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Mike Atherton

(England cricketer) "I don't think mine was the wrong ball to hit, but you win some and you lose some."

Final 12 named

Bangladesh Kabadi Federation announced a 12-member final squad for the first Junior Asian international competition to be held in Faridabad. Hariana in India from January 21, reports UNB.

M A Gafur will accompany the team as manager while Ab dul Jalil the coach. Two referees - Amir Hossain Patuari and Muzaffar Hossain will also be with the team which will leave on January 16.

The final squad was picked up from the 37 selected preliminarily.

The players: Mohaimenul Islam, Abdul Barek, Mizanur Rahman, Abdul Manik, Abdul Jalil, Mehedi Hasan, Abdul Samad, Selim Miah, Hasan Ali, Shamim Hossain Bablu, Chand Miah and Rafigul Islam.

The players have been asked to report at the federation office on January 12.

Arjuna, De Silva drafted

COLOMBO, Jan 4: Sri Lanka included sacked skipper Arjuna Ranatunga and his deputy Aravinda de Silva in a 22-member squad for next month's tour of Pakistan, re-

ports AFP. The Board of Control for Cricket here said today the two players will be in the squad led by new skipper Sanath Jayasuriya and deputy Mahela

Jayawardene. De Silva was dropped from the one-day series against Australia in September but was included in the three-Test series won against Australia in Octo-

ber. Ranatunga was dropped completely from the Zimbabwe tour last month. Ranatunga was included in

the Pakistan tour because of his good performance in domestic cricket, officials said.

SQUAD Sanath Jayasuriya (captain). Mahela Jayawardene (vice caplain). Aravinda de Silva, Arjuna Ranatunga, Marvan Atapattu, Russel Arnold, Muttiah Muralitharan, Upul Chandana Romesh Kaluwitharana, Pramodya Wickeramasinghe. Chaminda Vaas, Chamara de Silva, Indika de Seram, Indika Gallage, T M Dilshan, Prasanna Jayawardena, Ranga Herath, Nimesh Perera, Upekka Fernando, Kumara Sangakkara, Ravindra Pushpakumara and Nuwan Soyza.

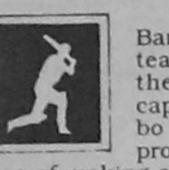


Members of the Colombo-bound team, which will take part in the World Youth Cricket Championship, pose for photographers at the BKSP in Savar yesterday.

-Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Squad leaves for Colombo today

Youths exude confidence



Bangladesh youth team leaves for the Sri Lankan capital of Colombo today with a pronounced inten

tion of making a bigger impact than they did in South Africa when the World Youth Cricket Championship begins in the emerald islands from January

After pushing their way into the spotlight in South Africa two years ago, where they lifted the Plate title and defeated eventual champions England, the youngsters of Bangladesh appeared confident to cross the first round barrier and play in the elite eight-team super league, a feat they have never achieved.

"The success in South Africa was certainly a big achievement for us. But this time around we are keen to better our performance. We finished ninth in South Africa but now we are looking forward to playing in the Super League if not going all the way to win the trophy", said the coach of the team Dipu Rai Chowdhury while talking to this reporter at the BKSP yes-

Placed in Group B of the sixteen-nation meet, which includes youth teams from all the nine Test-playing countries, Bangladesh will play their first match against India on January

Bangladesh, who made it to the finals as winners of the Asian youth championships in Singapore last year, will play their second match against New Zealand on January 14.

Bangladesh take on Hollano in their last league match on January 18. Top two finishers from the four groups will advance into the Super league while the remaining eight will fight it out for the consolation Plate title.

It is however a tough group fixture for Bangladesh where India are tipped as favourites. But Dipu feels that in an age group tournament the strength of the participating teams do not vary to the extent it does at the senior level.

"We are mentally tough enough to play against any opponent. I think that would be the motivating factor for us," said Dipu.

Terming his side as an extremely talented one, the former national left-arm seamer said that batting would be the real strength of his team. Dipu however admitted that experience could be the vital ingredient missing in the team apart from the lack of match practice. The coach preferred to look on the positive side. This is true that we are not

carrying experienced and over aged players like Al-Shahriar and Mehrab Hossain this time. I think this is a significant step and a victory for the team". Dipu claimed.

Bangladesh over the years have earned the dubious distinction of fielding over-aged players in age-limit competitions. This is for the first time the BCB is sending a genuine youth team.

