

Philippoussis in qtrs

PARIS, Nov 5: Mark Philippoussis earned his third confidence-boosting win at the Paris Open by outstriking No 10 seed Tim Henman on Thursday, reports AP.

The powerful Australian has struggled badly in three events since undergoing knee surgery but stormed to a 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, win as Henman continued his poor recent form.

Philippoussis, who beat No 8 seed Richard Krajicek in the second round after a first-round success against Nicolas Escude, served 14 aces to Henman's seven, while the double fault count was 6-0 in Philippoussis' favour.

"All I am lacking from my game is matches under my belt and this week that is what I am getting," Philippoussis said. "I am concentrating extremely well and enjoying playing again."

"Players like to peak for the big tournaments and that is what I am starting to do," he added.

Philippoussis was unstoppable in the first set, which he clinched with a thunderous 206-kph (128mph) serve that had Henman floundering.

Injury forces Rios out of the season

SANTIAGO, Nov 5: Marcelo Rios, the world's former number one but currently ranked eighth, bowed out on Thursday of the rest of the 1999 season because of a pelvic injury he has been carrying for several months, reports Reuters.

Rios told reporters he had decided not to play in the big season-ending Hanover tournament, starting on November 22. He has also pulled out of next week's Stockholm Open.

"I have a lot of pain and like this it is impossible to play," Rios said.

Rios, who had been in line to join the top eight ranked players in Hanover, is to seek medical advice on whether he should have an operation.

The Chilean was eliminated from the Paris Open on Wednesday, going down in straight sets to Michael Chang.

He said of his season: "I wanted to end fifth or sixth in the rankings, but still I'll end as one of the top 10 players for a third year which is good."

Cricket in a state

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pecially for West Indian cricket, because he was putting so much into the game as a coach.

"It's scary that someone of my era in the game has gone. He had so much to offer, he was a great professional and a great guy as well."

Pakistan captain Wasim Akram paying his tribute saying: "Malcolm was one of the cleverest fast bowlers in cricket and he was my fast bowling idol."

"His skills were to pick the mistakes of batsmen straight away and spot their weaknesses."

"He was a nice fellow off the field, but a fierce competitor on it and on behalf of the Pakistan team I offer my condolences to his family."

Hampshire chairman Brian Ford described Marshall as "a lovely, lovely man in addition to being the terrific cricketer that we all know."

"I can see him on the balcony at Lord's in 1992 when we won the Benson and Hedges Cup beaming all over his face having finally won his cup-winning medal."

Former Australian Test player Greg Matthews was a teammate of Marshall's when he played for Waverly in the Sydney club competition.

He recalled how during his first over for Waverly, Marshall roared for a catch behind and was stunned when the umpire gave the batsman not out.

"He finished the over and went down to fine leg and you could hear him complaining from there. They would have heard him on Bondi Beach," Matthews said.

"But that was because he was so competitive. Some other sportspeople take a step back when they come down from a higher level but he was never like that."

"He is the best fast bowler I think we have produced, along with Michael Holding and Wes Hall. I think the entire world will mourn Malcolm. He was everybody's friend — to Barbados, West Indian cricket, the rest of the Caribbean, Hampshire and everywhere he's gone. I do not know anybody who would say anything bad about Malcolm Marshall, as a person or as a cricketer," said former West Indies teammate Colin Croft.

"Malcolm was one of the world's greatest fast bowlers, a great thinker and a well-balanced individual who gave his best whether batting or bowling," Peter Short, the former West Indies Cricket Association president giving his reaction.

"I first faced Malcolm in the 1991 series in the West Indies and I think he will go down as one of the great modern fast bowlers. He was a quick and skiddy bowler who could move the ball both ways. He was the complete fast bowler in my opinion. Off the field he was a very nice man and everyone in cricket will miss him," said former England captain Michael Atherton.

"I faced him on my first England tour and he was the most fearsome of opponents on the field but off it, one of the nicest blokes you could meet. He was a genuinely nice man, certainly one of the best fast bowlers I ever faced and probably one of the greatest of all time. It's a great shock," said England batsman and former captain Alec Stewart.

Youhana, Inzamam miss tons



BRISBANE, Nov 5: Damien Fleming salvaged a potentially disastrous toss decision with late Pakistan wickets as Australia clawed back on the opening day of the first cricket Test here Friday, reports AP.

Skipper Steve Waugh admitted his decision to send an "underdog" Pakistan into bat on a green-tinged Gabba pitch was not "looking too flash" until Fleming struck with the second new ball.

