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Bob Simpson

(Former Australian cricket team coach)

"Australia have wisely gone for the two leg-spinners, Shane Warne and Stuart MacGill. There is no doubt in my mind that they will play major parts in Australia's victory in the West Indies."

Before Australia left for West Indies.

JPGL Lights final today

Sports Reporter

Babylon Group will take on SK+F in the final of the JPGL Lights Professional Cup cricket tournament at the British American Tobacco (BAT) ground in Mahakali today.

The 35-overs-a-side match will start at 9:30 am.

English quartet fit for Sharjah showpiece

LONDON, Mar 16 (AFP/Internet): England have been given a clean bill of health before they complete their preparations for this summer's World Cup by entering the one-day tournament in Sharjah next month.

Doubts over four key players - Michael Atherton, Graham Thorpe, Neil Fairbrother and Ian Austin - following recent injuries, left England facing the possibility of choosing replacements prior to their departure for a Lahore training camp on March 28.

But Atherton and Thorpe, both of whom were troubled with recurrences of back trouble during England's unsuccessful Ashes campaign this winter, have emerged unscathed from intensive assessments under the supervision of fitness consultant Dean Riddle, exercise physiologist Nigel Stockhill and physiotherapist Wayne Morton.

Austin, who underwent knee surgery after competing in the Wills International Cup in Dhaka last October, has also made a promising recovery while Lancashire team-mate Fairbrother has made progress after suffering hamstring trouble throughout the one-day tournament in Australia after the Ashes series.

"We are obviously pleased the fitness reports on the four players are encouraging," said chairman of selectors David Graveney.

"All of them are aware of the need to continue to work on their overall fitness levels and they will do that before we depart for Lahore on March 28," he added.

Wonderful Windies win

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Mar 16 (Reuters/Internet): Brian Lara's West Indies put the smile back on the face of Caribbean cricket with a 10-wicket victory over Australia in the second test on Tuesday.

Resuming at 157 for eight on the fourth day, Australia made another 20 runs to avoid an innings defeat. But West Indies needed to score just three runs to win which they achieved in the first over of their second innings.

The long overdue triumph - their first in seven tests - avenged the West Indies debacle in last week's opening test when they were dismissed for their lowest test score of 51.

More importantly, it probably cemented Lara's future as captain. He was on a two-test trial following the 5-0 rout in South Africa.

"I'm very happy and I think the guys have dedicated this victory to the bowlers. They toiled day in and day out in South Africa and the batters are thankful for their efforts," Lara said.

"I'm definitely happy but I'm not going to get carried away. We've got to get together as a team of batters and get it together on a regular basis."

Lara's brilliant double century in the first innings had given both him and his team fresh belief in themselves.

Confidence flooded back as off-spin newcomer Nehemiah Perry - who took five for 70 in his first test in the second innings - ripped into what once seemed an impregnable Australian batting line up.

The party started early although the Australian tail did manage to hit the 18 runs required to make West Indies bat for a second time.

Resuming at 157 for eight, Jason Gillespie was quickly caught behind by Ridley Jacobs off Courtney Walsh for seven.

But last-pair Stuart MacGill and Glenn McGrath spared Australia the humiliation of an innings defeat by taking the total to 177.

Opener Suraj Ragoonath had the pleasure of hitting the winning runs in the first over of the West Indies second innings.

Earlier, debutant off-spinner Nehemiah Perry seized four Australian second innings wickets to put West Indies on Monday.

Australia, trailing by 175 on first innings in the second Test at Sabina Park, slumped to 57 for eight on a wearing pitch at the close of the third day.

Perry, playing on his home ground, undermined the touring team by sending back Matthew Elliott (16), Justin Langer (24) and captain Steve Waugh (9) in his first spell.

Courtney Walsh, Jamaica's current favourite son, had made the initial breakthrough by dispatching Michael Slater before he scored and fellow fast bowler Curtly Ambrose sustained the pressure by removing Mark Waugh for 21.

By the time Perry returned to snap up Australia's remaining specialist batsman Greg Blewett for 30 in the day's last over, the gloom that has engulfed Caribbean cricket over the past four months was effectively lifted.

Having lost all five tests in South Africa recently, West Indian despondency mounted as they were routed by Australia for their lowest Test score of 51 to lose the opening match of the series by 312 runs in Port of Spain last week.

However, Brian Lara found the inspiration to transform his side's fortunes at a time when his test form was ailing and his captaincy was being questioned.

Lara did so with an outstanding innings of 213 and although it ended on the third morning after he added only one run to his overnight score, he had already ensured West Indies would have a significant lead after a stand of 322 with Jimmy Adams.

Lara and Adams (94) broke the West Indian fifth wicket test record against all teams. The importance of their partnership was underlined when the last six wickets tumbled for 54 after they resumed at the overnight 377 for four.

Glenn McGrath accounted

for both Lara and Adams to finish with five for 93, the third consecutive time in the series he had taken five wickets in an innings.

McGrath, adopting the strategy he has used successfully against Lara in the past by bowling round the wicket to the left-hander, got a delivery to swing away enough to take the outside edge and wicket-keeper Ian Healy held a low catch.

The partnership between Lara and Adams beat the pre-

leg side from a sweep shot.

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