

Lara still 7 runs short

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, Manchester

Andrew Flintoff took two quick wickets including that of Brian Lara for a duck as England reduced West Indies to 156 for four at tea on Day One of the third Test at Old Trafford on Thursday.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul was 30 not out with Dwayne Bravo on 22 at the break after Flintoff, who scored 167 as well as dismissing Lara in the second Test win at Edgbaston, bowled an excellent eight over spell for 15 runs having fully recovered from inflammation on an ankle spur.

Ramnaresh Sarwan first played a quicker Flintoff ball on to his stumps for 40 before Lara, still seven short of 10,000 Test runs, was yorked on leg stump.

The West Indies captain has shown a habit of shuffling across his stumps in this series and Flintoff exploited it perfectly on his home ground.

Debutant opener Sylvester Joseph, replacing Devon Smith, reached a deserved 45 with some sensible leaves before he played away from his body and edged Steve Harmison to Graham Thorpe at third slip.

Thorpe atoned for earlier dropping Joseph on 34 when he dug out a James Anderson yorker.

Harmison appeared rejuvenated after looking tired in the back-to-back first two Tests where he took only three wickets.

Anderson, again preferred to Simon Jones, was less convincing causing problems for wicketkeeper Geraint Jones with some wayward deliveries.

Matthew Hoggard earlier dismissed Chris Gayle for five in the fifth over of the day. The tall left hander was unnerved by some short Harmison deliveries before finding a leading edge off Hoggard to Andrew Strauss at point.

West Indies, 2-0 down in the four-match series, made three other changes with wicketkeeper Carlton Baugh, left arm spinner Dave Mohammed and fast bowler Fidel Edwards coming in for Ridley Jacobs, Omari Banks and Jermaine Lawson. Brian Lara won the toss and chose to

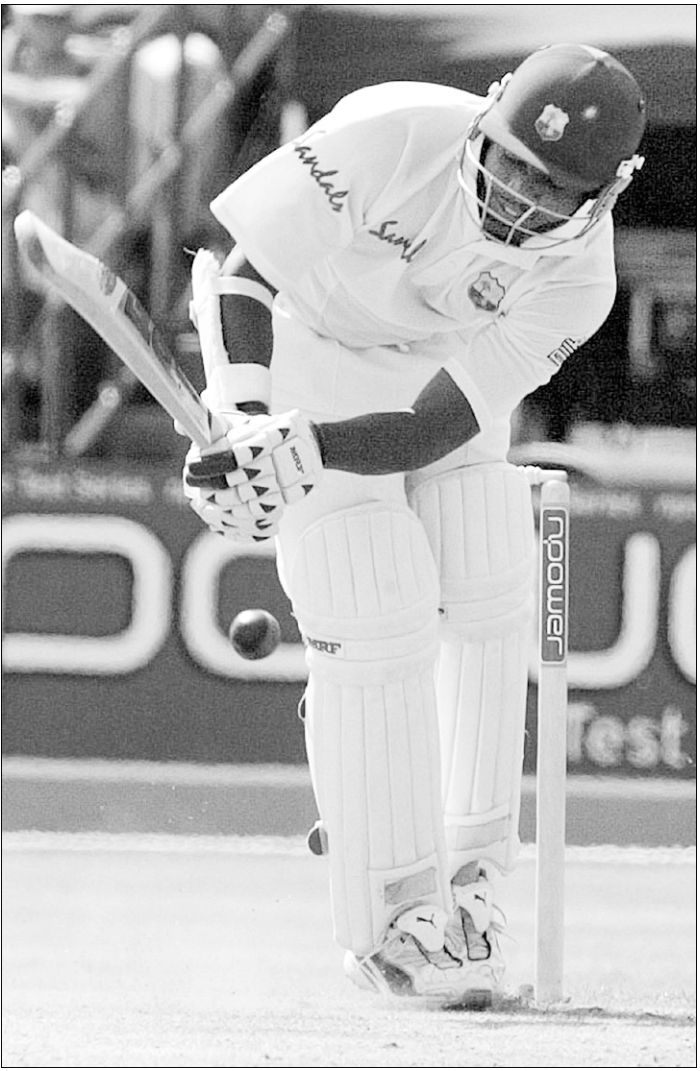


PHOTO: AFP

West Indies captain Brian Lara is about to be bowled round his legs by England's Andrew Flintoff (not in picture) on the opening day of the third Test at Manchester yesterday.

