

Dennis Lillee

(Australian fast bowling legend) "Congrats, Warney, well done, keep it going, and I look

forward to buying you a congratulatory ale soon. After the leg-spinner became Australia's highest wicket-

taker in Test Cricket.

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ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS Sinclair strikes

NAPIER, New Zealand, Mar 19: New Zealand Test batsman Mathew Sinclair hit a promising 75 as Central Districts defied the Australian attack in a three-day cricket tour match Sunday, reports AP. At stumps on the second day,

torm

Central Districts were 207-4 in their second innings, a lead of 160 over Australia, who were dismissed for 207 on Sunday morning.

Sinclair and opener David Kelly (67) combined for 138-run partnership as the lively wicket at McLean Park flattened out to a more comfortable batting track.

The pair moved to 164-2 before Australian Michael Kasprowicz (3-46) took the first of his three wickets.

Earlier Sunday, Mark Waugh (93 not out) continued his impressive tour as Australia added 89 runs to their overnight score, losing Damien Martyn (19) and Adam Gilchrist (10).

Waugh praises Warne

AUCKLAND, New Zealand. Mar 19: Australian captain Steve Waugh says champion spinner Shane Warne could become the most prolific wickettaker in Test cricket history, reports Reuters.

On Wednesday, Warne broke Dennis Lillee's Australian Test record of 355 wickets, claiming at an athletics meeting here, the last wicket in the first Test against New Zealand to help his team to an eighth straight vic-

Waugh said he now believes Warne could go on to claim as many as 500 wickets if he maintains his enthusiasm for the game.

"That's up to him now, where he wants to go," Waugh said af-

ter the win in Auckland "He can take 500 Test wickets if he has the motivation and the fitness levels keep up, so it's

up to him.

Column One NFL final round Mixed for Ban A for Ban A from March 29

Sports Reporter

the inaugural Nitol-Tata National Football League will kick off at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur from March

It was decided by the league committee in its meeting held at the Bangladesh Football Federation office on Thursday

On the opening day of the four-team final round Premier Division champions Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on Chittagong Abhahani

Krira Chakra. Both teams finished with equal six points in Group A of the first round ahead of Khulna and Rajshahai Abahani Krira

Chakra. Dhaka heavyweights Abahani Krira Chakra and Muktijoddha Sangsad, who also collected seven points in the first round, face each other the day

Bangladesh Television is expected telecast all six matches. A total of eight teams, split into two groups, took part in the first round which was held in

Khulna and Rajshahi. Top two teams from each group booked their places in the final round.

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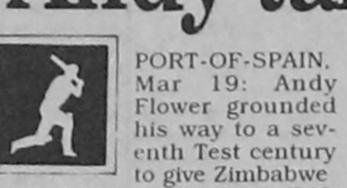
rounds will lift the champi-onship.

FINAL ROUND

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Mar 29:	Ctg AKC v Dhaka MSC
Mar 30:	Dhaka AKC v Muktijoddha
April 2:	
April 3:	Dhaka AKC v Cig Abahan
April 5:	Muktijoddha v Ctg Abahan
April 6:	

FIRST ROUND STANDINGS							
Group A							
Team	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Mohammedan SC	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
Chittagong Abahani	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
Khulna Abahani	3	2	0	1	2	3	6
Rajshahi Abahani	3	0	0	3	0	5	0
Group B							
Abahani KC	3	2	1	0	7	2	7
Muktijoddha Sangsad	3	2	1	0	7	2	7

Andy takes tourists ahead



enth Test century to give Zimbabwe a useful first innings lead of 49 over West Indies on the rain-hit third day of their historic first cricket Test at Queen's Park Oval on Saturday here, reports

The 31-year-old Zimbabwe captain batted through a day when three hours of playing time was lost to rain to gather an unbeaten 113 that was the cornerstone of his side's 236 all out, in reply to West Indies' first

innings total of 187. "To be quite honest, it was the luckiest innings I have ever played," Flower said afterwards. "I feel lucky that I have got a hundred and it was good enough to get us some sort of a lead."

That was in part a reference to his good fortune the previous day when umpire Steve Bucknor ruled him not out on a gloved catch to wicketkeeper Faruque Athar- Ridley Jacobs off Courtney Walsh, but Flower also had the West Indies slip fielders to thank for his good fortune.

Third-slip fielder Shivnarine Chanderpaul put him down on 52 off the fourth ball of the day bowled by Walsh and, later, Chris Gayle muffed a "sitter" at first slip when Flower was 60 off the fifth ball following a near 90 minute break for rain.

