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Peter Moores has turned down



West Indies batsman Ramnaresh Sarwan pulls one over mid-wicket during his match-winning knock of 67 not out in the second one-day international against New Zealand at AMI Stadium in Christchurch yesterday.

Windies win late

Cricket

AFP, Christchurch

A late batting onslaught by Ramnaresh Sarwan and Denesh Ramdin saw the West Indies snatch victory with one ball to spare in the second oneday international against New

Zealand here Saturday. In a match reduced to 28 overs per side after a lengthy disruption due to thunder and hail, New Zealand made 152 for eight and under the Duckworth-Lewis system the West Indies were set a target of 158 to win.

Man-of-the-match Sarwan fittingly hit the winning run off the penultimate delivery to finish unbeaten on 67 off 65 balls while Ramdin was not out 28 from 18.

target had seemed out of reach for the West Indies as New Zealand kept tight control in the field, wickets fell at regular intervals and the required run Indies of three for 26. rate escalated.

over, when Ramdin came to the crease at the fall of Kieron Pollard's wicket, they were 110 balls. for five.

With three overs remaining the West Indies still required 30 runs before Sarwan and Ramdin fully opened up, taking 12 off a Tim Southee over and then 14 off Jeetan Patel.

In a desperate final over,

players like Tatenda Taibu and

in Bangladesh and has even

Zimbabwe

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and then he and Sarwan took 25. singles off the fourth and fifth balls to seal the match.

McCullum and Grant Elliot could have resulted in run outs.

The win put the West Indies one up in the five-match series, six. although it was New Zealand who started with their tails up available in the rainabandoned first ODI at Queenstown on New Year's

But they were rocked in the third over here when Fidel Edwards had the big-hitting Brendon McCullum caught behind by Ramdin for one and they never recovered.

Edwards came back late in the match, when New Zealand For much of the innings the were trying to up the batting rate, to remove Jacob Oram and Daniel Vettori in the space of two balls and return the best

Midway through the 23rd when the storm broke in the seventh over, top scored for sidebecause of rain. New Zealand with 32 off 43 NEWZEALAND

For the most part New McCullumcRamdin Zealand were hampered by bEdwards tight West Indies fielding and at How b Taylor one stage went 12 overs with- Taylor c Powell b Miller out a boundary.

Oram broke the drought Oram c Chattergoon when he clubbed a six and two bEdwards fours off a Gayle over before Vettorib Edwards

bowlers and wary batsmen.

day at 6 for 267 the, visitors

were intent on limiting them

to 350 at the worst. "It's very,

very important to get a big,

big total in the first innings to

take a bit of pressure off the

second innings," the assis-

tant coach Vinnie Barnes

said. "The wicket does get a

Barnes said his side was

slightly ahead but felt it

could have been a "fantastic

day" if Hashim Amla had

held on to a relatively easy

catch when Michael Clarke

was 69. Clarke ended the day

spinners come into play.'

Ramdin took two off the first being caught in the next over by Elliott not out delivery bowled by Southee, Chattergoon off Edwards for MillscMillerbGayle

Jamie How contributed 27 Extras: (lb-2, w-6) while Grant Elliot at the end Total: (For 8 wkts in 28 overs) In between both Brendon finished unbeaten on 30.

New Zealand also had early missed shies at the stumps that bowling success when Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-59, 3-68, Chattergoon was bowled by Southee in the fourth over for

Vettori then made a key breakthrough when he capafter dominating the 36 oversitured the West Indies mostprized wicket of Chris Gayle,

With their illustrious skip- WESTINDIES per back in the pavilion the GaylebVettori West Indies appeared to lose their way as Xavier Marshall, Brendan Nash and Pollard all fell cheaply before Sarwan and Ramdin turned their fortunes around.

The third match of the fivegame series is in Wellington on

Wednesday. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the second oneday international between bowling figures for the West New Zealand and the West Indies at AMI Stadium in Jesse Ryder, who was on 20 Christchurch on Saturday. Match reduced to 28 overs per

Ryder c Chattergoon b Miller Flynn c Ramdin b Taylor

Southeenotout Did not bat: Patel.

4-76, 5-87, 6-114, 7-115, 8-135. Bowler Edwards 26 Powell Taylor 26 Pollard 26 Miller 26 0 28 Gayle Chattergoon b Southee

Sarwan not out Marshall b Oram Nash b Patel Pollard c Taylor b Mills Ramdinnotout Extras: (lb-1) Total: (For 5 wkts in 27.5 overs

Did not bat: Taylor, Miller, Edwards, Powell. Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-61, 3-68, 4-96, 5-110.

