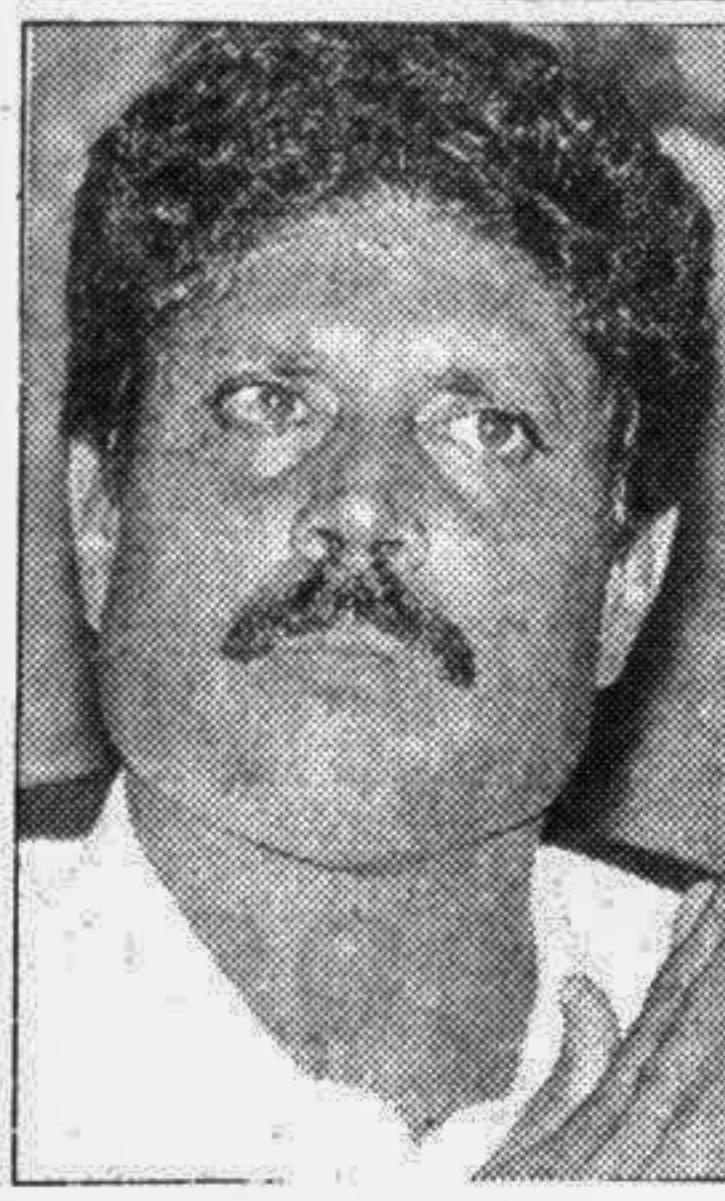


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Column One

SPORTS TALK



Kapil Dev

(Indian cricket coach)
"He's got the talent, now it's his big chance to prove himself."

On Hrishikesh Kanitkar after he was chosen for the second Test.

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Akram Fleming McGrath

3 How many Test hundreds has Mark Waugh scored to date?

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4 Who became champions in the Kaya Premier soccer?

Muktidulla Mohammedan Arambagh

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Div II cricket

Tareque takes Railway home

Sports Reporter

An unbeaten half-century from lower middle order Tareque guided Bangladesh Railway to a three-wicket win over Kakkaili Boys Club in their A-class Second Division match at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday.

Tareque, the number seven batsman, scored 51 not out as Railway, chasing a paltry Kakkaili total of 131 in 40 overs, reached 132 for seven with more than four overs to spare.

Tareque faced 93 balls for his half-century which included a huge six and five boundaries. Shakil contributed 28 runs.

Earlier, electing to bat, Kakkaili No. 3 batsman Imran had to retire hurt on one as his team managed to 131 for nine in 34 overs.

Railway's Ziauddin, the man behind Kakkaili's debacle, finished with 4 for 17 from his 5.5 overs.

In the other match of the day, Uttara Friend's Club recorded a thrilling one-run win over Partex at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

Uttara scored 116 all out in 36.1 overs in the morning session after being put in. Mr Sundries with 26 was the major contributor.

In reply, Partex were all out for 115 in 38.2 overs. Uttara's Baten and Bablu evenly shared six wickets conceding 13 and 32 runs while Palash took two for 34.

