

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Anna Kournikova
(Russian star tennis player)
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Said recently.

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- Who was the highest wicket-taker in the Australia-Pakistan Test series?
Akram Fleming McGrath
- How many Test hundreds has Mark Waugh scored to date?
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- Who became champion in the Keya Premier soccer?
Muktijodha Mohammedan Arambagh
- Who lifted the Expatriates' Open chess title?
Refaat Zia Tanveer

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Div II Cricket

Sports Reporter

Young Ones, Partex Sporting Club and Prantik Krira Chakra won their respective Acme Second Division cricket league matches played at different venues yesterday.

Young Ones recorded a 22-run victory over Gandaria Cricketers at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

Opener Rumel Nandi cracked a brilliant 90 as the winners scored a mammoth 261 for four in the stipulated 40 overs. He was ably supported by the other opener Bulbul who scored 55. One-down Baki (34 n.o.) and middle-order Sakeb (47) were the other notable run-getters.

In reply, Gandaria were all out for 239 in 38.2 overs with middle-order Mushtaq hammering highest 54.

Away at the Uttara Friends Club ground, Partex handed PWD Sports Club a 17-run defeat.

Partex scored 193 for nine in the allotted 40 overs after electing to bat. Middle-order Mintu topscored with 48 followed by opener Azim who added 37.

In reply, PWD were restricted to 176 for eight in their share of overs.

The other match between Prantik KC and Old DOHS ended in a tie as both teams scored 190 runs.

Prantik, however, were declared winners by virtue of losing fewer wickets.

Opting to bat, Prantik scored 190 for eight in 40 overs with opener Liton scoring highest 47.

In reply, Old DOHS also made same number of runs before they were all out in the last ball of their innings.

Rajshahi cricket

RAJSHAHI, Dec 30: Obhijatri Club beat Birshrestha Captain Jahangir Smriti (Red) by 19 runs in the fifth Birshrestha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir Smriti tournament at the Rajshahi Railway ground today.

Winning the toss, Obhijatri batted first and managed a 113 for seven in the stipulated 23 overs.

Parag with 36 was the top scorer for the winners.

In reply, Birshrestha bundled out for 94 in 17.5 overs.

Mehmud eats Barisal

Sports Reporter



Shahed Mehmud bowled and batted Chittagong to a commanding position on the second day of the three-day National League match against Barisal yesterday.

The Pakistani leg-spinner changed the complexion of the match when he captured six wickets giving away 51 runs as Barisal, looking to eclipse a not-so-impressive Chittagong first innings total of 200, were bundled out for 135 at the Barisal Stadium.

With this six-wicket haul the Lahore-based leggie completed an astonishing personal landmark of 50 victims in only his sixth match.

The chief architect of Chittagong's success in the first ever National League, Mehmud rounded off a memorable day for himself by blasting an aggressive 47 after coming in to open in the second innings.

Mehmud's exploits with bat enabled Chittagong to score 117 for three in 44 overs at stumps.

The virtuoso all-round show of Mehmud not only put behind the disappointment of Chittagong on the first day, but also enabled them to take an impressive lead of 182 runs. More importantly, Chittagong now ensured that if the match ended in a draw, they, with their two batting points, would become champions even before facing

star-studded Dhaka in their last match at Comilla.

Although hosts Barisal gave their more colorful opponents a real scare on the first day, their batsman miserably failed to cash in on the good work of the bowlers.

Resuming on 23 for no loss, Barisal wobbled in Mehmud magic like a pack of cards. They lasted only 48.5 overs before being all out. It could have been worse had not Habibul Bashar fought a lone battle with 52. The national number three batsman held the innings together after Rashedul Haq departed adding eight runs to his overnight score of 14.

Left-arm spinner Enamul Hoque made the early inroads for Chittagong by dismissing Rashedul in the eighth over of the day. Enamul also took the prized scalp of Bashar to finish with two for 26 in his 14 economical overs.

