

Sport

Column One  
SPORTS TALK

Sidhu runs short of four



PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Mar 17: Indian opening batsman Navjot Sidhu carried on his superb innings here in the second Test on Sunday finishing unbeaten on 196 as India finished the day on 367 for three — 71 runs ahead of the West Indies first innings total, reports AFP.

The 34-year-old Sidhu, who's international career looked over when he walked out on the Indian side that toured England last summer, is on the verge of becoming only the third Indian batsman to score a double century against the West Indies — Sunil Gavaskar and Dilip Sardesai are the batsmen to have achieved that feat.

Left-hander Saurav Ganguly, who need 38 minutes and 29 balls to get off the mark, was unbeaten on three alongside Sidhu, an opening batsman from the state of Punjab, who stroked the ball crisply throughout his marathon effort.

Sidhu, racking up his seventh Test century, has spent 10 and 1/2 hours at the crease in which time he has faced 477 balls, striking 19 fours and one six.

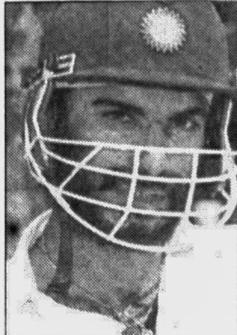
Fortune once more favoured Sidhu, who was recalled to the squad despite his stubborn temperament for his ability to take on pace attacks. He had been put down at third slip when on 47 the previous day, but gained reprieve when he'd reached 170, dropped by wicket-keeper Junior Murray off fast bowler Mervyn Dillon, who would have claimed his first Test wicket.

He was also dropped four runs later by Franklyn Rose off spinner Shivanarine Chandrapaul.

For just over five hours, cap-

tain Sachin Tendulkar played an admirable supporting role in which the two established a new record for the third wickets at this ground.

They had come together after only three balls of the morning session when Curtly Ambrose, the most successful bowler for the West Indies with two for 71 off 32 overs, hit the base of Rahul Dravid's off-stump.



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Dravid departed for 57, having faced 181 balls in 4 and 1/2 hours and hitting five fours with India still to add to their overnight score of 171 for one.

Tendulkar has struggled for the best part of the last six months. He appeared unsettled when he arrived, but grew in confidence and was just getting into the swing of things when he perished.

His knock of 88 contained eight fours, a few of them carrying the class and timing on which he has built his superb reputation. He added 174 with Sidhu, eclipsing the 159 that Sunil Gavaskar and Gundappa

Viswanath shared in 1975-76, and frustrated the West Indies bowlers, who showed much purpose but gained little or nothing from the pitch that has been criticised for its unresponsive nature.

Apart from a few shouts for a leg before verdict and numerous edges that died before reaching any of the fielders in the slips, both Tendulkar and Sidhu played sensibly.

Tendulkar was run out looking for a cheeky single, but just failed to beat West Indies captain Courtney Walsh's feeble throw from directly behind the stumps at the bowler's end.

The final verdict was given by third umpire Ralph Gesein with the help of television replays that showed Tendulkar was no less than six inches short.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the third day of the second cricket Test between West Indies and India at Queen's Park Oval here on Sunday.

**WEST INDIES:** First innings 296 (Holder 91; Kumble 5-104; Joshi 3-79).

**INDIA:** First innings (overnight 171 for one)

Laxman lbw b Ambrose	0
Sidhu not out	196
Dravid b Ambrose	57
Tendulkar run out	88
Ganguly not out	3
Extras: (b-6, lb-9, nb-8)	23
Total: (3 wickets)	367
Fall of wkts: 1-0, 2-171, 3-345.	

To bat: Azharuddin, Mongia, Kumble, Joshi, Kuruvilla, Prasad.

**Bowling**

Ambrose	32	7	71	2
Walsh	31	10	60	0
Rose	30	6	79	0
Dillon	27	6	73	0
Hooper	26	7	49	0
Chanderpaul	8	1	20	0

**Viswanathan Anand**  
(Indian chess player)

"As I said earlier, I had a very good year. I finished above my expected score in each of my tournament."

Answering to a question that how the 1996 was to him.

**Sports WHIZZ KID**  
COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-66

- ✓ Tick the Correct Answers
- Competition closes 8 pm, March 28, '97
- Who won the third SAARC cricket tournament?  
Pakistan India Sri Lanka
  - Who clinched the title of the third Grand Masters' chess tournament?  
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Vettori venom slays SL



HAMILTON, New Zealand, Mar 17: Precisely a year after their dazzling victory in cricket's World Cup, Sri Lanka sank today to a 2-0 Test series loss to New Zealand, ranked bottom of the table of Test-playing nations, reports Reuter.

