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# DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

T HAT there is this very popular coach's advice, according to which "if you stay at the wicket runs will come". Not so in the case of Vincent Hogg, who played for one hour and 27 minutes without scoring. He was batting for Zimbabwe-Rhodesia 'B' against Natal 'B' at Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, on January 20, 1980.

He was just a shade quicker than Thomas Godfrey Evans, who took one hour and 37 minutes to score his first run, before going on to score ten not out for England in their match against Australia at Adelaide from February 5-6. 1947.

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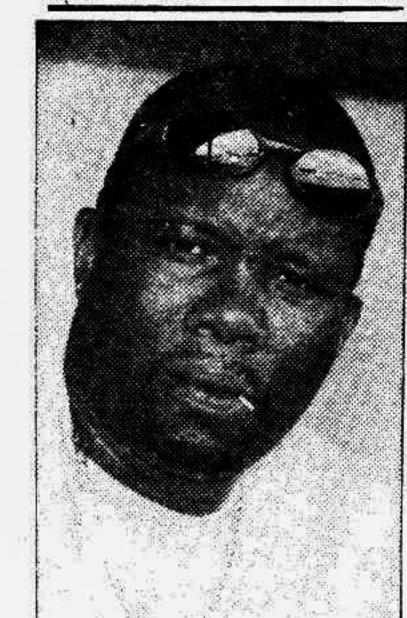
in the Janakantha Premier cricket league?

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ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS SPORTS



Malcolm Marshall (The West Indies coach) "I can help players where they've got problems but for someone to come on a tour with five, or six, or seven mistakes, and on a very hard tour like South Africa where there are not too many side games, I can't correct everything over a short period of time."

IOC bribes scandal

#### Family members got their shares also TOKYO, Jan 31: Relatives and friends of at least five Inter-

national Olympic Committee members were entertained at hotspring inns and luxury restaurants by the organisers of Nagano's Olympic bid, a news report said Sunday, reports AP. Visitors included a Latin American IOC member's son and his wife during their hon-

eymoon and the wife and friend of expelled IOC member Augustin Arroyo of Ecuador, the Tokyo, Shimbun reported. The son of an African IOC member and his wife were en-

tertained by the Nagano officials in March 1991, shortly before the city was selected to host the 1998 Winter Games, the

newspaper said. The visits to Japan took

place between 1989 and 1991. the report said. Nagano Mayor Tasuka was quoted as saying by the Tokyo Shimbun that the bidding committee complied with requests from IOC members to entertain their relatives "in order to show our sincerity."



NOTHING TASTES AS SWEET: Abahani players are over the moon after beating arch rival Mohammedan. - Star photo by Anisur Rahman

# Abahani steal MSC's joy

Defending champions Abahani kept alive their chances for a hat trick of titles when they recorded an exciting 11run win over arch rivals Mohammedan Sp-orting in a crucial Janakantha Premier League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

In an intriguing finish. Abahani, defending a fighting . total of 266, went on to bundle out their perennial foes for 255 in 69.2 overs.

Although Mohammedan, backed by half-centuries from their Kenyan run-machine Steve Tikolo and experienced opener Selim Shahed, dominated most of the proceedings in the high voltage drama, it was Abahani who withstood the pressure during the final session to decisively take the match.

The win helps Abahani to tie with Biman at the top of the table, both having seven wins from nine matches. On other hand, Mohammedan are virtually out of the title race having conceded their third defeat from nine outings.

The clash of the titans also and its share of problems when, sensing possible defeat during the final session, a section of unruly Mohammedan supporters at the Western gallery threw brickbats into the ground, only to stop the match for about five minutes. Tension spread to the stand when Mohammedan's wicketkeeper and Abahani's Pakistani all-rounder Mohammed Hussain got involved in a heated exchange of words'

for no good reason. Mohammedan were at one stage cruising along until a suicidal call cost the most important wicket of Imran. They went for the tea break with 224 for five. But when they returned the complexion of the game saw a sea of change after Imran Hamid was run out in the first over after the break.

