

Sport

Column One
SPORTS TALK

Pakistan put under pressure



SHEIKHUPURA. Pakistan, Oct 19: Adam Bacher missed his maiden century by just four runs but half-centuries by captain Hansie Cronje, Shaun Pollock and Lance Klusener helped South Africa to a first innings total of 402 against Pakistan on the third day of the second Test here today, reports Reuter.

Pakistan needing 253 to avoid a follow-on in the match which has been reduced to four days after a complete wash-out on the first day, had replied with 53 for one when poor light halted play 10 overs early.

Ali Naqvi, who made 115 in the drawn first Test at Rawalpindi, was on 30 and night-watchman Saqlain Mushtaq had yet to open his account after captain Saeed Anwar was bowled for 17 by off-spinner Pat Symcox in his second over.

The day, however, belonged to the visitors who took advantage of a placid pitch to thrill the holiday crowd at the local stadium with their splendid stroke play.

South Africa began the day at 154 for two with Bacher on 78 and Daryll Cullinan on one.

Pakistan had an immediate success when Cullinan, failing to add to his overnight score, was removed by off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq in his first over with Mohammad Wasim holding a bat-and-pad catch at

afternoon period and were dismissed on the stroke of tea.

The Pollock-Klusener partnership was broke by Azhar Mahmood, who was brought in first slip by Mohammad Wasim for 17 and then ended the splendid knock of Pollock, who was the last man out, caught near the long-off boundary by Ali Naqvi for 82.

The knock was Pollock's highest Test score, surpassing his previous best of 79 against India in the Johannesburg Test in January.

Mushtaq emerged as the most successful Pakistan bowler with four for 122 from a lengthy spell of 38 overs.



MUSHTAQ ... 4/122

for his first spell of the day. He trapped Klusener leg before wicket for 58.

Mahmood also knocked out debutant Mark Boucher's mid-

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the second Test between Pakistan and South Africa in Sheikhupura Sunday:

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings (overnight 152/2)				
Kluseen b Akram	56			
Bacher c Moin b Mushtaq	96			
McMillan c Moin b Mushtaq	7			
Cullinan c Moin b Saqlain	1			
Cronje c sub (Waqar) b Mushtaq	50			
Rhodes b Mushtaq	11			
Pollock c Naqvi b Rizvi	82			
Klusener lbw b Mahmood	58			
Boucher b Mahmood	6			
Symcox c Moin b Rizvi	17			
Adams not out	3			
Extras: (b-7, lb-3, nb-5)	15			
Total: (115.3 overs)	402			
Fall of wickets: 1-135; 2-152; 3-155; 4-179; 5-215; 6-252; 7-348; 8-356; 9-397; 10-402				
Bowling				
Akram	13	3	26	1
Mahmood	14	3	52	2
Mushtaq	38	12	122	4

Warne's no to counties

SYDNEY, Oct 19: Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne said he had turned down tempting offers to play in English county cricket next season so that he could spend more time with his baby daughter, report agencies.

Warne also said he was concerned that playing a season of county cricket might shorten his international career.

Although the offers were very, very tempting, in the end I decided that my interests would be best served by staying home with my wife Simone and baby daughter," Warne wrote in Melbourne's Sunday Age newspaper.

Warne, one of the sport's biggest names, was being chased by a number of counties but his agent withdrew from negotiations in the past few days county side Nottinghamshire said on Saturday.

Northamptonshire and Sussex were engaged in a triangular battle to woo Warne after his agent Austin Robertson indicated during the recent Ashes series that he was open to offers.

Warne informed the three counties on Saturday, through Robertson, that he would prefer to spend time at home.

"I have been in regular dialogue with his agent for several weeks now and he has decided not to come," said Mark Arthur, chief executive of Nottinghamshire, who were thought to be favourites for Warne's signature.

"It has nothing to do with pressure from the Australian Cricket Board, but because he wanted to spend some time with his family."

The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) reluctantly gave Warne permission to play county cricket in 1998 in mid-September.

The ACB said they had opted not to exercise their contractual right to refuse Warne permission to play in England despite fears that playing a full English season might lead to long-term injury problems.

The Sunday Age reported Warne had been considering offers to play 14 weeks of county cricket with either Nottinghamshire, Sussex or Northamptonshire.

The offers were in excess of 400,000 Australian dollars (292,000 US dollars), which would have made Warne the highest-paid player in English county cricket history, the newspaper said.