Set 326 to win the second Test, and already in trouble at 20 for two overnight, Sri Lanka never looked like achieving the target on a difficult wicket.

They fell 120 runs short when they were bowled out for 205 with more than a day to spare.

For New Zealand it was a triumph for youth — for 23-year-old Stephen Fleming, the country's youngest captain, and 18-year-old left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori, who was man-of-the-match.

He spearheaded the victory with five for 84 and won his match award with a total of nine wickets for the Test.

Only a bizarre umpiring decision deprived him of a 10-wicket haul. He bowled Kumar Dharmasena but Pakistani umpire Mahboob Shah, con-

fused by wicketkeeper Adam Parore taking off the other ball, ruled the batsman not out.

For New Zealand, the victory was a further step in a remarkable renaissance during their summer home series.

They lost a Test series against England 2-0 and were down 2-0 in the five match one-day series against the same opponents before squaring it 2-2, tying one game and winning the last two.

Then captain Lee Germon was sacked and New Zealand went on to win the first Test against Sri Lanka by an innings followed up by today's emphatic second Test win.

**SCOREBOARD**

Final scoreboard on the fourth day of the second Test between New Zealand and Sri Lanka Monday.

**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings 170

**NEW ZEALAND:** Second innings 273

**SRI LANKA:** Second innings (overnight 20 for two wickets)

Jayasuriya run out 6  
Mahanama lbw b Doull 3

Tillekeratne b Vettori 10  
Vaas c Patel b Vettori 8  
De Silva lbw d Doull 5  
Ranatunga c Doull b Vettori 33  
Kaluwitharana lbw b Doull 13  
Dharmasena not out 38  
Zoya c Parore b Vettori 13  
Sanjeewa c Young b Davis 7  
Muralitharan c Cairns b Vettori 7  
Extras: (b-4, lb-5, w-1) 10  
Total: (all out) 205  
Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-16; 3-40; 4-50; 5-129; 6-147; 7-152; 8-185; 9-186; 10-205

**Bowling:**

Doull	15	4	34	3
Davis	17	4	35	1
Vettori	29.2	8	84	5
Patel	12	5	34	0
Astle	3	1	9	0

**Result: New Zealand won by 120 runs, and clinched the two-match series 2-0.**

**Man-of-the match: D Vettori.**

Khulna cricket

KHULNA, Mar 17: National Welfare Club defeated Khulna Wanderers by six wickets in the Savier First Division cricket league at the local stadium here today, reports BSS.

Winning the toss, Wanderers scored 141 runs losing all the wickets.

In reply, national Welfare reached losing only four wickets.

**Tomorrow's matches:** Savier Club vs Shapla Krira Chakra, Abahani Krira Chakra vs Wanderers Club.

Women's hockey Aussies clinch series

NEWCASTLE, Australia, Mar 17: Atlanta Olympic champions Australia wrapped up the four-Test women's field hockey series against Germany here today, reports AFP.

It was the Australians second successive win after the first Test in Perth last Friday was drawn 2-2.

Australia won the second Test 4-2 at Sydney's Homebush Complex on Sunday. The final match of the series will be played at Homebush Wednesday.

Boris USA bound?

MUNICH, Mar 17: German media reported that Boris Becker was leaving Germany for good today flying to the United States to move into a luxury home there, reports Reuter.

A spokesman at Frankfurt airport confirmed Becker was on his way to Miami and that his wife Barbara, 31, and son Noah, 3, had already left on Saturday on one-way tickets to Florida.

Becker's lawyer was not immediately available for comment on whether the move was permanent.

The triple Wimbledon champion said late last year he wanted to move to the United States in about three years' time. But after tax investigators raided his Munich house in December in his absence, an angry Becker warned he could leave sooner.

The mass-circulation Daily Bild, one of several media to carry the story, headed its front page report 'Boris' bitter farewell'.

It said Becker had put his car up for sale, that Noah's room in their villa was empty and that the family had spent a farewell evening with Becker's parents.

Becker said last year he wanted to move to the United States when his son Noah started school, so that the boy would avoid the pressures in Germany of having a famous father and of not being white.

Becker said he and his wife, who is coloured, believed their son would be able to lead a more normal life in a multi-racial society.

A number of high-income German sports figures have moved abroad in order to avoid high taxes. Becker returned to Germany in 1993 after living in Monaco for three years.

Steffi Graf was a prominent exception to the exodus but has run into severe trouble with authorities who are still investigating her on suspicion of evading taxes.