The dashing left-hander.

playing with Nasir as his run-

ner, scored a forceful 40 off 43

balls while batting at the unusual position of number five. The hard-hitting opener, who twisted his left ankle while fielding on Saturday, was forced to bat down the order and it turned out to be a blessing in disguise for Mohammedan until Nasir set off for a sharp single. He was sent back by Halim Shah. But by that time it was too late and Mohammed Hussain dislodged the bails at the bowler's end. Imran's departure only exposed the underbelly of Mohammedan and a rejuvenated

Abahani made no mistake to rip through the fragile tail in no time. Mohammedan, however, were hoping against hopes with their ball-bashing captain still at the crease. But much to the dismay of Mohammedan, the southpaw departed in a peculiar fashion after hitting two successive fours against left-arm spinner Mohammed Hussain. Rafique, who has earned the

dubious reputation of going through the motion rather than playing with any purpose, top-edged an intended paddle sweep into the safe hands of wicketkeeper Tuhin. Rafique's departure from playing an outrageous shot reduced Mohammedan to seven for 235 in 62.4 overs. Hussain then removed

Halim Shah, the last recognised Mohammedan batsmen, who offered a sharp catch to Akram in the slips after scoring only five. The pendulum swung Abahani's way. With Mohammedan at 240

for eight. Ashfaq Ali smashed a huge sixer against Iqbal to throw caution to the wind. But it was all over for Mohammedan when Hasibul, re-

turning for his third spell in the

68th over, quickly mopped up the tail. The national right-arm seamer, who had done little for Abahani this season, delivered the goods in the nick of time. He had Mortaza trapped leg-before with an over-pitch delivery be-

fore disturbing Ashfaq's furniture in his next over to herald the fall of Mohammedan's

Although Hasibul lifted the few thousand sky-blue supporters at the big bowl to ecstasy, it was off-spinner Naimur Rahman, who put a spoke in Mohammedan's smooth sail earlier on the day.





HUSSAIN ... 4/51

Mohammedan were off to a flyer with Rashedul Hoq and Selim Shahed putting on 71 runs in 23 overs. But Naimur, coming in to bowl from the pavilion end in the 24th over, made the breakthrough by having Rashedul brilliantly caught at forward short-leg by Hannan

Naimur struck again in the

## Nat'l junior

chess Enamul Hossain Rajib and Firoz Ahmed jointly lead the points table in the 20th National Junior Chess championship with full four points after the fourth round at the NSC

chessroom yesterday, reports

Rajib beat national sub-junior champion Golam Mustafa while Firoz overpowered Jewel. Body, Debraj, Bari, Monir and Zahidul follow the leaders with three and a half points. Meanwhile, Zakia Sultana

and Masuda Begum jointly lead the table with full four points in the 20th national women qualifying chess championship at the same venue. In fourth round matches.

Zakia beat Ava while Masuda outplayed Iva.

## Div III cricket qualifiers

Chandpur Pioneer Club and Bangladesh Police cricket team won their respective Lotus-Kamal Third Division qualifying cricket league engagements at different city venues yesterday. reports APB.

Chandpur Club posted a 23run victory over Rampura CC at the T&T ground. Opting to bat, Chandpur

made 177 in 34.2 overs. Later they restricted Rampura to 154 in 34.4 overs. In the other match at the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Police

defeated Dhaka Sameness by five runs. Police were all out for 172 in the allotted 35 overs and in reply Dhaka Sameness made 167 in 34 overs.

next over when the offie sneaked one through the gate of one-down Nasirul Alam. Steve Tikolo scored a power-packed 56 off 80 balls with the help of nine fours and a massive sixer over mid-wicket off Naimur, that sailed all the way into the Western gallery. But Naimur had the last laugh when he clean-bowled the Kenyan right-

matches. Selim Shahed, who played a sensible knock, reached his 50 with an eye-pleasing four through cover off Naimur. But his 137-ball vigil at the crease came to an end when he missed an attempted drive against Hussain and keeper Tuhin effected an easy stumping.

