DHAKA MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2000 Email: dssports@bdonline.com



Gary Kirsten (South African opener) You guys have put me under

Speaking after scoring 275 against England last week.

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-125

Tick the Correct Answers Post to Chr Paile Star

Win attractive prizes Commetition closes at 8 pm Jan 7, and draw shortly afterwards

1 Who was the man-of-the-series in the Australia-Pakistan Tests? Porting Who was the highest daket-taker in the Australia-Pakis, in Test

series? Fleming McGrath Akram How many Test hundreds has Mark Waugh scored to date?

4 Who became champ: as in the Keva Premier soccer?

Muktijoddha Mohammedan Arambagh Who lifted the Expatriates' Open

chess title? Tanveer Reefat

Name

Class Roll No.

School Address

Phone: (If apy)



Liton sparkle soils Pegasus

Sports Reporter

An all-round performance by Liton guided Jatrabari Krira Chakra to a comprehensive seven-wicket win over Young Pegasus in one of the two First Division Cricket League matches played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Liton captured two wickets

for 31 runs from his ten overs to restrict Young Pegasus to 194

BRIEF SCORES Young Pegasus: 194 for 7 in 50 overs (Arshad 49, Labbu 26, Sohel 20, Liton 2/31) Jatrabari KC: 195 for 3 in 46 overs (Liton 72, Safdar 44 n.o., Jewel 43, Sohag 2/26)

Result: Jatrabari Krira Chakra won by 7 wickets. Dhanmondi Club: 177 for 8 in 50 overs (Sumon 46 Hossain 30, Azim 29, Joy 26 Ripon 2/27)

Dhaka Wanderers: 178 for 9 in 49.3 overs (Karim 41 Tapan 39, Alam 30, Avijeet 20. Tahmim 3/37. Hossain Result: Dhaka Wanderers won by I wicket.

for seven in the morning session and then went on to score a match-winning 72 to help his side reach 195 for the loss of three wickets with four overs in

In his swashbuckling 61ball innings. Liton hammered

other shortly before tea. two sixes and nine boundaries. who survived a dropped chance Safdar, with an unbeaten 44, by wicketkeeper Adam and Jewel, who scored 43, were Gilchrist, made his second the other notable run getters for Jatrabari.

Earlier, electing to bat first. Young Pegasus's 194 for 7 was built around a 49 frem Pakistani opener Arshad.

Wanderers win

In the other match of the day, Dhaka Wanderers posted an exciting one-wicket win over Dhanmondi Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. Sent in to bat, Dhanmondi

scored 177 for 8 in the stipuing day of the third and final lated 50 overs with middle-or-Test against Australia. der Sumon Barua scoring higheach of his three previous in-In reply, Wanderers lost nine nings on India's tour of Aus-

wickets to reach 178 with only three halls to spare. Opener Karim topscored with 41 followed by middle-or-

ders Tapan and Alam, who

added 39 and 30 runs.

Nitol-Tata National Football League

Dhaka teams bag the elite

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday disclosed the name of the eight teams to take part in the Nitol-Tata National Football League. The inaugural national league is likely to start from the fourth week of Jantively in their team lists.

Three teams from Dhaka City -- Mohammedan Sporting Club, Abahani Krira Chakra and Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra -- who were nominated earlier, have already deposited their list of players. The five divisional teams have a deadline of January 5 to submit their lists.

The divisional teams are: Sporting Club, Chittagong Abahani Krira Chakra, Rajshahi Abahani Krira Chakra, Khulna Abahani Krira . Chakra and Sylhet Chaturanga Jubo Sangha.

Although the federation announced earlier that teams from Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Khulna Divisions would get direct entry, and that the winners of a playoff between teams from Sylhet and Barisal would be the fifth side in the format, the Sylhet side were also given direct entry after Barisal refused to take part in the playoff. Among the three Dhaka-

