SPORT

Tale of two tail-enders

AFP, Brisbane

Glenn McGrath and Jason Gillespie are well known for their bowling but it was their batting that made waves in Australia's innings defeat of New Zealand in the first cricket Test here.

Australia's man-of-the-match Michael Clarke (141) and Adam Gilchrist (126) turned the match with their record 216-run partnership for the sixth wicket, but tail-enders McGrath and Gillespie demoralised the Kiwis with their annoying century last-wicket stand.

Both posted their Test-best scores with McGrath hitting 61 and Gillespie an unbeaten 54 in Australia's massive first innings 585 for a match-winning 232-run innings lead. The Kiwis were routed for 76 in their second innings.

The two bowlers shot the Kiwis to bits in a 114-run last-wicket stand which lasted 139 minutes.

"He's (McGrath) already asked Dizzy (Gillespie) half-a-dozen times what his highest Test score is and he's reminded me that he scored 10 more than I did this game as well," Australian captain Ricky Ponting said on Sunday.

The century stand was only the third by an Australian last-wicket pair and the first in 80 years.

McGrath's knock off 92 balls in 139 minutes with five fours and a six was the highest ever by an Australian No.11, while Gillespie raised his first Test half-century in almost three hours off 155 deliveries with seven boundaries

McGrath's 61 surpassed the previ-ous best by an Australian No.11 -- 52 by Rodney Hogg against the West Indies in Georgetown in 1983-84.

Kiwi paceman Richard Collinge holds the world-best 68 for a No.11, against Pakistan in 1972-73.

The Australian record 10th-wicket stand belongs to John Taylor and Arthur Mailey for their 127-run partnership against England at Sydney in

Test cricket's record last-wicket stand is 151 and shared by New Zealanders Brian Hastings and Collinge against Pakistan in Auckland in 1973 and Pakistan pair Azhar Mahmood and Mushtaq Ahmed , against South Africa in Rawalpindi in 1997.

Hall-mark

the last session when he tried to drive away from the body to give Rahul Dravid a catch at slip off

India's only success in the first session came through Ganguly, who induced an edge from Boeta Dippenaar (48) and wicketkeeper Dinesh Karthik took a simple catch.

This is the first match of a two-Test series. The second Test will be held in Kolkata from November 28.

SCOREBOARD day of the first Test between India and South Africa at the Green Park Stadium on Sunday:

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings (overnight 230-4) Smith b Kumble Hall b Kumble Van Jaarsveld lbwb Kumble Kallis lbw b Kumble Rudolph b Kumble Dippenaar c Karthik b Ganguly De Bruyn c Dravid b Harbhajan Pollock not out Tsolekile not out Extras: (b-9, lb-22, nb-16, w-1, pen-5) Total: (For seven wkts in 182 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-61, 2-69, 3-154, 4-154, 5-241, 6-385, 7-445. Bowler Zaheer 59 45 Ganguly Kumble 50 13 116 Harbhajan 43 9 110 39 Kartik 12 57 Tendulkar 0 36

Toss: South Africa Umpires: Darryl Harper (AUS) and Simon Taufel (AUS) TVumpire: A.V. Jayaprakash (IND) Match referee: Jeff Crowe (NZL)

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New Zealand not walking Shabbir misses Australia tour

Cricket

AFP, Brisbane

New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming said an Australian "crusade" on walking would not pressure him to instruct his players to give themselves out as tensions hoiled in the first Test on Sunday

Australia romped to an innings and 156-run victory over the Kiwis inside four days here at the Gabba but there was some friction during the New Zealand second innings, when Craig McMillan had a brief confrontation with Australian wicket-keeper Adam Gilchrist.

It followed a confident team appeal for caught behind on McMillan which was turned down by umpire Steve Bucknor. He was out the next ball, leg before wicket to Jason Gillespie for nine.

McMillan spoke with Gilchrist for several minutes on the field at the end of the match, apparently resolving their issues.

Gilchrist has raised ethical issues about leaving the wicket before the umpire's decision and last month in Bombay walked in the fourth Test against India.

Fleming said McMillan had told him his problem with Gilchrist had been "sorted". But he was asked by reporters if Gilchrist's views to walking had put pressure on oppos-

"It's certainly putting attention on it. Just because one or two guys are on a crusade it doesn't mean it changes the ways of 95 per cent of other cricketers," Fleming said.