Filippini injures wrist while playing polo

MONTEVIDEO, Dec 26: Uruguayan tennis player Marcelo Filippini fractured his left wrist while playing polo in Mercedes in the north west of the country, regional daily newspaper El Telegrafo revealed on Friday, reports AFP.

The 32-year-old Filippini, world-ranked 106th, will be out for about two months following an operation.

Ctg prepare to party

Sports Reporter

A mathematical calculation might suggest that Chittagong should have to wait for another couple of days to crown themselves as champions of the first-ever National Cricket League. But the resolute side of a charismatic Minhalzul Abedin set the stage for an early celebration when they recorded a massive innings and 178 run win over Rajshahi yesterday.

The easy sail of Chittagong was confirmed inside two days at the Rangpur Cricket Garden when Rajshahi, chasing 374, caved in meekly in the face of some quality bowling from Shafiqul Mehmud, Enamul Hoque and Sufiuddin Ahmed.

Rajshahi were forced to follow on when they were shot out for only 122 in 44.1 overs.

To make a mockery of a contest, Rajshahi batsmen did even worse in the second innings. Needing another 252 runs to make Chittagong bat again, they were bundled out for 74 in only 25 overs.

Although there was no devil on the pitch, Rajshahi wickets tumbled like nine pins after Chittagong, resuming the day on 335 for six, posted a mammoth 374 for nine in their share of 100 overs.

Rajshahi batsmen wobbled in the spinning maze of Shahed Mehmud, who took five wickets for 45 runs in the first innings. Rajshahi misery was compounded when Sufiuddin took the new ball to rip through the top-order, settling the issue beyond any doubt. The tall Bangladesh seamer took three wickets for 14 runs in his six overs.

After the early destruction of Sufiuddin, Enamul Hoque stepped in to mop up the fragile Rajshahi tail. He returned with fantastic figures of 6-5-1-3.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day National

match by Azam Iqbal (Chittagong).

Man-of-the-match: Azam Iqbal (Chittagong).

Sylhet need 28 runs

Sports Reporter

Sylhet were closing in on their third win in the National Cricket League as they needed only 28 runs to wrap up the low-scoring match against hosts Barisal with eight of their second innings wickets still in hand.

The lower order trio of Neeyamur, Hasibul and Iqbal rose to the occasion, giving

the same score. But then came the crucial ninth wicket partnership between Hasibul Hossain and Iqbal Hossain who shared 46 runs to take the tourists to a respectable total. The two tail-enders frustrated Barisal bowlers, with Hasibul hitting 25 and Iqbal 24.

Hasibul, the right arm seamer who destroyed the home side with a six-wicket burst, faced 57 balls while his new ball partner played 42.

Beginning their second innings, Barisal plunged into deep trouble again. Left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique and Hasibul generated some inspirational spells to get the beleaguered hosts out for only 108.

Rafique captured five wickets for 25 runs to finish with a match haul of nine wickets for 43 runs. On the other hand, Ha-

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ERRATUM
In Sunday's issue of the Star Sport it was mentioned that Chittagong opener Azam Iqbal scored 188 off 182 balls. In fact, Azam scored 128 off 188 balls. The inadvertent mistake is regretted.

HASIBUL ... 10-wkt match haul

and the whole final day left to achieve it.

On a dicey wicket at the Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium, where 16 wickets tumbled in three sessions yesterday, the visitors battled hard to gain a vital 62-run lead over the home side, who scored 219 runs in two innings.

Following the departure of Neeyamur at 119 for 7, Sylhet lost the wicket of Mortuza (2) on

RAFIQUE ... 9-wkt match haul

Sylhet's a match-winning edge on a seemingly under-prepared pitch.

Neeyamur, the number seven batsman who began the day with 10, scored 25 before he was out off a Totam delivery.

Following the departure of Neeyamur at 119 for 7, Sylhet lost the wicket of Mortuza (2) on

Dhaka in sight of victory

Sports Reporter

reply to Khulna's first innings total of 118, piled up 280 before being all out in 88 overs.

Coming in to bat at number ten, the discarded national right-hander shared 72 runs for the ninth wicket with wicket-keeper Atiar Rahman, who scored 37.

In his 70-ball innings, Rafiq smote four boundaries for his highest contribution in the Dhaka total while Atiar, facing 65 balls, clobbered four fours.

Apart from Saiful and Atiar, vice-captain Khaled Mahmud scored a run-a-ball 40. Mahmud hit five boundaries.