SYDNEY, Jan 2:

bowlers Glenn

McGrath and

Brett Lee com-

bined to destroy

India's brittle batting on the

rain-hit opening day of the

third and final cricket Test here

with 3-34 and Lee chipped in

with 4-25 as India, electing to

take first strike in difficult

conditions, crashed to 121 for

eight before bad light halted

uled 90 were possible because of

rain. The umpires scheduled an

early start on Monday to make

at the Sydney Cricket Ground

watched the Australian bowlers

se the greenish wicket and

vercast conditions to make the

Batting maestro Sachin

Tendulkar was the lone Indian

to defy the hosts, making a bel-

ligerent 45 off 53 balls, studded

The only Australian damp-

ener on the day was Glenn Mc-

Grath's over-the-top reaction at

claiming the prize scalp of Ten-

dulkar in one of cricket's ex-

Tendulkar pulled McGrath's

first ball of the over in the air to

fine leg and ran two before

smacking a further two consec-

utive short balls to the square

bouncer which Tendulkar

ducked before the Indian mas-

ter batsman produced an off

drive for four from the next

Tendulkar Ibw with an in-dip-

per and ran down the pitch.

glaring at the Indian skipper

his reaction by match referee

Ranjan Madagalle and umpires

Darrell Hair and Ian Robinson.

Prasad had been fined 35 per

cent of his match fees by

Madugalle for similar gestures

after removing Michael Slater

in the second Test at Melbourne

The rest of the Indian bat-

The tourists, who crawled to

27-1 in 21.5 overs before lunch,

slid to 69 for four in 40 minutes

of play during the afternoon

Tendulkar watched help-

lessly from the other end as two

other frontline batsmen, Rahul

Dravid and Saurav Ganguly,

The out-of-touch Dravid,

Duck distinction

for Agarkar

dian batsman Ajit Agarkar

claimed an unwanted place in

cricket history on Sunday when

he registered his fourth consec-

utive golden duck on the open-

Agarkar, who had already

been dismissed first ball in

tralla, made the familiar walk

back to the dressing shed after

Sydney Cricket Ground on Sun-

his fourth first-ball duck at the

SYDNEY, Jan 2 (Reuters): In-

departed within a run of each

ting caved in once again - just

as it had done in the first two

Tests which Australia won con-

while shouting "yes!".

last week.

vincingly.

The paceman then trapped

McGrath was cautioned for

Indian bowler Venkatesh

McGrath delivered another

with eight hits to the fence.

Just 60 overs of the sched-

A sell-out crowed of 42,193

today, report agencies.

up for lost time.

idians hop.

traordinary overs.

leg boundary.

based clubs, Premier Division League Champions Mohammedan deposited highest 21 names while Abahani and Muktijoddha Sangsad named 15 and 18 footballers respec-

Mohammedan have included three booters -- Belaluddin, Parvez Babu and Bidyut -- from other teams in addition to their side that played in the Premier League last year.

Abahani also added three to their league team, including Nigerian defender Adeyal Fattai, who played for Badda Jagarani in the Premier Division. Their two new local collections Netrokona Mohammedan are Shahajuddin Tipu from Rahmatgani and Firoz Mahfuz Hossain Tito from Arambagh.

Ghanaian forward Kennedy, who played a couple of matches for Abahani in the league last vear, has also been named in Each team is allowed to reg-

ister four foreign players for the league from which three could be fielded in a match. Muktijoddha Sangsad have

also included three new local booters. They are national and Farashgani defender Kazi Nazrul Islam, Arambagh forward Mujibur Rahman Ritu and Badda Jagarani striker Saiful Islam Khokon. The three Dhaka teams:

highest score in the series of 29

Ganguly fell for the second

time in successive matches to

the 23-year-old Lee worked up

fiery pace to pick up three wick-

far at 10.27 in his first three

biggest crowed I've ever played

in front of and being a home

crowed too and being right be-

smile off my face. I was quite

happy about it. I consider my-

self very lucky. I'm just happy

wicketkeeper Mannava Prasad

in place of the injured

Sadagopan Ramesh backfired

as he groped to make five in 43

Venkat Laxman, who made

It was Laxman's third suc-

seven, fell in the first over after

resumption when he fended off

a brute delivery from Lee to

cessive failure in the series.

with scores of zero, five and one

after making 41 in their first

innings of the first Test at Ade-

cialist opener Devang Gandhi

and instead play Karnataka's

middle-order batsman Vijay

Bharadwaj, who also bowls oc-

Test of the new millennium by

taking the field wearing skull

caps similar to the one worn by

Australian teams in the early

Australia celebrated the first

casional off-spin.

1900s.

India opted to leave out spe-

India's gamble to open with

to be a part of the side."

hind you is fantastic," he said.

Lee has taken 11 wickets so

"It was huge, probably the

"I couldn't really get the

ets in the space of one run.

