Lillee to help Akhtar out

AFP, Karachi

Australian great Dennis Lillee will work with Pakistani paceman Shouib Akhtar as the latter tries to chear his name of career threatenang chucking allegations.

A Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) spokesman said Akhtar left Tuesday for Perth, where he will undergo a medical examination to check the natural bend in his arm.

"We have sent Akhtar to Perth where he will have a biomechanical analysis of his bowling action at the University of Western Australia," spokesman Zakir Khan

"We want the process to be completed as soon as possible so that Akhtar is able to play for Paki-

Lillee would also look at Aklitar's bowling action and offer indvice on how the "Rawalpindi Express' can bowl with a straighter arm, he said.

Lam sure that I will be cleared and will play for Pakistan soon." Akhtar told AFP before his depar-

Experts at the Australian university medically cleared Sri Lankan off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan of throwing allegations after they found that since birth his arm was permanently bent 40 percent more than normal.

Courtney

FROM PAGE 13

game." he said. "It's something ! really enjoy doing. Yes, I have done well personally but I have always tried to do the best I can for the team."

This series is likely to be Walsh's last, however, and he admitted reaching 500 wickets had taken its toll.

"It's been a big drain just thinking about it from the beginning of the series. I'm happy to get

this out of the way. "I'm just hoping to get through the series here. I don't think 600 is on the cards."

Walsh became the West Indies leading Test wicket-taker by passing Malcolm Marshall's 376 wickets in November 1998, joined India's Kapil Dev and New Zealand's Richard Hadlee in an elite club of bowlers to take 400 Test wickets in March 1999, and has been the leading wicket-taker in Tests since March 2000 when he overhauled Dev's record of 434.

His best bowling figures are seven for 37 and his total haul includes 21 five-wicket innings and three 10-wicket matches.

His genius with the ball is in us. stark contrast to his record with the bat. Walsh has one of the worst batting records in Test cricket, and less than an hour before making history he suffered his 42nd Test duck when he was run out.

Gold Cup

FROM PAGE 13 penalty corner.

But it was not to be their day as India once again levelled the score with a break-away goal at the stroke of the final whistle from their second and last penalty corner of the match. Dilip Tirkey blasted the board in his second attempt after his first hit deflected off the defensive wall.

It was a fabulous match which could have gone either way," said Indian coach Cedric D'Souza after the final.

" There were lots of ups and downs but I am happy in the end as my team won," added D'Souza.

The Indian coach avoided comments on the performance in the game of his team's captain Baljit Singh Dhillon. Dhillon, who could not play up

to his reputation later blamed his coach for not giving him enough liberty to go forward.

" I was told by the coach to play as a withdrawing midfielder. That's why I did not go up in the attack," said Dhillon who was adjudicated as player-of-thetournament. Pakistan defender Muhammad Usman was named as the man-of-the-final.

Pakistan coach Shahbaz Ahmed pointed at his team's inability to score for the defeat adding that they should have scored four goals in the second half.

"Nobody played according to their potential and that's why we lost the match," said the legendary hockey player who led Pakistan to World Cup victory in 1994.

Yellow card: Thirumal Valavan (India)

TEAMS

India: Jude Menezes, Dinesh Navak, Baljit Singh Saini, Baljit Singh Dhillon, Dhanraj Pillay, Dalpi Singh, Dihp Turkey, Inderjeet Singh, Deepak Thakur, Prabhjot Singh, Arjun Halappa, Lazuras Barla, Bipin Fernandez, Thirumal

Valavan and Radha Krishnan. Pakistan: Ahmed Alam, Sohail Abbas, Tariq Imran, Muhammad Usman, Muhammad Saqlain, Waseem Ahmed, Haider Hussain, Muhammad Sarwar, Kamran Ashraf, Muhammad Nadeem Muhammad Anis, Zeeshan Ashraf, Dilwar Hussain, Kashif Jawad and won four series in a row against Mudassar Ali.

Umpires: Gentles David (Austraha) and Paramjit Singh (Malay-

Third Test nicely poised

Sachin equals Steve on tons

Cricket

AFP, Madras

Australian captain Steve Waugh backed his team to win the final Test against India even after Sachin Tendulkar's 25th century gave the hosts a 89-run lead on Tuesday.

Tendulkar's 126, his sixth hundred against Australia, helped the Indians recover from early shocks to pile up 480-9 by stumps on the third day.

Australia, who made 391 in their first innings, were on the back foot after Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid (81) put on 169 for the fifth wicket in three hours of glorious strokeplay.

Both batsmen fell in the final session of a hot and humid day, playing tired shots off fast bowler Jason Gillespie to be caught behind by wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist.