A near-record stand between Inzamam-ul-Haq and Yousuf Youhana had Pakistan in command at 265 for three before the late flurry of dismissals loosened the tourists' grip to be 280 for six at stumps.

Fleming removed Youhana and nightwatchman Mushtaq Ahmed to add to his earlier scalps of Mohammad Wasim and Ijaz Ahmed to finish the day on an upswing for the world champion Australians.

The Victorian swing bowler came off with 4-57 from 25 overs. Three of the dismissals involved catches for Test debutant wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist, the successor to newly-retired Ian Healy.

"There probably wasn't enough in the wicket as I thought there would be," said Waugh. "I was confident it was the right choice, but at the end of the day I wasn't looking too flash until the last couple of wickets."

Inzamam (88) and Youhana (95) put on 152 runs for the fourth wicket — three short of the Pakistan's best against Australia — to have the tourists in command.

At the close, Azhar Mahmood, who was doubled-up in pain by a blow to the groin from a Fleming delivery, was not out seven with Abdur Razaq yet to score.

"I think they're 55-45 up at this stage, we've clawed our way back and tomorrow morning will be crucial. If we can bowl them out for something under 350 I think we've done well," said Waugh, leading Australia for the first time in a home series after the retirement of Mark Taylor.

Youhana fell agonisingly five runs short of his first century against Australia when he edged Fleming to Gilchrist 15 minutes before stumps.

Youhana was crestfallen as West Indian umpire Eddie Nicholas raised his finger to end his innings and he raged back to the dressingroom, ruling his missed opportunity.

The 25-year-old right-hander batted for 209 minutes and hit 16 fours.

Inzamam was again denied a coveted century against Australia when he was trapped lbw by Glenn McGrath for 88 about a half-hour before stumps.

The curly right-handed No 4 was attempting to improve on his previous highest score of 97 against Australia at Peshawar last year.

So in control of proceedings were Pakistan that they have worked their way towards their highest score on the ground of 291, set back on the 1981-82

tour.

Inzamam, a 56-Test batting mainstay of the Pakistan top order, thwarted the Australian attack for 255 minutes clouting 15 boundaries off 199 balls.

"We worked pretty well all day and we deserved a few wickets at the end, but we weren't quite on our game in the first 10-15 overs this morning and we didn't do enough with the new ball," said Waugh.

That was mainly due to the positive hitting of experienced opener Saeed Anwar, whose chances 61 frustrated the Australian attack.

In fact skipper Waugh was forced to turn to bowling part-timers Ricky Ponting, Greg

