

## Mahmood, Mushtaq equal world record

## Debutants go down in history



RAWALPINDI, Oct 8: Debutant Azhar Mahmood and Mushtaq Ahmed equalled the 10th wicket world record partnership on the third day of the first Test against South Africa at the Pindi Cricket Stadium here on Wednesday, report agencies.

The pair's 151-run effort enabled Pakistan to post a huge 456-run first innings total. South Africans, who need 257 runs to avoid a follow-on, started off their innings confidently and at stumps were comfortably placed at 139 for one.

Both their openers Gary Kirsten and Adam Bacher were not that much troubled by the two Pakistani spinners Saqlain Mushtaq and Mushtaq Ahmed on a flat batting track where there seems nothing for either spinners or seam bowlers.

Pakistan had to wait for 49 overs for their lone success of the day. Saqlain Mushtaq provided the breakthrough when Mohammad Ramzan caught Bacher at silly point after the right-handed opener had completed his half-century and had given the visitors a solid start of 107 runs in 200 minutes.

Kirsten was still batting on 62 with the help of five fours

## Pindi gets royal visit

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Oct 8: Queen Elizabeth II watched cricketers in action on the third day of the first Test between South Africa and Pakistan here today, report agencies.

The Queen, attired in light orange dress, arrived here along with President Farooq Ahmed Leghari and Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, amid cheers from thousands of cricket fans.

Both Pakistani and South African cricketers, wearing green coloured blazers, were lined up on the ground and were introduced to the Queen by skippers Saad Anwar and Hansie Cronje.

Pakistan Cricket Board chief Majid Khan and other officials, match umpires and ICC match referee Ranjan Madugalle, were also introduced to the Queen.

The British monarch waved to the crowd after receiving a warm welcome from thousands of cricket fans who gave her a standing ovation on her arrival.

She watched the match for 25 minutes before returning to the nearby Pakistani capital Islamabad.

Meanwhile, helmeted policemen tear gassed dozens of fans trying to push their way into the stadium just hours before the Queen showed up.

Test organisers allowed spectators to attend Wednesday's play free of charge which caused the crowds to gather.

## Biman U-14 soccer

## First round concludes

Sports Reporter

Joypurhat, Rangamat and Sherpur became the last three entrants into the final round of the Biman under-14 national football championship winning their respective first round zonal finals yesterday.

A hat-trick in the first half by forward Abu Nasir guided hosts Joypurhat to a 3-0 victory over Pabna at the Joypurhat Stadium.

Away in Noakhali, Rangamat recorded a solitary goal victory over neighbours Bandarban.

In the remaining match at the Mymensingh Stadium, a late second half strike by Shafique enabled Sherpur to post an identical victory over Netrokona.

The three winners now join the other five zonal champions — Jessore, Manikganj, Shariatpur, Barisal and Nilphamari in the final round. Defending champions Dhaka and hosts Cox's Bazar are the other two teams featuring in the 10-team final round.

while Jacques Kallis was accompanying his on 20 when play ended on the third day.

Earlier, Pakistan went into the record books with the only Test playing country in 121-year history, for whom two debutants have scored centuries in the same innings of a Test match.

Opener Ali Naqvi, 20, scored a century on the first day and Mahmood joined his teammate after making a polished hundred in the first session on Wednesday.

