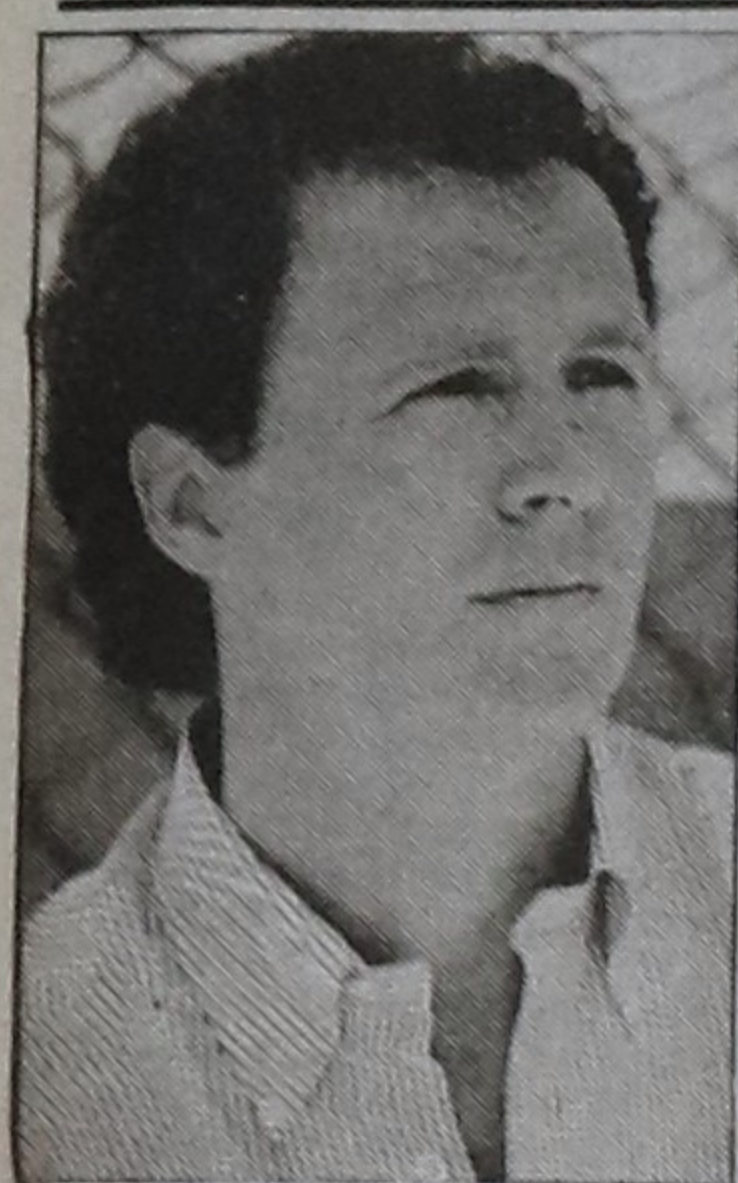




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Aussie Cricket Academy to tour BD

A team from Australia's Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy will tour Bangladesh in the beginning of new year, an Australian High Commission source said here yesterday, reports AFP.

The month-long tour beginning January 5 will include two three-day, one four-day and two one-day matches in Dhaka and western city of Rajshahi, the source said, but added that the schedule was yet to be finalised.

Officials at Bangladesh Cricket Board confirmed the tour, saving details were being worked out.

Bangladesh are likely to put their national squad and A team against the tourists, who will have former Aussie legend Rodney Marsh as manager.

The opening encounter will be a three-dayer at Rajshahi on January 7.

Akram part of Healy's match

KARACHI, Dec 8: Pakistani pace bowler Wasim Akram said Friday he will play a benefit match to honour Australian wicketkeeper Ian Healy on December 21 in Brisbane, reports AFP.

"I have always admired Healy's cricketing abilities and besides that he is the gentleman of Australian cricket so it will be worth a visit," Akram told this news agency.

Healy was one of the game's greatest glove-wielders with 395 victims in 119 Tests.

Akram will play under West Indian great Vivian Richards in a Rest of the World XI against an Australian XI. Renowned stars of the past and present will take part in the match.

