Murali warms up slowly

AFP, Hastings

Muttiah Muralitharan bowled his first overs in Australia this summer as Sri Lanka registered their first win on tour, beating a Victorian Country XI by 80 runs here on Sunday.

Murali bowled three gentle overs for 0-13 in his first spell since a hernia operation in Melbourne last

Muralitharan spent most of the day signing autographs and posing for photos, and his bowling further delighted the 8,150 crowd gathered 70km (40 miles) south-east of Melbourne. His return put further gloss on the

tourists' breakthrough win, after they made 219 for seven from 40 overs and bowled out the country selection out for 139 with one ball Sri Lanka were hopeful of having

Muralitharan return in early January but the off-spinner said his recovery was at too early a stage to predict a comeback date. Sri Lanka captain Sanath

Jayasuriya said Muralitharan was given a bowl to determine where his recovery was placed. Thilan Samaraweera (58) and

Chaminda Vaas (15 not out) took Sri Lanka past the 200-mark with 20 runs off their last over.

Smith, McKenzie FROM PAGE 13

of the UCB, to the late sports minister Steve Tshwete in 1998 when the board were under pressure to pick a meaningful number of black players for the 1999 World Cup in England. Only two were picked. Gibbs and

Ntini, but Ntini was withdrawn after a rape conviction, which was later overturned on appeal.

Bacher told Tshwete that there were not enough players of colour ready to play at international level at the time but promised at least five would be picked on merit by 2003.

Sonn said: "That was a commitment made long ago. We gave a paradigm to the selectors early on. We followed a process and it seems to have worked. The selectors built these people up and they were given opportunities as we went along. Some people were given opportunities but didn't take them."

The team, to be led by Shaun Pollock, is packed with all-rounders. Fast bowler Allan Donald and batsman-fielder Jonty Rhodes will be playing in their fourth World Cups, having played in all three in which South Africa have participated since 1992.

Pollock, Gary Kirsten and Jacques Kallis will be playing in their third tournament, while Mark Boucher, Nicky Boje, Herschelle Gibbs and Lance Klusener played in the 1999 World Cup.

SQUAD

naun Pollock (captain), Mark Boucher (vice-captain), Nicky Boje, Boeta Dippenaar, Allan Donald, Herschelle Gibbs. Andrew Hall. Jacques Kallis, Gary Kirsten, Lance Klusener, Charl Langeveldt, Makhaya Ntini, Robin Peterson, Jonty Rhodes and Monde Zondeki.

Coach, Eric Simons; assistant coach, Corrie van Zyl.

Lara in WC

FROM PAGE 13 cial cricket in South Africa.

"In general, I believe it is a team of horses for courses because we have picked six fast bowlers knowing the kind of conditions that we may encounter in South Africa. where the pitches tend to offer plenty of bounce and movement." Commenting on the fitness of

Lara and five others who had been identified with injuries or medical concerns, WIBC president Wes Hall said all of them were declared eligible for selection on the basis of medical reports. "Lara underwent medical tests in

Britain, was given a clean bill of health, and cleared to take part in the World Cup by the doctors," Hall said "West Indies captain Carl

Hooper underwent successful arthroscopic surgery on his knees and the medical reports submitted to the WICB have also cleared him for World Cup duty. "Meanwhile, fast bowlers

Mervyn Dillon and Vasbert Drakes, as well as batsman Ramnaresh Sarwan all received treatment from medical specialists for varying ailments and were declared fit to resume training for duties at the World Cup."

All 14 countries taking part in the World Cup had to submit a provisional squad of 30 to the ICC by November 30 before naming their final 15 by December 31.

West Indies, world champions in 1975 and 1979, meet hosts South Africa in the opening match of the competition in Cape Town on February 9. The other five teams in Pool B are Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Kenya, Bangladesh and Canada.

SQUAD Carl Hooper (captain), Ridley Jacobs (vice-captain), Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Pedro Collins, Corey Collymore, Mervyn Dillon, Vasbert Drakes, Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds, Brian Lara, Jermaine Lawson Nixon McLean, Ricardo Powell, Marlon Samuels, Ramnaresh



Grand Master Ziaur Rahman (R) ponders for his next move against Rezaul Haque during their fifth International Rating Chess engagement at NSC yesterday.

Pakistan pummelled

Cricket

AFP, Durban

South Africa cruised to a 10-wicket win on the fourth day of the first Test against Pakistan at Kingsmead Sunday, taking them to within one match of claiming the world's top ranking. Pakistan were bowled out for 250

n their second innings, adding 32 runs for their last two wickets, leavng South Africa with 44 to win.

