

Dhaka in sight

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England captain Nasser Hussain playing a sweep shot on the opening day of the third Test against South Africa in Durban yesterday. — AFP photo

England start slowly

DURBAN, Dec 26: England made a slow start to the third Test match against South Africa, scoring 44 runs for the loss of Mike Atherton's wicket by lunch on the first day, reports AFP.

The selectors had been criticised for leaving out spin bowler Paul Adams in Port Elizabeth, leaving South Africa short of bowling options. Adams was included in the final line-up Sunday.

land at Kingsmead on Sunday: ENGLAND: First innings Butcher not out 24 Atherton b Hayward 1 Hussain not out 15 Extras: (lb-4) 1 Total: (For 1 wkt in 30 overs) 44 Fall of wicket: 1-7

Slater completes

off the shoulder of the opener's bat. The 49,082 present here on Boxing Day were shell-shocked when Kumble grassed an easy catch.

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LONDON, Dec 26 (Internet report): Graeme Hick was contacted by David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, and asked if he would fly out to South Africa as cover when Michael Vaughan was injured last week - and turned England down.

Kingsmead, England needed an experienced middle-order batsman on hand and ready to play in the event of any further injuries.

brought in at No 4 for his second Test match so that those around him are not inconvenienced. Alan Mullally was also ruled out yesterday, leaving Phil Tufnell to continue.

Hick refuses to fly to SA

Hick was not prepared to fly to Durban until today, too late for the start of the third Test, which begins today at Kingsmead.

Mark Ramprakash of Middlesex, also on England's shortlist of three experienced replacement batsmen along with the official stand-by Nick Knight, arrived in Durban on Christmas Eve.

side if another 10 players were injured, but no reserve batsman. The only difference is that the replacement is not going out by boat.

Azhar optimistic

CHENNAI, Dec 26: Former Indian cricket captain Mohammad Azharuddin today expressed confidence that he would be recalled to assist the national team, reports PTI.

Sylhet need

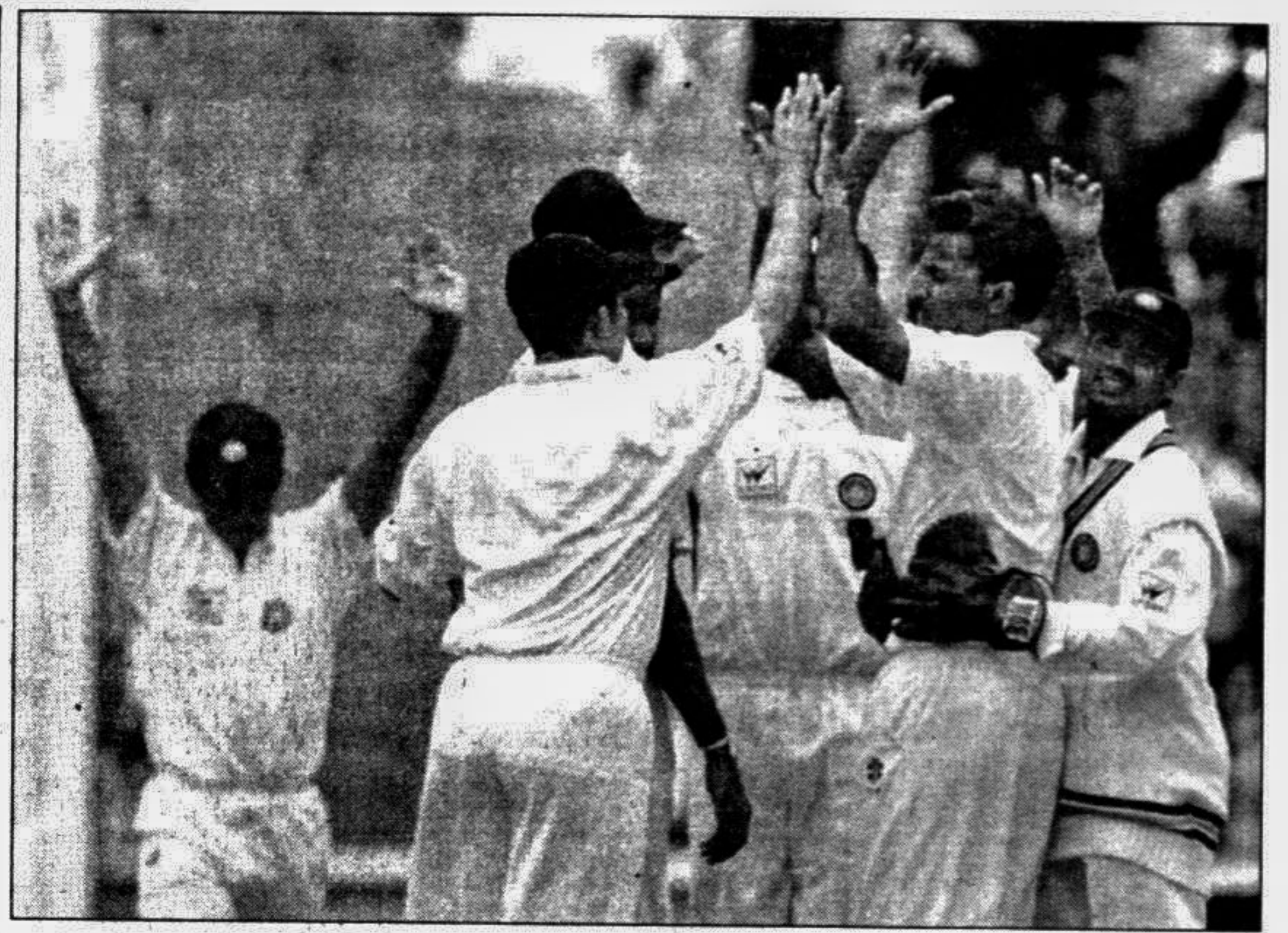
sibul grabbed four more wickets to complete a hostile ten-wicket bag, conceding 97 runs in the match. Sylhet, needing 46 runs in the second innings for an outright win, were 19 for 2 in 12.5 overs at close.