Australian pace when McGrath had him caught

at third slip.

catch to gully.

Test innings.

minutes.

mad Ponir. Nizam Majumder. Rezaul Hakim, Faisal Ahmed, Rezaul Karim. Jahangir Patwari, Ruhul Amin, Shahjada, Kamruzzaman Selim, Motiur Rahman Munna, Rakib Hossain, Rashidul Hasan Shamim, Anwar Hossain, Mizanur Rahman Dawn, Abdullah Al-Mu-Babu and Askar Babu.

Abahani KC: Kennedy. Adeyal Fattai. Firoz Mahfuz Hossain Titu, Shahajuddin Tipu, Zulfiqar Mahmud Mintu. Iqbal Hossain, Arman Mia, Zakir Hossain, Abdul Quayum Sentu. Dulal Chandra Shah, Kingshuk Chakma, Partho Protim Kundu, Mustafizur Rahman Munna, Arifur Rahman Pannu and Aminul Haque.

Khokon. India in shambles

Mohammedan SC: Moham-

jahid Shoeb, Alfaz Ahmed, Belal Hossain, Bidyut, Parvez

Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra: Jewel Rana, Masood Rana, Rajani Kanta Barman, Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib, Rezaul Karim Liton, Biplab Bhattacharjee, Mansoor Ali, Mamun Joarder, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Arif Khan Joy, Bakhtiar Uddin, Saiful Bari Tito, Majedur Rahman Tushar, Prodeep Barua, Arun Kumar Dewan, Hasan Al-Mamun, Mujibur Rahman Ritu and Saiful Islam

The caps were presented to

Meanwhile, Waugh says he part-time Greg Blewett to leave India tottering on 69 for four. The left-hander, who was bowled by Blewett at Melbourne. failed to survive his first McGrath ripped the top order delivery here, tapping an easy Ajit Agarkar fell first ball of 355. for the fourth time in a row as

spin later.

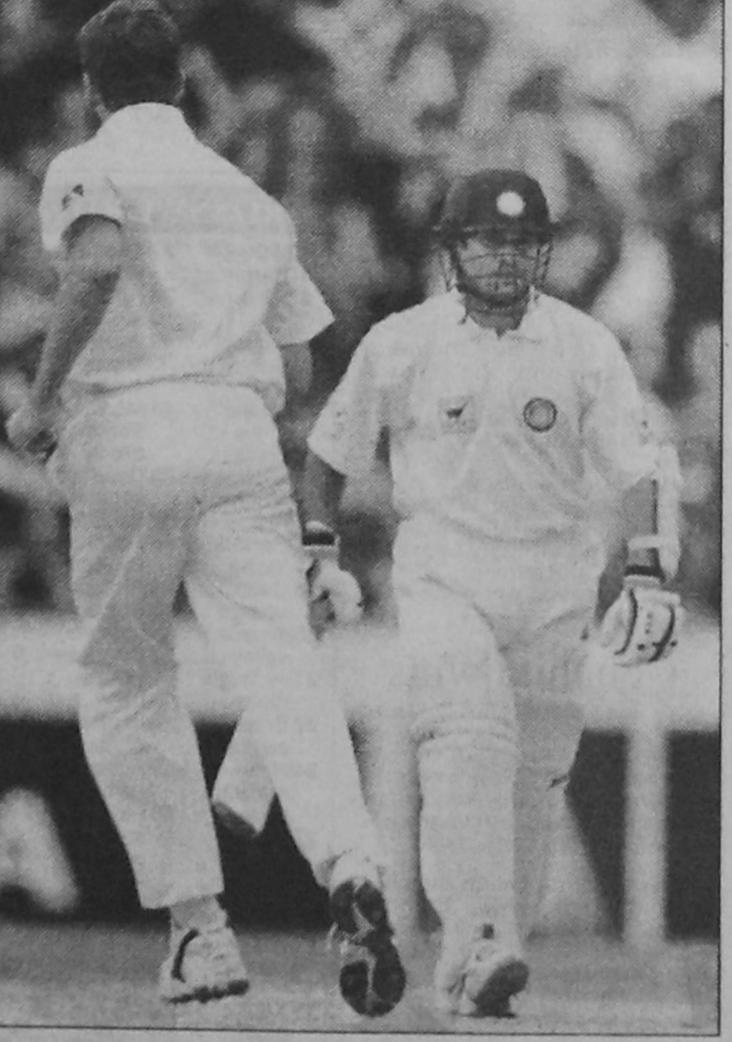
he takes five wickets."