hander. It was Tikolo's seventh

half-century in nine league

Meanwhile, in the other match of the day at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Agrani Bank recorded a hard-fought 19-run win over Orient Sport-

The promotees, chasing a commanding bank total of 272 in the stipulated 80 overs, were all out for 253 in 78.3 overs. 53 off 126 balls and Pakistani Reaz Sheikh chipped in with 35. For Agrani Bank, Shaheen Malik took two wickets for 45 runs. The Pakistani had earlier scored a brilliant half-century on Saturday.

SCOREBOARDS Scoreboards of the two Janakantha Premier League matches held at different city venues yesterday. ABAHANI VS MO-

HAMMEDAN (Venue : Bangabandhu National Stadium) ABAHANI: 266 all out in 76

overs (Neevamur 82, Mehrab 46; Monjurul 4/77) MOHAMMEDAN Rashed c Hannan b Naimur Shahed st Tuhin b Hussain

Nasir b Naimur Tikolo b Naimur Imran run out Odumbe st Tuhin b Hussain Halim e Akram b Hussain Rafique c Tuhin b Hussain Mortaza lbw b Hasibul Ashfaq b Hasibul Monjurul not out Extras: (lb-10, nb-7, w-21) Total: (All out in 69.2 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-71; 2-73; 3-147; 4-173; 5-222; 6-225; 7-235; 8-240; 9-250 Bowler

Hasibul Hossain 1 37 0 Iqbal Hossain 0 18 () Neeyamur Rashid 6 Masud Rana 1 29 5 51 Mohammed Hussain 16 16 2 66 3 Naimur Rahman Result: Abahani won by 11

AGRANI BANKS VS ORIENT (Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)

AGRANI BANK: 272 for 9 in 80 overs (S Malik 61, Sajjad 41, Mofizur 41; Mizanur 2/50, Sohail 2/54) ORIENT Mofizul c S Malik b Russel

Rizwan c Russel b Suja Narayan b Jamal Mridul b Suja Reaz b S Arefin Asif c Sajjad b S Arefin Mizanur b S Malik Sohail not out Azim c Suja b S Malik Akhter run out Aminul run out Extras: (lb-7, nb-12, w-12) Total: (All out in 78.3 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-50; 2-92; 3-110; 4-124; 5-172; 6-183; 7-219; 8-242; 9-248

Bowler Mofizur Rahman 0 21 4 Shamsul Arefin 13 Suza Erfan 13.3 Shahin Malik 38 Rajin Saleh Russel Khan Jamal Uddin Result: Agrani Bank won by 19 runs.

Brothers Union vs Kalaba-Venue: Bangabandhu Na-

TODAY'S MATCHES

tional Stadium Surjo Tarun vs Wari Club Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium fielding as a substitute.

#### Suhrawardy Cup soccer

BKSP, Barguna, Sylhet, Sunamganj, Jessore, Satkhira, Jamalpur, Chapainawabganj, Natore and Dinajpur won their respective zonal matches of the Keya Cosmetics Suhrawardy Cup under-19 national football tournament yesterday, reports

In Dhaka-B zonal matches, BKSP downed Narsingdi 2-0 at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla Na-

tional Stadium. Barguna beat Shariatpur by a solitary goal at the Navy Sta-

Host Sylhet defeated Feni 1-0. In another game Sunamganj overcame Khagrachhari 3-2.