Apart from skipper Hannan Sarker, the squad doesn't have any player who made the trip to South Africa two years ago.

Hannan, who played for Abahani last year, admitted that the present team will certainly miss the services of seasoned cricketers like Al-Shahriar and Mehrab, but looked determined to face the

challenge. "The presence of Al-Shahriar and Mehrab in South Africa was a great help for us. We will definitely miss their experience. But I think this is a more talented side then the previous one", said Hannan.

Replying to a query Hannan said that the wickets in Sri Lanka wound be more conducive for his team then the fast and bouncy pitches in South

"The South African wicket suited teams like New Zealand last time around. But this time they will find it extremely difficult negotiating with the slow and turning wickets of the subcontinent", said Hannan while elaborating his teams chances of making it into the Super League.

We are capable of defeating Holland. The toughest match for us in the first round should be against India", felt the Bangladesh captain

SQUAD

Hannan Sarkar(Captain), Nahidul Haque, Rajin Saleh, Mohammed Kalim, Mohammed Selim, Kuntal Chanda, Mahfuz Kabir, Arman Hossain, Ashraful, Mossadek Hossain, Abu Nasser, Anwar Hossain, Bikash Ranjan Das, Tariqul Hassan. Manager: Azmal Ahmed

Choudhury Coach: Dipu Rai Choudhury

Physio: Gavin Benzafield

Mushfiq in thick of things



Mushfigur Rahman turned out another brilliant all-round performance in the National Cricket Lea-

gue to guide his side Raishahi to a commanding 147 run first innings lead over hosts Sylhet yesterday. On the second day at the

Sylhet Stadium, the national all-rounder who took seven wickets for 33 runs on Monday, as the home team was bundled out for 101, starred this time with the bat. Mushfig slammed 92 as Ra-

jshahi, resuming on 107 for four in 45 overs, scored 248 all out in 98.3 overs.

The talented right-hander. who began the day on nine. shared a 68-run partnership with skipper Khaled Masood be-

fore the latter was trapped leg before for 48 by Sylhet offspinner Saifullah. Mushfig then put on 45 runs for the sixth wicket with Mus-

tadir Litu (18) and added 50 runs with Tariqul (13) for the seventh before he was run out eight runs short of a well- deserved century. Interestingly, this is the second occasion that he has suffered in the nervous nineties. Mushfiq hammered seven

TAUPO, New Zea-

land, Jan 4: New

Zealand cruised to

victory over the

West Indies by se-

ven wickets in the

second one-day cricket interna-

overs to spare as they reached

their target of 192 in the

hit the winning runs with a four

through wide mid-on off the

bowling of Jimmy Adams in the

36th over of the rain-shortened

solid form to be 27 not out off 25

Chris Cairns continued his

The win gave New Zealand

The result kept the West In-

a 2-0 lead in the five-match se-

ries, with the third game in

'dies' winless record in six

Napier on Thursday.

day/night game.

42-over match.

They had more than five

Captain Stephen Fleming

tional here today, reports AFP.

Sports Reporter

stunning boundaries off 190 balls.

After Mushfig departed with the score on 240 in the 94th over, the visitors lost three wickets for the addition of eight runs.

Saifullah Maksi was the wrecker-in-chief with six for 46 from 22.3 overs while left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique took three wickets conceding 53 runs from 30 overs.

In reply, Sylhet, needing 147 to avoid an innings defeat, had reached 156 for three at stumps. Saifullah also shone with the willow as the Pakistani allrounder, who scored the first century (173) of the league, was undefeated on 66. Skipper Nasirul Alam

chipped in with 43.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day National Cricket League match between Sylhet and Rajshahi at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday:

SYLHET: First innings 101 all out in 44.3 overs (Tushar 46. Alok 29, Parvez 15; Mushfig 7/33, Imran 2/20)

RAJSHAHI: First innings (overnight 107 for 4 in 45 overs) Rafiqul b Rafique Imran b Rafique Farid b Saifullah Sanchoy lbw b Saifullah

games of their tour so far.

18th one-day half-century.

Fleming led the way for New

New Zealand bowled the

Zealand, scoring 59 not out off

87 balls and bringing up his

West Indies out for 192 with

three balls left in their 42-over

innings, with left-arm spinner

Daniel Vettori the standout

with four for 24 off eight overs.

day international bowling

effort, surpassing his four for

49 against Zimbabwe in

him the man-of-the-match

control in their run chase, with

Nathan Astle and Craig Spear-

man scoring 50 runs inside the

the time Spearman had gone for

42 New Zealand were well in

Astle departed for 32, and by

Hamilton in 1998.

first eight overs.

award.

