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## Did U Know?

A race called the 'stadion' was the oldest event of the ancient Olympic Games, which were held every four years from 776 BC to 393 AD. Runners sprinted for 1 stade, which was 192 metres (640 ft), the length of the stadium. There also was a special event in which runners competed in hoplite armor, helmet, shield, and greaves that weighed 20-25 kilograms (50-60 lbs). Obviously, it was a great honour for military men to win this race.



## What to Watch

ESPN

South Africa vs West Indies  
Fourth ODI Highlights  
10:30 pm

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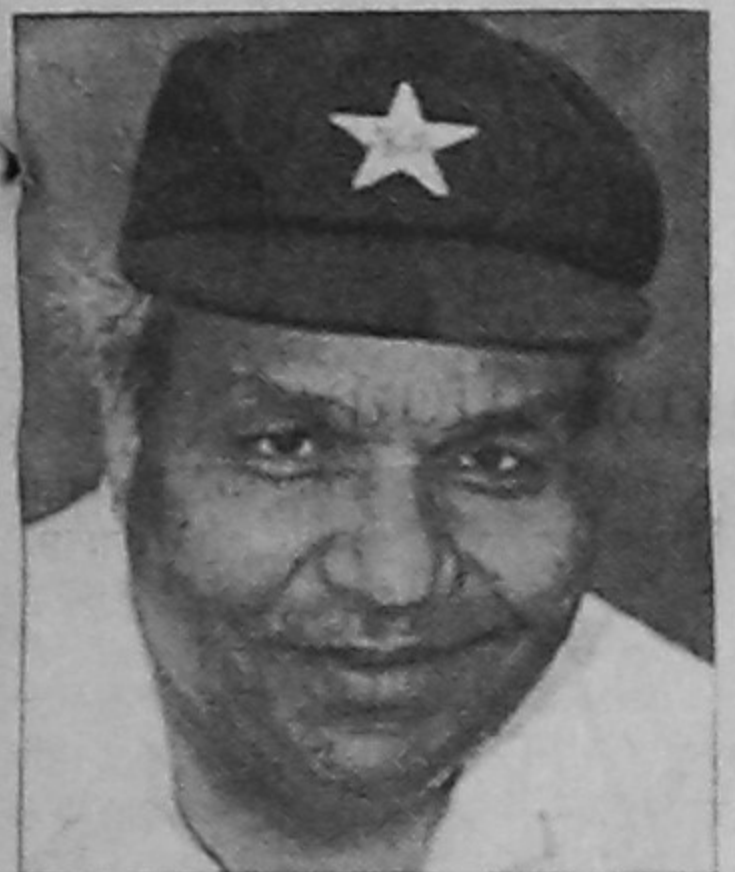
Primera Liga  
Highlights  
6:30 pm &  
10:30 pm

Primera Liga

Alaves vs Deportivo La Coruna  
1:00 am (Sunday)



## Talk Turkey



Intikhab Alam

(ex-Pakistan cricket coach)  
They are a very talented team, but what they lack is consistency.  
(On the current Pakistan team touring England)

## Sports WHIZZ KID

### Competition 149

✓ Tick the Correct Answers  
Post to The Daily Star  
Win attractive prizes  
Competition closes at 8 pm  
May 18, 2001 and draw  
shortly afterwards

- Who clinched the Monte Carlo Tennis Masters Series title?  
Agassi Arazzi Kuerten
- Who lifted the Ary Gold Cup Sharjah tri-series cricket trophy?  
New Zealand Pakistan Sri Lanka
- What was the result of the South Africa and West Indies Test series?  
4-1 3-2 2-1
- Who was the man-of-the-match in the Bangladesh and Zimbabwe first Test?  
Heath Streak K Masood Javed Omar
- How many Test wickets did Courtney Walsh capture when he retired?  
536 520 519

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## Speed keeps quiet

INTERNET, Melbourne

Australian Cricket Board chief Malcolm Speed on Thursday fended off questions about a report that AFL boss Wayne Jackson had been approached to become his successor.

