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Ian Chappell
(Cricket commentator)

"If Stuart MacGill does bowl against the West Indies, he could take wickets and give the selectors a headache when Shane Warne is fit."

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Khulna tighten their grip
Sport-Reporter

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE
Sylhet v Khulna

Khulna took a first innings lead against visiting Sylhet in the Green Delta National Cricket League at the Shamsul Huda Stadium in Jessore yesterday.

On the second day, the home side who began the day on 113 for two, in reply to Sylhet's first innings total of 115, scored another 123 runs before their innings closed in 95.1 overs.

Opener Setu top-scored with 71, Mohammad Selim made 31 and lower middle-order batsman Rana contributed 27 respectively.

Sylhet's slow left-arm spinner Ibrahim Rahim took four for 51. Fellow left-arm twyaker Mohammad Rafique and Taposh Basitha captured two wickets each.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day Green Delta National Cricket League match between Sylhet and Khulna at the Jessore Stadium yesterday.

KHULNA: First Innings (overnight 113 for two)

Shanon c Nadeb b Rafique	13
Sajjadul b Hashibul	71
Sohel c Joy b Imran	15
Salam b Imran	31
Jamal c Raju b Rafique	8
Rashed c & b Alok	16
Biplob c Nasrul b Imran	10
Tushar c Taposh b Imran	10
M Rana not out	27
A Kamal c Hedi b Taposh	8
Monjurul b Taposh	10
Extras (lb-1, lb-5n, nb-9, w-6)	37
Total (all out in 95.1 overs)	236

Fall of wickets: 1-92, 2-108, 3-136, 4-159, 5-166, 6-168, 7-168, 8-198, 9-216

Bowler O M R W

Hasibul	15	2	55	1
Rafique	34	10	50	2
Taposh	7	1	28	2
Imran	28	8	51	4
Alok	7	2	20	1
Iqbal	4	2	10	0

SYLHET: Second Innings

Parvez b A Kamal	3
Nadi not out	30
Nasirul c Jamal b A Kamal	20
Raju not out	21
Extras (lb-2, lb-1, w-2)	5
Total (for 2 wickets in 41 overs)	85

Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-44

Bowler O M R W

Monjurul	6	1	19	0
A Kamal	10	2	19	2
Rana	12	4	24	0
Jamal	10	3	16	0
Sohel	3	1	4	0

Mehmud mesmerises hosts

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE
Chittagong v Dhaka

Chittagong leg-spinner Shaded Mehmud put hosts Dhaka in a spin as they battled to avoid an innings defeat on Day Two of their Green Delta National Cricket League fixture at the Mymensingh Stadium yesterday.

The Pakistani who has snared five wickets in each innings, left Dhaka reeling at 127 for seven in the second innings when stumps were drawn. They need another 86 runs to make the champions bat again.

Dhaka forced to follow on when chasing a massive Chittagong's first innings total of 344, were all out for 132 in their first innings with Mehmud taking five for 37.

Opener Shahriar retired hurt for one after pulling a groin muscle. One down Rashedul Haque top-scored with 27 while middle-order batsmen Fahim Muntasir and Saiful Islam added 21 and 20 respectively.

Last year's top wicket-taker with 55 scalps, Mehmud returned with another five-wicket burst for 59 runs to put home side into trouble again.

Dhaka are almost certainly heading for their third straight defeat in the eight-team league. Earlier, they lost to Rajshahi by 212 runs and suffered an innings and 130-run defeat at the hands of Bangladesh Biman at

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the Green Delta National Cricket League match between Dhaka and Chittagong at the Mymensingh Stadium yesterday.