and final Test between Australia and India at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday:

INDIA: First innings 121

68; 4-69; 5-95; 6-118; 7-119; 8-119. To bat: V Prasad Bowler R

McGrath 34 Fleming Warne Blewett



WHEN McGRATH LOST IT: Ace Australian paceman Glenn McGrath(L) runs towards Indian skipper Sachin Tendulkar in an intimidating manner after getting the

the host team before start of play by Prime Minister John Howard, who also tossed the

expects Shane Warne to break Dennis Lillee's record as Australia's greatest wicket taker during the Test. Warne went wicketless Sunday and still needs five to pass Lillee's total

With Australia poised for an unprecedented 6-0 sweep of the summer season, Waugh said Warne's impeccable sense of timing could come to the fore on a pitch he believes will take "He'd love to get it here in

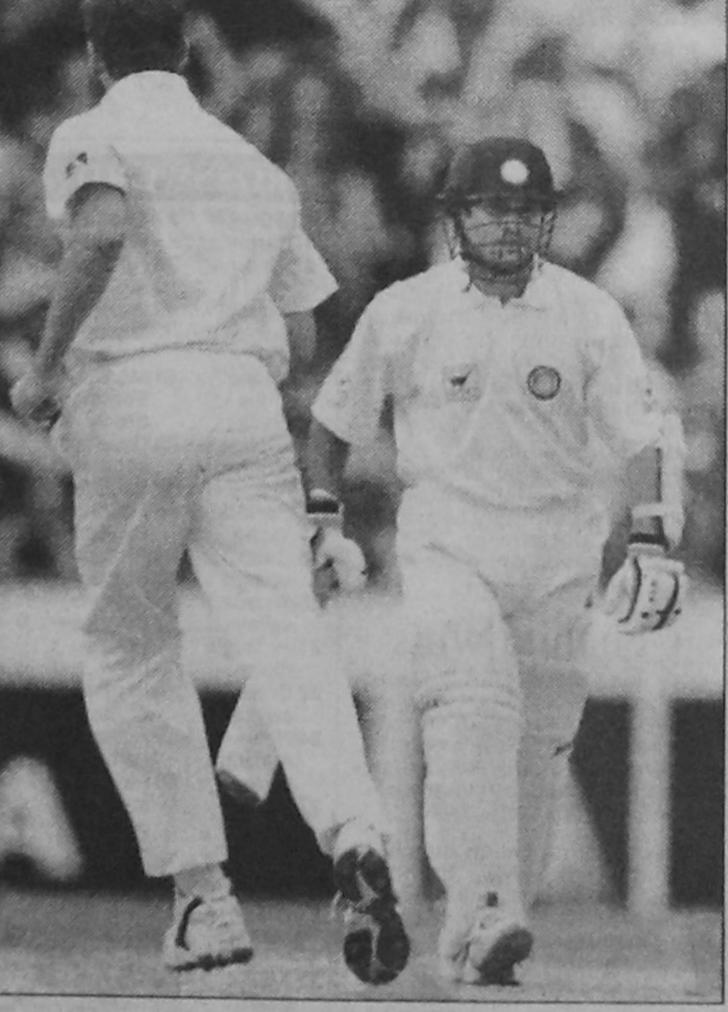
Sydney in front of an Australian crowed. I think he deserves to get it here," said

"He might get a chance tomorrow and in the second innings I wouldn't be surprised if

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close of play on the first day of the third

M Prasad c M Waugh b McGrath Laxman c Slater b Lee Dravid c Ponting b McGrath Tendulkar Ibw b McGrath Ganguly c S Waugh b Blewett Kanitkar c Gilchrist b Lee Bharadwaj c Gilchrist b Lee Kumble not out Agarkar c M Waugh b Lee Srinath not out Extras: (lb-11, w-1, nb-3) Total: (For eight wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-27; 3-



master batsman out LBW at Sydney yesterday. - AFP photo BCB bar on 7 players

Sports Reporter

In a surprise move, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) formed a two-member committee to probe into the CCDM recommendation for punitive measures against seven leading cricketers-- Bangladesh captain Aminul Islam, vice-catain Khaled Mahmud, Minhazul Abedin, Faruque Ahmed, Enamul Hoque, Mohammad Rafique and Mahbubur Rahman Selim.

