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What to WATCH

ESPN
New Zealand vs Pakistan
Third Test, Day Three
Live at 4:00 am
Highlights at 2:00 pm & 7:30 pm
Italy vs Lithuania
World Cup 2002 qualifier
11:00 am
Western Union World Football
7:00 pm

Star Sports
South Africa vs West Indies
Second Test, Day Five
Highlights at 7:00 pm
South Africa vs West Indies
Third Test, Day One
Live at 8:00 pm
Al-Hilal vs Pirouzi
Asian Club C'ship
5:30 am



TALK TURKEY



Saurav Ganguly

(India cricket captain)
"I always knew he had the potential and that's why I had always supported his inclusion."
Told about Harbhajan Singh after the Kolkata Test.

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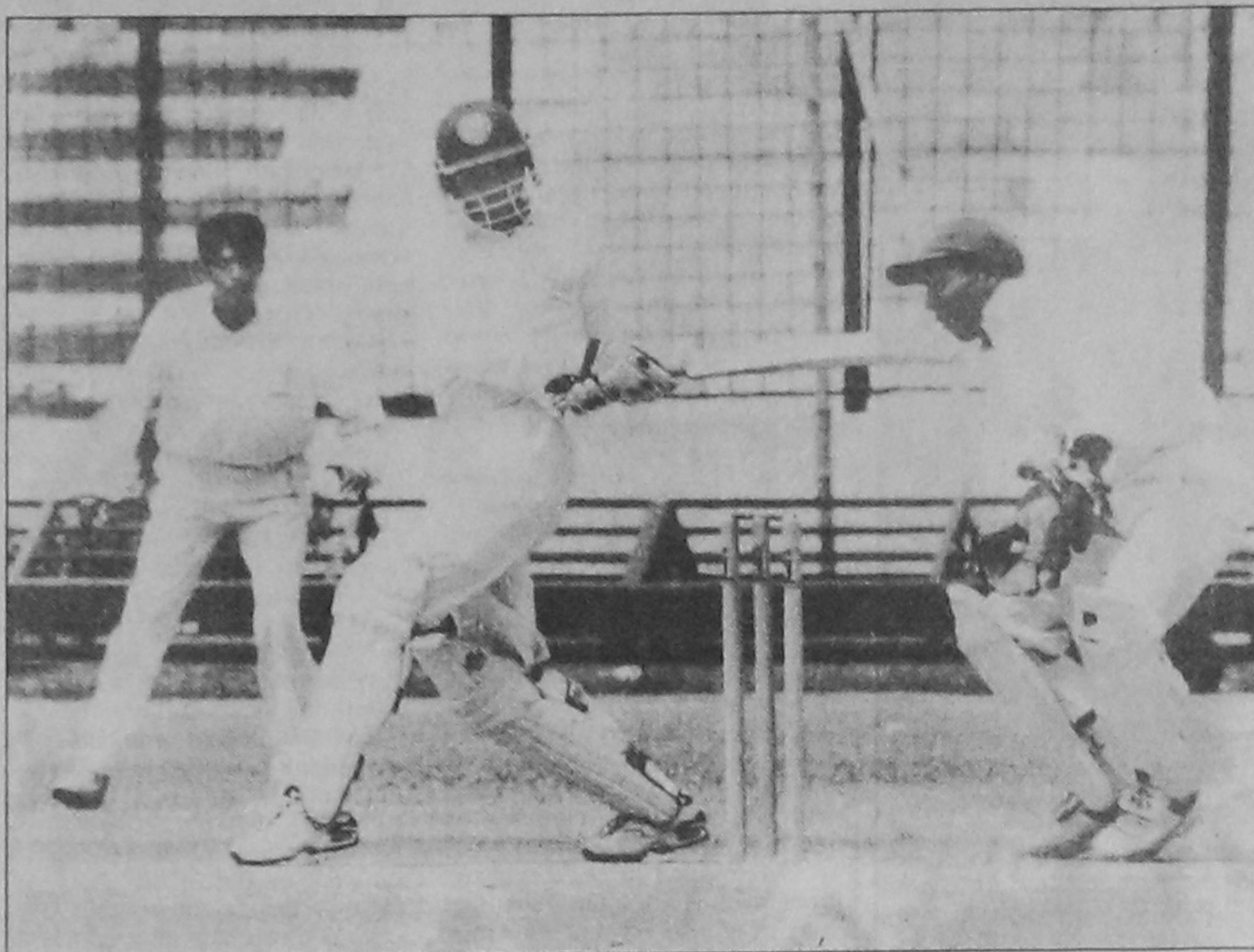
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India Sri Lanka Nepal
 - Who won the Masters Series in Indian Wells?
Agassi Sampras Kafelnikov
 - What position did Bangladesh capture in the Prime Minister Gold Cup hockey tournament?
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 - Who became Prime Minister Gold Cup hockey champions?
India Pakistan Malaysia
 - Who won the man-of-the-series award in the Pepsi Test series between India and Australia?
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DAY'S EVENT

