

Australia in catbird seat

BRISBANE, Australia, Nov 24: A sensational middle-order collapse by the West Indies saw Australia take a strong grip on Sunday, third day of the first cricket Test at the Gabba, reports AP.

Medium paceman Paul Reiffel and leg-spinner Shane Warne routed the visitors' middle order in just under an hour as the tourists slumped to 277 runs all out — 202 runs behind the home side's first innings total of 479.

Skipper Mark Taylor declined to enforce the follow-on — opting to bat for the second time — as his team extended its overall lead to 210 at stumps.

Australia was eight without loss after six overs with Matthew Elliott and Mark Taylor on two and four respectively.

After an impressive century from Carl Hooper and a back-to-the-wall innings from Shivnarine Chanderpaul had given the side a glimpse of hope of a batting revival, the islanders collapsed after tea.

The West Indies innings nosedived from 249 for three as they lost seven wickets for just 28 runs off 74 deliveries.

Reiffel — one of the key figures in Australia's historic 2-1 success in the Caribbean 18 months ago with 15 wickets — picked up four for 58 including three-1 in just 12 balls to wrap up the innings.

The West Indies sensed trouble as early as the eighth over of the morning, when star batsman Brian Lara (26) departed to a catch at third slip.

The West Indies, resuming **Hooper's edgy experience**

BRISBANE, Nov 24: West Indian batsman Carl Hooper admitted offering a prayer as he awaited for a replay decision of a quick single that clinched his first Test century against Australia in the opening Test here Sunday, reports AFP.

The 29-year-old Guyanese right-hander, who the senior batsman in the rebuilding West Indian team, was on 99 and scammed after a single to bring up his first hundred against Australia and sixth Test century overall.

Australian fast bowler Glenn McGrath, fielding at deep mid-off, rushed in and threw down the stumps at the bowler's end forcing South African umpire Cyril Mitchell to call for adjudication from the third umpire, Peter Parker, sitting by a television monitor in the stands.

Television replays showed that Hooper's bat was just on the crease-line as the stumps were broken and Parker threw them in the benefit of the split decision.

A broad smile creased Hooper's face after his tense few minutes' wait for the replay decision and he waved his bat in the air in triumph.

"I thought it was always close and said a quick prayer and it was answered," said Hooper after the day's play.

"I've had a look at the replay a couple of times, and I think on another day I probably would have been out. It was just one of those days."

"I didn't want to spend too long in the nineties and basically I saw that McGrath was a bit deeper and I tried to ease the pace off the ball and take one. It was just one of those things."

Hooper's innings of concentration and patience occupied 306 minutes off 228 balls with 10 boundaries and a pulled six of Shane Warne.

It was spectacularly ended on 102 by a breathtaking catch from Ricky Ponting.

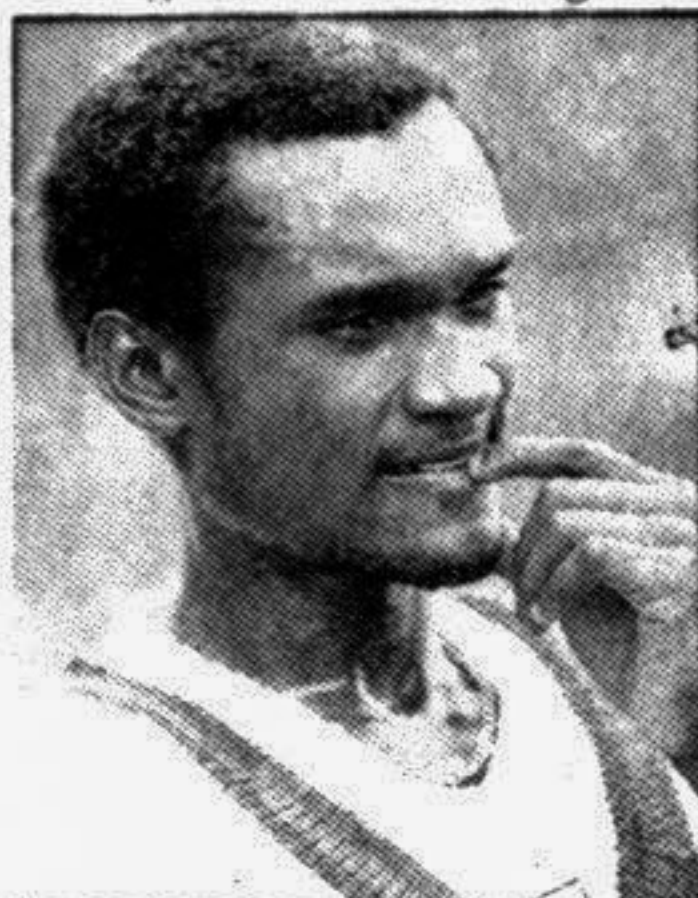
On 61 for two, were 77 for three, bringing together Hooper and Chanderpaul.

