

Column One

SPORTS TALK



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Damal cricket final today

Lalmatia Club take on Khe-laghar SKS today in the final of the 19th Damal Smriti Cricket tournament at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Cricket Board President Saber Hossain Chowdhury will be the chief guest in the final and distribute the prizes.

In the day's final, Lalmatia registered a thumping 8-wicket win against Dhaka Wanderers in the first semi on Thursday while Khe-laghar beat Dhanomdi Club by three wickets in the other semi on Friday.

StanChart chess

Twenty-one players jointly lead the points table of the Standard Chartered Bank schools chess tournament after the second round matches yesterday, reports UNB.

They are: Ejaz Hossain (2127), Funeet Jaiswal (India, 2087), Soham Das (India, 2070), national sub-junior champion Golam Mustafa Bhuiyan, Shuvom Das (India), Naim Arefin Ratul, Nilav Updahaya (India), Ayan Lahiri (India), Naqibul Haq Udas, Rawnak Ehsan Sajib, Farhad Imam, Nazir Salehin, Mahabuddin Robin, Moksedul Monir, Obaidul Islam Shaheen, Riyad Ahmed, Rashed Nizam, Dwipion Mitra, Salauddin, Abdul Halim and Samiul Al Hussain.

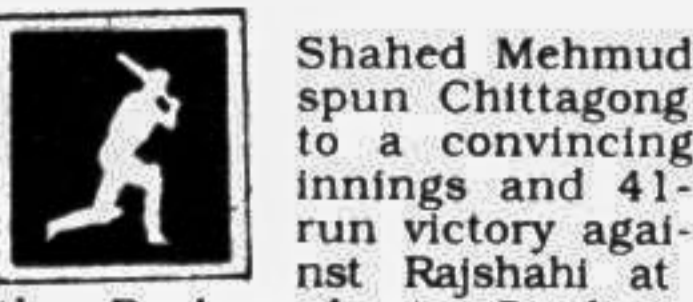
In the day's second round matches, Ejaz beat Shamsud-doha, Funeet beat Rabiul, Mustafa beat Ali, Shuvom beat Mizan, Ratul beat Zia, Nilav beat Ridi, Ayan beat Obaid, Udas beat Nadim, Sajib beat Ujal, Farhad beat Ferdous, Salehin beat Sharmeen, Robin beat Pinky, Monir beat Aman-e-Alam, Shaheen beat Shahjahan, Riyad beat Khurshed, Rashed beat Sakhat, Dwipion beat Aham, Salauddin beat Arefin, Halim beat Moniruzzaman and Samiul beat Partha.

Soham got walkover against Saad in the other match.

The third round matches will be held today (Sunday) from 10 am.

Ctg ride on Mehmud magic

Sports Reporter



Shahed Mehmud spun Chittagong to a convincing innings and 41-run victory against Rajshahi at the Brahmanbaria Stadium yesterday.

The Pakistani leg-spinner mesmerised Rajshahi with a seven-wicket haul on the final day of the three-day match as the port city outfit ran away with four available points.

The result was never in doubt when Rajshahi, resuming on 66 for two in their second innings, collapsed on all fours within 31 overs.

Chittagong scored an imposing 306 in their first innings. Needing another 119 runs to make Chittagong bat again Rajshahi, forced to follow on after being bundled out for 121 in their first innings on Friday, suffered a stunning collapse once Mehmud removed opener Rafiqul.

The opener who was 30 overnight fell three runs short of what would have been a courageous half-century.

Mehmud—responsible for taking five wickets in the first innings—had the remaining Rajshahi batsmen dancing to his tune and finished with an impressive total of 12 wickets. The utility Pakistani was the obvi-

ous choice for man-of-the-match.

Chittagong joined leaders Sylhet at the top of the table. Both teams having collected 14 points on completion of their fifth round fixtures.



MEHMUD... m-o-m

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the three-day National League match between Chittagong and Rajshahi at the Brahmanbaria Stadium yesterday.

Man of the match: Shahed Mehmud (Chittagong).

