

Windies' Aussie tour brief

MELBOURNE, Apr 24: The West Indies will open a five-Test series against Australia in Brisbane on November 22, the Australian Cricket Board announced Wednesday, reports AP.

The second Test will begin a week later in Sydney, the board said in announcing its international programme for the southern hemisphere summer.

Sydney will also host a day night one-day international match on New Year's Day between Australia and Pakistan, who will join Australia and the West Indies in the triangular series.

West Indies will play Australia A in a one-day clash in Melbourne on December 13, while Pakistan will face an Australian XI in a one-dayer in Sydney on December 28.

The 1996-97 programme kicks off on November 4 with the traditional Lilac Hill clash near Perth featuring the West Indies and the Chairman's XI and culminates with the fifth Test, to be played in Perth from February 1-5.

Pollock dreams up county goal

BIRMINGHAM, England, Apr 24: South African all-rounder Shaun Pollock said on Tuesday he hoped to help Warwickshire complete a hat-trick of English county championships, reports Reuter.

"It's going to be a new experience for me but I am pretty excited about it," Pollock, who replaces compatriot Allan Donald as the county's overseas player this season, said shortly after his arrival in Edgbaston.

"My main aim is to perform as well as I can and see if we can win the county championship again."

"As for individual targets there has been talk of 70 wickets and between 800 and 1,000 runs. That would be nice but I am not sure how ambitious that is."

Pollock, who burst on to the international scene in South Africa's Test and one-day series victories over England a few months ago, could make his Warwickshire debut against the British Universities in a one-day friendly at Oxford on Wednesday.

But he may decide to take a little more rest and play in Warwickshire's opening Benson and Hedges Cup match against Leicestershire on Friday, having played five games in a week for South Africa in the Sharjah Cup.

Zamorano zaps Aussies

ANTOFAGASTA, Chile, Apr 24: Two second-half headers from Ivan Zamorano lifted Chile to a 3-0 victory over Australia in a friendly international football match here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Zamorano scored in the 52nd and 82nd minutes. In between, Esteban Valencia added another.

Australia were reduced to 10 men in the 31st minute when Joe Spiteri was sent off.

Five other Australians, Ernie Tapal, Kevin Muscat, Paul Tumbol, George Kulsar and Andrew Bernal were warned in tense match that saw each team trying to unnerve the other from the kickoff.

Chile's Miguel Ramirez and Pablo Galdames were also cautioned by Argentine referee Roberto Ruscio.

Two more Aussies, Dominic Longo and Daniel Taitte, left the match injured after falling in the first half.

Zamorano broke the game open in the 53rd when he headed home a free kick by Marcelo Vega.

Some 30,000 spectators attended the match at the regional stadium here, 1,085 km north of Santiago, for their 1996 World Cup qualifying campaign.

Sanderson aims for Atlanta

CARDIFF, Wales, Apr 24: Twelve years after winning a gold medal at the Los Angeles Games, British javelin thrower Tessa Sanderson begins a comeback at age 40 next month, hoping it will lead her to a sixth Olympic appearance in Atlanta, reports AP.

Sanderson has ended her four-year retirement and, after training at the University of Miami in Florida, will compete in the Welsh Games in Cardiff May 25 alongside two current British Olympic champions, sprinter Linford Christie and hurdler Collin Jackson.

Sanderson, who first competed in the Olympics at Montreal in 1976, finished fourth at the last Olympics in Barcelona and believes she is still capable of challenging for a medal in Atlanta.

Christie, the 100-meter titlist, is keeping everyone guessing about whether he will defend his title in Atlanta after saying during an emotional outburst on a TV show last year that he would not.

Jackson, who won the 110-meter hurdles in Barcelona and also is world record holder, has decided to end his personal boycott of British meets. He fell out with the British Athletic Federation after pulling out of the AAA championships last year with a leg muscle injury and then went on to compete in another meet in Italy.

