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Column One

SPORTS TALK



Saqlain Mushtaq
(Pakistani off-spinner)
"Everybody teases me but I always tell everybody I will make 100."
On his ambition to score a Test century.

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EN-VITS
ENERGY-RELEASING VITAMINS

Damal Smriti cricket

Mariners no match for Dhanmondi

Sports Reporter

Dhanmondi Club thrashed Mariners Young's Club by nine wickets in their first round match of the 19th Damal Smriti cricket tournament played at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Opener Anisul Hakim slammed an unbeaten 56 as Dhanmondi, chasing a paltry Mariners total of 105 in 50 overs, went on to reach 107 in the 22nd over with nine wickets to spare.

After losing his opening partner Shetu (13) on 48, Anisul hit one down Tushar (26) added 61 runs with out any further loss of wickets.

In his 54-ball vigil, Anisul hit nine boundaries. Earlier, sent into bat, Mariner were shot out in 39.4 overs.

Sumon and Tushar captured three wickets each for Dhanmondi while Taj claimed two wickets.

Middle order Munna scored 33 runs for Mariner.

Brief Scores

Mariner Young's Club: 105 all out in 39.4 overs (Munna 33, Tawqeer 16, Alam 15, Sumon 3/12, Tushar 3/14)

Dhanmondi Club: 107 for 1 in 21.3 overs (Anisul 56 n.o., Tushar 26 n.o., Anwar 1/12)

Result: Dhanmondi Club won by 9 wickets.

National youth Hockey from November 26

Narayanganj will take on Comilla in the inaugural match of Acme 18th national youth hockey championship that begins on November 26 at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium, reports UNB.

Four matches will be held on the next day with Rangpur taking on Sylhet at 9 am, Khulna meeting Gazipur at 11 am, Patuakhali facing Munshiganj at 1:30 pm and Rajshahi playing Mymensingh at 3 pm.

GROUPS

GROUP A: BKSP, Jessore, Barisal, Dinajpur, Comilla, Faridpur, Chittagong, Narayanganj and Gopalganj.

GROUP B: Dhaka, Gazipur, Khulna, Rangpur, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Mymensingh, Patuakhali, Munshiganj and Dhaka Education Board.

Batting points for Khulna



Dhaka Division battled throughout the final day of the three-day match seemingly without any real purpose except to ensure a tame draw in their home encounter of the National Cricket League against Khulna at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Although Dhaka's tardy approach denied Khulna an outright victory, the visitors however left home happy with two crucial batting points on their first innings lead.

Resuming the day on 16 for two, a depleted Dhaka outfit plodded and pushed around the wicket throughout the three sessions before being all out for 148 in 91.4 overs, denying Khulna any chance of batting their second innings.

The meek surrender of Dhaka, who started the second innings 16 runs behind of Khulna's first innings total of 213, might give them an uncanny sense of happiness, thinking that they had at least refrained their opponents from running away with full four points.

But the negative approach from a seasoned coach like Altaf Hossain was not expected, especially when he had a team of youthful cricketers, whose first and foremost purpose should have been taking the challenge of a defeat or a win.

The defensive frame of mind of Dhaka was evident once they lost their skipper Sadek, who departed without adding a single run to his overnight total of 7.

Manik, who was unbeaten on night at stumps on the second day, scored a sedate 19. Together with Jahangir he put on 35 runs for the fourth wicket.

Jahangir top-scored with a painstaking 46 off 195 balls. Although Jahangir, playing his first competitive match at the level, lived up to the expectation of his coach wickets fell at regular interval at the other end.

Dhaka found another resolute campaigner in wicketkeeper Rasel, who scored a 107-ball 32 before becoming the third victim of Tushar.

Tushar, the architect of Khulna's success, was later declared the man-of-the-match for his good all-round performance. The young right-arm seamer, who followed up his exciting 53 with two wickets in successive deliveries on the second day, finished with three for 23 runs in his 16.4 overs.

Sports Reporter

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the three-day National League cricket match between Dhaka and Khulna at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

DHAKA: First innings 197 all out in 96.2 overs (Shaon 56, Manik 47, Mahfuz 4/27, Khairuzzaman 2/16, Jamaluddin 2/63).