Jessore posted an easy 3-1

victory over Gopalganj and Satkhira blanked Narail 2-0 in Jessore. In Sirajganj, Jamalpur recorded a 2-1 win over Sher-

Chapainawabganj beat Jhenidah 2-0 and Natore won 2-1 against Rajbari in their inau-

gural matches at Chapainawab-Dinajpur outplayed hosts

Kurigram 4-0. In other matches, Dhaka drew with Kishoreganj 0-0, Sirajganj and Bogra also settled for a 0-0 draw, Brahmanbaria held Rangamati 1-1, and the match between Panchagarh and Lalmonirhat drew 2-2.

#### Bangladesh Golf from Feb 3

Sports Reporter The 14th Bangladesh Amateur Golf Championship will commence at the lush green course of Kurmitola Golf Club from February 3.

A total of 150 golfers from 25 different countries are scheduled to take part in the premier golf tournament of the country. President of the Kurmitola Golf Club, Lt Gen. Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman, BB, who is also the president of the Bangladesh Olympic Associa-

tion, will inaugurate the fourday meet at 7 am on Wednesday. The meet will close on February 6, when Gen. Mustafizur will give away the prizes.

#### Persad jolts Jamaica

KINGSTON, Jan 31: Mukesh Persad took a career-best four wickets for 29 runs in 15 overs as Trinidad and Tobago bowled out Jamaica for 161 on the first Opener Mofizul scored a gritty | day of their Busta Cup match Saturday, reports AP.

Trinidad replied by reaching 45 for the one before stumps were drawn at Sabina Park in Knigston. Anil Balliram was the lone

wicket to fall for Trinidad, leg

before wicket for 16 to medium-

pacer Laurie Williams with the

score on 21. It was the only blemish on an otherwise successful day for the visitors, who halted Jamaica's innings one hour after

Persad ran through the Jamaican middle and lower order, picking up three of the six wickets after tea. Among his victims was

Wavell Hinds, the only batsman to offer any resistance. Hinds made 52 in more than three hours at the crease, stroking six boundaries before skying a catch to midwicket. The Jamaicans never recovered from losing two early

wickets. The best stand of the

innings was 51 for the fourth

wicket between Hinds and captain James Adams. But once Adams was out for the third wicket, bowled for 25 by medium-pacer Phil Simmons shortly after lunch, the Jamaican batsmen capitulated against the spin of Persad and the pace of captain lan Bishop, who claimed three wickets.

### England may give Alec a rest

SYDNEY, Jan 31: England captain Alec Stewart may be rested for Wednesday's tri-series limited-over match against Sri Lanka, a team official said today, reports Reuters. England virtually assured

themselves a berth in the triangular tournament's best-ofthree finals series by beating Sri Lanka by 128 runs in Perth on Friday. Stewart has had a heavy schedule since England arrived

Ashes series followed by the limited-over competition. "It's a possibility we'll give Alec a rest, but there's been no discussion about team selection yet," England spokesman Brian