Win bucks up Windies

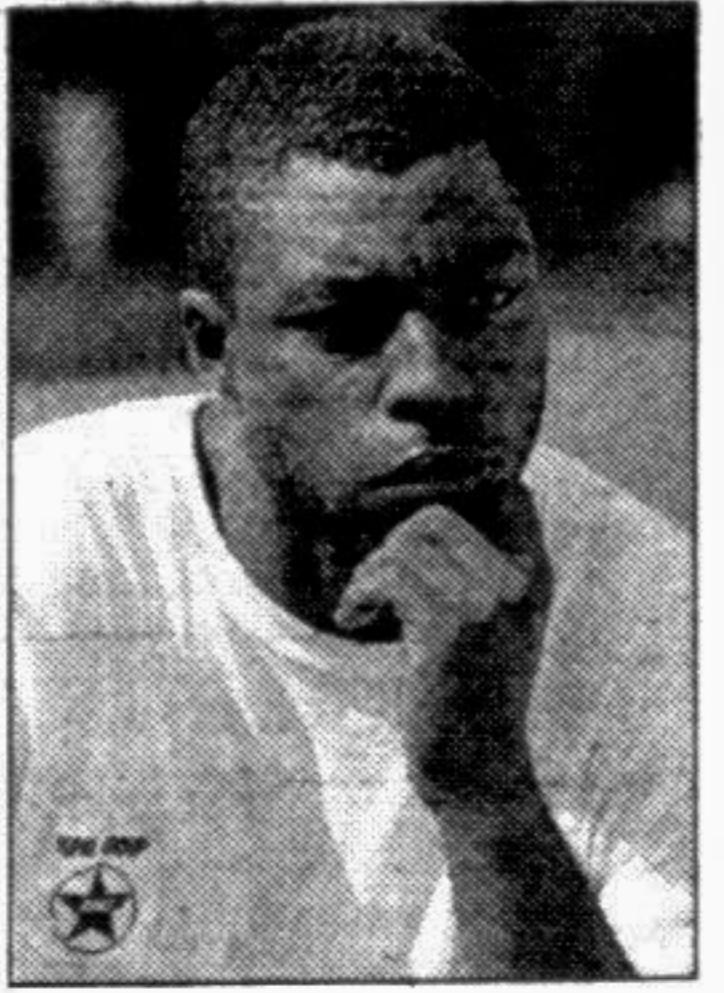


BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Apr 24: The West Indies comfortably beat New Zealand by ten wickets a half hour before tea Tuesday on the final day of a first cricket Test, reports agencies.

Opener Sherwin Campbell, the eventual man-of-the-match, knocked off all 29 runs the West Indies needed for victory. His unbeaten 29 included six dazzling fours and came off 21 balls.

Campbell's marathon 208, his maiden Test hundred, had been the backbone of the West Indies' imposing first-innings total of 472.

After a break Monday, New Zealand resumed on 151 for four, still needing 126 to avoid an innings defeat.



CAMPBELL... m-o-m

Nathan Astle, overnight 82 not out, went on to register his first Test century. In his third Test, the 24-year-old from Canterbury made 125 in three hours, 34 minutes at the crease. He scored 100 of his runs in boundaries - 22 fours and two sixes - and faced 154 balls.

He and overnight partner Justin Vaughan established a new fifth-wicket record for New Zealand against the West Indies. The pair added 144, beating the previous best of 142 between Martin Crowe and Jeremy Coney in George-

town, Guyana in 1985.

Astle and Vaughan were soon after passing the landmark.

Left-hander Vaughan had batted two hours, 49 minutes for 24 when he was leg before wicket to fast bowler Ian Bishop.

Astle followed 14 runs later, his counter attacking innings ending with a second slip catch to Campbell off Patterson Thompson.

Adam Parore, whose injured groin forced him to bat with a runner, lasted just four balls before he also edged to Campbell, this time off Bishop.

