Matthew Hayden overcame a nagging thigh injury to move level with Don Bradman on Australia's list of century makers with 29. Hayden's 123 helped Australia earn a lead of 213 entering the final day and he is confident they already have enough to defeat India and secure a world-record equalling 16th victory.

"We've given ourselves the best chance of winning," he said. "We can make up time, we're in there with a shot, which is great." Hayden predicted Australia would increase the lead to about 260 before declaring but believed "we've got too many runs now".

Hayden will wait to see how bad his leg problem is in the morning before deciding how to prepare for the third Test in Perth on January 16. "I'm pretty sore and I'll just have to see how I pull up," he said. "It's the first time I've ever used a runner in a Test. It was ironic that Ricky Ponting, the captain, was running for me, I got a bit of a giggle out of that."

Ponting was called after falling to Harbhajan Singh for 1 and he was offering plenty of advice to Hayden while he batted. "I'm not sure who was doing the most talking, the captain or Michael Hussey," he said. "But I'd be an idiot not to listen."

Hayden unveiled the reversesweep for the first time in Tests as a way of trying to escape India's restrictive fields and had mixed results. He hit a four with the shot to bring up his half-century but fell when he tried another. Despite getting solid contact, he found Wasim Jaffer behind point to end his 196-ball innings, which included 12 fours.

### For the 8th

FROM PAGE 17 Indian team's dressing-room.

Harbhajan faces a charge of racial abuse against Australian player Andrew Symonds and will appear before match referee Mike Procter after the Test on Sunday. The citing follows an alleged incident during Friday's third day.

Ponting has struggled in this series with scores of four and three in Melbourne and 55 and one in Sydney, three times falling to Harbhajan.

Overall Harbhajan has dismissed Ponting cheaply seven times, including three ducks in the 2001 series in India.

"I think he probably has got the wood on Rick at the moment," said long-time Australian teammate Matthew Hayden, who scored his 29th Test century with 123.

"But this is a particularly difficult venue to start, a lot can be and probably will be made of that (get-

ting out again to Harbhajan). "But I am sure you will see Ricky come out in subsequent innings and have his day out in the sun as

### SA level

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South African opening batsman Neil McKenzie joined the match's growing casualty list when it was announced he had suffered a torn right calf muscle while fielding Friday and would be out of action for between four and six weeks. It was not known whether he

would be able to bat but because he was off the field for most of the second innings he would be unable to open and would have to bat at number seven.

### SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the second Test between South Africa and the West Indies at Newlands in Cape Town on Saturday:

WEST INDIES: First innings 243 SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 321 WEST INDIES: Second innings

(overnight 96-4) Ganga b Ntini Ramdin c Boucher b Kallis Morton c Boucher b Steyn Samuels lbw b Nel Chanderpaulnotout Gayle c Harris b Steyn Bravo c Smith b Nel Lewis c Amla b Harris Taylor c Kallis b Steyn Powell c Smith b Steyn Edwards c Harris b Nel Extras: (b-4, lb-20, w-1) Total: (All out in 101.5 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-59, 2-60, 3-81, 4-93, 5-126, 6-133, 7-163, 8-167, 9-

Bowler 27 12 62 8 62 Ntini 26 19.5 7 44 Steyn 6 34 Kallis 10 0 36 Harris ·SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings Smith c Gayle b Lewis DeVilliers c sub b Bravo Amlac Gayle b Lewis Kallisnotout Princenotout Extras: (lb-5, w-1, nb-1) Total:(For 3 wkts in 35.2 overs) 186

Did not bat: McKenzie, MV Boucher, PL Harris, A Nel, DW Steyn, MNtini Fall of wickets: 1-57, 2-140, 3-152 O M R Bowler 11 0 57 Powell 6 0 31 Taylor 7 0 34 Bravo

3 0 17

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Result: South Africa won by 7

wickets & level the series 1-1.

Samuels

Lewis



West Indies' Shivnarine Chanderpaul, who scored an unbeaten 70, plays a pull in the second innings on the fourth day of the second Test against South Africa in Cape Town yesterday.

# 'No racial abuse'

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Match umpires did not hear any alleged racial abuse of Australia's Andrew Symonds during the second cricket Test against India, match referee Mike Procter said

India spinner Harbhajan Singh faces a charge of racial abuse against Andrew Symonds after a complaint lodged by Australian skipper Ricky Ponting to match umpires Mark Benson and Steve Bucknor during Friday's third day.