CHITTAGONG: First innings 306 all out in 97 overs (Akram 71, Jahangir 53, Enamul 55, Mustadr 3/44, Aminul 3/46, Saifullah 2/49)

RAJSHAHI: First innings 121 all out in 49.4 overs (Anis 30, Aminul 16, Shahed Mehmud 5/54)

RAJSHAHI: Second innings (overnight 66 for 2 in 34 overs)

Rafiqul c Akram b S Mehmud 47
Uzzal c Ziaur b Sajal 0
Mustadr c & b S Mehmud 7
Nuruzzaman lbw b S Mehmud 20
K Masood c Minhazul b Sabbir 6
Mushique b S Mehmud 7
Sanchay c Jahangir b S Mehmud 1
Tariq c Jahangir b S Mehmud 0
Ripon c Akram b S Mehmud 10
Aminul c Akram b Enamul 9
Saifullah not out 0
Extras: 27
Total: (All out in 65 overs) 144

Fall of wickets: 1/2: 2/32; 3/82; 4/89; 5/104; 6/108; 7/117; 8/127; 9/139

Bowler O M R W
Sajal 6 1 10 1
Saifuddin 9 2 14 0
Sabbir 11 3 27 1
S Mehmud 21 2 48 7
Enamul 16 6 25 1
Ziaur Rashid 1 0 2 0
Ehsanul Haq 1 0 1 0

Result: Chittagong won the match by an innings and 41 runs.

Man of the match: Shahed Mehmud (Chittagong).

Dhaka's tactic bores Sylhet

Sports Reporter

Dhaka played without any particular purpose on the final day, leaving hosts Sylhet to remain content with two batting points in their first clash of the National League at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday.

The match ended in a predictable draw when Dhaka scored 172 all out in 84.4 overs in their second innings, thus preventing Sylhet the chance to bat again.

Sylhet however did gain two invaluable points by virtue of their first innings lead. Aided by a brilliant half-century from opener Parvez, the home side scored 255 in their first innings on the second day after restricting Dhaka to 206 in their first innings on Thursday.

Trailing by 49 runs, Dhaka started the last day with Al-Shahriar opening with plucky Javed. But the play to accelerate the score on a tricky wicket never paid off.

Despite a brisk start by Al-Shahriar (39) and Javed (34), which produced 72 runs in 16.3 overs, the visitors lost their way once left-arm twower Mohammad Rafique removed both batsmen in quick succession.

Skipper Aminul made 40 and Sanwar scored 28. But thereafter Dhaka disintegrated in the post-tea session, losing four wickets with the score on 167. Neeyamur Rashid was the wrecker-in-chief for Sylhet with five for 12 in 12.4 niggling overs. It included seven maidens.

But Parvez was named man-of-the-match ahead of Neeyamur.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the three-day National League match between Sylhet and Dhaka at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday.

DHAKA: First innings 206 all out in 87.2 overs (K Mahmud 65, Sanwar 56, Iqbal 4/42, Neeyamur 2/12)

SYLHET: First innings 255 for 9 wickets in 100 overs (Parvez 55, Rajin 42, Iqbal 39, Saiful 3/31, Fahim 2/27, Al-Shahriar 2/34)

DHAKA: Second innings Javed b Rafique 34
Al-Shahriar b Rafique 39
Naimur c Alope b Rafique 11
Sanwar run out 10
Aminul b Neeyamur 28
K Mahmud b Neeyamur 30
Atiq b Rafique 1
Mehrab b Neeyamur 0
Fahim b Neeyamur 0
Saiful not out 0
Morshed b Neeyamur 4
Extras: (b-9, lb-4, w-1) 172
Total: (All out in 84.4 overs) 172

Fall of wickets: 1/72; 2/91; 3/98; 4/123; 5/160; 6/167; 7/167; 8/167; 9/167.

Bowler O M R W
Nuruzzaman 5 0 27 0
Iqbal 4 0 29 0
Rafique 28 7 50 4
Saifullah 23 5 34 0
Imran Rahim 12 6 7 0
Neeyamur Rashid 12.4 7 12 5

Result: Match drawn.

