Hooper keeps SA at bay

STAR SPORT MONITOR

Carl Hooper scored his first halfcentury as the new West Indies captain to rescue his side to 300 for eight on the second day of the first Test against South Africa in Georgetown on Saturday.

Hooper went to lunch after scoring a fluent 67 that contained seven sweetly timed fours off 141 balls. Mervyn Dillon played a perfect foil at the other end with an unbeaten nine off 87 balls.

With the overnight score at precarious 232 for seven, and Hooper restarting at 12, the Windies captain was under pressure to restore confidence for his team by pulling them out of the doldrums with a good innings. His 50 came off 108 deliveries.

Australia name ODI team

AP, Melbourne

Michael Bevan, Ian Harvey, Andrew Symonds. Darren Lehmann and Nathan Bracken were named Saturday to Australia's limitedovers cricket squad for the upcoming series against India.

The players will join members of Australia's Test lineup, which currently has a 1-0 series in the three-match in India, to form a 14-man squad for the limitedovers series starting March 25.

Jason Gillespie is the only addition to the squad that won the 2000-01 Carlton Series against the West Indies and Zimbabwe. The right-arm fast bowler missed the series due to a hamstring injury.

The Test players not taking part in the one-day international series are Michael Slater, Justin Langer, Colin Miller, Michael Kasprowicz and Matthew Hayden.

Australia lead head-to-heads against India in limited-overs 36-23 with three no results.

The limited-overs series begins in Bangalore. Other matches follow in Pune on March 28, Indore on March 31, Visakapatnam on April 3 and Goa on April 6.

SQUAD Stephen Waugh (captain) Adam Gilchrist, Michael Bevan, Nathan Bracken, Damien Fleming. Jason Gillespie, Ian Harvey, Darren Lehmann, Damien Martyn, Gleen McGrath, Ricky Ponting, Andrew Symonds, Shane Warne,

ICC will think about it

AP, Kandy

Mark Waugh.

The International Cricket Council will consider a Sri Lankan suggestion to refer the leg before wicket and bat-and-pad catch appeals to the television umpire for a ruling, an ICC spokesman said Saturday.

The ICC's Cricket Committeeplaying, or CCP, will meet in May at the Lord's in London. It will be chaired by former Indian skipper Sunil Gavaskar. Poor umpiring has marred the

current cricket Test series between Sri Lanka and England with players and officials from both sides questioning several decisions. Mark Harrison, the ICC

spokesman, dismissed as untrue the Sri Lankan media reports that the ICC had rejected the Sri Lankan suggestion to allow on field umpires to refer certain decisions to the third umpire.

Harrison said the ICC has informed Sri Lanka "that as this would constitute a fundamental change to the decision making process, it was not a proposal that could be decided by the umpires." "At no time has the ICC rejected this proposal," he said,

referring the matter to the CCP. The CCP will also undertake a three-year review of the playing conditions for international

cricket. Bayer wreck Werder

REUTERS, Berlin

Championship contenders Bayer Leverkusen ended a three-game losing streak on Friday, beating Werder Bremen 3-0 to inflict the north German side's first defeat since the winter break.

A display of cool finishing before home fans should take the their 3-2 Champions League win pressure off Bayer coach Berti on Tuesday by turning a free-kick Vogts, who had threatened to sack a string of players if they failed to try harder.

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Extras: (lb-1, nb-2) Total: (For 4 wkts in 31 overs) 91 Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-25, 3-86, 4-89 Bowler

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Lance, Allan act late

Cricket

AFP, Georgetown

All-rounder Lance Klusener slowed down the West Indian scoring rate and Allan Donald took two wickets in two balls as South Africa fought back on the first day of the first Test at the Bourda

ground on Friday. West Indies were 232 for seven at the close of play. They had been 101 for one at lunch after winning the toss and batting on a hard, bare pitch which offered no help to the bowlers.