Procter is to convene a hearing into the allegations after the end of the Sydney Test on Sunday.

field officials was aware of the plaint.

heated exchange between Harbhajan and Symonds during Friday's final session. "The umpires did not hear any-

thing, they did not know anything about it," he told Channel Nine Harbhajan has denied he racially abused Symonds.

"I did not say anything racist. I do

not know what is going on," he told Saturday's Sydney Morning Herald

newspaper. "I haven't done anything, we were just talking. It wasn't even sledging, it was just normal talk out on the cricket field. I was concen-

trating on my batting." In the wake of the allegations Indian great Sunil Gavaskar accused the Australian side of double stan-Procter said neither of the on- dards following Ponting's com-

Gavaskar has been a fierce critic of the behaviour of Ponting's men in the past and felt the Australians could dishitout but not take it in return.

"If the umpires have not heard it then what has happened to the famous Australian saying of 'what happens on the field stays on the field'," Gavaskar said on television.

"In this instance if the umpires have not heard anything why is this line not being used for this particularincident.

"Is it only when the Australians give it to somebody (that) what happens on the field stays on the field but when they get it. Has it got to be reported? Doesn'titstay on the field?"

Former Australian captain Mark Taylor said he feared Ponting had opened a can of worms and potential tit-for-tat citings by rival captains over on-field behaviour.

# Title tilts to north

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him with 31 before bails were drawn for the day.

KHULNA-BARISAL

The lower-order batsmen's small but notable contributions helped Barisal take a much-needed first innings lead as well as manage a batting point when they were all out for 217 after resuming the day

Aslam Khan, Jamaluddin Babu and Murad Khan claimed three wickets each but it was not good enough for the home side to save themselves from the deficit. Nasiruddin Faruque top scored 44 off 86 balls with the help of five boundaries.

their second innings when Talha Jubair removed Imrul Kayes for a duck but Nazmus Sadat and Mostafizur Rahman added 57 fro the second wicket to repair some 11, Abul Bashar 12, Raisul 28, Arafat

back to his acrimonious send-off of

Ponting when the champion bats-

Ponting played forward to

Harbhajan and spooned a catch to

VVS Laxman at silly point to send

Harbhajan on a manic victory dash

culminating in a theatrical tumble.

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Phil Jaques for 40 to give Kumble

his 100th Test wicket against

racial abuse against Australian

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Procter after the Test on Sunday.

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man was stumped off his bowling

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in Sharjah in 1998.

Harbhajan.

Australia.

2001 series in India.

by occasional off-spinner Abul out on 40 and Riyad accompanied Bashar for 32 while Mostafizur remained not out on 31.

SYLHET-CHITTAGONG

Dhiman would have to carry on if Chittagong are to take advantage against Sylhet as the wicketkeeper batsman was batting on 72.

Chittagong recovered from an early hiccup in reply to Sylhet's total thanks to Dhiman and Ehsanul, who made 54 off 105 balls with the help of seven boundaries.

Earlier, Sylhet added only two runs on the day to their overnight score of 348-8.

**BRIEF SCORES** 

KHULNA: First innings 193 and second innings 73 for 2 in 22 overs (Nazmus 32, Imrul 0, Mostafizur Khulna got off a poor start in 31\*, Sahagir 8\*; Abul Bashar 1-3, Talha 1-35).

BARISAL: First innings 217 all out in 82.3 overs (Hannan 6, Imran 7, Roquibul 9, Nasiruddin 44, Tariqul 28, Shaheen 23 not out, Monir 27, Nazmus was trapped leg before Talha 13; Jamal Babu 3-35, Murad

India led by 69 runs on the first

The weather could also play a

hand in the outcome of the Test with

showers sending the players off the

Test otherwise Australia as holders

will keep the Border-Gavaskar

Trophy after their thumping 337-

Ponting's team are chasing a

record-equalling 16th consecutive

Test victory and have been unde-

feated in Tests since beating South

India cannot afford to lose the

field three times during the day.

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innings after centuries by Sachin

Tendulkar (154 not out) and

consecutive Test victory.