Man-of-the-match: Parvez Ahmed (Sylhet)

Dull draw in Khulna

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES
KHULNA: First innings 161 all out in 90 overs (Jamaaluddin 34, Hasanuzzaman 30, Sohel 7/47)

BARISAL: First innings 116 all out in 64.4 overs (Mazharul 43, Moin 21, Khairuzzaman 3/16, Sohel 3/16, Salahuddin 3/26)

KHULNA: Second innings 170 all out in 94.3 overs (Sajid 48, Khairuzzaman 25, Atiq 20, Rahad 4/46, Sohel 2/24)

BARISAL: Second innings 77 for 4 in 22 overs (Munna 28, Khairuzzaman 2/26)

Result: Match drawn.

Man of the match: Sohel (Barisal)

Hosts Khulna and Barisal settled for a draw in their National Cricket League match at the Khulna Stadium yesterday.

Khulna, who took a first innings lead of 45 runs against the visitors on the second day, made 170 in their second innings on the final day yesterday before being dismissed in 94.3 overs. Barisal, in reply, were 77 for four when stumps were drawn.

Earlier, Khulna scored 161 in their first innings on the opening day. Barisal, in their chase, were bundled out for 116.

The highlight of the low-scoring affair, where 424 runs were scored in three days, was a brilliant bowling performance by Sohel.

The Barisal off-spinner, who captured seven wickets in the Khulna first innings, also shone in the second to finish with nine wickets. His sterling show rightly earned him the man-of-the-match award.

Tyson cleared

LAS VEGAS, Dec 11 (AP): The great Mike Tyson ferret caper is history.

Tyson won't have ferret neglect charges on his record, after authorities said they could not prove who the ferrets at his Las Vegas estate belonged to.

"We cannot prove who the caretaker was," said Donna Rosenberg of the Clark County District Attorney's office. "We believe that the ferrets were neglected, but Mike Tyson was not at home — nor present during the incident."

Atherton finds his feet

Advantage South Africa

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Dec 11: South Africa held a slight advantage despite a century by England opening batsman Mike Atherton on the third day of the second Test at St George's Park Saturday, reports AFP.

England were 364 for nine at the close in reply to South Africa's 450.

Atherton top scored with 108 but no other England batsman made a substantial contribution against South Africa's all-pace attack after skipper Nasser Hussain had been dismissed for 82 in the eighth over of the day.

England, though, had seemed to be building a strong position before Mornantau Hayward, South Africa's 22-year-old fast bowling discovery, made a double breakthrough by bowling Michael Vaughan and Atherton in successive overs with the second new ball.

Atherton shared stands of 155 with Hussain and 68 with Vaughan (21).

It was Atherton's 13th Test century and the first by an England batsman in almost a year. Alec Stewart hit a hundred against Australia in Melbourne on December 27, 1998.

It was a typical Atherton innings in which he showed dogged determination. Most of his 15 boundaries, which included four in a single over from Allan Donald Friday, were hit off the back foot on the offside.

For Atherton it was a superb comeback after he was dismissed for a "pair" during England's innings defeat in the first Test at the Wanderers in Johannesburg.

Atherton and Hussain put on 155 for the second wicket in 212 minutes, taking full advantage of conditions which favoured the batsmen on the second successive hot, sunny day. The pitch offered virtually no help to the bowlers.

But the South African bowlers and fielders kept up the pressure, which was seldom broken by the England batsmen. Only Andrew Flintoff threatened to take control. He hit 42 off 37 balls with nine fours before being bowled by Shaun Pollock.

South African fielder Jonty Rhodes appeared to be warned by West Indian umpire Steve Bucknor for making comments from his position at backward point while Donald was running in to bowl to Atherton early in the day.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on the third day of the second Test between South Africa and England at St George's Park on Saturday.