The committee, headed by the Additional DG of Special Branch Nurul Alam, will look into the alleged 'misconduct and objectionable remarks' against top CCDM officials. The body has been asked to submit its findings within three weeks. starting from Dec 31. The other member of the

committee is Mahfuzur Rahman Siddique, the Director of Passport and Immigration. Until the BCB acts on the

findings, the seven cricketers would not be allowed to take part in the inter-club cricketers' transfer, starting from January

BCB however did not disclose in their belated press release when it had formed the probe body. It was also notoriously tardy in announcing its decision to the press. Playing ignorance to the inquiring reporters, BCB kept the resolution of Dec 31 meeting to itself and waited until January 2 to circu-

Metropolitan disclosed late last night that the tokens for the inter-club cricketers' transfer would be on offer on January 6. The organisers of the Dhaka cricket however stuck to their previous decision of holding the bourse from Jan 17 to Jan 19.

Cricketers have been asked to collect their tokens from the BCB office in between 6pm-8.30pm on the above-mentioned day. In case of the Sri Lankabound youth team cricketers, the organisers will announce a fresh date on their return.

Munna suffering from kidney disorder Sports Reporter

Former national football



Munna is seriously ill with damaged kidneys and is admitted at a city clinic in Kalabagan. Munna, the former Abahani defender and now the manager. was admitted to Kidney Dialysis Centre under the supervision of Kidney Specialist Prof. Harunur Rashid on December 30, two days after his return from Bangkok where he went for treatment. He informed press reporters

that his right kidney was already damaged while the left one was partially impaired. Munna also revealed that he would go to Velore in India for

better treatment after the Eid ul Bangladesh Football Federation General Secretary Harunur Rashid and Joint Secretary Badal Roy visited the ailing

former footballer at the clinic last evening. Meanwhile, the State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader assured that the National Sports Council would assist Munna to go abroad for better treatment. He gave the BFF General Secretary neces-

sary instructions in this regard.

National Cricket League

Champs Ctg face Dhaka Sports Reporter

The final round of the inaugural National Cricket League will start at three different venues across the country this morning. Chittagong, who have al-

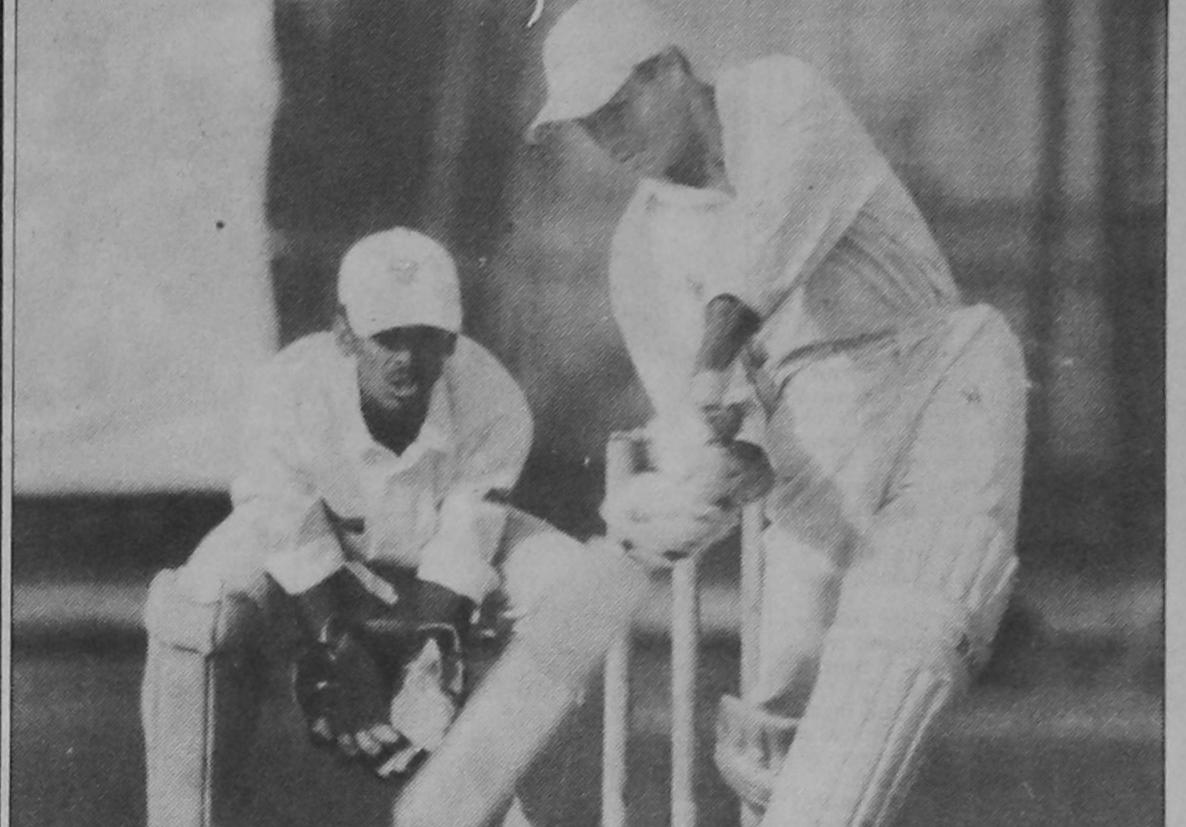
ready clinched the title, winning seven of their nine matches, will take on Dhaka at the Comilla Stadium while Sylhet, who have also confirmed the runners-up spot with four wins, will meet Rajshahi at the Sylhet Stadium. The other match between