KHULNA: First innings 213 all out in 77.4 overs (Azim 56, Tushar 53, Matin 6/46, Bikash 2/44, Manik 2/36).

DHAKA: Second innings (Overnight 16 for two wickets) Shaon b Tushar 1, Sadek b Khairuzzaman 7, Kabir c Tuhin b Tushar 0, Manik c Selim b Jamaluddin 19, Jahangir c Selim b Poltu 46.

Joy lbw b Shaheen	9
Rasel (lb) b Lahu	5
Rasel (Sr) lbw b Tushar	32
Bikash b Azim	3
Matin b Azim	0
Riad not out	0
Extras: (b-12, lb-4, nb-6, w-4)	26
Total: (All out in 91.4 overs)	148
Fall of wickets: 1/2, 2/2, 3/16, 4/51, 5/70, 6/88, 7/127, 8/144, 9/144	
Bowler:	O M R W
Khairuzzaman	10 2 19 1
Tushar	16.4 6 23 3
Shaheen	15 9 11 1
Jamaluddin	17 1 38 1
Poltu	8 2 13 1
Lahu	15 5 17 1
Mahfuz	8 2 11 0
Azim	2 2 0 2

Result: Khulna won the match by virtue of first innings lead.

Man-of-the-match: Tushar.



Jahangir of Dhaka trying to cut in the National League cricket match against Khulna yesterday. — Star photo

Time gets in Chittagong's way

Sports Reporter

The three-day National Cricket League match between Sylhet and Chittagong concluded in a draw at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

Sylhet, however, ran away with two points because of their slim 13-run first innings lead over the hosts.

On the last of the three-day encounter, Chittagong needed 159 runs in their second innings to record an outright victory over the visitors who were bundled out for 145 in the second innings.

But the home side failed to reach the target because of the paucity of time. They finished the day on 108 for 7.

Chittagong were restricted from speeding up their scoring rate by Sylhet new ball bowler Tanhar Hossain

who finished with four for 41 from his ten overs.

Opener Tareq top scored for Chittagong with 38 while his opening partner Nafees Khan, who scored 126 in the first innings, added 13 runs.

Earlier, Sylhet, who scored 317 in the first innings that included a magnificent 173 from Pakistani middle order Shaidullah Maksi, were shot out for 145 in their second innings in the face of some penetrating bowling from Niazuddin Chowdhury and Mahtabuddin who evenly shared six wickets among themselves.

SCOREBOARD

SYLHET: First innings: 317 all out in 98.2 overs (Magi 173, Alok 39, Joy 23, Niaz 5/63, Alamgir 2/34, Mahub 2/61).

CHITTAGONG: First innings: 304 all out in 98.5 overs (Nafees 126, Fakhru 44, Tareq 26; Magi 3/85, Mistu 2/35, Ruak 2/82).

SYLHET: Second innings

Tariqul ckb Mahtab	0
Abbas b Monirul	8
Mowla not out	39
Magi b Alamgir	21
Alok c sub b Niaz	6
Nupur lbw b Monirul	7
Babru lbw b Mahtab	4
Joy b Mahtab	1
Taposh not out	22
Tanhar b Niaz	19
Mistu c sub b Niaz	4
Extras: (b-12, lb-2)	14
Total: (All out in 67 overs)	145
Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-54; 3-58; 4-71; 5-88; 6-88; 7-97; 8-102; 9-141	
Bowlers	O M R W
Alamgir	12 9 14 1
Mahtab	10 3 16 3
Aftab	4 1 14 0
Niaz	19 5 48 3
Monirul	21 8 71 2
Jaheerul	1 0 8 0

CHITTAGONG: Second innings

Tareq c Mistu b Tanhar	38
Nafees c Alok b Tanhar <td>93</td>	93
Aftab b Taposh <td>10</td>	10
Arif run out <td>0</td>	0
Haris c Joy b Tanhar <td>17</td>	17
Alamgir c Joy b Magi	12
Fakhru c Abbas b Tanhar	5
Niaz not out	3
Jaheerul not out	0
Extras: (b-1, lb-5, nb-3, w-1)	10
Total: (For 7 wks in 23 overs)	108
Fall of wickets: 1-39; 2-40; 3-71; 4-83; 5-93; 6-103; 7-105	
Did not bat: Mahtab and Moini	
Bowlers	O M R W
Taposh	7 0 40 1
Tanhar	10 1 41 4
Magi	6 0 21 1

Result: Sylhet won by virtue of their first innings lead.