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 450 (H Gibbs 48, D Cullinan 58, J Rhodes 50, L Klusener 174, M Boucher 42; P Tufnell 4/124)

ENGLAND: First innings Butcher b Pollock 4
Atherton b Hayward 108
Hussain c Boucher b Donald 82
Vaughan b Hayward 21
Stewart b Donald 25
Adams c Kallis b Pollock 15
Flintoff b Pollock 42
Caddick not out 33
Gough b Donald 6
Silverwood c Klusener b Hayward 6

ENGLAND: Second innings (overnight 155 for 1 in 34 overs)

Atherton c Boucher b Donald 108
Hussain c Boucher b Donald 82
Vaughan b Hayward 21
Stewart b Donald 25
Adams c Kallis b Pollock 15
Flintoff b Pollock 42
Caddick not out 33
Gough b Donald 6
Silverwood c Klusener b Hayward 6

Fall of wickets: 1-96; 2-143; 3-150; 4-157; 5-228; 6-251; 7-267; 8-276; 9-283

Bowler O M R W
Olonga 8 0 42 1
Mpumulelo 9 0 52 0
Brent 10 0 53 4
A Whittall 9 0 44 0
G Flower 10 0 45 0

ZIMBABWE: Grant Flower, Alistair Campbell, Trevor Madondo, Andy Flower (captain), Murray Goodwin, Guy Whittall, Gavin Rennie, Gary Brent, Andy Whittall, Henry Olonga, Mpumulelo Mbangwa, 12th man: John Renne.

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Dec 11: Rani Nagar Cricket Training Centre recorded a 9-wicket win over Simla Sporting Club in the 5th Birshrestha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir Smriti tournament at railway ground.

Winning the toss, Simla batted first and were all-out for 96 in 18.5 overs.

In reply, Rani Nagar reached the winning target at the cost of one wicket.

In other match of the day, Sun Prix Sporting Club beat Salbagam Modern Cricket Club by nine runs.

Sun Prix batted first and made 125 for nine in allotted 25 overs after winning the toss.

In reply, Salbagam were all out for 116 in 24.3 overs.

Joy Bangla tennis

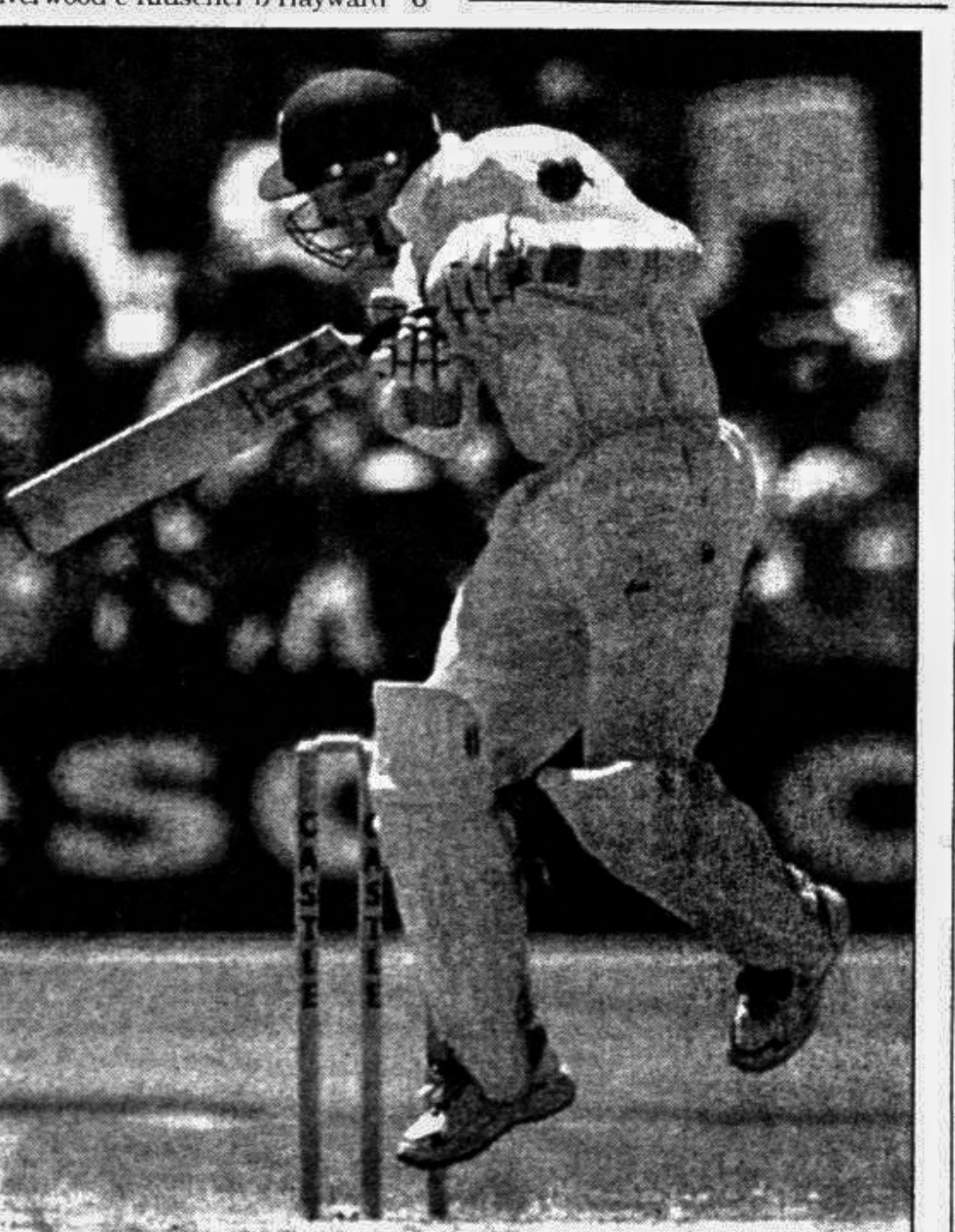
The Joy Bangla national tennis championship, organised by Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF) began at the Ramna National Tennis Complex yesterday, reports BSS.