Mehmud ripped through the middle and lower order to return with 12-5-2-51-6. It was his seventh five-wicket haul in an innings. He had earlier captured 46 wickets in five games.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day match between Chittagong and Barisal at the Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium yesterday:

CHITTAGONG: First innings 200 all out in 81.3 overs (Nurul Abedin 53, Minhazul 49; Saleh

5/48, Mofizul 3/14)

BARISAL: First innings (overnight 23 for no loss in 11 overs)

Rashedul c Minhazul b Enamul	20
Moin c Enamul b S Mehmud	11
Monju c Jahangir b Safiuddin	3
H Bashar b Enamul	52
Faruq c Jahangir b Safiuddin	4
Monu c Enamul b S Mehmud	5
Tutan c Zia b S Mehmud	0
Mofizur c Enamul b S Mehmud	17
Saleh not out	7
Nayan b S Mehmud	1
Ashfaq c Jahangir b S Mehmud	0
Extras: (b-4; lb-7; nb-4)	15
Total: (All out in 48.5 overs)	135
Fall of wickets: 1/37, 2/47, 3/51, 4/66, 5/66, 6/112, 7/114, 8/137, 9/135	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anis	6	1	13	0
Safiuddin	16	6	35	2
S Mehmud	12.5	2	51	6
Enamul	14	7	26	2

CHITTAGONG: Second innings

S Mehmud lbw b Tutan	47
Ehsanul lbw b Saleh	10
Azam batting	19
Jahangir c Saleh b Monju	27
Minhazul batting	6
Extras: (b-2; lb-1; nb-5)	8
Total: (For 3 wickets in 44 overs) 117	
Fall of wickets: 1/61, 2/67, 3/107	
3/107	
Bowler	O M R W
Ashfaq Ali	7 2 20 0
Mofizur	7 1 16 0
Faruq	2 0 13 0
Saleh	15 4 26 1
Tutan	9 1 30 1
Monju	4 0 9 1

Udash has the last laugh

Sports Reporter

Nakibul Haque Udash completed a dream late run yesterday to wrest the 20th national sub-junior chess title from the hands of Mehdi Hasan Parag, beating his opponent 2-1 in a play-off match at the NSC room.

Mehdi squandered a golden opportunity on Wednesday when he lost his final round clash of the nine-round Swiss League meet to Nakib and ended up with 7.5 points each.

Needing only a draw for the title, Mehdi had succumbed to his nerves to concede his first defeat in the meet. And that left Nakib with a final chance to top-set Mehdi further in the play-off.

Mehdi won the first match but Nakib regrouped himself to win the next two matches.

ROLL OF HONOUR

1980: Saeed Ahmed
1981: SM Zuber
1982: Idris Ali
1983: S Obaidul Islam
1984: S Iqbal Rakib
1986: Refaat-bin-Sattar
1987: Ziaur Rahman
1988: S Ruhul Kabir
1989: Refaat-bin-Sattar
1990: S Ruhul Kabir
1991: S Ruhul Kabir
1992: Sawkat Hossain
1993: Sawkat Hossain
1994: S Mahfuzur Rahman
1995: S Mahfuzur Rahman
1996: Enamul H Rajib
1997: Ruhul Islam Bobby
1998: Ruhul Islam Bobby
1999: Golam Mostafa
2000: Nakibul Haque



Nakibul Haque Udash makes a move against Mehdi Hasan Parag in their play-off game of the 20th national sub-junior chess competition at the NSC yesterday.

— Star photo

Parvez bats Sylhet ahead

Sports Reporter



Opener Parvez scored his fourth half-century in the National Cricket League to help Sylhet gain a 57-run first innings lead over hosts Khulna at the Shamsul Huda Stadium in Jessore yesterday.

On the second day of the three-day match, the right-hander scored 78 as the visitors, resuming the day at 83 for 1 in reply to Khulna's first innings total of 142, could garner 199 before being all out in 76 overs.

In his 168-ball innings, Parvez, starting the day on 43 overnight, hit seven boundaries to score 421 runs from seven matches in the League.

Parvez got a good support from his skipper Nasirul Alam, who weighed in with 44 off 112 balls.

Parvez produced 106 runs pairing with Nasirul for the second wicket. His brilliant innings came to an end when he offered a return catch to Khulna off-spinner Sohail Islam.

The young Khulna finger-spinner frustrated all the Sylhet batsmen and eventually ended up with seven wickets conceding 61 runs in 19 overs. But that did not stop Sylhet from ensuring at least two batting points on first innings provided that the match ends in a draw.

In reply, the home side limped on to score 92 for four before the stumps were drawn for the day.

Sylhet's left-arm twacker Mohammad Rafique bemused the Khulna top-order to take all the four wickets for 33 runs in his 16-over spell.