"It's still an individual decision whether you walk or not, whether you're placing pressure on players for not walking or walking, it's the

"You do have to be very careful and we all like to see the game played in the best interests, but if

individuals choose not to then that is their right to do so, it's got to be respected either way." Fleming said he would not

instruct his players to give them-

"I'm not as a captain going to put a blanket rule on my side that they must walk or must obey every gen-

"walker" in the Australian team and there was no such expectation on opposing sides to do likewise.

I have to look after what my team is doing and hope that we can change things slightly in the game there but it's up to New Zealand to do whatever they want to do," he told his post-match press confer-

"We've got one player in our side who walks. We've got one player who has come out and said he's going to



IT WAS NOTHING PERSONAL: Australian vice-captain Adam Gilchrist (L) explains something to New Zealand's Craig McMillan after the Brisbane Test yesterday. Both players were involved in an exchange of words during play after McMillan stood his ground while Gilchrist confidently appealed for a caught behind.

tlemanly word that's said out there,"

"It's still international sport, some guys are playing for their livelihoods and some guys just can't see the ball in those situations." Australian captain Ricky Ponting

be a walker now.

"It doesn't put any pressure on anybody else, it doesn't change anything else whatsoever. 'Adam doesn't expect it of any-

body else -- he doesn't expect anybody else to walk. He doesn't expect

Back to his roots

Cricket

BBC ONLINE, undated

Touring India is proving an exciting experience for South African batting prospect Hashim Amla.

It is the first time he has been part of the national team, and fate has also given him the chance of making his Test debut in the land of his forefathers.

It was Amla's grandparents who left India to seek a new life in South Africa, relocating to the Durban area, where he was born 21 years

A devout Muslim, and proud of his heritage, he is determined to soak up the sights and sounds of India during the team's short trip.

The trip so far has been fantastic. It's been really exciting to experience the culture here first-hand -- a huge thrill," he told BBC Sport.

But it has been a humbling experience as well.

"You see quite a bit of poverty when you're driving through and it gives you a reminder to thank the Almighty for blessing you with so many favours.

"It reminds me how fortunate I am and how I have so many things to be grateful for. It makes you appreciate even the smallest things we take for granted.

The people we've met, whatever condition they are living in, have all expressed happiness and shown a great deal of hospitality towards us."

Amla was brought up in Tongaat, a town with a 90 per cent Indian population, and played mini-cricket in all-Asian sides until he was 13.

His stylish strokeplay soon brought him to the attention of the United Cricket Board, whose junior coaching structures enabled his talent to blossom.

Amla was named captain of the South African under-19 team for the

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2002 Youth World Cup in New Zealand and led them to the final, where they lost to Australia.

He maintained his progress in provincial cricket and when UCB chief Gerald Majola urged the selectors to be "more adventurous" when selecting the squad for India, he was an obvious choice.

Although Asians are traditionally



HASHIM AMLA

good players of spin, Amla was brought up on hard wickets, so the prospect of facing Anil Kumble and Harbhajan Singh, who have respectively taken 424 and 172 Test wickets, represents a major test.

You can never tell how good you are until you have faced the challenge of India. . The wicket for our warm-up

game turned quite a bit -- in South Africa we obviously don't get big

"Any team coming here is aware of their skills and how they bowl. "They are in their own backyard

so it's going to be a tough challenge. But at the same time it opens the door of opportunity for someone to shine," said Amla.

"The prospect of representing my country is what I've worked for. Ironically, I'm Indian and the opportunity has come in India."

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NOISES: EIDER-MAN! Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals O

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

For Amla, there are few things more important than family.

"I've gone through quite a few coaches. Every one has different attributes which I feel have contributed to the success I've had, but my major influence has been my parents, my dad in particular.
"He provided the support struc-

ture. He used to get me to practice in Durban, 40km away from Tongaat, and then pick me up again in the evening," he said.

"I'm hoping my parents will be dropping by in a few days time. They've always tried to be calm and relaxed but I'm sure they'll be as happy and excited as I am if I do get to walk out and bat for my country."

Australia tour

REUTERS, Karachi

Pakistan pace bowler Shabbir Ahmed will not be considered for next month's Test series in Australia because he has yet to recover from a knee operation, captain Inzamamul

Haq said on Sunday. The 28-year-old Shabbir had a fitness test in Lahore on Saturday but failed to satisfy his captain and coach Bob Woolmer he was ready to make a test comeback.

"We don't want to take a risk with his injury. He has just started training and we think it would be best if he first resumed playing in domestic cricket before being pushed back into top-level cricket," Inzamam told Reuters.

