

Easy win for Mohammedans

Sports Reporter
Hasibul Hassan was the lone local cricketer to star on a day dominated by the Pakistani batsmen as Mohammedan Sporting Club raced to an impressive seven-wicket win over Sadharan Bima at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday for their fourth victory in the Navana Premier Division cricket league.

Mohammedans cantered to 169 for three in 39.2 overs after Hasib's superb spell of medium pace restricted Sadharan Bima to 168 for nine in the stipulated 45 overs.

Pakistani Nadeem Younus and Aamir Malik both scored 51 while their compatriot Shawkat Mirza formed the backbone of Bima's reasonable total with the day's highest individual score of 58.

Apart from Mirza, the right-handed middle-order bat who hit his third half-century in the league yesterday, only Hasanuzzaman, who came in at number seven, offered some sort of resistance with a creditable 33.

Mirza, who scored a sparkling 77 against Abahani, cracked three boundaries and a huge six of fellow-Pakistani Nadeem Younus during his 86-ball stay at the crease.

Hasanuzzaman also had a six along with two fours in his 57-ball knock. The other Bima batsman to loft the ball over the fence was Tariqul Islam, who contributed a seven-ball 12.

In their turn, Mohammedans were given a flying start by the opening pair of Younus and Sajjad Mansur, who put on 73 runs for the first wicket.

Younus was the first to go after yet another aggressive innings that saw the ball race to the rope on seven occasions. Sajjad, the young right-hander followed him two runs later for 16.

Malik and Selim Shahed, the technically sound bat who was named for national side after being out of selectors favour for the SAARC cricket competition, added 61 runs for the third wicket before Shahed went for 27.

Malik stayed at the crease until the end of a successful chase on a fluent 51. The Pakistani hit two fours and as many sixes in his 69-ball tenure at the wicket.

Meanwhile, the Navana Premier cricket league matches will be suspended till February 5 due to a series of international matches.

Yamaha cricket

Sports Reporter
Three fine knocks from opener Jamaluddin, Mashur Rahman and Raju Parvez laid the foundation for Lalmatia Club's resounding 85-run victory over Evergreen Sporting Club in yesterday's lone Yamaha First Division league fixture at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

Lalmatia, put in to bat first, rattled a mammoth total of 236 for seven in the regulation 45 overs and then had Evergreen bowled out in 43 overs for 151, thanks to a superb spell from skipper Halim Babu.

Having lost his opening partner Mohammad al-Nazir very early in the innings, Jamaluddin teamed up with Mashur for a century stand for the second-wicket. The two took the total from 12 to 123 before the opener ran himself out two runs short of a half-century, inclusive of four hits to the fence.

At the other end, Mashur, however, kept up his good work and featured in another century partnership with Raju before being sent back for a sparkling 79 with Lalmatia placed comfortably on 237 in 43.1 overs. He hit five fours in his 122-ball innings.

Mashur's departure sparked off a dramatic collapse which saw five Lalmatia wickets fall for only nine runs. Raju was clean bowled for an aggressive 58-ball 55 inclusive of six fours.

Over five runs an over was always a difficult proposition for the Evergreen batsmen and Halim Babu made sure they didn't get even close to the winning target.

Although opening batsman Serajul Islam contributed a fighting 59, the rest of the lot simply came and went as Evergreen folded their innings on 151. Halim Babu finished with four for 28.

Eves' handball

Sports Reporter
Eden Girls' College, Fajilatunnisa Hall of Jahangirnagar University and Viquarunnisa Noon College won their respective matches of the Delta Life inter-college and hall women's handball championship at the National Women's Complex.

Eden College beat Anwara Begum Muslim College 5-1. Fajilatunnisa Hall humiliated Arambagh Girls' College 13-1 while Viquarunnisa Noon College sailed to a 11-1 win over Sher-e-Bangla Girls' College.



The Kenyan cricket squad, which arrived in the morning, gave the photographer a moment during their net practice at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Kenya play local U-19 today



The country's cricket lovers ready for more excitement as Kenyan national team takes on the Bangladesh under-19 squad at the Dhaka Stadium today. The limited-overs match starts at 9:00 am.

