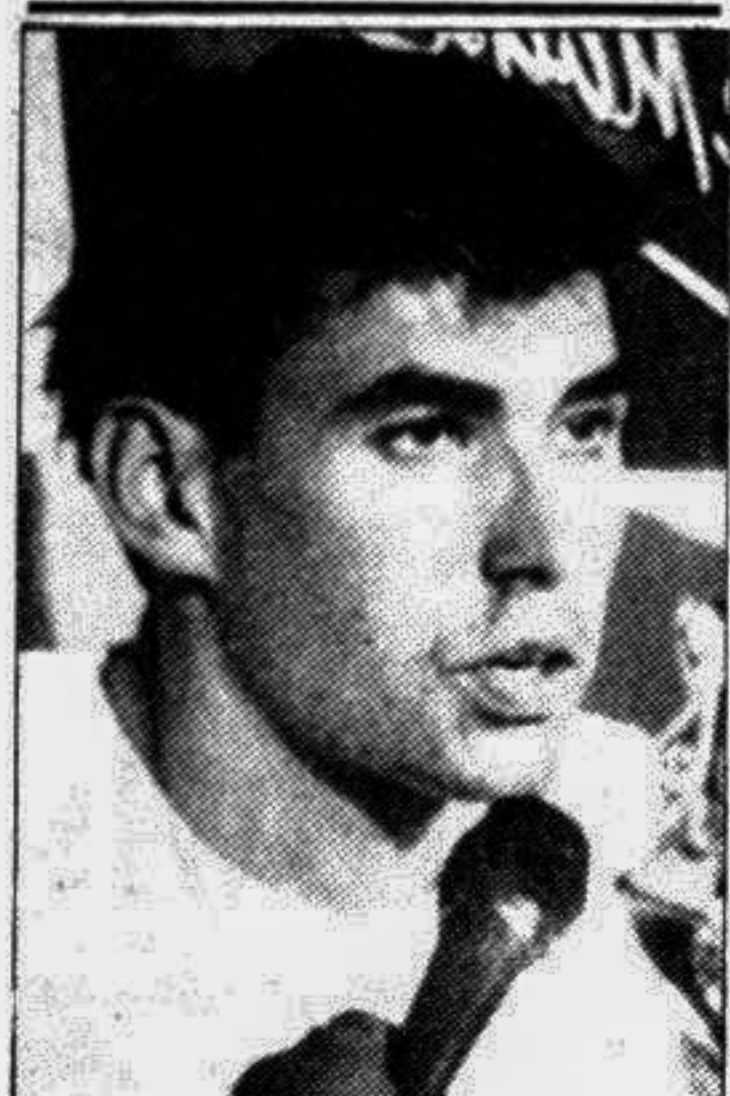


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### SPORTS TALK



**Stephen Fleming**  
(New Zealand skipper)

"We have to bat very well against the Indian spinners. It is a difficult challenge. On the current series."

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# Jewel Rana for Europe!

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh football captain Jewel Rana is set to make history by becoming only the second booter of the sub-continent to sign for a professional club in Europe. Jewel has been approached by Kerulet FC of Hungary, who have proposed to recruit the central defender on a match-by-match basis.

Jewel (27) was spotted by the oldest Hungarian side while he was playing for Bangladesh against the visitors in the Bangabandhu Cup Invitational Football Tournament in August this year.

Demoted from the Hungarian Premier League last year, Kerulet FC have offered Jewel 500 US dollars per match. But the long-serving national defender, who led Bangladesh from the front to win the first-

ever SAF gold in Kathmandu early this month, has demanded 20,000 US dollars and other facilities for a six-month contract. The Hungarian football season commences in late December.

Jewel said 'it was still early days for negotiations'. He also disclosed that Kerulet FC officials were maintaining constant contact with him.

India's star striker Baichung Bhutia recently signed for Bury United, a second division side of England, to become the first sub-continental footballer to play for a European club.

There are still some technicalities to be sorted out as far as Jewel is concerned. He has recently been offered by Mohun Bagan to play in the Indian national league. The Calcutta giants offered him Rs. 10 lakh for a three-month contract.

Jewel, however, said that he would definitely prefer the Kerulet offer, as it will be a dream come true for him. If everything goes according to plan, Jewel will go down in the history of Bangladesh football for his pioneering role.

"Had I not considered the financial aspects, I would have spared no time in accepting their offer. However, there are some other considerations. If I decide to play in Europe for an indefinite period, complications may arise regarding transfer fees in case I plan to play at home", said Jewel last night.

