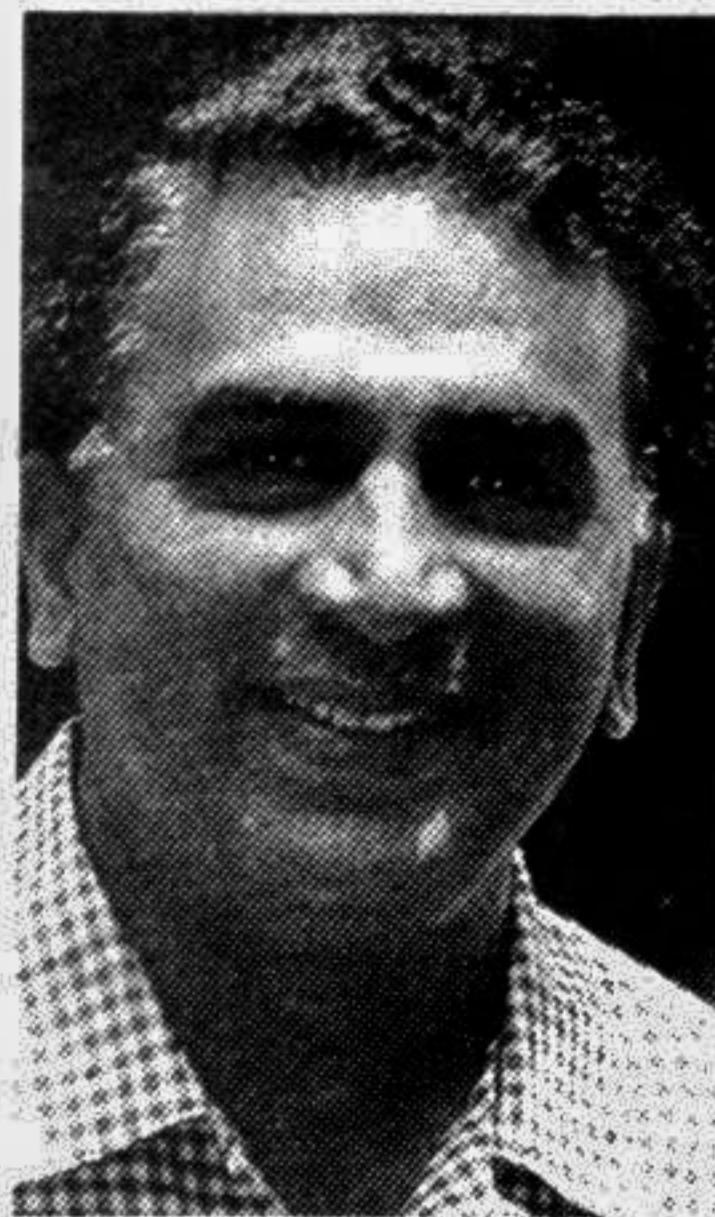


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(Indian cricket great)
"I will talk to any player
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Draw in Auckland
**Campbell, Ganga
hit hundreds**

AUCKLAND, Dec 13: The West Indies drew their four-day match against Auckland on Monday, but not before opener Sherwin Campbell hit a commanding century, reports Reuters.

Campbell, who scored 112 in the first innings, was again in encouraging form ahead of Thursday's start of the first Test against New Zealand, and blasted the Auckland bowling before he retired hurt on 109 with a slight leg injury.

West Indies captain Brian Lara later said Campbell had ended his innings as a precaution and that his in-form batsman would play in the first Test in Hamilton.

Campbell and fellow opener Darren Ganga, a first innings failure who is fighting for a place in the Test side, figured in a first-wicket partnership of 196.

Ganga also completed a century before play was abandoned at 5:30 pm (0430 GMT).

Heavy rain in the morning made a draw inevitable and play did not start until 2:00 pm (0100 GMT) when the West Indies resumed on their overnight score of 14 for none.