Tareq's one-man show

Sports Reporter

Rajshahi earned two points against Barisal by virtue of their first innings lead as their National Cricket League match ended in a dull draw at the Rajshahi Stadium yesterday.

On the final day of the three-day match, Barisal, who trailed Rajshahi by 25 runs in the first innings, scored only 136 runs in their second innings in the face of a fantastic all round display by Tareq.

Tareq, who scored 104 runs in the first innings, also shone with the cherry and claimed six wickets for 35 runs to raise a slim hope of an outright win for the home side.

Tareq, who also bagged two wickets in the first innings, finished the match with eight wickets for 59 runs.

But time became the decisive factor for Rajshahi, who needed 112 to win. The home side could reach only 36 for three at stumps.

Earlier, Barisal scored 183 runs in the first innings with middle order Moin scoring highest 44 while Rajshahi replied with 208.

Rajshahi will take on Sylhet in their next match at the same venue starting on November 21.

On the other hand, Barisal is due to meet Dhaka at the Bangabandhu National Stadium also beginning from November 21.

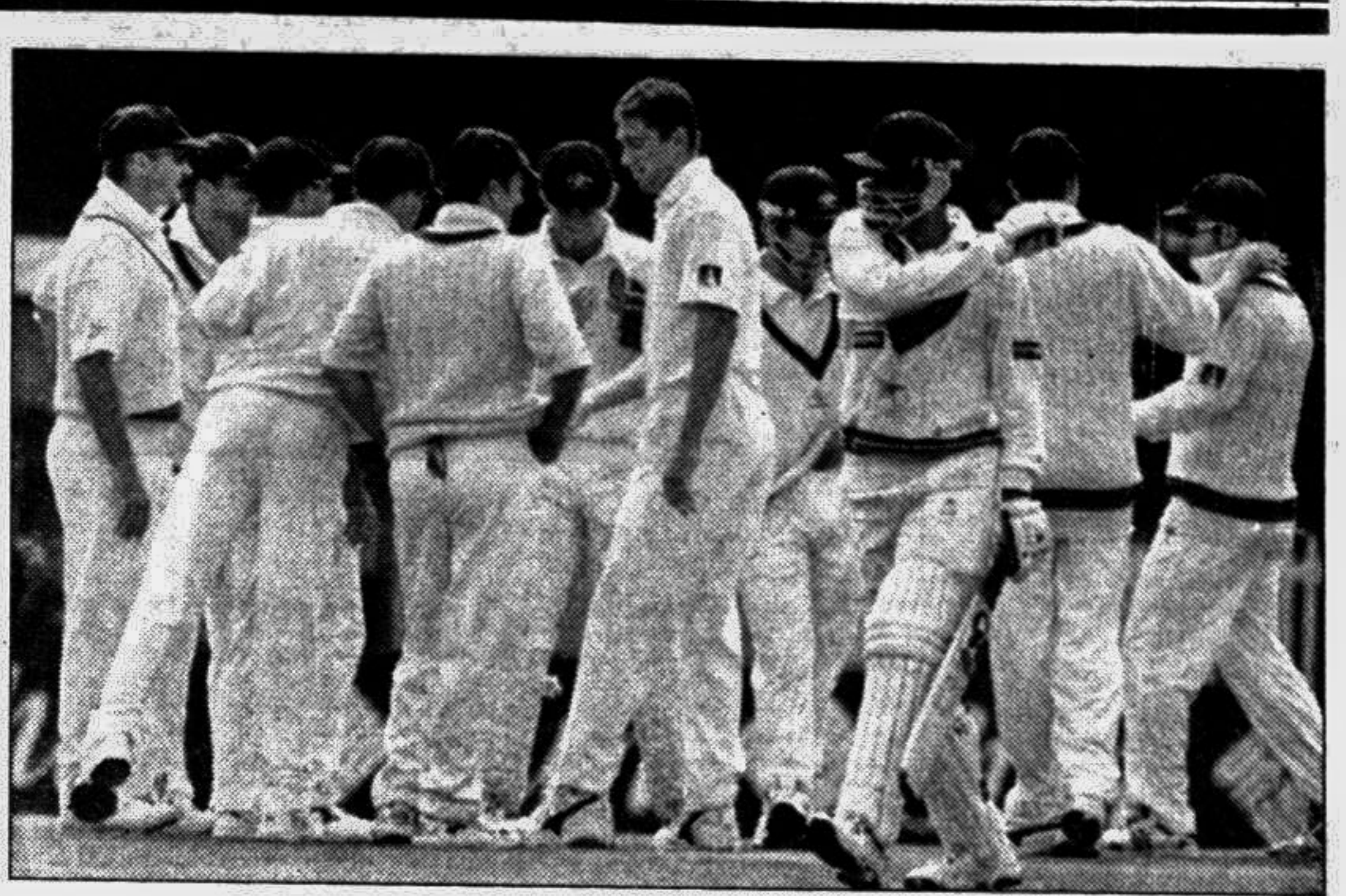
SCOREBOARD

BARISAL: First innings: 183 all out in 97.5 overs (Moin 44, Faruque 31, Islam 20; Saeed 3/21, Tareq 2/24, Sumon 2/46).

RAJSHAHI: First innings: 208 all out in 91.5 overs (Tareq 104, Raja 17; Moin 3/43, Siddiqui 3/51).

BARISAL: Second innings (Overnight 11 for no loss) R R Roy b Eter 7

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250TH WICKET: The Australians gather round fast bowler Glenn McGrath after the dismissal of Ijaz Ahmed in Hobart yesterday. — AFP photo

Pakistan blown away

Sports Reporter

HOBART, Nov 18: Steve Waugh's confidence in his Australian bowlers yielded dividends as Pakistan were dismissed for 222 on the opening day of the second cricket Test at Bellerive Oval here today, reports AFP.

