

Indomitable

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edged it to Mehala Jayawardene at first slip.

The touring team's plight might have been heightened had Thorpe, on 75, been given out to a bat-pad catch off Muralitharan's off spin, but the umpire's verdict went in the batsman's favour.

Thorpe went to his century from 250 balls, having hit 10 fours, and edged England into the lead with last man Darren Gough as an effective ally.

Vaas had the final word immediately after lunch when Gough went to drive and edged to Jayawardene at first slip, giving the Sri Lankan paceman a worthy haul of six for 73.

When the home country batted again they lost three wickets for three runs at one stage, Gough starting the slump by getting Marvan Atapattu for a pair when he misused to mid-on.

Andy Caddick had Sangakkara caught behind off an outside edge as he went to off drive, then Gough trapped Jayasuriya lbw as he aimed to turn the ball to leg.

Sri Lanka, 24 for three at that point, checked the slide as Aravinda de Silva and Jayawardene added 33 before de Silva clipped Caddick's slower ball off his legs and Thorpe held a diving catch to his left at mid-wicket.

The slow bowlers now took over, with Robert Croft removing Russel Arnold, who also completed a pair, before left-armers Giles snapped up the key wicket of Jayawardene for 23 on his way to taking four for 11 which sealed the Sri Lankans' fate.

There was more drama to come as England stumbled from 21 without loss to 43 for four and then 71 for six — Jayasuriya taking four for 24 — but left-armers Thorpe once again rose to the occasion in impressive style.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Final scoreboard on the third day of the third and final Test between England and Sri Lanka on Saturday:

**SRI LANKA:** First innings 241 (M Jayawardene 71; R Croft 4-56)  
**ENGLAND:** First innings (over-night 175-4)

Atherton lbw b Vaas	21			
Trescothick c Arnold b H'rachchi	23			
Hussain c J'suriya b H'rachchi	8			
Thorpe not out	113			
Stewart b M'tharan	3			
Vaughan c S'kara b Vaas	26			
White c S'kara b Vaas	0			
Giles c J'wardene b Vaas	0			
Croft run out	16			
Caddick c J'suriya b Vaas	0			
Gough c J'wardene b Vaas	14			
Extras: (b-10, lb-9, nb-6)	25			
Total: (All out in 109.5 overs)	249			
Fall of wickets: 1-45, 2-55, 3-66, 4-91, 5-177, 6-177, 7-181, 8-209, 9-223				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Vaas	27.5	6	73	6
Fernando	5	0	26	0
De Silva	3	1	2	0
M'tharan	41	9	73	1
H'rachchi	24	6	36	2
J'suriya	9	1	20	0

**SRI LANKA:** Second innings  
Atapattu c Croft b Gough 0  
J'suriya lbw b Gough 23  
S'kara c Stewart b Caddick 0  
De Silva c Thorpe b Caddick 23  
J'wardene lbw b Giles 11  
Arnold c Hussain b Croft 0  
Dilshan b Giles 10  
Vaas c Atherton b Giles 6  
Fernando c Giles b Gough 5  
H'rachchi not out 0  
M'tharan lbw b Giles 1  
Extras: (nb-2) 2  
Total: (All out in 28.1 overs) 81

Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-24, 3-24, 4-57, 5-59, 6-59, 7-69, 8-76, 9-80

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Gough	6	1	23	3
Caddick	8	2	29	2
Giles	9.1	4	11	4
Croft	5	0	18	1

**ENGLAND:** Second innings  
Atherton c and b Fernando 13  
Trescothick c S'kara b J'suriya 10  
Vaughan b M'tharan 8  
Thorpe not out 32  
Stewart c J'wardene b J'suriya 0  
White c J'wardene b J'suriya 8  
Hussain c Arnold b J'suriya 0  
Giles not out 1  
Extras: (lb-1, nb-1) 2  
Total: (For 6 wks in 24.3 overs) 74

Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-24, 3-42, 4-43, 5-63, 6-71

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Vaas	3	0	11	0
H'rachchi	3	1	5	0
M'tharan	8	1	26	1
Fernando	2	0	7	1
J'suriya	8.3	0	24	4

Result: England won by four wickets and won the series 2-1.  
Man-of-the-match: Graham Thorpe.  
Man-of-the-series: Darren Gough.