He said in September he was almost certain to accept one of the offers.

Australia have a heavy playing schedule in the coming 12 months facing New Zealand and South Africa in Tests and a triangular limited overs series over the southern summer.

Australia will then tour India in March for three Tests and Pakistan in September for a further three Tests.

"Playing a season of county cricket might have shortened my international career and I still have goals I want to achieve playing for Australia," Warne said.

He did not rule out the possibility of playing county cricket later in his career.

Haas-Santoro showdown

LYON, France, Oct 19: German teenager Tommy Haas will try to emulate compatriot Nicolas Pietrangeli when he meets Frenchman Fabrice Santoro in the 750,000 dollars Lyon Grand Prix final today, reports Reuter.

Haas, coached by tennis tycoon Nick Bollettieri, defeated former French Open champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 in Saturday's semifinals.

The victory, which cost Kafelnikov a berth in the forthcoming ATP Tour finals in Hanover, earned Haas a chance to win his first career title. Earlier this month, young compatriot Kiefer won his first ATP Tour tournament in Toulouse, also on French soil.

Ranked 67th in the world, Haas declined an invitation by Boris Becker to join Kiefer in his squad of young German talents.

Santoro, a long-time baseline player and ranked 42nd in the world, has worked hard on his serve and volley game this season to improve on hard courts.

It showed against seventh seed Mark Philippoussis who was dismissed 6-4, 6-2, the Australian losing the last five games in succession.



Thai team manager Tirachai Vutithum (C) is tossed up by his boys after the SEA Games football final against Indonesia in Jakarta on Oct 18. Thailand won 4-2 on penalties after 90 minutes produced a 1-1 draw.

Indonesia kings of the SEA

JAKARTA, Oct 19: Indonesia today reasserted themselves as the region's top sports power by winning the 19th South East Asian Games here, dethroning Thailand, reports AFP.

But the Games were tarnished by rioting from Indonesian soccer fans when their team lost to Thailand in a fierce match Saturday, complaints over the organisers' inefficiency, biased officiating and an inhospitable hometown crowd.

The skies were clear throughout the 10-day competition and gas masks brought in by many of the more than 4,000 athletes went unused as the haze sparked by forest fires in Sumatra did not blow into town.

The Games formally closed late today in a blaze of fireworks display, officials said.

With most of the medals already awarded today, Indonesia were in a commanding lead with 193 gold 101 silver and 111 bronze surpassing their target of 177 gold medals.

Dethroned overall champions Thailand were in a distant second with 83 gold, 96 silver and 77 bronze.

Malaysia fulfilled their vow to overtake the Philippines in third place with 54 gold, 67 silver and 76 bronze.

The Philippines third in the 1995 SEA Games in Chiang Mai, slipped to fourth place with 43 gold, 56 silver and 106 bronze following a medal drought in boxing which was swept by Indonesia.

While Indonesia upset defending champions Philippines 3-0 in men's softball, the Philippines had much to celebrate when the men's basketball team beat Malaysia 96-86 to reclaim their regional supremacy in the sport.

Vietnam dislodged Singapore in fifth place with 35 gold medals, 48 silver and 50 bronze, Singapore had 30 gold, 26 silver and 51 bronze to be in sixth overall.

The eight Burmese athletes who won gold for the country are to be rewarded with a car and an apartment, sources in the Burmese delegation said, they have 34 silver and 44 bronze.

Brunei had two silver medals and eight bronze while Laos and Cambodia had eight and seven bronze medals, respectively.

Six world junior records in weightlifting were set and scores of SEA Games records were shattered but the medals were well off Asian Games standards.

The hosts swept the medals in cycling and rowing but lost the most prestigious title — the football crown which went to Thailand.

The Thais won 4-2 in a penalty shootout that triggered a burning and car-smashing spree by frustrated soccer fans.

The Malaysians host of next year's Commonwealth Games ruled the tracks, winning 16 gold medals, seven silver and five bronze, Thailand were in close second with a total 15 gold, 18 silver and seven bronze.

Indonesia added two gold medals in the men's and women's marathon Sunday for a total haul of eight gold, eight silver and 13 bronze in athletics.

While the Philippines had three gold, four silver and three bronze.

Seventeen SEA Games records were shattered in athletics.

Thailand's men and women tankers led by Ravee Intraporn Udom Ratapong Sirisamont and Torlarp Sathosohn, and were kings and queens of the swimming pool where 13 new SEA Games records were set.

Indonesia bannered by Rita Mariani, Cathrine Surya and Richard Sam Bera swam off with nine gold medals against Thailand 12.

The Philippines Raymond Papa staged a show of his own by winning the gold in record setting fashion in the men's 200m and 100m backstroke but lost to Sam Bera in the 50m freestyle.

1995 Chiang Mai Games mermaid Josceline Yeo of Singapore took three swimming golds four medals off the Thailand Games when she swept all seven events she had entered in to earn the best female athlete award that year.

Rioting which took place after Thailand demolished In-

donesia's hopes of getting its first football gold medal in eight years punched a black eye on the hosts who had mobilised 2,500 policemen and soldiers to guard the match watched by about 200,000 people.

Complaints of inefficient organisation, sub par venues, pesky mosquitoes and leaking hotel facilities by athletes and journalists also marred the Games.

MEDALS TABLE
Final medals table from the 19th South East Asian Games:

Country	G	S	B
Indonesia	193	101	111
Thailand	83	96	77
Malaysia	54	67	76
Philippines	43	56	106
Vietnam	35	48	50
Singapore	30	26	51
Burma (Mya)	8	34	44
Brunei	-	2	8
Laos	-	-	7
Cambodia	-	-	6

Eves' hockey

COLOGNE, Oct 19: Germany's women's hockey team handed their English counterparts a 5-2 beating here on Saturday in the first of two first friendlies designed as warm-ups for next year's World Championship, reports AFP.

The teams will meet again in Cologne on Sunday.

Sunil Gavaskar

(Indian Cricketing great)
"Inzamamul Haq had to bear with the taunting unconnected to the game and the taunts were amplified by a megaphone. After bearing it for a while he reacted. What would you have done?"

On the Pakistani batsman's brawl with a spectator in Toronto.

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-81

✓ Tick the Correct Answers
Competition closes at 8 pm, Oct 31, '97

1 Who holds the women's 10,000m run world record?

Wang Utley Torrance

2 Who was the man-of-the-match in the Pakistan-South Africa first Test at Rawalpindi?

Saqlain Azhar

3 Who won the Heineken Open?

Courier Gustafsson Kiefer

4 Who lifted the Open FIDE rating title?

Za Rani Riffat

5 What was Bangladesh's position in the KL Sixes cricket tournament?

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Topalov changes his mind

MOSCOW, Oct 19: Bulgarian Grand Master Veselin Topalov has decided to compete in the revamped World Chess Championships set to begin in Groningen, the Netherlands, in mid-December, the Sport-Express daily said here Saturday, reports AFP.

Topalov, ranking fourth in the world, had earlier refused to play in the tournament pending a financial agreement with the World Chess Federation (FIDE), but recently he reached a deal with FIDE, the paper said.

Two leading Grand Masters have opted to stay away from the championships, which for the first time will consist of a knockout tournament — Russia's Garry Kasparov, the Professional Chess Association world champion, and former Soviet citizen Gata Kamsky, now based in the United States.

Reigning FIDE world champion Anatoly Karpov will join the championships at the final stage.

The final rounds of the championships, with five million dollars of prize money at stake, will be held in Lausanne, Switzerland.

TIMBRE: Pakistan skipper Saeed Anwar appears to have been cursing himself for the mistimed shot that cost his wicket while South African fielders rush to Pat the back of bowler Pat Symcox (not in the picture).

silky point.

Their next success was the wicket of Bacher who fell victim to the nervous 90s when in sight of his maiden Test hundred the 24-year-old Transvaal batsman survived one particular anxious over from leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmad when he was beaten at least three times.

The wily bowler eventually got him when the young batsman snicked a sharply turning delivery to Moin Khan behind the stumps.

Bacher batted with concentration and showed his promise by hitting 12 fours and a six in his 192-ball knock which was spread over 236 minutes.

He left at 179 and soon afterwards Pakistan gained another success at 215 when Jonty Rhodes was bowled round his legs by Mushtaq for 11.

Cronje was the fifth to go at 252 but not before he exhibited a wide range of attacking shots. He was severe on the three Pakistani spinners, twice lifting Mushtaq for big sixes, and repeated the shot against Ali Hussein Rizvi.

He was going for another big hit when he skied Mushtaq and Waqar Younis substituting for Inzamamul Haq, held a comfortable catch at mid-on.

