BRIEF SCORES

BROTHERS UNION:

BANGLADESH BIMAN:

AGRANI BANK: 198 in

WARI CLUB: 199 for four

Title conten-

ders Bangladesh

Biman trans-

formed the

agony of a close

defeat in their

49 overs (Azam 76, Suru

in 43.4 overs (Hasanuzza-

man 71, Biplab 37, Sahne

previous match into ins-

piration when the national

airline outfit catapulted to

inflict a crushing eight-

wicket defeat on high-flying

Brothers Union in a Premier

cricket league match at the

holders Mohammedan Sport-

ing Club in a tie-match on

Tuesday at the same venue,

showed no emotions and

rolled up a helpless Brothers

for a paltry 156 for eight in

the stipulated 50 overs and

then raced on to collect the

required runs for the loss of

only two wickets and with

more than 11 overs to spare

electing to use the cherry in

the morning, Biman took full

advantage of the moisture

with national left-arm seamer

Anisur Rahman and young

Nazimuddin Manna ripping

through the Brothers top

order reducing them to 49

for four from where a belea-

guered Gopibagh outfit never

venom, saw the back of both

Brothers openers Shahriar

Hossain Bidyut (1) and Pak-

istani Abid Hanif (12) reduc-

NEW DELHI.

Jan 25 (AFP):

Wasim Akram

must be a glut-

ton for punis-

hment.

To accept the most unfor-

giving job in cricket is one

thing. To accept the cap-

taincy of Pakistan for a sec-

World Cup, Wasim will be-

come a legend. If it fails, he

of Pakistani ex-skippers —

seven in four years, at the last

Yet the 29-year-old all-

rounder may just be the per-

fect man for the mission im-

possible. If he needs inspira-

tion, he needs only leap back

four years in his own scrap-

Pakistan's extraordinary

World Cup campaign at Mel-

bourne on March 25, 1992,

smashing 33 off 19 balls and

uprooting Allan Lamb and

Chris Lewis with successive

deliveries to win the man-of-

the-match award in the final

by the need for an encore.

He's clearly not daunted

"I am looking forward to

"Personal milestones are

ADELAIDE, Jan

25: David Boon

played a familiar

rescue role in

his last appea-

rance for Austr-

the challenge," he said. "It's

my dream to win the World

Cup in front of my home

important, but they become

meaningless if your team

loses. I'll always remember

the last World Cup final, be-

cause I helped Pakistan win. I

alia which set up twins Mark

and Steve Waugh for an as-

sault on Sri Lanka in the

third and final Test on

part his ways with the inter-

national cricket at the end of

this match at the Adelaide

Oval, steadied the innings

Boon, who has decided to

Thursday, reports Reuter.

want to do it again."

against England.

It was Wasim who capped

the reckless.

ing them 22/2 in 10.4 overs.

Anis, who bowled with

recovered.

After winning the toss and

for a resounding victory.

Biman, who lost to joint-

Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

29, Amir Wasim 4/25).

Pieters 32).

157/2 in 39.1 overs

(Rupom 52, Sumon 58 n.o.).

156/8 50 overs (Sanwar 38,

Billu 24 n.o., Sajal 21 n.o.).

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

HAT soccer in the USA has progressed by leaps and bounds over the past decades, thanks to some ardent lovers of the sport.

Phil Woosman, Commissioner of the North American Soccer Association, explaining the simplicity of soccer to puzzled Americans in 1974, ventured to make the following advice: "The rules are basically very simple; if it moves kick it. If it does not move, kick it till it does."

The American soccer league was instituted in 1966. Since then some of the world's finest footballers have played for US teams - Pele. Beckenbauer and Cruyff for the New York Cosmos, George Best for the Tampa Bay Rowdies. But, now homegrown talent has begun to emerge so much so that USA today are World Cup finalists.

SPORTS TALK



"If people had all the talent and all the mental strength then they might as well not play because you wouldn't get them out. That's the beauty about sport. Some people have all the talent and their mental side isn't as good and other people are very strong mentally but they haven't got as much talent."