bat despite the green-tinged Old Trafford pitch. Play began an hour late because of overnight rain in Manchester.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the first day of the third Test between England and West Indies at Old Trafford Thursday:

WEST INDIES: First innings	
Gayle c Strauss b Hoggard	5
Joseph c Thorpe b Harmison	45
Sarwan b Flintoff	40
Lara b Flintoff	0
Chanderpaul not out	30
Bravo not out	22
Extras: (b-8, lb-5, nb-1)	14

Total: (For 4 wkts in 47 overs)		156		
Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-85, 3-97, 4-108				
To bat: Baugh, Mohammed, Collins, Collumore, Edwards				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hoggard	11	2	37	1
Harmison	12	3	32	1
Flintoff	8	3	15	2
Anderson	10	1	42	0
Giles	6	0	17	0

ENGLAND: Trescottick, Strauss, Key, Vaughan, Thorpe, Flintoff, Jones, Giles, Hoggard, Harmison, Anderson Toss: West Indies **Umpires:** Simon Taufel (Australia) and Aleem Dar (Pakistan)

Kumar, Sanath shine

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Thilan Samaraweera at slip off left-arm spinner Rangan Herath.
Third umpire Asoka de Silva gave the benefit of doubt to the batsman as TV replays could not confirm whether the catch was taken cleanly.
Jaarsveld laboured hard for 51 off 105 balls with six fours before becoming the first of South Indian Jayasuriya's two victims.
The left-arm spinner had him caught at cover with his second ball of the match and bowled Nicky Boje two deliveries later.

SCOREBOARD																							
Scoreboard at close on the second day of the second Test between Sri Lanka and South Africa at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground on Thursday:																							
SRI LANKA: First innings (overnight 303-3)																							
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S	a	n	g	a	k	k	a	r	a					43									
P	o	l	l	o	c	k								232									
J	a	y	a	w	a	r	d	e	n	e				b									
N	t	i	n	i										82									
V	a	s							J	a	a	r	s	v	e	l	d	b					
P	o	l	l	o	c	k											6						
S	a	m	a	r	a	w	e	e	r	a				c	N	t	i	n	i	b			
K	a	l	l	i	s														21				
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B	o	j	e																			40	
H	e	r	a	t	h	b																7	
M	a	l	i	n	g	a																6	
E	x	t	r	a	s	:																w	
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Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-99, 3-291, 4-316, 5-392, 6-399, 7-416, 8-418, 9-437																							
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81												3	4										
N	t	i	n	i								33	6										
108												2											

Hayward	17	4
75	1	
Kallis	17	6
54	1	
Boje	34.3	5
102	2	
Rudolph	4	0
16	0	
Jaarsveld	7	0
28	0	

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings
Smith not out 49
Extras: (lb-8, nb-1) 12
Total: (For 3 wkts in 37 overs) 116
Fall of wicket: 1-1, 2-109, 3-109
To bat: Dippenaar, Rudolph, Boucher, Pollock, Ntini, Hayward

Bowler	O	M
R	W	3
V as	7	3
10	1	10
M alinga	8	1
33	0	1
H erath	11	1
39	0	0
C handana	6	0
21	0	0
D ilshan	2	0
3	0	0
J ayasuriya	3	2
2	2	

This is where

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Thuram, Lizarazu and Desailly have already recently announced their retirement from international football following Euro 2004.

ZIDANE FACTS

AFP, Paris

Factfile on Zinedine Zidane, who announced his retirement from international football on Thursday:
Date of birth: 23 June 1972
Place of birth: Marseille
Position: Midfielder
Clubs: Real Madrid (SPA/since 2001), Juventus (ITA/1996-2001), Bordeaux (1992-1996), Cannes (1986-1992), SO Septeme, US Saint-Henri
International record: 93 caps, 26 goals
Honours

World Cup 1998	
Euro 2000	
Champions League 2002	
Intercontinental Cup 1996, 2002	
European Supercup 1996, 2002	
Italian league 1997, 1998	
Italian Supercup 1997	
Spanish league 2003	
Spanish Supercup 2001, 2003	
European player of the year 1998	
FIFA world player of the year 1998, 2000, 2003	
UEFA player of the year 2002	