Through it all, Flower remained steadfast to bat for just over seven hours to hit a dozen boundaries from 289 balls and resist all attempts by the West Indies to prise him out.

Zimbabwe's progress was checked twice during the day by rain. First, in the morning period when they resumed from their overnight position of 109 for three and, later, in the afternoon period when just over lead. 90 minutes were lost.

Flower and Trevor Gripper shared a purposeful 117-run, fourth-wicket stand that endured the morning rains and the lunch interval when Zimbabwe were 137 for three.

In a rain-shortened afternoon period, Curtly Ambrose bounded in to take three wickets to revive West Indies hopes of limiting Zimbabwe to a modest first innings lead.

Rain during lunch delayed the start of cricket after the luncheon interval by an hour and 40 minutes, but the 50 minutes available to West Indies prior to a rescheduled tea break was all Ambrose needed to carry his tally of wickets at the ground to 63 and end with figures of four for 42 off 25 overs.

Finding some bounce and movement from the hard, true pitch, he removed the leaden-

PIETERSBURG.

South Africa, Mar

19: American star

Michael Johnson.

world recordhol-

der at 200 metres

and 400m, opened his season on

Saturday with a sensational

run of 19.71 seconds, the

fourth-fastest 200m of all time,

news agency SAPA reported.

Olympic champion at 200 and

400, showed no signs of stale-

ness in his first race of the sea-

son as he recorded the third-

fastest time of his career - his

world record stands at 19.32sec.

Johnson, who is building up

for his much awaited clash with

his bitter rival 200m world

says AFP.

balls he faced, edged a halfhearted drive low to give Gayle his second catch at first slip.

in-form left-hander Alistair the space of 14 balls. Campbell nibble at a ball angled across him to give wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs a simple

his three fours in 17, but was 164 for six at teal and mo along



A FLOWER ... 113 n.o.

to carry Zimbabwe into the

the second new-ball.

innings were gathered in the arc between third man and extra cover, where he hit the majority of his boundaries. Only one of his fours were on the leg-side.

admitted after his knock that it was rewarding especially as he was having to combine the roles of captain, main run scorer and wicketkeeper.

months of tough cricket coming until about the middle of July." Flower said. "I am not going to be saying Sharpe

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Alistair Campbell for nought in Zimbabwe 144 for five. Gripper, who batted for five hours and 20 minutes and hit six boundaries from the 220

Two balls later, Gripper saw

Stuart Carlisle appeared to be getting the measure of Ambrose when he played a lofted drive over cover for the last of bowled by a delivery from the Antiguan that moved back and kept low. It left Zimbabwe on

For more than two hours in the evening period, Flower and Heath Streak with little fanfare added 68 for the seventh wicket



It was during this time that Flower reached his century with a "chip" shot to mid-off for a single off Walsh, armed with

Most of Flower's runs in his

But the man-of-the-moment

"We have got four to five

taking on all the responsibilities that I have as the leading batch batsman, captain and wicketkeeper is unusually tough right

Johnson's flying start

more races in South Africa --

another 200m in Pretoria on

March 24 and a 400m in Cape

fast," Johnson said afterwards.

"I didn't expect to go this

Town on March 31.

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footed pair of Gripper for 41 and now. I have a lot of time captaining this side in the next few the space of three balls to leave months so there will be plenty of work to be done."

With dark clouds hovering over the ground bringing fading light, West Indies captain called upon off-spin bowler Chris Gayle and fast bowler Franklyn Rose. They responded with the last four wicket for four runs in

Gayle had Streak caught at slip and proceeded to bowl down Henry Olonga and Pommie Mbangwa to end with figures of three for 25 off 15 overs. In between, Rose had Brian Murphy

Jamaican batsman Chris Gayle and Wavell Hinds made their Test debuts for the West

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close on the third day of the first Test between West Indies and Zim-

babwe at Queen's Park Oval on WEST INDIES: First innings Griffith lbw b Streak Campbell lbw b Streak Gayle run out (Murphy) C'paul c A Flower b Olonga 12 Ambrose c A Flower b Streak 7 Adams lbw b Murphy Hinds not out Jacobs c and b Murphy Rose b Johnson King lbw b Streak Walsh lbw b Murphy Extras: (b-7; lb-6; nb-11) Total: (All out in 80.4 overs) 187 Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-48, 3-72, 4-81, 5-87, 6-121, 7-136, 8-149, 9-161 Bowler OM

9 45 Streak Olonga 10 Mbangwa Johnson 26

G Flower ZIMBABWE: First innings Johnson lbw b Ambrose G Flower c Campbell b Walsh Gripper c Gayle b Ambrose Goodwin c Gayle b Walsh A Flower not out Campbell c Jacobs b Ambrose Carlisle b Ambrose Streak c Campbell b Gayle Murphy lbw b Rose Olonga b Gayle Mbangwa b Gayle Extras: (b-2; lb-6; w-1; nb-13) 236

Total: (All out in 107 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-0, 3-27, 4-144, 5-144, 6-164, 7-232, 8-233, 9-236 Bowler M Ambrose 13 Walsh

25 Umpires: S. Bucknor, G. TV replays: C.E. Cumber-

Match referec: R.S.