Her father Peter was convicted of tax evasion in January and sentenced to almost four years in jail.

ATP's top 20

MONTE CARLO, Mar 17  
Reuter: Leading rankings issued by the ATP Tour on Monday:

Players	Points
1. Sampras (US)	5,684
2. Muster (Austria)	3,719
3. Chang (US)	3,601
4. Kafelnikov (Russia)	3,207
5. Ivanisevic (Croatia)	3,003
6. Krajicek (Netherlands)	2,601
7. Enqvist (Sweden)	2,312
8. Moya (Spain)	2,188
9. Rios (Chile)	2,168
10. Ferreira (South Africa)	1,868
11. Beaudet (Germany)	1,857
12. Coste (Spain)	1,840
13. Agassi (US)	1,749
14. Martin (US)	1,711
15. Mantilla (Spain)	1,681
16. Hennen (Britain)	1,611
17. Edberg (Sweden)	1,533
18. Rosset (Switzerland)	1,474
19. Berastegui (Spain)	1,462
20. Gustafsson (Sweden)	1,450

Sino soccer Dalian Wanda start well

BEIJING, Mar 17: Defending Chinese football champions Dalian Wanda won their first match of the new season Sunday beating Vanguard Huandao 2-0 and setting a good path towards winning their third title this year, reports AFP.

The win, against last year's Second Division champions, extended Wanda's unbeaten record to 35 matches and came with 34th-minute and 54th-minute goals.

The other Second Division team promoted at the end of last season, Qingdao Hainiu, won a surprise 1-0 victory over Jinan Taishan.

Last year's First Division runners-up, Shanghai Shenhua, also set off to a good start beating Yanbian Aodong 2-0, which included a goal in the third minute by Fan Zhiyi, China's 1996 player-of-the-year.

Wanda won the league in both 1994 and 1996.

Chang clips Ulihrach's wings



INDIAN WELLS, California, Mar 17: Michael Chang ended Bohdan Ulihrach's dream run at the ATP Tour Champions' Cup on Sunday, claiming his third title here in six years with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 victory, reports AFP.

Chang, the defending champion, took some time to get the measure of Ulihrach, who had

stunned world number one Pete Sampras in the second round.

"I went out with a little bit of the wrong mentality," said Chang, who eventually found an answer to the 22-year-old Czech's hard, flat groundstrokes.

"It took me a good two sets to figure out his game," Chang said. "I figured most clay courters come out and hit more top-spin. That would give me



American Michael Chang poses with the Champions' Cup after defeating Czech Bohdan Ulihrach 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 and 6-3 in the final at Indian Wells, California on Mar 16.

more time to set up for my shots. He didn't do that. I really didn't know how to go about doing things."

He also said Ulihrach who earned his biggest payday of 177,000 dollars in what he called "the best week of my life," played excellent tennis in the first set.

"He just didn't miss a ball," Chang said of Ulihrach, who will jump from 43rd in the world into the top 30. "He was standing inside the baseline and taking the ball early."

Ulihrach said that was his plan.

"My tactic was not to rally with him because he's strong, but to hit the ball immediately after the bounce, to play into the court."

"But then he started to play cross-court balls, and that's exactly what I don't like."

Chang finally got the only break of the second set to lead 5-3, but he faced three break points in the following game before closing out the set.

He broke Ulihrach in the opening game of the third and faced just two break points on his own serve in the rest of the set. In the fourth Ulihrach had only one break chance, but even then, Chang said, he never felt comfortably in control.

"This match was really, really close," Chang said. "We had a lot of games where he had opportunities to break. I had a lot of games on my serve where I was 30-0 and wasn't able to get the break."

Chang earned 337,000 dollars for the victory in the first of the Tour's prestigious Super 9 events this season. It was his second straight win in the California desert, where he also lifted the title in 1992.

Ulihrach, whose previous two tournament victories and two runner-up finishes were all on clay courts, had not advanced past the second round of any tournament this season.

Chang, whose number-three seeding was in line with his world ranking, had ousted second-seeded Austrian Thomas Muster in the semifinals to reach the final.

His victory was his 10th in a row, a streak stretching back through the event at Memphis which he won three weeks ago.