It was easily his best one-

Vettori's performance won

New Zealand were always in

K Masood c Mistu b Saifullah 48 Mishfig run our Mustadir c Neeyamur b Rafique Tarigul c Tushar b Saifullah 13 Sirazi not out

Shahnewaz c Alok b Saifullah 2 Murad Ibw b Saifullah Extras: (b-11; lb-3) Total: (All out in 98.3 overs) 248 Fall of wickets: 1/40, 2/53,

3/58, 4/77, 5/145, 6/190, 7/140 8/241, 9/248 R W M Bowler Igbal 26 13 Tanhar 3 Rafique 8 53 24 11 Neevamur 6 46 Saifullah 22.3 Imran 32 Nasirul 40

SYLHET: Second innings Parvez Ibw b Shahnewaz Tushar c Hira b Murad Nasirul c & b Imran Saifullah batting Alok batting Extras: (b-4; lb-4) Total: (For 3 wkts in 40 overs) Fall of wickets: 1/0, 2/35,

Bowler 12 Shahnewaz Mushfig Tariqui Murad 1 34 Imran 1 30 Mustadir 0 10 Sirazi

Black caps' second in a row control at 98 for two.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard from the West Indies v New Zealand rain reduced one-day international cricket match here on Tuesday: WEST INDIES

Campbell c Fleming b Cairns Jacobs e Cairns b O'Connor 13 Adams b Vettori Lara e Vettori b Cairns Chanderpaul c Vettori b Harris Powell c Cairns b Vettori Perry b Vettori Rose not out Dillon c Astle b Vettori King lbw Astle Walsh c Twose b Nash Extras: (b-5, lb-4, w-5, nb-2) 16

183; 9-187. OMR Bowler 25 Cairns See page 14

Total: (All out in 41.3 overs) 192

31; 4-88; 5-150; 6-151; 7-171; 8-

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-29; 3-

is completed. The two-member probe committee, headed by the Additional DG of Special Branch Nurul Alam, will look into the

uary 11.

alleged 'misconduct and objectionable remarks' hurled by the seven cricketers at top CCDM officials and then submit its report by January 20. On hearing the BCB ban,

Saber leaves

cricketers in

the lurch

Sports Reporter

Seven leading cricketers un-der investigation were left to

live on their nerves for few

more days as Saber Hossain

Chowdhury departed for the

Board president, who is sup-

posed to defuse the dispute be-

tween the players and the

CCDM (Cricket Committee of

Dhaka Metropolitan), will not

be able to reconsider the Board's

decision not to allow the seven

cricketers to take part in inter-

club players' transfer, starting

on the suggestion of CCDM, has

slapped temporary ban on

Bangladesh captain Aminul Is-

lam, vice-captain Khaled

Mahmud, Minhazul Abedin,

Faruque Ahmed, Enamul

Hoque, Mohammed Rafique

and Mahabubur Rahman until

an investigation against them

On Sunday, the Board, acting

from January 17.

The Bangladesh Cricket

United States on Sunday.

cricketers, gathered under the umbrella of Cricketers Welfare Association of Bangladesh, immediately sent a letter to Saber requesting him to allow the seven players to participate in the transfer, whose token will be on offer on January 6. Saber will be back on Jan-

Khulna edge past Barisal

Sports Reporter

Khulna took a 44-run first innings lead over Barisal on the second day of their three-day National Cricket League match at the Abdur Rab Serniabad Stadium in Barisal yesterday. Resuming the day at 93 for 3

in reply to Barisal's 158, the visitors were all out for 202 in 87.1 overs, thanks to a patient 82 from opener Sajid Hasan. In his 228-ball innings, the young right-hander smote 10

boundaries. Sajid apart, Saeed (32) and lower middle-order Mofizul (26) were the other notable run-getters for Khulna.

Off-spinner Saleh Ahmed returned most successful as he finished with five for 72 while Moin took two wickets for 22

In reply, Barisal were 125 for 5 at stumps. Opener Rashedul scored

highest 51 off 59 balls with the help of eight boundaries while skipper Habibul Bashar added Khulna offie Sohel and

medium pacer Jamaluddin cap-tured two wickets each conceding 24 and 34 runs respectively.