Jewel indicated that the irregularity of the Dhaka league might tilt his decision for Kerulet.

Meanwhile, the sensational Kerulet offer comes immediately after his retirement from the national team, which he announced after winning the SAF gold this month against hosts Nepal in Kathmandu.

Jewel, who is serving the national team for a decade, is also a pivotal force in Muktiyoddha's emergence as a third force behind Mohammedan and Abahani in Dhaka football. He led Muktiyoddha to win the coveted Premier League last season.

## Special chess Shamsul lifts title

Shamsul Islam of Dhaka emerged champion in the first national special chess competition for the disabled people securing six points despite losing his last round match against Shamsul Amin Wednesday at the NSC chess room, reports UNB.

On completion of the seven-round Swiss league basis contest, three players - Shamsul Islam, Asgar Ali and Al Amin Hawlader - collected six points each, but in progressive score of the tie-breaker Shamsul clinched the title scoring 27. Asgar finished runner-up making 22 while Al Amin became third with 21.

All the three top players received Tk 2000 each in addition to the trophies. Zahurul Islam placed 4th bagging 5.5 points.

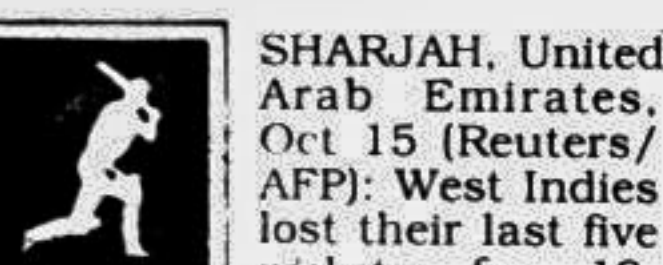
Four players - Sharif Ahmed, Kamal Hossain, Abid Hossain and Mohammad Sujon - bagged five points each to place 5th to 8th positions. Nazrul Islam and Azizur Rahman placed 9th and 10th positions securing 4.5 points.

Editor of the Daily Prothom Alo Matiuur Rahman was the chief guest in the closing function and distributed the prizes. A total 49 players from 15 districts took part in the seven-round competition.



JEWEL RANA ... the kingpin

# Pakistan stretch streak



SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Oct 15 (Reuters/AFP): West Indies lost their last five wickets for 16 runs as they stumbled to a 130-run defeat by Pakistan in the second match of the Coca-Cola Sharjah Cup on Thursday.

Chasing a formidable target of 261, they lost skipper Brian Lara early on for eight. By the 17th over they had been reduced to 58 for three and were without Jimmy Adams who aggravated an old leg injury while bowling. He sent down only 10 deliveries and doctors ruled him out for the rest of the tournament, saying the left-hander needed at least two weeks to recover.

Only opener Sherwin Campbell, with 34 off 58 balls, and Ricardo Powell made any significant contributions.

Powell fell while trying to accelerate the innings. He scored 36 from as many balls with four fours and one six off debutant off-spinner Shoab Malik who eventually had the last laugh by having him stumped.

After his dismissal the later order batsmen simply caved in. West Indies were all out for 130 in 34.4 overs.

Earlier, Saeed Anwar and Inzamam-ul-Haq hit sparkling half-centuries as Pakistan piled up 260 for five in the day-night international.

It was Pakistan's fifth successive one-day victory over Lara's team, having beaten them in the preliminary league of the World Cup in May and thrice in Canada last month.

The West Indians showed none of the flair that won them Wednesday's opener against Sri Lanka, allowing Pakistan to dominate proceedings the moment Wasim Akram won the toss and elected to bat.

Adams' absence left the responsibility of shoring up the innings on Lara, but he let his side down with a rash shot.

Lara, who opened the innings, edged a wild swing off Akram to the wicketkeeper soon after hitting a splendid boundary to long-on.

Pakistan unveiled their latest find, 17-year-old Malik, who was picked for the tournament because Saqlain Mushtaq was recovering from a knee op-

eration. Malik, who plays regularly with Saqlain in the Pakistan International Airlines team and bowls with a remarkably similar action, impressed with figures of two for 34 in eight overs.