Captain Lee Germon and Gavin Larsen added a further 35 for the eighth wicket, but when both were leg before to Walsh within six runs of each other, an innings defeat loomed large for the visitors.

But an enterprising last-wicket stand between Danny Morrison and Robert Kennedy ensured the West Indies would have to bat again.

The pair also passed the previous record for New Zealand against the West Indies. With bold stroke play they added 45 in just 35 minutes with eight fours between them. That beat the former mark of 41 between Bevan Congdon and Jack Albaister in Port of Spain, Trinidad in 1972.

Last man Kennedy was finally removed to a short leg catch by Jimmy Adams off Walsh.

Walsh ended with four wickets for 72 runs off 22 overs and Bishop with four for 67 off 19 overs.

Campbell then entertained the small crowd by securing the victory in quick time.

The teams meet in the second and final Test of the short series in Antigua starting on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the first Test between West Indies and New Zealand at the Kensington Oval on Tuesday.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings (Adam Parore 59, Nathan Astle 54, Jimmy Adams 5-17)

WEST INDIES: Second innings

Campbell not out 29

Samuels not out 0

Extras: 0

Total: (for no wicket) 29

BOWLING O M R W

Ambrose 2 0 8 0

Walsh 2 2 3 72 4

Thompson 14 1 77 2

Result: West Indies won by 10 wickets

Man-of-the-match: Sherwin Campbell

Second Test: April 27-May 2 (rest day April 30), St John's, Antigua.

CONTRIBUTOR'S COLUMN

It's not a game for lords

K Z Islam

An oft-repeated statement is that 'cricket is a Lord's game' - but if one delves deep into this matter certainly as far as Test cricket is concerned the undoubted conclusion will be quite the opposite.

My hypothesis about sportsmen is that outstanding sportsmen do not come from well-to-do families. In fact, more sportsmen have become titled after their sporting achievements than the titled have become outstanding sportsmen. To mention a few, Bradman, Hutton, Gubby Allen, Hobbs, Hadlee, Worrell, Sobers, Constantine, are few names that come to my mind. In fact, Learie Constantine was born into a family that was not wealthy. He was the sole gift to Test cricket from Dhaka.

The first Test match was won by Australia by 45 runs and by a strange co-incidence

Court turns Botha's plea down

PHILADELPHIA, Apr 24: A federal court has refused to hear an appeal from Francois Botha, who lost his IBF heavyweight belt in March after being disqualified for steroid use after his last fight, reports AP.

The ruling Tuesday by the US Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit removes the final legal obstacle to a heavyweight title bout between Michael Moorer and Axel Schulz who lost to Botha in December.

Botha had won on a controversial split decision over Schulz for the vacant IBF title Dec. 9, 1995, in Stuttgart, Germany, but then tested positive for a steroid.

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How many sportsmen are in tennis, football, cricket, hockey, or any other sports, can claim to belong to well-to-do families. It is a sad testimony that children from well-to-do families despite having all the advantages rarely make themselves as outstanding sportsmen. Averagely good, may be, but not outstanding.

Specially, if they happen to be good students, so much of their time is taken up for studies that, they have hardly any time left for sporting activities.

To become a sportsman of international standard is a full time occupation.

But the IBF changed its decision and ordered a Botha-

Moorer match after Moorer's promoter Dino Dova of Main Events, protested that the IBF had previously agreed to have Moorer challenge the winner of the Botha-Schulz fight.

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Let us now go on a nostalgic

meandering through the fasci-

nating history of Test cricket

to recall the names of titled

personages who have adorned

Test cricket teams. The

English nobility contributed

handsomely in the promotion

of the game initially. Cricket

first earned Royal patronage in

1723 when Frederick, the

Prince of Wales and son of

King George-II became an en-

thusiast promoting many

matches around London. His

passion for the game and his

considerable involvement did

much to popularise cricket

with the nobility of the day.

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