Skipper Maurice Odumbe, who aroused some sort of mixed feelings among the local fans with a tornado innings that eventually led to the ban of Bangladesh in the ICC Trophy last year, will lead the visitors, who arrived in the capital yesterday morning.

To be precise, the right-handed middle-order batsman shattered Bangladeshi hopes of a World Cup berth with a hurricane ton during a round-robin league match of the ICC Trophy in Kenya last February.

However, the team, which earned a berth in the next World Cup, to be held in the sub continent next year, along with champions United Arab Emirates and third finishers Holland, has gone through some changes with six new faces squeezing into the present lot.

A number of ICC campaigners, including former skipper Tom Tikolo have been excluded from the national team for this tour.

This tour is a part of the preparatory package for the World Cup," said Haritlal Saha, the Kenyan team manager.

"We never played in front of a full house crowd and I believe matches here before boisterous supporters will help us a lot for the World Cup," added Haritlal Saha, who feels this tour will help his boys a lot.

When asked why Kenya refused to play a tournament which was badly bruised was also very sore, and he added, "The old fracture is still there and it has not completely healed."

Stewart, who also fractured the finger in practice on October 24 will see a specialist when the squad gets to Adelaide on Tuesday.

The Surrey captain has been ruled out of the fourth Test.

Although he remains keen to appear in the final Test in Perth, starting on February 3, he added, "I have got to be sensible."

"If I get hit on the finger again, I would have to come off, and if that happened, I would be letting the other ten players down."

Stewart, who is a tour selector, said the subject of sending for another replacement — four have already been used — would be discussed.

But with Neil Fairbrother hopeful of being fit for the Test after a shoulder injury and Mike Gatting also in the squad, it appears unlikely at this stage.



Action from yesterday's Delta Life inter-college and hall women's handball championship match between Viquarunnisa Noon College and Sher-e-Bangla Girls' College at the National Women's Complex. Viquarunnisa won the match 11-1. — Star photo

Acme cricket

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh Boys carved a comfortable seven-wicket win over Nabin Sangha in the Acme Second Division cricket league at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Yesterday's lone league encounter, played on the eastern strip of the stadium, saw Boys race to 103 for three in reply to Nabin Sangha's 26.3 over collection 97 with Ahsan hitting a huge six for the winning runs.

Batting first, Nabin Sangha got into trouble from the very onset of their innings in the face of some useful bowling from new-ball bowler Swadhin and Sohail and managed 97 with only two batsmen making double-digit scores.

Sohail and Swadhin claimed three wickets apiece for 25 and 12 respectively.

Aussies to play five one-dayers in Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Jan 22: Australia have confirmed they will play five one-day matches in Bermuda following their tour of West Indies which ends in May, Bermuda's cricket board of control announced on Friday, reports Reuter.

Mark Taylor's side have agreed to play five games on the Caribbean island with the first on May 7, just four days after the fourth Test in Kingston, Jamaica. Other matches are scheduled for May 9, 11, 13 and 14.

The Australians, who will be making their second visit to Bermuda in four years, depart on May 15.

Opponents have not been finalised but Bermuda, a President's XI, a youth team and club sides St George's and Somerset are expected to line up against the tourists.

Injury forces Waqar to skip Zimbabwe tour

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 22: Pakistan fast bowler Waqar Younis has a stress fracture of the lower back and will miss the forthcoming tour of Zimbabwe, manager Intikhab Alam said on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Waqar was ruled out of the inaugural Test against South Africa currently being played at the Wanderers but initially this was said to be because of a hamstring injury.

Intikhab said Waqar would fly home next Friday and had been advised by a physiotherapist to rest for four weeks, but it was not known when he would be able to resume playing.

Pace bowler Aamir Nazir was flown in as a replacement for Waqar ahead of the current Test and Pakistan would not be sending for another player, Intikhab said.

Hooper may miss NZ tour

AUCKLAND, Jan 22: All-rounder Carl Hooper will not be able to join the West Indies team on their New Zealand cricket tour, captain Courtney Walsh said Sunday, reports AP.