A Melbourne newspaper report said Jackson had knocked back the approach because he wanted to continue as AFL chief executive.

Speed told reporters in Melbourne that Jackson was a "very fine sports administrator."

But he declined to comment specifically on whether the AFL boss had been approached for the job.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

WARMING UP FOR THE FED CUP: Mohammedan Sporting Club footballers go through a practice session at the Dhaka University playground yesterday.

## AFC goes for clean up

### Bangladesh fined 10,000 USD

AFP, Singapore

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Thursday launched what it termed an "extremely severe" crackdown on crime and corruption which have riddled the sport.

The targets are to wipe out bribery and cheating which are "part of our culture," general secretary Peter Velappan said following an AFC executive meeting which meted out a string of suspensions and fines.

Velappan said corruption was particularly rife in Southeast Asia, singling out just Malaysia and Singapore as countries which have taken a stand to clean up the game.

"Football doesn't have the power or the tools to fight bribery and corruption, which is a feature of our society. But we can educate our players to be honest and our referees and team officials," he said.

In a series of landmark rulings, the national associations of Iran, Oman, Thailand and Bangladesh were punished for fielding over-age players, some as old as

20, during last year's Asian Under-16 championship in Vietnam. They were all fined 10,000 US dollars and suspended from the 2002 Under-17 tournament along with Nepal which refused to cooperate with the age checks.

Six members of the Oman team, which won the Under-16 crown, five players from Iran, two from Thailand and three from Bangladesh were suspended from national teams for two years.

The team managers were barred from any post with a national side for two years, the Nepal delegation head was suspended for five years and Oman lost the right to stage the 2003 Asian Under-20 tournament.

The manager of the Kuwait team at the Asian Under-19 championships was fined 10,000 dollars and banned from office for five years for refusing to subject his players to age checks. The Kuwait Football Association was fined 3,000 dollars.

Yossif Altunian from the Saudi Arabian club Al-Hilal was banned from all football for a year and fined 3,000 dollars for hitting a referee during an Asian Club championship match last year. His

team mate Ricardo Tamayo was also suspended for a year for attacking an opponent.

"For 15 years we have tried persuasion to tell national associations please don't cheat, but unfortunately this advice was ignored," Velappan said.

"These are measures which are for the first time extremely severe, and this is a lesson to all the national associations and officials in charge of youth teams not to cheat."

Any repeat offence could result in a total suspension of a national association for "a period of time."

Velappan said he would also be demanding an explanation from FIFA, the sport's governing body, why two players -- German Luiz Pfannenstiel and Australian Mirko Jurilj -- were not subjected to a worldwide ban after being jailed in Singapore for match-fixing.

"These players have been convicted of corruption, and in keeping with our practice we have banned them now from all Asian countries, and FIFA should also ban them worldwide," he said.

"While FIFA is fighting drugs and racism it should also be fighting bribery and corruption."

## Arjuna lawyers slam ACU

AFP, Colombo

Lawyers for Sri Lanka's former cricket skipper, Arjuna Ranatunga, have slammed ICC anti-corruption investigators, accusing them of a "total lack of common courtesy".

The International Cricket Council's (ICC) Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) investigator, Jeff Rees, and one of his aides tried to grill Ranatunga this month during a local inquiry into allegations that he accepted bribes to throw a match.

Ranatunga's lawyers in a statement to a newspaper here Friday reiterated that they objected to two investigators of the ICC being present while local investigator Desmond Fernando conducted an inquiry.

"ICC investigators should have obtained some authority in writing from either the BCCSL (Board of

Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka) or the ICC and that their failure to do so amounts to a total lack of common courtesy and was in breach of all principles of natural justice," the statement said.

It said the lawyers objected to the two ICC investigators participating in Fernando's investigation in any way other than as observers.

"The only explanation to their status and credentials were provided by way of two visiting cards," lawyer Kalina Indatissa said, while denying that the Ranatunga was ever grilled by the ICC duo.

Fernando said Ranatunga refused to answer questions from the ICC officials.