SCOREBOARD

Final scorecard on the last day of the four-day match between Auckland and West Indies at Eden Park on Monday:

WEST INDIES: First inni-
ngs

AUCKLAND: First inni-
ngs

WEST INDIES: Second inni-
ngs

Campbell retired hurt 109

Ganga not out 100

Chanderpal not out 9

Extras (nb-5; w-1; lb-4) 10

Total: (For no
wicket: 47 overs) 228

Did not bat: B Lara, R Powell,
J Adams, R Jacobs, N Perry, F
Rose, R King, P. Collins.

Bowler: O M R W

Morgan 13 1 51 0

Mills 12 1 56 0

Walmsley 6 0 39 0

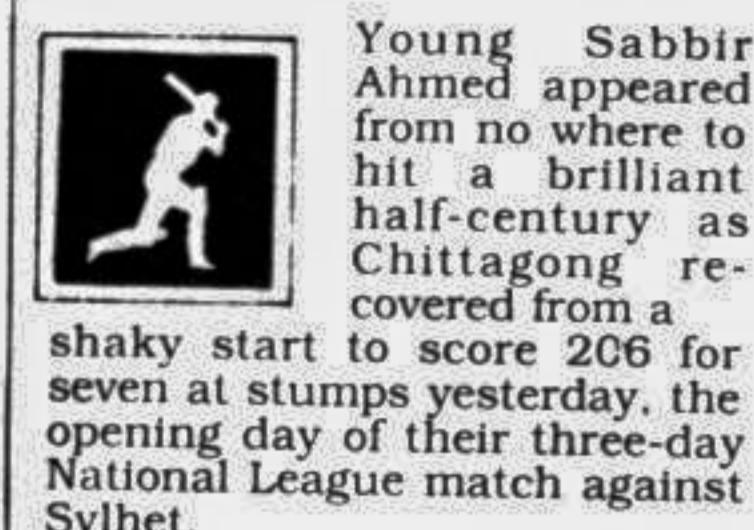
Walker 5 0 31 0

Barnes 11 1 45 0

Result: Match drawn.

Sabbir show saves Ctg

Sports Reporter



Young Sabbir Ahmed appeared from nowhere to hit a brilliant half-century as Chittagong recovered from a shaky start to score 206 for seven at stumps yesterday, the opening day of their three-day National League match against Sylhet.

At the Sylhet Stadium, the crucial return-leg clash of the two title contenders tilted towards the hosts early in the morning when Chittagong, opting to bat first, stumbled to 38 for three in no time.

But while in deep crisis the port city outfit discovered a wily willow-wielder in Sabbir, who led a spectacular recovery operation with an absorbing 56. Promoted up in the batting order, the tall right-hander, with a credential of a promising off-spinner under his belt, more than justified his elevation, putting on 90 runs for the fourth wicket with Akram Khan.

Considered as a useful long-handle bat, the former BKSP student hammered eight fours

in his 114-ball knock before being caught by Pakistani Saifulah of the bowling of national left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique.

Chittagong got off to a disappointing start when both their openers Azam Iqbal, Ehsanul Haq and one-down Jahangir departed within a space of 15 runs.

Ehsan was run out for 10 in a terrible mix-up with Azam, who scored a struggling 19 before becoming the second victim of medium pace Iqbal.

Iqbal made the early inroads by dismissing one-down Jahangir for a duck.

With the fall of Azam came the most enterprising partnership of Chittagong between Sabbir and Akram, the former national captain who scored a fighting 35 with the help of three fours.

Skipper Minhazul Abedin scored a defiant 31 before becoming the last Chittagong batsman out on the day.

Enamul Haq, on 26, will resume the Chittagong innings with Shahed Mehmed today.