Notice

**Compensation to Iraq-Kuwait Returnees from United Nations Compensation Commission**

The news recently published in the daily 'Bhorer Dak' on 11th January '97 and in the 'Bangladesh Observer' on 12th January '97 on compensation from the United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC) to the returnees who had departed from Kuwait/Iraq during Gulf War between 2nd August '90 to 2nd March '91, may blur with illusion among the public. For this reason the real and right information as received from UNCC through the Permanent Mission in Geneva is given below:

For the purpose to compensate those returnees departed from Iraq/Kuwait between 2nd August '90 to 2nd March '91, 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E' & 'F' Form of UNCC were distributed amongst the claimants and filled in Forms were sent to the United Nations Compensation Commission in Geneva under direct supervision of the government.

The category and the number of claimant's Forms sent to UNCC, kinds of compensation, amount entitle for compensation, the number of claims recommended by UNCC, the number of claimant's Forms received by UNCC, number of claims against which compensation is transmitted to Bangladesh, number of claims to whom compensation is disbursed are as follows:

Details of compensation						
Category of UNCC Form	Number of claimant's Form sent to UNCC	Kinds of compensation	Amount entitle for compensation	Number of claim recommended by UNCC	Number of claim received by UNCC	Number of claim to whom compensation is transmitted
A	62446	Departed from Iraq-Kuwait during 2-8-90 to 2-3-91	US\$ 2500 for single US\$ 5000 with family	61854	62466	Not yet transmitted
B	97	For injury/death	US\$ 2500 to 10,000	79	97	79
C	8772	For damage up to US\$ 100,000	US\$ 100,000	2205	8772	Not yet transmitted
D	01	For damage more than US\$ 100,000	US\$ 100,000	Under process in UNCC	01	Not yet transmitted
E	04	Corporations, Private Legal Entities and Public Sector Enterprise claiming for damage	-	Under process in UNCC	04	Not yet transmitted
F	01	Government and International Agencies	-	Under process in UNCC	01	Not yet transmitted

The payment of compensation to returnees from Iraq-Kuwait is entirely depended on the decision of the United Nations Compensation Commission. After consideration of all Forms it is accepted and approved by UNCC. After receiving the Funds it is transmitted to the concerned Government's accounts in instalments. It is worthy to mention here that the United Nations Compensation Commission transmits the approved fixed amount of compensation in the name of each claimants. The concerned Government or any other Organisation have no way to help against the decision of UNCC. From the above data/information it is found that uptill now out of 97 claims of 'B' category 79 claims were recommended and approved by UNCC and the compensation for those claims were transmitted and compensation were disbursed among 72 claimants.

The compensation is not yet transmitted to other categories of claim and for this reason it was not possible to arrange for payment to those categories.

On behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh in Geneva is engaged in endeavouring for collection of compensation from UNCC for the Bangladeshis on the basis of priority.

The Honourable Minister of the Ministry of Labour and Manpower and the Secretary, during their visit to Geneva several times requested the Representatives of the Member Country of the UNCC for immediate solution of this problem by explaining the eligibility of priority for the compensation of claimants from Bangladesh. Government is continuing to make all out effort for the collection of compensation and is, always, very conscious about this problem.

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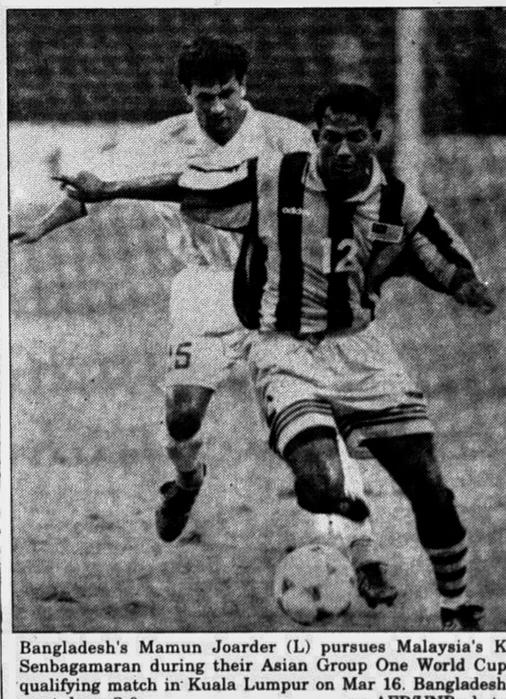
**CRYPTOQUIP**

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P K W V V C P S Y J D

Yesterday's Cryptquip: I'M WONDERING, CAN ONE REPAIR SUCH DAMAGED PRODUCE WITH TOMATO PASTE?

Today's Cryptquip clue: D equals P

The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



Bangladesh's Mamun Joarder (L) pursues Malaysia's K Senbagamaran during their Asian Group One World Cup qualifying match in Kuala Lumpur on Mar 16. Bangladesh went down 2-0.