Sanwar shines for Dhaka

Sports Reporter Chittagong earned a com-

prehensive 55-run first innings lead over visiting Dhaka in their final National Cricket League clash at the Comilla Stadium yesterday.

On the second day, Dhaka, in reply to Chittagong's 280 in the first innings, scored 225 before they were all out in 69.4 overs. Middle-order Sanwar Hossain scored an unbeaten 90 fol-

lowed by lower middle order

Saiful Islam who chipped in

BRIEF SCORES Chittagong: First innings 280 all out in 91.1 overs (Minhazul 108, Enamul 46, Azam 23, Ehsanul 18, Akram

18; Mukul 3/41, Sanwar 2/42, Saiful 2/35) Dhaka: First innings 225 all out in 69.4 overs (Sanwar 90 n.o., Saiful 47, Harun 33; Shafiuddin 3/25, S-Mehmud

with 47. Besides, opener Harunur Rashid added 33 runs. For the home side, right-arm seamer Shaffuddin Ahmed and leg-spinner Shahed Mehmud evenly shared six wickets among them, conceding 25 and 72 runs respectively. With yesterday's three wick-

ets, Mehmud have completed an amazing haul of 55 in only wanted to start off with a good seven matches. Chittagong, who have alperformance in Adelaide which ready confirmed the league

championship title having collected 30 points from nine matches, will run-away with two batting points if the match stop." ends in a draw today.

Dist-level nat'l schools cricket

BARGUNA, Jan 4: The district-level National Schools Cricket tournament began here on Monday, reports UNB. On the opening day, Bar-

guna Zilla School team defeated

Keorabunia Secondary School by 113 runs. Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Fakhrul Islam inaugurated the competition at 10 am.

Clean Australian sweep



SYDNEY, Jan 4 (Reuters/AFP): Australia thrashed India by an innings and 141 runs in the

third and final test today to complete a 3-0 series Australia reached a massive 552 for five declared in their first innings then dismissed

India for 261 to seal victory inside three days. Justin Langer hit a record 223 and Ricky Ponting 141 not out to finish the series with 375

runs at an average of 125. Venkat Laxman made a defiant 167 for India but the rest of the batting failed on a day which yielded 482 runs at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Paceman Glenn McGrath was named man-of-the-match

"It's an incredible team to be a part of," Langer said.

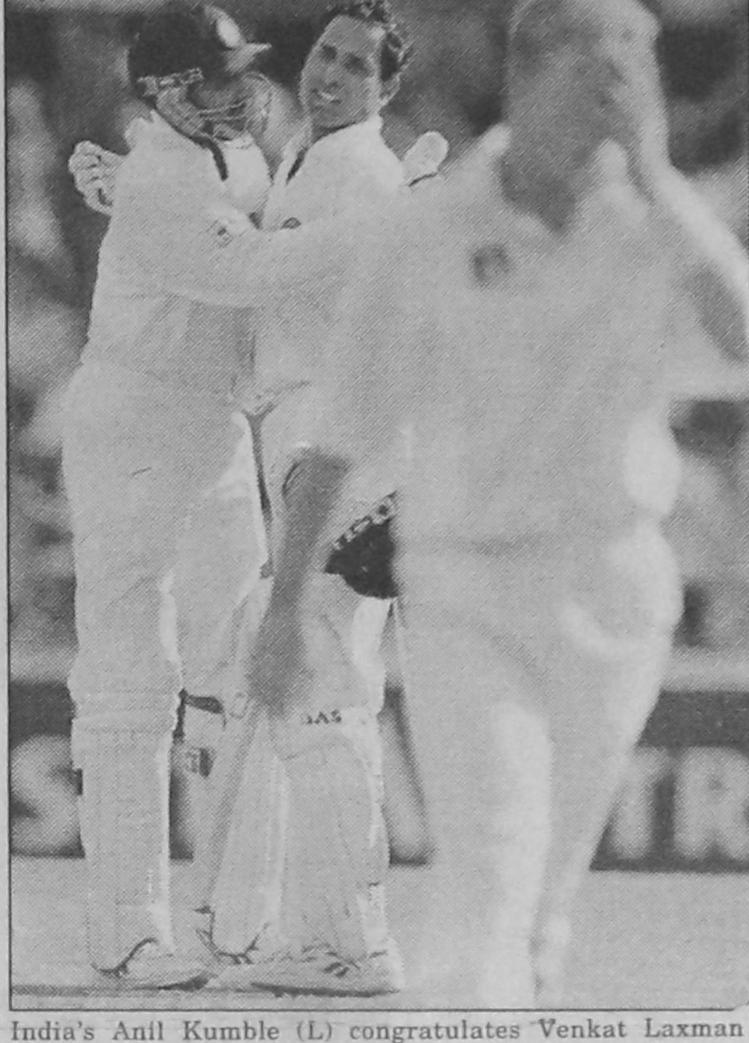
"The bowlers are bowling brilliantly, all the batsmen are chipping in and I'm just having the time of my life."

