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2	Who won the Premier league cricket title last season?			
3	How many teams play in the Premier cricket league?			
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5	How many venues will be used for the Premier league this year?			

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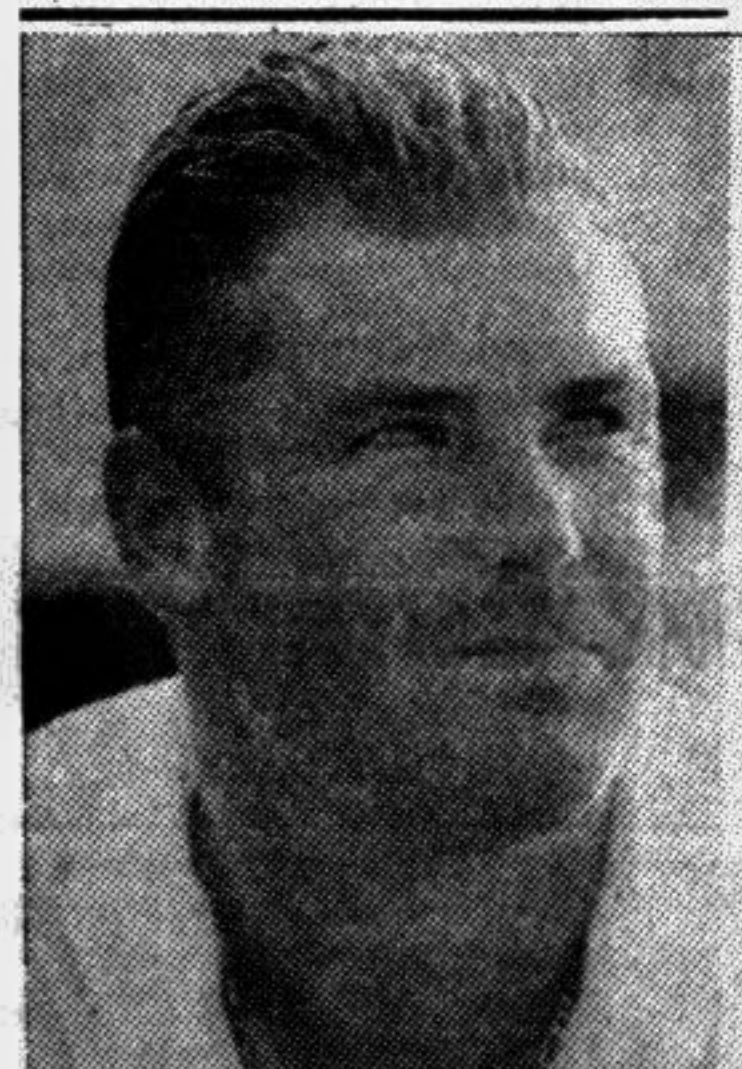
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**Shane Warne**  
(Aussie leg-spinner)  
"I'll be saying the same things that I said four years ago, nothing's changed since then."

### Rimi Cup soccer Bangladesh joint champs

Bangladesh under-14 team and Mumbai Mahindra Club were declared joint champions in the Silver Rimi Cup football tournament when their final encounter ended in a 8-8 draw in a tie-breaker in Siliguri, India on Sunday, reports APB.

### Kallis instead of Younis

CARDIFF, Wales, Dec 21: South African all-rounder Jacques Kallis has replaced Pakistan fast bowler Waqar Younis as Glamorgan's overseas player for 1999, reports AP.



Ajax tail-ender Aminul Islam anxiously watching Halim Shah (not in picture) catching his miscued flick during yesterday's play of their Premier Division cricket league encounter at the Bangabandhu Stadium. —Star photo

## Tourists amass big lead

HOBART, Dec 21: England amassed a 342-run lead with eight second innings wickets in hand with one day to play in their fourth Ashes Test leadup match against an Australian XI at Bellerive Oval here today, reports AFP.

### Series victory for Zimbabwe

ISLAMABAD, Dec 21: Zimbabwe clinched their first ever series outside home turf Monday after the third and final cricket Test against Pakistan was abandoned without a ball being bowled at Faisalabad, reports AP.

The team spirit was very good throughout the tour and the moment we saw grass on the wicket in the first Test at Peshawar we thought we had more chance than Pakistan to win, said Zimbabwean captain Alistair Campbell.

His place. Crawley was soon flourishing especially when Australian XI skipper Darren Lehmann, recalled to the Australian side for Saturday's fourth Ashes Test in Melbourne put himself on and the Englishman plundered 18 off his opening over of left-arm spinners.

