hander scored a magnificent 153

to equal Darryl Cullinan's South

African record of 14 Test centuries

and set the highest ever individual

"I think Gary was superb, he led

score by a South African in Sydney.

the way. He's played a lot of Test

cricket and he showed us how it

Pollock dismissed suggestions

the controversial selection of black

middle-order batsman Justin

Ontong had upset team morale.

The 21-year-old was not originally

chosen by the selectors but was

included after South African cricket

have been less disruption if it had

gone a bit smoothly but that's all in

the past, that didn't affect the way

you've got your 11 and that's the 11

biggest obstacle was dealing with

Australia's openers Matthew

Hayden and Justin Langer who

shared double-century partner-

ships in all three Tests and scored

five individual hundreds between

the two sides was those two guys,"

other guys to come in and play with

ously in our minds to make sure

that we get a tactic of getting them

in Australia for a month-long trian-

gular one-day series which also

involves New Zealand before

returning home to host the

Australians in a return three-match

42 coming into bat at number five.

Rajshahi, in their chase, were

bowled out for 197 despite the

return of Bangladesh skipper

Khaled Mashud in the northern

still that was not enough to avoid a

Chittagong's tally to 10 points.

Masud top-scored with 42, but

The victory improved

Faisal was adjudged man of the

limited-overs game while left-arm

The South Africans will remain

"The major difference between

"They set the platform for the

"They played well and it's obvi-

"You walk out that morning,

Pollock said South Africa's

"Obviously it probably would

boss Percy Sonn intervened.

we played," Pollock said.

you're playing with."

Pollock said.

out in the future

Test series.

FROM PAGE 13

divisional team

scored a brilliant 83.

Ctg clinch

freedom.

should be done."

SPORT REPORTER

The four-day match between hosts Sylhet and Khulna ended tamely at the Sylhet Stadium on Saturday.

However, the visitors gained two points by virtue of taking a firstinnings lead in a match where runs were hard to come by.

Khulna made sure on the final day that the match finished as a draw after batting almost the whole day to score 129 for six in 71 overs.

Earlier, Sylhet, resuming on 174 for seven, could add only 31 runs before being bowled out in the morning session. The hosts scored 132 in their first innings

Khulna, who made 181 in their first essay, had a good chance in the match when they chased 156 runs in their second innings

But they resigned after the leftright opening combination Nahidul and Sajjadul fell for 28 runs each.

The two teams will play the oneday match at the same venue today. SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the four-day National Cricket League match between Sylhet and Khulna at the Svlhet Stadium on Saturday:

SYLHET: First innings 132 all out in 65.1 overs (Parvez 36, Hussain 33, Rajin 27; Jamaluddin 4/31, Sohel 4/33. Maniarul 2/20)

KHULNA: First innings 181 all out (Sohel 37, Monirul 30, Asadullah 27; Aloke 2/23, Enamul 2/24, Hussain 2/41)

SYLHET: Second innings (overnight 174/7) Parvez run out Hossain c Biplob b Sohel 41 40 Hadi c Biplob b Jamal Aloke c Monir b Jamal Nasir c & b Sohel Rajin c A Kamal b Sohel Nayeem c Parvez b Rana Taposh c Selim b A Kamal Joy c Selim b Al-Amin Mitsu c Biplob b Sohel Enamul not out **BOWLER**

Total: (All out in 137.3 overs) 205 Fall of wicket: 1/16, 2/74, 3/97, 4/106, 5/130, 6/151, 7/174, 8/151, 25 33 47 **A Kamal** 24 27.3 Al-Amin Sohel 33 Rana 48 Monir Nahidul KHULNA: Second innings Sajjadul c Rajin b Mistu Naĥidul b Mistu Parvez run out Jamal Ibw b Mistu Monir c Rajin b Enamul Biplob b Taposh Rana not out Sohel not out Extras: (b-11, lb-3, nb-4) Total: (For 6 wickets in 71 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1/56, 2/73, 3/73, 4/116, 5/116, 6/118 **R W** 17 1 **BOWLER** 18 9 Taposh 8 5 7 Parvez 6 24 Tanna 0 Mistu Das 18 5 24 3 22 43 Enamul Result: Match drawn

Prime Bank chess

SPORTS REPORTER

Tayebur Rahman Sumon, Shafique Ahmed and Yanur Rahman Royal were sharing the top spot of the Prime Bank International Rating chess tournament at the end of Round Seven at the NSC chess room on

drew against each other while Royal beat Shakil to raise their tally to six points each.