"Ranatunga's lawyers took up the position that he had not been given prior notice of the questions," Fernando said. "It is now up to the ICC's anti-corruption panel to decide how they want to proceed."

However, in contrast, Fernando said that Ranatunga's former deputy, Aravinda de Silva, who is also facing similar charges, co-operated with the ICC officials and answered their questions on the previous day.

"When the ICC people wanted to put some questions to Aravinda, I went out of the room because I did not know what the questions were and I felt it could prejudice my own inquiry," Fernando said.

Fernando said he tried the same approach with the questioning of Ranatunga so that the ICC could put questions to him directly, but failed as Ranatunga and his lawyers objected.

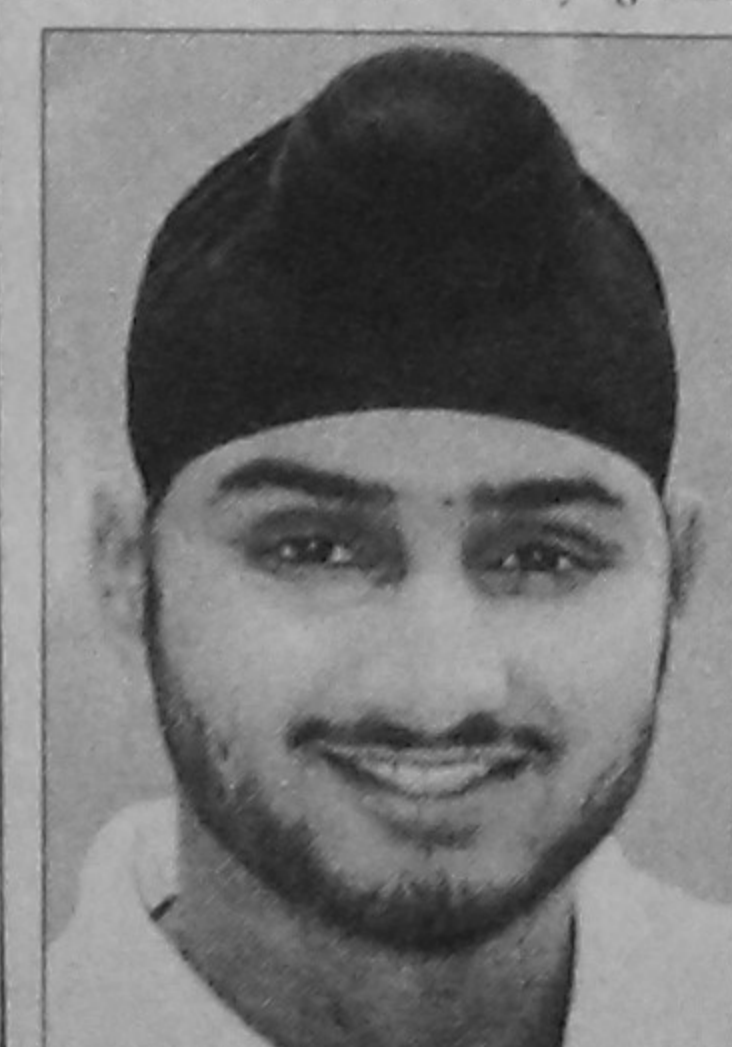
Fernando's probe is focused on allegations contained in a report last year by India's Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which based the allegations on testimony by an Indian bookmaker, Mukesh Kumar Gupta.

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## Singh indebted to Kumble

INTERNET, undated

India's new spin sensation Harbhajan Singh applauded the contribution of the injured Anil Kumble towards helping him dominate the series victory against



HARBHAJAN SINGH

Australia. Harbhajan enjoyed unexpected success with 32 wickets in the three games, including career best figures of eight for 84 in the final Test to be named man of the series. Just for good measure he hit the winning runs too.

He took on the burden of being India's main strike bowler after Kumble, one of the world's best spinners, was forced out of the series with a shoulder injury.

"Anil Kumble helped me a lot in the training camp," said Harbhajan.