### Scoreboard

Scoreboard after the third day of the four-day cricket tour match between an Australian XI and England at Bellerive Oval on Monday:

ENGLAND: First innings 469 for 6 dec.				
AUSTRALIA XI: First innings (overnight 30 for no wicket)				
		O	M	R
Elliott	14	3	54	0
Tudor	20	3	53	0
Such	15	1	62	0
Cork	11	3	33	1
Holloake	10	1	55	2
Ramprakash	6	0	29	1
Hick	1	0	3	0
ENGLAND: Second innings				
		O	M	R
Butcher	14	3	54	0
Elliott	14	3	54	0
Butcher	14	3	54	0
Elliott	14	3	54	0

He was equally dominant Monday driving and pulling with great authority against an attack that concentrated on containment.

### Roll of Honour

Year	Champions
1977	Mohammedan SC
1980	Biman
1981	Mohammedan SC
1982	Brothers Union
1983	Biman
1984	Ansars
1985	Bengal Group
1986	Biman
1987	Brothers Union
1988	Brothers Union
1989	Brothers Union
1990	Biman
1991	Biman
1992	Biman
1993	Brothers Union
1994	Brothers Union
1995	Mohammedan SC
1996	Mohammedan SC
1997	Leonine CC
1998	Biman

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## Biman retake chess crown from Leonine

Bangladesh Biman regained the Metropolitan First Division chess league title after six years dethroning Leonine Chess Club by 5-3 in title-deciding play-off matches at the NSC Chess Room yesterday, reports APB.

### Prime Bank chess Usual pilgrimage for the prime

The Prime Bank International Masters' Chess Tournament got off to a predictably sound start when all the top guns won their respective matches at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Latvian GM Igors Raussis, the highest rated player in the nine-round Swiss League meet, defeated an unheralded Monjur Hossain. The three Bangladesh International Masters' - Ziaur Rahman, Rezaul Karim and Abdullah al-Rakib - won their games against Afzal, Anwarul and Giasuddin respectively.

## Mohammedan, Kalabagan toy with the minnows

# Ajax and Agrani amerced

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting and Kalabagan Krira Chakra won their respective Janakantha Premier League matches without any fuss at different city venues yesterday.

At the Bangabandhu National Stadium, Mohammedan posted their third win on a trot as they thrashed a lowly-rated Ajax Sporting, who were bundled out for 215 in reply to the commanding Mohammedan total of 330 for eight in the 80-overs match.

Ajax were never up in their chase against the more colourful Motijheel opponents. Moreover, the Elephant Road outfit appeared keen to play out their quota of 80 overs instead of daring to go for the huge ask.

with a comprehensive 119-run win over Agrani Bank. Kalabagan, defending a fighting total of 246, went on to skittle out the bankers for a paltry 127. On a tricky wicket Agrani Bank were in deep trouble once they began their chase in the morning. They lost wickets at regular intervals and eventually packed up more than half an hour before tea.

Only Zakaria fought but a feeble battle with an unbeaten 27 in the face of some hostile bowling from Saiful and Mushfiq.

Kalabagan skipper Saiful removed both the bank openers to finish with two for 19 in his 12 overs. First-change Mushfiq returned with two for 21 in his 12 overs. They were ably supported by the tweaker-duo of Saikat and Nahid, who mopped up the tail.

Nayeen b Salahuddin 15  
Sanchay c Odumbe b 13  
Salahuddin 13  
Raisul c Nasir b Rafique 28  
Shoab c Halim b Odumbe 9  
Sumon run out 7  
Iftekhar not out 43  
Aminul c Halim b Shahed 16  
Haider b Monjurul 12  
Extras: (lb-8, nb-1, w-17) 26  
Total: (All out in 75.3 overs) 215  
Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-21; 3-53; 4-67; 5-109; 6-124; 7-134; 8-139; 9-180.

**Bowler**  
Morshed Ali Khan 2 0 9 1  
Steve Tikolo 11 2 41 1  
Monjurul Islam 13.3 3 33 1  
Sheikh Salahuddin 16 5 35 2  
Rafique 16 4 34 2  
Maurice Odumbe 13 3 36 1  
Selim Shahed 4 0 19 1  
Result: Mohammedan won by 115 runs.

**Kalabagan vs Agrani Bank**  
(Venue: BKSP)  
KALABAGAN: 246 all out in 79.5 overs (Mahabubur Rahman 105 not out; Shaheen Malik 4/37)

**AGRANI BANK**  
Sajjad c Ishtiaq b Saiful 1  
Obaidullah lbw b Saiful 6  
S Azad c Ishtiaq b Mushfiq 11  
Ziauddin c Fahim b Mushfiq 20  
Zakaria not out 27  
Jamal c Ishtiaq b Saikat 19  
S Malik st Ishtiaq b Saikat 3  
Mofizur c Harun b Nahid 5  
Rajin c Ishtiaq b Nahid 4  
Russel c Saeed b Fahim 0  
Suja run out 4  
Extras: (b-2, lb-5, nb-1, w-19) 27  
Total: (All out in 58.1 overs) 127  
Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-13; 3-30; 4-60; 5-67; 6-76; 7-84; 8-100; 9-107.

