

## Column One

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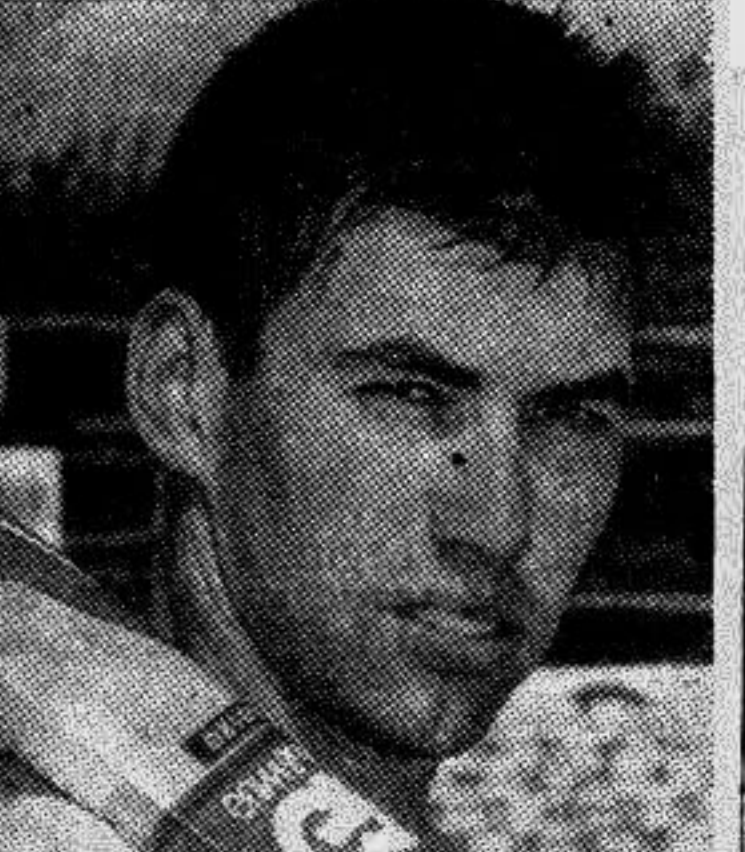
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## SPORTS TALK



**Stephen Fleming**  
(New Zealand cricket captain)

"History is important to us and we used it for motivation." After winning the Lord's Test against England.

## Junior athletics trial August 14

**Sports Reporter**  
Bangladesh Amateur Athletic Federation (BAAF) will organise an open trial on August 14 to select athletes for the 8th Asian Junior (U20) Championships to be held in Singapore from September 30.  
Bangladesh will take part in the following events:  
**Boys:** 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, Long Jump, High Jump, 20km Walk and Pole Vault.  
**Girls:** 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and Long Jump.  
Interested athletes have been asked to report to Sher-e-Bangla Stadium in Mirpur at 7:30 on the morning of August 14.

## SEA Games football Thailand thrash Myanmar

**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Aug 9:** Thailand formalized their entry into the Southeast Asian Games semi-finals in imperious fashion here Sunday sending 10-man Myanmar crashing out of the tournament seven-nil, reports AFP.  
Myanmar goalkeeper Myo Hlaing Win had a premonition of a busy night when he let a deep Sripan Tawan cross slip out of his hands and into the roof of the net in the 16th minute of the Group A clash.  
Midfielder Boriban Tananchai scored Thailand's second goal three minutes later when his pleydriver from the top of the box went in off a defender's leg.  
Win Hlaing's petulant exit for a second booking in the last minute of the first half opened the floodgates.  
After the break substitute Jatupong Thongsukh netted two and Pituratana Sakasana scored two more before their captain, forward Senamuang Kiatasuk, rounded out the one-sided match with a fine 89th minute strike.  
Thailand, the defending champions, thus qualify on top of their group on goal difference from Vietnam, who also obtained a semi berth with a routine 2-0 defeat of winless Philippines.  
Thailand will meet the runners-up in Group B while Vietnam will play the winners of that group, from which Singapore and Indonesia have already qualified.