Inzamam sends spin warning

KARACHI, Dec 8 (Internet Sport): Pakistan's first-day hero Inzamam-ul-Haq said the Karachi pitch would deteriorate as the game progresses.

Despite his serene progress on Thursday, Inzamam said the surface would take spin from the third day onwards.

"The track was good for batting, but after three days there will be a lot of turn," he said.

"It was certainly a good toss to win. The fourth innings will be very difficult and there will certainly be something for the spinners."

Ctg squander Nafis' ton

Sports Reporter

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE

Chittagong v Binan

Opener Nafis Iqbal scored a brilliant century as holders Chittagong reached a modest total against fancied Bangladesh Binan in their crucial Group A Green Delta National Cricket League three-day match at the Comilla Stadium yesterday.

On the first day, the young right hander smashed a dazzling 147 but that wasn't enough to prevent the home side, put into bat from suffering a dramatic lower-order collapse due to Binan's young right-arm seamer Mohammad Sharif. The port city team eventually bowled out for 317.

Sharif, the under-17 bowler, returned with career-best figures of six for 16 from 17.4 overs.

Nafis, the nephew of former national captain and teammate Akram Khan, batted for more than three hours and smote five sixes and 19 boundaries in his 147-ball innings.

After Chittagong lost two early wickets for only 49 runs, Nafis shared in a 152-run third wicket partnership with captain Minhazul Abedin to repair the innings and put the Group A leaders on the back foot.

Minhaz, the veteran middle-order batsman, scored 63 off 142 balls while Akram added 48 off 89 balls with three sixes and two fours.

But the day undoubtedly belonged to Sharif who sent the hosts plugging from 263-4 to lose their last six wickets for only 54 runs.

Sharif was assisted by veteran left-arm seamer Jahangir Alam Tuhikar who finished with three for 56.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day

of the three-day Green Delta National Cricket League match between Chittagong and Binan at the Comilla Stadium yesterday.

CHITTAGONG: First Innings
Azam b Jahangir 6
Nafis lbw b Jahangir 147
Ehsanul c Inan b Jahangir 0
Minhazul c Atar b Sharif 63
Akram c Atar b Sharif 48
Sabbir c Atar b Rafique 6
S Mchmid c Atar b Sharif 2
Mortuza not out 10
Ans lbw b Sharif 2
Suja lbw b Sharif 3
Shahidul b Sharif 0
Extras (b-22, lb-5, nb-2, w-1) 30
Total (All out in 88.4 overs): 317

Fall of wickets: 1-31; 2-49; 3-201; 4-263; 5-293; 6-299; 7-300; 8-304; 9-304

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Jahangir	29	10	56	3
Sharif	17.4	5	46	6
Inan	18	1	81	0
Rafique	14	1	48	1
Sabbir	5	0	29	0
Habibul	5	0	32	0

Zimbabwe win a thriller

JODHPUR, India, Dec 8: Last man Henry Olonga scrambled a single off the penultimate ball to give Zimbabwe a dramatic one-wicket win over India in the third one-day international here on Friday, reports AFP.

The tourists survived the loss of two wickets in the final over with the scores level to overtake India's 283-8 in the nick of time and record their first win in the five-match series.

India lead the series 2-1 with the last two matches to be played in Kanpur on Monday and Rajkot on Thursday.

A sell-out crowd of 30,000 at the Barkatullah Stadium, hosting its first one-day international, were treated to a high-scoring thriller.

India's innings revolved around Sachin Tendulkar's 146 off 153 balls — the master batsman's 27th one-day hundred — and lusty batting towards the end by tail-ender Zaheer Khan.

Tendulkar hit 15 boundaries and two sixes, but when he was dismissed in the 47th over, India had only 238-8 on the board.

Zaheer stepped in to plunder an unbeaten 32 off 11 balls, including four sixes in the final over bowled by Olonga, which cost 27 runs.

Zimbabwe lost three wickets for 52 before the Flower brothers, Andy and Grant, put them on the road to victory with a record fourth-wicket stand of 158.

The pair took the tourists to 210-3 in the 40th over before both departed alongside Gavin Rennie in the space of seven deliveries.