Positive Pollock

Cricket

REUTERS, Sydney

South African cricket captain Shaun Pollock said his team would benefit from the lessons they learnt during their 3-0 series thrashing by

Pollock, unable to hide his disappointment at the way his team folded under pressure, said: "I think we've learnt a hell of a lot. If you play against the a top quality side, it's just like in tennis when you're playing against the number one or the number two, you improve as well.

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down in his first over.

overnight total of 234.

off his first delivery.

37 v Australia in 1956).

joining the perfect-10 twins, Jim

Laker of England and Anil Kumble of

India, but saw a catch dropped and

then a leg-before appeal turned

seamer Chaminda Vaas, bowling

gentle medium-pace, ended the

innings with his sixth ball when he

had Olonga caught behind after the

tourists had added two to their

Muralitharan's bowling figures

would have been the best in Test

history had close-in fielder Arnold

not missed a bat-pad chance

offered by Travis Friend (29 not out)

with the fifth-best 9-51 after Laker

(10-53 v Australia in 1956)), Kumble

(10-74 v Pakistan in 1999),

England's George Lohmann (9-28 v

South Africa in 1896) and Laker (9-

It was the second time in 71 Tests

that Muralitharan had bagged nine

wickets in an innings, having taken

9-65 against England at the Oval in

All eyes were on Muralitharan,

who had dislocated a finger on the

right hand while trying to take a

day's proceedings, but saw Friend

survive a chance and then a confi-

dent appeal for leg-before turned

down by Indian umpire Srinivas

Venkataraghavan in his maiden

scorer after Grant Flower (72), then

returned to jolt Sri Lanka as a bowler

when he trapped opener Marvan

Atapattu (nine) leg-before in his first

blow as Jayasuriya received valu-

able support from Sangakkara,

Javawardene and Arnold.

Jayasuriya was let off on 60 when

skipper Stuart Carlisle failed to

Sangakkara was out hit-wicket

judge a skyer off Olonga at mid-on.

But Sri Lanka survived the early

over.

28 Moist

29 Vicinity

31 Do

30 Without

sound-

work

35 Aphorism

38 Bishopric

40 Try the monade

42 Window

cove

Horner's

reward

47 Accom-

48 Cruising

50 Astronaut

Grissom

Mussolini"

49 Settle

51 Cleo's

slayer

With

54 Wilde

beest

45 Jack

Friend, the second-highest

He, however, still started the

catch in the final over on Friday.

He eventually had to be content

He was not to get another over as



WELL DONE: South Africa captain Shaun Pollock (L) congratulates his Australia opposite number Steve Waugh at the end of the third and final Test in Sydney yesterday.

Sanath places SL on top

attempted hook off Friend.

Scoreboard at stumps on the sec-

ond day of the second Test between

Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe at the

Asgiriya Stadium in Kandy on

ZIMBABWE: First innings (over-

Gripper c J'dene b Muralitharan 20

Rennie st S'kara b Muralitharan 0

A Flower c S'kara b Muralitharan 8

Fall of wickets: 1-39, 2-45, 3-51, 4-

67, 5-83, 6-137, 7-140, 8-166, 9-201

0

17

15

40 19

> 5 2 13 0

12 3 27 0

Jayasuriya c Gripper b G Flower 139

Total: (For 4 wkts in 89 overs) 334

To bat: Thilan Samaraweera,

Chaminda Vaas, Nuwan Zoysa

Muttiah Muralitharan, Buddika

18

13 0 39

Umpires: Asoka de Silva (Sri

Lanka) and Srinivas

Venkataraghavan (India).