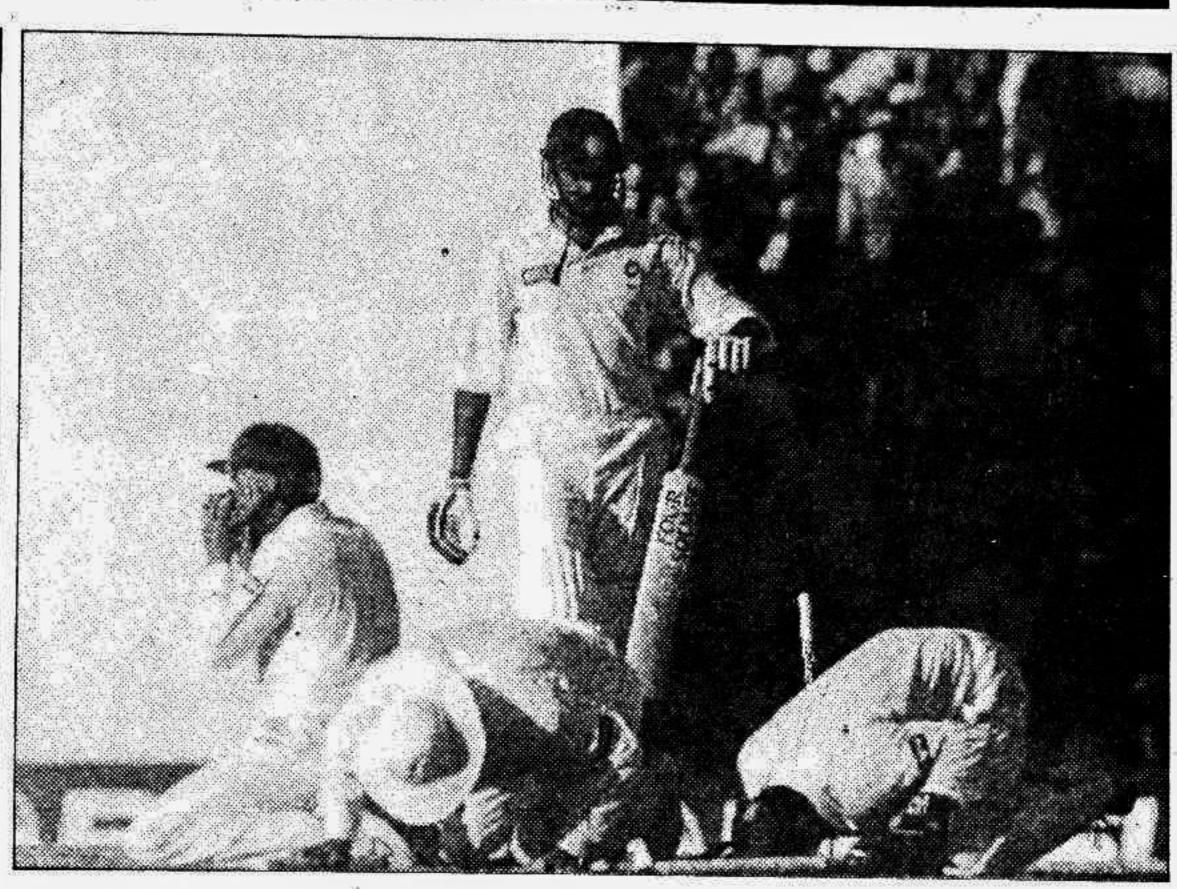
in Australia for the five-Test

Murgatroyd said today. "It's all up in the air until a team meeting tomorrow night and then everyone will start focusing on the games. "For the Test players espe-

cially, it's been a long tour. You could probably count the days they've had off on one hand. There's a few aches and pains and they need to relax. Batsman Neil Fairbrother will miss Wednesday's match

after straining a hamstring on

Friday. Ben Hollioake is also likely to be ruled out after injuring his right knee on Friday while



MORE THAN JUST A WIN: Ecstatic Pakistan players kiss the ground while India's last man Javagal Srinath walks back dejected. - Internet photo

## Pakistan snatch victory from Tendulkar's grasp



MADRAS, Jan 31: Pakistan withstood a magnificent century by India's champion

batsman Sachin Tendulkar to win the first cricket Test by 12 runs in a dramatic finish here today, re-

ports AFP. Tendulkar hit 136 as India chasing a victory target of 271, recovered from a hopeless 82-5 to put up a brave fight and reach 254-6 before losing their last four wickets for as many runs.

Off-spinner Saglain Mush-

taq who took five wickets in each innings, signalled Pakistan's victory in their first Test on Indian soil in 12 years by bowling Javagal Srinath before stumps on the fourth day. Some 45,000 spectators at the overflowing Chepauk and

millions of TV viewers across the country watched in horror as India set up a dream finish only to stumble at the last hur-The match turned Pakistan's way when Tendulkar, suffering from back pain and visibly

tired after his seven-hour vigil, lofted Saglain for an easy catch to mid-off when 17 more were needed. His wicket, which made it 254-7, lifted the spirits of Wasim Akram's men, who then

removed tailenders Sunil Joshi, Anil Kumble and Srinath in quick succession to bowl India out for 258. The jubilant Pakistanis hugged each other, kissed the turf and then ran a lap of honour around the ground to loud