He told me a lot of things about line and length."

Kumble had been considered central to India's hopes of winning the series but the leg-spinner was ruled out following shoulder surgery. He has taken 276 wickets, with only Kapil Dev having taken more for India.

Harbhajan, however, filled the void as he took 13 wickets in the second Test and 15 in the decider.

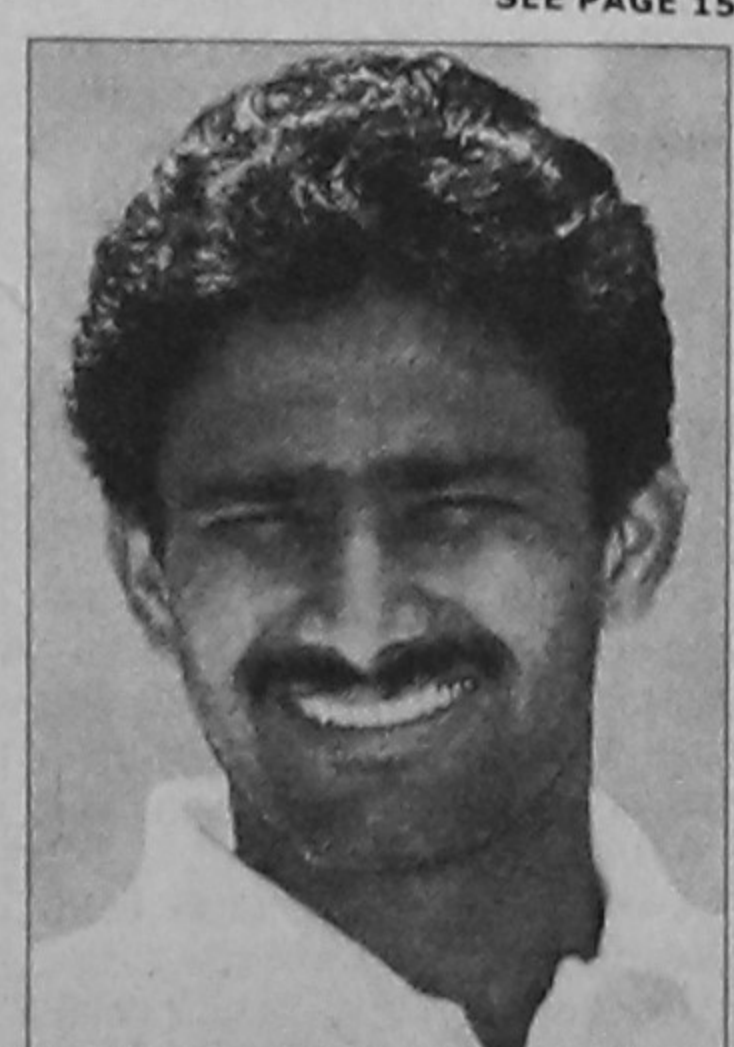
"Right from the start of this series, I have tried to bowl a tight line to the Australians so that they are unable to make too many runs," he said.

"The ball turned well and once I got my line right in the second Test, it made a lot of difference."

"I did not think I'd do this well and get 32 wickets in the series but I guess it's my hard work and support from my family that has made it possible."

"I practised very hard over the

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ANIL KUMBLE

## SAFF C'ship might be delayed

SPORTS REPORTER

The Third South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship, which was scheduled to be held in Dhaka from October 31 to November 15, is likely to be deferred by a month because of the inaugural Afro-Asian Games that begins in New Delhi from November 3 to 11. The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) stated this in a press release on Friday.

Seven countries -- India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bhutan and hosts Bangladesh -- will be featured in the meet.

A fresh date is expected to be announced in Colombo next week when representatives from all seven South Asian nations are scheduled attend the opening of the Sri Lankan Football Federation's new headquarters.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter will inaugurate the new building on May 14.

## Footballers spotting done

UNB, Dhaka

The under-14 talent-hunting football tournament ended at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

The programme was organised jointly by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) and the National Sports Council (NSC) respectively.