Premier Division Cricket League
Abahani v Victoria SC
(Bangabandhu National Stadium)
City Club v Dhanmondi Club
(Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)
Agrani Bank v Young Cricketers
(BKSP)



Sanwar Hossain of Mohammedan Sporting Club pulls one on way to a magnificent 95 against Bangladesh Biman in their Premier Division Cricket League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Wednesday.

MSC ground Biman

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan Sporting Club took a giant stride in their pursuit of the Premier Cricket League title when they thumped down a 69-run defeat on Bangladesh Biman in a crucial match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Wednesday.

A brilliant 95 from Sanwar Hossain followed by three stunning catches paved the way of a facile victory for the popular Motijheel outfit, ending favourites Biman's four-match unbeaten run.

Sanwar seized the spotlight of the first big match of the league by flourishing under a very difficult situation.

The middle-order bat, who joined Mohammedan this year from Brothers Union, almost single-handedly took his side to a fighting 260 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs. He led a spectacular recovery operation after Mohammedan were reduced to 51 for three in nine overs.

Mohammedan, who in a desperate attempt roped in star Pakistani batsman Shahid Afridi on Tuesday night after Steve Tikolo ruled himself out of the match due to injury, got a real scare when their top-order tumbled like a pack of cards.

Coming in to bat at number three, Afridi scored only seven before offering a catch at mid-off. Harun-ur-Rashid, who opened the innings with Rashedul, also departed for seven, playing an attempted cut straight to deep third man off the bowling of medium pacer Aminul.

Mohammedan's misery mounted when their skipper Mahzab Abedin, who scored a

match-winning century against Surjo Tarun in the previous match, was clean bowled by Khaled Mahmud for one.

But Mohammedan staged a remarkable turnaround when Sanwar joined Rashedul in the middle. Rashedul scored a typically aggressive 47 off 60 balls that included five fours and a massive six over long-on.

Sanwar then took his side to 224 with Pakistani Javed Hayat and left-hander Mustadir Litu providing vital support in the process.

Sanwar struck ten boundaries in his 105-ball vigil at the crease. He however became victim of an unfortunate run out while he was only five runs shy of his hundred.

Biman, in their chase, were all out for 191 in 37.4 overs, thanks to some outstanding ground fielding and catching by Mohammedan players.

The national airlines set out disastrously when their makeshift Pakistani opener Aamir Wasim returned to the pavilion for one following a terrible mix-up with Athar Ali in the second over.

Pacer Safiuddin Ahmed then took two wickets in successive deliveries to reduce Biman 14 for three from where they could never recover.

Athar was the first victim of Safiuddin in the fourth over. The tall right-hander was superbly caught by Javed Hayat in the second slip while on 10.

Hasanuzzaman returned for a first-ball duck. This time wicket-keeper Mortuza took a low catch diving full to his right.

But Rashedul took the most outstanding catch on the day when he plucked an absolute blinder at mid-on to dismiss Biman's Pakistani recruit Majed

Sayed.

The match as a contest was all but over when Biman were reduced to 92 for seven. Wicket-keeper Mokter Siddiqi however saved some blushes with a fighting 58 off 54 balls. Coming in to bat at number eight, the young stroke-maker kept on frustrating Mohammedan supporters perishing to Safiuddin.