Sports WHiZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

Sports WHiZZ KID

competition-23

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Γ	1.	Shaquile O'Neil is famous for playing		
		Football	Cricket	Basketball
	2.	Chetan Sharma plays local cricket for		
		MSC	AKC	Victoria
	3.	Sprinter Mahbubul Alam won SAF gold in		
3	Ĵ	100m	200m	400m
Г	4.	The first century in cricket this season was by		

located in

School Address:

Yamaha Div I

49. Nagi 40. Hira 40) LALMATIA CLUB: 225 in 43.4 overs (Riaz 47, Babu 46,

Alam 35, Bipul 3/35) Dhanmondi Club earned victory in the Yamaha First Division cricket league de-

yesterday.

in the stipulated 45 overs. Sabbir Khan scored highest 49 runs off 72 balls inclusive of five boundaries while

Hira and Naqi added 40 runs each to Dhanmondi account. In reply, Lalmatia were all

out on 225 in 43.3 overs. Opener Riaz (47) and Ja-

maluddin Babu (46) were the leading Lalmatia batsmen.

Dhanmondi's new ball bowler Bipul took three wickets conceding 35 runs in 8 overs.

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

Prantik Krira Chakra posted win in the Progoti Insurance Third Division football league beating Kadamtala Sangsad 2-0 at the Rajuk

ground vesterday. Aminur Rahman and Mustafizur Rahman netted one goal apiece for Prantik in the 21st and 56th minute re-

spectively. The other match of the day between Mirpur Eleven and Maghbazar Kisholoy ended in a goalless draw.

Column One Brothers flatter Biman

Sports Reporter

Manna, the young sensation from Chittagong, then removed danger man Aamir Hanif, who edged a catch behind the wicket after scoring only four runs, to herald the Brothers rot.

Halim Shah, who had earlier played an important role in his side's victory against joint-holders Abahani Krira Chakra, shortly followed Aamir Hanif when Zafar Iqbal. the Pakistani right-arm seamer, had him caught by wicket-keeper Tomal for a

sedate 9. With Brothers reeling at 49/4 in 22 overs. Sanwar Hossain and Sajjad Anmed Monsur Shipon tried to mend the damage putting on 38 runs for the fifth.

But once Ziaur Rashid Rupom, the Biman skipper, dismissed Shipon (20) Brothers suddenly dropped to 109 for eight in 40.4 overs with Asif Mujtaba, the former Pakistan vice-captain, claiming two wickets in successive overs.

A doughty Sajal Chowdhury along with fellow tailender Biplob Sarker Billu then gave the slim Brothers total some respectability sharing 47 runs for the undefeated ninth wicket which fielded a flattering 19 runs from the last over bowled by national left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique.

In reply, Biman made a jumpy start when they lost their in-form opener Athar Ali Khan (13) with the scoreboard reading at 20/1 in 5.5 overs.

But a cool composed Rupom, who found an agile partner in Habibul Bashar Sumon, took Biman close to victory sharing 91 runs for the second wicket.

The Biman skipper, after surviving a close call when he was on 45, went on to complete his fourth half century in the league with a pull over mid-wicket off seamer Salahuddin.

Rupom, who was undone by a full length ball from Sajal

Onus on the Akram elan

Stirring stuff. Captain's

Wasim, however, has a

talk, and an echo of his great

problem. Not only will he

have the long shadows of

mentor Imran Khan.

that kept very low, clubbed four fours in his patient 100ball 52.

Sumon, the stylish righthanded middle order bat. steered his side home without further damage sharing 46 runs for the undefeated third wicket with Asif Mu-

Sumon, who fittingly ended the chase with a straight drive for a four off Sajal in the 40th over, remained unbeaten on a polished 58 off 88 deliveries inclusive of four sweetly timed hits across the rope.

On the other hand, Asif Mujtaba clubbed three fours including a brilliant hook of a Sajal snootier for a 33-ball

Among the Brothers bowlers Salahuddin who replaced a balding Iqbal, finished most expensive with one for 50 in his 10 overs.

It was Biman's seventh win from nine matches in the league. They are now sharing the top slot with their yesterday's victim Brothers Union and Mohammedan Sporting Club, all with 14 points each.