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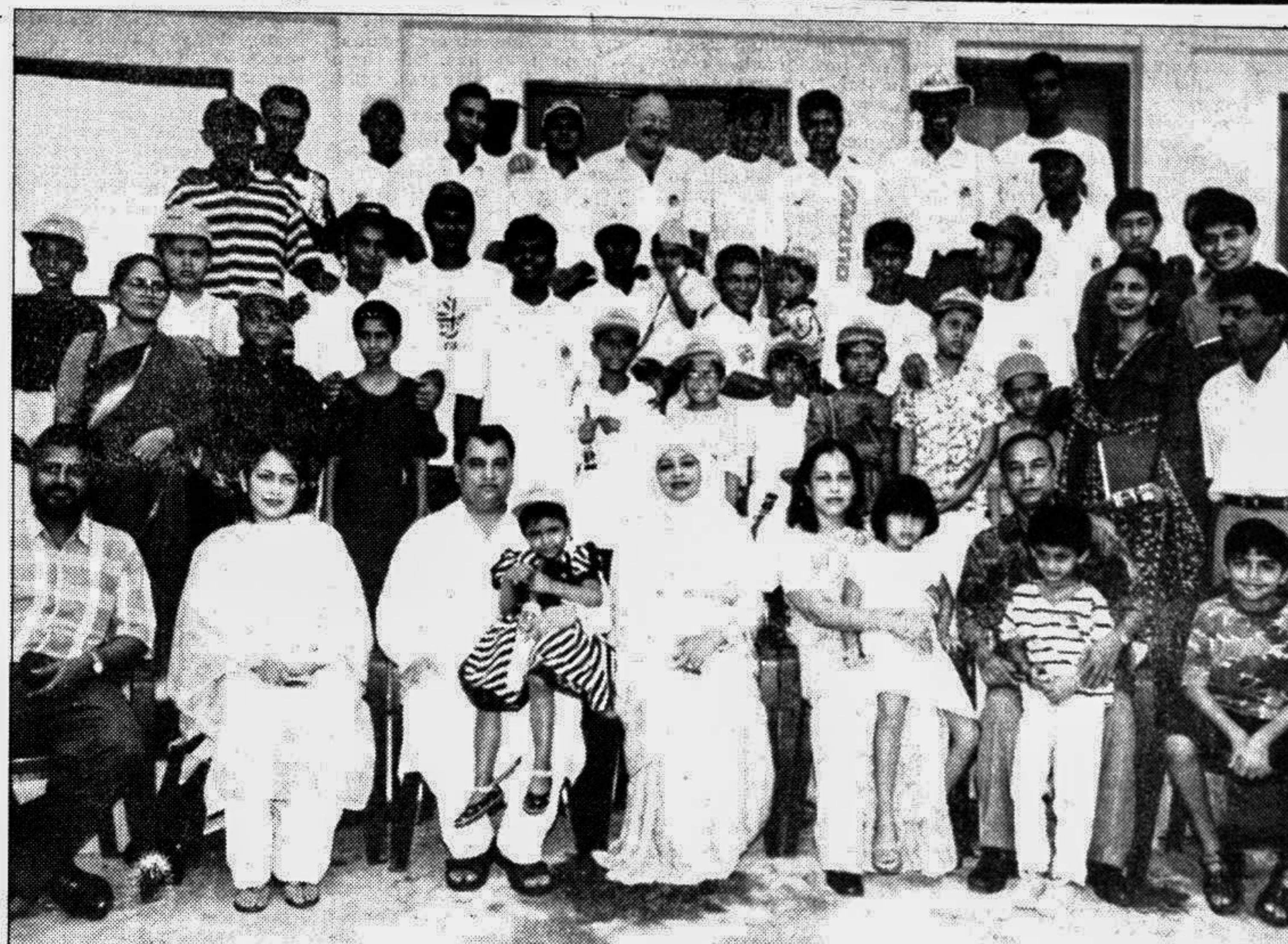
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MEETING OF HEROES: Bangladesh cricketers warmed the heart once again when on Friday they played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium with heroes of a different kind -- children fighting cancer. Parents, coach Edlie Barlow and BCR president pose with the players, young and old.

## Pakistan 196

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Oct 15: Sri Lanka dismissed Pakistan for a modest 196 in the Sharjah Cup today, reports Reuters.

Pakistan, comfortably off at 157 for four in 40.5 overs, lost their remaining wickets for just 39 runs.

A third wicket stand of 93 between Inzamam-ul-Haq (42) and Yousuf Youhana (48) gave some respectability to the total.

Off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan took two for 22 in 10 overs.

