara, struggling to find his form on the tour, appeared to settle down with an array of exquisite cover drives.

Lara saw Simmons depart after reaching his 50, caught by Sanjay Manjrekar off leg-spinner Anil Kumble.

Lara went on to complete his first half-century against India in three Test innings but then pushed at a delivery

from left-arm spinner Venkatapathy Raju that tricked off bat and pad for wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia to dive at full stretch to hold the catch just in front of forward short-leg.

Lara's 50 contained seven boundaries and he put on 57 with Adams for the fourth wicket.

With West Indies 155 for four at Lara's dismissal, Adams adopted an anchor role and was content to let his new

partner Hooper do the attacking.

Hooper drove the first ball he faced almost to Navjot Sidhu at mid-off, but then took control of the spinners.

He scattered the close-in fielders with blistering drives, lifting Kumble over mid-wicket for six and then hitting Raju for a second six over long-on.

Pace bowler Jagavallu Srinath broke the stand when Hooper tried to lift him for a big hit but was caught by Manoj Prabhakar at mid-wicket.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the second cricket Test between India and West Indies here Saturday.

INDIA: (first innings) 546-9 decl. (S. Tendulkar 179, N. Sidhu 107, M. Azharuddin 97; C. Hooper 5-116).

WEST INDIES: (First innings)

Simmons c Manjrekar b Kumble	50			
Williams c Azharuddin b Chauhan	12			
Cummins c Manjrekar b Raju	17			
Lara c Mongia b Raju	50			
Adams not out	68			
Hooper c Prabhakar b Srinath	81			
Arthurton not out	5			
Extras: (b-5, lb-7, nb-7)	19			
Total: (for five wickets)	302			
Fall of wickets: 1-15; 2-61; 3-98; 4-155; 5-288.				
Bowling				
	O	M	R	W
Prabhakar	2	1	5	0
Srinath	12	2	31	1
Chauhan	25	7	82	1
Raju	29	9	72	2
Kumble	39	11	100	1

## Chappell's words of wisdom



PERTH, Dec 3: Greg Chappell has warned his Australia A team that it cannot afford to underestimate Zimbabwe

in Sunday's World Series limited-overs cricket match at the WACA Ground, reports AP.

Zimbabwe have had mixed results since arriving in Australia, but held the top-grade Australian team to a two-wicket victory in the World Series tournament opener of Friday night. Zimbabwe scored 166-9 and Australia replied with 167-8 from 47.2 overs.

"If Zimbabwe can maintain that sort of competitiveness and discipline throughout the series than they are going to be a force to contend with," said Australia A coach Chappell.

"Their top order looks strong. Their middle order looks to be their Achilles heel based on yesterday's performance, but you can't really make a judgement on just one game."

After viewing the bouncy pitch Saturday morning, Chappell was surprised it yielded such low scores and said he expects bigger totals on Sunday.

"Whoever bats first would be looking at about 220 or 230," Chappell said. "When you look at the start Zimbabwe got yesterday, they probably should have ended up with 220."

"But what happens in these one-day games is the team batting second cut their cloth accordingly."

"If Zimbabwe had made

220, then I think Australia would have made 220 or very close to it."

Chappell said the Zimbabwe pace attack looks sound and he was impressed by 24-year-old leg-spinner Paul Strang.

"I heard he had been bowling well and he certainly lived up to that promise. His line looks very good," he said.

Chappell suggested Australia A will go into the match with off-spinner Gavin Robertson in their lineup.

"I would doubt we would go in without the spinner, Chapp