Bowler Mills 27 Southee 5.5 39 25 Oram 0 28 Vettori Result: West Indies won by 5 wickets (D/L method) and lead 5-match series 1-0. Man-of-the-match:

Ramnaresh Sarwan. Toss: West Indies

Umpires: Mark Benson (ENG) Gary Baxter (NZL)

SA eye big first innings

Raymond Price. Wicketkeeper Cricket

Taibu has played in the last series between the two teams

appeared for Premier League side City Club a few seasons But youngsters like Elton Chigumbura, Hamilton Masakadza and Sean Williams dominate the make-up of the team. Fresh faces Forster Mutizwa and Malcolm Waller will also no doubt try and make an impression.

Waller, a 24-year-old batsman, is the son of former Zimbabwe international Andy Waller. He has played just three first-class matches and a handful of domestic onedayers, though he did show promise with 3 for 46 against Sri Lanka A in November.

Mutizwa is likely to act as Taibu's backup wicketkeeper. SQUAD

Prosper Utseya (captain), Elton Chigumbura, Graeme Cremer, Keith Dabengwa, Hamilton Masakadza, Stuart Matsikenyeri, Christopher Mpofu, Tawanda Mupariwa, Forster Mutizwa, Raymond Price, Edward Rainsford, Vusimuzi Sibanda, Tatenda Taibu (wicketkeeper), Malcolm Waller, Sean Williams.

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South Africa finished a racing to 47 off 52 balls, but strong first day with six Australia were struggling at 5 Australian wickets but for 162 before Clarke and already their thoughts are Brad Haddin put on 75. "We turning to producing a sig- fought back really well in the nificant total to limit the last session," Katich said. difficulties in the fourth "South Africa had their noses innings. Australia's Simon in front and then with that Katich expects the pitch to partnership between Clarke become lower and slower as and Haddin we got ourselves the match goes on and there in a position where we could are already cracks that are get to 350 and put some being noticed by hopeful pressure on them."

Katich, the New South After Australia ended the Wales captain, has plenty of experience on the ground and said it looked like a dry wicket and "runs on the board are always vital".

"This one will deteriorate differently to the Melbourne wicket," he said, "so hopefully this gives us a bit of an advantage over the next few bit slow and lower, and the days.

Clarke has not scored a Test century on his home ground and Katich said the signs were good. "You can tell he's keen for a big one here," Katich said. "The way he played today was very, very good and hopefully he

on 73 as he lifted the side can carry on that in the mornfrom another uncomfortable ing with Mitchell Johnson. If start from the misfiring we get one or two really good partnerships we'll get our-Katich began strongly by selves in a reasonably good

Dilshan fires

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hand up and I am happy to have contributed," he said when asked about his rescue act.

When asked whether his innings was a gift for skipper Mahela Jayawardene who made his 100th Test appearance, Dilshan said they don't think about any occasion rather every game is important.

"Every game is important for a Test cricketer. It was also my 50th Test match and very important for me too," he responded.

Bangladesh missed few chances which gave them the opportunity to take their team into comfortable position but Dilshan was not ready to focus on the home side's fielding

lapses. "That's part of the game. It gives you an opportunity to capitalize and if you get a let off you should then try and make a big score," said Dilshan, who himself is considered one of the best fielders in the world.

(coach).

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"But I am quite unhappy

Like Jabed many other ken heart.

Peter doesn't deny KP rift India behind the delay?

the opportunity to deny the PTI, Karachi scale of the rift that has formed between him and England's captain, Kevin Pietersen, following the exclusion of the itinerary for the Pakistan Pietersen's predecessor, Michael Vaughan, from next month's tour of the Caribbean. Moores, whose methods India, sources said.

have been criticised by Pietersen since the day he took over the captaincy in August, for Cricket in India has offered could be forced out of his job to play six one-dayers against before the teams depart for | Sri Lanka sometime in the West Indies, as the England | February-March with a proand Wales Cricket Board's posal to organise three (ECB) director of cricket, Hugh | matches each in both the Morris, steps in to arbitrate in countries. the escalating row.

Speaking briefly to the Sun, Moores was given the opportunity to play down the seriousness of the row, but instead stated: "I hope you understand that I can't really comment at this stage. I think I'll take a rain-check on that."

BFF honours

FROM PAGE 17 Salahuddin himself was a

member of the historic team. The BFF will unveil a stone with the names of the 36 footballers engraved on it so that the next generation never forgets these heroes.

Chief of Army Staff and NSC chairman General Moeen U Ahmed will inaugurate the commemorative inscription this evening. The reception will be held at the ground next to the BFF Bhaban with cultural group Spandan and popular band LRB providing the entertainment.

On December 24, players of the squad testified to the reception committee, headed by BFF member Sirajul Islam | Council's (ICC) chief execu-Bachchu, that Biren Das, Mozammel Haque and Abdul Khalek were members of the team. These three names were missing in the official gazette published by the government. The committee also decided to include manager Tanvir Mazharul Tanna and coach late Nani Basak in the list.