The meeting was laced with

Stuart Rendell of Australia

showed good form at this early

stage with a Commonwealth

and Australian record 77.68m

in the hammer-throw, beating

world championship silver-

medalist Zsolt Nemeth of Hun-

Herbert set the world's fastest

400m hurdles this year, with a

superb finishing surge for a

48.50sec win against Australia's

Blair Young (49.08) and

America's Torrance Zellner

for the second time this year

since claiming the SA javelin

title a fortnight ago, managed

an Olympic qualifying first

throw that hit the mark at

Marius Corbett, competing

South African Llewellyn

a lot of hard work to do."

gary who threw 76.70m.

(49.30).

83.43m.

international talent.

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Sports Reporter

fortunes in a three-nation cricket tournament in Malaysia that began on Friday. The second-string Bangladesh side opened their campaign with a comprehensive 97-run victory over their hosts at the Kilat Aman ground. But the rain gods prevented Naimur Rahman's men from chasing a challenging revised

Brief Scores Bangladesh A v Malaysia Venue: Kilat Aman

Date: March 17 Bangladesh: 222/9 in 50 overs (Mizanur Rahman 47. Naimur Rahman 43) Malaysia: 125 all out in 48.5 overs (Bikash 3/15, Naimur 3/20, Rafique 2/28)

Result: Bangladesh won by 97 runs. Bangladesh 'A' v Namibia

Venue: Royal Salengor Club Date: March 18 Namibia: 205 for 7 in 50 overs (Naimur 3/38, Rafique 2/30, Monjurul 1/41) Bangladesh: 49 for 3 in 11

Result: Match washed out due to rain. Bangladesh, set to score a revised target of 173 in 35 overs) were on 49 for 3 in 11 overs when rain stopped play for the second

target in the second match against Namibia 24 hours later. In their first game held in the Malaysian capital, the visitors batting first and scored a competitive 222 for nine in 50 overs. Wicketkeeper Mizanur Rahman Patwari made 47 and

his captain contributed 43. The Malaysians who never found the going easy once leftarm seamer Bikash Ranjan Das and Naimur Rahman shared a six-wicket haul to rip out the heart of the batting. Left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique captured two for 28.

On Saturday, after restricting the Africans to 205 for seven in their alloted overs. Captain Naimur's off-spin accounted for 3-38 and Rafique

bagged two wickets. Rain forced Bangladesh to chase a stiff target of 173 in 35 overs. And with the total reading 49-3 in 11 overs the rains came down again to prevent anymore play for the day.

As a result both teams were awarded one point each. Bangladesh face Malaysia later today.

Akram picked for Sharjah

KARACHI, Mar 19: Pakistan recalled ex-captain and all rounder Wasim Akram on Wednesday for the Sharjah Cup triangular series involving India and South Africa and starting from March 22, reports Reuters.

The recall came just 48 hours after he was dropped on fitness grounds. "He has been picked after he

confirmed that he would be match-fit in the next two days," selection committee chairman Wasim Bari told reporters. "Akram will undergo a fitness test on Friday and team

coach Javed Miandad has been directed to inform us about his condition," he said. Akram bowled just 13 deliveries in the first Test against Sri Lanka at Rawalpindi last month before limping off with a

groin injury. He did not play in the second and third Tests at Peshawar and Karachi. Sri Lanka won the series which ended earlier on Wednesday 2-1.

The selectors left out batsman Ijaz Ahmad after he was overlooked for the three-match one-day international series against Sri Lanka, which the tourists won 3-0.

SQUAD

Moin Khan (captain), Inzamam-ul-Haq (vice-captain), Shahid Afridi. Wajahatullah Wasti, Mohammad Naveed, Yousuf Youhana, Younis Khan, Imran Nazir, Abdur Razzag, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Shoaib Akhtar, Mohammad Akram, Arshad Khan, Shoaib Malik.