That triggered a lower order collapse as India, 453-4 at one stage, lost five wickets towards the end to set up an enthralling contest over the last two days to break the 1-1 deadlock in the series.

"This is the most character we have shown in the last 16 Tests," said Waugh, who considers the series as the last frontier for his world-beating side.

"It was an outstanding day for us. We had two options, fight as hard as we could or let the game

slip away. We did the latter. "If India has to get 150 on the last day it will be tough for them. "If we can restrict them to a

100-run lead and then get 250-300

we've got a good chance. "But we've got to get the runs first. We are playing for a win, not

India broke Australia's record streak of 16 consecutive wins with a 171-run win in the second Test at Calcutta.

Tendulkar delighted a sell-out crowd of 45,000 by smashing 15 boundaries and two sixes on his favourite hunting ground which has given him four centuries in five Test appearances here.

But the 27-year-old was angry with himself for getting out when he had the Australians on the run. Both Rahul and me should

have continued because everything was going our way." Tendul "Losing five wickets in the last

session could prove costly. century without a win is of no use. "But there is turn and bounce in the wicket which should help

Dravid, who made 180 in the second Test at Calcutta which India won to level the three-match series 1-1, joined Tendulkar to flav the Australian attack in the next two sessions.

As Tendulkar demolished the attack, Australia were left to rue a missed catch by Michael Slater when the batsman was on 82 in a deep mid-wicket where Slater Chepauk on Tuesday: came under the ball, got both

Miller finished with two for Singh 7-133) 151, while spin partner Shane Warne claimed two for 140.

hands to the ball, but spilled the

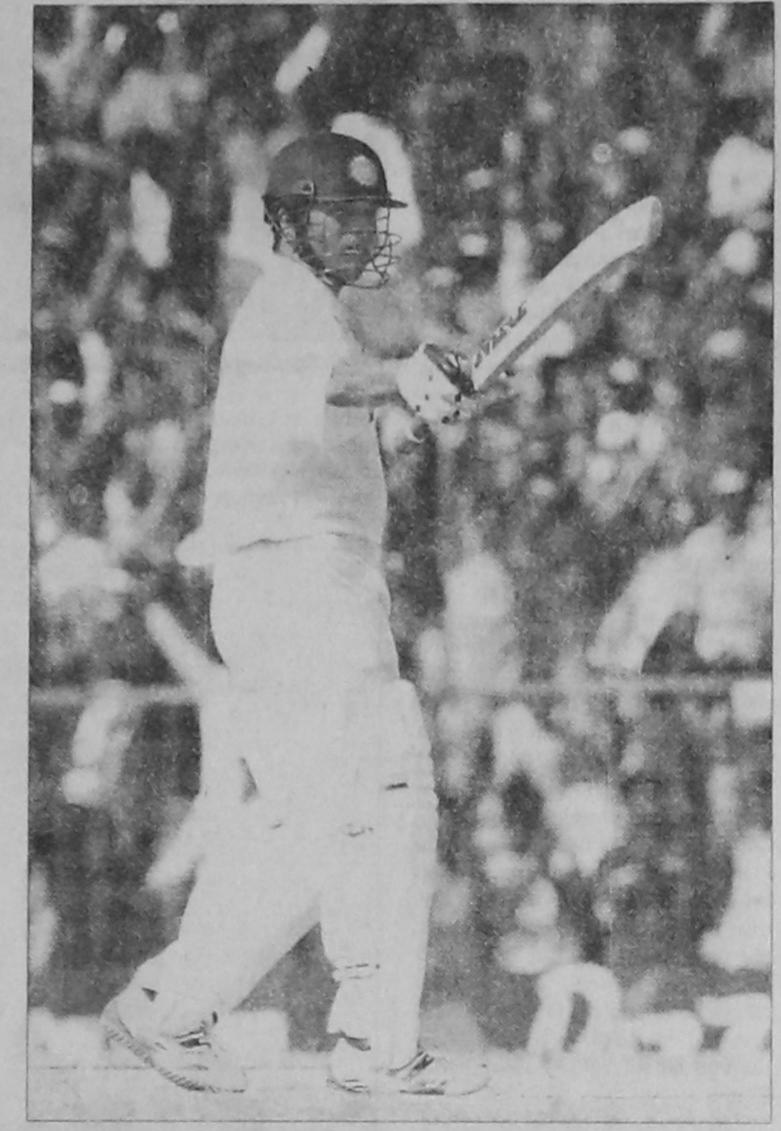
Tendulkar drew level with 211-1) Australian captain Steve Waugh's tally of 25 Test centuries, fifth behind record-holder Sunil Gavaskar of India (34), Australian legends Don Bradman (29) and Allan Border (27) and West Indian

day of the third and final Test be Tendulkar skied Colin Miller to tween Australia and India at the

> AUSTRALIA: First innings 391 (M Hayden 203, M Waugh 70; H

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THE MAESTRO SPEAKS: Sachin Tendulkar raises his bat after scoring his 25th Test century at Madras on Tuesday. Tendulkar made 126.

great Gary Sobers (26).