Shabbir has captured 33 Test and 29 one-day international wickets, forming an effective three-man pace attack with Shoaib Akhtar and Mohammad Sami. But he has not played since early September. He missed the ICC Champions

Trophy in England and a home series against Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka due to a knee injury, undergoing surgery in Cape Town to rectify

Shabbir is a vital part of our bowling attack but I think he needs more time to find his match fitness and rhythm. It would be asking too much of him to go directly into a tough test series in Australia," Inzamam said.

Pakistan, who have never won a Test series in Australia, play Tests in Perth, Melbourne and Sydney starting on December 16.

Inzamam said that if Shabbir performed well at domestic level he would be considered for the triangular one-day tournament against Australia and West Indies in January.

Masakadza

played a competitive match was in 2002, since when he has been in South Africa studying at university. In 2001 he became the thenyoungest player to score a century on Test debut, against West Indies.

The rest of the selections were as expected, with recent one-day form being the main criterion.

SQUAD

Dion Ebrahim, Brendan Taylor, Stuart Matsikenyeri, Hamilton Masakadza, Mark Vermeulen, Tatenda Taibu (captain and wicketkeeper), Elton Chigumbura, Vusi Sibanda, Donald Samunderu, Douglas Hondo, Tinashe Panyangara, Mluleki Nkala, Chris Mpofu, Edward Rainsford, Prosper Utseya, Gavin Ewing.

Kiwis crash to defeat

FROM PAGE 13

McGrath, his confidence brimming after his batting heroics, claimed Mathew Sinclair to a dubious lbw decision by Pakistan umpire Aleem Dar for a duck and skipper Steve Fleming went in McGrath's fifth over, caught at third slip by Justin Langer for 11 after scoring a duck in the first innings.

Warne struck with a lbw decision on Scott Styris for seven and at lunch the Kiwis were 42 for four off 18.1

It got no better after lunch with Astle offering Warne his 100th Test catch off Michael Kasprowicz and first-innings centurion Jacob Oram was the unluckiest of the Kiwi bats-

men in the mode of his dismissal. He attempted to sweep Warne on eight but the ball ballooned to Matthew Hayden at slip to leave the tourists at 55-6.

Wicketkeeper Brendon McCullum was out to a howler of a decision by West Indian umpire Steve Bucknor, who gave him out caught behind even though he did not connect with the ball.

McCullum walked away from the wicket without a murmur as the Australians rejoiced around him.

Craig McMillan had a brief confrontation with Gilchrist after a loud appeal for caught behind was not given by Bucknor, but next ball he was out for nine, lbw to Gillespie. Warne wrapped up the Test

victory with Daniel Vettori caught at slip by Hayden and Chris Martin Ibw for a duck. Afterwards McMillan spoke to Gilchrist on the field at the finish of

the match, apparently resolving Earlier, McGrath and Gillespie carried on their demoralising century last-wicket partnership for a further half-hour earlier Sunday with McGrath advancing his over-

night tally by seven runs before he was caught by Astle off Martin. Gillespie also raised his first Test 50 with an unbeaten 54 off 155 balls with seven boundaries.

Martin finished with 5-152 off

39.5 overs with off-spinner Daniel Vettori claiming 4-154 off 50 overs. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the first cricket Test between Australia and New Zealand at the Gabba on Sunday:

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 353 (Oram 126 not out, M. Sinclair 69; Kasprowicz 4-90, Warne 4-97) AUSTRALIA: First innings (overone-day appearances fetched him night 564 for 9 in 147 overs) 374 runs at 13.35.

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Gilchrist c Styris b Martin 126 Warnelbw b Vettori 10 Gillespie not out 54 Kasprowicz c Mills b Martin McGrath c Astle b Martin 61 season, will give Hewitt an opportu-Extras: (b-1, lb-7, w-1, nb-8) Total: (All out in 153.5 overs) Fall of wkts 1-16, 2-85, 3-109, 4-128,

5-222, 6-438, 7-450, 8-464, 9-471. OMRW 39.5 7 152 Martin Mills 26 8 99 25 4 116 33 50 9 154

McMillan 1 23 NEWZEALAND: Second innings Richardson c Gilchrist b McGrath 4 Sinclair lbw b McGrath

Fleming c Langer b McGrath Styris lbw b Warne Astle cWarne b Kasprowicz 17 McMillan lbwb Gillespie Oramc Hayden b Warne McCullum c Gilchrist b Gillespie

Vettori c Hayden b Warne Mills not out Martin lbw b Warne Extras: (lb-2, nb-4) Total: (All out in 36.2 overs) 76 Fall of wkts 1-6, 2-7, 3-19, 4-42, 5-44, 6-55, 7-69, 8-72, 9-72. 0

Gillespie 10 19 Kasprowicz Warne 10.2 3 15 Result: Australia won by an innings and 156 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Michael Clarke

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Al-Shahriar

Australia lead series 1-0

McGrath

possible choice to replace him," said chief selector Faruque Ahmed.