3-50, Aslam 3-66, Robiul 1-27). RAJSHAHI: First innings 365 for 9 (dec) in 128.4 overs (Jahirul 23, Shakil 4, Farhad 1, Rafiqul 9, Khaled Mashud 52, Anisur 20, Mushfiqur 0, Naeem 104, Shahjada 109, Saqlain 15 not out; Sharif 5-70, Mahbubul 2-70, Mosharraf 1-79, Rafique 1

DHAKA: First innings 132 for 4 in 49 overs (Anwar 3, Mehrab 33, Arafat 10, Javed 3, Mehrab Jr 40\* Mahmudullah 31\*; Farhad 2-34, Saglain 1-41).

SYLHET: First innings 354 all out in 94.3 overs (Golam Rahman 36, Imtiaz 130, Saif 9, Alok 30, Golam Mabud 37, Sharifullah 10, Ejaz 37 Rezaul 6, Sadiqur 29 not out, Nabil 0, Rashedur 1; Younus 4-81, Kamrul 2-53, Yasin 1-44, Ehsanul 1-49, Tareq 1-84)

CHITTAGONG: First innings 288 for 7 in 82 overs (Gazi Salauddin 21, Masumuddowla 12, Rezaul 12, Nazimuddin 31, Ehsanul 54, Faisal 32, Yasin 23, Dhiman 72\*, Kamrul 1\*; Rezaul 2-40, Alok 2-67, Imtiaz 1-9, Rashedur 1-40, Saif 1-45).

Hayden wrests control fourth day of the second Test between Australia and India at the Sydney Cricket Ground on

> chance of pursuing their 16th (Symonds 162 not out, Hogg 79; atmosphere. Kumble 4-106, RP Singh 4-124) INDIA: First innings 532 (Tendulkar 154 not out, Laxman

> > 123 Ponting c Laxman b Harbhajan Husseynotout Clarke c Dravid b Kumble Symonds not out

Africa by 184 runs at this ground two years ago. India could again be the team that halt Australia's winning march, having ended that 1999-2001 record sequence with their

Laxman (109) and Australia will Saturday:

109; Lee 5-119) AUSTRALIA: Second innings (13 without loss overnight) Jaques c Yuvraj b Kumble Hayden c Jaffer b Kumble

Extras: (b-3, lb-3, w-2, nb-7) Total: (For 4 wkts in 83 overs) 282 To bat: Gilchrist, Hogg, Lee, Johnson, Clark.

famous "Miracle of Calcutta" triumph.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at the close on the Yuvraj

Fall of wickets: 1-85, 2-90, 3-250, 4-250. OM Bowler 14 2 47 RP Singh 37 Sharma 28 5 65 Harbhajan 29 3 110 Kumble Tendulkar 2 0

## India not upset: Ganguly

PTI, Sydney

Australia's racial abuse complaint against Harbhajan Singh may have given a seemingly nasty turn to the ongoing Test series but Indian batsman Sourav Ganguly on Saturday rubbished suggestions that the issue has upset the visiting

"We walked out in the field normal. I don't think many of them were aware of what exactly had happened. So there was no such discussion within the team," Ganguly said after the fourth day's play in the second Test here on Saturday. Applauding Harbhajan Singh's

competitive streak despite being under pressure, Ganguly said the off-spinner has shown his class by not letting the incident affect his on-field performance.

"He's a competitor, he's got a lot of quality in him, quality players will always produce their best under pressure," Ganguly said.

Harbhajan picked up just one wicket but it was the prized scalp of Australian skipper Ricky Ponting. His celebration took everyone by surprise, running towards the pavilion, hand held high and then doing a couple of somersaults in front of the members' stand.

"Good that he stayed on the ground. For a second I thought he was going inside the dressing room!" said Ganguly to the utter merriment of the assembled media.

Meanwhile, ICC on Saturday roped in reputed British lawyer Nigel Peters to advice match referee Mike Procter during the disciplinary hearing against the Indian off-spinner here Sunday.

Peters, who is currently in the city, will advice Procter and the two teams -- India and Australia -- on procedural matters during the hearing.

# Cup headache

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played in teams that achieved results as underdogs but equally we have all played in teams that were favourites and have lost out. We know both sides of it and we know it can happen.

"The only thing we are going to try and do is to be positive. It would be folly to be negative and try and stop Arsenal playing because ultimately they will unlock you at some point and win the game 1-0

"I would rather contribute and try and win it by committing men forward. Better that than sit there and be negative."

