

S Africa 307 for 7 at lunch

STAR SPORT MONITOR
South Africa were 307 for seven at lunch on the second day of the third Test against West Indies at the Kensington Oval on Friday.

M'singh cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mysensingh
Shapla Kirra Chakra beat Seraj Memorial Club by 33 runs in the Beg Steel Premier Division Cricket League at the local stadium yesterday.

Philippoussis needs further knee surgery

AFP, SYDNEY
Mark Philippoussis is out of tennis for two months after another knee injury that requires surgery.

Kiwis flatten

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level. But just when he was poised for his fifth Test century McMillan top-edged Fazole Akbar to Waqar Younis on the third man boundary.

Cullinan composes SA

Cricket

AFP, Bridgetown
Daryll Cullinan hit his second century in successive Tests as South Africa recovered from early setbacks after being sent in on the first day of the third Test against the West Indies at the Kensington Oval Thursday.

Cullinan made an unbeaten 108 in a total of 244 for five at close of play. South Africa had been 58 for three on a pitch which had early life.

A fourth wicket stand of 149 between Cullinan and Neil McKenzie (72) wrestled the initiative away from the West Indies.

It was a fourth wicket record for South Africa against the West Indies.

For Cullinan, 34, it was a continuation of the form he showed when he made 103 and 73 and was named man of the match when South Africa won the second Test in Port of Spain, Trinidad, by 69 runs.

McKenzie struggled in the first two Tests, scoring only 38 runs in three innings but a hard-fought 58 in 210 minutes against a West Indies Board XI at the same ground last weekend enabled him to spend valuable time at the crease.

He was a transformed batsman Thursday although he was dropped on 43 when Wavell Hinds could not hold a diving catch in the covers off Cameron Cuffy.

McKenzie played some sizzling offside drives off both the front and back foot and was strong on the hook and pull. His six came when he pulled a short ball from Mervyn Dillon over midwicket.

The breakthrough came in surprising fashion when West Indian skipper Carl Hooper called on Wavell Hinds to bowl gentle medium-pacers at a time when Cullinan and McKenzie were in complete control.

With his eighth delivery, Hinds made a breakthrough when McKenzie pulled a short ball straight to Mervyn Dillon at mid-wicket.

It was the second time in successive Tests that Hinds proved an effective partnership breaker. He dismissed Jacques Kallis in Trinidad after Kallis and Cullinan had put on 99 in the second Test.

