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Damal Smriti cricket Mariners no match for Dhanmondi

Sports Reporter Dhanmondi Club thrashed Mariner 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 Mariner total of 105 in 50 overs, went on to reach 107 in the 22nd over with nine wickets

After loosing his opening partner Shetu (13) on 48, Anisu and 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, Narayan-

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

Column One Batting points for Khulna

Dhaka Division batted throughout the final day of the three-day match seemingly without any real pu-

rpose except to ensure a tame draw in their home encounter of the National Cricket League against Khulna at the Bangabandhu National Stadium vesterday.

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 outfitplodded 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 the 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

Manik, who was unbeaten on nought 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 this level, lived up to the expectation of his coach wickets fell at regular interval at the other end. Dhaka found another reso-

lute campaigner in wicketkeepr

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 ex-

citing 53 with two wickets in

Sports Reporter ond day, finished with three for 23 runs in his 16.4 overs. SCOREBOARD

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

DHAKA: First innings 197 all out in 96.2 overs (Shaon 56, Manik 47; Mahfuz 4/27. 2/16. Khairuzzaman 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 Sadek b Khairuzzaman Kabir c Tuhin b Tushar Manik c Selim b Jamaluddin

Joy lbw b Shaheen Rasel (Jr) b Lalu Rasel (Sr) Ibw b Tushar Bikash b Azim Matin b Azim Riad not out Extras: (b-12, lb-4, nb-6, w-4) Total: (All out in 91.4 overs) Fall of wickets: 1/2, 2/2, 3/16, 4/51, 5/70, 6/88, 7/127, 8/144, 9/144

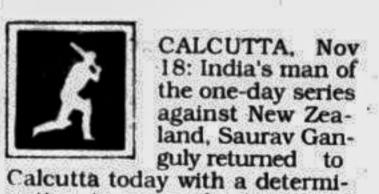
Bowler: Khairuzzaman 10 Tushar Shaheen Jamaluddin 38 Poltu Mahfuz Azim

Result: Khulna won the match by virtue of first innings Man-of-the-match: Tushar.



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

successive deliveries on the sec-Saurav's Fiat goes to Dona



nation to erase the history of his 1992 tour to Australia. While relaxing at his home in Behala today, the 'Maharaj' of Calcutta said, "The performance against New Zealand is now in the history books. I will have to continue in the same

vein against the Australians." Ganguly, however, credited the team management for his success in the one-day series. "They sacrificed a lot for me. Especially, Rahul Dravid. He tried to guide me to another century. Skipper Sachin Tendulkar also boosted my confidence whenever we batted together. I have been chosen for the man-of-the-series but the credit also goes to them."

Ganguly is happy at winning another Fiat Sienna. Sitting beside his wife Dona, the stylish left-hander said, "She (Dona) had been asking me to buy her a car for her own use. I

Seven takes on Packer

SYDNEY, Nov 18 (Internet report): Channel Nine's 20-year stranglehold on cricket coverage in Australia is under threat from Channel Seven.

Seven is bidding for the rights to broadcast Australia's three-game indoor series against South Africa at the new Docklands stadium in Melbourne next August.

The network has a 110 million US dollar investment in the new stadium, which has a retractable roof. Channel Ten is also under-

stood to be interested in buying the rights to the series.

The three game one-day series, which will be preceded by three games in South Africa, is outside Channel Nine's sevenyear agreement with the Australian Cricket Board for rights to games played in Australia. The games will be played on

August 16, 18 and 20. They are seen as a revolutionary departure from normal cricketing practice in Australia. because they will be played in an indoor stadium and because the games fall during the height of the AFL season.

Also, they are not being played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Meanwhile, there has been outrage in cricket circles over the news the 107-year-old Sheffield Shield has been scrapped in favour of a trophy named after a milk brand.

From Our Correspondent will gift the Sienna to her. It

will save me a lot of money." Meanwhile, the Fiat company, has decided to provide Ganguly with another brand new car from its Calcutta Show room. The car, which he drove at the Feroz Shah Kotla in Delhi, was damaged when the cricketers flocked onto the roof and the crowd had broken through the barrier and in-

vaded the field. Talking about the forthcoming Australian tour, Ganguly said that he respected (pace bowler) Damien Fleming more than Glenn McGrath. "Both are superb bowlers. However, if you look at the records, you will see that Fleming has repeatedly taken the wickets of Tendulkar and myself. I have been dismissed by him on three occa-