Mohammad Azharuddin's team pondered the defeat. Except Tendulkar and Nayan Mongia, who made 52 in a 136-run stand for the sixth wicket, the rest of the Indian batsmen aggregated 34 - two less than the total extras of 36.

applause from the crowd as

'We batted badly except for these two, but full marks to Pakistan for playing better cricket in what was a fascinating match," said Azharuddin, who received loud jeers from the stands. Akram said he had realised

a dream of leading Pakistan to victory on Indian soil, and now looked forward to the second and final Test of the short series starting in New Delhi on Thursday.

"We want to win there too, because it has been a long time playing against India," he said

"The boys are hungry for more." The last time Pakistan played a Test in India was in March 1987, which Imran Khan's tourists won by 17 runs at Bangalore to take the fivematch series 1-0.

Tendulkar's 18th Test century — he also has 21 one-day hundreds - came after wicketkeeper Moin Khan missed an easy stumping when the little master was on 90.

The error almost cost Pakistan the match, till Saglain and Akram himself revived the tourists with deadly blows late in the day. Tendulkar, who was dis-

missed for zero in the first innings attempting a wild swipe. put his head down to singlehandedly keep India afloat. India managed just 46 runs from 26 overs during the tense morning session when Pak-

istan grabbed three import wickets. Tendulkar scored 24 of those runs after taking a four of the first ball he faced in the day. He ended with 18 boundaries.

The Indians added 10 runs to their overnight score of 40-2 when Akram clipped Rahul Dravid's off-bail with a superb in swinger. Dravid, India's batting hero on the recent New Zealand tour,

made 10 in a 44-run stand for the third wicket with Tendulkar that came after both openers were lost on Saturday evening for six. Azharuddin, who made seven, paid the price for padding up to spinner Saqlain

and was declared leg-before by New Zealand umpire Steve Dunne. Dunne, whose controversial decisions marred a brilliant Test match, created another stir when he gave next batsman Saurav Ganguly caught off the