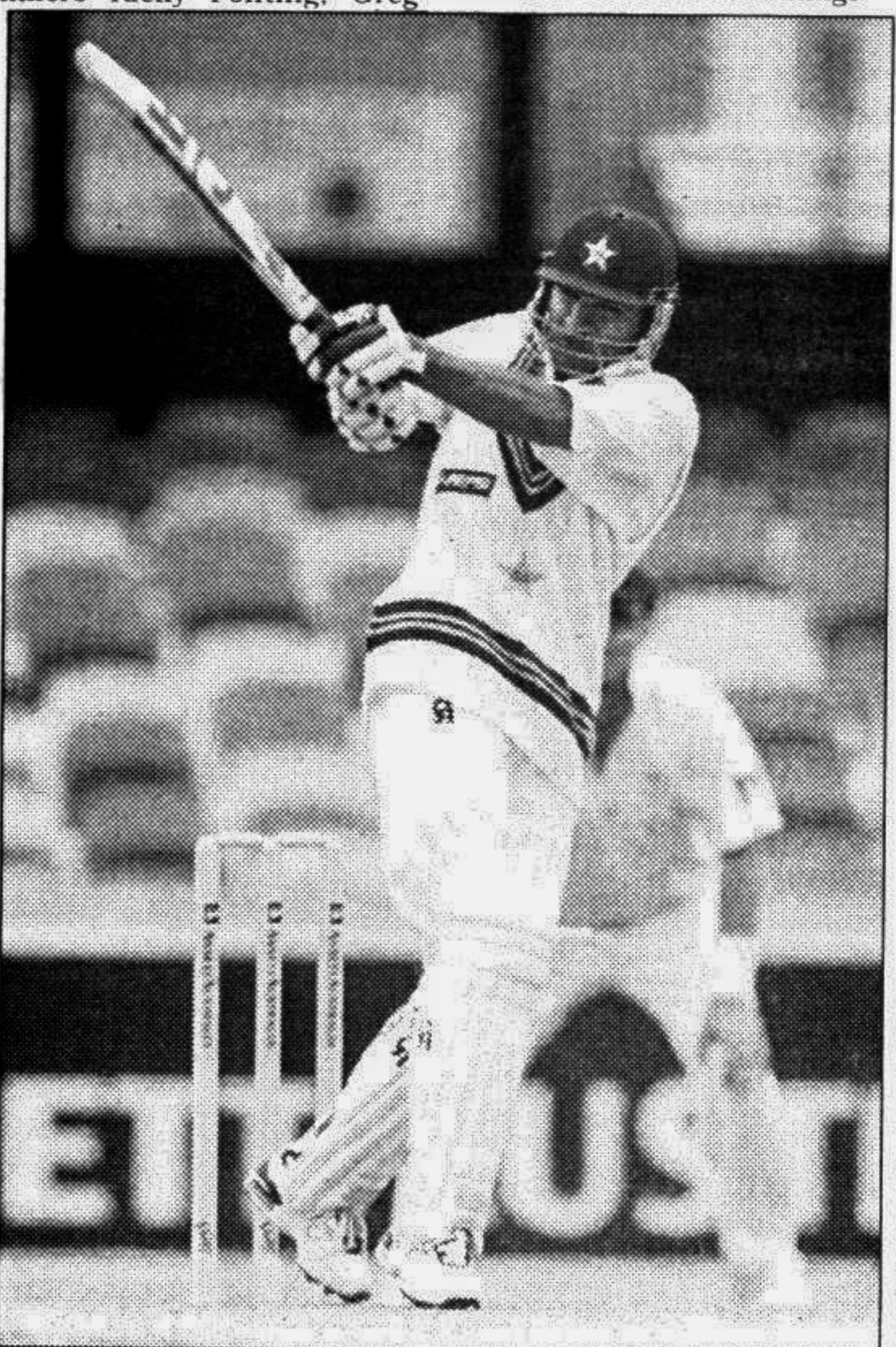
the tourists at 42 for two just after the morning drinks break.

Fellow opener Mohammad Wasim lost his wicket to a lazy shot two balls after drinks when he edged Fleming giving Gilchrist his first catch in Tests.

Wasim's indiscretion exposed Ijaz Ahmed and three balls later he was on his way without scoring when he nicked Fleming to a diving Warner at first slip.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first day's play in the first cricket Test between Australia and Pakistan in Brisbane on Friday:
PAKISTAN: First Innings



Pakistan opener Saeed Anwar pulls one on the on-side during the first day's play of the first Test against Australia at the Gabba yesterday. — AFP photo

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| Anwar c M Waugh b Warner | 61 |
| M Wasim c Gilchrist b Fleming | 18 |
| Ijaz c Warner b Fleming | 88 |
| Inzamam lbw b McGrath | 88 |
| Youhana c Gilchrist b Fleming | 95 |
| Mahmood not out | 7 |
| Mushtaq c Gilchrist b Fleming | 0 |
| Razaq not out | 0 |
| Extras (lb-4, lb-2, nb-5) | 11 |
| Total (For six wickets) | 280 |

Fall of wickets: 1-42, 2-42, 3-113, 4-265, 5-280, 6-280.
To bat (from): Moin Khan, Wasim Akram, Shoaib Akhtar

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| Bowler: | O | M | R | W |
| McGrath | 21 | 2 | 86 | 4 |
| Fleming | 25 | 5 | 42 | 1 |
| Muller | 13 | 4 | 42 | 0 |
| Warne | 22 | 9 | 54 | 1 |
| Blewett | 5 | 1 | 22 | 0 |
| Ponting | 5 | 1 | 12 | 0 |
| S Waugh | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Healy given hearty adieu

BRISBANE, Australia, Nov 5: Australian wicketkeeper Ian Healy got the sendoff denied by national selectors when he received an emotional farewell from his home town crowd at the first cricket Test against Pakistan here today, reports AFP.

Healy, who announced his retirement from the game last week, missed out on ending his wonderful playing career before his Gabba fans as selectors moved to supplant the 35-year-old with Adam Gilchrist.

Selectors have been criticised for not giving Healy the opportunity to bow out fittingly to public acclaim for an 11-year Test career.

Healy played in 119 Tests and scored 4,356 runs at 27.39, with four centuries and 22 half-centuries.

He made 366 catches and 29 stumpings for a Test world record 395 dismissals.