He made 165 against England at the Chepauk here in 1993, 155 not out against Mark Taylor's Australians on their previous tour in 1998 and 136 against Pakistan the following year.

The only exception in Tendulkar's love affair with the ground was an unbeaten 52 against New Zealand in 1995 when three days were washed out.

India won two of those Tests against England and Australia, but lost to Wasim Akram's Pakistan by 12 runs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third

Dighe lbw b Warne Bahutule not out Zaheer c and b Miller Harbhajan c M Waugh b Miller Kulkarni not out Extras: (b-19, lb-2, nb-5, w-1) 27

Total: (For 9 wkts in 154 overs) 480 Fall of wickets: 1-123, 2-211, 3-237, 4-284, 5-453, 6-468, 7-470, 8-

475, 9-477 Bowler	0	M	R	W
McGrath	31	12	69	3
Gillespie	31	9	82	2
Miller	44	5	151	2
Warne	42	7	140	2
Ponting	2	1	2	0
M Waugh	3	0	8	0
Hayden	1	0	7	0

Nasser exudes confidence

Cricket

AGENCIES, London

Nasser Hussain said on Tuesday that only Australia could justifiably claim to be a superior side to England following his team's Test series victory in Sri Lanka.

However, the England captain is not getting carried away with four Test series victories on the run and still believes the real challenge lies ahead when they tackle Australia this summer.

Hussain, who flew home early after aggravating a groin injury in the third and final Test and who will miss the one-day series against Sri Lanka, said: "I think we could be the third-best side now.

"I'm not even sure whether there is a gap between us and He said England had won a

Test in their last series against the South Africans, adding: "That shows that we have begun to close what gap there was." Hussain reflected on the up-

coming series against Pakistan and the Aussies: "We just need to rest fielding -- which leaves a lot to be successful." up, get mentally awake and get our thoughts right.

"I'm sure our coach Duncan Fletcher will be thinking about Pakistan and Australia. Basically we need to keep things simple. That is the secret."

But Australia remained the top

"Our form against Australia is not very good," he said. "I am a big one for stats and the facts show that we haven't played well against them -- nobody has in the last two years.

"They are by far the best side in the world -- but we are closing the gap now."

Two years ago, England lost at home to New Zealand and slipped to joint bottom in the world table of Test-playing nations published by cricket magazine Wisden.

Since then, however, they have Zimbabwe, West Indies, Pakistan and Sri Lanka for their best run for 22 years, moving up to joint fourth in the table.

Australia are top, ahead of South Africa and West Indies. England host Australia in the

Ashes later this year after first taking on Pakistan at home. Hussain added: "There will be



NASSER HUSSAIN a lot of swing and seam bowling

this summer so that is an area we

desired -- our mobility and general

"But this tour against Sri Lanka | his test debut. has been the most mentally draining series I have ever been involved in. So most of all we need to give the team a rest and get away from the game."

Asked about the controversy that plagued the opening two Tests in Sri Lanka, Hussain said: "There were certain things that happen that were beyond the control of players.

"But we have a governing body and the ICC to take care of that. Al we can do is play the cricket that we've played this winter. Hussain said England also

needed new blood. "A few of the lads in this squad are getting on a bit, to say the least. We need a bigger squad of

The selectors will be doing a few miles in the summer to have a look at some younger players to see how they might fit in in the

"It is important to introduce need to work on. Others are our younger guys while the team is coach Duncan Fletcher by reveal-



CM Koyes Sami (3rd from L), president and managing director of Arab Bangladesh Bank, handing over the winners' trophy of the Siraj Memorial Cricket Tournament to the players of Hotel Al Rashid Team A in Rajshahi recently.

Al-Helal Club beat Shaheed Ratan Sangsad in the Premier Division Cricket League at local stadium vesterday.

Batting first, Ratan Sangsad scored 98 runs for all in 31.2 overs while Al-Helal. in reply, made 101 for 8 in 28.2 overs.

match at the circuit house ground, Mukul Fouz Red made a good start in the league defeating Galganda Youth Club by 66 runs.

Mukul Fouz scored 234 runs for all in 40 overs while Galganda were all out for 168 in 37.4 overs.