Over the next four hours the fourth-wicket pair frustrated the Aussie pace and spin attack in raising 172 runs.

All-rounder Steve Waugh triggered the collapse soon after tea — removing Hooper to a brilliant catch by Ricky Ponting at short square leg.

Hooper, who had survived a hairline TV replay decision to post his 100th run — and his second century in as many matches — popped up a bat-pad catch and Ponting, running in, swooped up the ball centimeters off the turf.

But in the next over Waugh, coming into bowl, damaged a



HOOPER 102

groin muscle and was forced to leave with the figures of 1-15.

Ponting was called in to complete the over and struck a crucial blow — removing Jimmy Adams (0) by trapping him leg before wicket to leave the West Indies on 255 for five.

Hooper's first century against Australia in 19 Tests lasted 306 minutes and included 10 fours and a six off Waugh. It came from 228 balls.

Chanderpaul's vision of his maiden Test century soon disappeared. Dropped on 81 by Mark Taylor at slip off Waugh, the left-hander failed to make full use of the reprieve and fell in the next over.

Reiffel forced Chanderpaul to edge a catch to Mark Waugh at second slip to end his 284-

minute vigilance for 82 runs with four boundaries. His career-best innings came off 230 balls.

Warne, having struggled initially during the Hooper-Chanderpaul stand, then won two appeals for leg before wicket against Ian Bishop and then Kenny Benjamin.

Benjamin had used the long handle to take two boundaries off Waugh with his side on 268 for eight — still 12 runs short of the follow-on mark.

Waugh's injury will be reviewed after 24 hours of "intensive" treatment, according to Australian team physio Errol Allcott.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the first Test between Australia and West Indies at the Gabba on Sunday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings 479 (Ian Healy 161 not out)

WEST INDIES: First innings (overnight 61 for two)

Campbell c Warne b Reiffel 18
Samuels c Healy b McGrath 10
Lara c M Waugh b McGrath 26
Hooper c Ponting b S Waugh 102
Chanderpaul c M Waugh b Reiffel 82

Adams lbw b Ponting 0
Brown c Healy b Reiffel 4
Bishop lbw b Warne 0
Benjamin lbw b Warne 9
Ambrose c Gillespie b Reiffel 0
Walsh not out 0

Extras: (lb-8, w-1, nb-17) 26
Total: (all out in 108.1 overs) 277
Fall of wickets: 1-30; 2-43; 3-77; 4-249; 5-255; 6-267; 7-268; 8-268; 9-277.

Bowling O M R W
McGrath 21 7 32 2
Reiffel 24.1 6 58 4
Kasprovicz 22 5 60 0
Warne 27 3 88 2
S Waugh 8.1 1 15 1
M Waugh 4 1 16 0
Ponting 1.5 1 0 1

AUSTRALIA: Second innings
Taylor not out 4
Elliott not out 2
Extras: (lb-2) 2
Total: (for no wickets, six overs) 8

To bat: R Ponting, M Waugh, S Waugh, M Bevan, I Healy, P Reiffel, S Warne, M Kasprovicz, G McGrath.

Bowling O M R W
Ambrose 3 1 3 0
Walsh 3 1 3 0

England A going great

MELBOURNE, Nov 24: England A continued their impressive results on the Australian cricket tour with an innings and eight-run win on the final day of a four-day game against Victoria here Sunday, reports AFP.

The English tourists bowled out Victoria for 219 after enforcing the follow-on when the Sheffield Shield team were dismissed for 211 in their first innings in reply to England A's first innings of 438.

Victoria's second innings was hampered by injuries which prevented skipper Tony Dodemaide (broken finger) and Test paceman Damien Fleming (strained thigh muscle) from batting.

England A were anticipating victory just before tea when the tourists removed Brad Stacey for two to have Victoria at 124 for seven and effectively nine wickets down.

However, a defiant 95-run eighth and last wicket stand between Graeme Vimpani and David Saker stalled England A's push for victory for almost two hours.

Saker with 51 not out, which included six boundaries, made his highest first class score, while Vimpani struck 53.

Victoria's resistance ended when Vimpani was dismissed as he attempted to pull a shortish delivery from Glen Chapple, only to get a bottom edge that cannoned onto his stumps.