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But van der Vaart said: "My dream of playing in a very big club is great. And if I tie myself to Hamburg until 2012 it would be too long for me."

Concerning reports of a move to Juventus, he said: "There isn't an official offer. I've heard that Juve are interested and I can imagine myself playing there."

According to the German press, Juventus are ready to offer the Dutch midfielder a five-year contract worth 17 million euros.

Van der Vaart's contract with Hamburg runs until 2010.

The club rejected a 22-millioneuro offer from Spanish side Valencia this summer.

The midfielder has kick-started his career at Hamburg after an unsuccessful spell at Ajax, scoring 26 goals in 59 Bundesliga matches.

# C'Ron rumours

FROM PAGE 20 Manchester United."

Wayne Rooney is set to return from illness at Villa in place of Carlos Tevez, whose badly bruised ankle is set to force him out of the testing cup tie.

But having criticised the backing of the United fans during the New Year's Day victory against Birmingham at Old Trafford, Ferguson insists that the large following set to see his team at Villa Park will show the support lacking earlier this week.

He said: "We are taking 7,500 fans down to Villa, so the support will be fantastic and they are always good in these situations. We have played so many semi-finals at Villa, need a declaration to give them a AUSTRALIA: First innings 463 | we can hopefully capture that

"They just had a bad day on Tuesday. It was quiet, it was New Year's Day, but they have been responsible for a lot of our successes. When the chips were down, they were always there.

"Last year, the Blackburn game was a turning point in the league. We were 1-0 down and ended up winning, but the fans carried us over the line, which is what we want."

### Rijkaard wants

Barcelona were defeated by arch rivals Real Madrid 1-0 in the final Spanish league match before the holiday break. The club are in second place behind defending champions Real with 34 points, seven

fewer than the league leaders. The Catalan giants face mid-0 | table Real Mallorca on Saturday.

# Sachin's script written

## Cricket

STEVE WAUGH

The script was almost written the moment he played on after making 62 in Melbourne when he appeared set for a big hundred.

> etched on his face and the anguish immediately consigned to the memory bank, ready for redemption next time around. Great players give away telltale

signs that they are in the zone and with both Lara and Tendulkar they pay extra attention to their defensive techniques before launching package and hell bent on making into their strokeplay. I sensed Tendulkar knew the gettable one.

moment was upon him when he came to the crease and when he watertight front foot defence. This was an exquisitely paced to win if they can dominate two of

innings where he used his enormous experience to evaluate the requirements of each partnership, beginning with a supporting role alongside the in-form Ganguly,

and Sharma encouraging their talents by giving them the strike and exposing them to the bowling, rather than sheltering and eroding

The disappointment was than the average comes through power to pierce the gaps.

He is by far and away the best tions of the outfielders.

matches and if the weather holds executed a perfectly balanced and off we are in for something special.

> the remaining six sessions of play. It has been a match of fluctuating fortunes, highlighted by two heroic partnerships involving

their confidence.

Tendulkar doesn't possess a big backlift which reduces the chances of a technical glitch and ensures his blade, which is 10 per cent heavier straight with more than enough

judge of a run in the Indian line-up, constantly on the prowl to steal singles and forever asking ques-Quite simply he is the complete

his final visit to Australia an unfor-Quality pitches produce quality

Both teams have an opportunity

lower order batsman, illustrating before showing faith in Harbhajan how true this pitch is and a sign that

the sun in conjunction with the heavy roller has binded the surface and that the expected crumbling of the soil may not be as significant as

If this match is to be won it will take a special performance from one or two individuals with India turning to their spin duo Harbhajan and Kumble whose opposing styles and skill sets compliment each other and examine the techniques of batsman, especially if the pitch begins to show any variations in bounce.

Their past records suggest they have the arsenal to bowl out Australia while Australia will turn to Lee who is in career best form, swinging the ball away from the right-handers and Hogg who continues to improve each time he enters the fray, with a flipper in the mould of Warne and a wrong un that only Tendulkar has detected, appear most likely to be the

match-winners. (Legendary Australian captain Steve Waugh wrote this for the Daily Telegraph)

# Ponting's biggest punt

## Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Ricky Ponting will need to take a big risk if Australia are to equal the world record of 16 consecutive wins. The mark set by Steve Waugh does not bother Ponting, who refuses to be swayed by statistics,

but winning matters a lot to him. India's impressive first innings has shorn Ponting of time, which has been one of his greatest assets since the drawn match against South Africa in 2005-06. Now he has to dictate proceedings with a declaration that has many consequences.