Walsh said Hooper, who fell ill on a tour of India, has been advised not to fly after being hospitalised in England. He was on antibiotics over the past week but has not recovered in time to join the team.

Walsh said the team has not decided whether to call for a replacement.

Opening batsman Sherwin Campbell strained a hamstring muscle Sunday after a collision with New Zealand wicket-keeper Adam Parore while running a quick single in the one-day international at Eden Park.

He had to bat with a runner for the rest of his innings. "We're waiting 24 hours to see what's going to happen. Campbell's not moving very freely at the moment," Walsh said. "If there is a problem with Campbell we might have to give that (a replacement) some consideration."

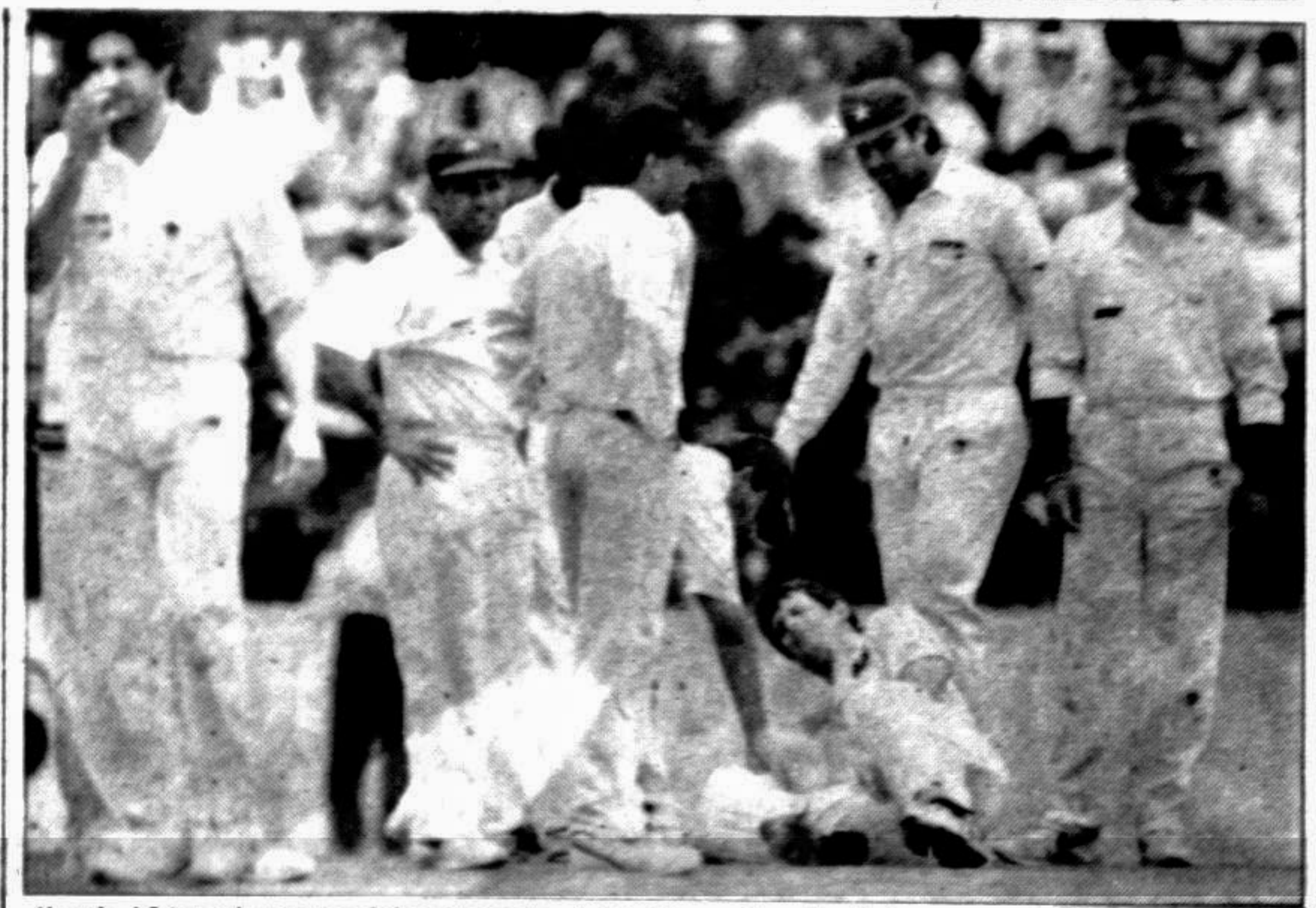
Fast bowler Winston Benjamin was still suffering from a chest infection which ruled him out of the Sunday's match, won by the West Indies by nine wickets.