For Sylhet, Rafique returned as the most successful bowler

with three for 45 in his 20 economical overs. Iqbal meanwhile captured two wickets giving away 49 runs in his 18 overs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the opening day of the three-day National League match between Sylhet and Chittagong played at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday:

CHITTAGONG: First innings

Azam c Imran b Iqbal	19
Ehsan run out	10
Jahangir c Imran b Iqbal	0
Sabbir c Saifulah b Rafique	56
Akram c Rajin b Rafique	35
Minhazul c Parvez b Saifulah	31
Z Rashid c Rajin b Rafique	8
Enamul batting	26
S Mehmed batting	4
Extras (b-5; lb-9; nb-3)	17
Total (For 7 wickets in 84 overs)	206
Fall of wickets: 1/23; 2/26; 3/38; 4/128; 5/133; 6/157; 7/198	

Bowler: O M R W

Nayem 12 7 12 0

Iqbal 18 5 49 2

Neeyamur 13 4 34 0

Rafique 20 5 45 3

Imran Rahim 3 0 13 0

Saifulah 10 2 39 1

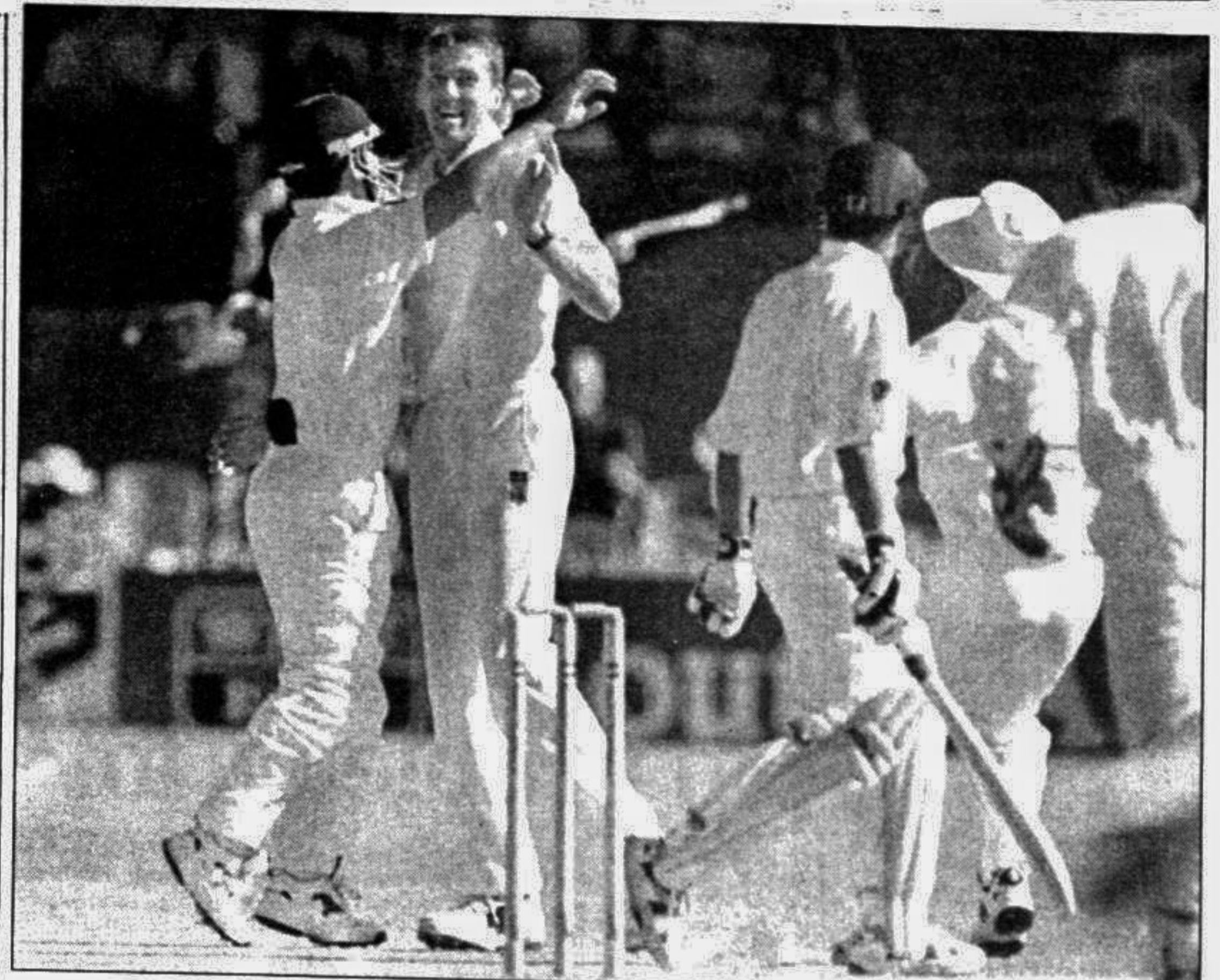
Muktis select 28 young booters

Sports Reporter

Muktijoddha Sangsab Krira Chakra picked up 28 young footballers on completion of a three-day trial held at the Utara Armed Police ground recently.

As part of its talent-hunt programme, the leading city club ran a camp for the interested under-19 footballers from December 8. Muktijoddha will now hold a training course to groom them up, says a press release of the club yesterday. The aspiring youths have been asked to present at the Utara Armed Police ground on December 17 at 2 pm.

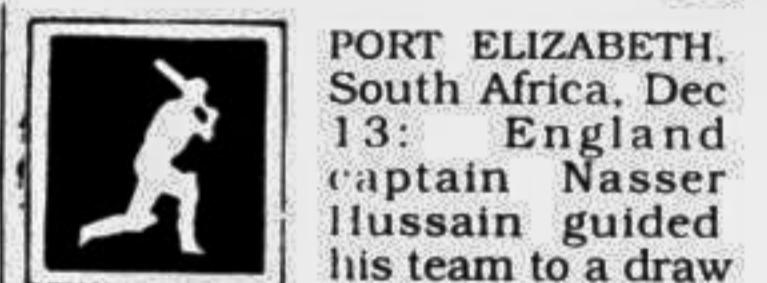