For Khulna, veteran Sheikh Salauddin picked five wickets for 76 runs with his off-spinners while Jamaluddin captured two wickets for 59 runs.

Khulna were 68 for 4 at stumps with opener Sajid batting on 21.

Dhaka's off-spinner Fahim Muntasir, who captured six wickets in the first innings, snared two more for 11 runs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day National League match between Dhaka and Khulna at the Jessore Stadium yesterday.

KHULNA: First innings 118

all out in 60.3 overs (Sajid 32, Salim 20, Al-Amin 19 n.o.; Fahim 6/29, Saiful 2/12).

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Div I cricket

Big win for Boys

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Boys Club and Orient Sporting Club won their respective First Division cricket league matches played at different city venues yesterday.

A brilliant half-century by middle order Nadim Ahmed guided Bangladesh Boys club to a comprehensive 108-run win over Ajax Sporting Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Nadim scored 71 as Bangladesh Boys, sent in to bat, reached 215 in 48.5 overs.

Nadim slammed seven boundaries in his 83-ball knock.

BRIEF SCORES

BANGLADESH BOYS: 215

all out in 48.5 overs (Nadim 71, Majid 41; Rahim 3/47, Ajin 2/23; Chapal 2/28).

AJAX SC: 107 all out in 44.3 overs (Babu 30, Nayem 23; Arefin 3/13, Mustakim 3/20, Majid 2/19).

Result: Bangladesh Boys Club won by 108 runs.

ORIENT SC: 190 in 50 overs (Aslam 58, Sahauddin 31, Shamim 28; Sayeed 2/23, Iqbal 2/47).

Result: Orient Sporting Club won by 108 runs.

LALMATIA CLUB: 145 all out in 45.1 overs (Iqbal 38, Raju 27, Moniruzzaman 23; Shamim 3/29, Aminul 2/18, Kamaluddin 2/22).

Result: Orient Sporting Club won by 45 runs.

Nadim was well-supported by Pakistani recruit Abdul Majid who chipped in with 41 off 81 balls. They put on 89 runs for the fifth wicket.

In reply, Ajax were dismissed for 107 in 44.3 overs with opener Babu scoring highest 30.

Arefin and Mustakim of Bangladesh Boys shared six wickets.

At the Bangabandhu National Stadium, an all-round performance by Shahid Iqbal propelled Orient Sporting to a 45-run victory over Lalmatia Club.

Opting to bat, Orient scored 190 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs with one-down Aslam Raja notching 58 off 101 balls. Middle order batsmen Salauddin (31) and Shamim (28) were the other notable run-getters.

In reply, Lalmatia Club were all out for 145 in 45.1 overs.

Middle order Shahid Iqbal scored 38 followed by Raja and Moniruzzaman who added 27 and 23 respectively.

Orient's Shamim Hossain, the wrecker in chief, finished with 3 for 29.