Out of nearly 200 juvenile players, 49 were picked for the third-phase residential camp.

## No Anil for another 2 months

REUTERS, New Delhi

Anil Kumble will be out of competitive action for at least two more months because of his shoulder injury, the Indian spin bowler said on Friday.

Kumble, considered one of the world's best leg-spinners, underwent surgery in January. He has not played since withdrawing midway through a triangular one-day tournament in Sharjah last October.

"I have started bowling a little bit now. There are still problems but I'm feeling much better," Kumble told Reuters from Bangalore.

"I can't say for sure but I think I should be fit to play a match in another two months."

Kumble has already been ruled out of India's tour of Zimbabwe from May 28 to July 7, but officials are hoping he will be fit for the Test series in Sri Lanka which starts in mid-August.

Kumble, who with 276 wickets is India's second highest Test wicket-taker behind Kapil Dev's 434, said he had been asked to bowl by doctors so they could monitor his recovery.

Kumble missed India's 2-1 series victory over Australia earlier this year, but he was able to give some useful tips to off-spinner Harbhajan Singh, who picked up 32 wickets in the three Tests.

## Pollock won't savour it now

REUTERS, Bridgetown

South African captain Shaun Pollock is slowly coming to terms with his side's one-day series victory against the West Indies, but he doesn't expect to appreciate it until he arrives home.

"I'm very chuffed but it will probably really dawn on me when we get home," Pollock said on Thursday.

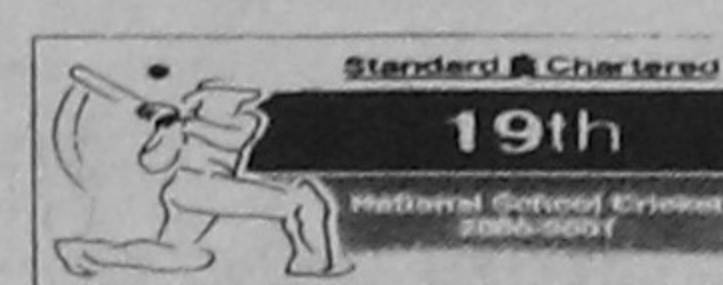
The South Africans clinched the seven match series 4-1 on Wednesday with a seven-wicket win, and in doing so became the first team to win both a Test and one-day series in the Caribbean since the West Indies began playing one-day cricket there in 1976.

"The greatest emotion is a huge sense of relief. We are tired after eleven weeks on the road and although we've enjoyed every island and every country, and had success on the field, we are looking forward to getting home," Pollock said.

Coach Graham Ford had no doubt the impact of the team's success would only become apparent to them after they returned home.

"It takes a long time for a success like this to sink in. It also takes a long time to be able to unwind and appreciate what the team has achieved because for the last eleven weeks we have been coiled up in a pretty tense routine," Ford said.

## BKSP, Blue Bird enter semis



SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) and Blue Bird High School became the first teams to enter the Standard Chartered 19th National School Cricket Championship semifinals in Sylhet on Friday.

At the Sylhet Stadium, Blue Bird High School handed Rajshahi Collegiate School a 41-run defeat in the quarterfinals.

Electing to bat, the home side scored 143 for nine in the stipulated 35 overs with Adnan hammering highest 26. Sadiq (22) and

Moksed (17) were the other notable scorers.

In reply, Rajshahi Collegiate School were all out for 102 in 35 overs. Bulbul made 22 while Rajshahi added 17.

Blue Bird's Tanvir and Monju took two wickets each.

In Sunday's first semifinal, the winners will take on BKSP who won the day's other quarterfinal against Mymensingh Zilla School by eight wickets.

After Mymensingh were bundled out for 54 in 35 overs, the winners raced to victory in only 10.2 overs for the loss of two wickets.