Inexperienced opener Chris Gayle made 81 to put his side into a strong position but the West Indies were unable to capitalise as they were restricted by accurate bowling and defensive field plac-

Klusener's accurate offcutters, delivered off a short run with wicketkeeper Mark Boucher standing up to the bat, put the brakes on the West Indian bats-

He took the key wicket of Brian Lara when the star batsman tried to break loose, hitting one ball for four to long-on and then skying the next to mid-off.

Lara made 47 off 106 balls in an uncharacteristically slow innings. Fast bowler Donald came back into the attack in the 81st over when the new ball was due but staved with the old ball.

bowled Ramnaresh Sarwan with a two for 31 off 26 overs. reverse-swinging yorker and with

Sarwan, preferred to the more on 88 for the second wicket. experienced Shivnarine Chanderpaul, made only seven off 83 balls.

Tests before driving at a wide ball 7,000. from Jacques Kallis and edging a catch to Boucher.

Gayle, whose international soon had to face the harsh reality

disciplined for "attitude problems" on his first major tour to England last year, hit powerfully close. off the back foot as he surged past his previous best score of 33. But the introduction of Klusener to the attack shortly before lunch signalled a change of fortunes.

He conceded only 17 runs off Friday: 17 overs before Lara took him on and hammered a boundary to long-on before hitting a catch to

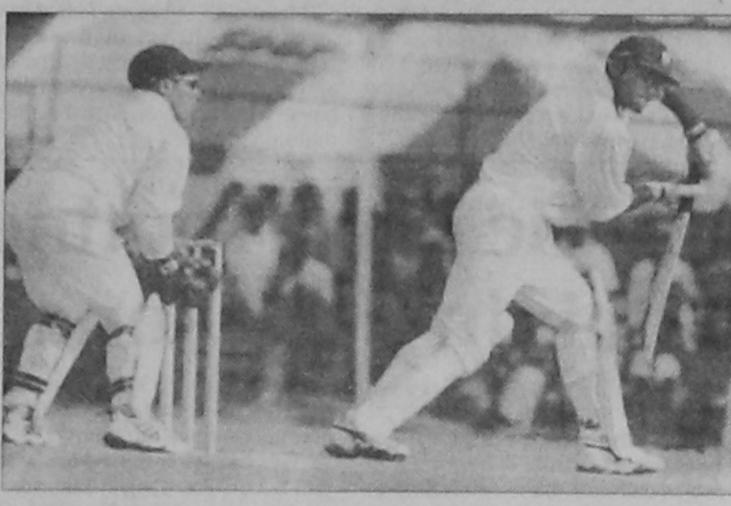
career was blotted when he was of leading a struggling side as four wickets fell quickly. Hooper remained unbeaten on 12 at the SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on

the first day of the first Test be-

tween the West Indies and South Africa at the Bourda ground on WEST INDIES: First innings Hinds c Boje b Pollock

Gayle c Boucher b Kallis



West Indies captain Carl Hooper plays defensively on the first day of the first Test against South Africa on Friday.

Donald at mid-off. With the new Samuels b Boje ball being delayed until the 89th over, Klusener carried on bowling Sarwan b Donald and bowled Nixon McLean shortly With his fourth delivery he before close of play to finish with Jacobs Ibw b Donald

Nicky Boje had a good spell of Ramnarine not out his next ball had Ridley Jacobs Ibw left-arm spin bowling which Extras: (b-2, lb-12, w-2, nb-6) 22 when the wicketkeeper missed a claimed the wicket of Marlon Samuels for 40 after he and Gayle put

New West Indian captain Carl Hooper, returning to international Gayle, 21, a tall left-hander, hit cricket after retiring two years ago, 14 fours off 158 deliveries as he received a rapturous reception reached his highest score in five from a home town crowd of about He came in with his team in a

Fall of wickets: 1-43, 2-131, 3 165, 4-206, 5-221, 6-221, 7-228

sound position at 206 for four but

Lara c Donald b Klusener Hooper not out McLean b Klusener Total: (For 7 wkts in 90 overs) 232

Bowler	0	M	R	W
Donald	16	7	31	2
Pollock	12	2	37	- 1
Ntini	10	2	45	0
Kallis	12	2	25	1
Klusener	26	12	31	2
Boje	14	4	49	1

Moscow's magnificent six Meanwhile, Russia's provincial

Football AFP. Moscow

Football teams from the Russian capital Moscow look set to dominate once again the country's domestic league when the new season kicks off Saturday.