Today Healy, covered in green and gold streamers, drove around the Gabba ground in an open convertible with his three children to receive the hero worship of his fans during the tea break on the opening day of the first Test.

The entire Pakistan team, led by captain Wasim Akram, came on to the field to applaud Healy as he drove past. He gave them a heart-felt thumbs-up for their respects.

As the Australian players came back on to the field after a long-time Test teammate Michael Slater sprinted across the ground to shake Healy's hand.

Capriati advances

QUEBEC, Nov 5: American Jennifer Capriati, trying to regain the form she flashed as a promising teen, beat Seda Noorlander of the Netherlands 6-4, 6-2 to reach the quarterfinals of the Bell Challenge, reports AP.

In another afternoon match Thursday, American Mashona Washington advanced to her first WTA quarterfinal with a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Japan's Shinobu Asagoe.

French Preview

Auxerre, the team to beat

In France Auxerre are showing that money does not necessarily talk, reports AFP.

The 1996 Double winners, who only escaped relegation last season with a last day win, defend the top spot on Sunday when they visit Nantes, who are French Cup holders but in something of a predicament as they are second bottom of the top flight.

Auxerre's veteran coach Guy Roux, in his 39th year in charge of the Burgundy outfit, will be able to call on the services of World Cup star Bernard Dinouli, who missed the win over Montpellier last weekend.

Lyons host Le Havre, who jumped three places off the bottom last week with an unexpected 3-1 win over Paris St Germain.

Third-placed Monaco host Marseille in the battle of the cash-rich Cote d'Azur clubs.

Champions Bordeaux, in fourth spot, host Sedan on Saturday. The Girondins are waiting on French international goalkeeper Ulrich Rame, linked with Manchester United, who will have a fitness test Friday.

Paris St Germain host improving St Etienne also on Saturday.

FIXTURES

Saturday: Paris-SG v Saint-Etienne, Bordeaux v Sedan, Strasbourg v Nancy, Rennes v Bastia

Sunday: Metz v Lens, Lyon v Le Havre, Troyes v Montpellier, Nantes v Auxerre, Monaco v Marseille

Bundesliga preview

Champions in good spirits

UNDATED, Nov 5: In Germany it has been a wonderful week for defending champions Bayern Munich, reports AFP.

A 5-0 win over Wolfsburg helped them back to the top of the Bundesliga and a 1-0 win over Glasgow Rangers — albeit a nervy one — helped them qualify for the next phase of the Champions League, the trophy that was famously bearded in Bayern ribbons in Barcelona last May.

Unfortunately those ribbons had to be quickly removed when Manchester United awoke from their normal time slumber and scored an equaliser and a winner in 95 seconds of injury time madness.

Bayern will hope to continue their winning form at SSV Ulm on Saturday while Borussia Dortmund, level on points with Bayern, host Bayer Leverkusen in the pick of the games.

Both sets of fans may be feeling slightly deflated, however, as both teams were eliminated from the Champions League.

Hertha Berlin, who join Bayern in Friday's draw for the next phase, visit Eintracht Frankfurt.

Hamburg, with Leverkusen a point behind Bayern and Dortmund, visit Hansa Rostock on Friday night.

FIXTURES

Friday: Hansa Rostock v SV Hamburg, SC Freiburg v MSV Duisburg

Saturday: Borussia Dortmund v Bayer Leverkusen, Eintracht Frankfurt v Hertha Berlin, Munich 1860 v Unterhaching, SSV Ulm v Bayern Munich, VfL Wolfsburg v VfB Stuttgart

Sunday: Kaiserslautern v Schalke 04, Arminia Bielefeld v Werder Bremen

Astle rampages at Rajkot



RAJKOT, India, Nov 5: Nathan Astle sparked with bat and ball as New Zealand compiled their highest one-day score to defeat India by 43 runs in the first of the five one-day internationals here today, reports AFP.

Astle hit 120 and took three for 40 as the Kiwis revelled in perfect batting conditions to score a record 349 for 9 in 50 overs, before bowling the hosts out for 306 with three overs to spare.

Ajay Jadeja top-scored for India with 95 off 97 balls, but it was not enough to prevent New Zealand from recording only their third win in 13 matches on Indian soil.

The Kiwis, eager to avenge the 1-0 defeat by India in the recent three-Test series, took advantage of the flat wicket and the short outfield to hammer the Indian bowling.

Craig Spearman smashed 68 off 44 balls and Roger Twose hit a run-a-ball 56 as New Zealand overtook their previous best of 348 — also against India at Nagpur in 1995.