On the opening day, 43 matches of men's singles, women's singles, boys' under-16 singles and boys' under-13 singles were held.

State Minister for Planning Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir inaugurated the championship as the chief guest.

BTF president Syed Alamgir Faruk Chowdhury, general secretary Sanatul Haq were present on the occasion.

About 110 boys and girls including expatriates are taking part in different events.



OUCH! Former England captain Michael Atherton, who scored a splendid 108, gets hit by a rising ball on the third day of the second Test against South Africa in Port Elizabeth yesterday.

—AFP photo



Scene from the second round of the StanChart schools chess tournament at the NSC yesterday.

—Star photo

Warne, McGrath wreak havoc

ADLAIDE, Dec 11 (AP/AF): Fast bowler Glenn McGrath and master leg-spinner Shane Warne bowled in tandem to thwart India's reply to Australia's 441 in the first cricket Test at the Adelaide Oval on Saturday.

There was an early night-mare for India as opening batsman Sadagoppan Ramesh was run out for two in freakish fashion — off the 13th ball of the innings.

Devang Gandhi beautifully drove a ball from McGrath deep on the off-side.

As the opening pair attempted to complete the fourth run which had already appeared to be there, Greg Blewett fastened on to the ball and cannoned in an astonishing return from about 50 metres which struck the stumps on the full at the bowler's end, leaving Ramesh marginally out of his ground.

Umpire Steve Dunne called for a TV replay, which left no doubt that the crestfallen Ramesh was out.

That stunning blow was followed quickly by the departure of Gandhi (4), unable to control a McGrath lifter which struck the bat and flew to a gleeful Michael Kasprovic at backward square leg.

With 9-2 in the fifth over, India faced a mountainous task to re-establish the innings against a still fresh cock-a-hoop Australian attack.

Laxman and Dravid held on valiantly for almost two hours adding 81 precious runs before the return of McGrath brought about the demise of Laxman for 41.

Laxman misjudged the bounce of the short delivery, squirting the ball to the gully, where Steve Waugh pounced the waist-high chance.