5 55

0 88

49

73 0

28

2

Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-82, 3-202,

R W

35

58

51

2 33 0

Masakadza b Muralitharan

Carlisle Ibw b Muralitharan

G Flower b Muralitharan

Streak b Muralitharan

Friend not out

Bowler

Vaas

Zoysa

Buddika

Muralitharan

Samarweera

Arnold not out

4-273

Fernando

Streak

Olonga

Marillier

G Flower

Gripper

Tillakaratne not out

Extras: (b-2, nb-7)

Jayasuriya

Marillier b Muralitharan

Olonga c S'kara b Vaas

Extras: (b-3, lb-7, nb-14)

Total: (All out in 97 overs)

SKI LANKA: First innings

Sangakkara hit wkt b Friend

Jayawardene Ibw b G Flower

Atapattu Ibw b Friend

Wishart Ibw b Muralitharan

SCOREBOARD

night 234-9)

praise after the 34-year-old left-

the three-match series 3-0. Pollock said he had taken heart from his team's performance in the second innings of the final Test when they made 452, South Africa's highest ever score at the Sydney Cricket Ground, to avoid an innings defeat after trailing by 400 on the first innings following their dismal 154.

"The first innings was a carryover of the past two Tests," Pollock

"The pressure was put on the guys and it's hard to pick yourself

"But in the second innings we discussed quite a few things before we went out, discussed how we wanted to play and it probably does contribute to being able to play with a bit more freedom because you basically have nothing to lose.'



Classy Inzamamul Hag off-drives. He scored 52 before being trapped leg before by Enamul Haque.

Pakistan Y-powered

FROM PAGE 13 aggression.

Opener Mehrab Hossain, vying for a recall in the national team, was batting on 20 while his partner Hannan Sarkar was not out on 13 when bails were taken off.

Pakistan speedster Shoaib got back in action following a few months' layoff after he was reported for suspect action last October for the third time.

The A openers had some initial trouble in dealing with Shoaib, but at the end of the day, they could extract 23 runs from his five overs.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day match between

Bangladesh A and Pakistan at the BKSP on Saturday: **PAKISTAN:** First innings Shadab c Anwar b Talha

15 Taugeer b Talha Younis Khan retired 112 52 Inzamam Ibw b Enamul 101 Youhana not out

Extras: (b-1, lb-1, nb-2, w-1) 5 Total: (for 3 wkts in 73 overs) 312

AS: (Loui: (for 3 wkts.)
Did not bat: Rashiu Louis Aushtaq, Waqar Younis, C.
Akhtar and Danish Kaneria
Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-36, 3-128

Rowler

O M R W

15 2 61 0
13 3 56 2
4 1 10 7
73 15 24 1 73 2 104 0 Enamul

0 6 Mehrab BANGLADESH A: First innings Hannan batting Mehrab batting Extras: (nb-5) Total (for no loss in 16 overs) 38

To bat: Nafees Iqbal, Tushar Imran, Hasanuzzaman, Akram Khan, Anwar Hossain, Enamul Hoque, Talha Zubayer, Tareq Aziz Khan and Fahim Muntasir Bowler М 0

6 Waqar 23 Akhtar Razzak

Proteas Aussie-washed

Zealander Richard Hadlee (431). It was a case of what might have

been for the under-performing South Africans, who have been a pale imitation of the side ranked No. 2 in Test cricket behind Australia. The South Africans resumed the

fourth day at 209 for two and despite losing Jacques Kallis and Neil McKenzie in the morning session they went to lunch at 299 for four, 101 runs from making Australia bat a second time.

Kallis was out in the third over of the morning when Warne coaxed him to edge to 'keeper Adam Gilchrist for 34.

Kallis played inside the line and appeared to get an edge with the back of his bat.

McKenzie put on 71 for the fourth wicket with Kirsten before he got a leading edge to Lee with the second new ball and was caught at

mid-on by MacGill for 38. No sooner had Kirsten raised his 150 than Justin Ontong was harshly given out Ibw by Australian umpire Daryl Harper off Shane Warne for 32 in the hour after lunch.

Ontong, who was a controversial selection after intervention by South African cricket chief Percy Sonn on match eve, showed great resolve to defy the Australian attack in his first Test, but lost out to a contentious decision. He was well down to the pitch of

the ball and was struck on his back pad with television replays showing the ball would have missed off stump. South Africa's resistance was

further weakened when Mark Boucher and Nicky Boje were removed in the 20 minutes before

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fourth day of the third and final cricket Test between Australia and South Africa at the Sydney Cricket Ground

AUSTRALIA: First innings 554 (J Langer 126, D Martyn 117, M Hayden 105; N Boje 4-63, S Pollock **SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings

154 (M Boucher 35, H Gibbs 32; G McGrath 3-35, S Warne 3-47, S

SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings (overnight 209-2) Gibbs b Lee