A victory would retain the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, continue the streak and evaporate the confidence gained by the tourists over the first four days. If India overcome the total set by Ponting suddenly the series is level and the captain will have lost his fourth Test in 40 games. The disruptions caused by rain and bad light on Australia's Twenty20 victory over comes it will be Ponting's decision Saturday, which cut 12 overs from the day, did not help Australia's discomfort against the short ball willing to gamble on victory.

momentum and a draw remains will be on display and the series is the most likely result even though likely to be decided there if the play will start half an hour early on home side's fast bowlers perform. the final day.

of 213 that was secured by and suffering defeat. A target of India's reach, but 270 over twoand-a-bit sessions might be enticing. It is a tricky call.

It could be a reason for Ponting to Australia will begin with a lead play it safe in Sydney.

During one of the handful of Matthew Hayden's 123 and rain breaks a video of Waugh's Michael Hussey's 87 not out. unbeaten run from 1999-2001 was Ponting's dilemma over how shown to entertain the remaining many runs to set India is an spectators. It could have stirred unusual one for him. For most of the Australians as they sheltered his rule there have been a couple in the dressing room. They spoke of days to dismiss his opponents about the record only once in the rather than the limited opportuni- lead-up to the game -- Ponting ties that will be available on day told them to ignore it and concenfive. This time he has to weigh up trate on this match -- but it must his tunnel-vision for victory with be hard to avoid getting excited by the reality of miscalculating a total the chance to equal a world mark.

The sense of history and the 320 would probably be out of push for new limits was a feature of the partnership between Waugh and the coach John Buchanan. Buchanan was overseeing the The next Test starts in Perth on team for the first 12 victories of January 16 and Australia will be this streak, but his replacement confident of a quick success if the Tim Nielsen does not motivate the pitch delivers the same steep players with the same sort of bounce that was a feature of carrots. When the declaration New Zealand last month. India's and it will show how much he is

# Day belongs to Tigers

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when the batsman was on 97. The Tigers needed breakthroughs badly and Ashraful got two in quick succession. He got Bell lbw with a wrong 'un and dangerman Brendan McCullum was taken by a tumbling Siddiqui at slip before Mortaza returned deadlier with the second new ball after lunch.

dred, his fourth in Tests, and was going nicely with his long reach and power packed shots before a the batting of the openers. delivery from Mortaza shaped an inside edge on to the stumps. Mills edged the next ball to wicketkeeper Mushfigur Rahim to leave Mortaza on a hattrick but O'Brien survived the following delivery. After a period of gamesmanship where Mortaza and Shahadat Hossain steamed in and (Iqbal 53; Martin 4-64, Oram 3-23) gave back Martin few short ones in NEW ZEALAND: First innings (156 Sajidul, Enamul. response to the bowler's first for 4 overnight) innings exploits, Martin finally CumminglbwbSajidul nicked Mortaza to Rahim who took Bell lbw b Ashraful a blinder diving full stretch to his Fulton b Shahadat right with one hand. It was the first Fleming c Rahim b Sajidul time in the last seven innings that Sinclair lbw b Mortaza

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Bangladesh had bowled out an OrambMortaza

the last three Tests so this was a Mills c Rahim b Mortaza welcome relief. My confidence is O'Brien c Rahim b Mortaza back now. The pitches here are a bit Martin not out the Sub-continent which has been Total: (Allout in 91 overs) Jacob Oram hit a fluent hun- my last tour in 2001-02. I guess this works in our favour a little," said Bowler Mortaza who was also inspired by

"They have also allowed the Mortaza away and then jagged back to get lower-order to believe what is possible in batting," said Mortaza. SCOREBOARD

> Scoreboard on the second day of Iqbal not out the first Test between New Zealand Zunaed not out and Bangladesh at University Oval Extras: (lb-4, nb-3) in Dunedin on Saturday:

By Eugene Sheffer

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Shahadat Sajidul Enamul Ashraful BANGLADESH: Second innings

Total: (For no loss in 39 overs) 148

BANGLADESH: First innings 137 To bat: Bashar, Ashraful, Nafees, Aftab, Rahim, Mortaza, Shahadat, Bowler 1 Martin Mills 14 O'Brien 14 Vettori

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