Semis start

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nation before winning on a golden goal.  
"We are looking forward to producing something special and that might take us to the final," said a confident manager of Egypt at Heli-Sharaton on Saturday.

Japan had also never defeated Pakistan but promised to live up to their reputation as the tough team to beat.

"Pakistan is very strong in attack. But this is a pressure situation where if you lose you are out," said Japanese manager Toichi.

Taichi's Pakistan counterpart Brig Khokar admitted that the Japanese are 'capable enough to beat them.'



Australia captain Steve Waugh (R) and leg-spinner Shane Warne discuss something during a practice session at Madras on Saturday. They meet India in the third and final Test here starting today.

Yes or no over Warne

AFP, Madras

Australian captain Steve Waugh and coach John Buchanan had a rare public tiff over playing spin king Shane Warne in the crucial final Test against India here from Sunday.

Buchanan said Warne was not in good shape to play the decider with the series locked 1-1, but Waugh argued that the coach alone could not make a decision on the leg-spinner.

"There are two others on the tour selection committee (Waugh himself and vice-captain Adam Gilchrist) who will also decide," Waugh said.

"I believe Warne is good enough to pull himself through any situation. I will back him to do well at the crunch," Waugh said.

Warne, who has always found the Indians a hard nut to crack, was smashed for 217 runs for his three wickets during India's 171-run win in the second Test at Calcutta on Thursday.

In 10 Tests against India, Warne has just 27 wickets at an average of 52.85 compared to an overall record of 374 wickets at 26.28 from 86 Tests.

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manage the bowlers all tour but there comes a point when you've got to bowl."

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Punjab off-spinner Sharandeep Singh and Mumbai's left-armer Nilesh Kulkarni are favoured to join Harbhajan Singh, who had a match-haul of 13 wickets at Calcutta including a hat-trick in the first innings.

Captain Saurav Ganguly, however, said pace spearhead Jagavallu Srinath was still unfit to play after missing the second Test with a broken finger.

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Fleming calls for special act

REUTERS, Christchurch

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming called for a something special from his side when they go into the fourth day of the second Test against Pakistan on Sunday, needing to draw level in the three-match series.

"We've got to knock them over before lunch and we need a lead to be able to push ahead and set them a target. I don't think they will declare, so we have to get them out," Fleming said.

He noted three Pakistani wickets in the last session on Saturday helped, adding: "It's a very flat wicket and we need to get more in the first session tomorrow."

New Zealand's tough day was aggravated by injury to debutant medium fast bowler Chris Drum, who fell awkwardly in the field and dislocated his right shoulder.

Fleming said Drum will not bowl again in the match and is doubtful for batting.

Div I cricket

UNB, Dhaka

Orient Club defeated Uttara Club by 30 runs in the First Division Cricket League at the City Club ground on Saturday.

Sent in to bat, Orient were all out for 190 in 50 overs with opener Jewel making 63 off 131 balls.

Topu captured three wickets conceding 38 runs while Mahfuz took two for 28.

In their turn, Uttara were shot out for 160 in 47.5 overs with number 10 batsman Moni making 41 off 57 balls.

Lucky claimed four wickets for 24 runs while Babul and Joky took two wickets each.

Nat'l U-14 football

UNB, Dhaka

Eight teams reached group semi-finals winning their respective matches in the second day of the Biman Cup Under-14 National Football Championship at different zonal venues on Saturday.

The winning teams are Bogra, Panchagarh, Tangail, Satkhira, Munshiganj, Patuakhali, Noakhali and Sunamganj. Earlier, Dhaka, Khulna, Chittagong, Jessore, Chandpur, Sirajganj, Gaibandha and Mymensingh reached the group semis winning their opening match on Friday.

At Narayanganj, Munshiganj beat Narasingdi 3-2.

At Pirojpur, Patuakhali also recorded an identical victory over Gopalganj.

At Laxmipur, Noakhali defeated Bandarban 4-2.

At Narail, Satkhira blanked Chuadanga 3-0.

At Natore, Bogra edged Chapainawabganj 4-3.

At Rangpur, Panchagarh thrashed Kurigram 4-0.

At Moulvibazar, Sunamganj got walkover against Brahmanbaria.

And at BKSP, Tangail overcame Rajbari 2-1.

Mymensingh cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The Beg Still Premier Division Cricket League starts at the local stadium today.