Winners of the championship for eight of the past nine years, but just eliminated from the European Champions League after losing 1-0 away to Arsenal in midweek, Spartak Moscow are strong favourites to win their sixth consecutive title at home.

Spartak have bolstered their squad with the signings of Uzbekistan international striker Dzhafar Irismetov, Macedonian libero Igor Mitreski and Russia under-21 full back Dmitry Bugakov along with Ukrainian keeper Maxim Levitsky, who fell out of favour with the French side St-Etienne's bosses after he was implicated in a false passports scandal.

But Lokomotiv Moscow --Spartak's most serious rivals in recent years -- have boosted their line-up with a string of pre-season signings, including Russian international striker Maxim Buznikin in a bid to challenge Spartak for the

Another Moscow side Torpedo, Division Valence. who snatched third place in last the trophy.

Torpedo, who play their home fixtures at Moscow's five-star teams have also set themselves the Luzhniki stadium, also used by Spartak, are eager to prove to their fans that the team itself, not just the 83,500-seater venue, deserves drums because of cash shortages. to be showcased in the European Champions' League.

CSKA and Dynamo, who finished fifth and eighth respectively are also hungry for titles as they have both failed to match the triumphs of their Soviet heyday by winning the league in the decade since the collapse of Communism 1998 crash Another Moscow side Tor-

pedo-ZIL, a spinoff team backed by capital's famous ZIL car manufacturers, won promotion to the top flight at the end of last season after a financial crisis forced the factory owners to sell Torpedo to the Luzhniki stadium.

Strasbourg in last eight

Relegation-threatened Strasbourg. bottom of the French First Division, booked their spot in the quarterfinals of French Cup Friday night with a 2-0 away win to Third

The Alsatians got off to a quick season's championship with a start against the amateur side dramatic injury-time victory over from south eastern France scoring newly-promoted Makhachkala, in the 10th minute with a strike have also set their sights on lifting from Jacques Remy and a second from Peguy Luyndula in the 56th.

task of providing the capital's clubs a run for their money in the title race after years in the dol-Volgograd, runners-up in 1997

and Vladikavkaz-based side Alania, the only side to knock Spartak off the top spot, in 1995, are also back in with a shout having finally recovered from the financial problems that hit most Russian sides in the wake of the August

Southern side Rostov, which claims to be the best team in the country with the exception of the Moscow clubs and Saint Petersburg's Zenit, placed seventh last season, have also thrown down the gauntlet ahead of Saturday's opening match.

Russia's football experts predict record attendances on the terraces this season after the country's football bosses again failed to strike a deal for television rights with the state-controlled RTR and ORT channels.

Spartak are currently the only side in the league whose matches are regularly broadcasted.

Spartak last year sold their broadcast rights on a three-year deal to Ren TV, a small Moscowbased regional network owned by the oil giant LUKoil, coincidentally Spartak's general sponsor.

The club officials in Rostov, Novorossisk and Voronezh said they were expecting sellouts at this season's opening matches.

Oceania decision put on hold AFP, Sydney

The Oceania Football Confederation has delayed a decision until Tuesday on whether Australia or Fiji will host the Oceania leg of the World Cup qualifiers next month.

town of Coffs Harbour was scheduled to stage the 10-team series next month, but federal government bans on Fijian sporting teams visiting Australia caused a rethink by the OFC.

Samoa while New Zealand have a tougher group against the Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Vanuatu and The OFC was poised to switch

the April 8-20 qualifiers to Fiji at

game alongside Maradona in the | tended that deadline to Tuesday in the hope that developments in Fiji would convince the Australian government to soften its stance. A spokesman for Foreign Min-

day there would be no immediate "We do not feel there has been

event in Australia but we have to

Pakistan on front foot

Cricket

The tourists, who went into

on 98 for three at stumps in their

AFP, Auckland

Australia's opening batsman Michael Slater has not been banned from playing in the second Test Pakistan built a 192 run lead over against India from Sunday, offi-New Zealand with seven wickets in hand after Day Three of the first cials said.