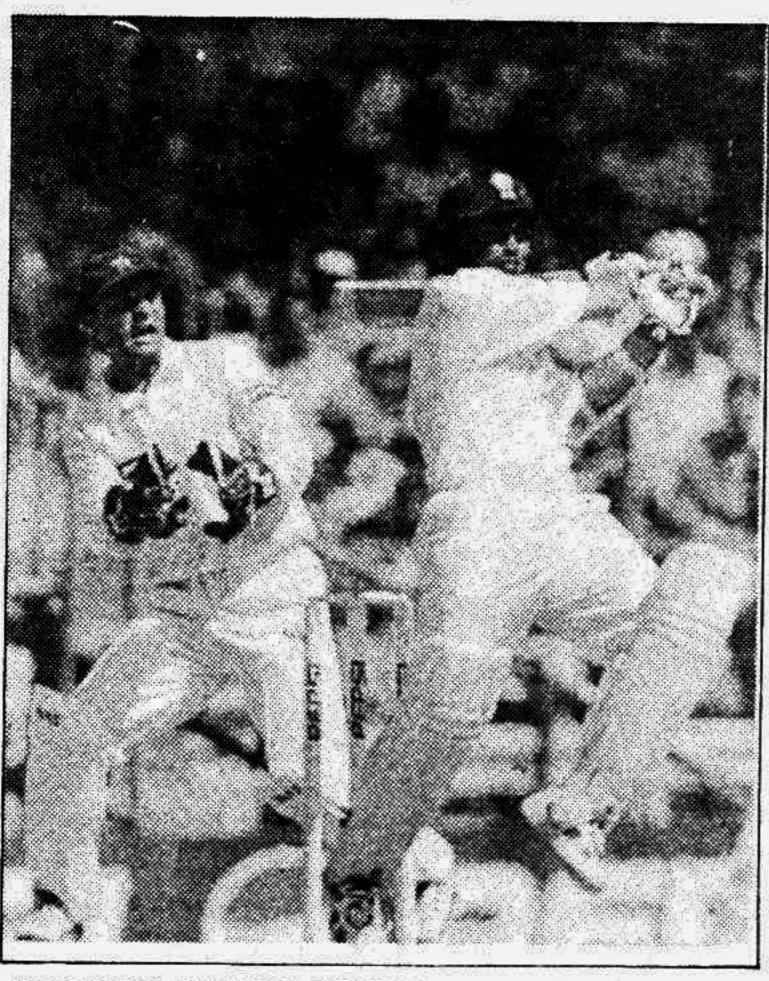
rebound by wicketkeeper Moin

Khan. Television replays showed Ganguly's forward defensive stroke hit the silly-point fielder and the ball dropped to the ground before being held by Moin.

#### SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the fourth

day of the first Test between India and Pakistan on Sunday: PAKISTAN: First innings 238 (Moin 60, Youhana 53; Kumble 6-70) INDIA: First innings 254

(Ganguly 54, Dravid 53; Saqlain 5-93)



SMASHING BUT NOT ENOUGH: Sachin Tendulkar pulls during his dashing innings of 136. - Internet photo

PAKISTAN: Second innings 286 (S Afridi 141; V Prasad 6-

331 INDIA: Second innings (overnight 40-2) Ramesh c Inzamam b Wagar 5 Laxman lbw b Wagar Dravid b Akram Tendulkar c Akram b Saglain Azharuddin lbw b Saqlain Ganguly c Moin Khan b

Joshi c and b Saglain Kumble lbw b Akram Srinath b Saglain Prasad not out Extras: (b-8, lb-10, nb-18)

Mongia c Waqar b Akram

Total: Fall of wkts: 1-5; 2-6; 3-50; 4-73; 5-82; 6-218; 7-254; 8-256; 9-Akram Wagar Saglain

Result: Pakistan won by 12 Pakistan lead 1-0 in the two-Test series. Man-of-the-match: Sachin

Tendulkar.

### Pak minister hails the classic win

ISLAMABAD, Jan 31 (Reuters/ Internet): A Pakistani government minister on Sunday hailed the national side's nail-biting win over arch-rival India in its first series there in 12 years as a classic game of cricket.

"It was a dramatic finish," Sports Minister Mushahid Hussain told the official APP news "The Pakistan cricket squad

did a marvellous job in playing a classic cricket match, which was a treat to watch, admire and enjoy," said Hussain. Pakistan's Information Minister, who was also given the Sports and Culture portfolio on Satur-

"Once again, the cricket team has proved that they are world class players, who know how to play in demanding situations." he said. He said the squad conducted itself with "utmost discipline"

in the first game of a two-Test series which was threatened by Hindu extremists until the last minute. The second Test starts in New Delhi on Thursday. Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif telephoned his Indian counterpart, Atil Behari Vajpayee, on the eve of the squad's departure to discuss

threats by the right wing Shiv

sena Hindu nationalist party to disrupt the tour. Shiv Sena militants called off plans to disrupt it hours before Pakistan's team left for

Indo-Pakistani cricketing ties have been bedevilled in the last decade by the same rivalry which has dogged diplomatic relations between the two

countries for 50 years. India and Pakistan have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947.

#### Mymensingh cricket

MYMENSINGH, Jan 31: Al Helal Krira Chakra defeated Mukul Fouz Lal Dal by four wickets in the First Division Cricket League today, reports

scored 122 all out in the stipulated 40 overs. Monjit made the highest 30 runs. Mukta and Al-Amin of Mukul Fouz took two wickets

Batting first, Mukul Fouz

In reply, Al-Helal reached

125 for six in 35.2 overs.