hosts Barisal and Khulna will be held at the Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium in Barisal. Chittagong are leading the six-team table with 30 points

from nine matches while Syl-

het have earned 22 points, also

from nine outings. Dhaka, already assured of the third position, have 14 points while Khulna and Raishahi have six points each. Barisal are at the bottom with only four points.



Mushtaq of Jatrabari attempting to drive during yesterday's First Division encounter against Young Pegasus. - Star photo by Anisur Rahman

late it to the press. The circular reached the Daily Star at around 10.40 last night. Meanwhile, the Cricket Character of Dhaka Pakistan outplayed

PERTH, Jan 2 (AFP/ Reuters): Pakistan crashed to a 52run defeat in a one-day clash they so desperately

wanted to win to get their new Australian campaign off to a confidence-boosting start here Sunday night. Seemingly dazed by the loss of banned fast bowler Shoaib

Akhtar, Wasim Akram's side went down to an Australia A team at the WACA ground. Hungry for an early victory after their 3-0 Test drubbing by Australia late last year, Pak-

istan failed despite a marvellous 100 not out by number six batsman Azhar Mahmood. It was the first of three warm-up matches to be played by the tourists before the start next Sunday of a lucrative triangular limited-overs contest

After winning the toss and sending in Australia A, Pakistan saw the home team romp to 281-9 from their allotted 50

also featuring Australia and

overs. They then made 229 with the bat as Australia A skipper Shane Lee starred with the ball. taking 4-32 from six overs with his medium-pacers.

Lee, 26, is the elder brother

of firebrand Brett Lee, 23, who captured four more Indian wickets for Australia earlier in the day as the third Test began at the Sydney Cricket Ground. The game slipped out of Pakistan's grasp in the early overs as Australia A openers Matthew Hayden (128) and David Fitzgerald (85) hit 191 as they mauled an attack which looked painfully innocuous without the lightning pace of

Akhtar. Hayden, not considered good enough to warrant an Australian senior role, pounded his runs from 115 balls, helped by

two towering sixes and a bagful of 17 fours.

The match was 33.2 overs old before Pakistan struck their first blow with Shoaib Malik ousting Fitzgerald.

Off-spinner Saglain Mushtaq saved Pakistan to some degree with 10 beautifully flighted overs which earned him 5-40 as the home team's middle order and tail caved in. In their big chase, Pakistan

skidded to an embarrassing 82-6 in the 19th over before Mahmood and Abdur Razzak (35) injected some steel into the in-



M HAYDEN ... 128

They cracked an enterprising 81 from 82 balls before Razzaq departed. Mahmood completed his

splendid century from only 89 balls, stroking 14 powerful boundaries.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard in the day/night match between Australia A and

Pakistan at the WACA in Perth on Sunday: AUSTRALIA A: Hayden c Inzamamul b Anwar 128 Fitzge ald c and b Malik

Symonds c Mahmood b Razzag Hodge b Akram Lee c Akram b Saglain Harvey c Akram b Saglain 13 Haddin st Moin b Saglain Bichel st Moin b Saglain MacGill not out