SCOREBOARD

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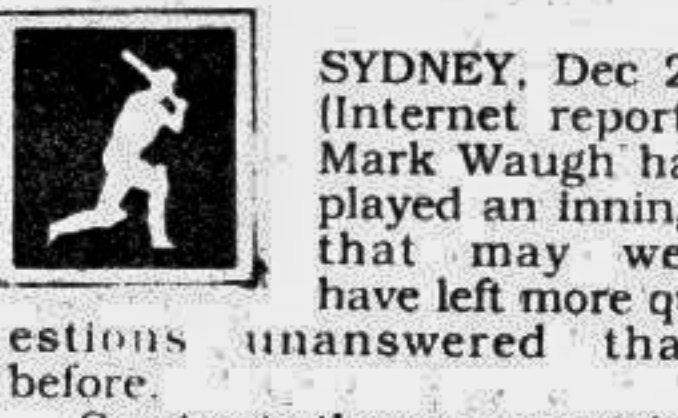
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Indians celebrate the dismissal of Australian opener Greg Blewett (not in picture), bowled by Javagal Srinath (2nd from R) on the opening day of the Second Test in Melbourne yesterday. — AFP photo

Mark still ill at ease



Christmas Day and the previous evening under covers. Waugh began with three singles, then a cover drive for two to reach five. He glanced Ajit Agarkar to the fine leg boundary for what would be his only four of the innings to reach 10.

MARK WAUGH: ferent. He never found solace in the middle, opting to play second fiddle to the doughy Slater. At 18, he would have been run out by a direct hit from cover as he sneaked a single.

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GRAEME HICK: side if another 10 players were injured, but no reserve batsman. The only difference is that the replacement is not going out by boat. Then there is the disappointment that a player, an eminent one as well, should not want to respond to a call to arms immediately.

Cute h'ball: Sports Reporter Arambagh Krira Sangha had a smooth sail while Dhaka Mariner Youngs struggled to beat Prime Sports Club in the Cute First Division Handball League yesterday.

Henderson faces drugs trial: SYDNEY, Dec 26: Australian Olympic sprinter Paul Henderson will face an Athletics Australia drug tribunal after losing an appeal Thursday over a positive test, reports AFP.

Office of the Executive Engineer Barguna O&M Division WDB, Barguna Re-Tender Notice (2nd Call). 1. Tender Notice No: 05/1999-2000. 2. Name of work: Construction of drainage cum-flushing sluice (3-1, 50m X1.80m) at Kalmegha in Polder No. 39/1A under FDR/98 during 1999-2000 (Gr-A).