Speed made ICC CEO

AFP, Madras

Australian Cricket Board (ACB) 24.67 runs - and plunge South chief executive Malcolm Speed | Africa into trouble at 38 for two. has joined the game's world governing body in a similar role, it was announced here on Tuesday.

Speed takes over from current | chief executive David Richards for a three-year term starting in July, International Cricket Council (ICC) president Malcolm Gray told reporters here.

"As chief executive of Australian cricket for the past four years, Malcolm has most ably demonstrated the qualities required," said Gray, an Australian.

"We are delighted he has accepted our invitation to become the ICC's chief executive at a time when the organisation has committed itself to a period of rapid

growth and expansion." Richards, who held the post for eight years from 1993, is returning from the ICC's headquarters in London to his native Australia.

Speed, 54, is a qualified lawyer who runs his own sports management business.

Symonds sound Hayden may be picked for ODIs

AGENCIES, undated

Matthew Hayden's outstanding batting form looks set to force Australian selectors to keep him in India for this month's one-day

Chairman of selectors Trevor Hohns said Tuesday he would speak with captain Steve Waugh in Chennai before deciding if Hayden would be added to the 14-man squad.

It would be an unusual step but Hayden has given selectors little choice after amassing a record 514 runs in five Test innings on the Indian tour.

Meanwhile, all-rounder Andrew Symonds, in danger of missing the one-day series against India after injuring himself packing his suitcase, was passed fit on Tuesday.

The 25-year-old, who hurt his right shoulder while packing his cricket gear for the trip, will fly to Madras on Wednesday.

Symonds, an explosive righthanded batsman who also bowls off-spin, has played in 36 one-day internationals but has yet to make

Hayden was due to return home next week after initially missing selection for the one-day squad.

"I need to talk to the captain to make sure he is comfortable with that situation if we decide to go that way," Hohns said in Brisbane.

Flintoff fit

REUTERS, Colombo

England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff has been passed fit for the three-match one-day series against Sri Lanka starting on Friday after the latest injury scare in his short but eventful international career.

Flintoff arrived in Sri Lanka for the one-day internationals showing he had finally taken to heart the instructions of the England team management to lose some But he immediately angered

ing he had sustained an ankle injury in a friendly soccer match three weeks ago. Flintoff had not notified Fletcher of the injury as required

and was given until Monday to prove his fitness. Fortunately for an international career which has promised much but delivered little, Flintoff passed the tests satisfactorily.

"He's come through two days

of hard training and done every-

of any centrally contracted player

thing we've asked of him," England physiotherapist Dean Conway told the BBC. Flintoff will play as a batsman only because of a long-standing back problem which prevents him bowling and if he can add judge-

ment to his brute power he could

play an important role. Graham Thorpe will captain England in the absence of Nasser Hussain, who has flown home early because of injury, as the tourists reach the last stage of a triumphant winter.

M'singh cricket | Gibbs, Cullinan steady SA

Cricket

AFP, Port of Spain

South Africa were rocked by a burst in which Courtney Walsh took his 500° Test wicket before fighting back on the third day of In the day's First Division | the second Test against the West Indies at the Queen's Park Oval here on Monday.

South Africa were 130 for two at the end of the third day, an overall lead of 74, with Herschelle Gibbs unbeaten on 57 - his second half-century of the series - and first innings centurion Daryll Cullinan was on 41. Walsh, who was playing in his

129" Test match which is also a record for a specialist bowler, took two wickets in three balls to become the first man to take 500 Test wickets - at an overall average of That left the tourists still 18 be-

hind after a fighting 93 not out by wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs had taken West Indies to a 56-run first innings lead. Gary Kirsten was caught behind for 22, attempting a cut, and

two balls later Jacques Kallis be-

came Walsh's 500" victim when he

was lbw to a ball which cut back at But Gibbs and Cullinan shared an unbroken 92-run stand to make honours even again in a Test

where fortunes have constantly fluctuated. Gibbs was dropped on 32 when Ramnaresh Sarwan dived but could not hold a scorching coverdrive off Nixon McLean.

Gibbs went on to complete his half-century after batting for 169 minutes, facing 133 balls and hitting nine fours. It redressed the balance of another dramatic day in a hard-

fought Test match after West In-

dies had dominated the first two

used for only nine overs when play Jacobs and Mervyn Dillon put on 71 for the ninth wicket as West

Indies made 342 after it had

lunch but Walsh stayed with reputation for determined play Jacobs while another 21 runs were with some impressive performadded before Walsh was run out ances during a recent tour of Ausafter a mix-up as he tried to feed tralia. Jacobs the strike.

an advantage on the first innings.