Kirsten b MacGill Dippenaar c Ponting b MacGill 74 Kallis c Gilchrist b Warne McKenzie c MacGill b Lee 38 32 Ontong Ibw b Warne Boucher c Gilchrist b McGrath 27 Pollock not out 61 Boie b MacGill Henderson b MacGill Donald c Lee b Warne Extras: (b-8, lb-7, nb-3)

Total: (All out in 141.5 overs) 452 Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-166, 3-253, 4-282, 5-356, 6-372, 7-392, 8-

393, 9-403 McGrath 28 5 95 Warne 8 132 19 62 2 Lee MacGill 45 13 123 M Waugh 0 14 6 1 0 11 0 Ponting **AUSTRALIA:** Second innings 30 Langer not out Hayden not out 21 Extras: (lb-2, nb-1) Total: (For no loss in 10.1 overs)54 Bowler 0 М R W

Donald 0 12 0 Pollock 11 0 2.1 0 0 14 0 Henderson Result: Australia won by 10 wickets and swept the series 3-0. Men-of-the-match: Justin Langer and Matt Hayden. Man-of-the-series: Matthew

Hayden. Umpires: David Shepherd (Eng-

land) and Daryl Harper (Austra-



THE CHAMPIONS: Victorious Australia cricketers pose for a team photograph after they completed the 3-0 whitewash of South Africa at the Sydney

Pious Anwar

Cricket

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan's dashing left-handed opener Saeed Anwar has urged Muslim youths to turn towards religion rather than waste time on sports and entertainment.

"I have spent my life reading about Sir Don Bradman rather than Prophet Mohammed," Anwar said in a sermon at a mosque in southern Karachi late Friday, referring to the late Australian cricketing legend. Anwar, 33, became a devoted

Muslim after the death of his daughter Sidra in September last year. He now preaches Islam and gives sermons throughout the country, but maintains his cricketing career is not over. "Turning to religion does not

mean that I have left cricket, but I have certainly said goodbye to my social life to devote my life to Islam, he said.

In his latest sermon he urged people, particularly young boys and girls, to start reading about the life of the Prophet Mohammad instead of spending their lives gazing at "Bollywood" movie stars from India.

"Since my childhood I have been watching Indian movies, but those days are over and I will now ask you all to turn to religion," Anwar said. Among the congregation of

about 300 at the mosque, some people objected as photographers tried to take Anwar's photograph. "It is so good to see him among

ourselves, not as a cricketer but as a true Muslim," said one of the people listening to the sermon, who did not want to be named.

record for the highest one-day international score -- with 194 against India at Chennai in 1997 -has pulled out of Pakistan's Bangladesh tour due to a fractured wrist that has put him out of action for at least three months.



SAEED ANWAR

But many believe Anwar's career finished because of his heavy involvement in his religion. Other players have also complained that he has been pressuring them to observe their religion more closely.

Other top Pakistan cricketers to turn to religion include former fast bowler Fazal Mahmood and another left-handed opener Qasim Anwar has played 55 Tests since

1990, scoring 4,052 runs with 11 centuries. He also scored 8,348 runs in 230 one-day internationals with 19 centuries.

Anwar had said he wants to continue playing until the World Cup 2003 in South Africa

Hopman Cup Spain's

Tennis

AFP, Perth

Spain's former world No.1 Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and 19-year-old compatriot Tommy Robredo defeated the United States here Saturday in the final of the million dollar (500,000 US) Hopman Cup tennis tournament. After Sanchez-Vicario had been beaten by Monica Seles, another former

world No.1, in the women's singles, Spain were rescued by an inspired Robredo when he overcame Gambill in the men's singles. The Spaniards then teamed up to clinch the title -- and cheques worth

120,000 dollars (60,000 US) each -- by winning the mixed doubles. Seles, now ranked 10th, scored a fighting victory over Sanchez-Vicario 18th) to give the United States a 1-0 lead.

Seles, 28, got home 6-1, 7-6 in just over an hour before a packed house of about 8,000 at Burswood Dome.

But Robredo scored a memorable win against Gambill, clinching the match 6-3, 2-6, 7-6



Spaniards Tommy Robredo (L) and Aranxta Sanchez-Vicario hold the trophy after beating Americans Jan-Michael Gambill and Monica Seles at the Hopman Cup final in Perth on January 5.