Graeme Smith and Herschelle Gibbs took South Africa to a comfortable win, with Gibbs hitting an unbeaten 25 off 17 balls. The Pakistan attack was without

captain Waqar Younis, who did not take the field after being struck on the right forearm while batting. Waqar appeared after the match

with his arm wrapped in bandages but said he was "fine". Waqar said his team had failed to take advantage of winning the toss

and sending South Africa in. "We didn't put enough balls in the right place," he said. He paid tribute to the South

"They obviously know how to bowl in these conditions.

African bowlers.

Pakistan's batting was also disappointing. "Some of the batsmen played silly shots," Wagar said. South African captain Shaun Pollock said it had turned out to be a toss that he was happy to have lost.

"We were thinking about sending them in but in the end we had to hat and our batsmen applied themselves. Then our bowlers were pretty clinical."

Unless Pakistan win the second and final Test which starts in Cape Town Thursday. South Africa will be world Test champions. They will overtake Australia on the International Cricket Council Test log, which is decided on average points gained in series.

Facing a hopeless situation, the Pakistan tailenders went for their shots Sunday, starting the day 11 runs ahead with two wickets stand-

Kamran Akmal hit two fours before being caught behind off Makhaya Ntini for 29 off the last ball

ICC Cricket World Cup

The International Cricket Council

(ICC) ratcheted up the pressure

Saturday in its ongoing World Cup

World cricket's governing body

eleased details of the contract

signed by the Board of Control for

Cricket in India (BCCI) guarantee-

ing that its best players will attend

the 2003 World Cup which starts in

Agreement (PNA) the BCCI signed

in March this year the Indian board

is committed to sending its best

team to the ICC Cricket World Cup

2003," said ICC chief executive

"It is also vital to recognise that in

signing the PNA, the BCCI has

accepted the player terms put

forward by the ICC on behalf of its

and the ICC revolves around indi-

vidual deals signed by Indian play-

ers with firms which are commercial

rivals of those officially sponsoring

pect of 'ambush marketing' where

firms which haven't signed official

sponsorship deals nevertheless use

their contracted players to gain

will only be allowed to carry the

names of official sponsors on their

clothing in the run-up to, during and

after the tournament. The BCCI

argues that Indian players cannot

be expected to breach sponsorship

deals which pre-date the ICC's

On Friday, the Indian govern-

World Cup contract.

The ICC is insisting that players

advertising benefit from the event.

The ICC is worried by the pros-

The argument between the BCCI

Malcolm Speed in a statement.

eam," Speed added.

the World Cup.

"Under the Participating Nations

SOUTH AFRICA 2003

contracts row with India.

South Africa on February.

AFP, London

of the first over of the day. Although the new ball was due,

South Africa did not take it until Mohammad Sami slogged a six over long-on off Ntini in the fifth over In Ntini's next over, Wagar

missed a pull and was hit on the right forearm. He was in visible pain and required treatment on the field before he continued batting.

He top-edged a six over wicketkeeper Mark Boucher three balls later but was out in the next over when he skied Shaun Pollock to midwicket, where Gary Kirsten held a good, sliding catch,

All five South African bowlers



JACQUES KALLIS...m-o-m:

took two wickets, with Pollock taking two for 29 to return the best figures. In the absence of Wagar. Pakistan opened the bowling with

fast bowler Mohammad Sami and off-spinner Saglain Mushtag. Pakistan will hope that Waqar's assessment of his injury is accurate because without him they would have a serious problem.

Pakistan are already without two ading fast bowlers. Wasim Akram was not available for the Tests and Shoaib Akhtar withdrew from the Tests because of a knee injury. Shoaib was said to have returned home but arrived in Durban while the Test was on to attend a show by Bollywood film stars.

Pakistan gave a disappointing performance, with their batsmen in particular letting them down. Inexperienced openers Taufeeq Umar and Salim Elahi put on 77 and 50 for the first wicket in the two innings but the side's senior bats-

Contract row rumbles on

ment backed the BCCI's rejection of

the ICC's final offer made on

its players to break their existing

personal contracts to please the

Verna said: "As long as the stand is

in the interest of the game and

country, the government is with the

players and will extend all possible

March 23 event by India, one of the

sport's major powers, still seems

unlikely to many outside the sub-

A boycott of the February 8 -

But a BCCI official told AFP in

New Delhi on Friday: "No one wants

World Cup's official sponsors.