However, Mohammedans have played one match less than Biman while it was Brothers' third defeat from ten league engagements.

WARI WIN

Wari Club kept alive their hopes of reaching the super league when they defeated Agrani Bank by 6 wickets.

Playing in the eastern strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Wari put the Bankers into bat and restricted them to 198 all out in 49 overs. Azam Iqbal was the most successful Bank batsman scoring 76 (4x5, 6x2). Amir Wasim took four wickets for 25 off his ten

In reply, Wari eclipsed the opponents' score in 43.4 overs with six wickets in hand. Hasanuzzaman made 71 off 96 balls (4x8).

Just as wisely, mentions

of the first and second Tests

against Mark Taylor's men.

the historic double defeat

against Sri Lanka earlier in

the year and the unthinkable

debacle at the hands of Zim-

babwe — let alone the Salim

Malik affair — are kept at a

the Lancashire star's direct

The World Cup will be.

hand at captaincy, he was

removed after a players' re-

volt. The Pakistan Cricket

Board, however, claims he

has learned from that lesson.

whippy left-arm pace bowler.

with his well-disguised

change of pace and late

swing, and explosive lower

order batsman will be hoping

wickets, Wasim is also the

world's most successful one-

in a select band of 12 who

have achieved the grand

double of 1,000 runs and 100

wickets in limited-overs in-

India's Manoj Prabhakar and

Steve Waugh of Australia are

the only others still playing

competitive cricket to

In 1992, he took 18

West Indian Carl Hooper,

On the verge of 300 Test

His 1,726 runs place him

to lead by example.

day bowler with 282.

ternationals.

achieve the feat.

nothing else, the

They weren't, after all.

Last time Wasim tried his

minimum.

responsibility.

Miss between cup and lip

By Tawfiq Aziz Khan It was a miss between cup and lip for Chanda Rubin.

The American teenager who has very quickly established herself as marathon queen in the professional circuit almost accounted for the number one seed Monica Seles in the semifinal of Australian Open Thursday afternoon. Once again it was a war of attrition for the 19-yearold, ranked 15 in the world. Coming on the heels of her long match against Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario Tuesday, she should have been the tired of the two. But Rubin showed amazing power of recovery and went on to take the first set 7-6. The tie-break was a cakewalk for her (7-2).

But she was soon whipped into her senses by the determined Seles. With customary zeal the number one seed ran through the defence of her younger opponent aided by, as usual, frustrating line calls which forced Rubin to lose her temper. Seles, who is a fine athlete, not fully fit yet, took the bull by the horn and won easily at 6-1.

Rain interrupted the match for 35 minutes after one game in the final set. Both players relished the freak. Rubin worked up a fantastic lead breaking Seles in her service game. At one stage she was leading 4-1 and at 5-2 she double-faulted and was erratic.

A fighter of the highest class as she is. Monica seized upon the opportunity and served out 7-5 to set up her fourth final at Melbourne in as many times she has taken part. It's her favourite surface. She had won here in 1991, 1992 and 1993 in a row. She has also won three French Opens in a row in 1990, '91 and '92 (did not play in '93, '94 and '95), won the US Open in 1991 and 1992 and was runner-up to Steffi Graf last year. But she has yet to win a title at Wimbledon. Her best was an appearance in the final in 1992

Antique for **WC** winners

and lost to Graf.

NEW DELHI, Jan 25: A 114-year-old trophy, designed by the official jewellers to Britain's royal family, awaits the winners of cricket's World Cup in the Indian subcontinent, organisers said Thursday, reports

trophy, made in 1882 by the London-based Garrard Jewel Company, was chosen over an Indian design as the top prize for cricket's premier limited-overs tournament.

The trophy, designed exclusively for cricket, was discovered by Indian cricket officials last year when they were going around London's jewellery galleries in search

just what we needed to give the world champions," said Jagmohan Dalmiya, convenor of the joint India-Pakistan-Sri Lanka organising committee for the month-long tournament.

"It's surprising no one ago," he said.