Andy Flower made 77 and Grant 70 in what was Zimbabwe's highest fourth-wicket stand ever, surpassing the 147 by Andy Flower and Neil Johnson against the West Indies in England earlier this year.

Zimbabwe were boosted further by Mutekwa Nkala's 36 off 27 balls and a captain's knock of 23 from Heath Streak.

Zimbabwe, needing three to win in the final over, managed to tie the scores with the first two deliveries from Ajit Agarkar.

But Nkala was run out off the third attempting the winning run, and Travis Friend was then bowled first ball to give Agarkar his 100th one-day wicket.

day wicket.

Olonga, desperate to make amends for his own disastrous final over against Zaheer, pulled the fifth ball into the vacant area at mid-on to take his team home.

Grant Flower, whose 70 followed a three-wicket haul earlier in the day, was named man-of-the-match.

It was a remarkable fight-back by Zimbabwe, who had lost the Test series 1-0 and were beaten easily in the first two one-dayers.

Earlier, the Indians had reached 136-1 by the 25th over after a second-wicket stand of 114 between Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid.

But Dravid's dismissal for 30 triggered a middle-order collapse in which four wickets fell for 27 runs to make India 163-5 in the 34th over.

Sunil Joshi helped Tendulkar add 57 off 54 balls for the sixth wicket, before Zaheer pulled off the last-over heroics.

Tendulkar made up for the early dismissal of captain Sourav Ganguly by racing to 50 off 37 balls with the help of seven fours and two sixes.

But before Tendulkar could move from 93 to his century, Dravid, Yuvraj Singh and Hemang Badani fell in quick succession.