The BCCI said it would not force

Indian sports minister Vikram

Christmas Day

help in the matter.

continent

men failed

Younis Khan, Inzamam-ul-Haq and Yousuf Youhana scored only 116 runs between them in the

Jacques Kallis, the South African all-rounder, was named man of the match. He scored 105 in South Africa's first innings of 368 and took two wickets in the second innings.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fourth day of the first Test between South Africa and Pakistan at Kingsmead

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 368 PAKISTAN: First innings 161 PAKISTAN: Second innings (overnight 218-8) Umar Ibw b Boje

Elahi c Smith b Ntini Younis Khan c Boucher b Kallis 30 Inzamam c Gibbs b Boje Youhana c McKenzie b Hayward 42 Faisal b Kallis Razzaq c Boucher b Hayward 22 29 4 Akmal c Boucher b Ntini Saqlain c Boucher b Pollock 15 11 Wagar c Kirsten b Pollock Sami not out

250 Total: (All out in 87.3 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-50, 2-64, 3-88, 4-132, 5-156, 6-184, 7-199, 8-216, 9-

Extras: (lb-2, nb-7, w-1)

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226.	,	,		,		
Bowler	0	M	R	W		
Ntini	21	2	73	2		
Pollock	17.3	4	29	2		
Kallis	17	5	30	2		
Hayward	13	1	63	2		
Boje	19	2	53	2		
SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings						
Smith not out				13		
Gibbs not out				25		
Extras: (lb-1, nb	o-6)			7		
Total (No loss in 9 overs) 45						
Bowler	0	M	R	W		
Sami	5	0	36	0		
Saglain	4	2	8	0		

Saqlain 4 2 0 Result: South Africa won by wickets Man-of-match: Jacques Kallis Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies), Srinivas

Venkataraghavan (India). TV umpire: Ian Howell (RSA). Match referee: Gundappa Viswanath (India).

Second and final Test: Cape Town, Jan 2-6

to stay away from the World Cup

but we have already said the current

to us or the players

January 14.

set of contracts are not acceptable

ment's sponsors to decide. The ball

due, under World Cup rules, to

announce their 15-man squads for

the event by Tuesday (December

rejected the BCCI's request for a

seven-day extension to this dead-

signed player terms for all their

squad members with the ICC by

Earlier this month the ICC

Teams are due to lodge the

is in their court." the official added.

"It's for the ICC and the tourna-

All 14 competing nations are

Proteas pick 2nd **Test squad**

AFP, Durban

The South African selectors Sunday added two players to the side that won the first Test against Pakistan for the second and final Test which starts at Newlands, Cape Town, on Thursday.

All-rounder Andrew Hall and fast bowler Monde Zondeki were included in a squad of 13.

South Africa won the first Test at Kingsmead by ten wickets Sunday. **SQUAD**

Shaun Pollock (captain), Mark Boucher (vice-captain), Graeme Smith, Herschelle Gibbs, Gary Kirsten, Jacques Kallis, Boeta Dippenaar, Neil McKenzie, Nicky Boje, Makhaya Ntini, Mornantau Hayward, Andrew Hall, Monde

Khuna, Magura

FROM PAGE 13 (Hiru 40, Alamgir 27) Result: Narayanganj won by 7

Dhaka v Kishoreganj

Kishoreganj: 82 all out in 32 overs (Hasan 20, Sunny 5/12, Sajal 2/16) Dhaka: 83 for no loss in 15.5 overs (Ali 45 Jubair 27) Result: Dhaka won by 10 wickets.

Comilla v Feni

Feni: 100 all out in 38.2 overs (Sarajit 19, Piplu 15; Ashique 4/21, James 2/18, Tipu 2/12) Comilla: 101 for 5 in 22.1 overs

(Illias 37, Al-Mamun 28; Russel 2/17, Tapan 2/4) Result: Comilla won by 5 wickets.

Dinajpur v Sirajganj Sirajganj: 178 for 8 in 50 overs (Sabuj 61, Rubel 39; Shahnur 2/26, Sajib 2/34) Dinajpur 181 for 7 in 38.4 overs

(Mostak 79, Saju 36; Alam 2/31) Rangpur v Pabna

Pabna: 122 all out in 29.3 overs

(Mamun 32, Jahid 25; Rajib 4/15) Rangour: 124 for 3 in 28.4 overs (Bappi 39, Ripon 28; Jahid 2/22) Result: Rangpur won by 7 wickets. Magura v Jessore

Magura: 171 all out in 36.3 overs (Parvez 27, Hossain 22, Murad 5/16) Jessore: 98 all out in 38 overs

(Murad 22, Faisal 3/18, Rabiul 2/27, Utpal 2/20) Result: Magura won by 73 runs.