International Cricket Council | Test at Eden Park on Saturday. (ICCC) match referee Cammie Smith clarified on Saturday his their second innings with a lead of decision to serve a suspended | 94 runs having bowling New Zeasentence on Slater had been land out for 252, were well placed wrongly interpreted.

Slater hasn't

been banned

AFP, Calcutta

"Slater is not banned, just fined 50 percent of his match fees and given a one-match suspended sentence for six months," Smith

Former ICC president Jagmohan Dalmiya had been quoted by domestic news agencies on Friday as saying that Slater had been thrown out of the Test for defending his confrontation with Indian batsman Rahul Dravid during the first Test in Bombay last week.

The seasoned opener told a Sydney radio station earlier this week that the incident, in which he claimed a disputed catch, had been "totally blown out of propor-

Smith, who initially let off Slater with a warning, slapped a onematch suspended suspension on the New South Wales batsman for

going public on the incident. Slater was also fined 3,000 US dollars that amounts to half his

match fees. The right-hander appears certain to play the second Test despite a horrific run with the bat on the tour so far. His best score in eight innings has been 32 against

Ranji Trophy champions Mumbai. Australia lead the three-match series 1-0 after a 10-wicket romp at Bombay with two days to spare.

Lloyd at work in Sharjah

AFP, Sharjah

An independent commission of inquiry including former West Indies captain Clive Lloyd has started a probe into match-fixing allegations at cricket matches in

The Emirates Cricket Board (ECB) said the three-member commission met with ECB and Cricketers' Benefit Fund Series officials on Thursday and Friday and visited the Sharjah cricket stadium on a preliminary factfinding mission.

"The commission intends to reconvene in the UK for the purpose of conducting interviews by off spinner Paul Wiseman just Matthew Sinclair for 34 with Nawith a number of individuals, and again in Sharjah in the near future for further interviews," said legal expert George Staple, another panel member. They will work in cooperation

with the International Cricket Council (ICC) and submit a report to the ECB "in due course", said the former director of Britain's Serious Fraud office. The third member of the com-

mission is a high-ranking Emirati police officer, Brigadier Mohammad al-Mualla.

Cricket in the Emirates, an ICC associate member that has hosted more one-day internationals than any other venue, is based around Sharjah, which has a 28,000-seater stadium and plays host to a yearly tri-series competition.

Former president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, Inderjit Singh Bindra, has made allegations about matches in Sharjah.

"If any individuals are involved in any unsavoury associations, it is entirely at their own initiative and responsibility," the ECB board said in November, backing a probe to clear Sharjah's name.

The northern New South Wales

Australia were drawn against Tonga, Fiji, American Samoa and

"UEFA say that that goal | close of business Friday if the Fiji-However, a spokesman said

ister Alexander Downer said Fri-

enough movement to come to any conclusions," the spokesman said. "We are very keen to have the

was pleased with his performance against a world class bowling at-

nings, I felt tested all the way through and it was very demanding," Fleming said, adding that he still held out high hopes for a win.

"If we can take wickets tomorrow (Sunday) and restrict them, then definitely. The wicket is good enough, it's testing but reasonably

Fleming reached his 50 in 246 minutes. McMillan followed soon after with his 12th half-century, "It was a very challenging in- hitting five fours and three sixes in 142 minutes at the crease. But when McMillan edged a

slower ball from Waqar Younis to second slip the pendulum swung back in Pakistan's favour with the score moving to 194 for five. Fleming departed 23 runs later. followed first ball by debutant James Franklin. Only a late 32 not

out from Adam Parore nudged New Zealand over the 250 mark. Saglain's four wickets were backed up by three from Sami and

two from Wagar. Pakistan again started their innings positively with Farhat quickly getting into his stride.