Zakaria Pintoo, who captained the side, was present in the meeting and admitted that he had forgotten the names of the three players when the gazette was made.

Pintoo hoped that all controversies over the country's 'war heroes' would end after this decision.

Five members of the team - Ali Imam, Sheikh Monsur Ali Lalu, Moniruzzaman Peara, Mahmudur Rashid and Basak while six including Enayetur Rahman Khan are living abroad.

SWADHEEN BANGLA

FOOTBALL DAL Zakaria Pintoo (captain) Pratap Shankar Hazra, Ali Imam, Mohammed Kaikobad, Amalesh Sen, Ainul Haque, Sheikh Ashraf Ali, Bimal Kar, Shahjahan Alam, Monsur Ali Lalu, Kazi Salahuddin, Enayetur Rahman, KN Nawsheruzzaman, Subhash Saha, Fazle Hossain Khokon, Abul Hakim, Taslimuddin Sheikh, Aminul Islam, Abdul Momin Joarder Moniruzzaman Peara, Abdus Sattar, Pran Govinda Kundu, Mujibur Rahman, Khondokar Nurunnabi, Lutfar Rahman, Aniruddha Chatterjee, Sanjit Kumar Dey, Mahmudur Rashid, Saidur Rahman Patel, Dewan Sirajuddin, Nihar Kanti Das, Biren Das, Mozammel Haque and Abdul Khalek, Tanvir Mazhar Tanna (manager), Nani Basak

Morning

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After fall of the wicket of Samaraweera in the 28th over the Bangladeshi cricket fans had to pass a long time to see another achievement which came in the 52nd over when Tigers skipper Mohammad Ashraful grabbed the wicket of Warnapura (63 runs off 151 balls) off the first ball of his (Ashraful) two overs.

At stumps on the first day, the cricket fans could not calculate their earning from the match while the drop of catches also added salt to their wounds.

employee of a private firm, said he used to not go to the stadium to enjoy Test matches, but the hopeful performance of the Bangladeshi players in the first match in Dhaka forced him like others to watch the match.

with the performance that they showed today," Jabed

cricket fans thronged the Chittagong Divisional Stadium yesterday only to come back home with a bro-

Cricket

The Sri Lankan cricket authorities were delaying finalising tour because they first want to work out a window for a lucrative one-day series against

According to reliable sources, the Board of Control

made it clear that they are very this guaranteed them maximum revenues. This could be asked Pakistan to reschedule their tour from January," one source said.

delayed until late February and have also reduced the series. number of matches from three Tests and five one-day internationals to two Tests and three one-day games," the source said.

"One thing is for sure, the Indian offer is far more impor-

tant for them." (PCB) officials have insisted nitely honour our committhat they didn't think the ment. Reports of our possible Indian board was trying to derail their hastily arranged true," Mendis told Geo News series against Sri Lanka but the sources said India was not which we're discussing with making life easier for Pakistan.

unscheduled ones so it is a case of the board with more muscle power having his way and in this case it appears to on," Mendis said. be India," one source said.

Bangladesh from March 3 to play five one-day internationals but Sri Lanka's insistence "The Sri Lankans have on changing their itinerary has left Pakistan with no keen to play against India as option but to ask Bangladesh to delay the scheduled series.

However, Sri Lanka Cricket one reason why they have chief executive Duleep Mendis on Friday said his Programme of the ICC. board would consult the players before finalising "Because of this reason Pakistan tour itinerary but they want the Pakistan tour made it clear that there was no were delaying the confirmaquestion of backing out of the

> Mendis dismissed reports that the delay in finalisation of itinerary was due to Sri Lankan players being reluctant to tour Pakistan.

"We have already confirmed to our Pakistani counterparts that we will be touring Pakistan Cricket Board their country. We will defipullout from the tour are not

"There are few things the PCB and our players and "Both the series are then we'll finalise the itinerary, may be in few days ... I would say in a couple of days But the tour is definitely

Pakistan had invited Sri Pakistan are due to tour Lanka after India cancelled their tour in the wake of the

Mumbai terror attacks. Sources say the Lankan authorities want a confirmation from their players on the number of matches they would play in Pakistan and the financial details for the tour as it is not part of the Future Tour

PCB Chief Operating Officer Saleem Altaf said he didn't think the Sri Lankans tion of the itinerary because of a possible pullout.

"They have some issues to sort out internally and will get back to us soon. On our part we are preparing for the series," he said.