WI 53/3 at lunch

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Mar 19: Three wickets, two off successive balls in the first over from Heath Streak, set back the West Indies on the fourth day of their historic first cricket Test against Zimbabwe at Queen's Park Oval here Sunday, reports

The West Indies, behind by 49 on the first innings, were 53 for three at lunch with Shivnarine Chanderpaul unbeaten on 19 and captain Jimmy Adams not out on seven after the pyrotechnics of the opening over from Streak.

The Zimbabwe vice-captain had opening batsman Adrian Griffith Ibw and left-hander Chris Gayle bowled for ducks with the third and fourth balls of the innings to throw the West Indies innings into chaos at no runs for two wickets.

SA end on winning note



Mar 19: South

fifth and final one-day match here Sunday, leaving the home

NAGPUR, India, highest one-day score. Africa beat India badly, with skipper Saurav by 10 runs in their Ganguly caught at leg slip by

Steve Elworthy off Henry Williams.



Sachin Tedulkar follows through on a square cut during his superb 122 against South Africa in the fourth onedayer at Baroda on March 17. -AFP photo

side 3-2 series winners, reports who was later declared man-of-

Chasing a daunting total of withstood the South African at-320, India looked well placed in the closing stages, needing a run-a-ball from the last 11 deliveries for victory, with two wickets in hand.

them bowled out for 310 runs with seven balls to spare. South Africa's 320 for seven was built by opener Herschelle Gibbs' 74 runs and a racy 114-

But a couple of run outs saw

run seventh wicket stand between all-rounder Lance Klusener, who made 75 not out. and wicketkeeper Mark Boucher (68). The South Africans made a shaky start and were 72 for

three after the first 10 overs. They were forced to rein in their attacking instincts after the loss of Gibbs, who was the fifth man out after pounding 74 runs off only 53 balls with 13 fours and one six.

by some spilled catches, was finally run out by a fine pick up and direct hit at the striker's end by debutant Siddharth Sri-Klusener clouted his un-

beaten 75 off only 58 balls with

eight fours and three sixes.

Gibbs, who was let-off twice



the-series, and Rahul Dravid

tack to put up a 180-run stand

The two smashed the South

for the second wicket.

African spinners around the ground and Tendulkar hit a huge six from a full toss of Hansie Cronje and a splendid boundary off a delivery from

Dravid, who made 79 runs in India's run chase began 70 balls with 11 hits to the fence, reached his run-a-ball

fifty by square driving Cronje. Tendulkar and Dravid kept India's hopes alive until Elworthy took his second catch of the day to dismiss Tendulkar off spinner Derek Crookes for 93.

After that the Indian wickets

began to tumble. Dravid was run out as he tried to step up the run rate and Elworthy was in the spotlight again when he had Ajay Jadeja

clean bowled. Man-of-the-match Klusener struck three times, removing Javagal Srinath, wicketkeeper Saba Karim and the dangerous Robin Singh to give South Africa the edge, before the final

two run outs sealed the game. "The partnership between Klusener and Boucher took the match away from us. At the same time Tendulkar and Dravid brought us back into the game but Dravid's run out was

the turning point of the game." Ganguly said. Cronje said a total of 320 runs was always going to be

"It was a tough target, but Tendulkar and Dravid almost got them there," Cronje said. The two teams, along with Pakistan, will play a triangular one-day series in Sharjah start-

Scoreboard of the fifth and

ing March 22. SCOREBOARD

hard to beat.

Crookes b Kumble

Cronje c Dravid b Chopra

Boucher c Kumble b Prasad

final one-day international between South Africa and India on Sunday: SOUTH AFRICA Kirsten run out Gibbs run out McKenzie c Karim b Kumble

Benkenstein b Tendulkar Klusener not out Strydom not out Extras: (lb-1; w-2; nb-10) Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs) 320 Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-42, 3-66, 4-126, 5-161, 6-205, 7-319

Srinath Prasad Kumble Chopra Sriram Robin Tendulkar 10 Ganguly 1 0 17 10 INDIA

Ganguly c Elworthy b Williams 6 Tendulkar c Elworthy b Crookes 93 Dravid run out Jadeja b Elworthy Sriram c Boucher b Elworthy Srinath c Strydom b Klusener Robin c Cronje b Klusener Karim c and b Klusener Chopra run out Kumble run out (Gibbs) Prasad not out Extras: (b-4; lb-8; w-14; nb-5) Total: (All out in 48.5 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-193, 3-193, 4-214, 5-221, 6-259, 7-

290, 8-304, 9-310

Bowler

Williams Crookes Mckenzie Elworthy Cronje Klusener 59 Strydom 0 47 0 Result: South Africa win by

10 runs. India win series 3-2. Man-of-the-match: Lance Klusener

Man-of-the-series: Sachin Tendulkar

Another Tendulkar ton

It was South Africa's fourth Klusener.

