over. But it was his more illus-

trious new-ball partner Sai-

fuddin doing most of the ravage

when he claimed the next three

wickets, including the prized

scalp of former Pakistan Test

cap Manzoor Akhter who fell

ant 64 and Ziaur Rashid, who

scored a patient 57 off 84 balls,

however, tried to mend the

early damage, putting on 72

runs for the sixth wicket. But

once Faruque, who hammered

Faruque Ahmed with a defi-

for only nine.

padded up to a straight delivery from Mushtaq. South Africa

had lost three wickets in five

overs and were in deep trouble

Pollock put on 53 for the sixth

wicket before both men were out

shortly before tea. Pollock was

caught at square leg off Azhar

Mahmood for 21, Hudson edged

an attempted cut against

Mushtaq into his stumps after

making 33 off 64 balls with five

brought back into the side as a

middle-order batsman, took 30

minutes and 16 balls to score

his first run. He was dropped on

eight when he drove Shoaib to

cover, where Ijaz Ahmed could

not hold a difficult overhead

LATEST

Pakistan were 106 for four at

the close of play on the second

day of the first Test against

South Africa at the Wanderers

had taken one for 19 off 14

overs before Hudson hit him for

three boundaries in one over.

He bowled unchanged for 22

overs in his first spell, taking

three for 54, he finished the day

SCOREBOARD

the second day of the first

cricket Test between South

Africa and Pakistan at the

nings (overnight 296-8)

Kirsten c Mahmood b Wagar

Kallis c M Wasim b S Akhtar

Pollock c Mushtag b Mahmood

Boucher c M Wasim b Saglain

Symocx c S Akhtar b Saglain

Extras: (b-2, lb-21, w-4, nb-7)

Fall of wickets: 1-14; 2-56; 3-

86; 4-91; 5-96; 6-149; 7-157; 8-

Bacher lbw b Wagar

Cullinan b Wagar

Hudson b Mushtag

Gibbs lbw b Mushtag

Klusener b Mushtag

Total: (104.2 overs)

Donald not out

166; 9-361.

Bowling:

S Akhtar

Mahmood

Mushtag

Waqar

SOUTH AFRICA: First in-

Scoreboard Sunday at tea on

Mushtaq bowled well and

today, reports Reuters.

with three for 66.

Wanderers:

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 15:

Hudson, a former opener

Andrew Hudson and Shaun

at 96 for five.

chance.

Div I cricket

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

GOPIBAGH FRIENDS: 175 for 9 wickets in 50 overs (Shamim 40. Hasanuzzaman; Nakib 4/32, Rajinder Singh 2/28) SADHARAN BIMA: 177 for 3 wickets in 32.1 overs (Kamal

Ahmed 83 not out, Mizanur Rahman 38) Result: Sadharan Bima won by 7 wickets.

Opener Kamal Ahmed hammered a swashbuckling unbeaten half century to propel Sadharan Bima to a facile seven-wicket win over Gopibagh Friends Association in a First Division Super league match at the Dhanmondi

Cricket Stadium yesterday. Kamal smashed a gutsy 83 off 94 balls as Sadharan Biman, chasing a modest Gopibagh total of 175 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs, raced on to amass 177 for three in

only 32.1 overs. The young stroke-maker. who featured in 102 runs for the second wicket with Mizanur Rahman, clouted eight fours in his undefeated vigil at the crease. Mizan, who played the perfect foil at the other end after Sadharan Bima had lost their other opener Mashiur for 15, chipped in with 38.

Earlier, batting first, the Gopibagh outfit got off to a harrowing start, losing seven wickets for only 96 runs before their two tail-enders Saiful Islam and Shamim pulled them out of the mire to reach a fighting total.

Together, the two produced 60 runs for the eighth wicket before skipper Saiful departed for a gritty 22. Shamim, coming into bat at number nine, scored a 42-ball 40 before becoming the fourth victim of Bimais new-ball bowler Nakib, who finished with four for 32 in his 10 niggling overs.

Windies 131 for five

Sports Reporter

West Indies were 131 for five in their second innings fifteen minutes into the post-lunch period on the third day of the third Test against England at Queen's Park Oval, Trinidad yesterday.

The Windies have a lead of 145 runs.

Resuming on overnight 71 for two, West Indies lost the wickets of nightwatchman Kenny Benjamin (1), Brian Lara (47) and Carl Hooper (5) before lunch.

Angus Fraser has taken three wickets.

Canterbury hang on

TIMARU, New Zealand, Feb 15: Canterbury gave themselves a slim chance of saving the four-day cricket match against Zimbabwe with a stubborn batting performance on the third day at Timaru today, reports Reuters.

Resuming their second innings at one for one Canterbury batted 114 overs for 213 runs. losing just four wickets in the process.

At 214 for five at stumps, Canterbury still trial Zimbabwe by 108 runs but have five wickets in hand and only one day to play.

Canterbury captain Craig Cumming led the spirited fightback with gritty knock of 86 and Harley James marked his maiden first-class appearance with an unbeaten 50.

James, 19, took 301 minutes to reach 50 and give the home team a glimmer of hope.

Zimbabwe skipper Alistair Campbell, who scored a careerbest 196 in the tourist's first innings of 422 for eight declared. was clearly frustrated at his team's lack of progress during the day.

"This is the flatest deck I've seen in my life," Campball said," if a batsman is prepared to play straight and not take any risks it is virtually impossible to remove him.'

Campbell said the positive aspect of the day's play was that spinners Adam Huckle, Paul Strang and Andy Whittall all had long spells in preparation for the First Test match against New Zealand, starting in Wellington on Thursday.

An all-Spanish affair in Dubai

DUBAI. Feb 15: Spain's Felix Mantilla overcame cramp to beat Wayne Ferreira on Saturday and win a place in the final of the one million dollars Dubai Open, reports Reuters.

The sixth seed hobbled between points to clinch a thrilling 7-6, 4-6, 6-4 victory in two hours and 20 minutes.

Mantilla, ranked 15th in the world, meets fourth seeded compatriot Alex Corretia in today's final. Corretia was almost flawless iff his 6-3, 6-3 semifinal victory over top seed Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden.

Mantilla and Ferreira traded breaks in the first set before Mantilla opened up a 6-0 tie-break lead, but Ferreira amazingly levelled at 6-6 then squandered two set points of his own before Mantilla scrambled

home on his ninth set point. The South African took the second set and looked to have the advantage as Mantilla had

treatment on his thighs. But the Spaniard, cheered by a sympathetic crowd, got a decisive break to lead 3-2 and set up

his victory. The Corretja-Bjorkman semi turned out to be a time affair with the fourth seed knocking holes into the defence of the Swede with powerful play from the baseline.

Shahriar & Saifuddin shine for Brothers' emphatic win

Biman lose, yet qualify

Sports Reporter

Brothers at 176 for four. The

lithe right-hander clubbed one

four in his workmanlike in-

nings.
After those two quick dis-

A brilliant half-century by sixes overs long on off Bimanis Pakistani tweaker Iqbal Imam opener Shahriar Hossain foland right-arm slow medium lowed by a fiery bowling spell by national right-arm seamer Athar Ali in a chanceless in-Saifuddin Ahmed gave Brothers nings, fell to a direct Ziaur fling Union an impressive 38-run win over Bangladesh Biman in from gully in the 40th over. On the other hand, Sanwar, a crucial Premier Division who was one run short of his cricket league match at the fifty, was undone by an accurate throw from mid-wicket, leaving

Dhaka Stadium yesterday.
Shahriar scored a flowing 76 off 92 balls as Brothers, batting first, piled up a huge total of 245 for eight in their share of 50 overs. In reply, Bangladesh Bi-



man could muster only 207 for seven in the face of some highly commendable bowling from Saifiuddin, who ripped through the top Biman order to finish with three for 22 runs in his eight venomous overs.

Brothers were off to a fine start with Shahriar and Ehsanul Haq producing 72 runs in 15.1 overs before the latter departed after scoring an aggressive 43 off 55 balls, which included five hits across the



SHAHRIAR... 76

Ehsan, a member of the Plate-winning youth team in South Africa, was caught and bowled by Biman skipper Ziaur Rashid. After the fall of Ehsan, Brothers received another blow when one-down Jahangir Alam returned for a duck, nicking a Shariful off-spinner into the safe hands of Biman wicketkeeper Atiar.

But then came the most enterprising part of the Brothersi innings when Sanwar joined forces with Sahriar to feature in a 103-run third wicket alliance before both fell victims to sad run outs in successive deliveries.

Sahriar, who smote two huge

Former national skipper Faruque Ahmed of Biman tries to glance a delivery from Brothers' Indian recruit Sanjeev Sharma during their Janakantha Premier Division league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. - Star photo

missals, former Indian Test player Sanjeev Sharma scored a breezy 34 off 30 balls and veteran Pakistani all-rounder Zahid Ahmed hammered a quickfire 20 off 18 balls to ensure Brothers reaching a commend-

able total Biman, in their chase, were off to a terrible start losing half their wickets for only 57 runs

on the board. Young right-arm seamer Shanewaz Kabir made the early in-roads by dismissing discarded national opener Athar

half a dozen fours in his polished 114-ball knock, was run out, it was all over for the national airline outfit.

It was Brothersi eighth win in their penultimate match of the first phase in the 12-team league. Biman, meanwhile, completed their disappointing first phase campaign with six wins against five defeats. Although they finished at par with Wari Club, they guaranteed for themselves a squeaky passage into the six-team Super league on the basis of a better run-rate.

Steve's plea to selectors

Ali for naught in the very first



MELBOURNE, Feb 15: Australian one-day cricket skipper Steve Waugh urged the selectors today not to chop and

change his team after mixed results in the four-match limited-over series in New Zealand, reports AFP.

The team returned today from the 10-day tour with Waugh admitting frustration at the inconsistent performances of his side. But he said the side was get-

ting well and the injury-enforced absence of key players was a big factor in their up-anddown form. Australia thumped New

Zealand in the first two limitedover games but lost the next two, losing by 30 runs in Auckland Saturday to split the series.

"The first two games in New Zealand were perfect, we couldn't have played any better and the second half we didn't play too well," said Waugh.

"We have played some excellent cricket, in between that we've played some iffy stuff. like the last couple of games in New Zealand were disappointing and some of the games in

Australia," he said. "But I think we are coming together as a team and the guys



STEVE WAUGH are getting used to each other and enjoy playing one-day

cricket. "So I just hope that the selectors stick with a bunch of cricketers and don't chop and change too much now because the guys are getting to know each other and I think there is potential for a very good oneday side there.

He said the hamstring injury he suffered as a result of his

controversial mid-wicket collision with New Zealand bowler Dion Nash Saturday would take up to 10 days to heal but should not be a problem for the tour to India. Waugh said he would get his

injury iced today and consult with a physiotherapist tomorrow. "I would think it would be seven to 10 days and a should be right. It does not seem to be that bad, but it is an inconvenience at the moment."

The Australians leave later this week for a three-Test tour of India and the one-day side is expected to re-assemble for a limited-over tri-series there is April against India and Zimbabwe.

Waugh pointed out injuries had deprived the team of strike bowlers Glenn McGrath, Jason Gillespie and Shane Warne at times in the season.

But that had given others their chance, and recalled offspinner Gavin Robertson had shown he was good enough to

play at that level. Waugh apart, there was also an injury query over paceman Michael Kasprowicz who travelled here today to be checked by an Australian Cricket Board doctor. He tweaked his hamstring on Thursday while playing for Queensland in the Sheffield Shield match against Tasmania in Hobart.



Daniela Bartova soars over the bar on her way to creating a new world pole vault record at an indoor athletics meet in Prague on Feb 14. Bartova cleared 4.43 metres. - AP/UNB photo

Shocking indeed!

Sports Reporter The hopes of introducing longer version matches in the domestic cricket this year suffered a severe blow as the chiefs of Dhaka clubs decided to put the plan for the much-

needed change into the fridge. In a meeting yesterday, the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) opted to stick with the format of oneday matches in the Super league of the Premier cricket instead of two-day games. which was planned by the organisers prior to the start of season.

The ominous move by the representatives of different city clubs will definitely hinder Bangladesh's bid for Test status.

It was learnt that the CCDM decided to put implementation of the much-sought plan to rest in a bid to accommodate the forthcoming tours of the national cricket team to Pakistan and India, where they will feature in two oneday tournaments.

The Wills Cup in Pakistan will begin from March 15. The cricketers are scheduled to feature in the Indian meet soon after their Pakistani

But the dubious decision of the CCDM to cut short the domestic calendar kicked up row among the cricket buffs. For no more than 30 players, who are likely to avail the tours, the organisers decided to curtail a proceedings participated by hundreds of cricketers.

"The clubs are reluctant to introduce longer version of the game, fearing that it would be proved costly for them. The Bangladesh Cricket Board should hold sway over the clubs. Unfortunately, it is the other way round here," remarked a concerned organiser in the board.

BU-BIMAN SCORECARD

BROTHERS UNION Shahriar run out Ehsan c&b Ziaur Jahangir c Atiar b Shariful Sanwar run out Zahid c Ziaur b Shariful Sanjeeb c&b Athar K Mahmud Ibw b Shariful Wahidul c Shariful b Athar Mustadir not out Shahnewaz not out Extras: (lb-7, w-5)

Total: (for 8 wkts in 50 overs) Fall of wkts: 1/72; 2/73; 3/176; 4/176; 5/214; 6/226; 7/242; 8/243.

Bowling Mofizur 50 Ziaur Rashid 10 Athar Ali Saleh Ahmed Saidul Islam 8 Shariful Haq 10 Iqbal Imam 5 BANGLADESH BIMAN

Athar c Ehsan b Shahnewaz Atiar c Ehsan b Saifuddin Mansoor c Jahangir b Saifuddin Faruque run out Iqbal Imam Ibw b Saifuddin Hasanuzzaman c Shahriar b K Mahmud Ziaur Rashid not out Mofizur c K Mahmud b Sanwar

Saleh not out Extras: (b-1, lb-9, nb-3, w-23) Total: (for 7 wickts in 50 overs) 207 Fall of wkts: 1/0; 2/20; 3/29; 4/41; 5/75; 6/147; 7/193 OMR Bowling

Shahnewaz 22 Saifuddin 19 K Mahmud S Sharma 11 Zahid Ahmed 32 32 Sanwar 26 Mustadir 0 14 Ehsanul Result: Brothers won by 7

wickets. Rakib run

continues

Bangladesh national junior champion Abdullah Al Rakib earned a sensational victory over Indian national champion IM Avhijit Kunte in the tenth round of the Goodrick International chess tournament in Calcutta Gurki Sadhan, reports UNB.

Rakib moved into third place of the prestigious Indian meet securing 6.5 points, according to a message received by Chess Federation yesterday.

Earlier, Rakib earned a norm for International Master title on Saturday beating Indian Grand Master Praveen Mahadev Thipsey in the ninth round.

Another Bangladeshi IM Ziaur Rahman, who was in second position on Saturday having six points from nine ties, lost to English Grand Master Jonathan Speelman in the round.

Mugging in SA Police probe

faces problem JOHANNESBURG, Feb 15: South African police probing the mugging of two key Pakistani cricketers say their work is being hampered as they cannot get access to the players, the Sunday Times reported here,

reports AFP. Police spokesman Andy Pieke said statements were not taken from Mohammad Akram and Saglain Mushtag on Wednesday, the night the two were attacked at knifepoint in the upmarket suburb of Sand-ton and robbed of 60 rand (12 dollars).

Police returned to the Pakistani team's hotel the next day to interview Akram and Saglain but were told the two they were on mediation, Pieke



Scene from the first round of the 19th national women's chess qualifiers at the National Sports Council yesterday. - Star photo

Symcox-Boucher pair sets world record

Tourists in deep trouble



JOHANNESBURG, Feb 15 (AP/AFP): Pakistan were 91 for four when rain brought an early end to the second day's play of the first Test against South Africa at the

Wanderers today. One down Ijaz Ahmed was batting on 24 while wicketkeeper Moin Khan was not out on nought.

Earlier, Pat Symcox hit a brilliant 108 and shared a world record ninth-wicket stand with Mark Boucher as South Africa scored 364 in their first innings. Boucher, who hit a defiant

78 runs more than four hours, shared 195 runs with Symcox as the pair hit South Africa out of trouble from 166 for eight. Symcox's maiden Test century in his 17th Test is only the

third century by a No. 10 batsman in Test history. The other two batsmen were Englishman W W Reid, who scored 117 against Australia at The Oval in 1884, and Australian Reggie Duff, with 104 against England in Melbourne in 1902.

The ninth-wicket stand broke the previous world record of 190 between the Pakistani pair of Asif Iqbal and Intikhab Alam against England at The Oval in 1967.

Symcox's and Boucher frustrated the Pakistani attack for 14 minutes under four hours to give the innings some respectability. Symcox, 37, began in bel-

ligerent style, hitting fast bowler Wagar Younis and Shoaib Akhtar for 39 runs in seven overs before spin was introduced. Symcox reached his century

with a single, then punched the air and kissed the South African crest on the helmet and saluted the standing ovation. The right hander eventually holed out to mid-on after hit-

ting 17 boundaries. Boucher, 21, the youngest member of the side taking over for the retired Dave Richardson at wicketkeeper, hit his highest Test score off 161 balls. His innings included nine boundaries

and a six. Younis finished with 3-80 and leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed, who didn't bowl before lunch, had figures of 3-66.

Off-spinner Saglain Mushtag picked up the last two wickets for 47 runs. On Saturday, the pair res-

cued the hosts with an unbeaten

Harunur Rashid MP (L) and Ishtiaque Ahmed Karen, the

newly elected president and general secretary of the

Sports Federation General Secretary Forum. —Star photo

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130-run partnership after Waqar and Mushtaq reduced the Proteas to 166 for eight. The home side were 296 for eight when bad light stopped

play after 84.2 overs. frontation with Shoaib Akhtar,

Symcox, summoned to a meeting with match referee John Reid after a verbal conwas 77 not out off 105 balls with 13 fours.

SYMCOX ... 108

Shoaib was also called to the meeting with Reid, together with both captains, after Reid indicated the two players had ignored his pre-match instruc-

tions on "sledging". Boucher hit 50 not out off 96 balls with four fours and a six. With Waqar and Mushtaq both taking three wickets, it seemed the gamble by stand-in captain Aamir Sohail to put the South Africans into bat had paid off. Then Boucher and Symcox took over.

Sohail surprisingly gave the hosts first use of what appeared a good batting pitch on a hot. sunny day. Wagar dismissed South African captain Gary Kirsten,

like Sohail leading his side in a Test match for the first time. Adam Bacher and Darvll Culli-Bacher made a confident 46 off 94 balls with nine fours, before being trapped lbw by Waqar

in the third over after lunch. Cullinan, recalled to the side after being dropped during the recent series in Australia, was starting to bat well when he missed an extravagant backfoot drive against a ball from Wagar which cut back sharply.

Saglain

PAKISTAN: First innings Anwar c Cullinan b Donald Sohail c Boucher b Pollock When Herschells Gibbs ljaz not out M Wasim c Boucher b Klusener Inzamam b Klusener Moin not out Extras: (b-4, nb-6) Total: (for four wkts in 28 overs) 106 Fall of wkts: 1-15; 2-15; 3-87; To bat: Azhar Mahmood, Saqlain Mushtaq, Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed, Shoaib Akhtar. Bowling: Donald

Pollock

Klusener

(In our yesterday's issue it was published that the 130-run 9th wicket partnership between Symcox and Boucher was just seven runs short of the world record. In fact, it was the alltime South African record which the pair broke today. The

error is regretted. — SE)

CRYPTOQUIP

MTJPTAAXO VXZXWJNANXR EZTOX QXRVJNWXQ CNPYA WX ER QXMECXQ Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HEAR ABOUT THE PETU-LANT CIRCUS ACROBAT? HE HAD A CHAP ON HIS

SHOULDER. Today's Cryptoquip clue: M equals F

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one 53 A Bobbsey 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.