

Shaky win for Pakistan

HARARE, Mar 25: Two half-centuries from opener Saeed Anwar (65) and Yousuf Youhana help to Pakistan

overhaul the required target of 192 in 55.5 overs Wednesday to record a three-wicket victory over Zimbabwe in the second of two Tests, reports AP.

When play began on the final day, Pakistan required 134 runs with nine wickets in hand. But two wickets fell quickly, giving Zimbabwe hope of pulling off a stunning upset.

Mohammad Wasim was suicidally run out in the second over of the day by Mpuumelo Mbangwa and Inzamam-ul-Haq threw his wicket away. Going for a big hit against leg-spinner Adam Huckle, he missed the ball and use stumped by Andrew Flower for 10.

The score then stood at 77 for three with 115 runs required for a Pakistan victory when Anwar fell at 65, his 16th Test half-century, and was quickly followed by Moin Khan.

At 138 for five, Pakistan seemed less certain of scoring the 54 runs still needed. But Youhana took the anchor role from Anwar and scored a solid 52.

Ali Naqvi was out for only eight but by then Pakistan required only six runs with three wickets remaining.

Skipper Rashid Latif scored the winning run, a single to mid-wicket off Huckle.

The Pakistan victory gave the visitors a 1-0 series victory after the drawn Test last week in Bulawayo. The two teams met in two one-day matches on Saturday and Sunday.

Wasim, who scored 192 runs in his first innings, was named players of the match and the series.

It was the sixth Test victory for Pakistan over Zimbabwe in 10 matches. Zimbabwe, who gained Test status in 1992, recorded their only Test victory in 30 matches over Pakistan in 1995.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the second Test between Zimbabwe and Pakistan at Harare Sports Club Wednesday.

ZIMBABWE: First innings 277 (G Whittall 62; M Goodwin 53; P Strang 53)

PAKISTAN: First innings 354 (Mohammad Wasim 192; Mushtaq Ahmed 57)

ZIMBABWE: Second innings 268 (Murray Goodwin 81)

PAKISTAN: Second innings (overnight 58-1)

Anwar c (sub) b G Whittall 65
Mahmood c Campbell b Strang 9
Wasim run out 8

Inzamam c A Flower b Huckle 10
Youhana c Goodwin b Whittall 52
Moin c Campbell b Strang 21
Naqvi c A Flower b Huckle 8
Akram not out 12
Latif not out 1

Extras: (fb-3, b-2, nb-1) 6
Total: (For 7 wkts) 192
Fall of wickets: 1-14; 2-59; 3-

Bowling: O M R W
Streak 13 5 40 2
G Whittall 15 4 35 2
Mbangwa 2 0 11 0
Huckle 18.5 1 81 2
Strang 5 0 20 0

Result: Pakistan won by three wickets.

Player-of-the-match and series: Mohammad Wasim.

First Test: Drawn
Pakistan win series 1-0.



M WASIM

Inter-varsity basketball

Sports Reporter
Hosts Jahangirnagar and Dhaka University moved into the final of the inter-university basketball competition yesterday.

In the semifinals at the university gymnasium, Jahangirnagar defeated Rajshahi by 96-42 points and Dhaka recorded a 73-54 points victory over BUET.

England's tour of West Indies Batting & bowling avgs

Rabeed Imam
The batting and bowling averages of the Test series between West Indies and England which concluded at St. John's, Antigua on Tuesday:

WEST INDIES						
Players	M	I	N.O	T	HS	Avg
Wallace	2	3	0	198	92	62.00
Lambert	2	3	0	188	104	62.66
Lara	6	0	1	417	93	52.12
Hooper	6	8	2	295	108n	49.16
Chanderpaul	6	9	1	272	118	34.00
Bishop	3	3	1	62	44n	31.00
S Williams	4	6	0	141	62	23.50
D Williams	5	7	0	98	65	14.00
Campbell	4	6	0	79	28	13.16
Ambrose	6	8	1	83	31	11.85
McLean	3	3	1	20	11	10.00
Ramnarine	1	2	0	19	19	9.50
Benjamin	2	4	1	7	6n	2.33

ENGLAND						
Players	O	M	R	W	Avg	
Ambrose	205.5	62	428	30	14.28	
Walsh	261.2	61	564	22	25.63	
Hooper	190.5	61	355	15	23.44	
Ramnarine	74	37	148	9	16.44	
McLean	65	13	163	5	32.60	
Bishop	50	7	163	3	54.33	
K Benjamin	63	14	166	3	55.33	
Adams	15	7	19	1	19.00	
Rose	20	6	53	1	53.00	
Chanderpaul	9	3	33	0	00	
Lambert	1	0	1	0	00	

ENGLAND						
Players	M	I	N.O	T	HS	Avg
Ramprakash	3	5	1	266	154	66.50
Thorpe	6	11	3	339	103	42.37
Stewart	6	11	1	352	83	35.20
Hussain	6	11	2	295	106	32.77
Croft	1	2	0	40	26	20.00
Atherton	6	11	0	199	64	18.99
Butcher	5	9	1	125	28	15.62
Russell	3	4	0	90	32	11.25
Crawley	3	4	0	45	22	11.25
Headley	6	9	2	69	31	9.85
Hollis	2	2	0	14	12	7.00
Fraser	6	8	0	14	17	5.5
Caddick	5	7	0	19	8	2.71
Tufnell	6	8	3	11	5	2.2