The arrival at the crease of Tendulkar created huge excitement among an enthusiastic crowd of more than 16,000.

But, contrary to expectations, the little Master's ap-

pearance heralded the quietest period of the game.

In a controlled but aggressive spell, McGrath repeatedly beat Tendulkar with pace and bounce to keep the free-scoring right-hander quiet.

Tendulkar and Dravid, determined to live to fight another day, scrounged a mere 17 runs in the next hour off 91 balls before Dravid (35) perished.

In his 17th over Warne finally pounced, having a probing Dravid snapped up by Justin Langer at short leg.

Tendulkar crafted his cautious 12 in 89 minutes from 69 balls.

India went to the crease after Australia, resuming on 298-5, added 143 for the loss of their last five wickets.

There was early joy for the tourists as fast bowler Ajit Agarkar struck with the very

century against every Test-playing nation, resigned to play the role of a sheet-anchor while Warne continued to enjoy his newfound batting form with an aggressive 86.

Warne cut and drove with abundance for most of his 13 boundaries, seven of which came in the space of 28 deliveries between two rain breaks that curtailed play to just 83 minutes before lunch.

The blonde right-hander made the visitors pay dearly for Ramesh dropping him on 16 and continued to dominate the seventh-wicket stand until Waugh fell to a tired shot five balls after reaching 150.

Having also survived a catch at the wicket off Anil Kumble, Warne deposited the leg-spinner's next delivery into the crowd over square leg for a massive six as the 20 overs in the pre-lunch session realised 94 runs.

It was a faster ball from Kumble that finally trapped Warne in front.

The departure of Warne was a special moment for the Indian leggie — it was the first Test wicket in Australia by the man who has an amazing 32 Australian scalps, at an astonishing average of 17.21, in four Tests on his home territory.

Warne said he was disappointed at missing his maiden Test century but joked he never thought he would again hold a media conference for his batting after his 86 against Pakistan.

During the course of his 402-minute stay, Waugh passed West Indian Sri Gary Sobers' 8,032 runs to become the eighth-highest run-getter in Test history. He chased a wide delivery from swing bowler Ajit Agarkar (2-86) and gave wicketkeeper Mannava Prasad one of his four catches of the innings.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the first Test between Australia and India at Adelaide Oval on Saturday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings (298 for 5 overs)

Blewett c M Prasad b Srinath 4
Slater c Ramesh b Ganguly 28
Langer lbw V Prasad 11
M Waugh c M Prasad b V Prasad 5
S Waugh c M Prasad b Agarkar 150
Ponting run out 125
Gilchrist c and b Agarkar 0
Warne lbw Kumble 86
Kasprovic b Kumble 4
Fleming not out 12
McGrath c M Prasad b V Prasad 4
Extras: (b-1, nb-6, lb-5) 12
Total: (For 4 wks in 125.3 overs) 441

Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-9; 3-47; 4-92; 5-291; 6-298; 7-406; 8-417; 9-424; 10-441.

Bowler O M R W
Srinath 29 3 117 1
Agarkar 26 5 86 2
V Prasad 24.3 4 83 3
Ganguly 7 1 34 1
Kumble 34 1 101 2
Tendulkar 2 2 12 0
Laxman 3 1 2 0

INDIA: First innings Gandhi c Kasprovic b McGrath 4
Ramesh run out 4
Laxman c S Waugh b McGrath 41
Dravid c Langer b Warne 35
Tendulkar not out 12
Ganguly not out 12
Extras: (b-1, nb-16) 17
Total: (For 4 wks in 52 overs) 123

Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-9; 3-90; 4-107

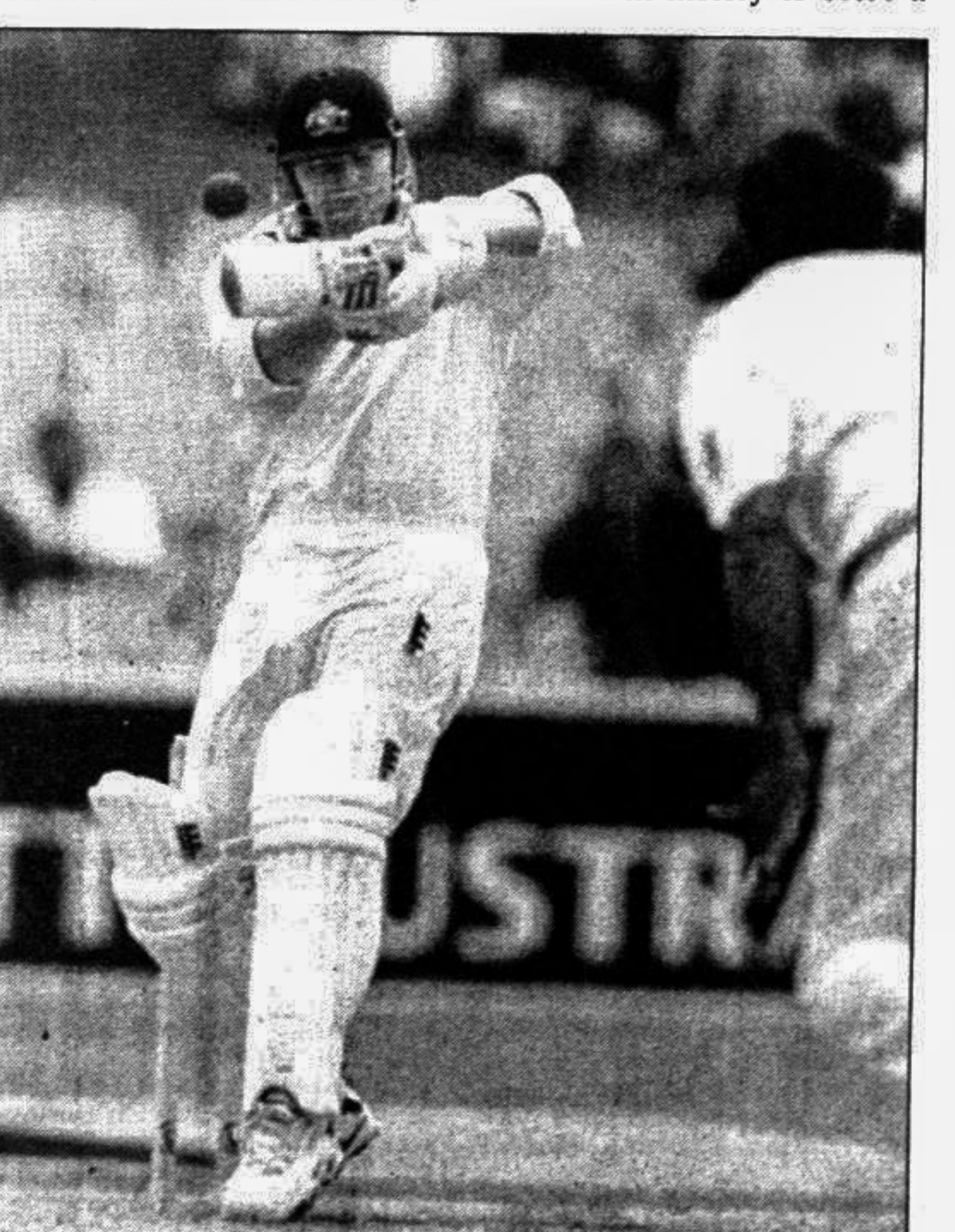
Bowler O M R W
McGrath 14 8 11 2
Fleming 10 2 30 0
Kasprovic 8 1 38 0
Warne 20 7 43 1

Shatadal lift Mohanagari soccer title

CHITTAGONG, Dec 11: Shatadal Club won the title of the 12th Ispahani Mohanagari Pioneer football competition beating Blue Star Club 2-1 in the final at the Dampara Police Lines ground here today, reports BSS.

Parvez and Nirmal scored one goal each for Shatadal, while Biswajit reduced the margin for Blue Star.

Parvez of Shatadal was adjudged the best player-of-the-final.



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