Action from the Premier Division clash between Brothers Union and Rahmatganj at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

## Brothers Union humbled in late blitz Rahmatganj show no mercy

**Sports Reporter**  
Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society pushed Brothers Union to the relegation zone when they handed them a crushing 5-1 defeat in the Keya Premier League return clash at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.  
In an one-sided affair, which saw the winners coming from behind to lead 2-1 at the breather, Monir, Nayan, Saiful, Milan and Tipu struck one goal each for the old towers, while former national forward Mizan netted the lone goal for Brothers Union.  
On a wet and slippery field, it was, however, the orange outfit that went 1-0 up in the 25th minute when Mizan shot the ball home from a goalmouth melee.  
But BU could sustain the lead for only a minute as Rahmatganj levelled the match through

midfielder Monir who tapped in a Saiful pass from the right side (1-1).  
Midfielder Nayan put Rahmatganj in command five minutes before the interval with a brilliant free-kick from the left flank which fooled the Brothers custodian before nestling in the far corner of the net (2-1).  
Buoyed by the first half lead, Rahmatganj added three more to their credit in only four minutes in the dying part of the match.  
Saiful made a magnificent solo run through the midfield before unleashing a powerful packed right-footer to the far corner of the net (3-1) in the 81st minute. Milan, with his sixth goal of the league, made it 4-1 in the next minute. National striker Shahazuddin Tipu put another nail in the Gopibagh coffin with a placing shot five minutes before the last whistle.  
Yellow Cards: Abdullah and Shuvro (BU)

**TEAMS**  
Rahmatganj MFS: Himu, Biplab, Biplab Marma (Jamal), Shafique, Kamal, Nayan, Monir (Nurul), Onyeka, Saiful, Milan and Tipu.  
Brothers Union: Milan, Amin Khan, Palash (Sufian/Zahid), Barun, Ripon, Abdulah, Reaz (Anwar), Mizan, Jamal, Asad and Shuvro.  
Referee: Tayeb Hasan

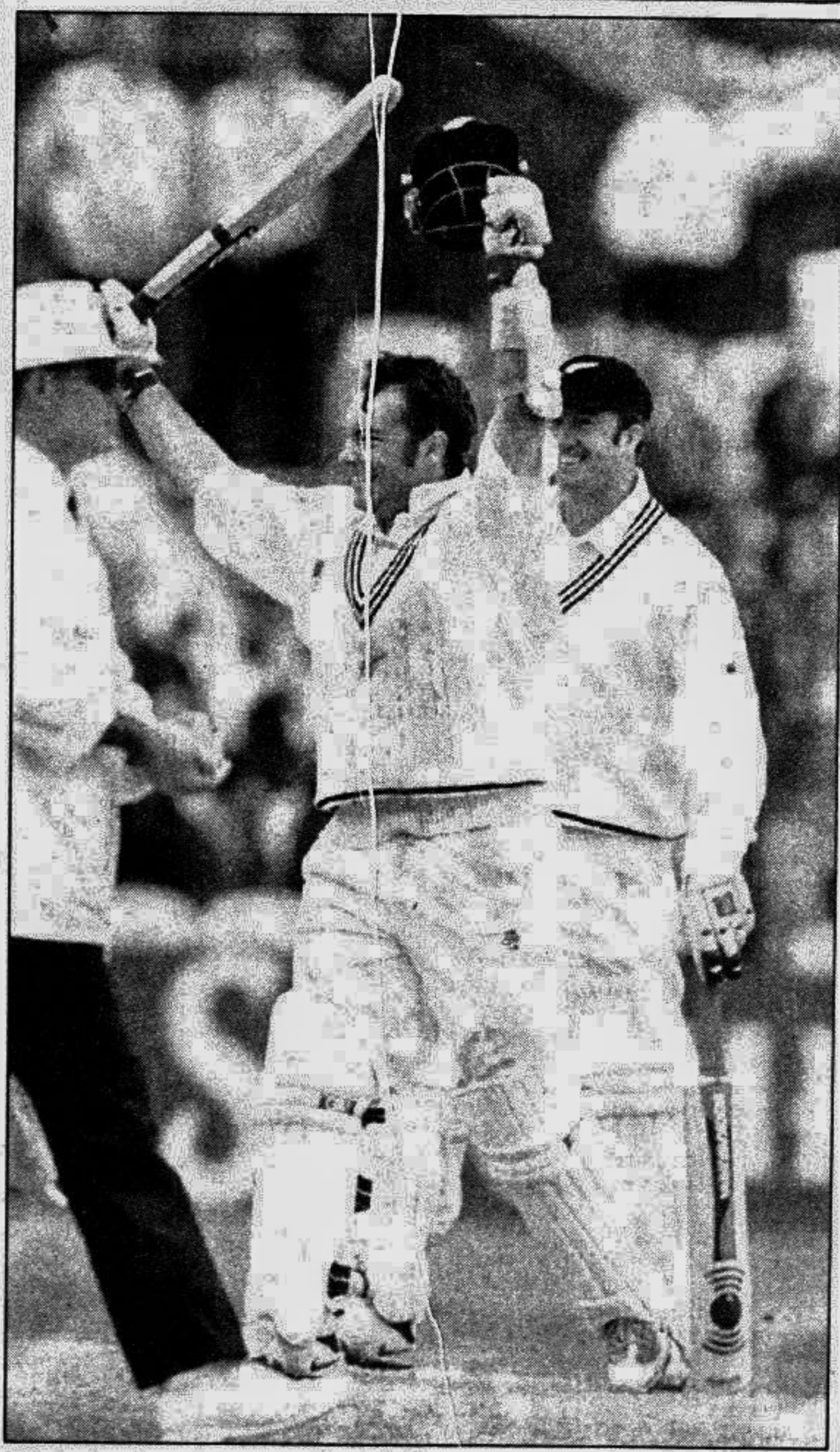
**TODAY'S MATCH**  
Farashganj SC vs Mirpur Chalanika (4 pm)

