

Sport

Kiwis out of contention for Mandela Trophy

Sohail powers Pakistan



PONT ELIZABETH, Dec 14: A punchy 75 from left-handed opener Aamir Sohail led Pakistan to a victory over New Zealand on Tuesday, their third win in four one-day Mandela Trophy games, reports Reuter.

Chasing 202 to win, Pakistan scored 206-5 in 46.2 overs, with captain Salim Malik finishing unbeaten on 53. Malik fittingly secured the victory with an extra cover-driven six off the medium pace of Chris Harris.

The defeat puts New Zealand out of contention for the final of the four-way series, which also includes South Africa and Sri Lanka. Key batsman Martin Crowe will now probably miss the remaining two games in the competition to rest for the second Test against South Africa which starts in Durban on December 26.

Pakistan began well in their reply, with Sohail sharing in stands of 51 with fellow opener Saeed Anwar, 35 with Izzamul-Haq and 56 with Malik before he was bowled by Chris Pringle attempting one heave too many.

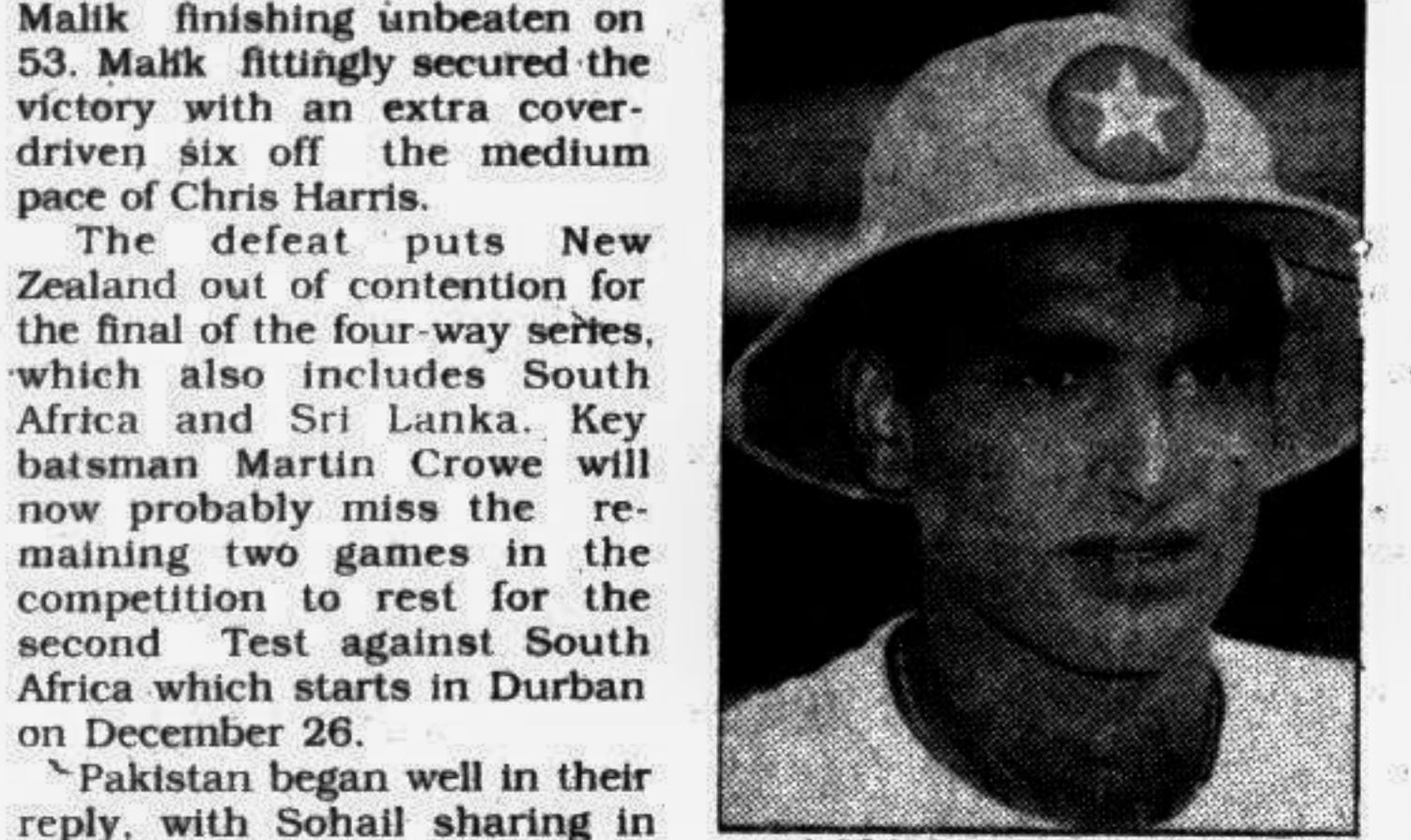
New Zealand's Chris Pringle then struck twice in the space of three deliveries in the 41st over. First, Ijaz Ahmed on 23-gloved a lifting delivery behind for wicketkeeper Adam Parore to complete an excellent diving catch to his right and then Basit Ali went on the drive to thin-edge behind for no score.

Malik ensured that Pakistan suffered no more alarms as he and Manzoor Elahi added a further 25 runs.

For New Zealand, left-arm seamer Murphy Su'a bowled tightly in three spells for figures of 1:30 while Pringle finished with 3-43.

Earlier, New Zealand were bowled out for 201 in 49.4 overs, despite good batting performances from vice-captain Crowe (83) and Adam Parore (59).

Waqar Younis returned figures of 4:32 including a spell



of 4-9 in 20 deliveries, and Aaqib Javed 3-25 as New Zealand lost their last eight wickets for only 28 runs. Both pace bowlers were made men of the match for their efforts.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Mandela Trophy 50-overs cricket match between New Zealand and Pakistan at St George's Park on Tuesday:

NEW ZEALAND:

	Young	Ibaw	b Aaqib	13
Crowe c and b Malik	83			
Parore c Ijaz b Malik	59			
Rutherford c Anwar b Raza	16			
Fleming lbw b Younis	4			
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RESULT: Pakistan beat New Zealand by five wickets.

STANDINGS

Standings in the Mandela Trophy quadrangular cricket tournament after Tuesday's match between Pakistan and New Zealand (tabulate under played, won, lost, no result, points):

	South Africa	3	3	0	0	6
Pakistan	4	3	1	0	6	
Sri Lanka	3	0	2	1	1	
New Zealand	4	0	3	1	1	

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