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Players	O	M	R	W	Avg	
Fraser	187.2	50	492	27	18.22	
Headley	171.3	29	546	19	28.73	
Caddick	120	31	383	13	29.46	
Tufnell	212.4	68	439	7	62.71	
Croft	58.1	18	139	6	23.16	
Ramprakash	23	9	93	3	31.00	

Pele Law passed

BRASILIA, Mar 25: Pele, Brazil's sports minister, celebrated on Tuesday when president Fernando Henrique Cardoso signed into law his bill to modernise the country's chaotic sports industry, reports Reuter.

"This was one of the most difficult goals of my life," Pele told a gathering of sports officials and lawmakers in the presidential palace.

"Brazilian sport is now equipped to meet the new century," he said.

The so-called Pele Law obliges professional sports clubs, including Brazil's poorly run soccer teams, to observe business law and pay tax within two years.

Players will gain freedom of contract by 2001, ending their current obligations to clubs which take them on as teenagers.

The law also allows clubs to organise their own leagues, breaking the monopoly of official organisations like the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF).

Afridi, Hussain to join team in Harare

HARARE, Mar 25: All-rounders Shahid Afridi and Mohammad Hussain have been called up to bolster Pakistan's squad for two one-day games against Zimbabwe this weekend and a triangular series in South Africa next month, reports Reuters.

Afridi, a free-scoring batsman and leg-spinner, and Hussain, a useful lower-order batsman and left-arm spinner, are to fly into Harare later today. Pakistan team manager Asad Ahmed Azz said.

"We expect them in Harare this evening and they will certainly strengthen the make-up of our squad for the limited-over matches here and in South Africa," Azz added.

Pakistan are playing in a triangular one-day series with hosts South Africa and Sri Lanka from April 3-22.

Azz said four players — Mushtaq Ahmed, Ali Naqvi, Mohammad Akram and Faez Akbar — would return to Pakistan on Sunday as they were not needed for the one-day games.

ROK's tour of Europe

SEOUL, Mar 25: South Korea's national soccer team will travel to Europe. The 20-day tour will start in France April 6, when the South Koreans will play the first of two games with French professional clubs, officials said Wednesday, reports AP.

The squad then will move to Slovakia for a match with their national team April 15. They are to play Macedonia on April 18 and Yugoslavia four days later.

South Korea are one of 32 teams that will compete in the 1998 World Cup in France June 10-10 July 12. They will meet Mexico, Belgium and the Netherlands in the first round.

After the tune-up matches, South Korea is to announce a list of 22 South Korean players to go to France.

Tendulkar turns up heat

BANGALORE, India, Mar 25: Sachin Tendulkar showed why they call him the 'mighty Atom', sculpting a century with admirable precision Wednesday on the first day of India's third and final Test against Australia, reports AP.

India who own the toss and opted to bat Wednesday, won the first two Tests in the series. The home side ended the day at 290 with Tendulkar and Saurav Ganguly batting.

Tendulkar walked out to bat in Bangalore to a thunderous ovation from flag-waving fans with India in a tricky position at three down for 110. Opener Navtej Sidhu had perished after making 74, including eight fours and three sixes.

Tendulkar had an ally in captain Mohammad Azharuddin, who dropped anchor at one end allowing his more gifted partner to get on with accumulating runs. Tendulkar ended the day at 117 not out.

It is Tendulkar's 16th Test century and fourth against Australia.

The spin-pace combination of Shane Warne and Michael Kasprovic was bowling beautifully and the Aussies were fielding well. The Tendulkar-Azharuddin partnership took some time in posting 100 off 167 balls. Azharuddin departed on 40 as he tried to paddle-sweep debutant Darren Lehmann and spooned a simple catch to wicketkeeper Ian Healy.

Before lunch, Indian openers V V S Laxman and Sidhu played circumspectly against the new-ball attack of Kasprovic and Adam Dale. Kasprovic settled to a splendid line and length and tested both batsmen outside the off-stump a couple of times. At the other end, Dale had neither the pace nor the movement to trouble the batsmen.

Australia were forced to make two changes in the side that was clobbered during the second Test at Calcutta. Steve Waugh, suffering from a strained groin, made way for Lehmann, the left-handed batsman who can turn his arm over for a spell of spin. Medium pacer Dale replaced Paul Wilson, who had proved so ineffectual in Calcutta.

India, too, made changes. Harbajan Singh, the 19-year-old off-spinner, made his debut replacing Rajesh Chauhan. Harvinder Singh returned in place of Javagal Srinath.

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Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the third and final cricket Test between India

Player	R	B	4s	6s
Blewett	9	3	26	0
Robertson	6	0	44	0
M Waugh	4	0	24	0
Lehmann	7	1	27	1

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