Middle-order Hasanuzzaman and Khairuzzaman were batting on 24 and 21 to help Khulna finish the day with a slim 35-run lead.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day National League match between Khulna

and Sylhet at the Shamsul Huda Stadium in Jessore yesterday:

KHULNA: First innings 142 all out in 67.3 overs (Sajid 53, Islam 20, Khairuzzaman 15; Saifullah 7/35, Barua 2/40)

SYLHET: First innings (overnight 83 for 1 in 26.4 overs)

Parvez c&b Sohail	78
Mowla st Tuhin b Sohail	9
Nasirul c Saiauddin b Sohail	44
S Shahed st Tuhin b Sohail	1
Saifullah b Sohail	2
Neyamur lbw b Sohail	12
Rafique c Mitu b Jamaluddin	1
Rana lbw b Sohail	3
Iqbal c Mofizul b Jamaluddin	21
Mofizur c Mofizul b Jamaluddin	6
Moin not out	0
Extras: (b-14; lb-3; nb-5)	22
Total: (All out in 76 overs)	199
Fall of wickets: 1/32, 2/138, 3/140, 4/152, 5/157, 6/160,	

7/170; 8/191; 9/195.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Manzurul	17	8	33	0
Khairuzzaman	5	0	14	0
Saiauddin	20	3	45	0
Sohail	19	1	61	7
Jamaluddin	10	4	39	3

KHULNA: Second innings

Tuhin b Rafique	16
Sohail b Rafique	2
Hasanuzzaman batting	24
Khairuzzaman batting	21
Extras: (b-9; w-1)	10
Total: (For 4 wks in 38 overs)	92
Fall of wickets: 1-13; 2-24; 3-	32
B: 4-57	
Bowler	O M R W
Iqbal	3 2 5 0
Neyamur	3 1 4 0
Saifullah	13 2 34 0
Rafique	16 6 33 4
Imran	3 0 15 0

Rajshahi spin scares Dhaka

Sports Reporter

Rajshahi clinched a 40-run first innings lead over the star-studded Dhaka on the second day of their three-day National Cricket League match at the Cricket Garden in Rangpur yesterday.

Dhaka, who began the day on one for no loss in reply to Rajshahi's commanding 246, were all out for 206 in the face of some quality spin bowling by Rajshahi. Imran Parvez, Murad

BRIEF SCORES

Dhaka v Rajshahi
Venue: Cricket Garden, Rangpur.
Rajshahi: First innings: 246 all out in 95 overs (K Masood 77, Mushfiq 65, Mithu 31; Fahim 4/72, Shahnewaz 2/59).
Dhaka: First innings: 206 all out in 82.1 overs (K Mahmud 60, Harun 36, Atiar 23, Al-Shahrar 26, Sanwar 20; Imran 4/48, Murad 3/66, Mustadr 2/27).

Khan and Mustadr Litu ganged up to pick nine wickets for 141 runs.

Among the trio, Imran returned most successful finishing with four for 48 off 26.1. Meanwhile, Murad bagged three wickets for 66 runs and Mustadr two for 27.

Middle-order Khaled Mahmud scored highest 60 for his team. The consistent vice-captain of Dhaka smote a six and six sweetly-timed fours off 104 balls. Opener Harun Rashid weighed in with 77-ball 36.

The highest Dhaka partnership of 44 came from the sixth-wicket stand between Mahmud and wicket-keeper Atiar, who chipped in with 23.

Rajshahi, who are at the bottom of the League standings, along with Barisal, will earn two batting points if the match ends in a draw.

Div I Cricket Victories for Dhanmondi, Eskaton

Sports Reporter

Dhanmondi Club and Eskaton Sabuj Sangha won their respective First Division Cricket League matches at different city venues yesterday.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Dhanmondi Club recorded a massive 104-run win over Jatrabari Krira Chakra.

Sent into bat, Dhanmondi piled up a huge total of 251 for

BRIEF SCORES

Dhanmondi Club vs Jatrabari KC
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.
DHANMONDI: 251 for 9 in 50 overs (Imran 85, Faisal 36; Bipul 3/45, Sadek 4/1).

JATRABARI: 147 all out in 43.2 overs (Liton 27, Rajib 2/16, Moninul 3/35, Barua 2/15, Turjo 2/22).

Result: Dhanmondi won by 104 runs.

Eskaton SS vs Dhaka Wanderers
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium.