India, chasing a stiff target of seven runs an over, began superbly when skipper Sachin Tendulkar and Saurav Ganguly put on 87 for the first wicket in just 11.4 overs.

Tendulkar, dropped by wicketkeeper Adam Parore in Dion Nash's first over, made 32, while left-hander Ganguly contributed 41.

Both batsmen, however, fell in successive overs as India slipped to 90 for two in the 13th. Jadeja kept India in the hunt by adding 81 for the third wicket with Rahul Dravid and 68 for the fourth with Robin Singh.

The Indians moved to 239 for 3 in the 38th over, before New Zealand hit back with five wickets in the space of 29 runs.

Astle followed his seventh one-day century by trapping Dravid leg-before for 39 and

then finished India's challenge by removing Jadeja to a catch at long-off in the 42nd over.

Astle fittingly ended the match by catching Anil Kumble off seamer Scott Styris, who marked his international debut with three for 63 in 10 overs.

Earlier, Spearman and Astle gave the tourists a flying start of 46 by the seventh over, before taking their opening stand to 115 by the 15th.

The pair took 19 runs off the 15th over bowled by Venkatesh Prasad, before Spearman holed out in the deep off the last ball.

Left-hander Twose, flown in for the one-dayers after being



ASTLE ... m-o-m

ignored for the Test series, added 109 for the second wicket with Astle to lift the Kiwis to 224 for 1 by the 32nd over.

Astle raced to his century but the Indians prevented what appeared to be a 400 plus score by grabbing eight wickets for 125 runs.

Prasad took three wickets at a cost of 75 runs in his 10 overs. Off-spinner Nikhil Chopra conceded 72 runs without success in his 10, while Kumble went for 2 for 64.

The second one-dayer will be played in the southern city of

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first one-day international between India and New Zealand on Friday:

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| NEW ZEALAND | |
| Spearman c Bharadwaj b Prasad | 68 |
| Astle c Dravid b Prasad | 120 |
| Twose b Srinath | 56 |
| Fleming c Dravid b Prasad | 10 |
| Cairns run out | 24 |
| Harris c Tendulkar b Bharadwaj | 23 |
| Parore c Chopra b Bharadwaj | 18 |
| Nash not out | 6 |
| Styris st M Prasad b Kumble | 1 |
| Vettori c Jadeja b Kumble | 0 |
| O'Connor not out | 0 |
| Extras (lb-5, w-13, nb-5) | 23 |
| Total (For nine wickets in 50 overs) | 349 |

Fall of wickets: 1-115; 2-224; 3-244; 4-277; 5-310; 6-336; 7-343; 8-345; 9-345.

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| Bowler | O | M | R | W |
| Srinath | 10 | 2 | 51 | 1 |
| Prasad | 10 | 0 | 75 | 3 |
| Kumble | 10 | 0 | 64 | 2 |
| Chopra | 10 | 0 | 72 | 0 |
| Tendulkar | 3 | 0 | 18 | 0 |
| Bharadwaj | 5 | 0 | 44 | 2 |
| Singh | 2 | 0 | 20 | 0 |

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| INDIA | |
| Ganguly c Harris b O'Connor | 41 |
| Tendulkar c Cairns b Styris | 32 |
| Dravid lbw b Astle | 39 |
| Jadeja c sub (Horne) b Astle | 95 |
| Singh c Spearman b Harris | 23 |
| Bharadwaj c Twose b Vettori | 1 |
| Chopra st Parore b Vettori | 0 |
| M Prasad b Astle | 2 |
| Srinath c sub (Horne) b Styris | 19 |
| Kumble c Astle b Styris | 15 |
| V Prasad not out | 9 |
| Extras (lb-7, lb-7, w-19, nb-3) | 30 |
| Total: (All out in 47 overs) | 306 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-87; 2-90; 3-71; 4-239; 5-247; 6-248; 7-251 | |

Fall of wickets: 1-87; 2-90; 3-171; 4-239; 5-247; 6-248; 7-251; 8-268; 9-288.

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|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Bowler | O | M | R | W |
| Nash | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| O'Connor | 3 | 0 | 42 | 1 |
| Cairns | 8 | 0 | 47 | 0 |
| Styris | 10 | 0 | 63 | 3 |
| Harris | 10 | 0 | 56 | 1 |
| Vettori | 8 | 0 | 48 | 2 |
| Astle | 7 | 0 | 40 | 3 |

Result: New Zealand won by 43 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Nathan Astle.