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	35 Meadows	3 Calendar	21 Emanation
1 Fashion	36 Entourage	4 Quick	22 Have on
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17 Nitwit	50 Comic Louis	11 Succumbs to gravity	33 Split in two
18 Chews the scenery	51 Act	13 Red-ink entry	34 Ban
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24 Was contrite			39 No-hit legend
25 Kegler's pastime			40 Existence (Lat.)
28 Man-mouse leader			43 One or more
29 Kermit's sound			44 Exist
30 "Town"			45 Appomattox VIP
32 Toxophilite's sport			46 Hallucinogenic drug
34 Greek cheese			

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CRYPTOQUIP

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X T G V T A B U P O U B L Q

H B K X M L O , B F V P R L Q

K X V M X T U X B K L G V F .
Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF AN ANGRY BIRD WERE TO LAND ON A DOORKNOB, I GUESS IT WOULD FLY OFF THE HANDLE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals S

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.

Everybody but the Dutch

AFP, Athens



The Dutch are so good at field hockey that they have been hired to mastermind Olympic campaigns of many teams -- except their own.

The defending men's champions, looking for a hattrick of gold medals here, picked former Australian international Terry Walsh as coach even as rivals Pakistan and Spain went Dutch.

Pakistan are banking on Roelant Oltmans, who helped the Netherlands win the gold at the 1996 Atlanta Games and the World Cup at home in Utrecht two years later.

Spain have Maurits Hendriks, who was not retained by the Dutch despite leading them to victory at the last Olympics in Sydney four years ago.

Walsh, who as coach won Australia the bronze medal at Sydney, was hired by the Netherlands last October after a players' revolt forced homegrown Joost Bellaart to resign.

Like their football counterparts, hockey coaches have a short life span. Some do not even last till the end of the competition.

India threw out Cedric D'Souza midway through the World Cup in Kuala Lumpur in 2002. His predecessor Maharaj Kumar Kaushik was fired soon after he had guided India to the Asian Games gold medal at Bangkok in 1998.

The Indians, who won the last of their eight Olympic golds in 1980, sacked 14 coaches in 11 years before settling for their first foreign coach in unknown German, Gerhard Rach, less than a month before the Athens Games.

Shopping Games on

AFP, Athens



They don't need an opening ceremony, just an open-ended credit limit. The 'geek' Olympics are in full swing in Athens, with fans

Rach was a virtual nonentity outside Germany till India found him. Then it was revealed that he had allegedly faced 30 criminal charges of subsidy fraud, forgery and tax evasion in 2000 and was sent to prison for eight months.

Rach has as his assistant, fellow German Oliver Kurtz, who was suspended from international hockey from October 1995 to August 1997 after testing positive for cocaine.

The duo are charged with improving on the seventh-place finish by the former masters of the game at Sydney.

Australia's renowned hockey guru Ric Charlesworth, said he was "perplexed" at the developments in India.

"It is too late and much too little to change much," said Charlesworth.

"Where did these Germans come from? Those of us with some credentials as a coach and long-term strategies are spurned and then along come these phantoms."

When Oltmans went to Pakistan, he realised the tough task that lay ahead.

"In Holland, we chose quality," he said.

"In Pakistan, they choose seniority. But the authorities in Pakistan have been very supportive of my ideas. I am getting there."

One team that will have no communication gap is New Zealand, Olympic champions way back at Montreal in 1976. It's a family affair out there. Coach Kevin Towns' son Simon is the team captain.

When Simon was appointed captain, he asked New Zealand officials to check with the players first if they had any problems with the father-son management team. No one objected.

he had taken around 29 T-shirts," she said.

Judy and Amy, from New York, were examining a display of mobile phone lanyards at a kiosk near Syntagma.

"We're buying a lot. We love the Olympic mascots," one of them said before taking seven lanyards featuring the two cartoon mascots at three euros each.

The two souvenir hunters said that, sure, they knew who the mascots were: dolls from antiquity depicting Athena, the Greek goddess of wisdom, and Theevos. Or was it Feevos? Something like that.

"Many tourists have no idea who or what the mascots are," Monica said. "Many don't know, many don't care, but they buy them because they are Olympic."

"I didn't know what they were. I had to learn for the Olympic Games," the native Athenian said.

"They are the first toys in Greece, ancient toys. They are Athena, the goddess of our city, and Phevos, who carried the cart of the sun around the earth," she explained, as an oriental woman selected enough T-shirts to fill a small pick-up truck.

In Monica's shop, the T-shirts were selling like hot cakes, and, she said: "I think that when the Games are over, they won't exist any more."

Maybe not on the shelves of Athens souvenir shops, but certainly on the backs of global Olympic geeks.