SAURAV GANGULY He however made it clear that he was determined to score runs down under. "As I said yesterday, I have scored runs in

all parts of the world except in Australia. The aim is now to fulfil that ambition." The Indian vice-captain is also confident about the performance of the team. "We are a talented lot and at the moment there is a tremendous amount of team spirit amongst the members. We are always trying to help one another. This will

tralia." Ganguly however predicted that the first Test would be the most difficult one for India. "We will have to adjust to the likes of McGrath, Fleming and Dale after playing on the slow pitches in India. The quicker we adjust the better it will be for

stand us in good stead in Aus-

the team. "Personally, I would have preferred a full (five-match) series as it gives a side the chance to come back. A three Test series is more like shooting a tie breaker." As a rookie Ganguly toured

Australia under the captaincy

of Mohammad Azharuddin in

1992 and it did not hold any

happy memories for him.

He returned home with loads of allegations against him. The complaints have now been vanished into oblivion. Even though, he does not want to talk about it, his jaw struts out whenever the topic is raised. "I

have forgotten those days. However, a successful Australian tour now will completely erase those nightmares," said Gan-He is also keen to renew his

battles with the likes of Shoaib Akhtar and Wasim Akram in the triangular World Series that will follow the Tests. "Wasim is always a challenge," said Ganguly with a note of respect. "He is a genius with the ball. Scoring 25 runs against him is even an achievement." At the moment, his eyes are

firmly set on the Australia tour. The determination to succeed burns in him and he is not ready to sit on his laurels against New Zealand. But then that is what greatness is all about.

Bhasani Stadium gate named after Rabi

The VVIP gate at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium has been named Rabiuddin Gate yesterday, reports UNB.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader announced this while handing over a cheque of Tk one lakh to Mahmuda Begum, the widow of Rabiuddin, at a simple ceremony at the NSC in the afternoon.

Rabiuddin, who was a reliable defender in the national team, died on September 22 after being in coma for 25 day following a head injury.

Asia Cup hockey

campaign today

Bangladesh will start their Asia Cup hockey campaign today taking on holders South Korea at the Bukit Jalil National Stadium in Kuala Lumpur, reports UNB. Bangladesh have been placed

Korea, former champions Pakistan, China and Sri Lanka while Group B team comprises runners-up India, Hong Kong and Malaysia. In their remaining group engagements, Bangladesh will play China on Saturday, Sri Lanka on Monday and Pak-

istan on Tuesday.

in strong Group A with South

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

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

over the hosts. On the last the of the threeday 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 in-

nings, 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 penetrative bowling from Niazuddin Chowdhury and Mahtabuddin who evenly shared six wickets among themselves...

SCOREBOARD SYLHET: Fifst innings: 317

all out in 98.2 overs (Magsi 173 Alok 39, Joy 23; Niaz 5/63 Alamgir 2/34, Mahbub 2/61) CHITTAGONG: First innings: 304 all out in 98.5 overs (Nafees 126, Fakhrul 44, Tareq 26; Magsi 3/85, Mistu 2/35,

Ruak 2/82) SYLHET: Second innings Tarigul c&b Mahtab Abbas b Monirul Mowla run out Magsi b Alamgir Alok c sub b Niaz Nupur lbw b Monirul Babrul lbw b Mahtab Joy b Mahtab Taposh not out Tanhar b Niaz Mistu c sub b Niaz Extras: (b-12, fb-2) Total: (All out in 67 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-54; 3

58; 4-71; 5-88; 6-88; 7-97; 8-102; 9-141. Bowlers Alamgir 14 Mahtab 3 Aftab Niaz Monirul 8 71 Jaheerul CHITTAGONG: Second in-

Tareq c Mistu b Tanhar Nafees e Alok b Tanhar Aftab b Taposh Arif run out Haris e Joy b Tanhar Alamgir c Joy b Magsi Fakhrul c Abbas b Tanhar Niaz not out Jaheerul not out Extras: (b-1, lb-5, nb-3, w-1)

Total: (For 7 wkts in 23 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-39; 2-40; 3-71; 4-83; 5-93; 6-103; 7-105. Did not bat: Mahtab and Moni.

Bowlers Taposh 40 Tanhar Magsi Result: Sylhet won by virtue of their first innings lead.

Tareq's one-man show

First innings lead gives Rajshahi points

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.