Dean Headley, Craig White and Chappel all finished with two wickets.

England coach Mike Gatting said the victory vindicated England A's decision to continue to bat late on Friday's second day when it was expected that the tourists would declare their innings sometime during the second session.

Khulna football

KHULNA, Nov 24: Dighalia YMA Club held Moushumi Eleven to a goalless draw in the Bull-Head Premier Division football league played here today at the local stadium, reports BSS.

Ungrateful Fukuoka!

TOKYO, Nov 24: Hugo Hernan Maradona, better known as the younger brother of Argentine superstar Diego Maradona, failed to renew his contract with Avispa Fukuoka for next season, club officials said Sunday, reports AFP.

Last year, the 27-year-old forward joined the club and scored 27 goals to lift the team from the lower division to the J-League this season.

Maradona scored 12 goals in the J-League this season, but Avispa finished with nine wins against 21 defeats at second last in the 16-team league, which ended earlier this month.

AKC hockey squad leaves for Bangkok today

Sports Reporter

Abahani Krira Chakra will play in an international hockey tournament, scheduled to begin in the Bangkok from November 28.

The six-team meet involving teams from Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, India and hosts Thailand will be played on a round robin basis.

The sky blues will feature in the inaugural match against Sri Lanka. They will take on Singapore the following day and meet Malaysia in their third league match on December one.

Abahani, who are expected to leave the capital tomorrow, will meet India on December two before pitting against the hosts in their last league match the following day.

TODAY'S MATCHES

17th Damaal Smriti cricket (Venue: Dhaka Stadium) MSC vs Agrani Bank (1st semifinal) At 9 am (Dhaka Stadium)

Danish Premier football league (Venue: Mirpur Stadium) Muktyjodha vs Fakirpool YMC (6 pm)

Danish First Division football league Sadharan Bima vs Victoria SO (4 pm)

European soccer scene

LONDON, Nov 24: Gianluca Vialli denied fellow-Italian Gianfranco Zola his first Premier league goal with the subtlest of glancing headers in Chelsea's eventful 1-1 draw with Newcastle on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Zola appeared to have struck on his home debut for the Londoners when he swung a free-kick in from the Chelsea left past Newcastle goalkeeper Pavel Srnicek and into the net.

But Vialli, who lunged at the ball with his head as it flew across the face of goal and then held his arm aloft to claim his seventh goal of the season, confirmed afterwards he had indeed made contact.

"I touched the ball but I don't want to quarrel with anyone about it. I would never take a goal away from Gianfranco, especially on his debut, if it wasn't true."

Few at Stamford Bridge cared either way after a bright first quarter dominated by Rued Gullit's side, playing with greater confidence as the season progresses.

But the goal spurred Kevin Keegan's league leaders into action and they had the edge for the rest of the half, snatching a deserved equaliser through Alan Shearer, back in the side after groin surgery which kept him out of the game for 34 days.

Chelsea pressed hard for a winner in the closing stages. Dennis Wise struck the crossbar with a thundering drive from 25 metres and Newcastle goalkeeper Pavel Srnicek pulled off an astonishing reaction save from a close-range Dan Petrescu header.

Liverpool threatened to leapfrog over the Tynesiders for much of the afternoon after Stan Collymore gave them the lead against fourth-placed Wimbledon inside the first minute.

But the Londoners hit back through Norwegian Oyvind Leonhardson in the second half and have now lost only once at Anfield on their last seven visits.

Champions Manchester United had to settle for a single point too after Middlesbrough twice fought back from a goal down to earn a 2-2 draw at the Riverside Stadium.

The draws at Chelsea, Liverpool and Middlesbrough meant little changed at the top of the table.

Newcastle stay a point clear of Liverpool, and Wimbledon remain fourth, a further three points back third-placed Arsenal play Tottenham in the London derby on Sunday.

Chelsea stay fifth while Manchester United slip a place to seventh, one spot behind in-form Everton, who won 2-1 away at Leicester.

Milan gives Weah a shot in arm

ROME, Nov 24: Serie A giants AC Milan on Saturday gave Liberian striker George Weah a special award for his contribution to the club, stressing in particular his fair play credentials, reports AFP.

The move came with Weah, FIFA's world player-of-the-year, facing disciplinary sanctions from the world body after FC Porto officials accused him of breaking their captain Jorge Costa's nose in a fight after the two sides met in the Champions' League on Wednesday.

European soccer's ruling body UEFA will announce next Thursday possible disciplinary measures against the player once it has studied a report received from their Portugal-based delegate.