**SCOREBOARDS**  
Scoreboards of the two Premier League matches held at different city venues yesterday.

**Mohammedan vs Ajax**  
(Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium)  
MOHAMMEDAN: 330 for 8 in 80 overs (Nasirul Alam 111, Halim Shah 53, Tikolo 51; Aminul Islam 4/64)

**Result: Mohammedan won by 119 runs.**

**TODAY'S MATCHES**  
Biman vs Surjo Tarun (BNS)  
Sadharan Bima vs Orient (BKSP)

## Tour match heading nowhere

PIETERMARITZBURG, South Africa, Dec 21 (Reuters/Internet) South Africa A made a subdued start to their first innings on the third day of their four-day tour match against the West Indies in Pietermaritzburg on Monday.

The home side were 65 for one at tea — a run-rate of 2.09 an over — in reply to the West Indies' 375 as the match moved towards a stalemate in the wake of play on the first two days being restricted to 83 overs by bad light and rain.

At the crease were Sven Koenig, on 24 not out and Ashwell Prince on 16.

Boeta Dippenaar was out, having driven expansively at a ball from Mervyn Dillon to be caught by Carl Hooper at second slip for 17 in the 18th over.

The tourists were dismissed with the last ball before lunch, which also ended Shivanine Chanderpaul's innings of 182.

The West Indies resumed on 256-6 and lost Rawl Lewis in the third over of the day when, on eight, he was caught at second slip by Shafiek Abrahams off medium-pace Justin Kemp.

An hour into the morning's play Nixon McLean was trapped in front by left-arm wrist spinner Paul Adams after scoring 25 runs off 35 deliveries, ending an eighth-wicket partnership of 46.

Franklyn Rose kept up the brisk scoring rate by hitting 24 off as many balls, with two fours and a six, as the ninth wicket yielded 44 runs before Rose smashed a ball from Adams to Ashwell Prince at long-on.

Lambert c Pothas b Ntini 13  
Hooper b Kemp 24  
Ganga c Koenig b Klusener 21  
Chanderpaul b Willoughby 182  
Reifer lbw b Klusener 0  
Murray c Abrahams b Kemp 45  
Lewis c Abrahams b Kemp 8  
McLean lbw b Adams 25  
Rose c Prince b Adams 24  
Dillon not out 7

Extras: (b-7, lb-10, w-3, nb-2) 22  
Total: 375  
Fall of wickets: 1-4; 2-42; 3-48; 4-119; 5-119; 6-229; 7-262; 8-308; 9-352.

**Bowler**  
Klusener 28 7 81 3  
Willoughby 26 10 87 1  
Kemp 22 6 54 3  
Ntini 10 2 50 1  
Adams 16 4 60 2  
Abrahams 11 2 26 0  
(Incomplete)

### Lehmann takes Ponting's place

SYDNEY, Dec 21: Prolific batsman Darren Lehmann was recalled today to the Australian side for the fourth cricket Test against England starting in Melbourne on December 26, reports Reuters.

The inclusion of South Australia captain Lehmann is the only change to the side which last week secured their sixth successive Ashes series.

Lehmann made his Test debut against India in March and has been recalled after scoring heavily during the domestic season. He comes into the side for the traditional Boxing Day Test at the expense of number six batsman Ricky Ponting.

Australia: Mark Taylor (capt), Michael Slater, Justin Langer, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh, Darren Lehmann, Ian Healy, Damien Fleming, Stuart MacGill, Jason Gillespie, Glenn McGrath, Colin Miller.

### Return of directors irks Newcastle fans

NEWCASTLE, England, Dec 21 (Reuters/Internet): The comeback of disgraced directors Douglas Hall and Freddy Shepherd faced resistance from Newcastle United's supporters on Monday but the opposition was unlikely to have any effect.

A show of hands at United's annual general meeting voted against their election to the football club's board but their return is certain to be rubber-stamped when the votes of Hall and Shepherd and other major shareholders are counted.

Hall and Shepherd were at the meeting, but neither spoke to the small shareholders who expressed disquiet about the proposed sale to cable company NTL Inc.