Just like he did in the Brisbane Test, the Australian skipper backed his bowlers in sending Pakistan in to bat and was rewarded when the tourists crumbled to be all out off 72.5 overs, some 40 minutes after tea.

In reply, Australia were away to a handy start and negotiated 16 overs in chilly conditions to be 29 without loss at the close of an eventful first day's play in the three-Test series.

Michael Slater, who negotiated a couple of hair-raising moments facing tearaway Shoaib Akhtar bowling downwind, was not out 16 with Greg Blewett on nine.

Australia are one-up in the series after cruising home to a 10-wicket victory in the opening Test at the Gabba earlier this month.

Once Glenn McGrath's opening six-over spell netted him two wickets for 250 Test career dismissals, Australia were in command of the first day.

Opener Mohammad Wasim fell nine runs short of his third Test century as the only Pakistani batsman to score above 30.

Wasim, who was dropped by McGrath in a difficult chance at mid-on which led to his 50, was out to a spectacular acrobatic catch by wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist when he was 91.

He played a thick edge to a loose Scott Muller delivery and

Gilchrist gloved the catch swanning across Shane Warne at first slip.

Wasim batted for 172 minutes for his 91 off 122 balls and hit 12 boundaries.

Only skipper Wasim Akram (29) and Azhar Mahmood (27) made any worthwhile contribution, but it was not the innings the tourists wanted in a push to level the series here with the Perth Test to play later this month.

Muller, preferred to hometown bowler Colin Miller in the team, had some luck in finishing with 3-68 off 12 overs.

The Queensland paceman had Inzamam-ul-Haq playing on and bowled for 12, while Moin Khan spooned a catch to McGrath in a miscued leg-side shot.

Warne cleaned up the lower order, snaring 3-45 off 16 overs after his opening four overs went for 26 as Wasim cut loose.

The champion leg-spinner now has 337 wickets in his 77th Test.