The winners of the World Cup final at Lahore on March 17 will also receive a cash prize of 50,000 dollars.

Board of Control for Cricket in India since 1989, has been contracted to design prizes for the runners-up and manof-the-match awards. The month-long World Cup begins on February 11.

Acme Div II cricket

ing Club won their respective Acme Second Division cricket league matches on Thursday. Azad Boys earned a 54-run victory over Young Pegasus 'B'

at the Dhanmondi Club ground while Nirman Eleven defeated Kakrail Boys Club by 41 runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. In the day's other match at the Mirpur Outer Stadium,

Nawabgani beat Rayer Bazar Sporting Club by 23 runs.

BRIEF SCORE

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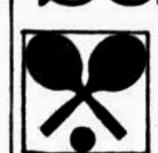
54 runs. NIRMAN ELEVEN: 211 in 39.3 overs (Khokon 87

KAKRAIL BOYS: 170 for nine in 40 overs (Saiful 39 n.o., Faisal 26, Khurram 26)

Result: Nirman XI won by

41 runs. NAWABGANJ SC: 195 in

Seles survives a scare



MELBOURNE, Jan 25: Joint world number Monica one Seles narrowly avoided her first

ever Australian Open defeat today staging an amazing final-set comeback to beat inspired teenager Chanda Rubin in the semifinal, reports Reuter.

The number one seed, down 5-2 in the third set and facing her first defeat at Flinders Park after three successful campaigns here, dug deep to produce a heartthumping fightback, forcing 13th-seeded Rubin into a string of errors to take the match 6-7, 6-1, 7-5 in one hour, 57 minutes.

Seles, whose return to tennis after an April 1993 stabbing has revitalised the women's game, faces eighth Seed Anke Huber after the German reached her first Grand Slam final with a seesaw three-set win over South Africa's Amanda Coetzer.

The 22-year-old Seles, hot favourite to win her ninth Grand Slam title in the absence of the injured Steffi Graf, came back from 5-2 down in the third set to win an epic semifinal encounter.

Huber's first-ever match against Coetzer, though without the drama of the Seles encounter, gave the tournament a new twist with the 21-year-old German making it into a Grand Slam final at the 24th attempt.

"It's a big surprise, I didn't expect it ... it's difficult to explain (how I feel)," an overwhelmed Huber told reporters after her 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 victory.

Seles, the joint world number one who has battled

niggling injuries throughout the tournament, had to did deep to level the match in the second set against an inspired Rubin after losing the

first on a tie-break. The young American, who had beaten world number three Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario in a three-and-a-half



MONICA SELES

hour quarterfinal, followed the same do-or-die approach and at 5-2 in the deciding set the Centre Court crowd scented an historic victory.

As so often with champions, Seles - never beaten in Australia in 31 outings, 27 of them at the Australian Open — had other ideas. Seles held serve and at 5-

3 with Rubin poised for an upset, she finally cracked her pounding serve for the first time in the set and then broke again to set up a remarkable victory and bring the crowd to its feet.

Seles, who won the Open for three straight years be-

fore her stabbing by a crazed Graf fan, said she felt lucky to have survived to the final.

In men's semifinals Friday, Andre Agassi's not enamoured with Michael Chang and Boris Becker takes on local hero Mark Woodforde.

sprinkled with a bit of ginger. Agassi, seeking to defend his Australian title, is up against the earnest Chang who is looking to go one better than last year's losing semifinal against Pete Sampras and view for his second Grand Slam crown.

Then there's 'boom boom' Boris, thriving in the autumn of his fabulous tennis career, facing the tournament's fairy tale, the unseeded Woodforde, carrying his country's hopes on Australia Day (January 26).

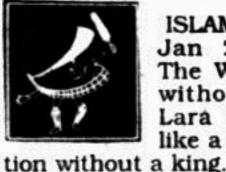
Nat'l bridge from Feb 29

The National bridge championship 1996 for teams will begin on February 29 at the Sheraton Hotel here, according to a press release of the Bangladesh Bridge Federation (BBF), reports

The preliminary rounds of the tournament will be held at the hotel on February 29 and March 1. The subsequent rounds will be held at the Officers' Club from March 2 to 6 and the final is slated for March 7 and 8 at the same venue.