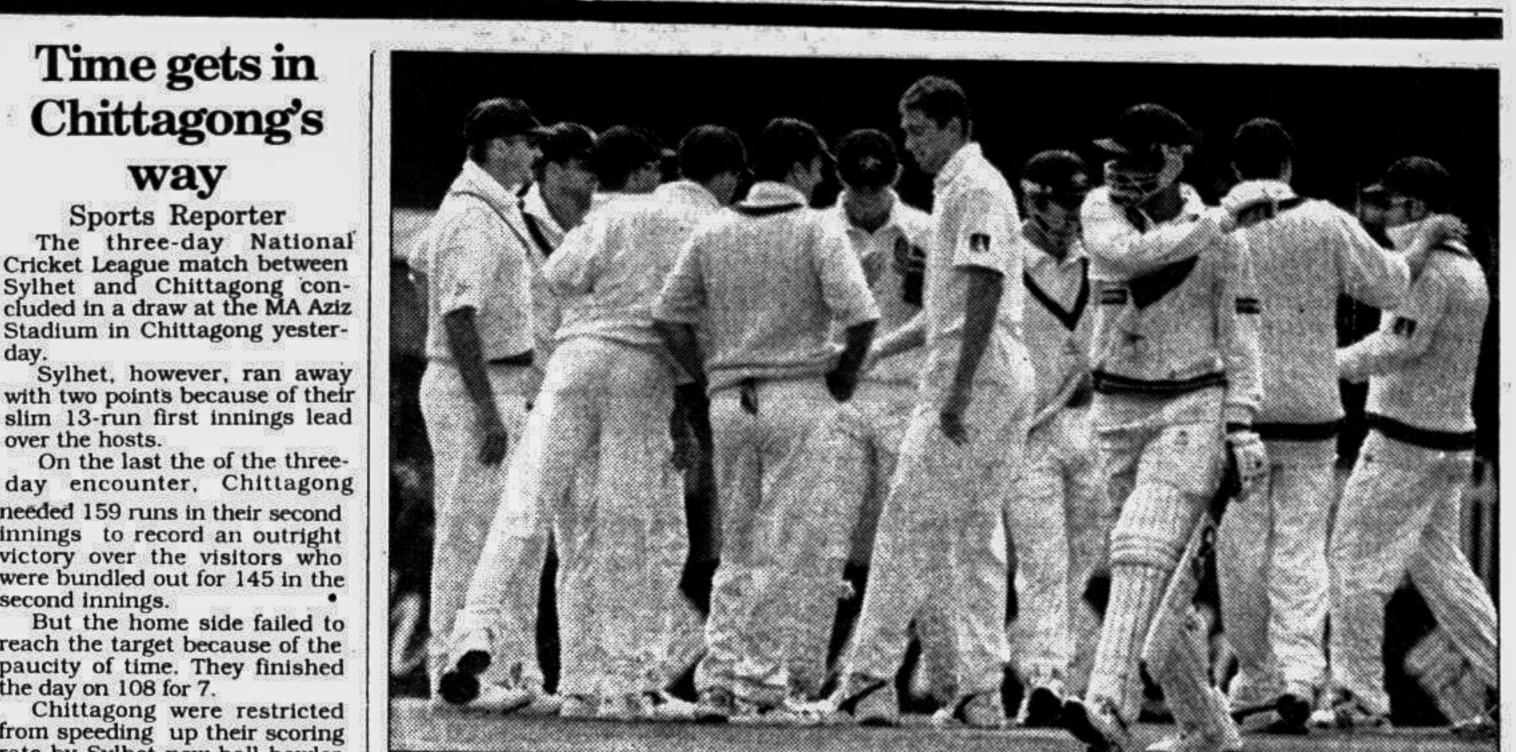
Rajshahi will take on Sylhet in their next match at the same venue starting on November 21. On the other hand, Barisal is due to meet Dhaka at the Bangabandhu National Stadium also beginning from November 21.

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. Siddigur 3/51)

BARISAL: Second innings (Overnight 11 for no loss) R K Roy b Etee

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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

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

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

In reply, Australia were

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

ing 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

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

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

Combined Northerns/Gauteng

Gilchrist gloved the catch swandiving 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 Inzamamul Haq playing on and bowled for 12, while Moin Khan spooned a catch to Mc-Grath in a miscued leg-side 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 Pakistan went to lunch at 110 for three, but they lost any hope of a sizeable first innings total when three wickets fell in

ternoon session to slump to 153 McGrath produced his best bowling of the series, bowling downwind, to have Pakistan in early strife.

a 40-minute period into the af-

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. ljaz's run of low Test scores continued when he was out for

McGrath's lively first spell vielded 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 M Wasim c Gilchrist b Muller 91 ljaz c Slater b McGrath Inzamam b Muller