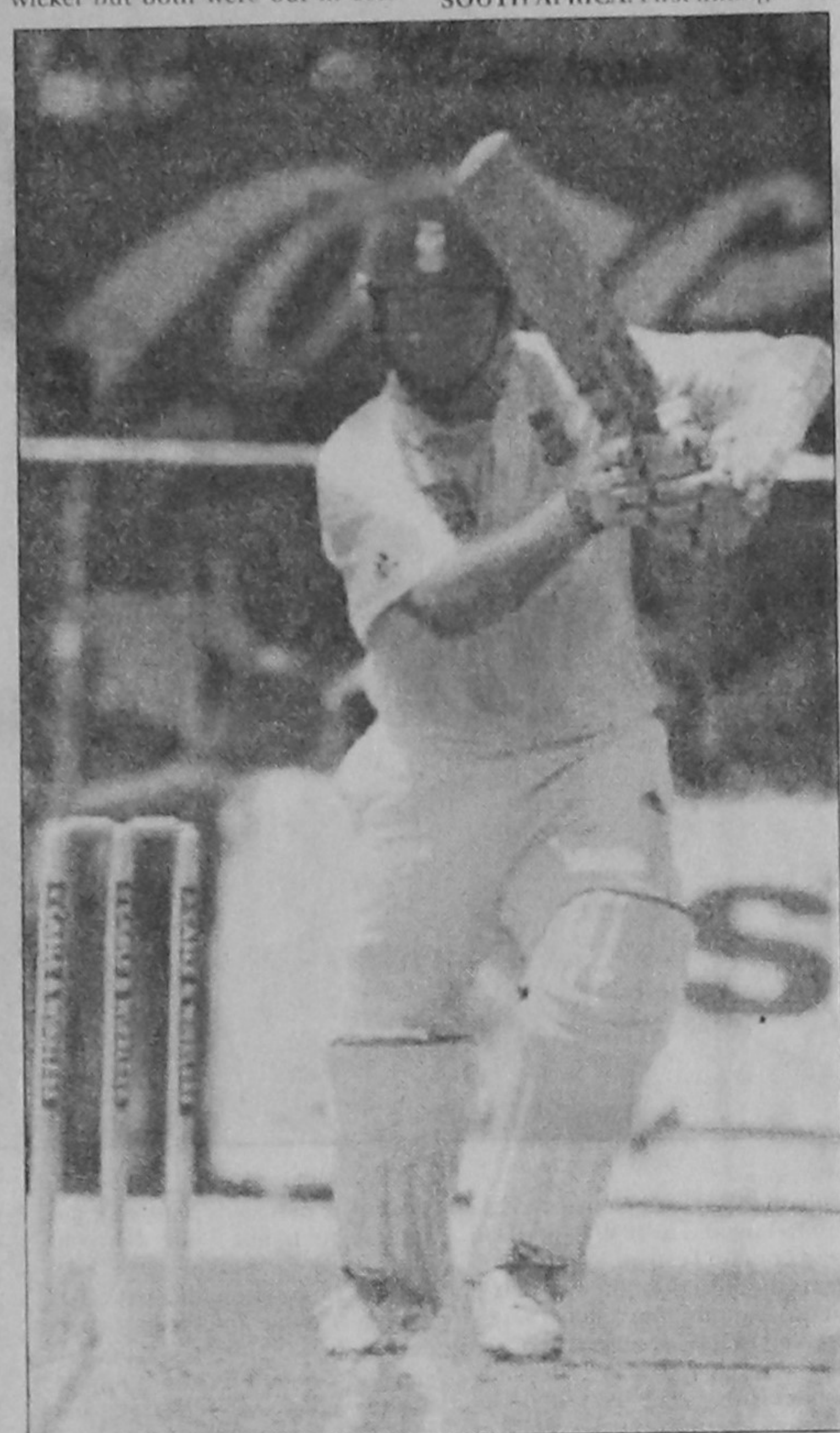
McKenzie batted for 190 balls, faced 158 balls and hit nine fours and a six. Cullinan went on to his century after batting for 238 minutes, facing 189 balls and hitting 11 fours.

It was Cullinan's 14th Test century, extending his own South African Test record.

Cullinan and McKenzie came together with South Africa struggling after being sent in. The conditions were difficult for batsmen as early moisture made batting hazardous on a pitch with close-cut grass patches at both ends.

Hooper's decision to bowl first paid off almost immediately when Courtney Walsh had consistent opening batsman Gary Kirsten caught off his gloves for nought off the third ball of the match, the ball lifting sharply.

Herschelle Gibbs and Jacques Kallis put on 53 for the second wicket but both were out in consecutive overs from fast bowler Dillon.



South African centurion Daryll Cullinan sets off for a single on the opening day of the third Test against West Indies on Thursday.

Gibbs was starting to look settled when he edged a drive and was caught by Hooper at second slip for 34.

In Dillon's next over, Kallis was beaten by a vicious delivery which squared up the batsman and lifted sharply, with Kallis edging it to wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs.

Cuffy, 31, recalled for just his fourth Test, was unlucky. He had both Gibbs and McKenzie dropped and troubled Cullinan at times. He gained some reward when, with the second new ball, he had Mark Boucher caught behind.

The pitch played easier as the day progressed and the West Indian fast bowlers will need to

Mark's Indian tour over

AFP, Indore

Australia's star batsman Mark Waugh has been ruled out for the three remaining one-dayers against India because of a fracture in his right hand, officials said on Friday.

Waugh broke a finger when he was struck by a rising ball from Javagal Srinath during his match-winning knock of 133 not out in the second one-day international at Pune on Wednesday.

He will watch Saturday's third one-dayer here from the sidelines returning home the next day, Australian Cricket Board media manager Brian Murgatroyd said.

"The finger will be immobilised and Mark will see a hand specialist on his return to Sydney," the spokesman said.

"The healing period is expected to be around two weeks, but with a limited amount of time left on the tour, no replacement will be called up."

Australian team physiotherapist Patrick Farhart said the injury was not serious.

"We're confident it's not a serious injury and at a push he could continue to play," Farhart said.

"However, we are taking a safety-first approach in the best interests of both Mark and Australian cricket."

Mark Waugh said: "It's obviously disappointing to miss the last three matches on the tour, especially as I feel I've been in good form over the past few weeks."