"I am still not sure on his intentions. However, I think the delay is due to getting his passport renewed, he said.

In the round, Sumon and Shafique

Board director Syed Ashraful Huq confirmed the matter on

Gavin mystery

Barlow, has not replied whether he has accepted or rejected the pro-

Gavin who came to Bangladesh along with South African Eddie

while trying to keep the ball away from the stumps after missing an CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer DOWN 19 Koufax **ACROSS** 41 Got at least a D 1 Help a 21 Wing hood 43 Oscar chum Wilde's 23 Sphere sine qua 3 Part of a 25 Chip in a 7 Radar screen 4 Symbol of 26 Imparted 44 Maryland intrigue 11 "Pow! athlete, 5 Head time for short 27 Angers

46 Go by head over 14 Pinatubo 50 Total 6 Prescribed 15 Draw on receipts doctrine 7 Big hits 16 Marshy 8 Remiss 55 Parks or area 17 Yoked duo Got a Bonheur 56 Addict Secret' 18 U.S. resort lake 57 Bit of 20 Auto wordplay star financing 58 Witnessed 59 Resorts 12"Para-22"No norma 60 Ostrich's

seats" 61 Blue Solution time: 24 mins. neutralizer 28 Scoundrel 32 Dogpatch 33 Bedouin 34 Clear the tables 36 The -Reader 37 Waiters' handoute 39 Sadhounds

CRYPTOQUIP

X V JNTCIMSJN VXY RTJJLYQML CM HMZZ-OJSHJ RSC OMMFEJI

F M S F Z M E J N Y E Y X Q M N Saturday's Cryptoquip: IT WAS TOO NOISY AT THE TUPPERWARE PARTY, SO THE HOST YELLED, "PUT A LID ON IT! Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals E The Cryptoquip 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.

spinner Ahsanullah collected an award for being player of the fourday match. Ahsanullah finished with a match-haul of eight wickets and

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the limited-overs match of the Ispahani National Cricket League between Chittagong and Rajshahi at the Comilla Stadium on Saturday:

CHITTAGONG Azam c Mostakim b Nayan Faisal c Mamun b Mostakim Ehsanul c Mashud b Aminul Jr 23 Minhazul c Rojel b Mustadir Masum not out 42 Sabbir c Mostakim b Tariq Barua c Mostakim b Tario 12 Ahsanullah b Tariq Mortuza c Rojel b Mustadir Debabroto run out 0 Suja c Mashud b Mustadir 0 Extras: (b-1. nb-5. w-5) 11 Total: (All out in 49.2 overs)

Fall of wickets:	1/55,	2/10	6, 3/ <i>°</i>	112,
4/156, 5/167, 6/	192,	7/199	9, 8/2	212,
9/212				
BOWLER	0	M	R	W
Aminur jr.	7	1	30	1
Mamun	8	0	43	0
Nayan	8	2	38	1
Mostakim	10	0	28	1
Mustadir	7.2	0	36	3
Tariq	9	0	38	3
RAJSHAHI				
Rafiqul c Faisal b Bebabroto				1
Mustadir c Ehsanul b Debabroto				1

Nayan c Masum b Sabbir 34 Anisur c Ahsanullah b Suja 24 Mashud c Suja b Ahsanullah 44 Roiel c Mortuza b Barua 30 15 Kalim run out Tarig c Masum b Ahsanullah 13 Mostakim not out 11 Aminul Jr st Mortuza b Ahsanullah 1 Mamun run out Extras: (lb-2, w-12) 14 Total: (All out in 49. 2 overs) 191 Fall of wickets: 1/2, 2/4, 3/47, 4/81, 5/147, 6/149, 7/168, 8/178, 9/184 **BOWLER** 0 M R W Debatroto 31 2 10 0 39 Barua

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0 30

0 38 3

17

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Result: Chittagong won by 23

from entering the ground for remain-

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Festivity

FROM PAGE 13

Suja

Ehsanul

Ahsanullah

Sabbir

"We will have to bar people from entering from tomorrow as Police has already given us a notice. It may go against the spirit of the game but we have no choice," said Farukul Islam, director (administration) of

domestic matches. "It's a unique thing. People coming from far way to see a threeday match... it's fantastic," said a senior Pakistani player.

However, the Pakistanis looked

fully impressed with the huge crowd

as they hardly see them in their



Cricket Ground on Saturday.