Scoreboard of the Pakistan innings in the Sharjah Cup one-day international against Sri Lanka on Friday:

PAKISTAN				
Anwar c and b Vaas	30			
Sohail b Vaas	6			
Inzamam c Jayasuriya b Arnold	42			
Yousuf b Muralitharan	48			
Raza c Jayasuriya b Muralitharan	14			
Moin b Muralitharan	6			
Akram run out	0			
Mahmood run out	17			
Razaq not out	0			
Malik c and b Jayasuriya	6			
Arshad b Arnold	2			
Extras: (lb-4, lb-9, w-8, nb-2)	23			
Total: (All out in 49.4 overs)	196			
Fall of wickets: 1-37; 2-38; 3-131; 4-157; 5-163; 6-168; 7-184; 8-188; 9-189.				

**Bowler** O M R W

Vaas 8 2 29 2

Zoysa 8 0 24 0

Perera 5 0 28 0

Muralitharan 10 1 22 2

Jayasuriya 9 0 42 1

Arnold 9.4 0 38 2

## Cronje cancels Glamorgan deal

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 15: South African cricket captain Hansie Cronje backed out of a coaching deal with Glamorgan on Friday in order to be available to play for South Africa, reports AFP.

Cronje had a written agreement to coach Glamorgan during the 2000 and 2001 English seasons but has been released by the county, according to United Cricket Board managing director Ali Bacher.

If he had taken the coaching job it would have clashed with a South African tour of Sri Lanka starting in August 2000.

In a statement, Bacher said he had held lengthy discussions with Cronje in recent days.

"He has committed himself to the national team. Obviously no one can be guaranteed a place in the national side but, Hansie still has an enormous amount to offer to South African cricket and I'm glad to say that he accepts this."

Bacher said he had not offered any financial inducement to Cronje to compensate for the loss of the Glamorgan contract.

He said Glamorgan chief executive Mike Fatkin had been gracious in agreeing to release Cronje.

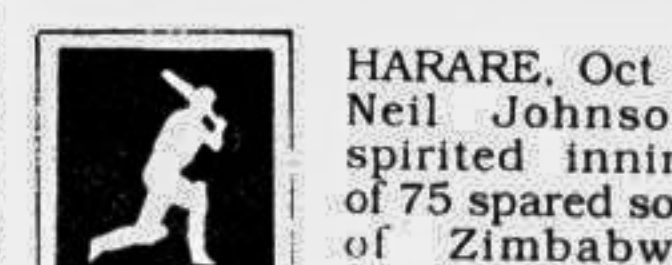
The South African captain had accepted an offer from Glamorgan following a decision by the national selectors to put him on trial during the coming international season.

## Inter-service swimming from tomorrow

The inter-service swimming and water-polo championships will start at the Bangladesh Navy Central Swimming Pool, Naval Headquarters Complex, Banani under arrangement of Bangladesh Navy from Sunday, says an ISPR press release.

About 150 swimmers drawn from the three services will take part in the three-day meet.

# Australia restrict Zimbabwe



HARARE, Oct 15: Neil Johnson's spirited innings of 75 spared some of Zimbabwe's blushes on the opening day of their one-off Test against Australia on Thursday, reports Reuters.

Zimbabwe were bowled out for 194 and Australia were six for no wicket at the close.

A perfect batting wicket persuaded Alistair Campbell to bat first but Damien Fleming, Glenn McGrath and Shane Warne combined to reduce the home side to 65 for four at lunch and then 125 for seven shortly after tea.

Coming to the crease at 37 for four an hour before lunch, Johnson redressed some of the balance with Andy Flower in a partnership of 70.

He then put on 40 for the eighth wicket with Guy Whittall.

Fleming claimed two wickets in his first five overs, removing the usually solid Grant Flower with a delivery that swung away and bounced harshly to find the edge. Ricky Ponting held the sharp catch at third slip.

Next ball Murray Goodwin set off for an impossible single and found himself stranded when Greg Blewett threw to Justin Langer at short leg.

Zimbabwe were six for two in just the fourth over.

Fleming struck again just 16 runs later when captain Alistair Campbell was caught low

## Johnson shines with bat

down in the gully by Michael Slater and worse was to come soon after when opener Gavin Rennie's 57-ball vigil was ended by McGrath. He made 18.

McGrath also removed the dangerous Andy Flower (28)

ball. Johnson immediately edged to slip to depart for 75 from 187 deliveries. He hit eight fours and one six.

Neither Greg Blewett or Michael Slater appeared remotely challenged in the three overs they faced before the close.