The BBF has requested interested teams to send their entries to Syed Shujauddin Ahmed, Kazi Abdul Halim or Mahfuzur Rashid.

A Caribbean charmer & his one-act commedy darling at the Antigua



ISLAMABAD, Jan 27 (AFP): The World Cup without Brian Lara would be like a corona

Yet the tournament nearly lost Lara - undisputably the greatest batsman in the world and already an all-time great at the tender age of 26 - after a West Indian civil war last summer.

Suddenly, the man made legendary for scoring a world record 375 runs in a Test innings the previous year (followed immediately by 501 not out in a first class match) had turned rebel.

Worse still, it was reported the man who regularly made fielders go round the bend now needed psychiatric treatment himself, driven to distraction by his own teammates.

Former West Indies pace star Michael Holding warned that Lara was cracking up after he refused to take part in the World Series Cup in Australia. "I think Brian Lara needs psychiatric help, I'd put it as simply as that," he said. He needs someone to sit down with him and let him

realise what life is about." West Indies manager Wes Hall added: "Pressure is what turns a rock into diamond but can turn it into dust." Nonsense.

then the United Arab Emirates are the World Cup favourites. If the Trinidadian has a weakness off the pitch, it is

If Lara is going cooky,

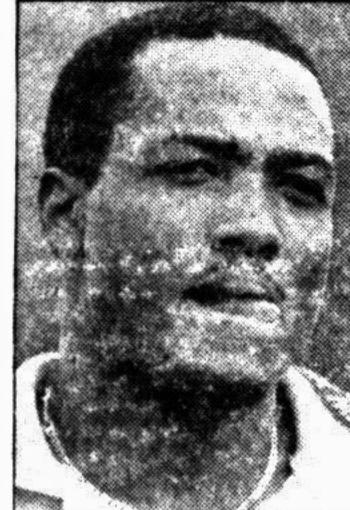
rather excessive pride and the apparent conviction that he always knows best. Those character traits had begun to emerge during his remarkable 1994.

He was everybody's

recreation ground in April bar, that is, the English bowlers - after beating Sir Gary Sobers' 37-year-old record Test record. "I don't think a better batsman could have broken the record, Sobers said that day.

Yet, despite the unprecedented 501 against Durham in June and the 2,000 runs he made to take English county Warwickshire to three out of four titles, the gloss was beginning to wear off.

He reportedly turned up late for matches and for training. He told county skipper Dermot Reeve that



BRIAN LARA he wasn't good enough to be

in the team. "His overall behaviour and daily views were very set. He wasn't flexible within a team framework. coach Bob Woolmer admitted

later. That inflexibility caused Lara to walk out on the West Indies last year when his teammates began to degenerate into a bickering, ill-dis-

Coaxed back into the fold, Lara bit his tongue and scored 145 in the 4th Test. 152 in his next innings in the fifth and 179 in the fi-

But when the West Indian

Cricket Board of Control later

fined him for his walk-out, he lost patience and refused to play in Australia, sparking first demands that he be axed, then blind panic that he might not return for the World Cup. Yet Lara's tactics were not

those of a man needing help from men in white coats (psychiatrists, that is, not umpires). He had simply decided to challenge the board of put the team in order.

Predictably, the board backed down. For only with Lara in their ranks have the West Indies got any chance of winning the tournament for a third time.

His strength is not just that he scores runs, but that he does so at such a phenomenal rate, a priceless quality in one-day cricket. When he threatened Viv