A total of 11 teams are to take part in the meet which will be inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner M Rafiqul Islam.

Hail Hussain

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Young England, scoring 170 in the second Test in Sri Lanka in the 1986-87 series. He followed that by being top scorer for England in the Youth World Cup in Australia the following year.

His Essex debut followed in 1987, followed by his county cap in 1989. Hussain went on to lead the Combined Universities to the quarter-final of the Benson and Hedges Cup in the same year.

Hussain made his England debut in the same year in the West Indies and set records for the third, fourth and fifth-wicket partnerships for his county through 1991 and 92.

After mixed form against Australia in 1993 Hussain knuckled down to the county game and was made Essex vice-captain in 1996, having captained England A in Pakistan over the previous winter.

Hussain made his Test return in 1996 with a century against India at Edgbaston and a double century against Australia on the same ground a year later, cementing his place in the side.

Inzamam lifts Pakistan

AGENCIES, Christchurch

Inzamamul Haq made New Zealand pay for a fumble in the slips with a century as Pakistan dominated the third day of the second Test against New Zealand here Saturday.

Pakistan ended the day at 341 for six, 135 runs behind New Zealand's first innings total of 476 with four wickets remaining.

Yousuf Youhana, 73, and Saqlain Mushtaq, 20, were the not out batsmen. Chris Martin was the best of the bowlers with two for 106.

Late Friday, Inzamam, who was then on ten, sent a ball to slip-flied Nathan Astle who dropped it.

A similar stroke off Martin's bowling and a catch by New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming finally brought Inzamam's innings to a close on Saturday.

knock of 130. I am extremely happy with that innings because I realise I am looked on as the main batsman in the team," he said. "I realised my responsibility and I wanted to stay out there and carve an innings."

Inzamam said the pitch was good for run-making and he was disappointed he could not carry on to beat his highest Test score of 200 not out.

It was a long day in the field with the portable pitch showing an almost unnatural perfection without variation and offering little for any bowler.

Pakistan put on 276 runs during a day dominated by Inzamam's 131 Test century.

New Zealand finally got the breakthrough with the new ball. Inzamam was first to go and 15 balls later Younis Khan nicked a Daryl Tuffey ball which flew to a diving catch by wicketkeeper Adam Parore.

It offered some brief hope to

Shortly after Chris Drum had to retire hurt after he dived awkwardly to stop a fast ball. He succeeded, but in the process painfully put his shoulder out, adding to the lengthy injury woes of the home side.

Drum, with a dislocated joint in the shoulder, is unlikely to be back in this Test.

If he is out his bowling load is likely to go to part timer Craig McMillan.

Pakistan captain Moin Khan, on 28, swung at a flighted ball and sent it straight out to Martin at the boundary. Moin cried out in disgust at himself while bowler Grant Bradburn celebrated his sixth Test wicket, eight years after his fifth.

Although New Zealand had the last session advantage, they seemed to ease up and Pakistan looked untroubled during the last hour.

Inzamam believes New Zealand still have the upper hand in the Test and, with a lead of 135, but favours a draw after the fifth day.

Having won the first match in the three-Test series, Pakistan have the lead as this one moves towards a likely draw. New Zealand will require quick wickets, followed by quick runs to get a result to maintain their hopes of winning the series.