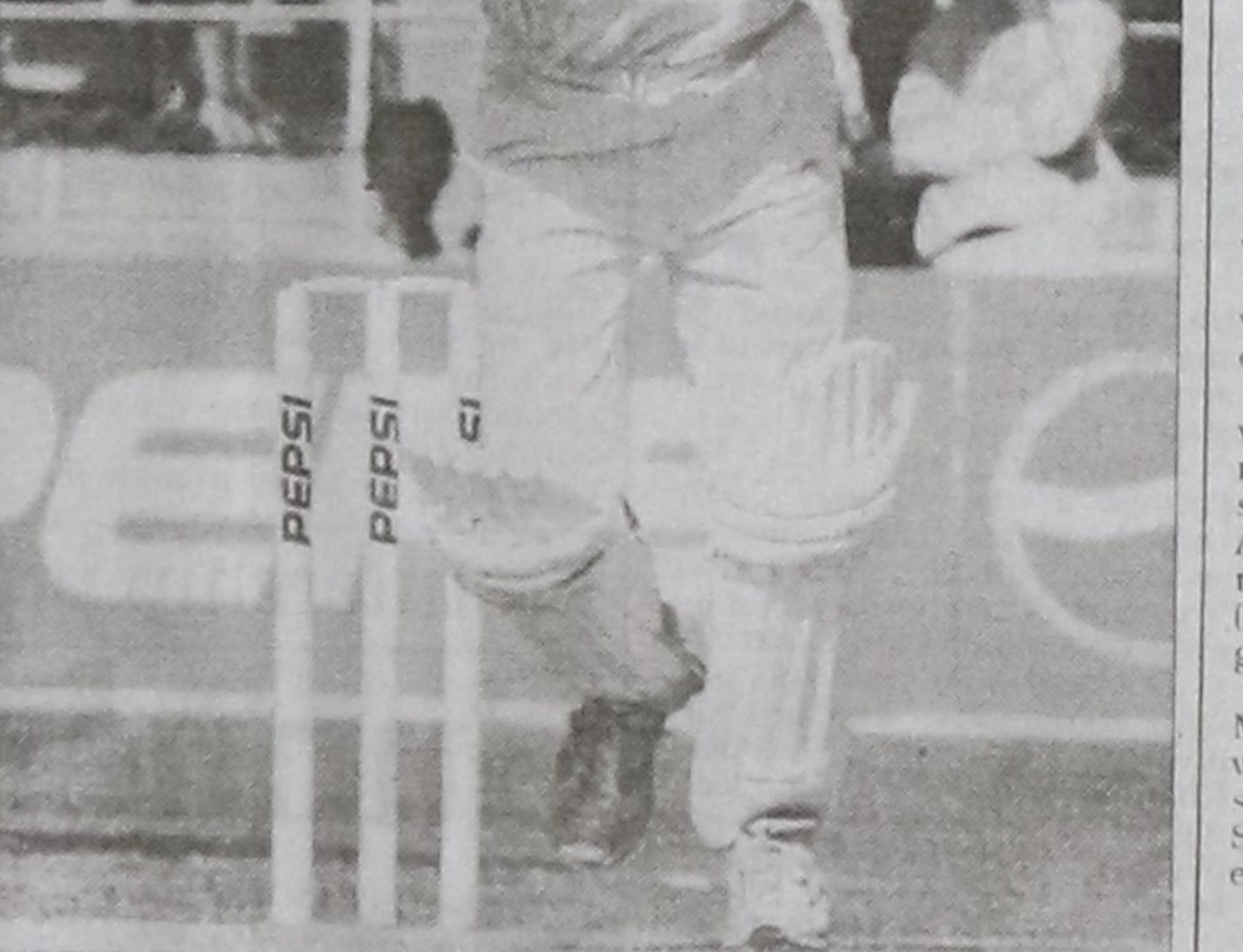
SCOREBOARD

Full scoreboard of the third one-day international between India and Zimbabwe on Friday:

INDIA

Ganguly b Streak 5

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Zimbabwe's Grant Flower, later named man-of-the-match, flicks during his knock of 70 against India in the third ODI at Jodhpur yesterday. —AFP photo

Samuels' chance at hand

KINGSTON, Dec 8 (AFP): Four years ago it was his brother Robert, but on Thursday, Marlon Samuels was preparing to fly out to Australia to be a part of the hapless senior West Indies team.

On the last West Indies tour of Australia in 1995-96, Samuels' brother Robert was Sherwin Campbell's partner for all but one of the five Tests, but he has been mysteriously overlooked since then.

In the midst of preparations for the long journey to Australia, Marlon was reflecting on the difference in the conditions between the Caribbean and Australia. Samuels told this news agency.

"He just told me that the pitches are very bouncy and that all I have to do is concentrate, get a start, pick up the line and bounce of the pitch and get settled. When I have done all these things, all will be well."

Samuels, a 19-year-old right-handed batsman, who

also bowls off-spin, was called to arms by the West Indies selection panel after left-hander Shivnarine Chanderpaul became sidelined with a foot injury, which needs four to six weeks to heal.

"It's a wonderful feeling and I just have to grasp this opportunity with both hands because it's a privilege to be able to play for West Indies," he said.

Samuels enters the fray at a time when the West Indies' morale is low, following heavy defeats in the opening two Tests at the Gabba in Brisbane and the WACA in Perth. He is, however, not daunted by the task ahead of him or the team.

"Although the team is not doing too well, I do not feel any pressure on myself to perform," he remarked.

"It's just to go out there and do what I know and put my best foot forward. I have had a chance to see the two Tests on television and the Australians do have good bowling, but I am looking to do my best."

Samuels has never appeared in a regional first-class match for his native Jamaica in spite of playing in a variety of first-class and limited-overs matches for West Indies, respective West

Khulna in control

Sports Reporter

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE

Barisal v Khulna

Khulna took command against hosts Barisal in their Green Delta National Cricket League game yesterday.

Barisal, sent into bat, were dismissed for 194 in 93.2 overs.

After Khulna right-arm medium pacer Anwar b Neevayur made the early breakthrough, spinners Manjural Islam Rana and Sohail Islam took care of the Barisal tail.

Rana grabbed four for 53 while Kamal and Sohail shared the remaining six wickets conceding 42 and 40 runs respectively.