Team	Rank	M	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rahmatganj	6th	11	2	6	3	15	14	12
Brothers Union	8th	11	3	2	6	15	19	11

## Balanced yardstick in cricket

**UNDATED (Internet report):** Is Tendulkar a better batsman than Bradman? Was Garfield Sobers a superior all-rounder in comparison to Ian Botham? Or was Freddie Spofforth a bigger demon than Waqar Younis? The above are questions which confuse young enthusiasts of the game all over the world. Unfortunately, for them (and also for the game of cricket) the yardstick that these youngsters choose as their reference of comparisons is the statistical analysis of these players. By the above, a few do not wish to run down or devalue the importance of statistics in the game of cricket. Indeed the study of facts and figures forms an integral part of the cricketing canvas. Probably, no other sport in the world lays as much stress and importance on statistics as the game of cricket.  
The amount of time, research and printed space allotted to statistics by the world of cricket is immense to the extent of being phenomenal. Cricketing records and their implications on performances and merits assume pivotal importance in proper context. The problem begins when an overdose of statistics overwhelms other factors.  
For one to write on such a topic is more difficult than most would imagine. After having remained a chronic addict

of facts and figures for so long, some may feel that there is a limit to where these numbers can guide us in our cricketing assessments. Can we really call Rashid Khan the best-ever Test batsman produced by Pakistan just because he has an average of 188.00? Can we forget the cavalier style of Maqsood Ahmed who won the title of 'Merry Max' on the merit of his aggressive batting in England but never managed a Test century? Is it just for us to call Zaheer Abbas a greater batsman than Hanif Mohammad just because 'Zed' has more Test runs to his credit? Is Kapil Dev a better bowler than Richard Hadlee just because he has overtaken Hadlee in the tally of Test scalps?  
All these are questions whose answers can never be found in the record books. Cricket records may well be the numerical analyst's main tool but even then the game is primarily the domain of the artists and idealists. The rhythm which flowed from the bat of Maqsood Khan in the 1976-77 series against New Zealand; or the sting of Imran's swing against India in 1982-83 and the patience of Hanif's marathon innings against the West Indies in 1957-58; can never be measured, quantitatively. The stature of W.G.