Weah, who is due to receive FIFA's own fair play prize in Lisbon on January 20 for services to football in war-torn Liberia, could face a suspension from the game for several months if found guilty of serious violent conduct.

Burca banned

BUCHAREST Nov 24: Distance runner Cristina Burca has received a four-year ban from the Romanian Athletics Federation (RAF) after a positive dope test earlier this year, reports Reuters.

Traces of the steroid nandrolone were found in her sample after the half-marathon World Championship in Palma de Mallorca in September. RAF general secretary Traian Badea said on Saturday.

Italian spikers retain crown

TOKYO, Nov 24: World champions Italy whipped Japan in three sets for their fifth straight win to finish atop the six-team World Super Challenge men's volleyball tournament on Sunday, reports AFP.

The Italians, who defeated the Netherlands Saturday to avenge their loss in the Atlanta Olympic final, ended the competition with a 15-1, 15-5, 15-5 win.

The Dutch Olympic champions outgunned China 15-5, 15-4, 15-5 to finish second with a 4-1 win-loss record, while Atlanta bronze winners Yugoslavia downed South Korea 15-11, 15-9, 15-13.

Yugoslavia were third with a 3-2 record. China placed fourth (2-3). South Korea was fifth (1-4), and winless Japan finished last.

Army athletics

The annual athletic championship of the Bangladesh Army began at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday, reports BSS.

Havilder Ilias of the Rangpur Area team clinched the first gold of the meet in 5,000 metres. Lance naik Rezaul Karim of the Chittagong Area team took the gold in pole vault while team-mate naik Anwar Ali won gold in 1,500 metres.

Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Local Govt Engineering Department
Laxmipur

Memo No: LGED/EE/Laxmi/1479 Dated: 16/11/96

LGED Tender Notice

No. 4/96-97

The Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a Loan (No. 631P) from OPEC Fund in various currencies towards the cost of Cyclone Rehabilitation Project (Cyclone damaged Road Rehabilitation Project) for the districts: Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Laxmipur, Feni, Noakhali, Chandpur, Barisal, Jhalakathi, Barguna, Patuakhali, Bhola, Pirojpur, Khulna, Bagerhat and Satkhira. It is intended that the part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the following works:

Sl No	Code No	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Price of tender document	Time for completion
1	5.5 Lax/Sad/ Ayub & Dalal/Ram/ FRB/Br/96-97	a) Improvement of Ayub Ali Road by ASS & HBB b) Const of 2.5m x1.67m. RCC Box culvert on Ayub Ali Road. c) Const of Double Vent (4.5mx4.5m) RCC Box culvert on Dalal Bazar-Ramganj Road.	33,77,000/-	84,500/-	1000/-	90 days
2	5.6 Lax/Ram/ Ershad/Br/ Cu/96-97	Const of 16 nos RCC structure on Ershad-Hossain Road at different chainage.	41,33,000/-	1,03,400/-	1000/-	120 days
3	5.7 Lax/Ram/ Haider/FRB/ 96-97	Improvement of Raipur-Haiderganj Road by ASS with Bituminous carpeting.	45,25,000/-	1,13,200/-	1000/-	120 days
4	5.8 Lax/Ram/ Launch/RR/9 6-97	a) Improvement of Alexander Bhola Launch ghat road by ASS with bituminous carpeting. b) Const of 1 No RCC Box culvert on Alexander Bhola Launch Ghat Road	24,55,000/-	61,400/-	500/-	120 days
5	5.9 Lax/Ram/ Ram-Chewa/ RR/96-97	Improvement of Ramgoti-Chewakhali Road by ASS with bituminous carpeting.	24,80,000/-	62,000/-	500/-	120 days
6	5.10 Lax/Ram/ Torab-Motir/ RR/96-97	a) Improvement of Torabganj-Motirhat road by ASS with Bituminous carpeting. b) Const of 2 nos structures on Torabganj to Motirhat road at different chainage.	43,62,000/-	1,09,100/-	1000/-	120 days
7	5.1 Lax/Ram/ A Rob/RR/ 96-97	a) Improvement of A Rob Road by HBB b) Const of 0.6mx0.6m RCC Box culvert on ASM Abdur Rob Road.	28,25,000/-	70,700/-	1000/-	