CHITTAGONG: First Innings

344 for 7 in 100 overs (Ehsanul 96, Enamul 75, Azam 61, Mubazul 31, Biplob 4/69)
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DHAKA: First Innings

Shahriar retired	1
Harun c Ehsanul b Shahuddin	0
Rashedul c Enamul b Sabbir	27
Mahmud b Sabbir	16
Sabbir c sub b S Mehmud	7
Mazharul c sub b Sabbir	0
Fahim c Akram b S Mehmud	9
Biplob c Ehsanul b S Mehmud	21
Saiful c Azam b S Mehmud	20
Mosaddeq c Akram b S Mehmud	4
Extras (lb-3, nb-6, w-2)	11
Total (all out in 46.4 overs)	132

Fall of wickets: 1/1, 2/41, 3/54, 4/54, 5/65, 6/72

7/107, 8/112, 9/132

BOWLER O M R W

Zakir	5	3	16	0
Shahuddin	7	0	19	1
Akram	3	0	9	0
Ehsanul	2	0	5	0
Sabbir	13	1	36	3
Enamul	8	4	16	0
S Mehmud	10	4	37	5

DHAKA: Second Innings

Rashedul c Akram b S Mehmud	38
Harun c S Mehmud b Sabbir	1
Sabbir b Enamul	45
Mahmud c Morzu b S Mehmud	7
Fahim c Azam b S Mehmud	5
Mazharul not out	21
Saiful c Enamul b S Mehmud	0
Biplob c Sabbir b S Mehmud	9
Bikash not out	1
Extras (lb-1)	1
Total (for 7 wickets in 46 overs)	127

Fall of wickets: 1/13, 2/61, 3/85, 4/97, 5/97, 6/109, 7/127

BOWLER O M R W

Sabbir	7	2	17	1
Shahuddin	3	1	21	0
S Mehmud	20	6	59	5
Enamul	16	6	29	1

First Division chess Slender lead for Biman

Women's WC cricket Wins for NZ, Australia

WELLINGTON, Dec 3 (Reuters): Sri Lanka were dismissed for 88 in response to New Zealand's 210 for four from 50 overs in the women's World Cup cricket tournament today while Australia won by 10 wickets over Ireland.

Results:

New Zealand v Sri Lanka: New Zealand 210-4 (Anna O'Leary 91, Haidee Tiffen 58), Sri Lanka 88.

Australia v Ireland: Australia 90 (49.3 overs), Ireland 91 (IL Keightley not out 49).

Scene from the 13th round engagements of the First Division Chess League at the NSC yesterday.



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Aussies' historic dozen

PERTH, Dec 3: Steve Waugh's Australian side set a new world record 12 successive Test wins here Sunday when they thrashed the West Indies by an innings and 27 runs on the third day of the second Test at Perth's WACA Ground, reports AFP.

It is the greatest winning sequence in the sport since Test cricket began 123 years ago, beating the 11 victories on the trot by Clive Lloyd's champion Caribbean team of the mid-1980s.

The West Indies, ousted for 196 in the first innings, were skittled for 173 in the second after Australia hammered 396 in their knock.

The end came in front of an ecstatic crowd of 11,057 when express bowler Brett Lee trapped veteran tailender lbw 19 minutes after tea.

Earlier in a dramatic final over, Lee snared Nixon McLean (11) and Marlon Black (0) to finish the innings with 5-61.

Immediately Walsh was dismissed, Australian players formed in a huddle on the field, congratulating each other.

Stumps were souvenired and players walked round the ground waving to the crowd.

The massive win, following a victory by an innings and 126 runs in the first Test in Brisbane eight days earlier, gives Australia a 2-0 lead and an apparent stranglehold on the five-match series.

Australia's remarkable winning sequence under skipper Steve Waugh began in Zimbabwe where they won a one-off match in Harare 14 months ago.

This was followed by 3-0 clean sweeps over Pakistan and India in Australia last summer and a 3-0 whitewash of New Zealand there shortly after.

Australia equalled the old record in Brisbane and surpassed it with another irrepressible performance here which underlines the side's claims as by far the best in current Test ranks.

There was early promise Sunday of a stern fight by the West Indies as they resumed with 16 for two.

Opening batsman Daren Ganga and left-hander Wavell Hinds kept out the hungry Australian attack for 44 minutes.

Ganga fell to speedster Jason Gillespie for 20 when third slip Matthew Hayden pouched a superb diving catch.