Gascoigne makes a pledge

LONDON, Jan 22: Paul Gascoigne, stung by allegations that he has a weight problem, pledged on Saturday to return to action for Lazio and England leaner and fitter than ever, reports Reuter.

The 27-year-old midfielder, speaking on the British television Channel Four programme "Gazzetta Football Italia" also firmly denied reports that he had "begged" Newcastle manager Kevin Keegan to take him back to his former club.

"That's absolute rubbish," he said. "I've never asked anyone for a job in my life."



South African batsman John Commins holds his groin after being run out during the one-off Test against Pakistan at the Wanderers yesterday. Pakistan chasing 490 for victory were precariously placed at 149 for seven at stumps on the penultimate day. — AFP photo

Pakistan need a miracle

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 22: Unstoppable paceman Fanie de Villiers put South Africa on the verge of victory here today as Pakistan, chasing a massive 490, struggled to 149 for seven by the close, reports AFP.

The only resistance on the fourth day of the one-off Test came from Inzamamul Haq, who batted for one minute short of four hours to end unbeaten on 86 after his side's early collapse.

De Villiers, the hero of the first innings with six wickets and 66 runs, was the chief architect again as Pakistan slumped to five for three wickets.

First he had Aamir Sohail caught off the fourth ball of his second over with the score on three.

Then, after Donald snapped up Saeed Anwar without further score, he dismissed Salim Malik for a single.

Inzamamul Haq and Mujtaba put on 93 but when the later gave Brian McMillan his 50th Test wicket by edging an attempted pull off wicketkeeper Dave Richardson, the tourists were facing defeat with a day to spare.

Ijaz Ahmed fell in identical fashion, a magnificent catch by Jonny Rhodes removed Moiz Khan off Clive Eksteen who then removed Wasim Akram to make it 124-7.

De Villiers, whose first innings six wickets cost him 81, this time returned figures of 16-11-16-2.

De Villiers, the hero of the first innings with six wickets and 66 runs, was the chief architect again as Pakistan slumped to five for three wickets.

First he had Aamir Sohail caught off the fourth ball of his second over with the score on three.

Then, after Donald snapped up Saeed Anwar without further score, he dismissed Salim Malik for a single.

Inzamamul Haq and Mujtaba put on 93 but when the later gave Brian McMillan his 50th Test wicket by edging an attempted pull off wicketkeeper Dave Richardson, the tourists were facing defeat with a day to spare.

Ijaz Ahmed fell in identical fashion, a magnificent catch by Jonny Rhodes removed Moiz Khan off Clive Eksteen who then removed Wasim Akram to make it 124-7.

De Villiers, whose first innings six wickets cost him 81, this time returned figures of 16-11-16-2.

De Villiers, the hero of the first innings with six wickets and 66 runs, was the chief architect again as Pakistan slumped to five for three wickets.

First he had Aamir Sohail caught off the fourth ball of his second over with the score on three.

Then, after Donald snapped up Saeed Anwar without further score, he dismissed Salim Malik for a single.

Inzamamul Haq and Mujtaba put on 93 but when the later gave Brian McMillan his 50th Test wicket by edging an attempted pull off wicketkeeper Dave Richardson, the tourists were facing defeat with a day to spare.

Ijaz Ahmed fell in identical fashion, a magnificent catch by Jonny Rhodes removed Moiz Khan off Clive Eksteen who then removed Wasim Akram to make it 124-7.

De Villiers, whose first innings six wickets cost him 81, this time returned figures of 16-11-16-2.

