

## Sport

## Expatriates' chess

Shahnoor Hossain took solo lead in the Expatriates' Open tournament with seven and a half points after the eighth round at the NSC chess room.

Shahnoor of Leoline Chess Club beat Feroz Ahmed of Utara Central Chess Club.

International Master Reesab bin-Sattar followed in second place securing seven points beating Sohel Chowdhury.

Over night joint leader Feroz and Saifuddin Ahmed Lavli bagged 6.5 points. Lavli beat Rafique.

## StanChart chess on

The Standard Chartered Bank schools chess tournament organised by Bangladesh Chess Federation began at the NSC chess room yesterday, reports UNB.

A total of 100 players from different schools including six Indians are taking part in the nine-round Swiss-league basis tournament.

In the day's first round, 40 players won their respective boards.

The winners are: Ejai Hosain (2127), Purneet Jaiswal (India, 2087), Soham Das (India, 2070), Golam Mastofa Bhuyian (National Sub-junior Champion), Subham Das (India), Naim Arifin Ratul, Nilabb Upadhyay (India), Ayan Lahiri (India), Nakibul Haque Uddash, Rawnak Ahsan Sabir, Farhadur Imam, Nazir Salehin, Mahtabuddin Robin, Moksedul Monir, Obaidul Islam, Riad Ahmed, Nazir Arifin and Abdul Halim.

The second round matches will start at 10 am today at the same venue.

## Waugh, Ponting

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The best chance came when Ponting on 90 was missed by Vangipurappu Laxman at second slip off Jayagal Srinath with Australia 217-4.

Laxman appeared to have the ball safely in his hands as he dived, but it slipped out as he crashed into the ground.

India thought they had trapped Ponting when he was on 61. He pulled at a delivery from Ajit Agarkar, and the fieldsmen believed he had tickled it through to wicketkeeper Manna Prasad.

But umpire Steve Dunne could not be persuaded and Ponting survived.

It was paceman Venkatesh Prasad who caused the early fireworks as he snared little left-hander Justin Langer (11) and Mark Waugh (5) in his opening five overs to have 2-11 from eight overs at the lunch break.

In the early revelry by the Indian pace attack, Srinath mopped up Greg Blewett (4) and Saurav Ganguly accounted for opening batsman Michael Slater (28).

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close of play on the first day of the first Test between India and Australia on Friday:

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings

Slater c Ramesh; b Ganguly 28

Blewett c M Prasad; b Srinath 4

Langer lbw b V Prasad 11

M Waugh c M Prasad b V Prasad 5

S Waugh not out 117

Ponting run out 125

Gilchrist not out 125

Extras: (b-1, lb-1, nb-6) 8

Total: (For five wickets in 90 overs) 298

Fall of wickets: 1-8; 2-29; 3-

45; 4-52; 5-29.

To bat: S Warne, D. Fleming, M Kasprowicz, G McGrath.

**Bowler** O M R W

Srinath 22 3 83 1

Agarkar 16 3 55 0

V Prasad 17 4 50 2

Ganguly 7 1 34 1

Kumble 23 1 60 0

Tendulkar 2 0 12 0

Laxman 3 1 2 0

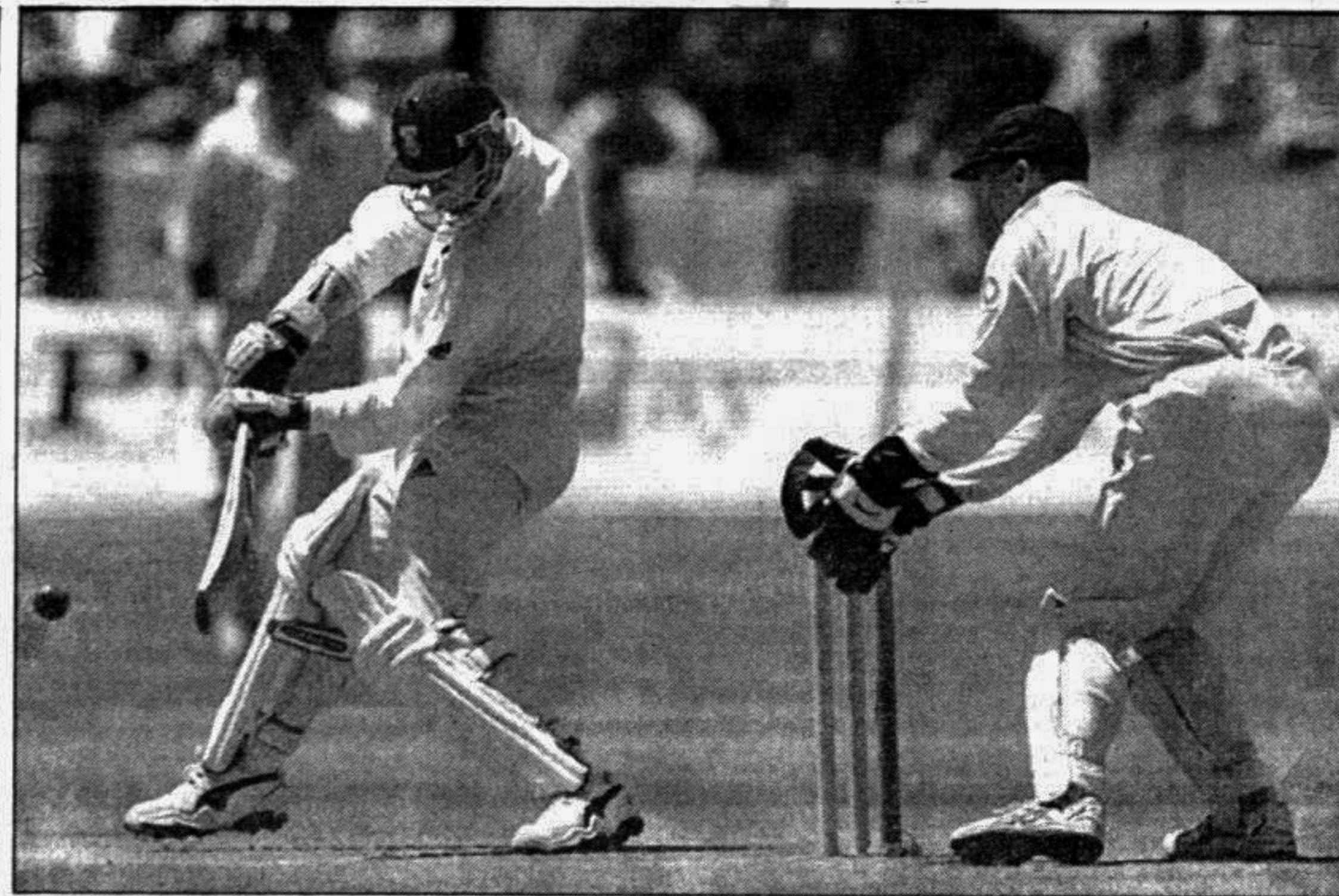
**INDIA:** Sachin Tendulkar (capt), Saurav Ganguly (vice-capt), Ajit Agarkar, Rahul Dravid, Ravindra Gandhi, Anil Kumble, Vangipurappu Laxman, Manna Prasad, Venkatesh Prasad, Sadagopan Ramesh, Jayagal Srinath.