Kiwi Craig McMillan celebrates after scoring his century in the third Test on the fourth day.

## Windies coming to town

**Sports Reporter**  
West Indies will arrive Dhaka on October 1 on a ten-day visit, said a source close to Bangladesh Cricket Board yesterday. The tour was confirmed by the West Indian board recently.  
On the second visit to Bangladesh in 12 months, the Caribbean, who played the Wills International Cup final against South Africa at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on November 1 last year, will engage themselves in a three-day match, scheduled for a October 4 start and two day-night one-day internationals on October 8 and 9 before leaving for Sharjah on October 10.  
All the matches will played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium which will be at BCB's disposal after September 7.  
A senior board official said yesterday that Bangladesh Television is likely to telecast all the matches live.  
"The matter is in the pipeline," said the official, who opted not to be named.  
He also said that the primary camp of Bangladesh is likely to begin from August 2.0 with around 35 cricketers.

## Bangabandhu Cup Organising Committee meet today

**Sports Reporter**  
The first meeting of the Bangabandhu Cup Organising Committee will be held this evening at 6 pm at Hotel Purbani.  
The 101-member Organising Committee is likely to chalk out the outline of the tournament, which is scheduled to start at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from August 27.  
Twelve foreign teams, including one from Brazil and Ghana, have confirmed their participation in the tournament, which will also feature hosts Bangladesh.  
And even though Scotland

## Tudor could be back in action

**LONDON, Aug 9:** Surrey fast bowler Alex Tudor is expected to be fit for England's fourth and final Test against New Zealand later this month, reports AFP.  
Tudor, who missed the third Test at Old Trafford due to a knee injury, should have recovered by the start of the match at The Oval on August 19.  
But he will be short of match practice, and England selectors will have to decide whether to gamble on Tudor on his home ground.  
Surrey coach Keith Medley said: "He will probably be fit but whether he will have played enough cricket by then is another question."  
"We have been keeping close tabs on him and he is going along nicely but we don't want to rush him back."  
"We will be seeing a specialist tomorrow and if he thinks there's any doubt we won't rush him back into the team."  
Tudor hit 99 with the bat to help England win the first Test in July.

## Babes now big promoters

**AMSTERDAM, Aug 9 (Gemini News Service):** Bangladesh's stunning 62-run win over South Africa's ever-improving show at the cricket World Cup may have upset the bookies a bit. But they should also have persuaded cricket's think-tanks that the next Cup - to be held in four years' time - should be enlarged from 12 to 16 teams.  
"If Bangladesh and Kenya show they have improved their standards significantly it would be an indication to the ICC that the strategy of granting them official one-day international status was correct," Ali Bacher, chief executive officer of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), said at the start of the tournament.  
"From a personal point of view, I would welcome the participation of as many as 16 countries in 2003 but it is crucial that playing standards are not compromised," added Bacher.  
The inclusion of the so-called minnows of the World Cup - Bangladesh, Kenya and Scotland - follows an initiative taken several years ago by Jagmohan Dalmiya, the Indian chairman of cricket's governing body, the International Cricket Conference (ICC). The move to globalise the game has been paid off.  
The Kenyans first played in the tournament in 1995, when they stunned pundits and punters alike by defeating the West Indies - twice winner of the Cup.  
As it turned out, the Kenyans failed to repeat their giant-killing act this time around but they certainly won many admirers with their enterprising batting and enthusiastic fielding.  
Their star batsman Steve Tikolo even won a man-of-the-match award for a brilliant knock of 72 against England while 21-year-old all-rounder Thomas Odoyo and opening batsman Ravindu Shah signalled their arrival as players to watch out for in the future.  
Kenya's progress has been one of the success stories in the development of African cricket. The game has really taken off in the last eight years, especially in the schools. We have qualified for our second World Cup and we have performed, like in the last World Cup, honourably and competitively," Rayani said.  
"We have proven that Africans can be as good crick-



Mike Atherton, the England opener, is about to be caught off a miscued sweep on the fourth day of the third Test against New Zealand at Old Trafford on August 8.