De Villiers, the hero of the first innings with six wickets and 66 runs, was the chief architect again as Pakistan slumped to five for three wickets.

D Richardson bow Aamir Javed 0 C Eksteen not out 2 Extras: (b-6, lb-5, w-15, nb-6) 32 Total: (for seven wickets, declared) 259

Fall of wickets: 1-89; 2-96; 3-155; 4-185; 5-186; 6-251; 7-255

De Villiers, whose first innings six wickets cost him 81, this time returned figures of 16-11-16-2.

De Villiers, the hero of the first innings with six wickets and 66 runs, was the chief architect again as Pakistan slumped to five for three wickets.

First he had Aamir Sohail caught off the fourth ball of his second over with the score on three.

Then, after Donald snapped up Saeed Anwar without further score, he dismissed Salim Malik for a single.

Inzamamul Haq and Mujtaba put on 93 but when the later gave Brian McMillan his 50th Test wicket by edging an attempted pull off wicketkeeper Dave Richardson, the tourists were facing defeat with a day to spare.

Ijaz Ahmed fell in identical fashion, a magnificent catch by Jonny Rhodes removed Moiz Khan off Clive Eksteen who then removed Wasim Akram to make it 124-7.

De Villiers, whose first innings six wickets cost him 81, this time returned figures of 16-11-16-2.

De Villiers, the hero of the first innings with six wickets and 66 runs, was the chief architect again as Pakistan slumped to five for three wickets.

First he had Aamir Sohail caught off the fourth ball of his second over with the score on three.

Then, after Donald snapped up Saeed Anwar without further score, he dismissed Salim Malik for a single.

Inzamamul Haq and Mujtaba put on 93 but when the later gave Brian McMillan his 50th Test wicket by edging an attempted pull off wicketkeeper Dave Richardson, the tourists were facing defeat with a day to spare.

Ijaz Ahmed fell in identical fashion, a magnificent catch by Jonny Rhodes removed Moiz Khan off Clive Eksteen who then removed Wasim Akram to make it 124-7.

De Villiers, whose first innings six wickets cost him 81, this time returned figures of 16-11-16-2.

De Villiers, the hero of the first innings with six wickets and 66 runs, was the chief architect again as Pakistan slumped to five for three wickets.

First he had Aamir Sohail caught off the fourth ball of his second over with the score on three.

Then, after Donald snapped up Saeed Anwar without further score, he dismissed Salim Malik for a single.

Inzamamul Haq and Mujtaba put on 93 but when the later gave Brian McMillan his 50th Test wicket by edging an attempted pull off wicketkeeper Dave Richardson, the tourists were facing defeat with a day to spare.

Ijaz Ahmed fell in identical fashion, a magnificent catch by Jonny Rhodes removed Moiz Khan off Clive Eksteen who then removed Wasim Akram to make it 124-7.

De Villiers, whose first innings six wickets cost him 81, this time returned figures of 16-11-16-2.

Lara, Williams steer WI

AUCKLAND, Jan 22: Stuart Williams and Brian Lara steered the West Indies to a comfortable win in a rain-affected one-day international against New Zealand today, reports Reuter.

Williams was unbeaten on 73 and Lara made 55 not out from just 32 balls as West Indies coasted to 149 for one from 27.4 overs before rain prevented any further play.

The tourists, responding to New Zealand's 167 for six in a shortened innings of 37 overs, won easily by virtue of their faster scoring rate.

Lara lived up to his billing as the world's finest batsman with an entertaining display that included eight fours and a huge six over long on from off-

spinner Shane Thomson. For brilliant strokeplay he eclipsed even the fluent Williams, whose 73 came from 80 balls. West Indies' only wicket to fall was Sherwin Campbell, who totted for 17 runs from 55 balls before Gavin Larsen removed his middle stump.

It was a disappointing but hardly surprising result for New Zealand in the first big match of a showpiece centenary season which has got off to a nightmarish start.

The home side has been rocked by the resignation of coach Geoff Howarth and by the suspension of three players — Mathew Hart, Stephen Fleming and Dion Nash — over a marijuana smoking incident on the recent tour of South Africa.