He reached his first Test 50 off 64 balls, hitting eight fours, while Daryl Tuffey continued his good form to remove Salim Elahi and Misbah-ul-Haq cheaply before stumps.

Farhat looked set to carry on his entertaining knock into Sunday but he smashed a ball straight back at Wiseman who juggled the catch in the second-last over of the

Key batsman Yousuf Youhana finished the day unbeaten on 17 alongside nightwatchman Saqlain.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the first cricket Test between New Zealand and Pakistan at Eden Park on Saturday:

PAKISTAN: First innings 346 (Younis Khan 91, Moin Khan 47; D Tuffey 4-96, C Martin 4-106)

NEW ZEALAND: First innings (65-2 overnight) Richardson b Sami Bell c Moin b Wagar Sinclair c Farhat b Sami Fleming b Saglain Astle b Mushtag McMillan e Y Khan b Wagar Parore not out Franklin Ibw b Saqlain Wiseman Ibw b Saglain Tuffey b Saglain Martin b Sami Extras: (b-8, lb-20, nb-6) Total: (All out in 96.4 overs) 252

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-1, 3-82, 4-83, 5-194, 6-217, 7-217, 8-237, 9-Bowler Waqar

Sami Saglain 20 3 48 4 Mushatq PAKISTAN: Second innings Farhat c and b Wiseman Elahi c Wiseman b Tuffey Pakistani young pace bowler Misbah c Parore b Tuffey Youhana not out

poorly at the crease, with only a shot to a Mushtaq Ahmed goo-Fleming and McMillan held Tuffey New Zealand together and at 83 Martin While Fleming said he was for four the hosts looked as though

Saglain not out than Astle following shortly after-Extras: (lb-1) Earlier New Zealand performed wards for nought after not offering Total: (For 3 wkts in 33 overs) 98 Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-59, 3-97 Franklin hugely disappointed to miss out they were on track to resurrect Wiseman McMillan

Garbin stuns Seles

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DOWN

Pakistani opener Imran Farhat attempts to pull on the third day of the

first Test against New Zealand at Auckland on Saturday.

Eighteen-year-old debutant

captain Stephen Fleming (86) and gly

on an elusive third Test century he their innings.

Imran Farhat led the way for Paki-

stan with a quickfire 63 off 108

balls but was caught and bowled

Craig McMillan (54) showing the

Tennis

AFP, Indian Wells

second innings.

before the close.

required bottle.

Italy's Number 54 Tathiana Garbin spoiled the 2001 Masters Series debut of American Monica Seles, upsetting the sluggish American 7-6, 3-6, 6-4 Friday night to reach the

third round. Seles, seeded fourth, was playing her first match of the event after a first-round bye given to the

Garbin, 23, and competing here for the first time, had already won a match. The Italian had won her first of the year this week as she beat Olga Barabanschikova.

"I was not playing my usual game," said Seles, who won a tournament just a fortnight ago Miami. and now must prepare for the next Masters in Miami starting March 21. "She got better and I got worse. Middle East at Doha and Dubai.

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New Zealand never really re-

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Mohammad Sami then removed

wickets for one run on Friday.

to Russian newcomer Elena Bovina 6-4, 6-4. Bovina, the Number 141, is playing for the first time here.

number one and the 1998 Indian Wells champion, got a competitive Hrdlickova, but turned the screws enport won here in 2000 and in in the second to emerge with a 1997. predictable 7-5, 6-0 win.

The Swiss is fresh off a pair of revitalised for the North American hardcourt run in California and

Hingis has come back to tennis "real life" after two weeks in the

"It was all quite amazing there, I couldn't teil if it was going meeting the princess in the palace, in or out. I've got a lot to work on riding a horse to the opening ceremony," she said of the tennis-Fifth seed Conchita Martinez and-culture adventure. "You start also crashed out, an upset victim to realise what's happening - it's a fairytale. You go back home and back to reality.