ESKATON: 187 all out in 48.3 overs (Farid 49, Tota, Shahajada 23; Avijit 3/36, Ripon 3/51).

WANDERERS: 172 all out in 49.2 overs (Jewel 74, Sujon 20; Taposh 3/30, Turky 3/30).

Result: Eskaton won by 15 runs.

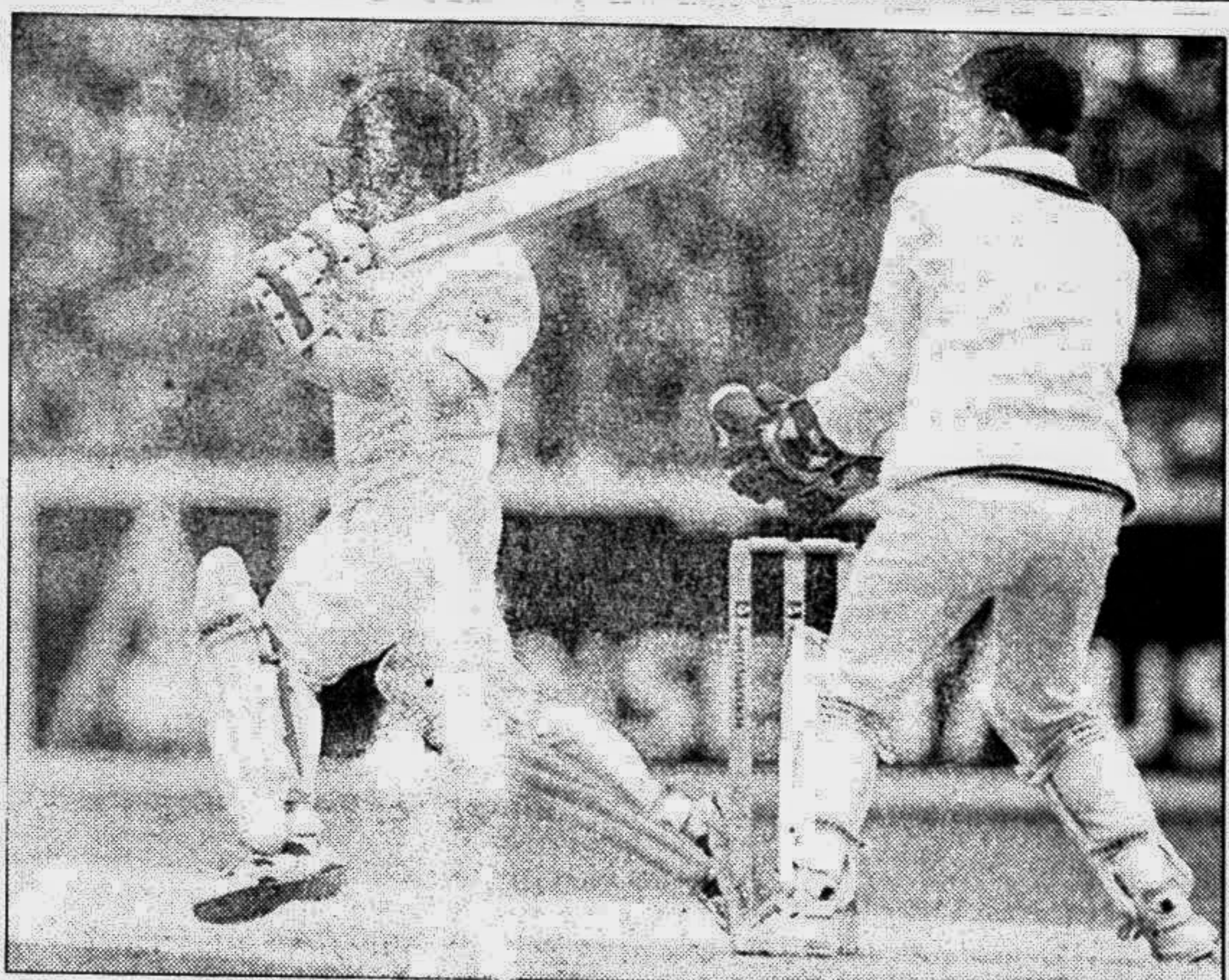
nine wickets in the stipulated 50 overs with Imran notching a fine 85 off 94 balls. Imran apart, a staggering 53 extras stood at the second highest contribution in the Dhanmondi total.