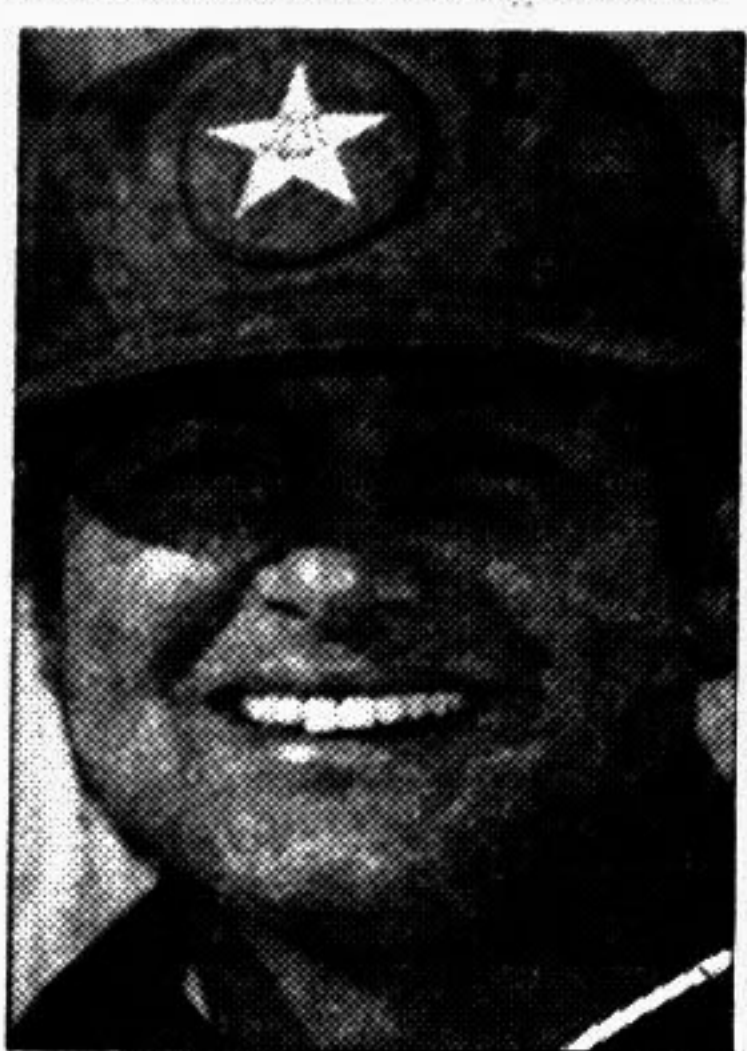
Pakistan's last wicket pair of Mahmood and Mushtaq added another 111 runs to their overnight total of 345 for nine before Hansie Cronje brought the curtain down on the Pakistan total of 456 at the stroke of lunch interval.

However, the session belonged to Pakistan's two tailenders, who batted with lot of aggression and equalled the world record of 151 for the last wicket. When only one run was required to break New Zealand's BF Hastings and R O Collinge's record of 151 against Pakistan at Auckland in 1972-73, Mushtaq's leg stump was uprooted by Cronje as the batsman tried to play a big hit and dragged the ball back onto his stumps.

On his way to maiden Test half-century, Mushtaq bettered his previous best of 42 against New Zealand at the same venue last year by scoring 59 runs. His innings was highlighted with 22 runs off Pat Symcox's one over when the diminutive No 11 batsman hit the off-spinner for two successive sixes, a four and then a big six over mid-wicket.

His innings included four fours and as many sixes and came off 106 balls. He added 151 precious runs for the last wicket in 182 minutes with Mahmood.

The 22-year-old debutante Mahmood remained undefeated on a well composed 128-run knock which included 11 crack-



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ing fours and a six off Symcox. His 267-ball knock came off 348 minutes of stay at the wicket and none of Cronje's bowlers could impress the Islamabad-based Mahmood on a flat track.

"I couldn't sleep last night as I kept on thinking about the century," told Mahmood.

Mahmood needed another 28 runs to complete his hundred when play resumed on the third day and reached his century when he deflected Brian McMillan for two runs at third man.

"I kept on telling myself that if you bat with patience, you have the chance to do it against one of the best Test playing nations (South Africans)," Azhar said.

As well as his world-record equalling 10th wicket stand with Mushtaq, Mahmood got the distinction of only the fifth batsman in Test history to score century while batting at No 8 or lower down the order.

Australian R A Duff made 104 against England at Melbourne while batting at No 10 way back in 1901-02. Three other batsmen R J Ratigan of Australia (1907-08 against England at Adelaide), Indian R H Shodan (1952-53 against Pakistan at Calcutta), and New Zealand's Bruce Taylor (1964-65 against India at Calcutta), scored centuries while batting at No 8.

"I had no idea that I was about to be involved in two world records. I was more interested in getting a century which would have helped Pakistan put psychological pressure on South Africa," said Mahmood.

"The credit for this century chiefly goes to Waqar Younis and Mushtaq Ahmed who gave me tremendous assistance at the centre."

However, Schultz's injury is a major blow to the touring side. He failed to take the field on the second and third day because of a sore shoulder.

"He will be flying home by the weekend. He consulted a specialist in Karachi last evening and has been advised complete rest for three weeks," said South Africa coach Bob Woolmer.



Azhar Mahmood of Pakistan sweeps South African Pat Symcox across the rope during the third day's play of the first Test in Rawalpindi yesterday. — AP/UNB photo

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the first Test between Pakistan and South Africa in Rawalpindi Wednesday.

PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 345-9)				
Anwar c Richardson b Donald	16			
Naqvi c Kirsten b Donald	115			
M Ramzan lbw b Pollock	29			
Ijaz b Symcox	11			
Inzamam c Richardson b Schultz	8			
M Wasim c Kirsten b Symcox	1			
Moin lbw b Donald	12			
Mahmood not out	128			
Saqlain lbw b Pollock	45			
Waqar lbw b Pollock	0			
Mushtaq b Cronje	59			
Extras (b-2, lb-7, nb-13)	22			
Total	456			

Fall of wickets: 1-45; 2-114; 3-135; 4-152; 5-196; 6-206; 7-230; 8-231; 9-305.

Bowling: O M R W				
Donald	33	3	108	3
Schultz	15	4	56	1
Pollock	37	13	74	3
McMillan	17	5	36	0
Symcox	46	11	130	2
Kallis	7	3	15	0
Cronje	7.5	0	26	1

**SOUTH AFRICA: First innings**  
Kirsten not out 62  
Bacher c Ramzan b Saqlain 50  
Kallis not out 20  
Extras (lb-3, nb-4) 7  
Total (for one wicket) 139

Fall of wickets: 1-107.  
To bat: D Cullinan, H Cronje, B McMillan, S Pollock, D Richardson, P Symcox, A Donald, B Schultz.

Bowling (to date): O M R W				
Waqar	7	1	24	0
Mahmood	10	1	19	0
Mushtaq	21	5	47	0
Saqlain	26	11	46	1



Action during the juvenile kabadi third-place decider between Sharmin Textile Mills High School and Maniknagar Model High School at the court next to Dhaka Stadium yesterday. — Star photo



Scene from yesterday's Open FIDE rating chess tournament at the NSC.

— Star photo

## Zia stays on top

Sports Reporter

International Master Ziaur Rahman picked up his seventh successive victory at the expense of FIDE Master Rezaul Haq to maintain his solo lead in the Open FIDE rating chess championship at the National Sports Council yesterday.

In a clash of the two Biman contenders, Zia, playing with white pieces, adopted the Retie Opening to beat his less experienced opponent after 47 moves.

The victory left Zia half a point clear from his nearest challenger Rani Hamid.

Rani, the lone International Women's Master (IWM) of the country, in this round defeated Abul Kashem Bhuiyan of BTMC for her sixth victory.

Young Enamul Hossain Razib, who drew with Monir, slipped to the crowded third spot, alongside Ali Amjad Mintu, Ruhul Kabir, Monir, Tanima Parvin, Enayet and Aminul — all having collected five and a half points from seven games.

On the other hand, IM Reefat-bin Sattar, who is going through a lean period for the last couple of years, showed signs of recovery yesterday after two consecutive defeats.

The former national champion in this round defeated So-hail for his fifth victory. Reefat now shares the distant fourth position along with 13 other players in the 11-round Swiss League meet.

## Damal Smriti cricket from Oct 17

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra will take on City Club in the opening match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium as the 18th Damal Smriti cricket tournament, the season's curtain-raiser, finally gets underway on October 17. In the other match billed for the day, last year's runners-up Agrani Bank will take on Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC).

This was finalised by the Cricket committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) who have already deferred the start thrice for not being able to prepare the pitches at different city venues, on time.

## Div II hockey

Sports Reporter

Tejgaon Agramam Club and Banrak Samaj Kalyan Krira Sangha posted identical 2-1 victories in their Green Delta Insurance Second Division hockey league encounters at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The Tejgaon outfit, appearing in the first match after three-day unscheduled recess edged past PWD SC by the odd goal in three with Zahir blasting home the winner in nine minutes from the final whistle.

In the second match Banrak Samaj came from behind to beat Shishu Kishore with Mahfuz and Feroze nothing one goal apiece in the space of five minutes into the second session.

## Kenya wait to retaliate



NAIROBI, Oct 8: Kenya have a chance to prove why they were granted one-day status when they play Bangladesh and Zimbabwe in the tri-nation cricket tournament starting Friday in Nairobi, reports AP.

Bangladesh team is out to repeat its victory over Kenya in the International Cricket Council Trophy final in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The ICC granted Bangladesh and Kenya one-day status in July.

Bangladesh's coach, Gordon Greenidge, a famous former West Indies opening batsman, sounded confident when his team arrived in Nairobi Monday.

"I know the Kenyans are good but we want to beat them at home to show that we're superior," he said.

Greenidge said Kenya have an edge because they have

played more Test-playing nations than Bangladesh.

Among Bangladesh's top players are skipper Mohammed Akram vice-captain Aminul Islam and Minhajul Abedin.