But the crucial dismissal of the morning was that of champion batsman Brian Lara, bowled by leg-spinner Stuart MacGill for 17 as he attempted a vigorous pull through mid-wicket.

Lara fell to the rash shot after courageously surviving a ferocious assault by the Australian pace attack, led by Glenn McGrath, the man who dismissed him in his three previous Test failures on this tour.

Lara made 0 and 4 in Brisbane and 0 in the first innings here.

It was a memorable wicket for MacGill, the third in a line of first-class cricketers from his family to have snared a prize wicket in Perth.

His late grandfather, Charlie MacGill, dismissed Donald Bradman — regarded as the greatest batsman of all time — in a game for Western Australia in Perth before World War II, and his schoolteacher father, Terry MacGill, captured West Indies great Garfield Sobers in a match against a World Eleven at the WACA 29 years ago.

It was also MacGill who rattled Hinds' stumps on the stroke of lunch to make the tourists a hopeless 95 for five.

Hinds, who hit a half century in the first innings, made 41 in almost two hours, with six thunderous boundaries.

The procession continued after lunch as fast bowler Brett Lee sent back the luckless Ramnaresh Sarwan (11) who now has three runs from four innings in the series.

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Barlow speaking

It has come to my attention through the pages of this newspaper that I am brain damaged and confined to a wheelchair.

When one has suffered a severe stroke, the area of the brain which is affected is damaged but over a period of time other parts of the brain compensate for this damage. As is blatantly obvious to people who have taken the trouble to speak to me they will know that my speech is fine, indeed when I was assessed at the time of my stroke, the Speech Therapist passed me on all counts. My cricketing brain has not been affected at all and I am still able to give interviews on TV and radio and write articles for magazines in South Africa.

As far as being confined to a wheelchair, I take exception to this as, I am able to walk with the aid of a walking stick and although it may be slow at the moment due to the pain I suffer in my knees and ankles, the physiotherapists say it will improve and they tell me that I shall be able to walk without the stick eventually.

If the kind of misinformation printed about me on the pages of this newspaper, appeared on the pages of a South African or British newspaper, the Editor would receive a solicitor's letter and would be sued accordingly.

Eddie Barlow
(Director of Development of BCB)



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Steve missing Adelaide Test

PERTH, Dec 3: Australian captain Steve Waugh confirmed Sunday he will be sidelined with injury from the third Test against the West Indies starting in Adelaide Friday week, reports AFP.

Waugh, 35, a veteran of 130 Tests, has a torn muscle in his left buttock and will undergo intensive treatment in a bid to be fit for the fourth Test starting in Melbourne on Boxing Day (December 26).

He received the injury while fielding on the opening day of the second Test here which Australia won Sunday by an innings and 27 runs to set a new world record 12 successive Test victories.

"Someone else will get a chance to captain Australia, and I am sure the team can survive without me," Waugh said.

Vice-captain Adam Gilchrist, 29, of Western Australia, is favored to lead the team, but his appointment is not automatic.

The recommendation of the selectors must be ratified by the Australian Cricket Board.

"I'll be disappointed not to be playing, and it will be hard to watch on TV," Waugh said.

"I'll keep in contact with the guys, but I don't want to be over there hanging around when someone else has the chance of being captain. I want to give that guy his freedom."

Waugh said he believed there was a good chance Gilchrist would replace him.