A fourth player, Chris Pringle, has also been suspended for the three one-day matches against West Indies for what officials called his failure to prepare himself properly for an important match on tour.

New Zealand, batting first after winning the toss, made a solid start but were always struggling to make a big score after two rain delays cut short the innings.

Bryan Young crafted a patient 42 before being bowled by spinner Keith Arthurton, while newcomer Nathan Astle struck a brisk 25. Shane Thomson was run out after hitting 37 from the same number of balls, including three fours and a fine straight six off leg spinner Rajindra Dhanraj.

Some sloppy West Indies fielding helped the New Zealand cause. Captain Courtney Walsh was the best of the bowlers, with two for 26 from his eight overs, while Arthurton chipped in with two for 25 from four overs.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard in the first one-day international today between New Zealand and the West Indies, reduced to 37 overs each side by rain:

NEW ZEALAND: A Jones c Lara b Walsh 10 B Young b Arthurton 42 A Parore c Adams b Walsh 1 K Rutherford c Adams 17 b Arthurton 17 S Thomson run out 37 N Astle c Cummins b Dhanraj 25 J Vaughan not out 21 S Dool not out 6 Extras: (b-4, nb-3, w-1) 8 Total: (for six wickets, 37 overs) 167

Fall of wickets: 1-31; 2-35; 3-67; 4-80; 5-123; 6-146. Did not bat: D Patel, G Larsen, D Morrison.

South African batsman John Commins holds his groin after being run out during the one-off Test against Pakistan at the Wanderers yesterday. Pakistan chasing 490 for victory were precariously placed at 149 for seven at stumps on the penultimate day. — AFP photo

De Villiers, whose first innings six wickets cost him 81, this time returned figures of 16-11-16-2.

De Villiers, the hero of the first innings with six wickets and 66 runs, was the chief architect again as Pakistan slumped to five for three wickets.

First he had Aamir Sohail caught off the fourth ball of his second over with the score on three.

Then, after Donald snapped up Saeed Anwar without further score, he dismissed Salim Malik for a single.

Inzamamul Haq and Mujtaba put on 93 but when the later gave Brian McMillan his 50th Test wicket by edging an attempted pull off wicketkeeper Dave Richardson, the tourists were facing defeat with a day to spare.

Ijaz Ahmed fell in identical fashion, a magnificent catch by Jonny Rhodes removed Moiz Khan off Clive Eksteen who then removed Wasim Akram to make it 124-7.

De Villiers, whose first innings six wickets cost him 81, this time returned figures of 16-11-16-2.

De Villiers, the hero of the first innings with six wickets and 66 runs, was the chief architect again as Pakistan slumped to five for three wickets.

First he had Aamir Sohail caught off the fourth ball of his second over with the score on three.

Then, after Donald snapped up Saeed Anwar without further score, he dismissed Salim Malik for a single.

Inzamamul Haq and Mujtaba put on 93 but when the later gave Brian McMillan his 50th Test wicket by edging an attempted pull off wicketkeeper Dave Richardson, the tourists were facing defeat with a day to spare.

Ijaz Ahmed fell in identical fashion, a magnificent catch by Jonny Rhodes removed Moiz Khan off Clive Eksteen who then removed Wasim Akram to make it 124-7.

De Villiers, whose first innings six wickets cost him 81, this time returned figures of 16-11-16-2.

De Villiers, the hero of the first innings with six wickets and 66 runs, was the chief architect again as Pakistan slumped to five for three wickets.

First he had Aamir Sohail caught off the fourth ball of his second over with the score on three.

Then, after Donald snapped up Saeed Anwar without further score, he dismissed Salim Malik for a single.

Inzamamul Haq and Mujtaba put on 93 but when the later gave Brian McMillan his 50th Test wicket by edging an attempted pull off wicketkeeper Dave Richardson, the tourists were facing defeat with a day to spare.

Ijaz Ahmed fell in identical fashion, a magnificent catch by Jonny Rhodes removed Moiz Khan off Clive Eksteen who then removed Wasim Akram to make it 124-7.

De Villiers, whose first innings six wickets cost him 81, this time returned figures of 16-11-16-2.