In reply, the visitors had reached 111 without loss.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day Green Delta National Cricket League match between Barisal and Khulna at the Abdur Rab Serniabad Stadium in Barisal yesterday:

BARISAL: First Innings

Hannan c Sajjadul b A Kamal 5
Moin c Khairuzzaman b A Kamal 9
Inan c Selim b A Kamal 6
Ishtiaq lbw b Rana 10
Shahidul c Jamaluddin b Rana 44
Mizanur c Selim b Rana 20
Touhid c Raju b Sohail 4
Hasan c Selim b Sohail 78
Shahinwaz c b Rana 7
Al-Anim c Jamaluddin b Sohail 0
Ashraf not out 5
Extras (lb-1, lb-3, nb-1, w-1) 6
Total (All out in 97.2 overs): 194

Fall of wickets: 1-15; 2-21; 3-22; 4-55; 5-91; 6-102; 7-102; 8-115; 9-118

Bowler	O	M	R	W
A Kamal	24	9	42	3
Khairuzzaman	12	3	21	0
Niaz	4	1	10	0
Rana	29	11	53	4
Jamaluddin	4	1	13	0
Sohail	22.2	0	40	3
Nahidul	2	0	2	0

KHULNA: First Innings
Sajjadul not out 5
Raju not out 1
Extras (lb-2) 11
Total (For no loss in 2 overs): 12

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Al-Anim	1	0	6	0
Shahinwaz	1	0	3	0

Nuruzzaman goes to Rajshahi's rescue

Sports Reporter

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE

Dhaka v Rajshahi

A patient half-century from middle-order batsman Nuruzzaman helped Rajshahi make a fighting total against hosts Dhaka in their Green Delta National Cricket League away match at the Faridpur Stadium yesterday.

Nuruzzaman scored 80 off 177 balls as Rajshahi scored 230 in 83.3 overs before they were all out.

By stumps the home side were six for one after three overs.

Apart from Nuruzzaman, who hammered eleven boundaries in his more than four-hour stay at the crease, one-down Anisur Rahman (28) and all-rounder Mushfiqur Rahman (28) were the other notable run getters for the visitors.

Dhaka off-spinner Fahim Muntasir captured highest four wickets for 57 runs while two seamers Bikash Ranjan and Saiful Islam bagged two wickets each.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day Green Delta National Cricket League match between Dhaka and Rajshahi at the Faridpur Stadium yesterday:

RAJSHAHI: First Innings

Rafique c Lovesh b Bikash 16
Omar lbw b Saiful 12
Anisur c Fahim b Mosaddik 28
Kalm c Sudek b Fahim 12
Mushfiq c Rashidul b Biplab 28
Nuruzzaman c Mazharul b Bikash 80
Mustafiz c b Saiful 21
Rezwanul c Sudek b Fahim 0

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Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Dec 8: Friends Sporting Club and Sagapara Sporting Club won their respective matches of the sixth Bir Sreshtha Captain Shaheed Mohamud Jahangir Snr Gold Cup cricket tournament today at the A H M Quamruzzaman Divisional Stadium.

Friends Sporting defeated Sagapara Mitali Sangha by four wickets in the first match of the day.

Mitali winning the toss, betted first and collected 92 for all in 24.3 overs.

In reply, Friends Sporting reached the target of 94 runs for six wickets in 18 overs.

In reply, England lost opener Marcus Trescothick for 13 when he drove Younis, returning to

Rajin's futile century

Sports Reporter

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE

Sylhet v Dhaka Metro

Hosts Sylhet failed to build upon a maiden century by Rajin Saleh Alam against Dhaka Metropolis in their Green Delta National League fixture yesterday.

At the Sylhet Stadium, Rajin scored 115 to guide the home side to 220 in 98 overs on Day One.

Off-spinner Sharfuddowla Ibn Shahid of Dhaka Metropolis mesmerised the Sylhet batsmen taking six for 45 from 26 overs.

Opting to bat, Sylhet were in deep trouble when they lost



RAJIN SALEH ... 115

their two openers Parvez and Kabi with the board reading only 11 in six overs.

On way to his first three-figure score of the season that came off 272 balls, Rajin featured in two vital partnerships with elder brother Nasrul and middle-order Alok Kapali to give respectability to the total. It contained only three boundaries and two sixes.

The Alam brothers shared 63 runs for the third wicket. Nasrul contributed 33 in partnership with Alok, who made 20, the century-maker added 73 runs for the fourth wicket.

Unfortunately, the rest of the batsmen were unable to offer any resistance against Sharfuddowla.