India secure series



186*

122

New Zealand

South Africa

* Indicates not out

Mar 19 (Reuters/ AFP): Sachin just 84 balls. Tendulkar scored his 25th one-day the long-on fence by Shaun Polinternational

century as India beat South Africa with one ball to spare on Friday. The win gave them an un-

beatable 3-1 lead in the fivematch series. Chasing a daunting target of 283, Tendulkar and his captain Sourav Ganguly gave India the start they needed with an opening stand of 153

BARODA, India, ous of the two, hit 12 fours and

He was eventually caught on

lock off Pieter Strydom. Tendulkar and Mohammad Azharuddin concentrated on keeping the score ticking along with ones and twos after Rahul

Dravid had been dismissed cheaply. But Tendulkar gradually upped the tempo of the innings again, his second 50 coming off 46 balls. He had reached his

half century from 64 balls. Tendulkar eventually fell to Ganguly, the more adventur-SACHIN'S CENTURIES

		The state of the s	
Runs	Against	Venue	Date
110	Australia	Colombo	September 9, 1994
115	New Zealand	Baroda	October 28, 1994
105	West Indies	Joypur	November 11, 1994
112*	Sri Lanka	Sharjah	April 0 1005
127*	Kenya	Cuttuck	April 9, 1995
137	Sri Lanka	Delhi	February 18, 1996
100	Pakistan	Singapore	March 3, 1996
118	Pakistan	Sharjah	April 5, 1996
110	Sri Lanka	Colombo	April 15, 1996
14	South Africa		August 28, 1996
04	Zimbabwe	Bombay	December 14, 1996
17	New Zealand	Benoni	February 9, 1997
00	Australia	Bangalore	May 14, 1997
43		Kanpur	April 7, 1998
34	Australia	Sharjah	April 22, 1998
	Australia	Sharjah	April 24, 1998
00*	Kenya	Calcutta	May 31, 1998
28	Sri Lanka	Colombo	July 7, 1998
27*	Zimbabwe	Bulawavo	September 26, 1998
41	Australia	Dhaka	October 28, 1998
18*	Zimbabwe	Sharjah	November 8, 1998
24*	Zimbabwe	Sharjah	November 13, 1998
40*	Kenya	Bristol	May 23, 1999
20	Sri Lanka	Colombo	August 20, 1000

Hyderabad

Baroda

Compiled by Hasan Masood.

Jacques Kallis in the 46th over two sixes in his 87 scored off after scoring 122 off 138 balls. India had been cruising at 256 for three but South Africa kept in the hunt by claiming three quick wickets.

Six runs were needed from

the final over and Robin Singh

and Saba Karim kept their cool to score them off the first five balls. Earlier, fine half centuries by Jacques Kallis and Gary

Kirsten helped South Africa to an imposing 282 for five. Kallis, who began slowly. stepped up the pace in the final overs to score 81 off 107 balls. Kirsten, who made 72 from 92 balls, and Herschele Gibbs gave the innings a flying start

by scoring 95 from the first 15 overs. Gibbs made 37. SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard in the fourth one-day international between South Africa and India here on Friday: SOUTH AFRICA

Kallis not out Cronje c Agarkar b Joshi Boje c Joshi b Kumble Benkenstein b Srinath Klusener not out Extras: (lb-5, w-7, nb-4) Total: (For 5 wkts in 50 overs) 282 Fall of wickets: 1-99: 2-136:

Srinath Agarkar Kumble

August 29, 1999 November 8, 1999 March 17, 2000

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Pollock Boucher Strydom Elworthy

3-181; 4-199; 5-256. Bowler 60

Kirsten run out

Gibbs lbw b Joshi

"But I knew I was in good shape. I practised on the track yesterday and I knew it was a good "This is the fastest time I've ever opened up a season with in my career. My goal still remains to race faster at the The 32-year-old, reigning Olympics, and this performance

shows I'm on track to do that.

to run the perfect race. I cruised

out of the blocks and ran a re-

laxed bend. It all came together

nicely, because I've done no

speed work as yet and didn't

"Once I get everything under

want to go out too hard.

champion Maurice Greene in control, quick out of the blocks

July's American Champi- and fast into the bend, I should

onships, is set to run in two run really fast. But there is still

"I still believe that I have yet