Khulna v Satkhira

Khulna: 169 for 9 in 46 overs (Hasibul 50 not out, Rezwan 33; Imran 2/19 Tawfig 2/19) Satkhira: 136 all out in 41.5 overs (Zakir 32, Karim 22; Shamim 4/21, Faizul 2/26, Shahadat 2/25) Result: Khulna won by 33 runs

Sehwag ton

FROM PAGE 13 Extras: (b-9, lb-9, w-6, nb-4) 28 50 overs Fall of wkts: 1-10; 2-146; 3-157;

4-199; 5-204; 6-224; 7-233; 8-237; Bowler: Srinath 34 3 10 0 47 Khan Nehra 0 42 10 56 Harbhajar 0 0 34 Bangar 0 23 Ganguly

INDIA Sehwag run out (Tuffey) Ganguly b Tuffey Laxman c McCullum b Mills Dravid run out (Fleming) Singh st McCullum b Vettori Kaif c McCullum b Tuffey 24 Bangar c McCullum b Oram H Singh c McCullum b Hitchcock14 Srinath c Oram b Mills Khan c McMillan b Mills 11 Nehra not out Extras: (lb-3, w-7, nb-7) Total: (All out in 43.4 overs) 219

Fall of wkts: 1-0; 2-57; 3-104; 4-104; 5-182; 6-187; 7-204; 8-206; 9-

Z11.							
Bowler:	0	M	R	W			
Tuffey	10	2	35	2			
Mills	9.4	0	45	3			
Oram	8	0	50	1			
Vettori	8	0	48	1			
Hitchcock	8	0	38	1			
Result: New 2	Zealand	wc	n by	35			
runs and take	a 2-0	lea	d in	the			
seven-match series.							
Man-of-the-match: Virender							

Sehwag (India).



State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman (C) handing over the best sponsor award to SAA Masrur, the acting Chief Executive of Standard Chartered Bank, Bangladesh recently.

Aussies 107 runs away

Cricket

REUTERS, Melbourne

Michael Vaughan's sixth century of the year has helped England set Australia the relatively small target of 107 to win the fourth Ashes Test. Australia, who lead the five-

match series 3-0, faced two overs before the close of the fourth dav's

four for 25 and three for 71, was also a key weapon for Australia captain Steve Waugh after he enforced the follow-on.

Vaughan became the highest run-scorer for the 2002 calendar year, passing the 1,392 from India's Sachin Tendulkar, His 1,481 runs from 14 Tests puts him behind only former West Indies captain Viv Richards who amassed 1,710 runs in 11 Tests in 1976.

The Yorkshire opener's innings

the home side's 551 for six declared Captain Nasser Hussain's England added 276 runs on the fourth day including a half-century from Robert Key (52).

Key dominated a 51-run stand for the fifth wicket with John Crawley, who made 33. Vaughan and captain Nasser

Hussain added 80 for the third wicket in 145 balls before Hussain was out before lunch, caught and bowled by Glenn McGrath for 23.

McGrath left the field late in the

day with back soreness. **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the fourth Ashes Test between Australia and England on Sunday **AUSTRALIA:** First innings 551 for

six declared (J. Langer 250, M Hayden 102, S Waugh 77, M Love 62 not out). **ENGLAND:** First innings 270 all out

in 89.3 overs (White 85 not out). ENGLAND: Second innings (overnight 111-2) Trescothick lbw b MacGill

Vaughan c Love b MacGill 145 Butcher c Love b Gillespie 6 23 Hussain c & b McGrath Key c Ponting b Gillespie Crawlev b Lee White c Gilchrist b MacGill 21 Poster c Love b MacGill Caddick c Waugh b MacGill 10 Dawson not out Harmison bowled Gillespie

Extras: (b-3, w-2, lb-21, nb-6) Total: (All out in 120.4 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-67; 2-89; 3-169; 4-236: 5-287: 6-342: 7-342: 8-356:

9-378:10-387 0 Bowler 19 5 44 McGrath 6 71 Gillespie 24.4 48 10 152 MacGill 27 4 87 Lee 0 Waugh **AUSTRALIA:** Second innings Langer not out Hayden not out Extras: (lb-2, nb-1)

Total: (For no wicket in 2 overs) 8 0 Ŕ Bowler 5 1 0 Caddick

coming weeks.