Safiuddin with three for 39 was the most successful Mohammedan bowler. Although Afridi failed with the bat, the leg-spinner took two wickets for 42 runs.

With this win, their fifth on a trot, Mohammedan joined their arch-rivals Abahani at the top of the League table.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Cricket League match between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Bangladesh Biman at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Wednesday.

MOHAMMEDAN				
Rashedul b K Mahmud	47			
Harun c Anis b Aminul jr	7			
Afridi c K Mahmud b Aminul jr	7			
Minhazul b K Mahmud	1			
Sanwar run out	95			
Javed b Ziaur	29			
Mustadir c Shariful b K Mahmud	26			
Jamaluddin run out	19			
Mortuza not out	2			
Ashique not out	4			
Extras: (lb-3, nb-5, w-15)	23			
Total: (For 8 wickets in 50 overs)	260			
Fall of wickets: 1/26, 2/47, 3/51, 4/91, 5/158, 6/224, 7/227, 8/245				
Bowler				
Aminul	10	0	44	2
Anis	3	0	27	0
A Wasim	7	0	45	0
Mahmud	10	0	51	3
Athar	10	0	36	0
Shariful	3	0	18	0

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D'mondi thump Biman

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

A century opening stand between Anisul Hakim Khan and Sajjadul Hasan guided Dhanmondi Club to a nine-wicket victory against Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Wednesday.

The openers rattled up 159 runs in 29.4 overs as Dhanmondi, chasing a revised target of 234 in 44 overs in reply to Bima's 246, eventually reached 237 for the loss of one and more than four overs to spare.

Anis, the Dhanmondi captain, was unbeaten on 92 off 130 balls while Sajjad hammered 83 off 78 balls with a six and ten fours.

Earlier, put into bat, Bima scored 246 before they were all out in 48.4 overs.

Middle-order batsman Tariq Rahman top-scored with 57. Moizzuzaman made 52.

It was Dhanmondi's second win in the league.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket League match between Sadharan Bima and Dhanmondi Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Wednesday.

SADHARAN BIMA	
Mofizul c & b Dickens	32
Jashim c & b Nayeem	5
Moin c Sajjad b S Mehmod	51
Tariq st Tubin b Nadim	57
Chopra b S Mehmod	0
Rezwam c Sumon b Tareq	6

DHANMONDI CLUB				
Saiful lbw b S Mehmod	39			
Tashriq run out	10			
Kamal c Anis b Nadim	1			
Zakir c sub b Nadim	6			
Tushar not out	13			
Extras: (b-4, lb-10, nb-6, w-6)	26			
Total: (all out in 48.4 overs)	246			
Fall of wickets: 1/13, 2/76, 3/122, 4/123, 5/141, 6/211, 7/214, 8/221, 9/227.				
Bowler				
Tareq	8	0	50	1
Nayeem	6	1	30	1
Momin	10	0	42	0
Dickens	5.4	0	47	1
Sumon	4	0	18	0
S Mehmod	10	1	17	3
Nadim	5	0	28	3



Two AFC Marketing Limited officials Steve Flynn (2nd from L) and Kenny Hau (3rd from R) were received by Bangladesh Football Federation officials at the Zia International Airport on Wednesday.

Lucky Brothers

SPORTS REPORTER

Brothers Union got back on track after their Premier Division Premier League clash with Surjo Tarun was washed out at the BKSP ground in Savar on Wednesday.

Surjo Tarun, chasing a commanding Brothers Union total of 295 in 50 overs, were comfortably placed at 184 for two in 34.4 overs when rain prevented anymore play.

According to the league by-laws, Brothers ran away with full two points as they scored 189 runs in 35 overs.

Paltu powers Uttara

SPORTS REPORTER

A sparkling century by opener Paltu propelled Uttara Sporting Club to a comprehensive nine-wicket win over Wari Club in a First Division Cricket League encounter held at the Jagannath Hall ground of Dhaka University on Wednesday.

Paltu hammered 108 off 93 balls with three sixes and 14 boundaries as Uttara, chasing Wari Club's modest 198 in 50 overs, reached the target in the 37th overs with nine wickets to spare.