Ponting pounded a six and 17 fours to post his second highest Test score and his third century in his past four Tests.

The Indians have not won a Test match away from the subcontinent since 1986, although they have not lost a series at home in the same period. To add to their woes, the In-

dians were fined 10 per cent of their collective match fees by referee Ranjan Madugalle of Sri Lanka for their slow over rates during the final Test.

A similar penalty was imposed by the referee after the second Test in Melbourne, but the Indians refused to hasten



after the latter reached his maiden century on the third -AFP photo day of the Sydney Test yesterday. after taking five for 55 in the the pace of the game.

second innings to finish with match figures of 10-103. India avoid an innings defeat, were shot out for 261 shortly before captain Sachin Tendulkar was named man-of-the-series after scoring 278 runs at 46.33 despite Ponting's more obvious claims to the award. Langer's innings eclipsed his

highest Test score of 179 and overtook the 213 of Kim Hughes, the previous-best by an Australian against India. Langer passed his previous five-day best set against Eng-

land in Adelaide last season within the first half-hour. He reached his double century when he cover drove Javagal Srinath to the fence to become only the fifth Australian to make 200 against India. The left-hander then passed

Hughes' mark, made against India at Adelaide in 1980-81, when he edged leg-spinner Anil Kumble for four, one of 30 he hit during his innings.

He fell after almost nine hours and 355 balls when he mistimed an attempted drive off Tendulkar to give Venkatesh Prasad an easy catch at mid-on.

The Indians, needing 403 to

the end of the extended third day's play. India slipped to 33 for three, including the crucial wicket of captain Sachin Tendulkar, before opener Venkat Laxman restored some pride with a superb

maiden hundred. It was only the second century by the tourists in the series, following Tendulkar's 116 in the first innings of the second Test at Melbourne.

Playing a lone hand, Lax-

tralia's attacking field placings to blast a succession of boundaries. Like Langer the previous day, he survived after being caught by Shane Warne off a no

man took advantage of Aus-

ball on 54. He seemed certain to lead his team into a fourth day until McGrath dismissed Kumble and Ajit Agarkar in the final over of the day.

Waugh asked for the extra half-hour after McGrath took

the two wickets in the scheduled final over of the day and was not required to come back again on Wednesday.

Agarkar, out first ball a record four consecutive times in the series, was caught behind for a second ball duck.

India again looked like surviving until tomorrow when they reached 261 for seven in the penultimate over, but Laxman was caught behind after an innings spanning 255 minutes and 198 balls. He hit 27 fours

and a five. The match ended five balls later when Prasad was run out attempting a suicidal single.

Australia's victory was their seventh in succession, one short of their record eight set by Warwick Armstrong's team of 1920-21. Earlier, Australia went for

the runs after they resumed at

their overnight score of 331 for four. Langer and Ponting defied India's slow over rates to hit 190 for the fifth wicket in just 196 minutes.

The Indians bowled just 33 overs in the extended 150minute session before lunch in which Australia made 146 runs.

Adam Gilchirist, who replaced Langer at the crease just before lunch added 95 for the sixth wicket with Ponting when the declaration came midway during the post-lunch session. Gilchrist made 45 off 56

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the third and final cricket Test between Australia and India at the Sydney Cricket Ground here on Tuesday:

INDIA: First innings 150 (S Tendulkar 45; G McGrath 5-48. B Lee 4-39)

AUSTRALIA: First innings (overnight 331-4): Blewett b V Prasad Slater c M Prasad b Srinath Langer c V Prasad b Tendulkar 223 M Waugh b Ganguly S Waugh Ibw b Srinath Ponting not out Gilchrist not out Extras: (b-2, lb-21, nb-11)