The 28 booters are: Fakhru Islam (goalkeeper, Sylhet), M. Sabahuddin Miraj (goalkeeper, Noakhali), Zia (goalkeeper, Bagerhat), Sabir Ahmed (goalkeeper, Sylhet), Shamshur Alam (Pabna), Musa Khan (Bogra), Rahnul Alam (Sirajganj), Shafiqul Islam (Chandpur), Shafiqul Islam (Dhaka), Ahsan Kabir Shamim (Netrokona), Mohammad Sharif Khan (Dhaka), M. Mamun (Dhaka), Manzur Alam (Rajshahi), Farhad Hossein (Narayanganj), Abdullah Al-Mamun (Narshingdi), Akbar Hossain (Ramgat), Sumon (Dhaka), Arifur Rahman Bappy (Bogra), Galib, Imran, Kafi (Dhaka), Jashim, Md. Mahfuzur Rashid (Sylhet), Nadeem Ahmed Khan (Pabna), Sadeque Ahmed (Sylhet), Ripon Khan (Netrokona) and Rana (Firidpur).



Glenn McGrath (2nd from L) being congratulated by a teammate after the Australian fast bowler trapped Indian kingpin Sachin Tendulkar leg before on the fourth day of the Adelaide Test yesterday.

— AFP photo

Nasser guides Eng to draw



PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Dec 13: England captain Nasser Hussain guided his team to a draw on the fifth and final day of the second Test against South Africa at St George's Park here on Monday, ending a 10-match streak of home victories by South Africa. reports AFP.

Hussain, who made 82 in the first innings, batted for just over five hours, scoring an unbeaten 70 as England struggled to 153 for six after being set a target of 302 runs in 79 overs.

England had a scare when openers Mike Atherton and Mark Butcher were dismissed within the first seven overs.

The crisis seemed to have passed when Hussain and Michael Vaughan (29) batted for almost two-and-a-half hours in a third wicket stand of 75 to take the sting out of South Africa's all-pace attack on an easy-paced pitch in hot, sunny weather.

But a late flurry of wickets, including a controversial decision against Chris Adams, kept the players on the field until there were just two possible overs left.

South Africa lead the five-match series 1-0. The third Test starts in Durban on December 26.