The visitors were 25 for no loss in 13 overs at stumps. Opener Ashraf was not out on 13 and Mehrib Hossain batting on 10.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day Green Delta National Cricket League match between Sylhet and Dhaka Metropolis at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday:

SYLHET: First Innings

Parvez c Anwar b Neevayur 7
Kabi b Neevayur 0
Rajin c Anwar b Sharfuddowla 115
Nasrul c b Sharfuddowla 33
Alok lbw b Sharfuddowla 20
Rafique c Ashraf b Sharfuddowla 0
Inan c Biplab b Sharfuddowla 20
Hasibul b K Mahmud 12
Iqbal c Biplab b Sharfuddowla 1
Taposh run out 3

Inan not out 13
Extras (lb-1, lb-3, nb-2, w-2) 8
Total (All out in 98 overs): 220

Fall of wickets: 1-4; 2-11; 3-74; 4-147; 5-147; 6-201; 7-210; 8-214; 9-217

Bowler	O	M	R	W
K Mahmud	22	6	49	1
Neevayur	10	2	18	2
Ziaul	21	4	49	0
Ashraf	13	3	42	0
Sharfuddowla	26	9	45	6
Biplab	6	3	12	0

DHAKA METROPOLIS: First Innings

Ashraf not out 13
Mehrib not out 2
Extras (lb-1, lb-1) 2
Total (For no loss in 13 overs): 25

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hasibul	2	0	10	0
Iqbal	5	2	4	0
Taposh	4	1	5	0
Rafique	1	0	4	0
Inan	1	1	0	0



SHARFUDDOWLA ... 6/45

Second day England's

KARACHI, Dec 8: England fought back against Pakistan on Day Two of the deciding Test Friday with Ashley Giles and Darren Gough doing damage with the ball and Michael Atherton again steadying the bat, reports AFP.

At stumps at the National Stadium here England were 78-1 with opener Atherton on a watchful 43 and captain Nasser Hussain on 13.

The pair are probably relieved to be chasing only 405 after Pakistan capitulated once century makers Inzamam-ul-Haq and Yousuf Youhana left the crease, having compiled a crushing 259-run partnership for the fourth wicket.

The match is a high-stakes finale to England's first tour here in 13 years, as both sides try to clinch the series with a win following draws in the first two clashes.

Hussain's side in particular has a chance to scratch their names in history.

No English side has won a Test in Pakistan since Ted Dexter's 1962 side took a 1-0 series victory, while Pakistan have never lost in this bustling southern port city in 34 Tests.

With both teams looking for a result, England need another 127 runs to avoid a follow-on.

In the morning, Giles got the crucial breakthrough when he dismissed Youhana, then followed up with captain Moin Khan and Shahid Afridi.

The three wickets came in just 31 balls, leaving the spinner with 4-94 and a tally of 14 wickets in the series.

Gough then wrapped up Pakistan's innings with the scalps of tail-enders Saqlain Mushatq and Waqar Younis, to finish with figures of 3-82 as Pakistan lost their last seven wickets for just 82 runs.

In reply, England lost opener Marcus Trescothick for 13 when he drove Younis, returning to

the side to replace injured Wasim Akram, into the outstretched right hand of a leaping Inan Nazir in the covers.

Restarting in the morning at 292-3, Youhana and Haq added 31 quick runs before both fell to irresponsible shots.

Youhana was first to go when he tried to drive a full toss from Giles only to see it stek in the bowler's right hand. His 117 came in 313 minutes with 14 fours and a six.

Two runs later Inzamam drove a Craig White out-swinger and was well caught by a diving Trescothick for 142. Rapidly centimenting himself as the mainstay of Pakistan's batting line-up, Inzamam lasted 361 minutes and hit 22 boundaries.

Captain Moin Afridi and Abdur Razzak failed to maintain the momentum or counter Giles' off-spin.

Moin mistimed a shot and was caught by Graeme Hick for 10. Afridi tried to leave a ball pitched on middle stump and was bowled for the same score, while Razzak edged one to slip for 21.

"We batted poorly today and lost the initiative of Day One. I think we fell 80-100 runs short and it's up to our bowlers now to help us enforce a result," Moin said