Nayem was unbeaten on 18 while Rimon remained 15 not out. Earlier, batting first, Mymensingh Zilla School were sent packing when Rubaiyat finished with four for 22.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

Blue Bird High School: 143 for 9 in 35 overs (Adnan 26, Sadiq 22, Shobeb 2/37)

Rajshahi Collegiate School: 102 all out in 35 overs (Bulbul 22, tanvir 2/16, Monju 2/23)

Result: Blue Bird High School won by 41 runs.

Mymensingh Zilla School: 54 all out in 17 overs (Sony 14, Rubaiyat 4/22, Newaz 3/17)

BKSP: 57 for 2 in 10.2 overs (Nayem 18 n.o., Rimon 15 n.o.)

Result: BKSP won by eight wickets.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Quarterfinals  
Narail Zilla School v Manikganj Govt. High School  
(Sylhet Stadium)  
Police Institution Chittagong v New Model High School  
(Medical College ground)

## Willey not convinced?

Cricket

INTERNET, London

Umpires Peter Willey and Tony Clarkson examined video replays of Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar's action during the tourists' match against Derbyshire, British newspapers reported on Friday.

Shoaib, who has not played a Test for a year, has remodelled his action after it was officially questioned by several umpires.

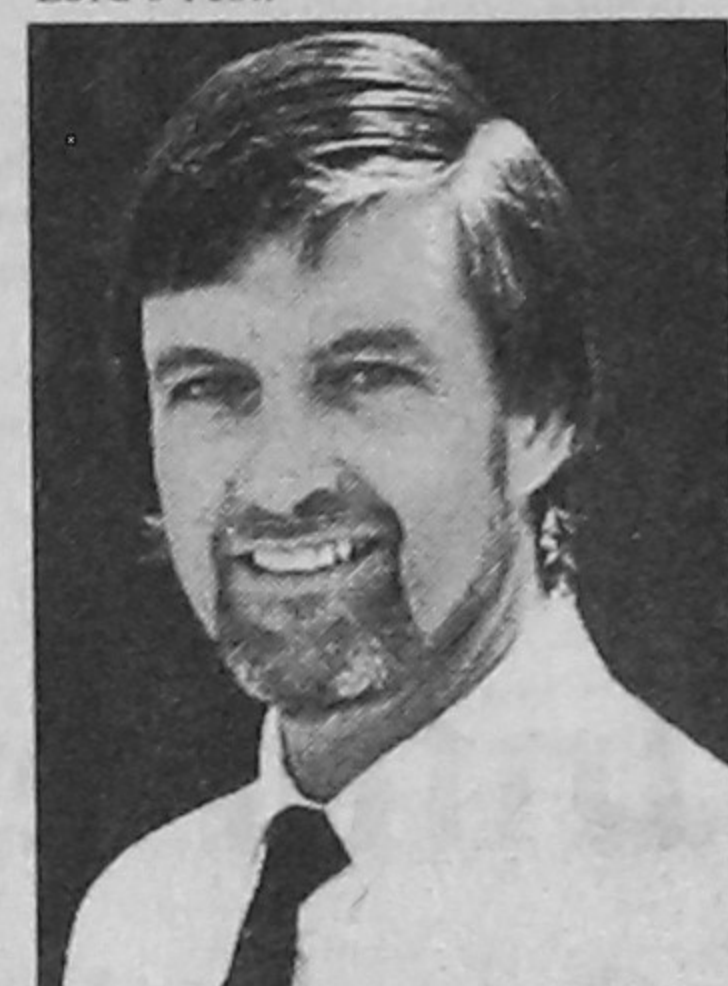
The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said last month that Shoaib, dubbed the "Rawalpindi Express", was not guilty of throwing after the University of Western Australia (UWA) investigated the legality of his action.

"Willey and fellow official Tony Clarkson asked to see TV replays of Shoaib's bowling action in Pakistan's drawn match with Derbyshire," a report in The Sun said.

"Willey confirmed he had watched the film but refused to comment further."

Shoaib demonstrated his new action during the three-day match against Derbyshire, which ended in a draw on Thursday.

Willey and Australian Darrell Hair reported Akhtar to the International Cricket Council (ICC) after a Test match in Perth 18 months ago and the pair have, ironically, been appointed for the Lord's Test.