## McMillan plunders hosts Elements upset Kiwis

**MANCHESTER, England, Aug 9 (Reuters/AFP):** England faced a battle for survival in the third Test against New Zealand at Old Trafford after Michael Atherton was controversially given out just before rain halted the fourth day on Sunday.  
Former skipper Atherton was judged caught by Nathan Astle off Daniel Vettori on 48 after a second wicket stand of 99 with Alec Stewart.  
Umpire David Shepherd ruled that the ball touched his glove as he went for the sweep shot but TV replays clearly showed it had touched his upper arm instead. Atherton appeared to make a comment to Shepherd as he walked off, shaking his head.  
The wicket put England back in deep trouble at 118 for two, still 179 behind with Stewart unbeaten on 47.  
They now face a nerve-racking three sessions on Monday to avoid going 2-1 down in the four-match series.  
Mark Butcher, acting captain in place of injured Nasser Hussain, fell leg-before to Dion Nash for nine, continuing a poor run of scores that has brought him only 86 runs in six innings in this series.  
Atherton and Stewart responded by batted boldly, piercing the field at regular intervals and scoring at comfortably more than three runs per over without offering any chances until Atherton's exit.  
Craig McMillan completed his century before the Kiwis declared on 496 for nine at lunch, leading by 297.  
Before a sparse crowd, the

Kiwis resumed at 399 for six, exactly 200 ahead. But they soon lost a wicket when Chris Cairns lofted a catch to Andy Caddick on the boundary off left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell and departed for 41 with the score on 425.  
But England failed to follow up that success and McMillan and Dion Nash put on a half-century partnership for the eighth wicket.  
Nash put up the 50 with a well-timed boundary off Peter Such but the off-spinner captured his wicket in his next over when the New Zealander was caught by Caddick at mid-off. He was out for 26 and New Zealand was 476 for eight with a lead of 277.  
McMillan produced the reverse sweep off Such to the mid-off boundary to take his score to 96 and, when he repeated it to try and reach his century, he created the most dramatic play of the morning session.  
England captain Mark Butcher chased the ball and dived into the rope to prevent it crossing for a four. McMillan and Paul Harris had already run two and, with Harris screaming "No", McMillan found himself forced to charge back to avoid being run out as pulling back the ball and that meant a boundary.  
Left-hander Harris departed next over for three when Tufnell got a ball to spin back sharply and take his middle stump and the ninth wicket

went down on 487.  
McMillan was unbeaten on 107 at the declaration. He received 210 balls, hitting three sixes and nine fours.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard on the fourth day of the third Test between England and New Zealand at Old Trafford on Sunday:  
**ENGLAND:** First innings 199 (M Ramprakash 69 not out)  
**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings (overnight 399-6)  
M Horne b Caddick 39  
M Bell c Atherton b Headley 83  
S Fleming lbw b Such 38  
N Astle c Such b Caddick 101  
R Twose lbw b Such 20  
C McMillan not out 107  
A Parore c Butcher b Such 10  
C Cairns c Caddick b Tufnell 41  
D Nash c Caddick b Such 26  
C Harris b Tufnell 3  
D Vettori not out 2  
Extras: (b-6, lb-17, nb-3) 26  
Total: (For nine wickets declared) 496  
Fall of wickets: 1-46; 2-110; 3-263; 4-280; 5-321; 6-331; 7-425; 8-476; 9-487.  
**Bowler:** O M R W  
Caddick 39 11 112 2  
Headley 31 4 115 1  
Tufnell 46 12 111 2  
Such 41 11 114 4  
Hick 1 0 8 0  
Butcher 2 0 13 0  
**ENGLAND:** Second innings  
M Butcher lbw b Nash 9  
M Atherton c Astle b Vettori 48  
A Stewart not out 47  
G Thorpe not out 0  
Extras: (b-6, lb-5) 14  
Total: (For two wickets) 118  
Fall of wickets: 1-19; 2-118  
**Bowler:** O M R W  
Cairns 8 1 38 0  
Nash 10 3 26 1  
Astle 3 1 7 0  
Vettori 13 2 6 17 1  
Harris 9 2 15 0