ICC backs D/N Tests

Last month Sutherland

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Day-night Test matches have been given the support of the International Cricket tive, Haroon Lorgat, but a five- replicating the visibility of a would be possible. day game under lights will only take place once a suitable ball has been developed.

the globe is a cause for con- the coloured clothing, cern," Lorgat said at a Sydney sightscreens and the night sky. press conference to mark the possibility of exploring daydoubt James Sutherland [chief executive of Cricket Australia) has put that on the table."

red ball at night while retaintics. In one-day and Twenty20

100th anniversary of the ICC's behaves differently than the this is easier said than done.

At the start of England's said that playing under lights 2008 domestic season, the "might be the only way that MCC trialled the use of a pink Test cricket stays alive", with ball with some success, and attendances reportedly in last November Cricket decline in the face of Australia were given assur-Twenty20's growing popular- ance by the country's governity. The biggest problem, for ment scientists that a suitable players and public alike, is replacement for red balls

Despite the concerns over ing its colour and characteris- the future of Test cricket, Australia is one of the few "The lack of crowd atten- cricket, a white ball is used countries -- England being the dance at many grounds around which contrasts well against second -- where attendance (and television audience) remains strong. David But it discolours easily and Morgan, the ICC president, spoke more optimistically. "If founding. "In that was the red ball. As one scientist told you ask the cricketers what Cricinfo in April, "the optimum they believe to be the apex of night cricket because there is no would be to have one ball, of the game, those who play say course, which behaved in the it's Test cricket," he said. "I right way [for all cricket]", but understand that TV ratings for Test cricket are very good."

Fielding gaffes

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-- have already passed away Zunaed Siddiqui however Kapugedera not out made the most costly blunder when he dropped Dilshan on 78. Dilshan got a thick edge from left-arm spinner Mehrab Hossain trying to flash but only to travel to the first slip where the lanky fielder fumbled the right-hander to make his second highest total of 162 that saw 21 fours and two sixes.

Imrul Kayes was the other culprit on the day as he dropped Kapugedara on 37 to give the right-hander a chance to make his maiden Test hundred. This time the unlucky bowler was Mashrafe.

Kapugedara, who is now just seven runs away from making his hundred, got forward to whip Mashrafe away through the on side and chipped it tamely to Kayes at mid-on but the fielder dived forward to spills a sitter.

So one can say that the fielders actually made the day difficult for the Tigers bowlers. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the second and final Test between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh at the Chittagong Divisional Stadium on Saturday: SRI LANKA: First innings

Warnapuralbwb Ashraful 63 P Jayawardene Ibw b Mashrafe Sangakkara b Mashrafe M Jayawardene c Mushfigur b Shakib

Samarweera b Shahadat

Vaas not out Extras: (b-4, lb-6, w-1, nb-6) 17 Total: (For six wkts in 90 overs) 371 To bat: Mendis, Fernando,

Dilshan b Enamul

Muralidaran. Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-7, 3-39, 4-75, 5-194, 6-367. Bowler OMRW 20 7 48 Mashrafe 14 0 80 Shahadat 28 5 108 Shakib

Mehrab 7 1 36 Ashraful 2 0 19 Toss: Sri Lanka Umpires: Steve Bucknor (WIS) and Nigel Llong (ENG)

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Enamul

FROM PAGE 17 began at different venues in the capital and the adjoining areas Saturday.

The eight-nation South Asian Games, the biggest sporting carnival of South | Steyn Asia, is likely to be held in January next year in Bangladesh.

BOA CEO Col (retd) M Wali Ullah, NSC secretary Akbar Hossain and NSC director of planning and development Abdur Rahman visited the residential arrangements and other facilities for the athletes at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

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straightforward chance at short mid-wicket off Ntini and Mitchell Johnson kept him company to stumps with an unbeaten 17.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the third and final Test between Australia and South Africa at Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings

Havden b Stevn Katich c De Villiers b Kallis 47 Ponting c Boucher b Morkel 0 Hussey c Kallis b Harris Clarke not out 73 McDonald c Boucher b Ntini Haddin b Steyn Johnson not out 17

Extras: (lb-7, w-2, nb-7) Total: (For 6 wkts in 88 overs)

To bat: Hauritz, Siddle, Bollinger. Fall of wickets: 1-62, 2-63, 3-109, 4-130, 5-162, 6-237.

Bowler 53 Ntini Morkel 15 Kallis 16 3 44 1 Harris SOUTH AFRICA: McKenzie,

Steyn, Harris, Ntini. Toss: Australia Umpires: BF Bowden (New Zealand) and EAR de Silva (Sri

Smith, Amla, Kallis, De Villiers,

Duminy, Boucher, Morkel,

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE SHORT-ORDER COOK WENT DASHING INTO THE KITCHEN FRANTICALLY ASKING "WHERE'S THE FRYER?" Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals N