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1 Who won the fourth United Insurance International Masters' chess title? 2 How many ODI centuries have been scored by Pakistan opener Saad Anwar? 3 Who keeps wicket for South Africa? 4 Emerging tennis star Anna Kournikova is from...

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SPORTS TALK



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Real blow

MADRID, Mar 15: Russian Vladimir Bestchastnykh scored with seven minutes remaining to give lightly regarded Racing a 2-2 draw with Real Madrid on Saturday, dealing another blow to the title chances of the 27-time league champions, reports AFP.

The draw, which comes one week after a 3-0 loss to Barca was expected to spark new calls for the dismissal of German coach Juup Heynckes.

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BCB go down in Wills Cup opener

Minhazul glows in vain

Sports Reporter



The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) got off to a disappointing start in the Pakistan Wills Cup when virtually the national team conceded a six-wicket defeat at the hands of Habib Bank in the tournament's opener at the UBL Complex in Karachi yesterday.

Minhazul Abedin Nannu celebrated his recall to the national side with a dazzling half-century as BCB XI, sent into bat by the home captain Salim Malik, piled up a moderate 213 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs. But Habib Bank, who won the trophy six times in its 17-year history, raced on to score 217 for four in 45.3 overs with the former Pakistan skipper Salim Malik notching an unbeaten 42 off 50 balls.

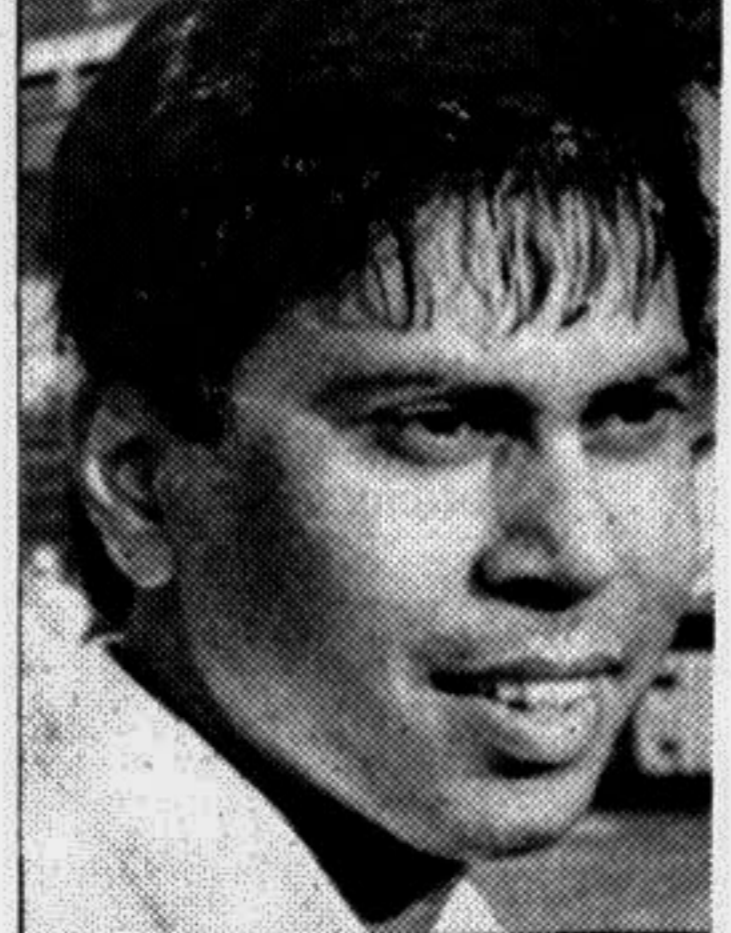
The visitors, already maimed without their skipper Akram Khan, had to bargain for more problems than the demoralising defeat when opener Shaharir Hossain injured his collar bone while fielding in the covers. The young right-hander, who scored one on the day, is likely to avail the next available flight back home following an X-ray report which confirmed a hair-line fracture. To add to the anguish of manager Gazi Ashraf, Safiuddin Ahmed, the new-ball partner of Hasibul, is destined to miss the next match against Bhawalpur tomorrow after having sustained a hand injury.

Contrary to the insubstantial injury list, the high point in the match for BCB XI was a brilliant 71 by Minhazul Abedin. Coming into bat at number three with Bangladesh unsettled at nine for one, the experienced right-hander put behind the looming speculation of his weakness against quality attack when he shared 70 runs with the second wicket with a doughty Javed Omar.

Javed scored a painstaking 17 off 60 balls. But Minhazul, who had a wonderful domestic season, then found a wily partner in his captain Aminul Islam to guide BCB XI to 129 before slow left-armed Nadim

Gouri ended the 96-ball vigil of the former national skipper. Aminul Islam, leading the side in the absence of Akram, the burly national captain who withdrew at the eleventh hour to stay beside his ailing sister in Chittagong, chipped in with a put on 101 runs for the third wicket to guide Habib Bank close to the winning mark.

Opener Shakil scored a defiant 63 off 105 balls and Adil proved useful with an enterprising 57 off 76 deliveries. Salim Malik then came up with an unbeaten 42 to throttle Habib Bank to an easy win without further damage.



MINHAZUL ... 71

56-ball 32. Naimur made an useful 25. But it was the brief blitzkrieg from number ten batsman Hasibul, who clouted a couple of sixes and a boundary in his four-ball 16 to help Bangladesh cross the 200-mark.

But the visitors, who lost wickets at regular intervals, never looked comfortable against some class bowling from the bankers, who had three seamers in Kabir Khan, Sajid Shah and Naved Anjum. Besides, they had two recognised tweakers in Nadim Gouri and Akram Raja. Both had earlier done the Pakistan cap.

BCB XI, in their defence, got off to an inspiring start when Hasibul removed opener Tariq Rashid (5), leaving Habib Bank at 11 for one. Things turned doubly inspiring for the Bangladeshis when Khaleed Mahmud dismissed one-down Mujahid Jamsheer for 11 and Habib Bank were on 48 for two. But BCB's success for the day was restricted to that point as Shakil Ahmed and Farhan Adil

SCOREBOARD

BCB XI: Shahriar c A Raja b Kabir Khan 1, Javed Omar run out 17, Minhazul c & b Nadim Gouri 71, Aminul b S Malik 32, Al-Shahriar lbw b S Malik 7, Naimur c Taher b Sajid 25, K Mahmud c Kabir Khan b A Raja 9, Rafiqe c Asadullah b Sajid 4, K Masood not out 1, Hasibul c S Malik b A Raja 16, Saifiuddin not out 0, Extras: (fb-4, nb-2, w-24) 30. Total: (for 9 wickets in 50 overs) 213.

HAIBIB BANK: Shakil Ahmed c Aminul b Naimur 63, T Rashid c & b Hasibul 5, M Jamsheer c Saifiuddin b K Mahmud 11, F Adil c K Masood b Rafiqe 57, Salim Malik not out 42, Naved Anjum not out 7, Extras: (fb-3, lb-5, nb-4, w-20) 32. Total: (for four wickets in 45.3 overs) 217. Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-48; 3-149; 4-194.

Abdullah's 4 sends Ajax to the fore

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

AJAX SC: 183 all out in 48.3 overs (Rezwanul Islam 64, Anisur Rahman 42, Omar Sharif 36, Murad Khan 3/27, Ariful Islam 2/21). WARI CLUB: 150 all out in 47.2 overs (Ariful 43, Sajib Das 29, Abdullah 4/31). Result: Ajax SC won by 33 runs.

Amin Abdullah with a four-wicket burst bowled Ajax SC to a 33-run win over Wari Club in a crucial match of the Janakantha Premier Division Relegation League at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Bowling with venom, Abdullah ripped through the Wari top order to finish with four for 31, as Ajax, defending a modest total of 183, bundled out the Motijheel ensemble for 150 in 47.2 overs. Wari were off to a horrible start when they were reduced to 37 for four in the face of some fired up bowling from Abdullah, never recovering despite a valiant effort from middle-order opener, who scored a gritty 43.

England 87/0. England were 87 for no loss at lunch on the penultimate day of the fifth Test against West Indies in Barbados yesterday. Captain Michael Atherton and Alec Stewart went about building on the 141-run lead established on Saturday. Stewart was unbeaten on 43 and Atherton 40 respectively.

Prasad's million dollar question

JAMSHEDPUR, Mar 15: Speedstar Venkatesh Prasad has said that he is fully fit and finding no problem in bowling as well as throwing from the deep. He said he doesn't understand why he is not being considered for the national team.

England 87/0

Asked why he was not among the wickets, the medium-pace bowler who was here to play for the India-A against the visiting Australians said, "I am satisfied with my bowling. It's bad luck that I am not getting enough wickets." Prasad, who suffered a shoulder injury in Colombo after a fall in June last year, said that the medical treatment in Australia had done him enormous good.

First meeting of the Rs

INDIAN WELLS, California, Mar 15: Greg Rusedski and Marcelo Rios, the runners-up at the last two Grand Slam tournaments, posted straight set victories Saturday to reach the final of the ATP Tour Championships.

Rios, who fell to Petr Korda in the Australian Open final in January, shrugged off a rain delay of two hours and four minutes to oust American upstart Jan-Michael Gambill 7-6, 6-3.

Flower flusters Pakistan

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Mar 15 (Reuters/AFP/AP): Pakistan, in reply to Zimbabwe's first innings total of 321, were 77 for one at the close of play on the second day of the first Test at Queen's Sports Club today.

Waqaar Younis grabbed five wickets for 106. The Zimbabwean innings was built around an unbeaten 156 by opener Grant Flower.

Grant, who scored 201 not out last time Zimbabwe played a Test against Pakistan, looked like he was doing it again at lunch.

Flower reached 114 and has led Zimbabwe to a good recovery position of 228-6 after a disastrous start. Despite the best efforts of Waqaar and Azhar Mahmood in particular, the Pakistan visitors captured the solitary wicket of Test debutante Trevor Madondo on Sunday morning, who added only three to his overnight 11.

SCOREBOARD

ZIMBABWE: First innings. G Flower not out 156, Viljoen c Latif b Waqaar 0, Goodwin c Latif b Waqaar 0, Campbell c Latif b Azhar 15, A Flower c Latif b Shoaib 44, G Whittall lbw b Waqaar 14, Madondo c Inzamam b Waqaar 14, Streak c Ijaz b Azhar 53, P Strang c Inzamam b Shoaib 2, A Whittall c Latif b Azhar 17, Mbanga c Latif b Waqaar 0, Extras: (b-3, lb-13, w-2, nb-1) 19. Total: (All out in 122.2 overs) 321. Fall of wickets: 1-9; 2-15; 3-38; 4-115; 5-123; 6-159; 7-268; 8-272; 9-321; 10-321.

Schools h'ball

Viqarunnisa Noon, Maghbazar Girls' High, Dhanmondi Govt Girls' High and Scholastica have emerged group champions to reach semifinals of Bata schools girls' handball tournament yesterday, reports UNB.

In the first semifinal today, Group A champions Viqarunnisa will take on Group D winners Scholastica at 3 pm at Dhanmondi Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex. In the second encounter, Group B winners Maghbazar Girls' High will face Group C champions Dhanmondi Government Girls' High at 4 pm.

Azhar 36 18 56 3, Shoaib 27 6 83 2, Saqlain 30 1 60 0, Anwar 1 1 0 0.

PAKISTAN: 1st innings. Anwar c A Flower b G Whittall 33, Naqvi not out 24, Ijaz not out 16, Extras: (lb-4) 4.

WAQAR ... 5 for 106. Total: (for one wkt) 77. Fall of wicket: 1-58.

Bowling: O M R W. Streak 28 8 28 0, Mbanga 5 2 10 0, A Whittall 4 1 12 0, G Whittall 7 3 12 1, P Strang 6 3 11 0.

Artur retains WBO belt

HAMBURG, Germany, Mar 15: German-based Artur Grigorian retained his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) light-weight title here Saturday when he stopped Marco Rudolph in the sixth-round of a scheduled twelve-round contest, reports AFP.

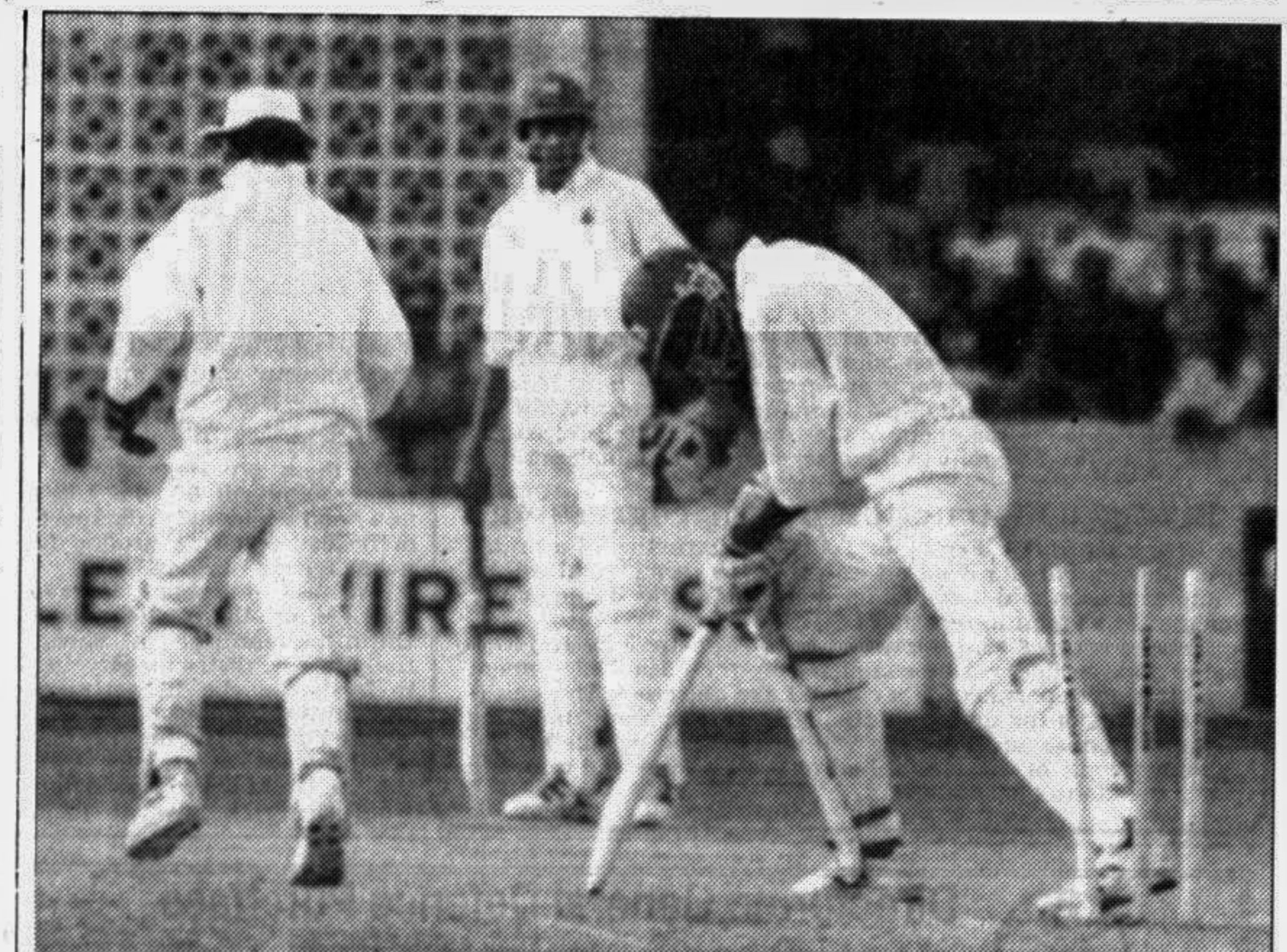
The 30-year-old Grigorian, who holds and Armenian passport, dominated the fight from the first bell. He shook Rudolph in the sixth by landing with an explosive right hand to the challenger's face.

American referee Bill Conors immediately moved in to call a halt and the 27-year-old Rudolph needed to be evacuated from the ring on a stretcher.

It was Grigorian's fifth successful defence of the title.



Deputy Commissioner Faridpur AKM Abdul Haq being introduced to the players during the inaugural function of the third Charlilm Smriti Gold Cup cricket tournament at the Faridpur Stadium yesterday. Sixteen teams — eight local and eight invited districts — are taking part in the competition. Former national cricket captain Roquibul Hassan was present. — Star photo



VICTIM OF POOR JUDGEMENT: Curtly Ambrose of West Indies looks back in disbelief as the appeal for a stumping against him is surprisingly upheld by the third umpire although TV replays apparently proved inconclusive on the third day of the fifth Test against England in Barbados on Mar 14. — AP/UNB photo

Slow going at Barbados

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Mar 15: Mike Atherton's clever use of his bowlers and intelligent field-placing restricted the West Indies to 262 in their first innings reply to England's 403 in the fifth Test here Saturday, reports AFP.

And the England skipper appeared to have avoided potential disciplinary action over an obscene gesture he was alleged to have made on the pitch on Friday.

The day's play left England holding a lead of 143 with all their second wickets standing after Atherton and Alec Stewart launched England's return to the crease by hitting two runs off the last two overs of the day's play. England's hopes of levelling the six-Test series at 2-2 were boosted by some marvelously disciplined English bowling — and also by some over-casual shots from the home batsmen.

Atherton, however, had started the day under a cloud. When play resumed he was accused of flashing an obscene gesture at West Indies opener Philo Wallace on Friday after Dean Headley had won a vigorous

personal duel to get him out lbw on the second evening. Television pictures, and photos published in a national newspaper, appeared to support claims that the England skipper raised two fingers at Wallace.

But England's tour manager Bob Bennett dismissed the matter. Both chairman of selectors David Graveney and Lord MacLaurin, the England Cricket Board chairman, said they could not comment without seeing the substance of the allegations.

More photographic or television evidence could yet be unearthed, however, and like the Atherton dirt-in-the-pocket affair of 1994 the incident might not go away as easily as first thought. Atherton, meanwhile, put the overnight developments behind him and produced one of his finest displays of captaincy — on his 51st appearances as leader.

He took the sting out of opener Clayton Lambert by starting off the day with an unlikely pairing up of slow, left-armed Phil Tufnell and part-time off-spinner Mark Ramprakash.

And he later used the two spinners again while allowing his seamers to settle into long, rhythmic spells. With a boundary sweeper often being employed in fields that were the perfect mixture of attack and defence, Atherton created pressure on the West Indian batsmen all day.

The usually flamboyant Lambert, 32 not out overnight, scored just 12 more runs in the opening two-hour session — with Tufnell bowling throughout it for a morning analysis of 15-6-17-1.

And by the time Lambert was fourth out, at 164, having laboured 197 balls for his 55 despite his flying start against the new ball, West Indies had already lost both their captain and their nightwatchman. Skipper Lara was looking poised on 31 when, tied down by Headley's light off-stump line, he lifted an ill-judged drive straight to cover point. Nightwatchman Ian Bishop was the first to go on Saturday, caught behind by Jack Russell off Tufnell, whose remarkable final figures were two for 43 from 33 overs.

Mark Ramprakash's underrated off-spin also played a major role in the West Indies collapse — Roland Holder swinging wildly at a clearly tossed-up offering to be beaten and bowled for ten.

England also enjoyed a moment of luck when the Guyanese left-hander was given out caught at third slip — although TV replays showed clearly a low full toss from Angus Fraser being squeezed into the pitch first.

Boland put Lankans on back foot

PAARL, South Africa, Mar 15 (AFP/Internet): Boland, dismissed for 178, struck back quickly to have Sri Lanka struggling on 27 for two wickets at the close of the first day of their three-day match here Saturday.

Seamer Roger Telemachus led the spirited fightback by dismissing Russel Arnold with the second ball of his first over and then bagging Aravinda de Silva with the first of his fifth.

Both were trapped leg before without scoring and the Sri Lankans were forced to call on nightwatchman Kumara Dharmasena to help Roshan Mahanama see out play.

The visitors put Boland through the wringer for the most of the day, thanks to their spin trio of Dharmasena (2/35), Upul Chandana (2/32) and Muttiah Muralitharan (4/40).

Boland's brittle batting once again let them down badly and, but for some solid tail-end resistance from Telemachus, (26 not out) and Henry Williams (20), they would not have made 150. Telemachus and Williams put on 37 for the ninth-wicket — the third best of a pretty poor effort.

Only opening bat James Henderson and Kenny Jackson (41 for the second wicket) and Henderson and Chad Granger (41 for the third) did any better. Boland hopes that long-serving skipper Adrian Kuiper would bow out on a high note — it is his last provincial appearance — were also tashed when Muralitharan cut him down when had just six to his credit.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on the opening day of the three-day match between Sri Lanka and Boland on Saturday: BOLD: First innings. Arnold c Boland b Pushpakumara 0, Henderson lbw b Chandana 33, Jackson c Mahanama b Dharmasena 29, Granger c Kaluwatharana b Pushpakumara 20, Ontong at Kaluwatharana b Chandana 14, Kuiper b Muralitharan 6, Palfraam lbw b Muralitharan 13, De Lange c sub (Jayawardene) b Dharmasena 5, Telemachus not out 26, Williams b Muralitharan 20, Willoughby c Tillakaratne b Muralitharan 2, Extras: (fb-6, nb-4) 10. Total: (All out in 74.3 overs) 178.

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-41; 3-82; 4-99; 5-108; 6-114; 7-121; 8-131; 9-168; 10-178. Bowling: O M R W. Pushpakumara 14 2 34 2, De Silva 7 1 31 0, Dharmasena 13 4 35 2, Muralitharan 24 3 12 4, Chandana 16 6 32 0.

SRI LANKA: First innings. Mahanama not out 9, Arnold b Telemachus 0, De Silva lbw b Telemachus 0, Dharmasena not out 2, Extras: (lb-11, w-1, nb-4) 16. Total: (two wickets in 14 overs) 27. Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-8.

Bowling: O M R W. Telemachus 7 4 7 2, Williams 5 3 2 0, Willoughby 2 0 7 0.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close of the third day of the fifth Test between the West Indies and England at Kensington Oval on Saturday: WEST INDIES: First innings. Lambert c Russell b Caddick 55, Wallace lbw b Headley 4, Bishop c Russell b Tufnell 41, Lara c Butcher b Headley 35, Chanderpaul c Stewart b Fraser 45, Holder b Ramprakash 10, Hooper lbw b Fraser 9, D Williams c Ramprakash b Caddick 2, McLean not out 7, Ambrose s Russell b Tufnell 26, Walsh c and b Headley 6, Extras: (b-13, lb-2, nb-7) 22. Total: (all out) 262. Fall of wickets: 1-82; 2-91; 3-134; 4-164; 5-190; 6-214; 7-221; 8-221; 9-255.

Bowling: O M R W. Headley 17 3 1 64 3, Fraser 22 5 80 2, Caddick 17 8 28 2, Tufnell 33 15 42 1, Ramprakash 18 7 32 1.

ENGLAND: Second innings. Atherton not out 2, Stewart not out 0, Extras: 0, Total: (for 0 wickets in 2 overs) 2. To bat: Butcher, Hussain, Thorpe, Ramprakash, Russell, Headley, Caddick, Fraser, Tufnell. Bowling: O M R W. Walsh 1 0 2 0, Ambrose 1 1 0 0.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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