In reply, Jatrabari were bundled out for 147 in 43.2 overs. Skipper Liton with 27 top-scored for the losers.

Moninul Haq captured three wickets giving away 35 runs for Dhanmondi. He was ably supported by Sumon Barua and Turjo, who evenly shared four wickets.

In the other match of the day

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ONE MAN ARMY: Man-of-the-match Sachin Tendulkar pulls Shane Warne during his half century at Melbourne yesterday.

— AFP photo

Aussies ascertain series



MELBOURNE, Dec 30: Spin king Shane Warne won a personal battle of wits against Sachin Tendulkar as Australia crushed India by 180 runs in the second Test here on Thursday, reports AFP.

The Indians, set a stiff fourth innings target of 375, folded up for 195 soon after tea on the fifth day to give the hosts a decisive 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

Tendulkar, who defied the Australian bowlers for three hours to make 52, was fooled by a flipper from Warne and trapped plumb in front of the wicket.

The Indian captain, expecting the ball to turn, padded up to the one that went straight through and was promptly adjudged leg-before by English umpire David Shepherd.

It was the 30-year-old Warne's 351st Test wicket, leaving him just five short of surpassing Dennis Lillee as Australia's most successful Test bowler.

Tendulkar's dismissal 25 minutes after lunch ended India's chances of saving the match, although debutant left-hander Hrishikesh Kanitkar delayed the end by making 45.

The third and final Test starts at the Sydney cricket ground on Sunday, with Steve Waugh's men firm favourites to complete their second clean sweep of the season after routing Pakistan.

It was Australia's sixth successive Test win under Waugh, who also led them to victory in the limited-overs World Cup in June.

They won the one-off Test in Zimbabwe in October, whitewashed Pakistan 3-0 earlier in the summer and beat India by 285 runs in the first Test in Adelaide.

The end here closely resembled the one in Adelaide where India caved in for 110 in their second innings after being set a target of 396.

In a double blow for the tourists, opener Sadagopan Ramesh retired hurt with a cracked left thumb and has been ruled out of the final Test.

Ramesh, who made 26, was hit by a vicious lifter from pace sensation Brett Lee on Wednesday evening.

He resumed the fifth day after taking pain-killers, but faced only six deliveries from seamer Damien Fleming before going off the field.

Tendulkar, whose defiant 116 in the first innings saved his team from a follow-on, once again found no support at the other end.

Rahul Dravid, whose best in the series so far has been 35, concentrated for three hours to score 14 when he became another victim of Lee's fiery pace.

Dravid gloved a short rising ball down the leg-side to wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist, giving Australia its first wicket of the day 90 minutes after the start.

Vice-captain Saurav Ganguly helped Tendulkar take the score to 110-2 when he was bowled by part-timer Greg Blewett off the penultimate delivery before lunch.

The left-hander, who edged a low ball on to his stumps, stood stunned in the middle for a few seconds before walking off head bowed.

After Warne ended Tendulkar's three-hour vigil, the Indians were thrown in further disarray when Steve Waugh brought on his twin brother Mark to bowl off-spin.

Mark Waugh removed Manava Prasad and Ajit Agarkar off successive balls in his first over, only to be denied a hat-trick by Anil Kumble.

Prasad edged to Warne at first slip, while Agarkar cut a

short ball straight to a jubilant Blewett at point to record his third successive duck in the series.

Lee took seven wickets on his Test debut, and the 23-year-old New South Welshman appears set to trouble the Indians further on his home ground in Sydney.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fifth day of the second Test between Australia and India at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Thursday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings 405 (Michael Slater 91, Adam Gilchrist 78, Ricky Ponting 67, Javagal Srinath 238; Sachin Tendulkar 116; Brett Lee 5-47).

AUSTRALIA: Second innings 208.5 (dec) (Gilchrist 55, Mark Waugh 51 not out).

INDIA: Second innings (overnight 40-1)

Laxman c McGrath b Fleming	1
Ramesh retired hurt	26
Dravid c Gilchrist b Lee	14
Tendulkar lbw b Warne	52
Ganguly b Blewett	17
Kanitkar lbw b Fleming	45
M Prasad c Warne b M Waugh	13
Agarkar c Blewett b M Waugh	0
Kumble run out	13
Rnath c Warne b Lee	1
V Prasad not out	6
Extras: (lb-4; nb-3)	7
Total: (For nine wickets all out)	