"Personally, I feel I've been batting pretty well without always getting the results in terms of runs on the board in the Test series."

"I can take this opportunity to have an extra break ahead of an intense period of cricket for the Australian team starting with the tour of the UK in late May, if selected," Waugh added.

Rajshahi cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Al-Rashid Cricket Academy and Lord's Cricket Coaching Centre won their respective matches of the Hasan Imam and Ali Imam Pintu Smriti cricket tournament at the Rajshahi Medical College playground yesterday.

Al-Rashid recorded a seven-wicket win over Shaheb Bazar Sporting Club in the first match.

Winning the toss, Shaheb Bazar scored 120 for nine in allotted 23 overs.

In reply, Al-Rashid reached the target losing three wickets in allotted 23 overs.

In other match of the day, Lord's defeated Beker Jubo Sangha by six wickets.

Winning the toss, Bekar Jubo Sangha batted first and made 158 all out in allotted 25 overs.

In reply, Lord's reached the target losing four wickets.

KGC's hatrnick

SPORTS REPORTER

Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC) lifted the Ninth KLM Challenge Cup for the third year in a row on Friday. The seven-time champions defeated Bhatary Golf and Country Club.

Ten teams representing the two clubs battled it out over the 18-hole KGC course.

Also on the same day, Masud Ahmed and Jung Sook Jong became men's and ladies' winners in the KLM Cup.

Later the club president and Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen M Harun-Ar-Rashid gave away prizes.

OTHER RESULTS

Winner: Masud Ahmed; Ladies Winner: Jung Sook; Senior Winner: Syed Aziz Ahmed; Best Gross: Pervez Rasheed; Runner-up: Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury; Ladies Runner-up: Mrs O K Kyung Jang; Front Nine Winner: C R Kim; Back Nine Winner: Reazur Rahman (Soheil); Nearest to Pin: Gp Capt Lokman; Longest Drive: Rayan Rab.

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Ripon c Mustadhir b Hayat 10 Ashfaq not out 10 Extras: (lb-6, w-11) 17 Total: (All out in 49.2 overs) 257

Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-101, 3-140, 4-166, 5-166, 6-202, 7-213, 8-219, 9-237.

Table with columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Rows: Ashique (4, 0, 24, 1), Shafuluddin (6, 2, 40, 1), Hayat (10, 0, 39, 3), Rashedul (3, 0, 15, 0), Sanwar (10, 0, 51, 3), Minhaz (7, 0, 32, 0), Jamaluddin (5, 0, 35, 0), Mustadhir (4, 1, 13, 1)

Result: Mohammedan SC won by ten runs.

POINTS TABLE

Table with columns: Team, M, W, L, Points. Rows: Abahani (6, 6, 0, 12), Mohammedan (6, 6, 0, 12), Biman (6, 5, 1, 10), Kalabagan (6, 4, 2, 8), Dhanmondi (6, 3, 3, 6), Brothers Union (6, 2, 4, 4), Agami Bank (6, 2, 4, 4), Young Cricketers (5, 2, 3, 4), Surjo Tarun (5, 2, 3, 4), Victoria SC (6, 2, 4, 4), Sadharan Bima (6, 1, 5, 2), City Club (6, 0, 0, 0)

All eyes on Tendulkar

Cricket

AFP, Indore

India's Sachin Tendulkar goes into the third one-day international against Australia here on Saturday needing just 34 runs to scale the unprecedented 10,000-run pinnacle.



STEVE WAUGH

Australia's Allan Border and Sunil Gavaskar of India have achieved the feat in Test cricket, but the 27-year-old Tendulkar is the first to near the landmark in the limited-overs game.

Tendulkar, a veteran of 265 one-dayers, already holds the record of 27 centuries on top of the 25 Test hundreds he has scored so far in his amazing 12-year career.

Cricket fans hope he can reach the 10,000-run mark in Indore after throwing caution to the wind in the first two matches, making a 26-ball 35 in the first and a 29-ball 32 in the second.

India need a big score from the little champion after Australia fought back in the second match at Pune on Wednesday to level the five-match series 1-1.

Australia's emphatic eight-wicket win, fired by a majestic 133 not out from Mark Waugh, ended a disastrous three-week period for the tourists in which they lost the second and third Tests and the first one-dayer at Bangalore.