Total: (For five wickets dec 140.2 Fall of wkts: 1-9; 2-49; 3-

Agarkar Ganguly Bharadwai 12 Tendulkar Kanitkar INDIA: Second innings Laxman c Gilchrist b Lee M Prasad c Warne b McGrath

Dravid c Warne b McGrath Tendulkar c Langer b Fleming Ganguly c M Waugh b McGrath 25 Kanitkar c Slater b Lee Kumble c Ponting b McGrath Agarkar c Gilchrist b McGrath Srinath not out V Prasad run out

Bharadwaj absent injured Extras: (b-4, lb-2, w-1, nb-14) Total: (All out in 58 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-22; 2-26; 3-33; 4-101; 5-145; 6-234; 7-

Bowler

Tendulkar

McGrath Fleming Blewett Warne Ponting Slater

Result: Australia won by an innings and 141 runs. Man-of-the match: Glenn McGrath Man-of-the-series: Sachin

Kapil said that opener

Venkat Laxman, who scored a

stunning 167 on Tuesday, may

be drafted into the one-day

squad for the tri-series against

Australia and Pakistan starting

if they can allow Laxman to

stay on," Kapil said. "He batted

superbly and deserves a chance

Tri-nation series

Lee gets

the nod

SYDNEY, Jan 4 (AFP/

Reuters): Explosive Test fast

bowler Brett Lee was Tuesday

the surprise inclusion and

Darren Lehmann the shock

omission from the 13-man Aus-

tralian one-day cricket squad

for the first four games of the

cricket tri-series involving

Pakistan and India, starting

out of the team just hours after

scoring a record-breaking dou-

ble-century in Australia's third

Justin Langer was also left

We will request the selectors

Waugh doesn't spare India

final Test.

to beat," he said.



SYDNEY, Jan 4 (Reuters/AFP): Australian captain Steve Waugh said India only had themselves to blame after crashing to a 3-0

series loss with an innings defeat in the third and final Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Tuesday. The Australian captain dealt swiftly with that suggestions India's players had been hard

done by the umpires and said

their defeat had more to do

with their own approach than by any decision that went against them. "I would have to say they were pretty negative from the start," Waugh said. "But it's not easy to be positive when you haven't got such a good away record, that's hard to change. "I can understand a little bit of their thinking, they probably

didn't happen. "After that their confidence was down and once we get on top of a side we are hard to

"Before the season started. we sat down and aimed to win all six Tests at home." Waugh Waugh said the most pleas-

ing aspect of Australia's emphatic series win was the emergence of players like Brett Lee and Adam Gilchrist which he said augured well for the future of Australian cricket. "We have got the basis of a

great team." Waugh said. "Once the older guys depart. whenever that is, it's going to be The batsmen make a lot of a team that can take over and runs and the bowlers take a lot continue the mantle of being the of wickets, but the problem comes when they are confronted number one cricket side." with wickets that have bounce. The Australian captain also

"I plan to advise our board complimented his main fast to ensure we get sporting wickbowler Glenn McGrath, who sealed India's fate with five ets in domestic cricket. That's the only way we will improve," wickets in each innings of the

on Sunday.

in the one-dayers.

Waugh said the only real injustice was Tendulkar being chosen as the player-of-the-se-"I'm not surprised because it

"Any side with a couple of

Glenn McGraths will not be easy

Only two Indian players. Tendulkar and Venkat Laxman averaged over 30 with the bat while Ajit Agarkar and Venkatesh Prasad were the only bowlers to take 10 or more wickets.

always happens to us." Waugh

"It's been a tough tour for the bowlers and the batters," Tendulkar said. "It's an altogether different ball game when you play in Australia compared to India.

"But there are quite a lot of things we have learnt on this tour and they should help to broaden our knowledge." "Our batting and bowling did not click," said the Indian skip-

"It's not that we don't know how to play abroad, but this time we were beaten by a superior team which outplayed us in all departments."

Indian coach Kapil Dev, Test cricket's leading wicket-taker. said the slow wickets at home contributed to the team's dismal record overseas. "At home we play on wickets that are low and slow," Kapil

SQUAD

Test victory over India.

this weekend.

Steve Waugh (captain),

Shane Warne, Michael Bevan, Adam Dale, Damien Fleming, Adam Gilchrist, Brett Lee, Shane Lee, Damien Martyn, Glenn McGrath, Ricky Ponting, Andrew Symonds, Mark Waugh.

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Tick the Correct Answers