Williams st Moin b Saglain Wilson not out Extra: (lb-2, w-3) Total: (For nine wickets in 50 overs) 281 Fall of wickets: 1-191; 2-230; 3-

249; 4-265; 5-265; 6-271; 7-271; 8-281; 9-281. Bowler Akram Razzag

Mahmood Saglain Malik Anwar PAKISTAN Anwar b Bichel M Wasim Ibw Lee

Ijaz c Haddin b Lee Inzamam c Hayden b Wilson Youhana Ibw Lee Mahmood not out Moin c Haddin b Wilson Razzaq lbw Wilson Akram b MacGill S Malik c Haddin b Lee Saglain c and b Harvey Extras: (lb-7, w-4, nb-2)

100

Total: (All out in 41.5 overs) 229 Fall of wickets: 1-29; 2-49; 3-62; 4-62; 5-78; 6-82; 7-163; 8-166; 9-224. Bowler Williams

Bichel Lee 34 Wilson 0 32 Harvey MacGill 0 39 Result: Australia A won by

Astle's all-round show AUCKLAND, Jan West Indies on Sunday:



over, reports Reuters.

2: New Zealand won the first oneday international in a five-match series against the West Indies by three wickets reaching a rainreduced target of 250 in the final

Batting first, the West Indies scored 268 for seven off their 50 overs but a 20-minute rain delay after the 31st over reduced New Zealand's victory target. Instead of 269, the home side were asked to score 250 off 46

New Zealand owed their victory to man-of-the-match Nathan Astle (77) and Chris Cairns (75), after some solid West Indies batting from Skipper Brian Lara (76), Ridley Jacobs (65) and Sherwin Campbell (51).

The West Indies got off to a flyer in their innings, with an entertaining opening stand of 111 from Jacobs and Campbell. After 15 overs they had knocked up 96. The innings was becalmed

Lara and Ricardo Powell together for a fourth wicket stand Powell's departure after a bright 35 prompted a flurry of West Indies wickets. Lara, dropped when 59, hit his 76 off just 81 balls with three fours

from the 16th to 30th overs af-

and two sixes. New Zealand's best bowling came from left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori, who gave away only 28 runs and took one wicket in his full complement

of 10 overs. New Zealand started sedately, but exploded in the sixth over when Astle and Craig

Spearman helped themselves to 15 runs off Frankly Rose's third over. But in the next over Spearman got an edge and was caught brilliantly behind the stumps for 25 with the score 44 for one. Reon King bowled superbly

to keep New Zealand's early bat-

ting in check and score after 15 overs when fielding restrictions ended was 71 for three, compared with the West Indies' 96 without loss at the same stage. But Cairns joined Astle and they resurrected the New Zealand innings with a part-

nership of 136. Cairns' 75 con-

tained with two fours and six After Cairns and Astle went the New Zealand innings suddenly took on a different complexion. Roger Twose was dismissed quickly, but Chris Harris carried on after Adam Parore was out and he was helped to the winning target by

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard in the first one day international match be-

Dion Nash



Jacobs Ibw Harris Lara c Nash b O'Connor Chanderpaul run out Powell c Twose b Nash

WEST INDIES

Campbell st Parore b Vettori

Rose c McMillan b O'Connor Perry not out Adams c Fleming b Astle Dillon not out Extras: (b-4, lb-6, w-3)

Total: (for seven wickets in 50 overs) 268 Did not bat: R. King, C Walsh. Fall of wickets: 1-111; 2-131; 3-158; 4-249; 5-253; 6-253; 7-

O'Connor Harris Vettori Astle NEW ZEALAND Spearman c Jacobs b Walsh

Bowler O M

Cairns

Astle b Rose Fleming c Jacobs b King McMillan c Rose b King Cairns c Powell b Rose Twose c Jacobs b Rose Harris not out Parore c Dillon b King

Nash not out Extras: (lb-14, w-6, nb-7) Total: (For seven wickets in 45.1 overs) Did not bat: D Vettori, S. O'-

Fall of wickets: 1-44; 2-48; 3-62: 4-198: 5-198: 6-211: 7-226 Walsh Rose King Dillon Perry

three wickets, lead five-match series 1-0.

Second match in Taupo on Tuesday.

Connor.

Astle.

Result: New Zealand won by Man-of-the-match: Nathan