PETER WILLEY

Akhtar was also reported following a one-day international in New Zealand earlier this year and subsequently spent a month at the University of Western Australia's

Department of Human Movement and Exercise Science in a bid to prove his action is legal.

The UWA team, which included current Pakistan bowling coach Daryl Foster, concluded that an abnormality in his elbow joint gave the impression of a "semi-throwing motion".

He was urged to remodel his action but this was principally in an effort to avoid future injury problems.

Akhtar was filmed from various angles at 200 frames per second and maintained a delivery speed of around 150 kph (93 miles per hour) during the tests.

"The three-dimensional analysis, using two and four cameras in two separate tests, proved conclusively that his physical abnormality was the cause of his arm going into hyper-extension -- which he can't avoid -- and that's where the illusion is that he's throwing," Foster said last month.

But he appeared short of match fitness and rhythm, failing to take a wicket from 11 unimpressive overs in the second innings.

The first of two Tests starts at Lord's next Thursday.

## Dowman's birthday gift

Cricket

REUTERS, Derby

Matthew Dowman ended Pakistan's chances of forcing victory from their tour-opening game with Derbyshire with an unbeaten 145 on Thursday, leaving the tourists on 63 for one as they chased 152 to win.

The left-hander celebrated his 27th birthday by making his highest score for Derbyshire before Dominic Cork declared leaving Pakistan to reach their total in just 19 overs.

They settled for some batting practice but Yousuf Youhana again missed out, falling lbw for four, before the game ended in a draw.

It was not a great day for the tourists who took only three wickets, none of them to Shoaib Akhtar who again looked well short of match fitness.

Inzamamul Haq was also off the field all day after he slipped in a hotel shower although he is not thought to be in any danger of missing next week's Test at Lord's.

Pakistan's chances of forcing victory were hit by overnight rain which delayed the start by 80 minutes -- and the batting of Dowman.

He did not offer a chance and timed the ball sweetly on both sides of the wicket. Although Pakistan used occasional bowlers after tea, Dowman made the bulk of his runs against their front line attack and was named the Man of the Match.

He had faced 203 balls and hit two sixes and 20 fours when Cork declared but Youhana failed again, falling to pace bowler Trevor Smith as he aimed to play off his legs.

He has now made only nine in three innings and Pakistan will hope the weather stays fine to give him and others the chance of more time in the middle at Canterbury this weekend.

Pakistan skipper Waqar Younis admitted his players have a lot to do before next Thursday's Test at Lord's.

After three days at Derby, Waqar knows there are still questions to be answered and one of the biggest concerns pace bowler Shoaib Akhtar.

He was well below his best against Derbyshire in his first bowl since February and Waqar said: "He has not bowled for a long time and it's very hard for a guy in this cold weather to run in and bowl."

"But I am pleased with what he did although he needs more time to get into his rhythm. It's very hard to say if he has enough time to do that before the Test. I am not really sure about him."

Waqar knows that other players badly need match practice, particularly Yousuf Youhana who has scored 0, 5 and 4 in three innings on the tour.

"We more or less got what we wanted out of this game but we still have a lot to do before we get to Lord's," he added. "We didn't get enough batting, we need more

time out in the middle for players like Yousuf and Inzamam."

### SCOREBOARD

DERBYSHIRE: First innings

166

PAKISTAN: First innings 262

DERBYSHIRE: Second innings

(overnight 66-2)

Stubbings run out

Sutton c Latif b Razzaq

Titchard b Waqar

Dowman not out

Bassano lbw b Waqar

Cork lbw b Farhat

Krikken not out

Extras: (lb-7, b-2, nb-6)

Total: (For 5 wks in 72.2

overs decl)

247

Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-25, 3-

111, 4-164, 5-189

Bowler O M R W

Waqar 12 4 33 2

Akhtar 11 2 31 0

Saqil 14 2 35 0

Mahmood 13 2 46 0

Razzaq 11 4 25 1

Farhat 6 0