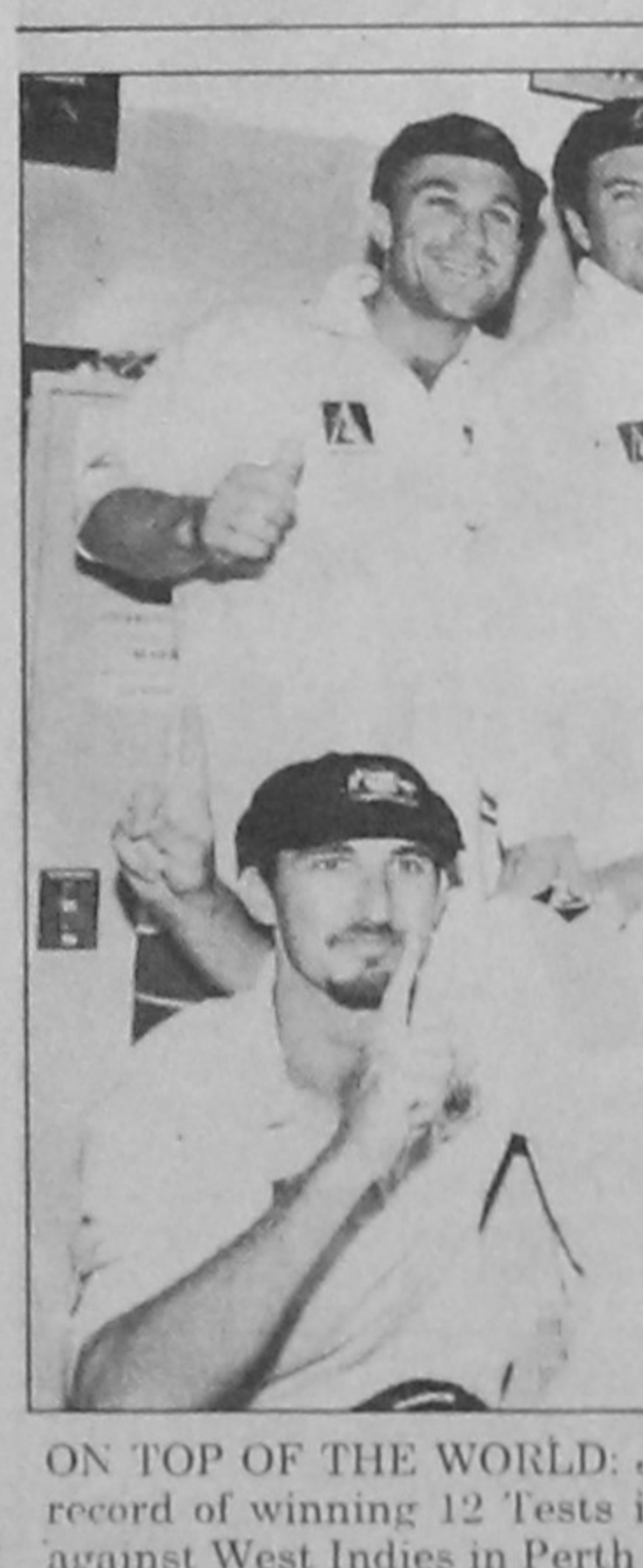
"It would be silly not to make him captain," he said.

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE
Rajshahi v Biman

A century opening-stand between Rafiqueul Islam and Omar Sharif saved Rajshahi from following on against fancied Biman in their three-day match in the Green Delta National League at the BKSP ground yesterday.

On the penultimate day, the openers put on 119 runs as Rajshahi, in reply to Biman's commanding first innings of 422, scored 288 before they were all out in 76.2 overs.

Hard-hitting Rafiqueul scored 67 off 107 balls. He slammed ten fours while Omar added 42



ON TOP OF THE WORLD: Jubilant Australia cricket team members, who created the world record of winning 12 Tests in a row, pose for photographs after the end of the second Test against West Indies in Perth yesterday.



Barisal players are rapturous after they bowled out Dhaka Metropolis cheaply in the first innings during their Green Delta National Cricket League fixture at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Barisal baffle Dhaka

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE
Barisal v Dhaka Metro

A high-flying Dhaka Metropolis face the prospect of losing their first points against a visiting side when they conceded the first innings lead to Barisal on the second day of their three-day Green Delta National League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The hosts, chasing a fighting Barisal total of 277, stumbled to 244 all out, thus allowing the visitors to have a vital 33-run first innings edge. This was the first time Dhaka Metropolis failed to grab the first innings advantage after their two successive engagements against Sylhet and Khulna at the same venue.

Barisal scored 61 for two at stumps with their first innings centurion Hannan Sarkar holding the fort with 39 not out.