### 2 lucky for Lillee

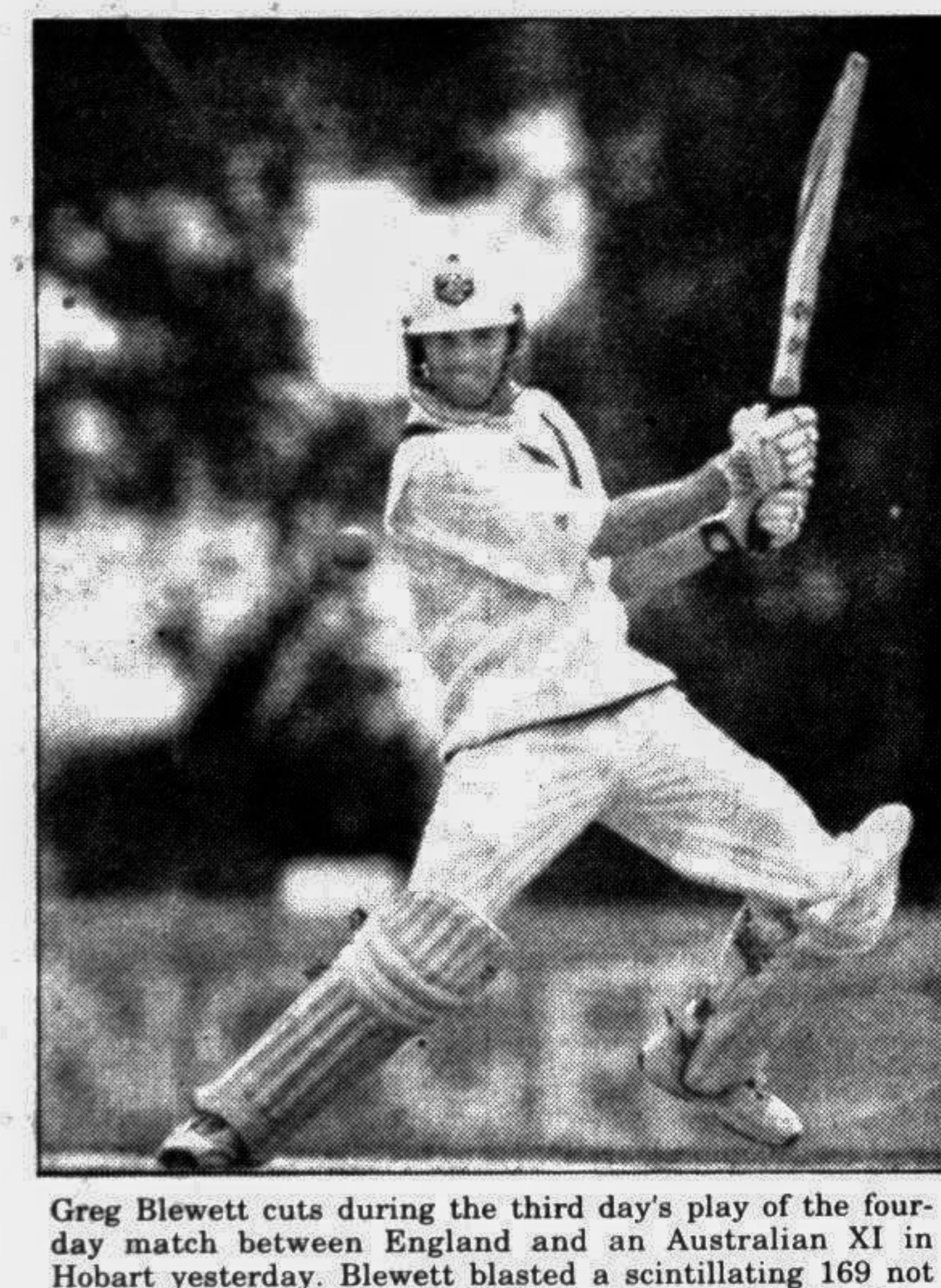
Sports Reporter  
Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday invited fast bowlers to avail the opportunity of undergoing training under the legendary Australian speedster Dennis Lillee at the famous MRF Pace Foundation, Chennai.

Interested pacers should contact the BCB office by January 25. Two lucky ones will be picked.

### Scoreboard

Scoreboard on the third day of the four-day tour match between South Africa A and the West Indies on Monday:

**WEST INDIES: First innings** (overnight 256-6)  
Williams c Dippenaar b Klusener 4



Greg Blewett cuts during the third day's play of the four-day match between England and an Australian XI in Hobart yesterday. Blewett blasted a scintillating 169 not out. —AP/UNB photo



Scene from the opening day's matches of the Prime Bank International Masters' chess tournament at the NSC yesterday. —Star photo