Hussain speaks up

sixes from 218 balls.

England's Michael Vaughan acknowledges the fans after reaching his cen-

tury on the fourth day of the fourth Test against Australia in Melbourne

Paceman Jason Gillespie, with out on Saturday for 270 in reply to

Cricket

REUTERS, London

overs in the second.

England captain Nasser Hussain has demanded that the government make the final decision about sending the team to Zimbabwe for the World Cup rather than leaving it to the cricket authorities or players.

play on Sunday, reaching eight

Australia dismissed England, who

had been asked to follow on, for 387

in their second innings 18 minutes

Leg-spinner Stuart MacGill,

recalled for his first Test in 11

months following a shoulder injury

to Shane Warne, took two for 108

from 36 overs in the first innings and

five for 152 from a marathon 48

before the scheduled close of play.

Opener Vaughan hit 145 before

without loss.

Meanwhile, senior government figures are putting pressure on English cricket's governing body, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), suggesting strongly that the government is opposed to the tour without insisting that the team pull out.

Writing in his column in the Sunday Telegraph newspaper, Hussain said it was "ridiculous" to rely on cricketers to make such a delicate political decision.

Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe's regime has received widespread international criticism for its controversial land reform programme, but cricket's world governing body ruled earlier this month that that it was safe to play England are scheduled to play

Zimbabwe in Harare on February 13 in a World Cup Pool A match

Hussain wrote in the Sunday Telegraph: "It is, ves, faintly ridiculous to suppose that the England captain and management have the time to come to the informed moral judgement which it is necessary to make about going to Zimbabwe. "I'm expected to make a major

political judgement on whether or

not I should lead the England cricket team to Zimbabwe or perhaps shake the president by the hand. "It must be right that the decision

closed in dramatic fashion in the fifth

over after lunch. The right-hander

off and a boundary to square-leg

before cutting a ball to slip where

debutant Martin Love took his third

included 19 boundaries and three

the series after hitting 177 in the

second Test in Adelaide last month.

Vaughan's 277-minute innings

It was also his second century of

Australia had bowled England

smashed MacGill for a six over mid-

is made at a higher level. 'The government should set up a body of some sort to make this moral decision on our behalf and we

Officials at the British foreign office issued a statement clarifying foreign secretary Jack Straw's opposition to England playing in Zimbabwe.

will then happily abide by it."

A Foreign office spokesman



NASSER HUSSAIN

said: "While it is not for us to tell the International Cricket Council or the England and Wales Cricket Board what to do, it is Mr Straw's personal view that it would be better if England didn't go.

"We ask the cricketing authori-

ties to reflect on the humanitarian

and political crisis that is happening

in Zimbabwe and the fact that the

situation could deteriorate over the

By Eugene Sheffer

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Earlier on Saturday, cabinet minister Clare Short, the international development secretary, criticised the decision to go as "deplorable and shocking". "An election (in Zimbabwe) has

been stolen and people are being starved because they dared to vote freely," Short told reporters. "Our team plans to go to

Zimbabwe and play as though all is normal. I think they should not go. It is like pretending everything is okay in Zimbabwe and it is not.'

r: "Cricket is a soft target and is being treated differently to the 300 other businesses which continue to trade with Zimbabwe which ministers aren't discouraging. There's some double standards here. "We don't believe it's our position

as a sporting body to make political

Tim Lamb, the ECB's chief

executive, told the Observer news-

judgements about the appropriateness of regimes in host countries for playing cricket." Chairman of England selectors David Graveney told the Mail on Sunday that he would be helping to pick the 15-man squad as planned

next week and would not attempt to

dissuade the players from travelling

to Zimbabwe. Each could make his

own decision about going. But he added: "If I were asked to go to Zimbabwe, I'd have to refuse.

"I'm speaking purely as an individual. I'm not in a position to persuade others not to go and I don't think that would be right. But if somebody asked me, David Graveney, to visit Zimbabwe, I would say No."

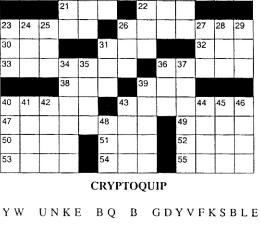
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A MOTEL WANTS TO HIRE EMPLOYEES, IT COULD REALLY USE INN-EXPERIENCED PEOPLE.

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.

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



Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals T

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