The Zimbabweans will be led by skipper Alistair Campbell, who will be assisted by Andy Flower.

Zimbabwe will be without injured paceman Heath Streak, who has been replaced by Mpuemelo Mbangwa.

In build-up matches, Zimbabwe, the latest Test-playing nation, held New Zealand to two draws.

The Kiwis, on their way to Zimbabwe, played in Kenya for the first time. They drew with Kenya in the three-day matches, then beat Kenya by 117 runs and seven wickets, respectively, in two one-day matches.

Kenya's coach, Roger Binny, a former Indian Test player, said he was satisfied by the

performance of the Kenyan team in the build-up matches.

"I've managed to correct a few mistakes in the team," he said. "Generally, Kenya has a very strong side which needs more exposure to challenge the leading cricket nations."

Kenya's skipper Asif Karim said, "We're ready for the tournament. Our main worry is Zimbabwe who are more experienced than us having played more international matches than us. As for Bangladesh, we want to show them that if it were not for heavy rains in Malaysia, they would not have beaten us."

Kenya's other top players include vice-captain Steve Tikolo, Deepak Chudasama, sensational youngster Thomas Oduyo, Kennedy Otieno, Martin Sijji and Maurice Odumbe, who is back from the Netherlands where he plays for Quick 1888 Club.

## Peng joins Gold Leaf team

This is the furthest thing from a slow boat to China. With three events behind them, and a solid position in the top 10 of the 1997 drivers' standing in Formula 1 World Championship powerboat racing, Team Gold Leaf stalwarts Jonathan Jones and Massimo Roggerio this summer welcomed a third member to the team, Peng Linwu, of Nanchang, China, says a press release.

That makes the Gold Leaf F1 racing team a triple threat, and a powerboat racing unit with an automatically huge fan club.

Peng's first exposure to the Gold Leaf came last year as he joined the team for the Chinese Grand Prix. This year is quite different: he met the team in Chalon and began testing a week later in England. In 1997, the 31-year-old Chinese champion is competing in four races on the circuit.

"Peng did a great job last year in his home Grand Prix and on result alone, he is the most talented powerboat racer in China," says the veteran Jones.

"If he has enough time to test and get used to his Gold Leaf boat, I honestly believe there is no reason why he can't race in

the top 10. There's no doubt in my mind that he has a bright future in this sport."

In his first two races of 1997, he finished a respectable 13th at Corsica, and then out of the

running at Gallipoli when done in by mechanical difficulties. There are two more races on his personal calendar. The Grand Prix of China at Xiamen in November, and the Abu Dhabi GP in December.

Peng's family always thought he would have a career in track and field, but the dream to race powerboats arrived early. He was 15 when he began boat racing in his native country, and only 17 when he won his first Chinese national championship. He has nine national championships to his credit and for the last three years, has been training young drivers at his home club.

Straight ahead is the challenge of becoming a professional powerboat racer, one which would necessitate leaving China for most of the year, setting up somewhere in western Europe, and learning to speak English.

He communicates these words through his manager and interpreter Li Lulin.

The look in his eyes, however, needs no translation.

## Odds in favour of Diego!

BUENOS AIRES, Oct 8: The saga of soccer star Diego Maradona's latest positive doping test took another twist Tuesday: The urine sample — which the player says isn't his — is too small to be submitted for DNA tests, according to his lawyer, reports AP.

Maradona, who will turn 37 later this month, claims somebody switched his urine sample after a league game August 24 in a bid to have him banned for the third time in his career.

Maradona tested positive for "illegal substances" after the match against Argentinos Juniors.

## 1997 U.I.M WORLD FORMULA ONE POWER BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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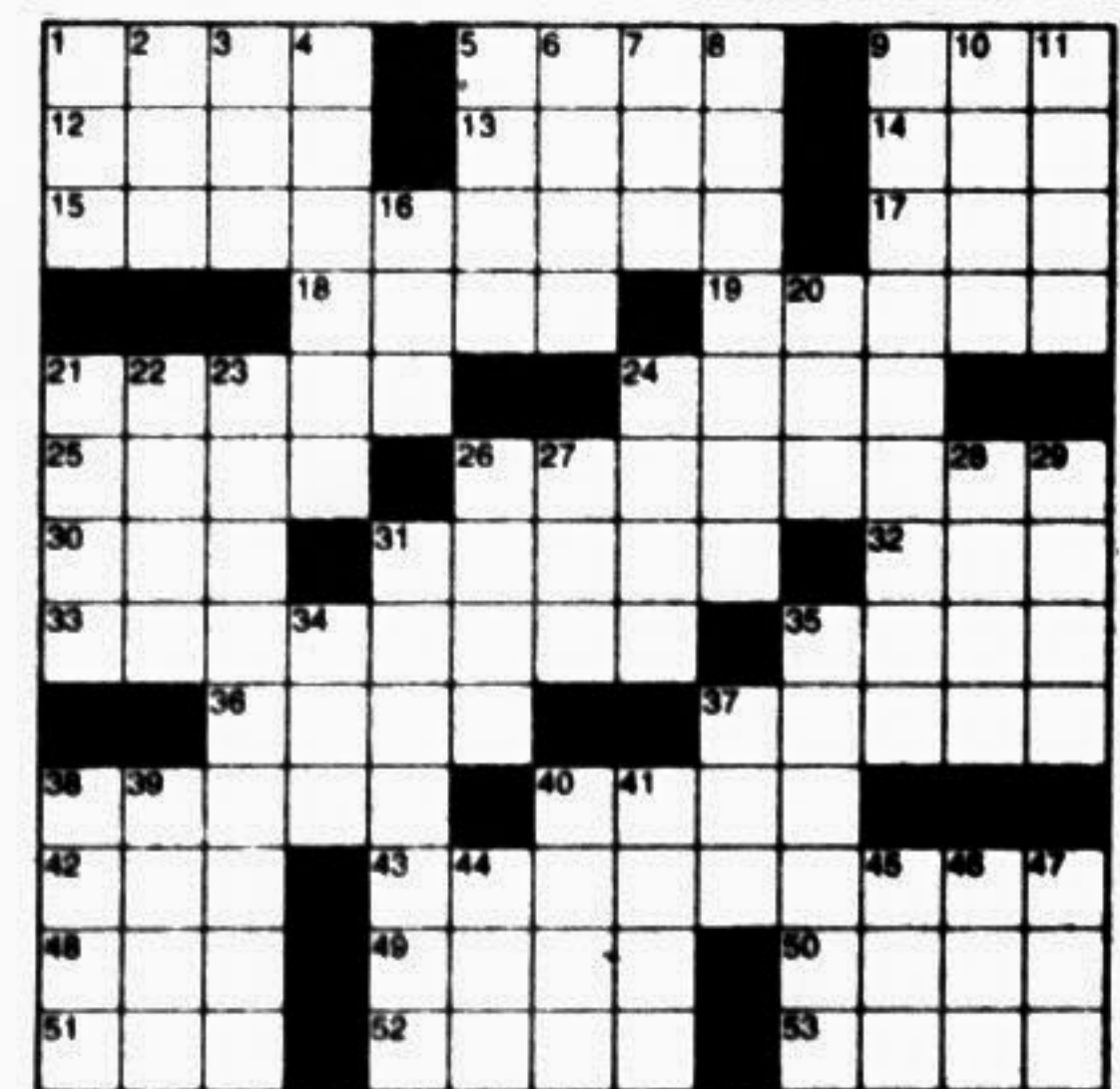
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14 Food for little lambs  
15 "Good luck!"  
17 Witness  
18 FDR's on it  
19 Machinery parts  
21 Used a paper towel  
24 Freeway access  
25 Sandler ahead of  
26 Slightly ahead of  
30 "— Miserable"

**DOWN**

3 Place-kicker's pride  
4 Garland member  
6 Anger  
7 "All the Things You—"  
8 Redcap's burden  
9 Vanish  
10 "Awaiting reply"  
11 Good lookers?  
16 Tease  
20 Creature on Australia's coat of arms  
23 Car-pool  
24 Agents  
26 Belligerent deity  
27 Trail the pack  
28 Fairy-tale beddie  
29 Protuberance  
31 Harold Lloyd trademark  
34 Have a go at it from the bottom, maybe  
37 Father's Day gift  
38 Squad  
39 Look lecherously  
40 Bomb  
41 Gumbo base  
44 Hoop, pian  
45 Cautious solution  
46 — on a living  
47 Sapphire, e.g.

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

Yesterday's answer



CRYPTOQUIP

D X Q W B U S - G - P B U S  
E G U D Q W D A V G D V X G U  
Q P Q V D O B V Q P P E B D X  
G P B S X D U B U S O A W .  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: NO DOUBT, THE BIG, TALL BEACHCOMBER COULD BE CONSIDERED A LONG SHOREMAN.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: P equals L  
The Cryptoquip 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.

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