Second seed Davenport over-Martina Hingis, the world whelmed Australian Nicole Pratt 6-2, 6-1 as the tournament got down to serious business before first set out of Czech Kveta the men begin on Monday. Dav-

Third seed Venus Williams ran titles in the Gulf last month and is off 11s game before Frenchwoman Sarah Pitkowski won her first and only, getting applause from the sympathetic crowd on the way to a 6-0, 6-1 defeat.

Hingis and Davenport are expected to fight again for the title.

Real reaction "The one-match ban is not im-

Football

REUTERS, Madrid

Real Madrid said on Friday they would appeal against a UEFA decision to suspend and fine Raul for a handball goal against Leeds United, saying the sanction was a stain upon the player's reputation.

into the Leeds net with his hand. Although he claimed afterwards the goal was legitimate, video evidence proved he used his hand to score, UEFA's disciplinary board banned him for one game and

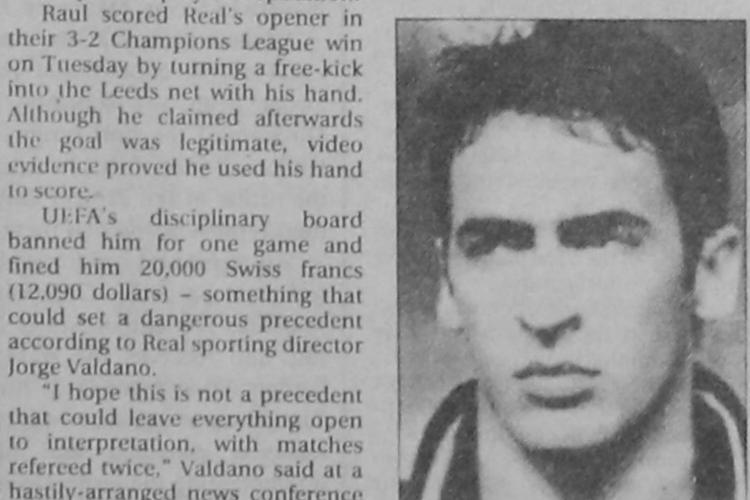
fined him 20,000 Swiss francs (12,090 dollars) - something that could set a dangerous precedent according to Real sporting director Jorge Valdano. "I hope this is not a precedent that could leave everything open to interpretation, with matches

hastily-arranged news conference 3 at the Bernabeu on Friday. "This is a surprise to the club and we do not agree with the sanction.

"If the referee had thought 3 Raul had put the ball in the net using his hand the maximum sanction he would have received would be a yellow card - never a one-match ban.

portant to us but this stain on the reputation of a player whose record is immaculate, is.

"We will appeal against this. while at the same time maintaining all due respect towards UEFA. "Raul has throughout his career been an example of sports-



RAUL GONZALEZ manship. "His goal was not a premedi-

tated act. It was instinctive. "Footballers are not brought up to say to the referee, 'Oh, I'm sorry, that goal I just scored was with my hand'."

Valdano said Real had not been given details of the case against Raul but hit out strongly at suggestions in the Spanish media that Raul had admitted to the referee or a UEFA delegate that he had used his hand. "Raul doesn't understand English and he could not have said

that to anyone," said Valdano. "He

might have made a gesture that

was misinterpreted." Valdano added that in UEFA's statement to the club they had drawn reference to Maradona's infamous "hand of God" goal that set Argentina on their way to a 2-1 victory over England in the World | the Cook Islands. Cup quarter-finals in Mexico in 1986.

should have been met with a answeren't granted visas. strong response but it wasn't," said Valdano, who played in that | Friday the confederation had ex-Argentina side. "It has been 15 years since that |

game and there have been plenty

attitude towards UEFA."

of other games with obvious handballs that have not met with sanctions." He added: "Maybe UEFA were | change to the issuing of visas to looking for an example and chose | the Fijians. a player with such a good record

and a club with such a good rec-"However, we are not saying we have been victimised by this decision and it won't change our | bear in mind what's happening in

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE REALLY UNLUCKY SWIMMER WHO WAS COMPLETELY STUCK IN SEAWEED YELLED, "KELP!" Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals D

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error,