In partnership with Mahfuz, Paltu put on 172 runs for the first wicket in 29.6 overs before he was trapped leg before by Champak.

Mahfuz was undefeated on 57 off 96 balls. Earlier, put into bat, Wari were all out for 198 in 49.3 overs with middle-order batsman Tawhid top-scored 54.

SCORES IN BRIEF

WARI CLUB: 198 all out in 49.3 overs (Tawhid 54, John 40, Ripon 4/28)

UTTARA SC: 202 for one in 36.4 overs (Paltu 108, Mahfuz 57 n.o., Nayeem 17 n.o.)

Result: Uttara SC won by nine wickets.

Independence Day kabadi

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Army men's team and Sonali Bank women's team made good start in the Independence Day kabadi tournament beating their respective rivals at the Outer Stadium kabadi court yesterday.

In the day's match for men, Bangladesh Army A beat Police B 108-27 after leading the first half 33-13.

In the women's match, Sonali Bank studded with two Indian players defeated Dilkusha SC 21-8 with two creditable lonas. The bankers led the first half 10-2.

Rifles A will play Army A at 3:30 pm while Police A will meet Rifles B at 4:30 pm in the men's group today.

The Don's ashes to be strewn in Bowral

AGENCIES, Sydney

The ashes of cricket legend Sir Donald Bradman will be scattered in his boyhood hometown of Bowral, south of Sydney, the Bradman Foundation said Wednesday.

Foundation director Richard Mulvaney said at a thanksgiving service at Bowral Oval that the scattering of the Don's ashes would take place in private but details would be announced publicly later.

Bradman's son John asked that there be no media speculation about where his father's ashes would be scattered.

AFC marketing officials in city

SPORTS REPORTER

Two officials of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Marketing Limited arrived in the capital on Wednesday to work out the details with Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) on hosting of third South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship.

The Kuala Lumpur-based event promotional company, is the sponsor of the seven-nation regional competition scheduled to be held here next October.

Steve Flynn, the general manager East Asia of AFC Marketing Limited and his executive Kenny Hau, had a meeting with BFF assistant general secretary and SAFF Secretary Sirajul Islam Bachchu. They are likely to call on State Minister for Youth and Sports today.

The company will pay the BFF 200,000 dollars to organise the tournament.

Mark restores parity

Cricket

AFP, Pune

Mark Waugh hit an unbeaten 133 off 138 balls as world champions Australia swamped India by eight wickets here on Wednesday to level the five-match one-day series 1-1.

The Australians rode on an opening stand of 143 between Waugh and Matthew Hayden to surpass India's 248-9 with 29 deliveries to spare at the Nehru Stadium here.

The win ended a disastrous three-week period for the tourists in which they lost the second and third Tests and the opening one-dayer at Bangalore last Sunday.

The Indians have themselves to blame for a reckless display with the bat despite a career-best 100 from left-hander Hemang Badani.

The hosts threw caution to the winds after electing to take first strike as three batsmen ran themselves out and the others perished to poor shots.

Mark Waugh showed no such indiscretion while compiling his

even as Lehmann walked off. Hayden, who compiled 549 in the three-Test series and 99 in the first one-dayer, continued his stunning form to hit five fours and a six in his 57.

After Hayden and Lehmann were removed within the space of



M WAUGH ... m-o-m

MORE CRICKET MORE PEPSI

18th one-day century that was studded with 15 hits to the fence and one over it.

His only moment of uncertainty came on 84 when television replays failed to determine if Waugh or Darren Lehmann had been run out by a throw from substitute fielder Yuvraj Singh.

Both batsmen were stranded in mid-field and the Indians, who believed Waugh was out, pleaded with the umpires to ask for replays

20 runs, Michael Bevan joined Waugh to put on the remaining 86 runs without fuss.

Bevan made 33 not out, including the winning boundary to square leg off left-arm spinner Sunil Joshi.

"It's good to end up on the winning side," Australian captain Steve Waugh said.

"It's not that we did not play well before, but today the fielding was good, the bowling satisfactory

Windies looking to Lara

Cricket

AFP, Bridgetown

The West Indies will be looking for a major contribution from star batsman Brian Lara as they seek to level the series against South Africa in the third Test starting at Kensington Oval Thursday.