South Africa's chances of regaining a result slipped away on the fourth day when they scored only slowly to be able to make a declaration which would enable them to have the use of a second new ball, due after 80 overs.

Jacques Kallis and Jonty Rhodes batted aggressively Monday, however, to add 35 runs off 8.5 overs to enable skipper Hansie Cronje to declare. Kallis finished with 85 not out and Rhodes 57 not out. They put on 126 for the fifth wicket in 174 minutes.

England were soon in trouble when Shaun Pollock claimed the prize wicket of first innings century maker Atherton.

The home side seemed to have won the toss, bowled tight line and length and put in a committed fielding performance in an innings which featured the 29 x 2s as the second highest score.

Arnold faced 124 balls and hit seven fours and three sixes, and was the only Sri Lankan to come to terms with the much improved Zimbabwean bowlers.

The left-handed number five relied on the limited batting talents of number nine Pramodya Wickramasinghe to get them off the back foot and to make a declaration which would enable them to have the use of a second new ball.

The primary aim of Zimbabwe's openers — Alistair Campbell and Grant Flower — was to provide a firm foundation for the innings, no frills or flourishes, and this they did almost to perfection. They hit few boundaries over the heavy outfield. Nor did they attempt many, but as the afternoon sun shone they were content to pick up ones and twos by skillful placement and judicious running.

Earlier, Zimbabwe restricted the touring side to 213 with Russell Arnold holding the batting side together with his maiden one-day century.

But the hosts were bowled out for 200 after needing just 64 runs off the last 10 overs with six wickets in hand. The first match between the two was abandoned on Saturday due to rain.

Zimbabwe seemed to be on a course for victory when Campbell and Flower put on 91 for the first wicket.

The partnership ended in the 23rd over when Flower was caught at long-on by Pramodya Wickramasinghe off left-arm spinner Upul Chandana for 48.

Campbell went on to make 56 before becoming left-arm spinner Jayasuriya's first victim when he was caught at mid-wicket by Chandana in the 38th over.

Andy Flower's 24, Murray

ton whose offstump was sent cartwheeling in the sixth over.

Atherton misjudged the line of a ball which straightened slightly and hit the top of the stump.

England's opening partnership in the first two Tests have been 1.0, 5 and 5.

In the next over, Cronje brought new cap Mornant Hayward into the attack after three maiden overs from Allan Donald. With his first ball Hayward trapped Butcher leg before and England were five for two.

Hussain relieved the pressure with some bold strokes, hooking Hayward for six and taking 20 runs off two overs from the last bowler as he and

words were directed at the England captain.

The incident was an aftermath to the controversy Sunday when Kallis, on 12, did not walk after edging the ball to gully where Adams claimed a catch. Kallis was given not out because television replays were inconclusive.

Adams was clearly upset on

Monday when he was given out by umpire Koertzen when South Africa appealed for a bat-pad catch of Cronje by Jonty Rhodes running back from silly point. Television replays indicated the ball had hit pad only.

Kallis, who was under medical advice not to bowl after suffering a knee injury last month, came into the attack as Cronje juggled his bowlers. He made a breakthrough when he had Vaughan caught down the leg-side by wicketkeeper Mark Boucher.

Kallis then made a ball lift sharply and fly off Alec Stewart's glove just out of reach of gully fielder Pollock.

But he bowled only five overs. Stewart went on to make 28 in a stand of 45 with Hussain before being lbw to Pollock with 19.4 overs still possible.

Kallis took another wicket when Andrew Flintoff edged to Boucher to be six out with four overs remaining. It was the 100th dismissal by the wicket-keeper. He set a record for reaching the landmark in his 23rd Test, one fewer than Wally Grout of Australia and Dave Richardson of South Africa.

Earlier, Klusener bowled two balls from at least two metres behind the back crease, causing Hussain to step away the first time it happened. But the umpires pointed out there was nothing to stop a bowler doing this.

Klusener was named man of the match. He made 174 in South Africa's first innings.

South Africa's sequence of 10 successive home wins started in 1997/98 and included wins against Pakistan (1), Sri Lanka (posthumously).