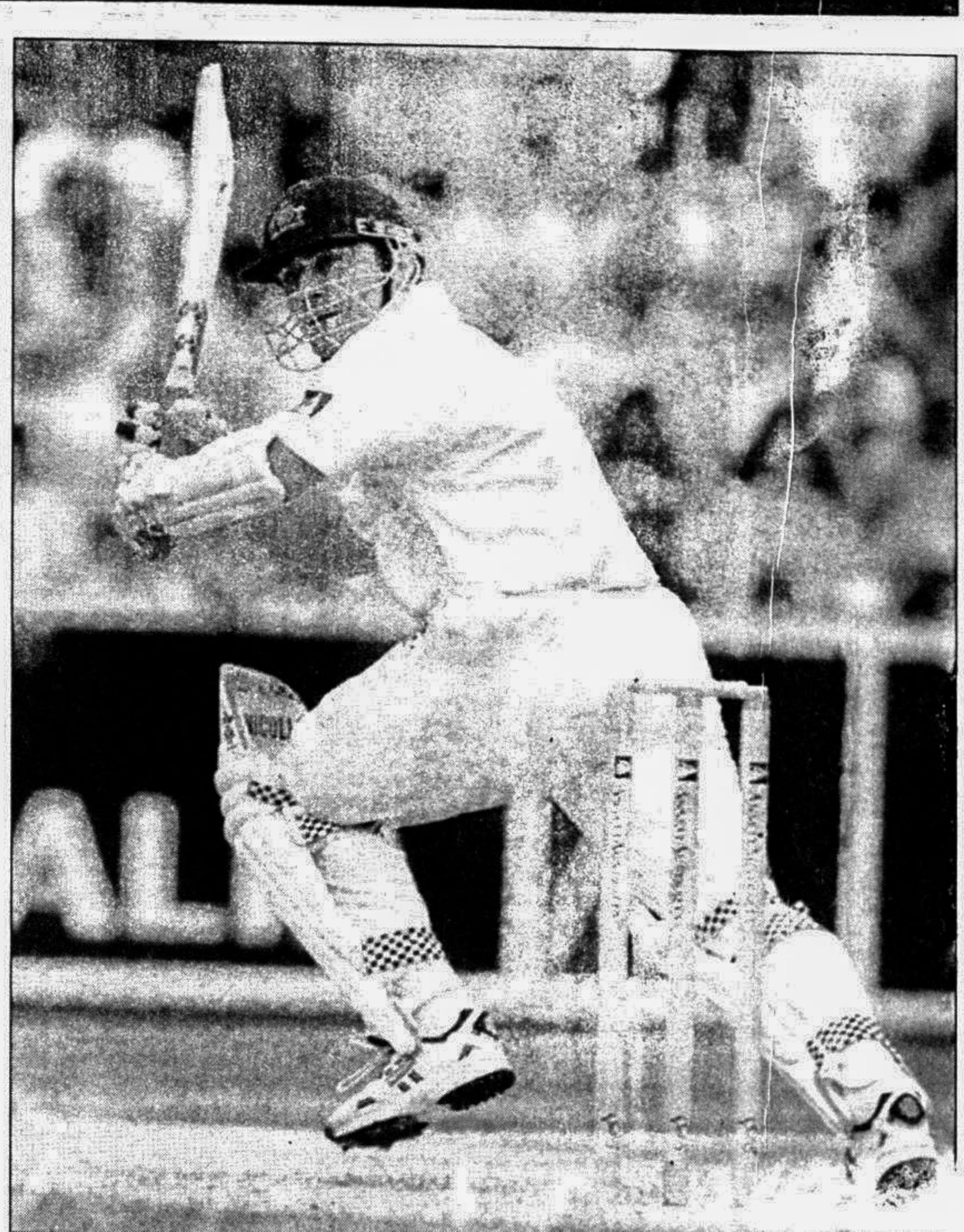
Sub jr chess

Sports Reporter

Mehdi Hasan Parag and Golam Mustafa Bhuiyan were jointly leading the 20th national sub-junior chess championship table at the end of the sixth round yesterday.

At the NSC chess room, Kamalapar Samaj Kalyan Sangha's Parag and Mustafa of Mymensingh shared points after agreeing to a draw but still remained atop the table with five and a half points. Both players are unbeaten in the nine-round Swiss league.

Nayem Arefin, Ratuil Farhad Imam, Rownak Ehsan, Moksedul Monir and Ziauddin are following them with five points.



IRRESISTIBLE SLATER: Australian opener Michael Slater flicks one during the first day's play of the Melbourne Test yesterday. During the course of an unbeaten 64 on the day, Slater became the fifteenth Aussie to score 1,000 runs in a calendar year.

— AFP photo

Slater completes 1,000 runs

First day ends evenly



MELBOURNE, Dec 26 (AP/Reuters):

Opener Michael Slater put to rest the demons of the Melbourne Cricket Ground pitch with a fighting half-century in Australia's 138 for three on a shortened first day of the second cricket Test against India Sunday.

On a difficult pitch with the ball bouncing disconcertingly, Slater provided the backbone of the home side's innings in the 48 overs possible after the first session was washed out.

When bad light stopped play at 1748 local time (0648 GMT), Slater was unbeaten on 64 and skipper Steve Waugh was five not out. A total of 42 overs were lost and there will be early starts and late finishes over the next four days.

Fast medium bowler Jagaval Srinath vindicated Sachin Tendulkar's decision to send Australia in with two wickets in his first six overs, but once he was removed from the attack Indian bowling looked toothless.

Slater, in the company of an out-of-form Mark Waugh, rebuilt the innings in a 95-run stand after lunch.

"I think the conditions are far better when the lights are switched on," he said.

Under international cricket rules, Test matches can be played under lights when the normal light is too bad but only if both teams agree before the series commences.

Indian coach Kapil Dev blamed his bowlers for bowling too short. "We didn't bowl well after the initial burst by Sri Lanka," an angry Dev said.