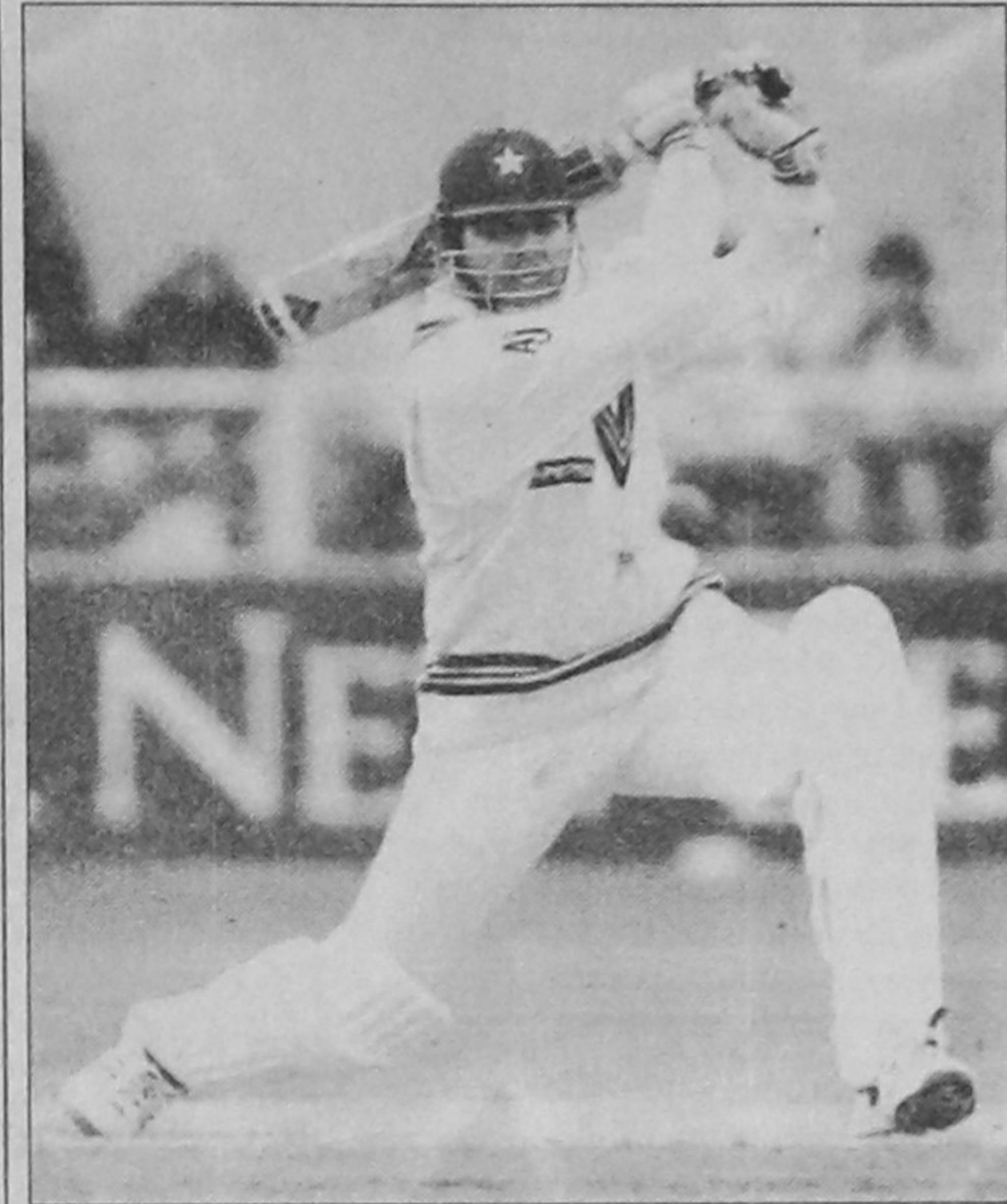
**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard at the end of third day's play of the second Test between New Zealand and Pakistan in Christchurch on Saturday:

**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings 476 (M Sinclair 204 not out, M Bell 75, M Richardson 46, A Parore 46; F Akbar 3/87, W Younis 3/114, S Mushtaq 3/134)

**PAKISTAN:** First innings (over-night 65/2)  
Farhat c Drum b Martin 4  
Ijaz hit wkt b Drum 11  
Iqbal c Fleming b McMillan 63  
Inzamam c Fleming b Martin 130  
Youhana not out 73  
Younis c Parore b Tuffey 0  
Moin c Martin b Bradburn 28  
Saqlain not out 20  
Extras: (b-4, lb-5, nb-3) 12  
Total: (For 6 wks in 112 overs) 341

To Bat: Waqar Younis, Fazle Akbar, Mohammad Sami.  
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-25, 3-157, 4-259, 5-260, 6-304.

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Tuffey	29	7	96	1
Martin	30	8	106	2
Drum	8	1	21	1
Bradburn	23	4	68	1
McMillan	19	9	29	1
Astle	3	2	12	0



Pakistan's Inzamamul Haq in full flow during his knock of 130 against New Zealand in the second Test in Christchurch on Saturday.

But by that time he had batted 318 minutes, faced 241 balls and hit 22 fours and one six in his

home side as Pakistan were still 17 runs behind the follow on mark.