Earlier, resuming the day on 46 for one, Dhaka helplessly watched their star-studded batting line-up perish in the most pathetic fashion just before tea with 11 of their 100 stipulated overs remaining unused.

Khulna's spinner Ahsanullah Hassan was the wrecker-in-chief with a haul of six wickets for 103 runs. The young left-arm made the most of a reckless batting display by Dhaka in his 37-over spell. Although there was no devil on

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day Green Delta National Cricket League match between Barisal and Dhaka Metropolis yesterday.

BARISAL: First Innings 277 for 6 in 100 over (Kiran 105 not out, Hannan 100, Saikat 3/62, Ashraful 2/72)

DHAKA METROPOLIS: First Innings (overnight 46 for 1 in 20 overs)

Ashraful st. Babu b Hassan	21
Mehrab st. Babu b Hassan	40
Shupen c Hannan b Hassan	58
Islam c Imran b Hassan	7
Al-Shahriar c Babu b Hassan	11
K Mahmud lbw b Moin	38
Biplob not out	34
Zia run out	1
Morshed c Shauvul b Hassan	13
Anwar c Babu b Shauvul	4
Saikat b Babu b Moin	11
Extras (lb-1, lb-3, nb-2)	6
Total (all out in 88.5 overs)	214

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Visitors avert follow on

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE
Rajshahi v Biman

off 96 balls with the aid of four boundaries.

However, both batsmen fell with the score on 124, and one-down Anisur Rahman had to guide the visitors to respectability with an aggressive 70 off 108 balls. He snote four sixes and five sweetly-timed hits across the rope during a 145-minute knock.

But his fine effort could not stop Biman from ensuring at least four points if the match ends in a draw today.

Earlier, the national airline outfit resuming on 379 for five in 92 overs, added another 43 runs in another 7.4 overs.

Rajshahi's Nuruzzaman was the most successful bowler finishing with six for 135 from his 37.4 overs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the Green Delta National Cricket League match between Biman and Rajshahi Stadium yesterday.

BIMAN: First Innings (overnight 379 for 5 in 92 overs)

Javed c Sharif b Alamgir	13
Farhat c Anisur b Mustadir	97
Habibul b Mustadir	72
Amrul c Mustadir b Nuruzzaman	28
Hasanuzzaman c Kalim b Nuruzzaman	104
Sanwar c Nadim b Nuruzzaman	44
Ziaur c & b Nuruzzaman	22
Atiur c Imran b Nuruzzaman	6
Sharif run out	7
Rafiqueul c Mustadir b Nuruzzaman	5
Saifullah not out	1
Extras (lb-1, lb-8, nb-10, w-4)	23
Total (all out in 99.4 overs)	422

Fall of wickets: 1/14, 2/153, 3/211, 4/224, 5/329, 6/403, 7/409, 8/409, 9/416

BOWLER O M R W

Amrul Jr	16	2	88	0
Alamgir	8	1	31	1
Imran	0	0	65	0
Nuruzzaman	37	4	135	6
Mustadir	29	3	94	2

RAJSHAH: First Innings

Rafiqueul c & b Saifullah	67
Sharif c Sanwar b Saifullah	12
Anisur c Anar b Sharif	70
Nuruzzaman c & b Rafiqueul	3
K Masood b Rafiqueul	15
Kalim lbw b Rafiqueul	6
Nadim lbw b Farhat	1
Mustadir c sub b Rafiqueul	20
Imran b Farhat	11
Amrul Jr b Farhat	26
Alamgir not out	0
Extras (lb-13, lb-9, nb-2, w-3)	27
Total (all out in 76.2 overs)	288

Fall of wickets: 1/119, 2/124, 3/139, 4/173, 5/193, 6/201, 7/250, 8/255, 9/275

BOWLER O M R W

Sharif	12	1	33	1
Hasanuzzaman	4	0	10	0
Farhat	14	2	59	3
Ziaur	7	2	14	0
Rafiqueul	29	3	111	4
Saifullah	10	0	39	2