**Umpires:** Daryl Harper (Aus), Steve Dunn (NZ).

**TV umpire:** Steve Davis.

**Match referee:** Ranjan Madugalle.

**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer



South African all-rounder Lance Klusener, who made an outstanding 174, is about to slice one off the back-foot on the second day of the second Test against England in Port Elizabeth yesterday. —AFP photo

## Klusener bludgeons England

## Nasser, Mike combine



PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Dec 10: England captain Nasser Hussain led a spirited fightback

after his team had taken a pounding from all-rounder Lance Klusener on the second day of the second Test against England at St George's Park on Friday, reports AFP. Hussain made 70 not out as England reached 139 for one at the close. Klusener earlier top-scored with 174 in a South African first innings total of 450.

Hussain took the fight to South Africa's all-pace attack after Mark Butcher had been bowled for four in Shaun Pollock's first over.

The England captain hooked two sixes in the first over he faced from Pollock and raced to a half-century off 54 balls.

With South Africa forced onto the defensive, he then proceeded more cautiously until the close, facing another 71 balls in adding 20 more runs.

Former captain Mike Atherton, dismissed twice for nought in the first Test, made 58 not out and helped Hussain put on an unbeaten 134 for the second wicket.

On a hot, sunny day, conditions favoured the batsmen, with 336 runs being scored for the loss of only five wickets in 116 overs.

That was unlike the first day, when South Africa slumped to 146 for five after being sent in to bat in overcast weather. It was at that point that Klusener walked in.

Klusener completed the transition from World Cup one-day hero to Test standard as he hit his 174 off 221 balls with 25 fours and two sixes.

It was the highest score in 18 Tests played at St George's Park, South Africa's oldest Test ground, beating the 167 by Lindsay Hassett for Australia in 1993.

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## SOUTH AFRICA: First innings

(overnight 253/6)

Kirsten c Hussain b Caddick 15

Gibbs run out (Flintoff) 48

Kallis c Caddick b Silverwood 1

Cullinan st Stewart b Tufnell 58

Cronje c Flintoff b Tufnell 2

Rhodes c Atherton b Flintoff 50

Klusener c Adams b Gough 174

Pollock c Vaughan b Flintoff 7

Boucher c Stewart b Tufnell 42

Donald c Hussain b Tufnell 9

Hayward not out 10

Extras (b-10, lb-5; w-1; nb-18) 34

Total: (All out in 128.1 overs) 450

Fall of wickets: 1/28; 2/57; 3/87; 4/91; 5/146; 6/252; 7/268; 8/387; 9/401

## Bowler O M R W

Mills 26 4 104 2

Morgan 19 4 59 3

Walmesley 51 5 84 2

Barnes 8 4 15 0

Pocock 3 1 6 0

Walker 16 6 49 0

## ENGLAND: First innings

Butcher b Pollock 4

Atherton not out 58

Hussain not out 70

Extras (b-2; nb-5) 7

Total: (For one wkt in 44 overs) 139

To bat: M Vaughan, A Stewart, C Adams, A Flintoff, A Caddick, C Silverwood, D Gough, P Tufnell

Fall of wicket: 1/5

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Donald 12 3 48 0

Pollock 15 5 41 1

Hayward 8 1 31 0

Klusener 6 2 14 0

Cronje 3 1 3 0

## ACA to help young Indians

ADELAIDE, Dec 10: India's most promising young cricketers will be invited to Australia's renowned Cricket Academy under a scholarship deal announced today, reports Reuters.

The Australia-India Council (AIC) announced before the start of play on the first day of the first Test between the two countries today that three of India's best young players will be invited to come to Australia each season.

"A scholarship like this can only help to make those youngsters into better players," Australian Cricket Board chairman Denis Rogers said.

"And that must benefit not only Indian cricket, but also the future good health of the game at an international level."

The AIC said it had donated 18,000 Australian dollars (11,340 US) to cover the costs of next year's scholarships and was hoping to develop the plan into a long-term scheme.

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