"We considered his experience, not his batting position. It is up to coach Day Whatmore to decide where to use him." A natural strokemaker, Al-

Shahriar has been in and out of the team due to his inconstancy with the In 15 Tests he has scored 683 runs at an average of 22.76 while his 29



Players and officials of Dhaka Sheraton Hotel and UNICEF Bangladesh pose for photographs before their friendly football match at the Notre Dam College ground on Saturday. Sheraton won 7-0.

ICC promises fairer rule

Cricket

REUTERS, Dubai

A proposed new throwing rule should make the rules of cricket fairer and easier to apply, International Cricket Council (ICC) chief Ehsan Mani said on Sunday.

"What we are trying to do is to come to a system which is fair, which we can protect in the sense that once we put the criteria in place no-one can breach it," Mani said. The issue of throwing has long

fierce debate over whether the unorthodox action of bowlers such as Sri Lanka's Muttiah Muralitharan should be allowed. The ICC is proposing to increase the elbow flex allowed to bowlers.

caused controversy in cricket with

"Our cricket committee has recommended 15 degree tolerance limit for all bowlers because biomechanics have told us that if the bowling arm is bent less than 15 degrees the human eye cannot

detectit," he said. "What we are looking at at the moment is a two-stage process. If a bowler gets reported, his home board takes over the process. He has six weeks to correct his action during which he can play and once the home board feels is he okay, he can

continue without worrying about

"The minute a bowler is reported, his action will be analysed in a laboratory and if the experiments show yes, he is going beyond the level of tolerance, the ICC will step in immediately and testing will be done under our supervision at 15 degrees, and it has to be done in four weeks.

'In lab conditions if it is shown that straightening of the arm is more



EHSAN MANI

than 15 degrees, he will not be allowed to play."

Current rules impose limits of five degrees for spinners, 7.5 for medium-pacers and 10 for fast

bowlers Asked about Muralitharan, who ing, Mani said: "His action is so quick that the speed at which his arm comes down is quicker than most fast bowlers.'

Mani said the old limits had been set without any scientific evidence.

"We realised that some slow bowlers' arm actions were as quick as those of fast bowlers. So the question arose whether to treat them as fast bowlers or spinners. Instead of getting involved in that sort of discussion, we thought it better to have same level for everyone.

"So we are sending the whole proposal back to the MCC (Marylebone Cricket Club) bowling review sub-committee, headed by former England captain Tony Lewis, to get their feedback on how relevant is the law that we are proposing now."

Asked what had prompted the

proposed change, Mani said: "We did a (bowling) experiment and looked at the video footage of some of the bowlers we considered to have the perfect action. It turned that out even they have bend -- 10 to 11 degrees -- in their bowling arm, something which again proves the point that the human eye cannot

"So we are not making the rules any easier for anyone. What we are saying is that since the human eye can detect any deviation only at 15 degrees or above, anything less than

Federer-Hewitt showdown

Tennis

World number one Roger Federer to deny Lieyton Hewitt his third Masters Cup title in Sunday's

Defending champion Federer won an epic tiebreak 20-18 to seal a 6-3, 7-6 semifinal victory over Russian Marat Safin on Saturday and take his unbeaten run to 16 matches. Earlier, Hewitt defused the

hard-hitting American Andy Roddick 6-3, 6-2. Sunday's showdown, which brings the curtain down on the

nity to take over as world number two and a last chance of scoring his first victory of the year over his Swiss

Federer has beaten the

Australian in all five of their meet-

ings this season, includin straight-sets demolition in the US Open final. "The last few times things have

been going my way," Federer told reporters.

"I hope I can again play at that level tomorrow. "But I am already quite happy. I was not quite sure how it was going

to go this week because of my (thigh) injury and because I hadn't played

The form player coming into this

for a long time."

wins in Paris and Madrid, Safin might have hoped to have the edge on Federer, who is playing for the first time in almost a month after straining his left thigh preparing for his home tournament in Basel.

event after back-to-back Masters

The 23-year-old Swiss, though, has returned to the sublime form that carried him to three grand slam titles this season and 10 tournament

Federer's competitive edge shone through in a gripping 26minute tiebreak and he secured victory on his eighth match point when Safin, who had held six set points of his own, sent a return long.

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