

**Warne earns his keep**

LONDON, June 4: Australian Test star Shane Warne claimed five wickets to earn Hampshire an outside chance of victory over defending champions Surrey in their English County Championship Division One clash at The Oval Saturday, reports AFP.

Warne has made a slow start to his career in the English game but helped his side dismiss Surrey for 142 and leave Hampshire facing a target of 266 in Sunday's final day if they are to achieve their first championship victory of the summer.

They will resume having lost two wickets in reaching 58 by the close, openers Jason Laney (0) and Giles White the men out.

Warne picked up five for 31 and Alan Mullally claimed four for 31 as only Adam Hollioake (41) made much impact for Surrey.

Hampshire had earlier been able to add just three runs to their overnight 207 for eight before they were all out — Martin Bicknell claiming his fourth wicket in the process — leaving them 123 behind on first innings.

Kent moved off the foot of the Division One table as they eclipsed Durham by 190 runs at Tunbridge Wells to log their first championship win of the season.

Durham, needing to reach an improbable 334 to win after resuming the final day on 44 for two, collapsed after lunch to lose five wickets for eight runs in the space of 11 overs as they slipped from 95 for four to 103 for nine.

Australian Simon Katich made 41, but otherwise the Durham batsmen had no answer to the bowling of spinner Min Patel (four for 38) and captain Matthew Fleming (15-9-14-3) as they were eventually all out for 143.

The top-of-the-table clash between Yorkshire and Leicestershire was abandoned as a draw without a ball being bowled on the final day at Headingley.

The sides took seven points each to leave Leicestershire still a point clear of their opponents at the summit.

It was a similar story at Old Trafford, with third-placed Lancashire taking eight points and Derbyshire seven as no play was possible Saturday. The verdict left Lancashire a point adrift of roses rivals Yorkshire.

Robin Martin-Jenkins claimed three morning victims to complete the second five-wicket haul of his Sussex career and set up a comprehensive victory at Hove as Glamorgan suffered their first championship loss of the season.

Glamorgan avoided an innings defeat on the final day but left Sussex needing to score just seven runs for victory, which they achieved in eight deliveries without the loss of a wicket.

Sussex, bottom of the Division Two without a win at the start of the fixture, moved up to fifth as they picked off the last four Glamorgan wickets for the addition of 42 runs to dismiss the Welsh county for 284.

Martin-Jenkins removed Adrian Shaw (45), Robert Croft (31) and Darren Thomas (0) to give him five for 94.

Darren Robinson's unbeaten 93 against Essex to a five-wicket win over Northamptonshire at Ilford, their first in Division Two.

Robinson's ninth boundary saw Essex triumph after they had resummed on 170 for four in pursuit of a 226 target.

Gloucestershire captain Mark Alleyne inspired his Benson and Hedges Cup finalists to an 85-run first championship victory of the season with a six-wicket haul against Middlesex at Lord's.

Middlesex, resuming on 39 without loss as they chased a 298 victory total, reached 133 for two as Justin Langer (49) and Owais Shah (33) shared a third-wicket stand of 76.

But once Alleyne removed Langer it exposed the tail, and he went on to take six for 49 as the hosts were dismissed for 212 to leave them on the foot of the table.

Nottinghamshire openers Darren Bicknell and Guy Weston made a mockery of the troubles Warwickshire's batsmen had on the Edgbaston pitch by piling on an unbroken 194 for the first wicket to establish a commanding lead.

Warwickshire, joint leaders at the start of the match, had added six runs to their overnight total before losing their last wicket as Notts dismissed them for a meagre 110 on the second morning.

But Bicknell, who made an unbeaten 90, and Weston — still there on one run less — encountered no such problems to leave Notts in pole position to register their first championship win with two days still to play.