South African captain Shaun Pollock broke the stumps to run out Walsh after fielding a throw from Ntini.

Frustrated by the stout tailend resistance he threw the ball angrily into the turf and it bounced into Jacobs' back, though Pollock im-

LATEST

STAR SPORT MONITOR

South Africa were 195 for three at lunch in their second innings on the fourth day of the second Test against West Indies at Queen's Park Oval on Tuesday.

Opener Herschelle Gibbs remained unbeaten 85 while McKenzie on 4.

mediately apologised.

It was the second time in his career that Jacobs had been stranded just short of a maiden Test century having been left on 96 not out against Australia in Perth earlier in the season.

A West Indies lead did not seem likely when Pollock bowled Dinanath Ramnarine with the sixth ball of the day without addition to the overnight total of 250 But Jacobs, the West Indian

vice-captain, played a typically pugnacious innings to reach his sixth Test half-century as he batted for 234 minutes, faced 177 balls and hit 12 fours. The tall Dillon provided stoic support as the pair saw off South

African strike bowlers Allan Don-

ald and Pollock, who were oper-

ating with a ball which had been

It was another impressive perseemed South Africa would hold formance by Jacobs, who topped the West Indies batting averages in Dillon was bowled by Makhaya their five-match series in South Ntini for 21 in the last over before Africa in 1998/99 and enhanced a

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the second Test between South Africa and the West Indies at the Queen's Park Oval on Mon-

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 286 (J Kallis 53, D Cullinan 103; N McLean 3/60, D Ramnarine 3/57)

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Ramnarine b Pollock Dillon b Ntini Walsh run out (Ntini) Extras: (b-9, lb-4, w-3, nb-7) 23 Total: (All out in 125 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-24, 2-94, 3-118,

4-123, 5-198, 6-235, 7-242, 8-250, 9-321. Bowler Donald Pollock Ntini Kallis Klusener SOUTH AFRICA: Second in-

Kirsten c Jacobs b Walsh Kallis Ibw b Walsh Cullinan not out Extras: (b-1, lb-4, nb-5) Total: (For 2 wkts in 54 overs) 130 Fall of wickets: 1-38, 2-38 Bowler Walsh McLean

nings

Gibbs not out

Dillon Ramnarine Hooper

"I have played many better

Tendulkar, playing in his 82nd

Test, propped India up to 480 for

knocks but I am happy with this

one. Any batsman tries to score

runs, so it's a great feeling to get a

hundred," he said.

Gavaskar the inspiration

Cricket

REUTERS, Madras Sachin Tendulkar, who gave India a vital first innings lead over Australia on Tuesday, said a chat with Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar had helped him get his 25th Test cen-

told reporters after his knock of

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joint fifth place on the list of alltime century makers along with Australian captain Steve Waugh, who scored his 25th hundred during his team's 171-run loss in the second Test at Calcutta last

The list is headed by Gavaskar

Tendulkar reached the three-"I had spoken to Gavaskar this figure mark with a huge six over morning, it helped," Tendulkar long-on off spinner Colin Miller and dedicated the innings to his

nine, 89 runs ahead of Australia's first innings score with two days to play in the deciding third Test. He said the home side would try to press home the advantage. "We have to try and press home the advantage of whatever brother Ajit, who had come down lead we have but we cannot afford Tendulkar, 27, moved up to from Bombay to watch him bat. to forget we have to bat last. The best situation would be our winning the Test without having to

bat again," he said. Tendulkar said the wicket was turning and bouncing and would be more difficult to play as the match progressed. "There were periods the Aus-

got into a very good position before we lost quick wickets," he Tendulkar and Dravid (81) had shared in a 169-run partnership

tralians were bowling well and to a

good line. But I thought we had

when paceman Jason Gillespie had them caught behind in quick succession. "Gillespie was fast, he bowled quite well," Tendulkar said.

chael Slater dropped a simple "I was lucky then, very lucky,"

The master batsman got a life

on 82 when he played Miller

straight to mid-wicket, where Mi-

Tendulkar said. He had survived another halfchance earlier when Slater failed to hit the stumps

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THEY SAY THIS CARPENTER IS SO CLEAN THAT HE ROUTINELY USES NAIL POLISH. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals O

another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe

WIN WITH 'MILO' ENERGY: A few youngsters, aged below 13, take refreshment from a Milo dispenser during a friendly match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Ground on Sunday. The Milo-BCB Under-13 cricket campaign's third phase started at the ground on Friday. About 74 players around the country registered for the phase. In all, five matches will be played in the round to select the 30 players who will form the Milo-BCB Under-13 Team.

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The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for

instrument give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.