Pollock and Klusener — the two all-rounders — further punished the Pakistani bowlers by adding 96 runs for the seventh wicket.

The South Africans added 131 in the morning session and went to lunch at 285 for six. They added further 117 in the

dle stump for six before Rizvi claimed his two first Test wickets.

He had Symcox caught at



SAQLAIN 32 7 120 1
Rizvi 18.3 1 72 2

PAKISTAN: First innings

Naqvi not out 30
Anwar b Symcox 17
Saqlain not out 0
Extras: (b-4, nb-2) 6
Total: (for 1 wicket) 53

Fall of wicket: 1-53

Bowling (to date) O M R W

Pollock 7 1 35 0
Klusener 6 1 14 0
Adams 2 2 0 0
Symcox 2 2 0 1

'Cine soccer'

PARIS, Oct 19: Would-be World Cup punters who fail to land tickets for next summer's French jamboree need not despair — they will be able to sit in a town square and watch the action on giant television screens, reports AFP.

Organisers agreed the plan to erect the screens in major towns after consulting the Ministry for Sport and Youth as well as broadcasters and FIFA.

The costs of installing the outdoor 'cine-soccer' is estimated at around 8,000 dollars per night or 160,000 dollars for the month-long tournament.

ROK rout Uzbekistan

TASHKENT, Oct 19: South Korea thrashed Uzbekistan 5-1 (halftime 3-0) in their World Cup Asian Group B qualifier on Saturday, reports Reuter.

12:00 World Cinema: Martha 15 (English Subtitles) 2:00 Film Club: My Own Private Idaho 18 (Arabic Subtitles) 4:00 Film Club: The Doors 18 5:30 Action: Bloodst 15

STAR SPORTS

12:00 Pakistan vs S Africa, 2nd Test, Day 3 — H/Ls 1:00 Live National Football League 97/98 3:30 XIX Sea Games 7:30 SBK World Superbikes Championship 9:00 Pakistan vs S Africa, 2nd Test, Day 3 — H/Ls 10:00 Live Pakistan vs S Africa, 2nd Test, Day 4 — 1st Session 12:00 Asia Sports Show 12:40 Live Pakistan vs S Africa, 2nd Test, Day 4 — 2nd Session 5:00 Table Tennis ITTF China Open 1997 - 1st/2nd 7:00 XIX Asia Games 11:00 Trans World Sport

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Film Club: The Impossible Spy 15 9:30 Action: Soldier Boyz 15 11:30 Comedy: Alien Nation: Body and Soul 15 3:30 Classic: The Boys in Blue 12 5:30 Adventure: Remo Williams - Unarmed and Dangerous 15 7:30 Comedy: Speed Zone! 15 9:30 This Week That Year 10:00 Comedy: Miracles PG

PTV

08:00am TILAWAT AUR TARJUMA/ HAMD/NAAT 08:20 CARTOON 08:30 KHABRAIN 08:45 Abh Pata Challa 09:05 KHAT FARMAISH 09:20 Sargam Sargam 09:45 ILAAJ

EL TV

07:00 Yendon Ki Barar 07:30 Haseen Pal (Trailer Show) 07:40 Sur Tal 08:20 Baja Darpan (Trailer Show) 08:30 Junglee Tootan Tyre Puncture

The Daily Star TV Guide

Monday 20th October (All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programme) BBC 6:00 am BBC World News 6:30 World Living: Top Gear 7:00 BBC World News: World Business Report 8:00 BBC World News: World Focus: Correspondent 11:00 BBC World News: World Focus: Correspondent 12:30 BBC World News: World Focus: Correspondent 2:00 BBC World News: World Focus: Correspondent 3:00 BBC World News: World Focus: Correspondent 4:00 BBC World News: World Focus: Correspondent 5:00 BBC World News: World Focus: Correspondent 6:00 BBC World News: World Focus: Correspondent 7:00 BBC World News: World Focus: Correspondent 8:00 BBC World News: World Focus: Correspondent 9:00 BBC World News: World Focus: Correspondent 10:00 BBC World News: World Focus: Correspondent 11:00 BBC World News: World Focus: Correspondent 12:00 BBC World News: World Focus: Correspondent 1:00 BBC World News: World Focus: Correspondent 2:00 BBC World News: World Focus: Correspondent 3:00 BBC World News: World Focus: Correspondent 4:00 BBC World News: World Focus: 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