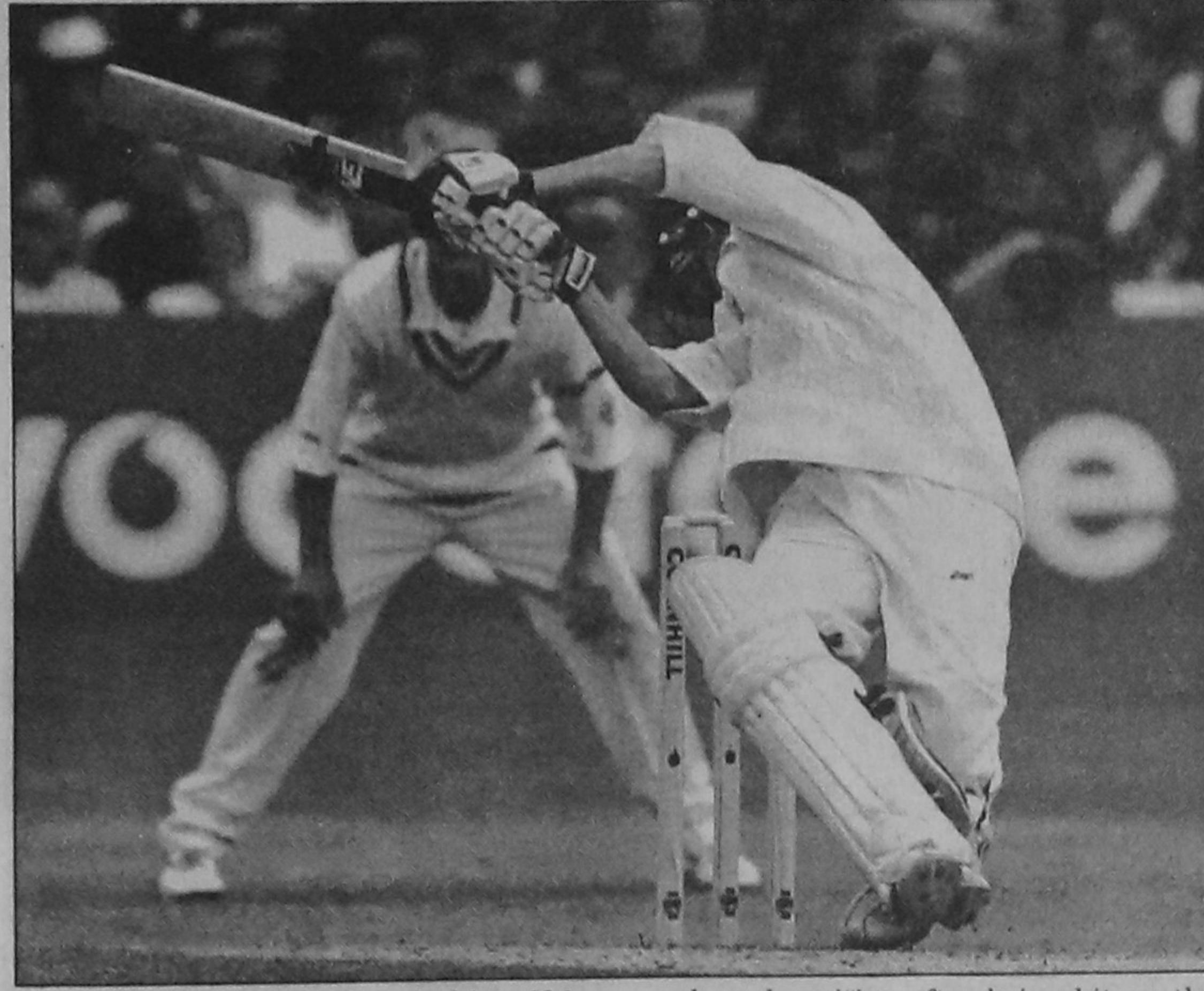
**2006 Asian Games bid**  
**OCA to inspect facilities in KL**

KUALA LUMPUR, June 4: The Olympic Council of Asia will send a five-member delegation to Kuala Lumpur next month to inspect facilities available for the 2006 Asian Games, the national news agency Bernama said Sunday, reports AP.

Kuala Lumpur is among four cities bidding to host the games. The other three are Hong Kong, New Delhi and Doha, Qatar.

Pusan in South Korea will stage the next Asian Games in 2002.

The evaluation committee headed by Muhammad Latif Butt, an OCA vice-president, will look at the city's sports facilities, transportation and accommodation.



England's Chris Schofield finds himself in an awkward position after being hit on the helmet by a rising Heath Streak delivery on the third day of the second Test at Trent Bridge on June 3.

— AFP photo

**Play starts after lunch on Day 4**

## England gain upper hand



NOTTINGHAM, England, June 4: Play began after lunch on the fourth day of the second and final Test between Zimbabwe and England at Trent Bridge on Saturday.

Atherton, 32, nursed his Lancashire county teammate Chris Schofield through some nervous moments in his second Test innings to help the left-hander post his maiden Test half century.

Schofield, the side's only spinner, hit a gritty 57 in his near three-hour stay at the crease. In the first Test he was dismissed for third ball caught and didn't get a bowl in the England win.

In the 14 overs of batting before badlight stopped play on the third day, Zimbabwe lost both their openers — Grant Flower and Guy Whittall — to new-ball bowlers Daren Gough and Ed Giddins.

Zimbabwe resumed on 51 for two in reply to England's 374 all out.

Umpires Dave Orchard and Mervyn Kitchen decided not to start play before lunch. The wet weather in central England has robbed 115 overs including the first washout of a day full day's play here in 33 years. The second day was abandoned without a ball bowled.

Overnight thunderstorm brought a deluge leaving some parts of the playing area under water.

England opener Michael Atherton, who sat through a frustrating 34 hours and 41 minutes without play, reached his 14th Test century on Saturday and helped the home side post a fighting total.

His 136 runs scored in nine minutes under eight hours was his fifth century at Trent Bridge and made him the most successful batsman here with 998 career runs in 10 Test.

He improved on Denis Compton's previous record of 955 runs.

"I wasn't aware of any records," Atherton said after the third day. "It was nice to get another hundred here."

"It's always good to get runs, no matter who's against. You can only score runs against what's there."

England, already leading the two-match series 1-0 following

first day and will bat if required.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on the third day of the second and final Test between Zimbabwe and England at Trent Bridge on Saturday:

#### ENGLAND: First innings (overnight 203-3)

Atherton c G Flower b Mbanga 136

Ramprakash c G Flower b Johnson 56

Hussain c Streak b Nkala 21

Stewart lbw b Whittall 5

Knight lbw b Whittall 1

Flintoff lbw b Mbanga 16

Schofield b Murphy 57

Caddick c G Flower b Nkala 13

Gough c Campbell b Streak 9

Giddins not out 3

Extras (b-9, lb-13, w-16, nb-10) 48

Total (All out in 135.2 overs) 374

ZIMBABWE: First innings (overnight 203-3)

Flower c Ramprakash b Gough 0

Whittall lbw b Giddins 28

Goodwin not out 11

Johnson not out 9

Mbangawa 18 6 40 2

Murphy 122 1 36 1

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Total (For 2 wkt in 14 overs) 51

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Fall of wickets: 1-121, 2-182, 3-188, 4-209, 5-221, 6-264, 7-303, 8-335, 9-358.

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Nkala 31 7 82 3

Johnson 22 7 63 1

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