Pakistan went to lunch at 110 for three, but they lost any hope of a sizeable first innings total when three wickets fell in a 40-minute period into the afternoon session to slump to 153 for six.

McGrath produced his best bowling of the series, bowling downwind, to have Pakistan in early strife.

McGrath found edges off the bat to remove opener Saeed Anwar and Ijaz Ahmed inside the first 40 minutes.

Anwar, who scored a century in the 10-wicket loss in the first Brisbane Test, lasted 13 balls before he edged high to Warne at first slip for a duck.

Ijaz's run of low Test scores continued when he was out for six caught at gully by Michael

Slater.

McGrath's lively first spell yielded 2-6 off nine overs with six maidens.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the second cricket Test between Australia and Pakistan at Bellerive Oval:

PAKISTAN: First innings

Anwar c Warne b McGrath	0
M Wasim c Gilchrist b Muller	91
Ijaz c Slater b McGrath	6
Inzamam b Muller	17
Yousaf c M Waugh b Fleming	12
Mahmood b Warne	27
Moin c McGrath b Muller	1
W Akram c Gilchrist b Warne	29
Saqlain lbw b Warne	3
Waqaar not out	12
Shoaib c Gilchrist b Fleming	5
Extras: (b-10, lb-6, w-3)	19
Total: (All out in 72.5 overs)	222

Fall of wickets: 1-4; 2-18; 3-71; 4-120; 5-148; 6-153; 7-188; 8-198; 9-217.

Bowler

McGrath	O M R W
McGrath	18 8 34 2
Fleming	24.5 7 54 2
Muller	12 0 68 3
Warne	16 16 45 3
Blewett	2 1 1 5 0

AUSTRALIA: First innings

Slater not out	16
Blewett not out	9
Extras: (b-1, nb-3)	4
Total: (For no loss in 16 overs)	29

To bat: J Langer, M Waugh, S Waugh, R Ponting, A Gilchrist, S Warne, D Fleming, G McGrath, S Muller.

Bowler

McGrath	O M R W
McGrath	6 2 13 0
Akhtar	6 2 9 0
Waqaar	3 1 4 0
Saqlain	1 0 2 0

Umpires: Peter Parker (Australia) and Peter Willey (England).

Television umpire: Steve Davis.

Match referee: John Reid (New Zealand).

Atherton in rescue again

Sports Reporter

CENTURION, Nov 18 (Internet report): Michael Atherton kept England from serious trouble on the opening day of their final warm-up match against a Combined Northerns/Gauteng XI at Centurion Park today.

England's most experienced batsman withstood a torrid opening session on a pitch of variable bounce and considerable movement to reach an unbeaten 76 after a gritty stay at the crease and guided the tourists to 162 for two at tea.

His presence prevented England suffering a poor start

against a Combined XI which includes five Test players and represents the sternest examination of the tour to date just a week before the first Test.

From the very start, Atherton and opening partner Mark Butcher struggled to read the bounce of a wicket marked by large green areas yet rode their luck to forge a promising 43-run partnership.

But Surrey left-hander Butcher, who had progressed to 15, fell in the 12th over of the morning with left-arm seamer Greg Smith deservedly capturing his wicket after a testing opening spell.

Butcher was trapped leg before in his crease with a ball which cut back off the seam having battled for 52 minutes and just one over later, captain Hussain had joined him back in the pavilion.

Hussain arrived at the crease just as the Combined XI replaced Steve Elworthy David Trubridge, who too five deliveries to capture a prized scalp of the top batsman.