## LATEST

HARARE, Oct 15: Mark Waugh took Australia back into the driving seat on the second day of the one-off cricket Test against Zimbabwe here by scoring 90 runs and figuring in a fourth wicket partnership of 78 with brother Steve, reports AFP.

Waugh fell just short of his 17th Test century but led his side's fight-back after the loss of two early wickets.

Then Steve Waugh brought further stability to the Aussie batting and at the tea break they were 181-4 in reply to Zimbabwe's first innings total of 194, with Steve Waugh still there on 32 and Ricky Ponting on five.

shortly before tea, Mark Waugh taking a catch at slip, and then Shane Warne took three consecutive wickets to bring the innings to its knees.

However, Whittall made a lusty 27 from 42 balls and Johnson burst into life with a pulled four and straight driven six off Warne to push the total towards 200.

But when McGrath was brought back for his fourth spell, this time with the new

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on the first day of one-off Test between Zimbabwe and Australia here on Thursday:

**ZIMBABWE:** First innings

G Flower c Ponting b Fleming	1
G Rennie c Ponting b McGrath	18
M Goodwin run out (Blewett)	0
A Campbell c Slater b Fleming	5
A Flower c M Waugh b McGrath	28
N Johnson c M Waugh b McGrath	75
T Gripper lbw b Warne	4
H Strak c M Waugh b Warne	3
G Whittall c Healy b Warne	27
B Strang run out (G Rennie)	17
H Olonga not out	0
Extras:	16
Total: (all out)	194

Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-6; 3-22; 4-37; 5-107; 6-119; 7-125; 8-165; 9-190

**Bowler** O M R W

Fleming 15 6 22 0

McGrath 23 7 44 3

Miller 19 6 36 0

Warne 23 2 69 3

Ponting 4 1 0 0

S Waugh 4 1 17 0

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings

M Slater not out 4 || G Blewett not out | 1 |
| Extras: (lb-4) | 1 |
| Total: (For no wkt) | 6 |

**Bowler** O M R W

Olonga 2 1 5 0

Streak 1 1 0 0

# Gough boost for England



LONDON, Oct 15: England's premier strike bowler Darren Gough has been passed fit for their forthcoming tour of South Africa after missing all four Tests against New Zealand last season, reports Reuters.

Both Gough, who had a calf problem, and fellow fast bowler Alex Tudor, ruled out of the last three New Zealand tests with a knee injury, are "fit and raring to go," England captain Nasser Hussain said on Thursday.

Speaking at a news conference at Lord's ahead of England's departure for South Africa on October 26, Hussain said: "They have both started training and have been given the medical all clear to start bowling again."

Gough, whose England debut was in 1994, would have made far more than his 31 test appearances but for injuries that have dogged his international career.

Quite apart from his qualities as a bowler, Gough has a lively personality that is guaranteed to lift dressing room spirits, a fact acknowledged by Hussain.

"I like having Darren around, he's a great character, he creates a buzz in the dressing room and is a great inspiration to us all."

"We obviously missed him last summer, though I thought our bowling was one of our stronger points. We probably missed him occasionally with respect to bowling out tail-enders because he is so destructive in that department."

"He is a world class bowler when fit and any side would miss Darren Gough," said Hussain, who will be leading England on a major tour for the first time, having been appointed captain last June.

As the build-up for South Africa gathers momentum, Hussain warned his squad he does not want any of them "easing into the tour."

England's skipper said: "I know from my experience that when you ease into tours, thinking everything will be alright in a month's time, you

with every team I have been involved with, and Nasser seems very positive about it."

England launch their tour at the bottom of the unofficial test rankings but Hussain sounded a note of caution about the way ahead.

"We are at the bottom of the pile and moving away from there will be a gradual process," he said. "We must not get too high or too low (in mood). If we lose a couple of games we must try to keep on an even keel."

England's itinerary, starting on November 1 and ending next February 12, includes five tests against South Africa and a triangular limited overs series also involving Zimbabwe.

**WHIZZ KID 121**  
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**WHIZZ KID-121 correct answers**

1. Who won the DMC Cup in Toronto?  
Ans: India

2. Where will the next SAF Games be held?  
Ans: Pakistan

3. How many Test wickets has Kapil Dev taken?  
Ans: 434

4. Who is the fastest man in South Asia?  
Ans: Anil

5. What is the name of Tendulkar's daughter?  
Ans: Sarah

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**Nigar Jasmine Hamid**  
(Sunnydale, Dhanmondi Dhaka)