- Sealed tenders are invited for const/re-const and completion of the works mentioned above from "A-Special/A-Category" contractors of LGED through BD Form No. 2911.
- Tenderers may obtain in further information on the Tender Form and inspect the documents in all working days during office hours in the following offices:-
a) Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong Division, Chittagong.
b) Project Director, OPEC funded Cyclone Rehabilitation Project, Local Govt Engineering Deptt, House No. 4, Road No. 2/C, Pallabi, Mirpur, Dhaka-1221.
c) Executive Engineer, Local Govt Engineering Deptt, Noakhali/Feni/Laxmipur.
d) Thana Engineer, LGED, Laxmipur sadar/Ramganj/Raipur/Ramgoti, Dist: Laxmipur.
e) The City Bank Ltd, Laxmipur Branch, Laxmipur.
- A complete set of tender documents may be purchased by interested eligible tenderers upon cash payment of Non-refundable fee only, from above-mentioned offices (except the office of the undersigned) on or before 3.12.1996 during office hours.
- Earnest money should be enclosed in form of BD/CDR/SDR/Pay Order from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Executive Engineer, LGED, Laxmipur, otherwise Tender should be treated as stand cancelled.
- The Tender shall be received at the office mentioned above (Clause No. 2) except City Bank Ltd, Laxmipur Branch on 4.12.1996 before 1.00 PM and the tenders shall be opened at the same offices at 1:30 PM on the same date.
- The tenderer shall quote their price at per cent above/below/as per estimated amount provided in the bill of quantities both in figures and words in the stipulated paragraph of the "Tender Form" attached along with the bill of quantities. Erasing, overwriting or corrections of the quoted price without authorised signature shall not be accepted and the tender shall be outright rejected.
- The tenderer who found to have quoted price more than 5% (Five per cent) less than the estimated amount shall be rejected as informal.
- The tenderer who found to have quoted price more than 5% (Five per cent) above than the estimated cost shall have to submit analysis of itemwise rate. Erasing, overwriting, or corrections in the analysis, without authorised signature shall not be accepted and the tenders shall be rejected. Photocopy of the analysis shall not be accepted.
- The undersigned shall not be responsible for any Costs expenses incurred by tenderers in connection with the preparation or delivery of tenders, including cost and expenses related to visits to the site.
- The tenderer shall submit attested copy of enlistment valid for the fiscal year 1996-97, VAT-8 & GIR/TIN Certificate along with tender.
- In the event there be more than one lowest responsive tenderers quoting the same rate, the contractor should be selected through lottery. In this regard, the open lot/lottery among the normal tenders will be held on 9.12.1996. In the office of the undersigned in presence of concerned contractors or in presence of their nominated persons.
- All other terms & conditions may be seen & obtained from the concerned offices during office hours.
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders whatsoever.

Mid Mominul Haq
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RHD Notice Inviting Tender

1. Tender Notice No.	19/96-97
2. Name of works	Supply of spare parts for Ferry Engines & Propulsion unit with repair of propulsion units and repair, painting & carpeting of Ferry in 7 (seven) groups at different ferry ghat under Ferry Sub-Divn, Fandpur during the year 1996-97. (As per schedule)
3. Estimated cost	As per schedule.
4. Earnest money	2% of the estimated cost.
5. Time allowed	As per mentioned in the schedule.
6. Entitled contractors	A to C general categories of contractor under RHD 'D' general category contractors under Mechl Ferry Circle, Dhaka and E general category contractors under Ferry Construction Divn, Dhaka.
7. Name of offices for selling tender documents	Executive Engineer, RHD, Ferry Construction Divn, Dhaka/Ferry Maintenance Divn, Dhaka/Ferry Divn, Syhet/SDE, RHD, Ferry Construction Sub-Divn, Dhaka & SDE, RHD, Ferry Sub-Divn, Fandpur.
8. Name of office for receiving tender documents	Superintending Engineer, RHD, Ferry Circle, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Ferry Construction Divn, Dhaka/Ferry Maintenance Divn, Dhaka/Syhet.
9. Last date of selling tender documents during office hours	3.12.96 Eng/19.8.1403 Bang.
10. Last date & time of receiving tenders	4.12.96 Eng/20.8.1403 Bang.
11. Date & time of opening of all the tender by the undersigned	5.12.96 Eng/21.8.1403 Bang.
12. Date & time of lottery (if any)	5.12.96 Eng/21.8.1403 Bang.

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from entitled contractors mentioned above in prescribed schedule along with the B.D. Form No. 2908/2911. Tender if received after the fixed time will be treated as rejected. Tender will be opened and lottery (if applicable) will be drawn in the fixed date & time in presence of the interested contractors (if any). The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason.

Executive Engineer, RHD
Ferry Construction Divn
117, Santinagar, Dhaka.



Manchester United's French international Eric Cantona (R) and Middlesbrough's Steve Vickers fight for the ball during their English Premier league match in Middlesbrough on Nov 23. The game ended 2-2.

— AFP/UNB photo