Indian captain Saurav Ganguly, himself struggling for runs, said his team will have to be at their best to crush the Australian revival.

"You give the Aussies an inch and they'll take a mile," Ganguly said on Friday. "We had a poor match at Pune and I don't want to see that happening again."

Ganguly downplayed his own poor form and Tendulkar's lean scores in the series.

"I am not worried on either count," the Indian captain said. "I am confident I will come good at some point."

"As for Tendulkar, he may not have got big scores but his early assault on the fast bowlers lessened the pressure on others."

Australia have left out in-form openers Mark Waugh and Matthew Hayden and pace spearhead Glenn McGrath for the key match.

All-rounder Shane Lee, the only one in the 15-man touring party not to have played in the series, was also omitted, vice-captain Adam Gilchrist said.

"We are following our rotation policy which was used even in the one-dayers in Australia last season," Gilchrist said.

"We have decided to do this irrespective of the results," he added.

Hayden has been Australia's leading scorer on the tour, amassing 549 runs in the Tests and scores of 99 and 57 in the first two one-dayers.

Leg-spinner Shane Warne returns to the side after missing the Pune match following figures of 1-58 in the first one-dayer in Bangalore.

The last two matches will be played in Visakhapatnam (April 3) and Goa (April 6).



SAURAV GANGULY

TEAMS AUSTRALIA: Steve Waugh (captain), Adam Gilchrist, Damien Martyn, Darren Lehmann, Ricky Ponting, Andrew Symonds, Michael Bevan, Ian Harvey, Shane Warne, Nathan Bracken, Damien Fleming.

INDIA (from): Saurav Ganguly (captain), Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Vangipurappu Laxman, Hemang Badani, Yuvraj Singh, Vijay Dahiya, Dinesh Mongia, Harbhajan Singh, Javagal Srinath, Sunil Joshi, Robin Singh, Zaheer Khan, Ajit Agarkar.

Moin confident

Cricket

AP, Hamilton

Reacting to speculation that the Pakistan Cricket Board plans to fire him after the New Zealand tour, Moin Khan on Friday vowed to fight for his place even if he's stripped of the national captaincy.

The long-serving wicket keeper-batsman was sidelined with a knee injury during the loss to New Zealand in the third and final Test here.

He will be forced to rest for at least six weeks and will miss the upcoming limited-overs series against Sri Lanka and New Zealand in Sharjah, which could jeopardise his chances of making the subsequent tour of England.

Moin conceded his absence could have prompted the Pakistani authorities to consider replacing him both as captain and as wicketkeeper.

Inzamamul Haq deputised for him without success in the third Test as New Zealand clinched an innings and 185-run win to level the series 1-1.

Moin, who has led Pakistan to four victories in 13 Tests, says he's not afraid of losing his position in the immediate future.

"I will come back ... it will be very hard. You've got to fight for your place again. I've done it in the past and I can do it again," he said.

"My future lies in the hands of the selectors," Moin told this news agency.

"It's up to them. I know myself, and if I am fit I will play and give my 100 per cent for Pakistan."

Moin quashed speculation that he sat out of the final Test to assess his future after learning that he was to be replaced.

"You have to believe in yourself and that's what I depend on. I don't look to anybody to help me. My weapon is self belief and I will keep fighting," he said.

The tenures of Moin and coach Ijaz Mirza, who took over the

scandal-plagued Pakistani lineup last year in the wake of the match-fixing scandal, were reportedly under threat following the 3-2 limited-overs series loss to New Zealand.

The Pakistan team has been tainted by allegations of match-fixing and has been under constant surveillance by its board and the International Cricket Council (ICC).

"We've been through tumultuous periods in the past with a lot of allegations levelled at the team. But we remained united and played for Pakistan as a team," Moin said.

Moin was one of the 33 Pakistani players or officials forced to testify in a match-fixing trial that led to a life ban for former captain Salim Malik and a caution for Wa-

to remain in New Zealand.

Moin had been an integral member of the Pakistan team since his debut in November 1990 and played a vital role in winning the World Cup winning side 1992.

A veteran of 63 Tests with 2,493 runs (average 28.33) and 134 dismissals, Moin is one of the most feared pinch-hitters in world cricket.

Moin said he was pleased with his team's performance on the current tour after arriving following a home series loss to England.

"I am quite satisfied with the way we've performed on this tour," he said. "Unfortunately we lost the one-dayers. But we've done a great job in the Test series with such a young side."