Lara failed in the second Test in Port of Spain, Trinidad, which South Africa won by 69 runs to go 1-0 up in the five-match series. Lara made 12 and 0.

But West Indian captain Carl Hooper said he was confident Lara would soon register a big score. "I am not worried about Brian. He is a class player and I expect him to get off somewhere along the series," said Hooper.

"He looks good in the nets and hopefully he can give us something to really shout about in Barbados."

Lara has played in all eight Tests West Indies have played against South Africa but has yet to score a century against them.

Remarkably, none of his teammates has registered a three-figure score either, with Ramnareh Sarwan's 91 in the first Test of the series in Georgetown being the highest by a West Indian batsman.

But Lara made a match-winning 153 not out in his most recent Test appearance at the Kensington Oval against Australia two seasons ago.

Hooper and coach Roger Harper both called for more application by all the batsmen.

"It is important in Test cricket that you convert the 30s and 40s into big scores. While a score of 40 is allowing us to be competitive, it is not going to help to win a Test match. We need bigger scores from individuals."

West Indies have called up Cameron Cuffy, a two-metre tall fast bowler from the Windward Islands who bowled well for a West Indies Board XI in a three-day match against the tourists at the Kensington Oval.

Cuffy, 31, replaces Nixon McLean, who was unimpressive in the first two Tests.

The selectors retained experienced batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul in their 13-man squad. He did not play in the first two Tests because it was felt he lacked match practice after recovering from an injury which cut short his tour of Australia late last year.

They may bring him into the final eleven to add resolve to the batting at the expense of the tal-

and the batting excellent.

"249 is always a competitive target but the good start from Hayden and Mark saw us win comfortably."

Indian skipper Saurav Ganguly praised Mark Waugh's batting but said his team contributed to Australia's win.

"We should have scored at least 30 more, but the silly run outs let us down," he said.

"The bowlers also did not put the ball in the right place although Mark Waugh batted superbly to take the game away from us."

Waugh, who also took a brilliant catch running back from mid-wicket to dismiss Joshi, was declared the man of the match.

The third international will be played in Indore on Saturday.

Earlier, Badani hit 10 boundaries and two sixes, the second big hit off Damien Martyn taking him to his highest one-day score of 77.

Badani put on 93 for the fourth wicket with Venkatesh Laxman (51) and 59 for the seventh with Joshi.

Sachin Tendulkar gave the hosts a flying start with six fours and a six in his 32 off 29 balls.

Most of Tendulkar's hits came with ferocious pull shots off McGrath, before he fell to the same stroke off Fleming, holding out to square leg.

Tendulkar, a veteran of 265 matches, needs another 34 runs to become the first batsman in the game's history to complete 10,000 one-day runs.

Laxman ran out Rahul Dravid and then fell in the same fashion himself.

Debutant Dinesh Mongia, who replaced the injured Virender Sehwag, also ran himself out after making two.

SCOREBOARD

Final scorecard of the second one-day international between

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Pak icons scold India

Cricket

AFP, Karachi

Former Pakistani cricket greats said Wednesday the future of cricket in Asia is in danger following India's stubborn refusal to play Pakistan due to political differences.

Imran Khan, who launched a career in politics following his retirement from Test cricket in the early 1990s, appealed to India to save international cricket on the sub-continent.

"Pakistan's sharp reaction was long overdue because of the Indian government's rigidity. Now the ball is in India's court to stop the break-up of Asian cricket," the former Test captain told this news agency.

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Lieutenant General Tahir Zia said Sunday that Pakistan would never play India again in response to New Delhi's refusal to send a team to a one-day tournament in Sharjah next month.

India accuses Pakistan of backing Muslim rebels in the divided Himalayan state of Kashmir, which has sparked two of the rivals' three wars since they gained independence from Britain in 1947.

In addition to the Sharjah pull-

out, India skipped the Sahara Cup in Toronto last year and cancelled a tour to Pakistan in December.

"The Indian board earned millions through Pakistan's tour in 1999 but when it was Pakistan's turn to earn some money they refused to allow their team to come, costing us millions of dollars," Imran said.