Richards' one-day world record in Sharjah in October. it wasn't just that he scored 169 runs that mattered, but that he smashed them off a mere 129 balls. England skipper Michael Atherton - who argues he is the best batsman he has ever

key is his high backlift. Others suggest it is all to do with footwork. Woolmer believes it is the Lara brain that matters: "He's thorough, analytical type he has a game plan against each bowler - and he's the

seen by a distance — says the

destroyer. Whatever, in February and March it should be the fielders again who are losing their

ciplined rabble on the tour of Bwalya's fine bravura



RG. South Africa, Jan 25: Zambia's Kalusha Bwalya scored the first hattrick of the 1996 African Nations Cup on Wednesday a day when South Africa Egypt. Zambia and Algeria

joined Gabon and Ghana in

JOHANNESBU-

the quarterfinals, reports Bwalya's hattrick helped Zambia to a 4-0 win over Sierra Leone in Bloemfontein and top spot in Group 'B' to set up a quarterfinal against Egypt, also at Bloemfontein,

on Saturday evening. And an Ahmed el Kass goal brought Egypt a 1-0 victory over South Africa, enough to qualify in second place behind the hosts in Group 'A'.

South Africa now play Algeria in the quarterfinals in Johannesburg on Saturday afternoon after the north Africans beat Burkina Faso 2-1 in Group 'B'.

Cameroon drew 3-3 with Angola in Group 'A' and both teams failed to qualify.

But the day belonged to Mexican-based Bwalya, at 32 one of the oldest players in the 15- nation tournament. who has now scored five goals in two matches following two goals at the weekend

against Burkina Faso. It is a remarkable transformation for the former African Footballer-of-the-Year, who managed just three goals from four previous Na-tions Cup tournaments in Egypt, Algeria, Senegal and

Bwalya was one of the few regular Zambian players who luckily escaped the tragic air

The last player to score a finals hattrick was Ivory Coast's Joel Tiehi in a 4-1 win, ironically also over Sierra Leone, in the 1994 tournament in Tunisia.

Khaled Lounici's header put Algeria ahead after two minutes in the quickest goal of the tournament so far and Billel Dziri sidefooted home a second in the 76th minute.

Burkina Faso, who lost all three of their matches, had a consolation goal when Boureima Zongo found the net in the 83rd minute.

In Group 'A', striker Ahmed el Kass, who scored twice in the 2-1 win over Angola, was again on target in the seventh minute against South Africa to shock the 30.000 home crowd.

A Hady Khashaba free-kick hit South Africa's wall and bounced out to Hazem Emam on the left. Emam slotted a ball through to El Kass, who chipped keeper Andre

Arendse from inside the box.

PRAGUE, Jan 25: Daniela Bartova of the Czech Republic broke the women sworld indoor pole vault record on Wednesday when she cleared 4.20 metres while competing in a local meeting, the Czech

It was the first goal Arendse had conceded for South Africa in nearly eight

It was also South Africa's

first home loss since a 1-0

defeat by Zambia on August

30, 1992 in the same FNB

and a half hours of football.

Stadium. And it ended a 15match unbeaten run since June 12, 1994 when they lost 1-0 to Australia in Syd-The other Group 'A' match

was a 3-3 draw between Cameroon and Angola which meant both sides were elimi-Francois Omam-Biyik

scored with a header in the 26th minute, before Joni equalised with a 39th minute penalty for the side to go in at 1-1 at the break. Then Paulao and Quinzinho put Angola 3-1 ahead

before two late goals by Georges Mouyeme and an injury time own goal by Helder meant the sides drew

Off the field Wednesday, Zaire's coach Muhamed Ertugal said he resigned his post after officials from the Zaire Football Federation and the Sports Ministry insisted on helping choose his lineup for a match Thursday against Liberia. Ertugal also told the South African Press Association that sports officials had

not paid his salary. His assistant, Lusa Disu, would take over as coach of a team now at third place in

Fifteen teams are taking part in the continent's



Kim Hughes

(Former Australian cricket

captain)

Tick the Correct Answer (Competition closes: 8 p.m.

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cricket Sports Reporter **DHANMONDI CLUB: 245** for seven in 45 overs (Sabbir

feating Lalmatia Club by 20 runs at the City Club ground Put in to bat, Dhanmondi piled up a huge 247 for seven

> with a typically resolute 43 after Australia lost a wicket in the first over of the game. Mark Waugh, who hit 71, and brother Steve, with an unbeaten 70, subsequently lifted Australia to 239 for five at the close on the opening

> > Australia, who have a winning 2-0 lead in the series, took advantage of Sri Lanka dropping three relatively simple catches on a day seemingly lacking the intensity of their earlier tour games.

day after they won the toss.