Rafter moves on

AFP, Miami

Eighth seed Pat Rafter of Australia advanced to the semifinals of the ATP Tennis Masters Series tournament with a 6-3, 6-1 triumph over Switzerland's Roger Federer here Thursday.

The two-time US Open champion will next face the winner of a quarterfinal match between Australian Open champion Andre Agassi and Croatian lucky loser Ivan Ljubicic.

Rafter, who reached his first Masters semifinal since reaching the 1999 Cincinnati final, was forced to save break points early but never allowed Federer to gain the upper hand.

Rafter, also a semifinalist here in 1994, reached the quarterfinals at Indian Wells in his most recent prior event before losing to Pete Sampras. Rafter also reached the Australian Open semifinals.



MOIN KHAN

sum Akram, another former captain.

In the meantime, Moin and Miandad have been at loggerheads with the national selection committee, led by Wasim Bari, after it refused to give the pair the squad it needed in New Zealand.

Miandad, who was blamed for the defeat in the limited-overs series, threatened to quit before the Test series but was encouraged

Venus reaches final

Tennis

AFP, Miami

Third seed Venus Williams defeated World No. 1 Martina Hingis 6-3, 7-6 here Thursday to reach the final of the 6.12 million-dollar WTA and ATP Tennis Masters Series event here.

The 20-year-old American won her 17th consecutive match here and advanced to Saturday's championship match.

She will face the winner a semifinal from Russia's Elena Dementieva and Australian Open champion Jennifer Capriati. The match was scheduled for Thursday night but rain postponed the encounter to Friday.

"My odds are good whatever the opponent," Williams said. Williams smashed 51 winners and an equal number of unforced errors, but won the final three points of the tie-breaker to seal the match, first saving a set point with an overhead smash, then hitting a forehand winner and taking the

triumph when the Swiss star sent a backhand just wide.

"I just took it easy, did my thing," Williams said. "I went for it. It didn't always work, but when it did, it did. That helped me keep the rallies short. It is a lot easier when you win the first set."

Hingis leads their overall rivalry 10-8 but fell to 0-6 when losing the first set to her lanky foe. Hingis won their most recent prior meeting 6-1, 6-1, in the Australian Open semifinals.

"I wasn't ready to play it," Williams said. "I didn't have it in me. I'm in much better shape and I played much better. And I won."

Williams has not lost here since 1997, having won the 1998 and 1999 crowns before missing last year's event with tendonitis in both wrists.

Hingis, 20, had won 26 of 29 prior matches here, taking titles in 1997 and last year. She also lost to Williams here in the semifinals in 1999.

Until a semifinal ouster earlier this month at Indian Wells, Hingis had made 10 finals appearances in a row. Hingis won titles this year at Sydney, Qatar, and Dubai and lost in finals at Tokyo and the Australian Open.

Williams opened with a break and Hingis surrendered another with a miss-hit forehand as the American seized a 4-0 first-set edge. Hingis broke Williams in the eighth game to reach 5-3 but then doubled faulted away the first set.

"Quite a few times I had a quick start like that against Martina," Williams said. "But I didn't always back it up. Today I did."

Each woman held until the ninth game of set two, when Williams sent a backhand wide to give Hingis a 5-4 edge. But Williams got the break back immediately on a forehand winner and each held again to force the tie-breaker.

Hingis was 3-0 in prior tie-breakers against Williams, but could not seize command when she needed it most. Now she will face a challenge for her world ranking top spot from Williams, who has had to battle injuries.



Chief of Army Staff and president of Kurmitola Golf Club Lt Gen M Harun-Ar-Rashid (standing 7th from R) is seen with the winning team members of the ninth KLM Challenge Cup at the KGC on Friday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution time of 27 mins.

Cryptogram puzzle grid with letters Z, F, I, F, B, K, O, D, R, J, P, F, O, D, F, B, O, K, O, R, S, E, P, U, S, D, I, A, O, O, S, D, A, D, U, S, O, Q, P, S, L, Z, U, Z, R, Z, J, P, K, L, E, Z, P, Q, K, D, J.

CRYPTOQUIP
Yesterday's Cryptogram: WHAT'S A GOOD MOTTO FOR ALL FISHERMEN? LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!
Today's Cryptogram Clue: R equals F
The Cryptogram 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.