

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT, in cricket, the highest recorded innings by any team was one of 1107 runs in 10 hours 30 minutes by Victoria against New South Wales in an Australian Sheffield Shield match at Melbourne on December 27-28, 1926.

Of course, in a Test match, the highest score in an innings is 903 by, believe it or not, England for seven-wicket declared in 15 hours 17 minutes against Australia at Kennington Oval, London on August 20, 22 and 23 August, 1938.

I don't know what are we waiting for. No Test side is going to make 900 runs against Bangladesh. So, why shouldn't we get the status the Aussies got years ago?

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1	In Test cricket, how many centuries did former West Indian opener Gordon Greenidge score?	18	19	17
2	The only batsman in the first leg of the Danish Premier Division football league was scored by Naqib	Tutul	Mizan	
3	How many balls did Pakistani batsman Shahid Afridi face to score the fastest one-day international hundred?	42	35	37
4	Former Bangladesh cricket captain Faruque Ahmed will play next season for Abahani	Kalabagan Brothers Union		
5	The man-of-the-series in the quadrangular cricket meet in Kenya was Afridi	Donald	Kirsten	

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SPORTS TALK

First Test nicely poised



SHEIKHUPURA, Pakistan, Oct 20: Pakistan captain Wasim Akram hit a career-best unbeaten 257 and broke two world records in the first Test against Zimbabwe on Sunday, reports Reuter.

His brilliant innings, which included 12 sixes, came during a Test record eighth-wicket stand of 313 with Saqlain Mushtaq.

Pakistan, at one stage on Friday perilously placed at 189 for six, were all out for 553 for a first innings lead of 178.

At the close of the fourth day shortened by rain and bad light Zimbabwe were 38 for one.

Akram's stand with Saqlain eclipsed the 65-year-old Test record of 246 set by England's Lesley Ames and Gabby Allen against New Zealand at Lord's in 1931.

Akram's 489-minute, 370-ball marathon also established a record for most sixes in a Test. The previous record was held by England's Wally Hammond.

The Akram-Saqlain partnership was eventually broken by seamer Guy Whittal at 550 when he bowled Saqlain for a career-best 79.

The Pakistani captain, unbeaten overnight on 144 out of total of 395 for seven, cut loose mercilessly after reaching his double century with his eighth six, a towering shot over mid-wicket off leg-spinner Paul Strang.

He made the most of a "life" given him soon after the fourth day began 50 minutes late because of light rain when he was dropped at mid-off by David Houghton.

Akram was especially severe on Strang whom he smashed for three sixes in one over, one of which went out of the ground over long-on.

The sixes took him from 195 to 213 and established him as Pakistan's highest scorer batting at number eight, surpassing Imtiaz Ahmad's 209 against New Zealand at Lahore in the 1954-55 series.

Whittal's dismissal of Saqlain was followed immediately by the wicket of Waqar Younis. His brother Andrew ended the Pakistan innings by dismissing Shahid Nazir for a duck.

Strang, who bore the brunt of Akram's big hitting on Sunday, finished with five for 212 from 69 overs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the first cricket Test between Pakistan and Zimbabwe on Sunday:

ZIMBABWE: First innings 375 (G Flower 110, P. Strang 106 not out; Shahid Nazir 5-53).

PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 395-7)

Saeed Anwar st A Flower
b P Strang 51
Aamir Sohail c A Flower
b P Strang 46
Shabaz Kabir c Houghton
b A Whittal 2
Ijaz Ahmad lbw b Olonga 9
Salim Malik b P Strang 52

Shahid Nazir 5 2 6 0
Saqlain Mushtaq 7 3 13 1
Wasim Akram 2 0 4 0

W. AKRAM... 257 n.o

who hit 10 in his 336 against New Zealand at Auckland in the 1932-33 series.

SAZLAIN... career best 79
Azam Khan lbw b P Strang 14
Mohi Khan c A Whittal b P Strang 18
Wasim Akram not out 257
Saqlain Mushtaq b G Whittal 79
Waqar Younis b G Whittal 0
Shahid Nazir c Dekker b A Whittal 0
Extras: (b-10, lb-8, nb-5, w-2) 25
Total: Fall of wickets: 1-64, 2-77; 3-91; 4-142, 5-176; 6-183; 7-237; 8-550; 9-550.

Bowling O M R W
Olonga 19 6 60 1
B Strang 20 2 34 0
A Whittal 45.2 7 146 2
P Strang 69 12 212 5
G Whittal 25 5 73 2
G Flower 10 4 10 0

ZIMBABWE: Second inni-

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M Dekker c Wasim Akram

Saqlain Mushtaq 13

G Flower not out 11

A Campbell not out 14

Extras: 0

Total: (for one wicket) 38

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