After ball-tampering and "chucking" controversies for Sri Lanka and heated exchanges between some of their players and a number of Australians in a World Series Cup match, there was a sedate air to proceedings.

Boon walked to the wicket

in the opening over to a

rousing reception from a small crowd after Michael Slater was dismissed by his first ball. The Tasmanian, bowing out after a Test career spanning 107 matches and 12

years, battled through 38

overs in which he faced 115

former captains Salim Malik. Ramiz Raja and Javed Miandad peering over his shoulder and scrutinising his every move, but he will also have to

ond time seems bordering on transform a team that has got into the worst habit of all. If the side retains the could well swell the statistics count — without a team to

WASIM AKRAM Wisely, Wasim points to the third Test won in Australia and the recent one-off

victory against New Zealand as welcome signs of a return to form. together in time for the World Cup," he argues. "Hopefully, we'll succeed,

balls. He has struggled for

form this season but ap-

peared more agile and deci-

sive in his footwork before

being bowled off an inside

edge by paceman Ravindra

Vaas, who inflicted the early

damage by removing Slater

with the second ball of the

Fast bowler Chaminda

Pushpakumara.

to win.

"We are getting our act

wickets to become the tournament's most successful bowler. Pakistan will be praybecause that's the big one every one at home wants us

ing for a repeat in Wasim's birthplace of Lahore on March 17.

lasting 199 minutes and fea-

match, also sent back captain

S WAUGH ... 70 n. o. Mark Taylor for 21 before returning late in the day to dismiss Ricky Ponting for six. The left-arm Vaas, who struggled at first to adapt to

superbly to finish with figures of three for 56 from 26 overs. Mark Waugh benefitted most from Sri Lanka's fielding lapses to score his 71

Australian conditions, bowled

Waughs dig Aussies out from 137 balls in a innings

> turing seven fours and one Having escaped on 28 and 58, Mark Waugh eventually fell when he pulled a short ball from pace bowler Pramodya Wickremasinghe to

> Pushpakumare at deep fine

Mark and Steve Waugh, who was dropped on 37, put on 85 for the fourth wicket. Wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwitharana was the chief culprit for the missed chances, twice failing to hold leg-side glances. Off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, noballed for throwing in two previous tour games, was again omitted by Sri Lanka.

Scoreboard on the first day of the third and final Test between Australia and Sri Lanka at the Adelaide Oval on Thursday: **AUSTRALIA**: First innings Taylor c Kaluwitharana b Vaas

Slater c Kaluwitharana b Vaas

Boon b Pusphakumara

SCOREBOARD

S Waugh not out Ponting c Kaluwitharana b Vaas Healy not out Extras: (b-2, lb-3, w-1, nb-1) Total: (five wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-36; 3-96; 4-181; 5-196

To bat: Reiffel, Warne,

McDermott, McGrath

Bowling (to date): O M

M Waugh c Pushpakumara b Wickremas-

Pushpakumara 21 4 72 1 RAYER BAZAR SC: 172 in Wickremasinghe 23 4 57 1 37.2 overs (Mohsin 57 n.o. 10 1 31 0 Dharmasena Zia 22) 4 1 11 0 Jayasuriya

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The 28-inch-high silver

of a suitable prize. "It's got history and class

thought of it before, since this beautiful trophy was made especially for cricket more than a hundred years

An Indian jewellery firm. Arun Industries, whose trophies have been used by the

Sports Reporter Azad Boys Club, Nirman Eleven and Nawabganj Sport-

AZAD BOYS CLUB: 214 for

Ripon 29, Firoze 27, Saiful 3/22. Asif 3/31)

38.5 overs (Irfan 34, Palash 30, Faruque 27)

Result: Nawabganj SC won

crash in April 1993 which killed nearly the whole Zambian squad. Bwalya was in Europe, where he played for PSV Eindhoven.

In Group B's other match,

Bartova beats world mark

news agency CTK said, reports Reuter.

Group C.

premier soccer tournament.