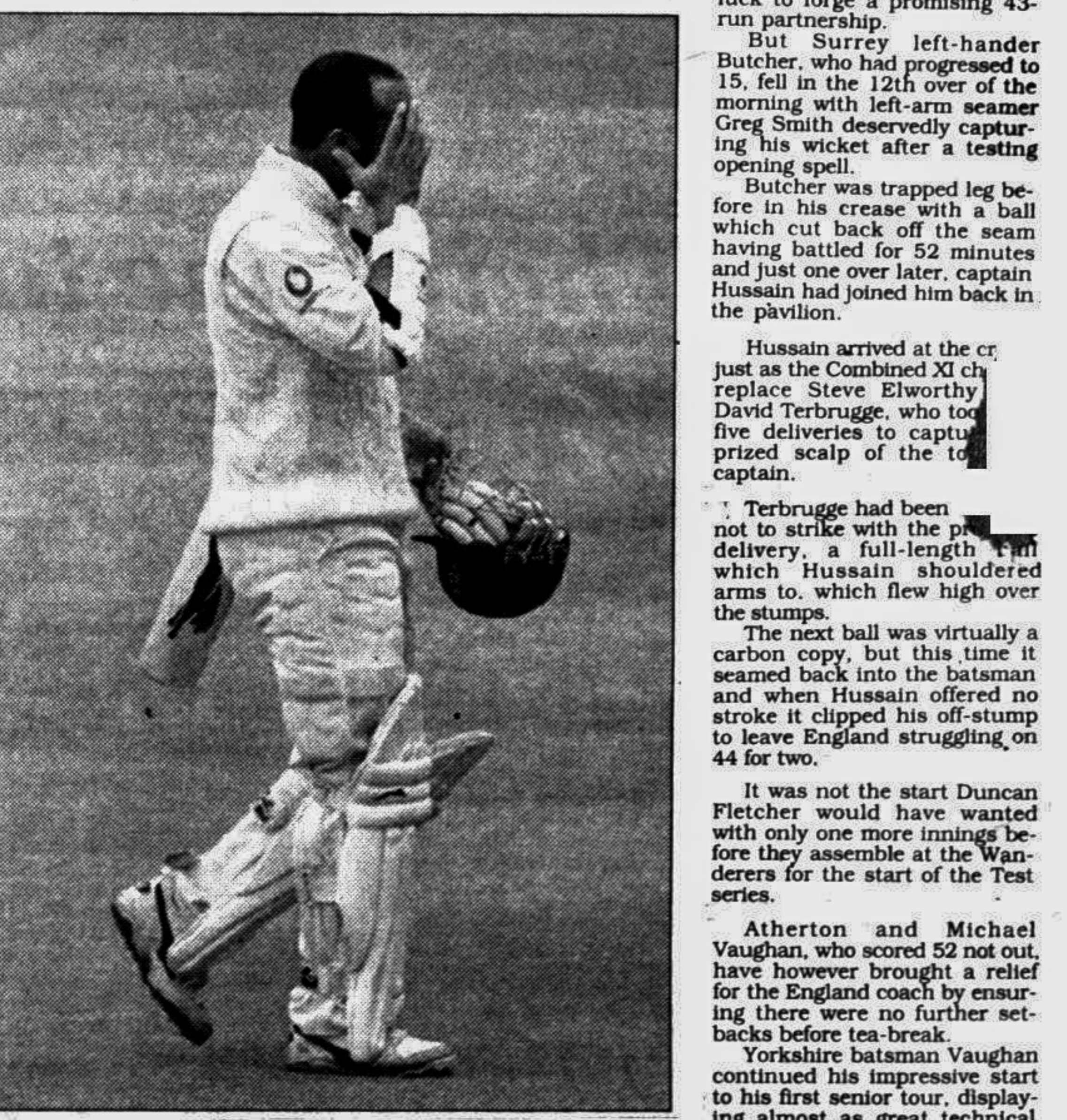
Trubridge had been not to strike with the previous delivery, a full-length full which Hussain shouldered arms to, which flew high over the stumps.

The next ball was virtually a carbon copy, but this time it seamed back into the batsman and when Hussain offered no stroke it clipped his off-stump to leave England struggling on 44 for two.

It was not the start Duncan Fletcher would have wanted with only one more innings before they assemble at the Wanderers for the start of the Test series.

Atherton and Michael Vaughan, who scored 52 not out, have however brought a relief for the England coach by ensuring there were no further setbacks before tea-break.

Yorkshire batsman Vaughan continued his impressive start to his first senior tour, displaying almost as great technical expertise as Atherton and the pair had forged an unbroken, 118-run partnership by the tea interval.



England opener Mark Butcher returns to the pavilion after scoring 15 against a