Youhana c M Waugh b Fleming Mahmood b Warne Moin c McGrath b Muller W Akram c Gilchrist b Warne 29 Saglain lbw b Warne Wagar not out Shoaib c Gilchrist b Fleming Extras: (b-10, lb-6, w-3)

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 Fleming 24.5

Muller 45. Warne Blewett - 19 101 2 11 1 51 AUSTRALIA: First innings Slater not out Blewett not out Extras: (b-1, nb-3)

Total: (For no loss in 16 overs) To bat: J Langer, M Waugh, S Waugh, R. Ponting, A Gilchrist, S Warne, D Fleming, G McGrath. S Muller. Bowler Akram Akhtar Wagar

Peter Parker (Australia) and Peter Willey (England). Television umpire: Steve

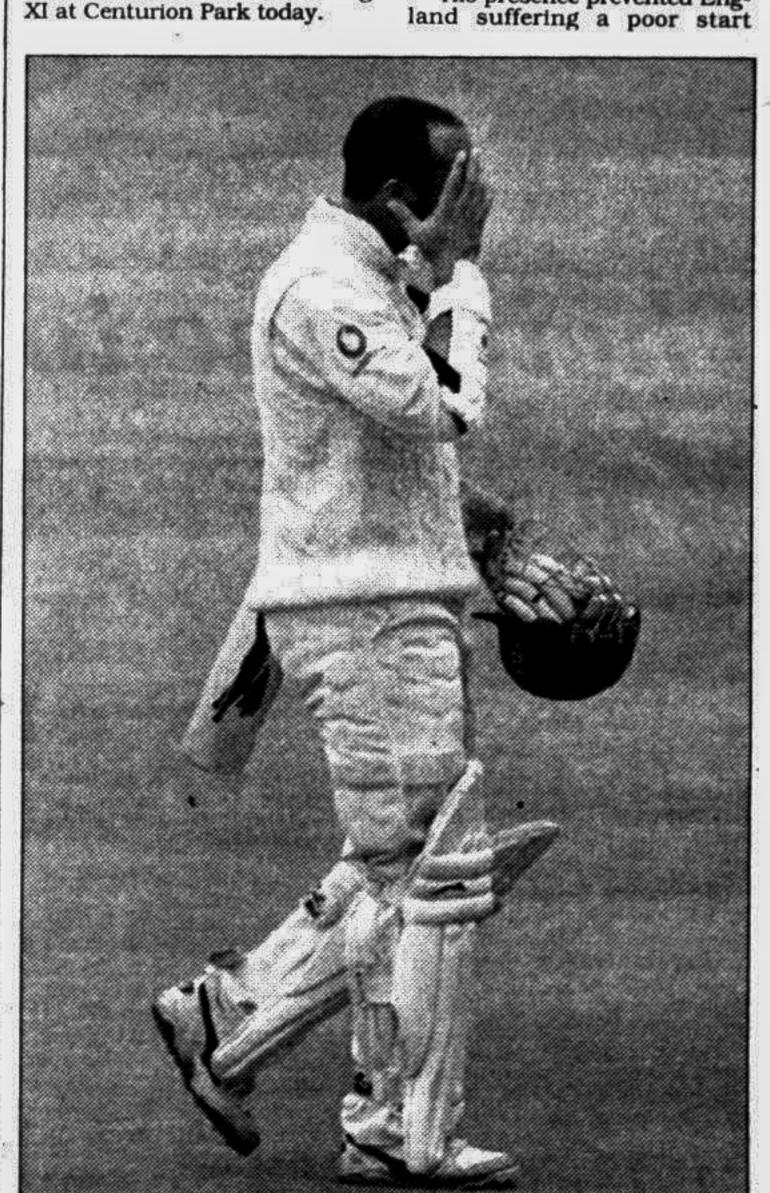
Umpires:

Match referee: John Reid six caught at gully by Michael (New Zealand). Atherton in rescue again



CENTURION, Nov 18 (Internet report): Michael Atherton kept England from serious trouble on the opening day of their final warm-up match against a

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 Eng-



England opener Mark Butcher returns to the pavilion after scoring 15 against a combined Northern/Gauteng team in Pretoria yesterday - AFP photo

against a Combined XI which includes five Test players and

represents the sternest exami-

nation of the tour to date just a

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 43run partnership. But Surrey left-hander Butcher, who had progressed to

week before the first Test.

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

15, fell in the 12th over of the

morning with left-arm seamer

the pavilion. Hussain arrived at the cr just as the Combined XI ch replace Steve Elworthy David Terbrugge, who too five deliveries to captua prized scalp of the to

captain. Terbrugge had been not to strike with the prodelivery, a full-length ran 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.