Premiership preview

Sunderland face the Boro test



LONDON, Nov 5: Third-placed Sunderland visit North East rivals Middlesbrough at the Riverside stadium on Saturday hoping to leapfrog leaders Leeds who face a tricky away trip to Wimbledon on Sunday, reports AFP.

Peter Reid, celebrating his manager of the month award having taken Sunderland to their highest position in the top flight since 1955, knows his team will have to be at their best if they are to take all three points from their local rivals.

Brazilian Juninho, who returned to Middlesbrough this season after a spell in Spain, is starting to find his feet back in the Premiership while German international full-back Christian Ziege always poses a threat from dead-ball situations.

However, Reid can look to his young striker Kevin Phillips as a potential match-winner with an impressive five goals in four games during the month of October.

Phillips' form was enough for England manager Kevin Keegan to call up the league's top scorer into the international squad to face Scotland in the Euro 2000 play-off.

Leaders Leeds face a tiring trip back from their European trip to Moscow this week and are unlikely to relish a trip to Selhurst Park to face a Wimbledon side with despite being sixth from bottom in the table, have lost only one of their last 10 games.

Wimbledon will also be boosted by the signing of Kjetil Wabber, the fourth Norwegian signing since Egil Olsen took over as manager from Joe Kinnear.

Leeds boss David O'Leary, who has a transfer kitty of 40 million pounds burning a hole in his pocket, will be hoping his young guns can continue their fantastic run of form which has taken them to the summit.

Leeds are sitting pretty on 29 points, two ahead of Manchester United and Sunderland

both on 27.

Sir Alex Ferguson's United, who could also take over pole position, will be up against fifth-placed Leicester at Old Trafford.

United will be full of confidence after their Champions League success in midweek against Sturm Graz along with Andy Cole's surprise return to the England squad.

Cole has been under fire all week for his outspoken comments about former strike partner Alan Shearer, who he believes has benefitted from favouritism by England managers, past and present.

Leicester, meanwhile, refuse to be distracted by off-field politics and pose a serious threat to the reigning champions' unbeaten home record.

George Graham's Tottenham side take on Arsenal at White Hart Lane in the North London derby, historically a hot-blooded affair with very few goals, with the teams having played out four 0-0 draws in the last four seasons.

Arsenal lie fourth in the league on 26 points after 13 games, six ahead of their local rivals although Tottenham do have a game in hand.

Both clubs had away trips in Europe but tiredness is unlikely to douse the passion in a what always proves to be a physical contest.

Liverpool will be looking to improve on sixth place in the Premiership at home to Derby, having gone five games without loss and buoyed by their victory over Bradford on Monday.

But Jim Smith's side will also be in good heart having beaten Chelsea 3-1 at Pride Park last week and strengthened by the arrival of Georgian international Gheorgi Kirikidze.

Collingwood's no

NOTTINGHAM, England, Nov 5: Troubled Aston Villa striker Stan Collingwood on Thursday rejected the chance to return to First Division Nottingham Forest on loan, reports AFP.

lads on loan from Ajax this week.

Chelsea boss Gianluca Vialli will be praying his team of foreign stars can reproduce their Champions League form at home to West Ham having clinched top spot in Group H with a 2-0 win over Hertha Berlin this week.

Flamboyant chairman Ken Bates, not one for sitting on the fence, publicly criticised Vialli's side this week, questioning the use of the squad rotation system and the professionalism of some of the players who appear to perform only when the opposition are glamorous.

West Ham manager Harry Redknapp is likely to keep faith with his teenage star Joe Cole having watched the England prospect almost earn United a point at Leeds last week.

At the bottom, basement clubs Sheffield Wednesday and Watford look horns in the six-pointer at Hillsborough.

Watford, still ravaged by injuries and suspensions, could open up a seven point gap on Wednesday as they are propping up the table on five points.

Newcastle host Everton at St James's Park in search of three valuable points to move out of the drop-zone while the Merseysiders will be looking to improve on their recent poor run of poor form after a promising start to their Premiership campaign.

Walter Smith's side have slipped to 10th after a winless October.

Elsewhere Aston Villa take on Southampton at Villa Park while Bradford are at home to Coventry.

FIXTURES (kick-offs 1500 GMT unless stated):
Saturday: Aston Villa v Southampton, Bradford v Coventry, Liverpool v Derby, Man Utd v Leicester, Middlesbrough v Sunderland, Sheff Wed v Watford