Kaneria comes

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go home for further treatment and a possible operation."

Essex Chief Executive David East added: "We are obviously very disappointed for Scott."

"This is the second occasion that this season with Essex has been cut short through injury. It is everyone's view that he should return home to have the condition carefully monitored by the Queensland medical team, particularly as surgery may be required."

Murali off

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"If the fluid is drained and that relieves the pain, then he could be back for the Champions Trophy, which is our aim at the moment," Clarke said.

"But if David Young decides to clean up the joint, or finds out anything else that is wrong, then he could be out for longer."

Muralitharan has taken 532 wickets in 91 Tests.

More than sex

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beathim at wrestling.

"I talk to him as much as possible - I was always a daddy's girl and still am. Him being in prison has not changed things a lot. He is as involved in my life as some people who see their dad every day."

"He did not tell me not to wrestle - just said 'if you are going to do it, do it hard.' He has never seen me wrestle before - I think he will get a chance to see me on television (in the prison). That makes me happy."



PHOTO: AFP

An antique ship with 60 rowers sails on the Mediterranean Sea in Athens yesterday on the eve of the opening ceremony of the 2004 Olympic Games.

ATHENS STREET TALK

AFP, Athens



Australian Olympic team doctor Brian Sando has advised athletes competing in the first few days of the Athens

Olympics not to march in the opening ceremony.

Sando said it would be unwise for athletes to stand for long periods over what would be an eight-hour exercise.

"Athletes are very fit people who use a lot of dynamic muscles and larger muscle groups to propel themselves in their sport... they're not used to this sort of workload, and that provides other aches and pains that takes two or three days to overcome in many instances."

Sando said it would be "totally inappropriate" for athletes involved in the first day of competition to consider marching.

Sando's directive echoes the one

given to legendary Aussie swimmer Dawn Fraser at the 1964 Tokyo Games. Fraser ignored the advice and sneaked into the ceremony anyway -- before winning gold in the 100m freestyle.

FREEMAN PREFERS GUEVARA

After stealing the show in Sydney four years ago, Cathy Freeman admits she is still getting used to being an Olympic tourist.

Australia's 400m gold medallist in 2000 hung up her running spikes last year but has made the journey from Down Under to Athens in order to see who will assume her mantle.

Yet not being around to defend her title will be an unsettling experience.

"The truth is I don't know how I will feel a few minutes before and after the 400m final," Freeman said. "I'm sure I will be sad for a moment, wishing to be at the track and competing. But it was my decision to hang up my spikes."

"All my life I wanted an Olympic gold medal. Once I had it, it was time for me to retire."

Freeman said though she was impressed by the Bahamas' Tonique

Williams she wants to see 2003 world champion Ana Guevara lift the Olympic title.

"Williams is spectacular but I think in my heart I want Ana Guevara to win."

LACK OF KIMCHI, STICKY RICE

South Korea's athletes have asked Athens organisers to make sure their athletes are well catered for -- by stocking up on sticky rice and spicy kimchi in the Olympic village.

"We noticed on the first day that there is only normal rice, so we have asked for the sticky kind which our athletes prefer," said South Korea Olympic team chef de mission Shin Bark-Jae.

Shin revealed that Athens organisers had provided kimchi -- the pickled cabbage that South Korea is famous for -- but that it had proved too popular.

"Kimchi was provided for at first but since then there has not been any more. I think athletes from other teams like it too," he said.

U-19

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ENGLAND UNDER-19S: First innings
Cook c Aftab b Shahadat 23
Denly c Dhiman b Shahadat 16
Bopara b Nadif 28
Hildreth b Shahadat 210
Wright b Nadif 13
Patel c Shahriar b Nadif 1
Davies c Dhiman b Nazmul 71
Harrison b Nazmul 1
Turner c Nazmul b Nadif 4
Cusden c sub b Nazmul 1
Munday not out 1
Extras: (b-4, lb-2, w-11, nb-10) 27
Total: (All out in 103.1 overs) 396
Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-54, 3-103, 4-140, 5-142, 6-319, 7-326, 8-348, 9-357, 10-396.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
N azmul	24	4	101	3
S hahadat	10.1	1	58	3
N adif	36	7	109	4
E namul	19	2	74	0
A shim	14	3	48	0

BANGLADESH U-19S: Second innings (overnight 13-1)
S Nafees c Davies b Turner 8
Nafees Iqbal c Davies b Wright 6